



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 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 Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Inspector Craig Wonders	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Ged Dore	Manly Liquor Accord
Stuart Sprott	Community Member
Amanda Farrar	Office of Mike Baird MP
Pavica Kupcaic	The Corso Precinct

Council Staff

Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Project Officer
Eric Poulos	Manager Community Services
Anita Ugarkovic	Manager Regulatory Services
Karen Menzies	Road Safety Officer
Kate Munro	Youth Development Officer

In Attendance

Cam Wall	Youth Council Representative
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 12 December 2013, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.00am.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Leanne Martin, Cllr Alan Le Surf,

ACTION

Malcolm Pearce, Supt Dave Darcy and Hania Norman.

Welcome: Cam Wall – Potential Youth Council Representative and Insp Craig Wonders.

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING	
	The minutes of the November meeting were adopted by the Committee, moved by Ray Mathieson and seconded by Cllr Bingham.	
3.1	Liquor Accord Merger It was noted that the proposed merger of the Manly Liquor Accord and the Northern Beaches Liquor Accord was voted on at the Manly Liquor Accord AGM on 3 rd December. The Licensees present overwhelmingly voted to remain as two separate Liquor Accords and a new executive was elected with Adam Clarke from the Sugar Lounge becoming the new Chairman. The Council, Police and OLGR were in agreement that this was a very positive outcome. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.	
3.2	Safer Suburbs Federal Government Grant funding withdrawn. In response to concerns raised by this Committee in the November meeting, a letter has been sent to The Hon Tony Abbott requesting consideration for reinstating the grant funding. The letter was tabled at the meeting. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.	
3.3	East Esplanade Reports about problems on the East Esplanade were raised in relation to levels of alcohol consumption, Police and ranger patrols and responses and council signage. It was noted by the committee that the General Manager has asked the Deputy General Manager, Landuse & Sustainability to review Council responsibilities and action as may be necessary, e.g. Look at further Ranger patrols, Cleaning of any litter, undertake a signage audit. Recommendation: The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the information be received and noted.	
3.4	Manly Ferry Liquor License Application The committee was briefed that the Manly Liquor License is not on the OLGR noticeboard at present. Paul Zagami of Harbour City Ferries has been contacted and advised the Council that OLGR has requested a community impact statement as a prerequisite to the acceptance of the application. It was noted that a further letter inviting comments will be sent to Council in due course prior to any	

further lodgement of the license application. The Committee's position about limiting alcohol availability and not having alcohol available on ferries could be submitted once the community impact statement and application is lodged and available for comment.

Recommendation:

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

3.5

Manly Courthouse/Police Station Refurbishment Update

A letter received from Michael Talbot, Assistant Director General for Court and Tribunal Services was tabled at this meeting. It stated that the court will be opening on the 6th January 2014, outlines the upgraded facilities that will be provided at the court and confirmed that all matters requiring more than a one day hearing will be heard at the Downing Centre as was prior to the court renovation. In response to the matter of the loss of ½ a Magistrate the letter stated:

"The Chief Magistrate regularly monitors changes in workloads at its various sitting locations, and reviews the allocation of magistrates to ensure the optimum use of the courts resources."

This matter was discussed and the following issues raised:

- The impact on the local community having matters over 1 day being heard at Downing Street, in particular AVOs and domestic violence issues.
- An impact assessment/review of the loss of a magistrate and the closure of North Sydney and Hornsby courts

Recommendation:

That the letter be tabled at the next council meeting and the Committee monitors the impact of the changes and further advises the Local State Member and the Attorney General of any issues.

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3.6

Save our Streets Campaign

The committee was advised that Manly Council has signed up as a formal supporter of NAAPA and at this stage the Save our Streets campaign has reached over 1,000 signatures.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 4

Meeting Dates 2014

A schedule of the proposed meeting dates for this committee was tabled. It was noted that as previously meetings would be scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of the month to commence at 8.00am, Manly Town Hall, Belgrave Street, for a maximum of 2 hours.

Recommendation:

The committee approved all dates for 2014.

ITEM 5

POLICE REPORT

Inspector Craig Wonders (Crime Manager for Northern Beaches) briefed the committee on the following matters:

- The merger of the 2 stations is almost complete and will have a positive outcome for Manly with several resources now being

pooled.

