



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Ordinary meeting of Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM Mayor (Chair)	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Alan LeSurf	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt Dave Darcy	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Stuart Sprott	Community Member
Sidar Demerbag	Late Night Food Traders Rep
Hania Norman	The Corso Precinct
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW
Drew Johnson	Chamber of Commerce
Wade Mitford	STA

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Kathryn Fayle	Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities
Anita Ugarkovic	Compliance Manager
Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Officer
Karen Menzies	Road Safety Officer
Kate Munro	Youth Development Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 14 March 2013 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 8.00am.	ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies were received from, Jacqui Smith, Melissa Palermo	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 11 March 2013 that the minutes of the Community Safety and Place Management Committee be adopted.

Committee Actions Update Report was distributed to the committee which includes all the December/February meetings recommendations and the actions up to date including:

1. Late Night Food Traders (information report distributed and will be followed up in Working Group)
2. Manly Police Station Redevelopment – Reply letter from Parliamentary Secretary was tabled and read to committee. Mayor informed meeting that the builder had met with Deputy GM with a view to starting building in June. Long term possibilities may look towards a courthouse at Dee Why but interim seems to indicate Manly will remain. Ray Mathieson will follow up with Mike Baird's office with a view to a more definite response next month.
3. Inquiry into strategies to reduce alcohol abuse among young people in NSW – Parliamentary Inquiry.
4. Manly Wharf Security: Police have met with Manly Wharf security to ascertain their current security arrangements. They have also met with MacDonalds regarding staff response to crime occurring. Superintendent Darcy will clarify the results and advise next month.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 4 POLICE REPORT

Superintendent Darcy advised that police were putting a lot of resources into investigation of an offender wanted for two sexual assaults committed between 6am and 6.30am on Sunday morning (10 March). Expressed concern about this offender and advised caution.

Crime rates remain stable.

Amalgamations: Supt Darcy confirmed that Dee Why and Manly Commands will merge in January 2014. The position of Commander will be decided between the two existing superintendents. Officer ranks will be rationalised and as a result service in the interim period may be patchy until the transition is complete. A new Commander will have a strong influence on service delivery for a court. In the long term a good opportunity may lay with Warringah Council and development of a multipurpose justice precinct. Whilst the current situation is inadequate particularly for domestic violence victims, it appears in the short term the current system needs a local court and it would appear that Manly will remain until this time.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

The Ranger statistics for month of February were provided by the Compliance Manager and distributed at the meeting. It was noted the high number of bikes/blades warnings. Some complaints received about clashes on the shared path and cyclist misuse. Signage is clear but more enforcement is necessary to get the message through. The Compliance manager explained the extreme difficulty for rangers to issue infringements to cyclists, as they cannot demand bona fides. It seems that many are tourists and not aware of local laws. Road Safety Officer and Community Safety Co-ordinator agreed to speak to the Bike Hire shop to remind them of their responsibilities.

Following comments at last month's meeting, the Rangers have increased their patrols around East Esplanade advising/warning about the AFZ. Mostly good reception from those approached, but low awareness about the rules. Discretion is most important with APAs and AFZs.

Increased noise complaints received about Shore Club, Sugar Lounge, In-Situ and Pony Room – working with licensing police to resolve these.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6 **Late Night Manly Working Group**

Last month it was recommended that a sub-committee (Working Group) be confirmed with nominations and Terms of Reference to be agreed to at this meeting.

The Terms of Reference proposed to the committee was:

That the Late Night Working Group inquire into and report into strategies to enhance and revitalize the Manly CBD late night entertainment precinct with a view to making night time Manly safer and more attractive to a wider range of people by considering various options available.

The Working group will:

- review relevant planning instruments that relate to the night time business and activities;
- gather data such as pedestrian and venue counts, an audit of current night time economy and public space usage patterns;
- consult and engage with the community and stakeholders. (Consider cultural/placemaking approaches.);
- consider local governance and utilize cross council involvement;
- research best practice;
- propose options for implementation in a report for the Community Safety and Place Management committee to consider.

Nominations were asked from committee for those interested in being involved. The following volunteered to be included:
Cllr Steve Pickering, Cllr Al LeSurf, Cllr Hugh Burns, Supt Dave Darcy, Stuart Sprott, Ray Mathieson, Malcolm Pearse, Drew Johnson, Melissa Palermo

Recommendation:

That a Late Night Manly Working Group be formed as a sub-committee reporting to the Safety Committee with a view to making night time Manly safer and more attractive to a wider range of people.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Liquor and Gaming News:** There is an article of interest on pag Events' pro-active liquor project'. It discusses that venues in King Manly will be targeted in a two phase strategy. See link for further <http://node3.au.trclient.com/7121/online/18228185-18.html>
2. **NSW Rape Crisis Centre** – has invited Manly Council to participate in the national 1800RESPECT “Dunny Door” Campaign which aims to place a sticker on the back of every public toilet door in Australia. It gives confidential referral information for domestic violence and sexual assault concerns.

ITEM 7 7.1

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted and project supported.

7.2

GENERAL BUSINESS

Liquor Accord Meeting

The Liquor Accord held their quarterly meeting on 5 March. Cllr LeSurf, Compliance Manager and Community Safety officer attended and reported that approx. 20 attended. The meeting has a food focus with the aim of attracting more restaurants. Attendance and membership is still disappointing. There remains a need for OLGR (Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing) to pursue membership as a condition of many liquor licenses. The difficulty of balancing small business demands and attracting attendance at an Accord meeting remains a challenge.

ITEM 8

8.1

The meeting also discussed the options for radio communication between venues which maybe useful with new 'barring' laws in place.

Community Safety & Place Management Committee Late Night Safety Audit

It was proposed that a late night safety audit be undertaken by the committee as is has been more than 2 years since the last one was attended. It was tentatively agreed that this will be held on Saturday 23 March. An alternate wet weather date of 6 April was nominated. Participants are to meet outside Town Hall for a briefing at midnight. If weather is unsuitable a message will be sent at 5pm advising.

8.2

Butt disposal

Cllr Bingham raised the issue of cigarette butts in light of the new 'No Smoking' laws and the large number of people still smoking. If and when they are warned by Rangers not to smoke there is nowhere for people to put their butts resulting in a butt litter problem or potential fires in the bins.

Committee agreed that there is a need to investigate disposal of butt bins with the introduction of new No Smoking laws and the reinstatement of butt bins on garbage bins should be pursued by the Waste Committee

8.3

Recommendation:

That the committee endorses the Waste Committee investigation into the reinstatement of butt bins on the side of public space garbage bins.

NEXT MEETING DATE: 11 April 2013

Meeting Closed 9.25am