



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2015

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	Manly Council
Cllr Steve Pickering	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Candy Bingham	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Commander
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders
Melissa Palermo	Northern Sydney Health
Amanda Farrar	NSW Member for Manly (staff rep)
Ray Mathieson	Community Rep
Malcolm Pearce	Corrections NSW
Susan Watson	MDECC

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Donna Donoghue	Community Safety
Anita Ugarkovic	Compliance Manager

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 8 October 2015 to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	Apologies and Leave of Absence Cllr Alan Le Surf, Jon Brown, Jacqui Smith NB. Susan Watson was an official apology for the September meeting but missed on minutes	
ITEM 2	Declaration Of Interest Nil	

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting and Matters Arising

The September meeting minutes were adopted at the Planning and Strategy Meeting on Monday 7th September.

3.1 Late Night Planning

Confirming with the committee that the Late Night Safety Audit is planned for Saturday 7 November 2015. Commencing at Town Hall at 11.30pm and finish by approximately 1am.

3.2 Homelessness

Training on the revised homeless protocol has been delivered to Council Rangers. The Manly Community Centre Homeless Outreach Worker continues to achieve positive outcomes for some of the rough sleepers. The Wishing Well shelter in particular has been empty for nearly a fortnight after negotiations with the HOS worker. Tower St Park is also being monitored with a view to removing some unauthorised structures in the cave.

3.3 Late night parking for workers

This matter is still being considered at a senior management level and will advise committee once a decision has been reached. A check of the individual late night venues has indicated that most venues would be happy to participate in a pre-purchase, flat fee system with responsibility for the licensee to recoup the fee from staff if necessary. This approach would ensure that only late night licensees (open after 10.30pm) can purchase exit cards in advance and distribute to their own staff as required. The onus is on the licensees and Council's role would be to facilitate sale of the passes.

Hotel Steyne staff have chosen not to participate nor Novotel, who already provide parking for staff.

3.4 ICE information brochures

Following last month's meeting regarding ICE education, staff have acquired copies of ICE Family and Friends Support Guide produced by the Australian Drug foundation. Brochure distributed to committee and more available if required. These will also be distributed locally.

3.5 Manly Wharf Broken Fencing

Ray Mathieson wished to thank staff (Anita Ugarkovic) for informing RMS about the broken fence at Manly Wharf as they have now acted swiftly despite having been informed in the past.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 4 Police Report

Superintendent Darcy reported that one of the major hotel in Manly CBD recently had four juveniles detected in their venue. They had been served alcohol and had been in the venue for more than one hour. This is considered a serious breach and major penalties can apply up to a 6 month closure. Mr Darcy has since been in contact with both licensee and owner to ensure this does not recur. Manly Health Promotion officer noted that this reinforces the need for the Stop the Supply campaign that is currently active with all local buses showing the messages and posters and bags distributed to all bottle

shops on the Northern Beaches. Licensing Police also breached a bottle shop for underage supply.
Beach Cops reality TV program launches on Sunday night – apparently depicts Manly in a mostly good light apart from some Alcohol related violence.

Recommendation:

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

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

Ranger Report was distributed. Rangers have been focusing on bikes in unauthorized areas mainly The Corso and Art Gallery area. Agreed that more joint police/ranger operations will be arranged – CS staff to follow up with police. Manly Wharf has also been cleared of abandoned bikes. These are retained for one month before being disposed of – most are in unusable and irreparable condition. Some ideas are being explored for passing on the more useable bikes to charities. Superintendent Darcy advised that this is what they do with their unclaimed bikes.

Discussion re Little Manly and Jump rock with reports of damage and anti-social behavior occurring by young people walking to and from. Residents need to be reminded to call police when this is occurring otherwise there is no record or evidence of a problem. Lighting concerns at Little Manly park which Ray Mathieson will progress through the precinct for further attention.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 6 Correspondence

6.1 Reply Re Request To RMS For Additional Guard At North Steyne Taxi Rank

Letter tabled. RMS have requested further information regarding lighting and food outlets at the North Steyne rank. A reply in response to this has been drafted clarifying the recent infrastructure improvements to the rank.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 7 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration

7.1 Street Art and Graffiti Management program – Marrickville

Donna Donoghue recently attended a presentation from Marrickville Council on their Street Art program and presented a brief overview with the committee with the aim of exploring some of the ideas further with consideration of the future activation and maintenance of Manly CBD. Committee discussed some ideas and agreed that the concepts should be further explored possibly around the skate park area and Balgowlah Road. Also if the information could also be shared with the Public Domains Committee.

Recommendation

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

7.2

Other minor matters raised by Committee for follow up

Swimming Enclosures – concern was raised by Ray Mathieson about the unfinished repairs and replacement of netting on all harbourside beach swimming enclosures including Little Manly, West Esplanade and Forty Baskets. Chair advised that she is advised that these were being progressed in due course prior to the summer season.

Pedestrian Crossing at Victoria Pde and East Esplanade.

The safety aspects of a proposed crossing at this location versus the current refuge arrangement was discussed and concerns raised about gridlock that could result. It was generally agreed that if the refuge was to remain instead of a crossing it should be made clearer for both pedestrians and motorists as many mistake it for a crossing which causes confusion. The proposal will apparently be first referred to the Precincts before a decision is made at the Traffic Committee. Information will be referred to Traffic Engineer.

Deputy General Manager comment: On 15 June 2015 the Traffic Committee agreed to the implementation of a pedestrian crossing on East Esplanade near Victoria Pde. Following this the crossing was installed during week of 26 October.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 8

The Northern Beaches Project – Guest Speaker

Sophie Coles from The Burdekin Association and project manager for The Northern Beaches Project, presented to the committee about this new joint initiative based on a very successful model called The Geelong Project. It helps identify young people experiencing difficulties in their lives and their level of risk through their schools to better engage and link them with agencies who can help. Currently piloting the program with Balgowlah Boys, Cromer High and Narrabeen High. The first phase has revealed about 60 young people at risk of homelessness and many that were not known to be at risk by the school. Sophie was thanked for attending and informing the committee on a very valuable community project.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 9

Date for Next Meeting – 12 November 2015

Meeting closed 9.30am

