



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 18 JULY 2013

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Alan Le Surf (Chair)
Cllr Candy Bingham
Cllr Barbara Aird
Cllr Steve Pickering

Manly Council
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Other Representatives

Supt Dave Darcy
Ray Mathieson
Sidar Demirbag
Hania Norman
Deb Patenall
Jacqui Smith
Malcolm Pearse
Gerard Dore
Drew Johnson

Manly Police
Community Member
Late Night Food Traders Rep
The Corso Precinct
Street Pastors
Manly Community Centre
Corrections NSW
Manly Liquor Accord
Manly Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff

Leanne Martin
Eric Poulos
Anita Ugarkovic
Kate Munro
Donna Donoghue
Karen Menzies

Community Safety Co-ordinator
Manager, Community Services
Manager Compliance & Regulatory Services
Youth Development Officer
Community Safety Officer
Road Safety Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 13 June 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

Cllr Jean Hay, Stuart Sprott, Amanda Watkins and 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 15 July 2013 that the minutes of the May Community Safety and Place Management Committee be adopted. Committee Actions Update Report: Three items from last month were referred to the Traffic Committee for attention. Karen Menzies briefed the committee on the status of those items: 1. Spit Bridge/Pedestrian signage This matter has been dealt with in another forum and Council will not be writing to the RMS about cyclists signage on the Spit Bridge. 2. Balgowlah Road/Kenneth Road safety issue Council has been advised that there is funding to conduct a PAMP (Pedestrian Access Mobility Plan) study on the area of Pittwater Road and Balgowlah Road which includes Kenneth and Balgowlah Road. As such, the suggestion is to await the results of PAMP study. 3. Lighting request for Burnt Bridge Creek path It was agreed that while a good idea, a higher priority is for lighting at Lagoon Park, which is heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists at night. Following two previous budget bids, another will be prepared next year. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.	ACTION
ITEM 4	POLICE REPORT Superintendent Darcy expressed concern that alcohol related crime and assault rates are higher than average for the winter period. The Licensees were addressed at the Liquor Accord meeting in June to deal with the issue. Negotiations continue with the Shore Club as it currently rates as second highest in the State for alcohol related violence. Sup. Darcy has entered into negotiations to reduce their hours of operations and has the option of applying to the Police Alcohol Licensing Enforcement Command. Amalgamation of Manly and Dee Why Police Local Area Commands is on track for 10 November 2013. It will allow c. 12 police positions to be freed up to return to operational duties. The announcement of the Australian Open of Surfing on 14-18 February 2014 was welcomed with police looking forward to involvement. This was an excellent and safe event in 2011 when last held in Manly. Progress reports on both the Court House and the Police Station were requested. The Police Station will be a refurbishment within the next two years. Progress on the Court House will be reported at the next meeting. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.	ACTION

ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

Monthly statistics were tabled by the Compliance Manager who advised that the statistics have been updated to include litter information. Rangers have also undertaken Homelessness Protocol Training and have liaised with the MCC's Outreach Worker, Mr Neil McWilliam, whose work has been effective in helping homeless people and reducing complaints. It was also noted that the use of night rangers in dealing with noise complaints in order to free up Police was working well.

Recommendation:

The committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6 LATE NIGHT MANLY WORKING GROUP

An onsite meeting at Market Place was held last month with good progress. Meegan Clancy, while no longer able to work on the project, has arranged for local business involvement. A local events specialist, Sarah O'Brien is co-ordinating these businesses and will be presenting to the Working Group. The aim is to have a draft program completed by the end of the July. Other logistical issues being dealt with include:

1. meeting with the Saturday Markets Co-ordinator to negotiate cross over times;
2. applying to Traffic Committee for approval to use space;
3. further correspondence with Attorney General Crime Prevention Division about the use of the grant funding; and
4. researching Terms and Conditions for use of the space.

