

Chaired by Cathy Griffin.

4.33 meeting open

Welcome

Thanks to delivery team and newsletter writers.

Attendees include Stuart Sprott,
Apologies. Candy Bingham, Sarah Grattan.

Apologies for not delivering the Dec 2020 newsletter due to COVID lockdown.
Apologies for cancelling the Christmas meeting for same reason.

Minutes of last meeting accepted. Kandy, Janna

Business Arising. Council Updates
Jeremy Smith update LM Beach and Park area

Landscaping plans LM beach and point.

1. Meeting thanks Council for the installation of the handrail along the LM harbour pool fence but it has now been damaged. MCF requested that it be repaired and reinstalled. Staff advised that have engaged engineers to complete plans for the 'bleacher' steps at LM Beach. Construction is planned for commencement in March 2022.

Little Manly Point.

Toilets due for next financial year. Plan is to do very nice toilet similar to East Esp. Council staff stated that planning had commenced for the toilet and LM Point but it would not be installed till 2022.

Landscaping at East Esplanade.

Landscaping plans otherwise will be done by our consultants.

LM point. Plans for playground - equipment and landscaping - are almost ready for community engagement. It will first go to stakeholder group.

Landscaping is going on at LM beach and point. There are lots of weeds - so will take a long while. We check it every six months for suckering trees - like casuarinas. We are maintaining view lines. Mulching will be put in around big fig trees to protect roots.

East Esplanade. Landscaping around toilets needs to be finished. Also tidying up near Skiff Club. This will start later this month and take about a month.

MCF have requested that Council install grates on stormwater pipes in the wall along East Esp. They are very attractive locations for small children.

Problem with sand blowing across East Esplanade.

ACTION. Trish to check that with Jeremy to address with landscapers.

East Esplanade toilets. Some works to be completed including Internal lighting changed to address the light spillage problem, One way view mesh through toilet doors will be correctly installed and minor damage, like graffiti attended to. Rangers will continue to check up on toilets as part of patrol.

Ray. Smell around the toilet block. Several people reported it.

ACTION. Campbell will follow up

West Esplanade.

Concept plan will be ready in April. New ramp will be put installed to access the beach. But not yet decided where this will be.

Fairy Bower. Works along marine Parade are in a holding pattern despite working with Sydney Water. Substantial work is required on sea wall and pipes.

ACTION. Trish to provide update on work with Sydney Water. Only work is one little set of stairs that will be replaced.

No major work at Shelly Beach planned.

MCF noted that landscaping and plantings were done several years ago and many of them failed leaving only bushy trees around the periphery of the beach. Lots of rubbish gets blown in under these bushes. Maybe lower limbs can be trimmed.

Netting and temporary around the emergency communication tower has been there for 6 months. (now removed by member of the public) A tidy up by Council is needed. Can you do a walk around and note what's needed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Council doesn't have the funds for major revamp but we can certainly do tidy up at Shelly Beach.

Works will start mid year on pipes near FB pool. Tender going to Council in Feb. Work to start in May.

Community reported that the new No Parking provisions in Bower St were not policed. So Bower St group will continue meeting with council.

Shelly Beach. A revised design for toilets is on Your Say page, including family change room. Should start in June, and work done during winter.

Council has previously stated that they are conducting a Signage Review along Marine Parade and Shelly Beach area. There are no No Dog signs. Old and damaged Interpretation signs.

ACTION. Trish to report back please in April.

Ivanhoe Park plan coming out in April/May.

Campbell Pfeiffer

The operator of the Little Manly Café lodged a DA on 28 August. Additional reports have been requested, from applicant, including parking and traffic report and aboriginal heritage report. March 3, is the date of the assessment meeting. Cafe operator may have trouble submitting the reports in time. In which case DA would not be able to proceed. In the

meantime, we assume the cafe will keep operating. No building for at least the next few months. So operator is basically in a holding pattern.

MCF asked the status of the proposal to install a path around the cafe be done?

ACTION. Staff to follow up.

40 Stuart St. council completed community consultation concerning the proposal Land re classification decision. Most comments were in favour of re classification. It comes to Council in February.

Manly Surf Club toilets will get a minor refresh because Manly Surf Club is planning a rebuild.

Manly Surf Club intends to engaged architects in next few months and then lodge a DA which will be then be subject to the Community consultation process. \$10M has been committed to the project from council and additional funding from the Federal Govt is secured. The surf club hopes to secure an additional \$5M from the NSW State Government is not

MCF requested information on the installation of the gate at the state of Marine Pde This was installed with no consultation.

ACTION. Campbell. Will check up

Council staff were not involved in the discussions regarding the toilets at Manly Wharf which are owned and operated by the Manly Wharf Management. No update on the improvements to the these toilets.

