



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 9 MAY 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 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
Eric Poulos	Manager, Community Services

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 9 May 2013 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
	The meeting commenced at 8.00am.	
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Anita Ugarkovic, Jacqui Smith Welcome: Eric Poulos, Community Services Manager	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	

ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING	ACTION
	It was resolved at Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 6 May 2013 that the minutes of the March Community Safety and Place Management Committee be adopted. Committee Actions Update Report : Two items arising from previous meetings were updated: Police Station/Courthouse redevelopment A Media Release from 21 December 2012 from the Attorney General has been located which was displayed to the committee. (see attached) It states that there is a \$2.5 million commitment, and details the court house upgrade including AV technology & a safe room for DV victims. It states that Manly "is one of the busiest courthouses in suburban Sydney and will be completed by late 2013". In relation to the Police Station, Superintendent Darcy advised that the Police Property Section had been contacted and that the project will go ahead as per the approved DA once the new Area Commander is appointed and consulted. Committee agreed to review the progress with the police station and courthouse developments in August. Manly Wharf Security Superintendent Darcy to report on issues raised in the February meeting about security at Manly Wharf. The Amended Plans for Manly Wharf development are available for review and comments until 20 May 2013. Inquiry into strategies to reduce alcohol abuse among young people in NSW The Community Safety Co-ordinator attended the Legislative Council on 6 May 2013 and gave evidence to the Standing Committee on Social Issues on this inquiry. The inquiry were interested in issues such as costs of managing the night time environment, alcohol supply laws, liquor licensing processes, Accord membership & AFZs. They have asked for additional information about The Liquor Accord. Attorney Generals Crime Prevention The following link provides access to Council's submission: http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/prod/parlament/committee.nsf/V3ListSubmissions?open&ParentUNID=E25C7A9752823FFFCA257AB700169596	

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The parliamentary inquiry members also suggested that Manly Council provide a submission on the impact of tourism on local communities inquiry, which is currently open for submissions. This will be referred to the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee for their consideration.	ACTION
4. Late Night CBD Safety Audit 13 April, 2013 A presentation to the committee on the audit was made highlighting the main issues identified on the night and the actions taken to date. Discussion occurred about litter issues for the 3hr x 2nights per week and what waste management outcomes could be improved. Further discussion occurred about the number of people gathering around The Corso & Sydney Road after the lockout period for licensed premises. Noted that this period impacts on rubbish, late night food shops and public space management. It was stated that people gather around Serbar because they feel safe with the Police Station nearby. The audit report will be updated each month as actions are progressed. 5. Invitation to apply for grant funding under Safer Suburbs Program – Taxi Security Scheme. An application was prepared and submitted to Federal Attorney Generals Crime Prevention Safer Suburbs Program in May 2013. Council applied for enhancements at both late night taxi ranks including CCTV, queuing bollards, floodlighting and a lit signage plinth. Council also applied for a temporary shelter for North Steyne and a roll down weather protective blind and lit signage plinth for Belgrave St Rank.	CSC
Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.	

ITEM 4 POLICE REPORT

Superintendent Darcy expressed concern about a small increase in assaults and has had discussion this with the late night licensees, including the Shore Club. Police noted concerns about intoxication, aggression by drug affected patrons and use of synthetic drugs/stimulants. They are reviewing CCTV operations with Council's General Manager with a view to improving communications and systems between police and council.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

The monthly Ranger statistics were distributed to the committee. As the Compliance Manager was unable to attend the meeting, the committee was advised through the Community Safety Co-ordinator that there had been alterations to ways the Rangers are deployed and the way data is recorded. For example, the Alcohol Free Zones enforcement is now measured in hours rather than numbers of persons spoken to. Committee requested that the Compliance Manager attend the meeting in June to clarify these changes.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6 LATE NIGHT MANLY WORKING GROUP

Notes from the first Working Group meeting were distributed to the working group and feedback has been received from them. The recommendation to the committee is to progress a pilot activation of Market Place commencing in September. It was acknowledged that there are many challenges and logistics that still need to be addressed and this will be looked at by the working group. Superintendent Darcy advised that he received positive feedback from the General Manager about the proposal and he suggested a three month trial instead of the initial 6 week proposal.

The committee considered the draft recommendation and agreed with the concept. It was also agreed that the recommendation go to Council as an item of brief mention.

Recommendation:

That a trial activation of Market Place be piloted on weekend evenings for a three month period commencing in September. Suggested activities may range from music, art markets to street performance to food offerings, and that suitable local businesses or charities be considered with first offers of involvement.

ITEM 7 CORRESPONDENCE**7.1 7.1 Invitation to apply for funding under the National Crime Prevention Fund**

A letter received from the Federal Minister for Justice Jason Clare advises that applications are open with \$40million of funding targeting street crime and violence in areas that experience high crime rates compared to the rest of Australia.

As part of this funding local government organisations are eligible to

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apply for grants of up to a preferred maximum of \$500,000 to fund security related infrastructure projects such as CCTV and security fencing. Applications are due on 29 May. Manly's crime rate is low when compared to other parts of Australia so funding will be difficult to secure.

The committee suggested applying for electronic signage options. The Community Safety Team will further liaise and consider an application.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Toilet Signage

A major and ongoing complaint from the Corso Precinct as well as a concern expressed by this committee over the years and regularly observed in safety audits is the poor public toilet signage. It is very difficult for people not familiar with the area to locate the toilets particularly at night time.

The Community Safety Co-ordinator displayed photos of very distinctive toilet signage in Wellington, New Zealand in an area where the toilets were otherwise difficult to locate. The Committee agreed that good lighting which pointed people to toilets was important.

8.2 Gocher Court

Little Manly Precinct are advocating on behalf of tenants of Gocher Court who are experiencing difficulties with a change of tenants and have been in contact with Department of Housing to attend a meeting.

8.3 Corso Soleil building

Representations have been made to Mike Baird's Office from residents in the new Corso Soleil building (above Coles) about various anti-social behavior observed in and around the building by intoxicated late night patrons. Superintendent Darcy undertook to receive the correspondence and will conduct a safety by design review of the development with a view to recommending any necessary improvements.

8.4 Lagoon Park

Discussions occurred about the shared usage of Lagoon Park by families, children, dog owners, skateboard riders and bicycles.

8.5 Community Drug Action Team

Amanda Watkins updated the Committee on the Secondary Supply Campaign. Data is being gathered through surveys and posters are being developed. Prefuelling is a main concern. Committee members are encouraged to complete the parent survey and/or distribute through their networks. Two i-Pads are up as prizes for anyone to complete the survey. See: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SupplyMeansSupply>

8.6

Little Manly Point

Ray Mathieson wished to thank Council for the swift removal of extremely offensive graffiti that occurred on plaques at Little Manly Point.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and noted.

NEXT MEETING DATE: 13 June 2013

Meeting Closed 9.20am