



MINUTES OF MEETING

HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD 23 JUNE 2015

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Adele Heasman	Manly Council (Co-Chair)
Cllr Cathy Griffin	Manly Council (Co-Chair)

Other Representatives

Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Jason Kioko	Pioneer Clubhouse
Jeanette Bywater	Community Representative
Richard Hewitt	Community Representative
Sam Wilkins	Manly Youth Council representative
Kevin Kingsbeer	Mission Australia, Fairlight Centre

Council Staff

Sandra Faase	Senior Community Development Officer – Minutes
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Guest Speaker

Kathryn Parker, Manly Council

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Human Services and Social Planning Advisory Committee** met on 23 June 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced 8.40am. Cllr Griffin chaired the meeting.

ITEM 1 WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Apologies: Mayor Jean Hay (ex-officio), Cllr Candy Bingham, Susan Watson. Kevin Kingsbeer from Mission Australia's Fairlight Centre was welcomed.

ITEM 2 There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
The Committee Minutes of 28 April 2015, were confirmed. These minutes were adopted at Council's Ordinary Meeting of 1 June 2015.

3.1 MATTERS ARISING
Committee membership

- Kris Hume, CEO of the SN&B Medicare Local, has tendered a resignation letter to the Committee given the new larger Sydney North Primary Health Network will operate in its place from 1 July.

ACTION

Secretariat

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. That a letter be written to the interim CEO of the Sydney North Primary Health Network, Richard Willcock, inviting an employee of the SNPHN to join the Committee.

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Secretariat**

3.2 Aged Care Reforms

- Following on from April's Aged Care Reforms presentation, it was reported that the Government had announced, given stakeholder feedback which would have included Council's submission: *"... not to proceed with a national fees policy with a mandatory fees schedule from 1 July 2015."*
- And also, to extend all current Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) funding contracts to mid 2018.
- This means Council's Manly Meals on Wheels will be able to continue providing affordable meals to frail elderly in Manly LGA.
- It was also advised that all referrals to CHSP services from 1 July would be via the My Aged Care Gateway. It was acknowledged that this new process is not widely known.

Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. That a strategy be developed to publicise the My Aged Care gateway/website and 1800 number to the community that includes: An information and Q&A sheet for distribution to: Manly Library, Manly Seniors Centre, HSJ buses, doctors' surgeries & Rates notices; also a notice in the Mayor's column, eNews & Precinct Newsletters, and a link from Council's website.
2. Front line staff be made aware of the My Aged Care Gateway eg. Customer Service, HSJ drivers.

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3.3 Proposed Change in Census

- It was reported that the 2016 Census is now to proceed. There had been moves to make the Census less frequent.

3.4 Ability Links

- As requested in April, a short item on the Ability Links program was submitted to Council's eNews & Precinct newsletters.

ITEM 4 PRESENTATION: Manly Community Strategic Plan Beyond 2025

Kathryn Parker, Council's Principal Analyst, Corporate Performance & Strategy, gave an overview of the Plan and highlights, including:

- Process of developing the plan, community input into the plan; and frequency of reporting to the plan – quarterly and annually.
- How the key outcomes are measured, for instance, via an annual community survey, which has shown Council is progressing well in all key areas, including with social strategies in the plan such as those addressing community safety.
- Outlined demographic and other trends such as population increase of 7.1% (1,968) from 2006 to 2011f, more children in the area putting pressure on children's services, schools etc, more families moving into higher density accommodation.
- Manly is the 7th least disadvantaged area in Sydney on the SEIFA index – which made it difficult to get grant funding for programs.
- Noted transport and housing are the big issues eg. changes to the planning system imminent; affordable housing an issue; medium to high density housing is now 62% of housing and will continue to grow, and with growing population, traffic congestion will worsen

	and demand for social infrastructure will increase. • Other challenges include: balancing the needs of local residents versus needs of visitors & maintaining the area's unique character. • Council amalgamations would lead to changes to discretionary social services spending by councils and level of community input into council decisions-making. It was requested to provide Committee members with a link to the NSW Legislative Council's Fit for the Future Enquiry. • The Committee thanked Ms Parker for sharing her knowledge and insights about Council's principal planning document.	SCDO
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ITEM 5	SERVICE PROVIDER UPDATES Manly Community Centre • Underwent a FACS quality audit recently as part of their funding. • Are applying for funding for a domestic violence worker. • Have a wait list for the Manly Women's Shelter. • Are holding a Community Expo on 21 July at the Uniting Church Hall, East Esplanade, Manly. Youth Council Representative • Advised youth entertainment is being organised for the large stage on the Friday before the Manly Jazz Festival. • Is part of the Youth App team – app called KALOF. • A new Youth Development Officer, Justin Stech, had started. • Noted changes to the Youth Centre and Ivanhoe Park Preschool, as per the Community Strategic Plan. Pioneer Club House • Pioneer also assists ex-Veterans with PTSD. • Noted anti-social behaviour occurring in local community housing where some homeless people are sleeping over winter as guests of tenants causing some issues for other tenants. As this is a Police matter it was suggested this be referred to the Community Safety Committee. • Advised the Wellness Walk this year is on Sunday 11 October. Mission Australia, Fairlight Centre • The Fairlight Centre is for single homeless men. • Advised Mission Australia received funding for the Northern Beaches under the Going Home, Staying Home program, for 3 programs: For homeless and at risk of homelessness women, men and families in partnership with Marly Warringah Women's Resource Centre; for homeless and at risk youth in partnership with Talemunde Youth Services; and for an early intervention and prevention program to support tenants at risk of homelessness. Council Community Development • Advised that Councils' Manly Meals on Wheels Service had recently achieved accreditation to both the Home Care Standards and the Disability Service Standards. Recommendation	Comm. Safety Cttee

The Committee recommends to the General Manager & Council that:

1. Council look at ways of funding an upgrade of the Skate Park.
2. Manly Youth Council meeting minutes be included in the Councillors information pack.
3. Council recruit more young people to the Manly Youth Council via its usual processes (Council news, eNews) and by writing to local high school principals with information about the MYC to invite students to join.

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ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:
Date: 25 August 2015
Time: 8.30-10.30am
Venue: Councillors Room, Manly Council

Meeting closed at 10.30am.