

Manly Community Forum Minutes – 20 June 2022

- Welcome & Thank you
- Apologies
 - Council staff, Councillors Ryburn and Gratton, co chair Ray Mathieson, various community members traveling
- Attendees
 - Councillor Bingham, Forum Exec team Griffin and Tagg, community members
- Council Responses from May 2022
N/A this month
- General Business
 - Council Works update
 - Little Manly – Playground progressing, Toilets still to commence, Tenders let and evidence of works commencing at LM Beach.
 - Marine Parade – meeting with community and senior staff to discuss various issues. Agreement reached on the need to develop a Masterplan. Cost \$50,000 Council hoping State Government will pay half this as various State departments (Sydney Water and DPI Fisheries) are also major stakeholders in the area.
 - Council to re-install steps at Bower Lane soon
 - Shelly Beach Toilet update – Tenders let and likely to commence soon and completed before the end of 2022.
 - East Esplanade – two new stainless steel railings installed on the platform around the fig tree. The community is baffled as to why these rails have been installed and how this will deter anti-social behaviour in the area. Community members could only see problems, including safety issues that may arise from their installation.

ACTION

Unless the Council can adequately explain the purpose of these railing then the community requests they be removed immediately.

- Sydney Water update – CRG meeting attended by several local community members. Projects have commenced to increase the capacity of the North Head Waste Water Treatment plant. The project will result in a minor increase the number of sludge trucks travelling up and down Darley Rd in the future. However the capacity of the trucks will increase along with better processing to reduce the amount removed from the site. Sydney Water stated that they would engage contractor to remove the Pampas grass weeds from their site in the near future.
- Manly Place Plan
 - Night time economy – discussion and the community will wait for the final report due in approximately 6 weeks.
- Development Applications – explanation and discussion about Harris Farms and Hard Rock Café DAs

- Manly Post Office – Community is very annoyed at the continued lack of information about when the post office will reopen or be replaced in Manly. Community members can make complaints via the Australia Post online feedback page. Some have sought and been successful in getting a refund for postboxes requiring collection at Dee Why and elsewhere.

ACTION

Forum to write to Federal Member Zali Steggal and ask for an update. Is a pop up PO going to be installed somewhere in Manly.

- Parking Scheme – discussion regarding the increase in fees for the resident parking scheme permits. Community agreed that cost recovery was acceptable and agreed that it was reasonable to charge for all permits. However there was some concern expressed about how the Council had arrived at the cost of the Scheme/s and therefore how much had to be recovered. It is unknown how many permits have been issued and the percentage of those with car rego v visitor permits there were. Two permits now cost \$157 instead of \$47 (first one previously free)
- Dangerous Traffic Conditions on Darley Road – discussion on the changed conditions on Darley Rd from the increase in pedestrians, cyclists, trucks, and cars using the road. Specifically, the increase in popularity of the Roast Office café resulting in large numbers of people walking to and congregating outside on the footpath and increase in all types of traffic resulting from works on North Head (NP&Ws, STP, and Hospital sites). In addition, St Pauls school has increased the number of students on their campus, resulting in increased school bus and car movements.
Discussion centred on the need to reduce the speed limit, currently 50kph, to 40kph. Some suggested that there could be a differential speed limit for trucks (40kph) and cars (50kph). There was also agreement that the new refuge installed at the corner of Cliff and Darley had moderated the speed at which cars turn and enter Cliff street from Darley, however the problem remains regarding the safety of pedestrians on the corner of footpath and the pedestrian refuge as cars continue to mount both. Community wanted to know what Council plans are to sort this out.

ACTION

Community requests that Council place this issue on the next Traffic Committee Agenda and requests a Pedestrian Access Management Plan (PAMP) or other study be undertaken for the area considering the increased traffic and pedestrian use from the top of Darley Rd at Scenic Drive to the Corso.

- New Business
 - Hop Skip and Jump – Councillor Bingham has been monitoring the survey currently underway. She has received lots of support for the retention of this vital service.
 - Join the Manly Community Forum Executives – an invitation was issued for people to consider participating in the Forum as an executive, positions to be filled, minutes secretary, graphic designer for the newsletter, venue and

entertainment management people to set up the meeting room once a month.