

Manly Community Forum

Minutes

21 June 2021

Meeting held at Manly Yacht Club opened at 7pm

Ray Mathieson chaired the meeting

Attendees

35 community members

Cllr Candy Bingham, Cllr Sarah Gratton

Staff: Trish Chaney

Apologies

Cllr Pat Dalley

Minutes from previous May 2021 meeting not available.

Agenda

Updates

Neighbourhood Watch

The chair canvased the meeting for interest in the Neighbourhood watch program currently being championed by Cllr Pat Dalley. Northern Beaches Council hosts the Safety Committee which meets regularly with the NB Police, Community Centre, Forum and other representatives. This Committee is briefed on current community safety concerns and how they will be approached and dealt with.

Several new Police recruits have commenced work at Manly Police Station.

Boats in Cabbage Tree Bay and Harbour Coves.

The community remains concerned about the safety of boats in close proximity to swimmers in both the harbour coves and Cabbage Tree Bay. NBC has supported a resolution to work with the TPTforNSW to ban boats in Cabbage Tree Bay. The community invites the senior managers from TPTforNSW to a meeting to discuss the concern, such as the hire boats mooring too close to the beach and being left unsupervised. Inexperienced drivers using the boats unsafely in Little Manly Cove.

Action

Chair to invite the TPTforNSW staff top a meeting

Manly Environment Centre

Council is considering a proposal to open an Environment Centre on North Head as part of the SHFT revitalisation of North Fort. The Belgrave St location has been closed and staff and resources moved to the 2nd floor of the Library Building in Manly.

Aquarium site

No news or action on this site. NSW State Government committed funds to 'make safe' the building.

Rate Harmonisation

Community advised again of 26% rate increase for Manly ratepayers.

Save the Ferries campaign: Two Freshwater class ferries to remain in service.

Harbour Tunnel

Council submissions completed. NSW Parliamentary inquiry submissions closed.

NBC supports tunnel if it meets various appropriate environmental standards. Directly affected residents do not support the Tunnel.

Chair committed to provide more info regarding the Tunnel in the newsletter.

Cllr Bingham update

Several Projects funded in Manly Ward to commence next FY 21/22

1. LM Point park toilet
2. LM Point park playground
3. West Esplanade improvements
4. Toilets upgrade at Shelly Beach
5. LM Beach plan to demolish No 40 Stuart St on track for 2023. Designation as Community Land in progress.
6. Manly Place Plan to commence
7. Manly Surf Club call for EOI released
8. LM Graham Reserve old amenities block finally removed.
9. Manly Town Hall reuse considerations continuing, with most popular suggestion an arts venue.
10. Ivanhoe Park and Manly Oval masterplan progressing to implementation

Former Manly Hospital site update

Chair advised that construction on the AYDH had commenced. Expressed concerns that 'housing' was being considered for some of the site, when community had consistently stated they would prefer to see health and wellbeing uses for the area.

NBC Have Your Say projects open for comment

Draft Community Safety Plan submissions close 29 June 2021

Draft Social Sustainability Policy submissions close 27 June 2021

Better Together Social Sustainability Strategy submissions close 27 June 2021

Stormwater and sewage line along Marine Parade.

NBC continues to work with Sydney Water to ensure this infrastructure does not suffer a catastrophic failure and pollute Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve. The community considers that any work in updating this infrastructure is too slow. Council continues work on the stormwater outlet along the Fairy Bower pool.

The community expressed concern that domestic stormwater drain pipes were not more aesthetically pleasing when installed on the cliff faces along the Marine Parade walkway.

DA notifications

The community continues to be very concerned about the DA notification process, in particular the lack or absence of notification for Complying Developments.

Donation of bench for Little Manly Beach by Precinct Forum

The meeting agreed to support the donation of a park bench for Little Manly Beach.

Lack of public place rubbish bins along the Ocean Beach front and West Esplanade

The community expressed concern for the continued litter being left on beaches for volunteer groups to pick up. Small and micro plastics blow onto harbour beaches from the eastern suburbs. In addition to the Council mechanical beach cleaning each day mechanical street cleaning assists in reducing the amount of litter entering the harbour via the stormwater drains.

Action

Community members will do an audit of the number and type of public rubbish bins along the ocean beach front and Manly Cove.

Request for the Council Waste staff to attend a future meeting.

Empty Commercial premises in and around the Corso

Concern was expressed for the increasing number of vacant commercial premises in the Manly CBD. COVID restrictions aside residents hope the Business Chamber and Council will encourage businesses to the area.

Meeting concluded 9pm

Next meeting

July 2021