The Committee raised some concerns regarding the waste bins in this area and that a solution should be found before events are scheduled. The Compliance Manager advised that she has issued orders to those that are not complying. The Waste Manager is currently preparing a report that addresses this issue.

Recommendation:

The committee recommends to the General Manager that concerns about the waste bin situation in Market Place be addressed urgently.

WM**ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE****7.1 Safe Suburb Program Taxi Security Scheme**

Chair read the letter from the Justice Minister Jason Clare regarding the successful application for \$59,420 funding to improve the late night taxi ranks. The Committee congratulated staff on successfully securing funding.

7.2 Manly Community Centre (MCC) Homeless Outreach Quarterly Report

Jacqui Smith from MCC tabled the report for discussion. She advised that the Outreach Worker has been effective in dealing with homeless clients. However, ongoing funding of the position remains problematic with one day paid by the Women's Shelter and two days by the Manly Community Centre. Some issues identified include: young males living in vehicles is on the increase, and homelessness starting at younger ages. Currently, a number of boarding house

ACTION

Development Applications has been received. The Community Safety Officer and Senior Community Development Officer have suggested a condition be included on boarding house developments whereby the owner contacts and accepts referrals from local agencies such as the MCC which assist people at risk of homelessness due to their circumstances.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.

ITEM 8

GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1

Both items 8.1 (IT CCTV presentation) and 8.2 (Community Strategic

8.2

Plan Consultation Presentation) to be deferred, due to staff inability to attend. Attendances at next meeting to be requested.

CSC

8.3

Liquor Accord Meeting

The Liquor Accord held a planning meeting on 16 July. The top 15 licensed venues attended and OLGR facilitated with the aim to achieve planning and direction. The representatives from OLGR had limited knowledge of the history and of Manly initiative in community safety. The initiatives being, the negotiation of the lockout times and innovative projects such as using radio communications on Friday and Saturday nights when numbers are at their peak, as well as integrating the use of CCTV in monitoring issues.

Council currently has a funding application with research and costings about the use of the radio network to effectively monitor access to licensed premises by patrons, and is awaiting advice on the success of the application.

The licensed venue issue is complex, with licensees involved in intense competition and have pressures of high density venues where owners are not necessarily the licensees. Earlier lockouts may increase numbers on the street at one time. The Accord will meet next in September.

8.4

Review of the Liquor Act

The NSW Government is calling for public submissions as part of five year statutory reviews of the Liquor Act 2007. The review is to ensure that the policy objectives and terms of the Act remain valid for today's circumstances. Issues for consideration for a Manly submission include:

1. The 'cumulative impact' of liquor licenses on the community – the Liquor Act does not take this into account;
2. The impacts of increased availability of cheap, takeaway liquor,
3. Enshrining 'lockouts' into the Act based on the research in Newcastle and the good results in Manly.
4. The lack of information provided to the community about liquor licences. A database should be made freely available of all liquor licenses - conditions, trading hours and plans of management.

The Committee discussed the review. Currently, the local relationships have developed because of proactive police involvement. Some issues to be taken into account about the review

include the role of OLGR (the Police Association has gone as far as to suggest the abolition of OLGR); ways to shift the drinking culture and how much personal responsibility needs to be acknowledged; and difficulties of the licensing system. A link to the explanatory paper is at: http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/liquor_review.asp
Committee members are encouraged to provide their feedback at the next meeting which the Community Safety Co-ordinator can include in a submission. It was further agreed that the great initiatives of the “Manly Model” be documented in a briefing paper that provides a history of the various initiatives concerning Late Night Manly and the Liquor Accord. This could be used in educating people about the background history and various initiatives implemented.

Recommendation:

The committee recommends to the General Manager that a report be prepared for submission to the NSW Government Liquor Act Review.

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NTH HEAD SEWAGE WORKS

Concerns were raised regarding the North Head Sewage Works in relation to safety, the environment and the capacity to handle the growing population.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that this information be received and noted.

NEXT MEETING DATE: 8 August 2013

Meeting Closed 9.40am