



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 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 (Chair)	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt Dave Darcy	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders Rep
Stuart Sprott	Precinct Representative
Amanda Farrar	Office of Mike Baird MP
Jacqui Smith	Manly Community Centre
Hania Norman	The Corso Precinct
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Health

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Eric Poulos	Manager, Community Services
Donna Donoghue	Community Safety Officer

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 10 October 2013 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE	
ITEM 1	Cllr Steve Pickering, Cllr Alan LeSurf, Amanda Watkins, Cllr Hugh Burns, Deb Patenall,	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Nil	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING The September meeting minutes were not yet adopted by Council as they will be included on the agenda at the next Ordinary Meeting on 14 October 2013.	

3.1

Committee Actions Update Report: Manly Court House Renovation:

Feedback has been received that following renovations the courthouse should be open for business on 6 January. It has also been ascertained that there will only be one court and one Magistrate, which is down from the previous operation of two courts. This is apparently due to decisions made by the Chief Magistrate in response to budget constraints. Committee raised concerns about this downgrade and the serious negative impacts on police and victims and general delays in justice. All not guilty matters will now have to be heard at the Downing Centre instead of Manly. The concern expressed is that this will be extremely time consuming and costly to all other parties involved. Feedback will be sought from Mike Baird MP before further representations are made.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 4

POLICE REPORT

The recent long weekend was very peaceful despite large crowds with only one minor assault. The Shore Club Hotel has new owners and is now called Salt House. Police are actively patrolling the Alcohol Free Zone in East Esplanade reminding people that alcohol is not to be consumed – most people are apparently visitors, who are unaware of the rules.

In the upcoming amalgamation Superintendent Darcy has nominated a Sergeant rank to head up the Domestic Violence team with the aim of improving service delivery to the community and influencing police attitudes in this area.

A new Crime Prevention Officer, Snr Cst Lorraine Axford is now permanent in Manly and will work with the 3 person Crime Prevention team across the Northern Beaches. They will be based in Manly.

Advice was requested about dealing with noisy neighbours at night on Eastern Hill. Night Rangers should be contacted via the council hotline. They are deployed in lieu of the police for noise complaints on weekend nights.

Melissa Palermo thanked Manly Police for their assistance with the recent Retro Ride and their attendance at the Bike Life Festival.

Two issues concerning traffic congestion on Eastern Hill during the Jazz festival weekend were raised:

1. The phasing of the traffic lights at Manly Wharf should have been changed to accommodate the extra traffic load resulting from the beachfront road closures.
2. Traffic was delayed for 20+ minutes at the Whistler St/Town Hall crossing due to massive crowds – adding to gridlock in Darley Rd. A crossing supervisor is suggested for future major events.

It was requested that these two issues be included in the Jazz Festival debrief and for consideration in next year's planning.

ACTION

Stuart Sprott raised an incident that occurred at Little Manly Beach involving youths and stolen bikes. Police were not immediately available and Rangers on site had very little power to assist as they could not demand names and addresses. Superintendent Darcy expressed concern about the changes to the Special Constable powers that some of the Rangers (including Night Rangers) had and how this will reduce their ability to assist in some situations. The Community Safety Co-ordinator (CSC) advised that the Compliance Manager is in the process of following up this issue and can advise the committee on the status next month.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

The committee reviewed the Rangers report and statistics. A concern was raised about the number of homeless in the beachfront shelters with up to six at one stage. Jacqui Smith advised that they are aware of this and have visited them. Issues are difficult to manage with the increase of dual drug/alcohol problems. It is anticipated things may get more challenging with changes proposed at Fairlight House (Mission Australia) with beds being reduced. This is the only emergency accommodation available for men in the area.

Council's Homelessness Protocol means that rough sleepers should not be moved on without good reason, as they have the same rights as everyone else to be in the public space. However it is requested, usually through assistance of the MCC's homeless outreach worker, that they neatly stash their gear so it is out of the way during the daytime when other people wish to use the space. Jacqui Smith suggested that a meeting between Council, Police and MCC about these issues may be timely. CSC will follow up.

A concern about an illegal boat parked in Darley Road outside Manly Hospital was raised. CSC will follow up this with Rangers.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 6 LATE NIGHT MANLY WORKING GROUP

Sarah O'Brien (event co-ordinator) and Community Safety co-ordinator presented an overview of Market Lane Saturday events so far. Two events have been completed of the twelve week program. Some events will attract much more interest and different types of crowds than others. Alcohol is being managed with no BYO permitted although it has been observed some people are bringing in single bottles. Signage will be increased and security briefed each night to warn people not to byo. Feedback from those attending and businesses involved has all been extremely positive, with some suggesting it was bringing in more business to Manly as a whole. It was discussed that the original project objectives of attracting different demographics to the area and offering alternative options seemed to be on track so far.

Community Safety Team are co-ordinating evaluation surveys and are looking for volunteers to conduct some surveying on any of the

Saturday nights.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 7

CORRESPONDENCE

7.1

Invitation to the Launch of the 'Stop the Supply' campaign

The committee is all invited to the launch of the 'Stop the Supply', which is the Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team's campaign targeting illegal supply of alcohol to underage young people. Manly Council is a joint partner in the campaign along with Warringah, Pittwater, NSW Health and MDECC.

The launch is on Wednesday 23 October at 10am at Collaroy Swim Club. Invitations have been emailed, if everyone could please RSVP as soon as possible.

The Community Safety Co-ordinator distributed an interesting article from the Sydney Morning Herald on 'teen drinking' written by a Year 10 student that comments strongly on parental responsibility and supports the approach of the Stop the Supply campaign.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 8

GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1

**Community Strategic Plan community consultation presentation
Kathryn Parker, Principal Analyst**

The Manly Community Strategic Plan identified alcohol, binge drinking and safety at night in the CBD as the priority social issues for the community.

Kathryn gave an overview of the Community Strategic Plan and presented to the committee some of the detail of the community consultation that was undertaken by the consultants about community safety and alcohol related aspects of the discussions.

It was discussed that the presentation is still timely as confirmed the reasons why the committee is so strongly advocating and supporting the Market Lane Saturday project.

The committee thanked Kathryn for her presentation.

Recommendation:

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

NEXT MEETING DATE: 14 November 2013

Meeting Closed 9.40am