

**Manly Community Forum**  
**Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

15th August 2022

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**Agenda**

No	Item	Who	Time
1.	Welcome & Attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Councillor Candy Bingham</li> <li>● Phil Devon Northern Beaches Council Manager Transport Network</li> <li>● Trish Chney - NBC</li> <li>● Annie Lainge - NBC</li> </ul>	CG	7.00pm
2.	Apologies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● State Member James Griffin</li> <li>● Cllr Grattan</li> <li>● Cllr Ryburn</li> <li>● Doug and Leigh Carruthers</li> </ul>	CG	
3.	Council Responses from July 2022	CG	
4.	Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update on traffic issues on Eastern Hill and CBD - Council presentation</li> <li>● Parklet seating trial in the Corso and Darley Road</li> <li>● Council Works update</li> <li>● Manly Town Hall update</li> <li>● Tribute to Ray Mathieson</li> </ul>	CG	
5.	New Business	CG	
6.	AOB	All	

**MINUTES**

**Decisions**

No	Decision
1.	MCF unanimously supports the provision of greater public information and interpretive signage relating to the indigenous history of the local area and its significance to the area.

**Council Responses Previous Meeting**

No.	Description	Action	Due Date
1.	Aboriginal Heritage sign on East Esp is rusted and affected by graffiti and will be replaced. In addition the West Esplanade upgrade will include an additional interpretive sign on Aboriginal heritage.	NBC	Next meeting

## Actions

No.	Description	Action	Due Date
	Phil Devon, Manager Transport network responded to the issues raised by the community at the meeting. He explained the Council processes, including data collection and the many options Council may have to make the stress safer for all users. He stated that there would be direct consultation with affected residents in various streets where traffic calming infrastructure may be installed. Consideration is be given to declaring the entire Eastern Hill a 40kph zone.		
1.	Immediate feedback collated by NBC relating to speeding on Eastern Hill by large trucks and buses to be given to bus companies, garbage truck contractors and NH Wastewater plant. The community identified Darley Rd, Addison Rd and Osborne Rd where these large vehicles were persistently speeding.	Council to raise community concerns regarding speeding with third parties, North Head Wastewater Plant, NP&WS and Council Waste collection contractors, Tpt for NSW re bus speeds	ASAP
2.	NBC will circulate a letter to the community detailing the locations of data tubes for Eastern Hill traffic data measurement.	Council to identify locations of data tubes to the local community.	September
3.	Darley Rd crossing at Ashburner - confirmation of upgrade is requested.	Council to confirm scope and timing.	ASAP
4.	NBC to advise where lighting is planned to be installed, and a time frame for the installation of such lighting as there is a lengthy time lag with AusGrid from when these lights were initially determined as required.	Council to confirm locations for approved lighting.	ASAP
5.	Discussion on pedestrians and cyclists not stopping to check if it is safe to cross roads and assuming that cars will stop. MCF to update the community on relevant traffic rules via newsletter.	MCF to publish in future newsletters.	September
6.	Outcome of decision on review of Parklets	Council to advise on next steps regarding parklets on Darey Rd and Whistler Street.	October