- Proactive operation targeting malicious damage – 4 arrests have been made for possession of markers etc. One case in particular where Police were able to link 41 incidents using tags and social media to one offender.
- Theft from motor vehicles prevalent with opportunistic thieves targeting vehicles where laptops, wallets etc. are left on display. Increased patrols targeting these hotspots/offenders.
- Alcohol related crime – Police taking a high visibility approach using the street policing unit to provide increased presence on The Corso, bolstered Policing numbers late at night, Operation Cedar, which is tracking problems on the beach and local transport networks and bus stops and a proactive licensing unit.
- East Esplanade – the Crime Prevention Officers (CPO's) have completed an initial assessment of the area. At this stage Police have noted that although numbers, especially on Sunday afternoon, are large often up to 300 there have been very few issues. The Police will continue to patrol the area and monitor the crowd, but discretion will still be used targeting those misbehaving. Warnings have been and will continue to be issued for high levels of intoxication and alcohol will be tipped out. It was noted that 80% of the alcohol related issues were from The Corso and thus this remains a policing priority

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 6 RANGERS REPORT

The committee reviewed the Rangers report and statistics. Particular note was made on the increase of abandoned vehicle investigations which was a result of increased issue of notices on dinghies.

The committee was further briefed on the Rangers perspective of the issues at East Esplanade. Ranger patrols of this area have increased with a change of duties after 5pm. Unfortunately a Night Ranger was assaulted recently whilst assisting in an incident in The Corso. As the safety of staff is paramount rangers have been advised to remove themselves from potential volatile situations i.e. approaching those with high intoxication levels and call the Police. The high levels of rubbish have been noted and the impact that this has on additional services and cost implications. Signage of the Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) / Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA) has been noted and will be reviewed.

Anita Ugarkovic advised the committee that there has been a change to the 'Companion Animals Act' where dogs can now be categorised as 'menacing' i.e. had a likelihood to attack with consequences of increased responsibilities to the owners of such animals. She is also advised that a request for a submission for the changes in the Graffiti Act 2008 had been received and that she would be responding on behalf of Manly Council.

Recommendation:

A signage audit for the AFZ at East Esplanade be completed and new signage created. A comprehensive audit of the area be completed jointly by the Police and committee members. .

ITEM 7 LATE NIGHT MANLY WORKING GROUP – MARKET LANE SATURDAYS

The committee was updated on the latest events at Market Lane Saturdays. Unfortunately due to inclement weather 3 of the last 5 events were cancelled, but the last 2 events; the Movember Rap Up and the skateboarding night quickly gathered momentum, with good crowds and positive feedback. It was noted that the final Market Lane Saturday was this Saturday night. The night has a Christmas theme with carol singers, stalls, a snow machine and a top local band. The Committee members were encouraged to come down and support the event.

The committee expressed their gratitude to Sarah O'Brien and council staff for the excellent job they have done in organising the Market Lane Saturdays. The events have been seen as a great success, bringing a different vibe and demographic to Manly and the committee fully support the continuation of such "pop up" events for next financial year. It was felt that improved accessibility of Manly Council's social media pages for promotion and marketing would assist any future events. The Committee endorsed a budget bid application for the Market Lane Saturdays events to continue in 2014.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that Ms Sarah O'Brien and Manly Council Staff are thanked for their commitment to the Market Lane Saturday events. The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that support for Market Lane Saturday Program continues in 2014 and the above comments be noted.

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ITEM 8 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT OF THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 The Application by Hugo's restaurant to extend their outdoor seating area

The extension of the seating area of Hugo's restaurant onto the lower outdoor area of the wharf was raised. At present this area is a communal walkway for those exiting the ferry and also used by the general public as a seating area. The concern is that restaurants are encroaching on areas used as public space and as a walk way. It may also have an impact on the adjacent penguin nesting habitat and also limit emergency access from the wharf.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager and Council that its concern about the proposed extension of Hugo's restaurant seating area be noted.

STAY SAFE PROJECT REPORT

The committee was briefed on the 'Stay Safe' project developed in

conjunction with North Sydney TAFE film students. The project aims to raise awareness of the key safety issues including safe alcohol consumption, beach safety and the availability of services for local language schools, high schools and backpackers. The final product was a series of film clips and a new stay safe wallet card. The committee was shown brief clips from the presentation and wallet cards were distributed to the committee. A full copy of the film clip is on YouTube and will be placed on the council website. It will also be passed onto the Visitor Information Centre.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the film clip be publicised and wallet cards be distributed to relevant stakeholders.

ITEM 9 COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT AT HARRIS FARM

Cam Wall from the Manly Youth Council gave a short presentation on the background to the painting of the mural at Harris Farm and highlighted many of the positive outcomes of the project. Kate Munro, Manly Council Youth Development Officer, proposed Cam Wall as the youth representative for the Community Safety and Place Management Committee a position that has been vacant for some time.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that Mr Cam Wall be approved as the youth representative on the committee.

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ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATE: Thursday 13 February 2014

Meeting Closed: 10.00am