Warringah Golf Club now have a lease. 20 years. Council resolution to approve lease.

BBQ boats in little Manly Cove.

Community expressed concerns about the appearance of the BBQ boats which are moored in the bay near the beach every day. The community expressed concerns regarding the Safety issues caused by inexperience boat drivers in areas with swimmers. Boats anchor very close to beach.

RMS have been speaking with operators and he has been put on notice to ensure the safe operation and overnight mooring of these boats. The operator is operating within the law.

ACTION. Request Council discuss with RMS what the information is provided to users or hirers of the BBQ boats with regards to safely operating them. Does he have code of conduct or safe operating procedures? There is not proper control of activity by operator when people arrive and leave. Also he leaves the boats on the beach overnight.

ACTION Council contact RMS to discuss above issues

Activate Manly.

We need an update from council please. ACTION. Trish to follow up.

Residential parking permits.

Council has permitted boats and trailers to use green visitor permit for 12 months but will not extend beyond then. They have grace period to find new places to park.

East Esplanade

Motion by Pat Daly going to council in February to make East Esplanade alcohol free. Recently here has been a large police presence with rangers patrolling regularly, plus private security guards and CCTV. These actions by council have reduced bad behaviour. There are new signs to toilets. The direct cost of these measures to Council is \$2,500. All up about \$4000 on weekends.

Should East Esplanade be managed like a BYO venue. Council has run other venues successfully in this way. Should marquees be banned as they damage sprinklers and tree roots.

Cllr Daley stated at the meeting that the Police say it's a difficult problem and it will be hard to wind it back to a 24 hour alcohol free zone. Police and rangers would have to use their discretion. He suggests announcements on the Manly ferries, and working with back packers accommodation providers. He says East Esplanade is drawing people to Manly and throughout the NB to drink.

Chair of the MCF has nominated to speak on motion and has stated that he doesn't think the area can recover from situation without going back to 24 hour ban.

As part of Manly COVID recovery, alcohol should be banned along East Esp and then people will go back to restaurants and pubs. Council should discuss this with local businesses. Several people in favour of keeping it as it is, with proper policing. People have been drinking down there for 20 years. Problem has come since we've advertised it to the world. We have to go back to 24 hour ban before we get control of it.

The MCF is grateful for council efforts so far.

Support for the Motion to Council

Vote 7 out of 23 voted to continue alcohol as is in East Esplanade. Rest want it banned.

Rate Harmonisation.

Four different scenarios were considered by Council. Council has selected scenario where - 76% of the NB ratepayers get rate a reduction, none of these are in Manly Ward. NSW Government has required that rates have to be equalised across council areas. This is requirement of amalgamation. Council is required to consult residents and the community is urged to make their comments on the Your Say page now.

Rates are 58% of council revenue. Manly previously had an Environment Levy, which has now disappeared or incorporated into their ordinary rates.

Manly Ward Councillors voted to support the scenario to give Manly Ward ratepayers this increase. The remaining scenarios are softer on Manly rate payers. There will be no increase in overall rate revenue for the NBs.

Some members of the forum are particularly angry about this. Easing in increase over four years is not enough.

It was suggested that Manly Ward be considered a subcategory for rating purposes.

North Head. NSW has committed \$3.8mil in funding for the Fairfax walks and carpark upgrade

NPWS is almost ready to release plans for consultation.

Which will include the reconfiguration of the parking area. The plan is to create an amphitheatre where people can look at view and the carpark will be located along the stone wall. There will be a Pedestrian crossing installed from cafe to area an the bus stop area will be improved.

Walks and lookouts will likely remain closed until the end of the year for this work which will commence mid 2021. This will also allow regen of flora and fauna.

In the Sydney harbour Federation area the metal tracks along the Hanging swamp walk is still closed as the insurance claim is considered. This is a slow process but stakeholders continue to work to rehabilitate flora and fauna. The plan is for walks to be re instated once the detail of the insurance claim has been resolved.

Local Housing Strategy.

A member of the Forum exec attended the forum of the Local Housing Strategy and reported that there is no substantial increasing in housing in the Manly Ward area. Most of the new and additional housing will be located in Dee Why, Frenchs Forest and Brookvale etc. The community is encouraged to read an comment on this strategy on the Your Say Page.

Footpaths.

Council will prepare presentation for discussion at the March meeting based on the footpath audit carried out by our community. It was noted that some of the existing pedestrian crossing need to be repainted on Darley Rd and in the Corso. ACTION. Trish to note.

Next meeting. Hybrid meeting. Physical meeting plus zoom.

Meeting finished 6.38