## Notes

No	Description
1.	<p>Special welcome to Anne Mathieson. Cathy Griffin and Kandy Tagg paid tribute to Ray Mathieson and gave heartfelt thanks for Ray's outstanding contribution to the local community. Thanks also to Anne for her support.</p>
2.	<p><b>Cathy invited Phil Devon to present to the meeting.</b></p> <p><u>MCF area of interest (CG)</u> - traffic congestion in and around Darley Road, Parklets trial update, Cliff and Darley crossing update, number of new crossings in Manly, junction at Bluefish Drive/Scenic Drive</p> <p><b>Darley Rd traffic study</b> - relates to "residential area speed limits"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Most Manly roads are old and not designed for high speed traffic.</li> <li>● All of Eastern Hill is proposed as a 40km local traffic area. Start with 40km and gauge community response to further lowering to 30km. NBC will take technical direction from Transport for NSW who sets the speed limits and Council approves them. It is assumed that if the area becomes a 40kph zone then truck speeds will be much slower and probably down to 20kph. Police and Council will assist with ensuring compliance.</li> <li>● Bower Lane to become 20km "Safe street" but it does not meet the criteria for a shared zone so this is the next best option.</li> <li>● Traffic counts in various locations in the coming peak season will provide accurate representation; Both speed and volume of traffic will be measured - after Oct long weekend and first week of Christmas holidays. NBC agreed data needs to be collected inside of school term.</li> <li>● Process will take 12 months from data collection, consultation and considerations to recommendations to the Traffic committee for implementation in Feb 2023. Eastern Hill may be faster as there is already clear community support. Prelim conversations with TPTforNSW have been done.</li> <li>● Study will also involve pedestrian count and bicycles.</li> <li>● Expect infrastructure install June/July 2023 &amp; may include painted bands, entry treatments, lane narrowing instead of speed humps, bike lanes.</li> <li>● A commitment was made not to reduce the number of parking spaces by using driveways and no stopping zones to install traffic calming installations. .</li> </ul> <p><b>Bluefish Rd and Scenic Drive Junction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NBC has had preliminary meetings with NPWS to determine what treatment is needed to make the area safer for pedestrians, cyclists, cars and trucks and buses.</li> <li>● NPWS is responsible for speed controls along Scenic drive and within the park area however this project will be considered in overall Eastern Hill project</li> </ul> <p><b>Parklets - Darley x 2, Whistler St.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MCF feedback - not used, ugly, dirty, not used. Cant be utilised by restaurants. Forum consensus.</li> <li>● A Report to the council had been due August 2022. Delayed due to covid. To be discussed in the September Council meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Pedestrian crossings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New crossing is to be installed at West Esplanade near Rowe Street</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Darley Rd crossing at Ashburner - request to upgrade/repaint to slow the trucks - this will be part of the review of existing crossings and will be done. Timing TBC</li> <li>● Ashburner/East Esplanade crossing - tree shading makes pedestrians hard to see. AusGrid are behind on lighting requests - P Devon to advise where lighting is planned to be installed.</li> <li>● Visual signage at all crossings following community concerns of pedestrians just stepping out onto crossings - NBC is considering "look" signage.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cliff St T-junction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pedestrian crossing has been approved.</li> <li>● No parking spaces will be lost.</li> <li>● Weather permitting: install first week of September</li> </ul> <p><b>Harris Farm refuge</b> - outside childcare centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Install from 22 August</li> </ul> <p>Comment: <b>bicycle paths</b> Manly area are appalling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Concrete blisters at crossings pose a risk to cyclists - Ashburner - same for new crossing South Steyne. Phil Devon stated that blisters are designed to reduce cars overtaking.</li> <li>● Cyclists are required to dismount at pedestrian crossings by law. If there is a green lane you can ride in the bike lane.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Project updates CG:</b></p> <p><b>Little Manly Point / Shelly Beach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beach, bleachers, demo of 40 Stuart St early 2023</li> <li>● Little Manly toilets Jan 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>Marine Pde Master Plan</b> update from last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council has recommended some action to reduce the damage to the footpath at the Bower lane location by stormwater and heavy seas, however Sydney Water are still resisting sharing cost of work and master plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Peace Park update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council staff project officer has agreed to improve the park with the relocation of the bin from the entry, removal of redundant signage frame, install an accessible blister replacing the kerb, prune the Fig, conduct weeding, upgrade memorial seating, landscaping etc. MCF will monitor</li> </ul> <p><b>Manly Town Hall - Cllr Bingham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 52 applications for working group</li> <li>● Evelyn Shirvington nominated and accepted as MCF representative.</li> </ul>

#### Outstanding matters from previous meetings

No.	Description	Action	Due Date
2.	Ausgrid light outside Manly Yacht Club to be reported for repair. COMPLETED	Council to advise AUSGRID that it	July 2022

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		has stopped working again	
3.	<p>MCF appreciates the information on street sweepers, believes there is potential to increase leaf litter collection significantly. Council to review their current process and revert to manual sweeping prior to street sweepers arriving.</p> <p>MCF to refine what to put to council; further discussion about the likelihood of contractors not fulfilling their obligations.</p>	<p>MCF requests further information on the nature of the contract, how often the sweeper operates in the Eastern Hill. Does the contractor still engage people to sweep the leaflitter from the gutters prior to the streetsweeper travelling down the centre of the roads.</p>	
	<p>Council to review landscaping at the start of Marine Parade between the steps at Reddall St (above surf club). Community expressing concern for the trees in this area and annoyance of apparent neglect for public place trees. COMPLETED</p>	<p>Council to bring this to the attention of the Parks staff.</p>	

Meeting closed: 8.20pm

**Next meeting:**

- 19th September
- With presentations from Royal Far West Home and Manly Chamber of Commerce