



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY & PLACE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2014

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
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Supt David Darcy	Northern Beaches Police Commander
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre & Services
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Stuart Sprott	Community Member
Deb Patenall	Street Pastors
Susan Watson	MDECC
Stephen O'Sullivan	Manly Liquor Accord
Alana Smith	Chamber of Commerce
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders

Council Staff

Leanne Martin	Community Safety Co-ordinator
Anita Ugarkovic	Compliance Manager
Eric Poulos	Community Service Manager

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety & Place Management Advisory Committee** met on Thursday 13 November 2014 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, Amanda Farrar, Jonathon Noyes	
	Welcome: Stephen O'Sullivan, Susan Watson	
ITEM 2	Declaration Of Interest Nil	

ITEM 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 9 October 2014 and Matters Arising

The October meeting minutes were adopted at the P & S Meeting on 3 November 2014. The following information updates the committee on previous actions:

**3.1 Crime Prevention Projects - Grant Funded
Late Night Radio Project**

The Late Night Radios have been distributed to six venues in Manly including Steyne, Ivanhoe, Manly Wharf, Boatshed, Sugar Lounge and New Brighton. The CCTV security contractor at Whistler St car park has also been trained on the system and is being asked to communicate any activity of interest direct to the venues.

A meeting was held with those involved on 12 November and anecdotally it is working well so far with several examples of information sharing where problems were averted.

eg.1. Manly Wharf Hotel advised other venues about a group of 30 intoxicated men in tuxedos on a buck's night that had been refused entry. They immediately went to the Steyne who were prepared and able to stop them entering.

2. Steyne Hotel warned other venues about an aggressive 6'7" man refused entry – Ivanhoe were able to sight him and head him off before he got to their door.

3. Manly Wharf Hotel advised of an intoxicated male told to leave and radioed other venues. CCTV operators picked up the person on screen and followed him to the Steyne where they advised them that the person was now trying to get into their venue.

Still keen to get the Manly Pacific involved but are waiting for new venue and new licensee to become more established.

3.2 Market Lane Saturdays

Council Events Manager attended for this item and spoke to the committee about the logistics and options for Market Lane. He noted that funds and resources were required to recreate last year's success. The Committee agreed that implementation of any option was too late for this year and would now focus on aiming for next year. One benefit would be to compare crime statistics over the three year period and determine the impact Market Lane Saturdays may have had. Committee agreed that a budget bid for \$50,000 should be prepared for Market Lane Saturdays in 2015.

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Recommendation

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that a budget bid be prepared for \$50,000 to undertake a Market Lane Saturday series of events in 2015.

3.3 Tribesta App

Following last month's presentation Nick Dawkins advises that the app will launch on 26 November and they are seeking to use Manly as a model project involving real time community bus, linking English Language students to a tribe, assist events in crowd management and communications issues.

Recommendation

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

3.4 East Esplanade

Following a recommendation for information on waste in East Esplanade, Council's Manager Environmental Operations, Natasha Schultz briefed the committee. She advised four additional 660 litre bins will be installed for the summer period – this commenced last weekend. Photos were shown of weekend before and after with much less rubbish with extra bins. In summer, on Sundays last access to tip is 6.00 pm and other season's last access to tip is 5.00 pm. Therefore in summer, the truck can pick up until 5.00 pm if runs are restructured. The Manager Environmental Operations advised that it is not lawful to hold rubbish on a truck, so collections needed to be structured around disposal. The 4 am staff cleansing team clean up remaining rubbish before dawn and two additional staff are required to attend to East Esplanade. Staff also advised witnessing urination in public at East Esplanade on the weekend around trees. (Discussed further in Item 4)

3.5 Steyne Hotel

Following last months recommendation the new licensee Steve O'Sullivan of the Hotel Steyne introduced himself to the committee and briefed them on his vision for improving the hotel. Previously worked 8 years for Merivale group. Happy with how the hotel operates but wants to build upon its current model. Plans underway to make it more visually appealing, review food options, put more menus out and more attractive to families especially in front bars. No intentions for DJs, nightclubs, no shots, no intention to compete with other late music venues, happy with lockout status as nothing good happens after midnight. Conscious of keeping faith with community. Overall will be improving business operation. Seeking operators for restaurant upstairs which is difficult due to location – keen to make this happen as soon as possible.

Committee welcomed him to Manly and invited him to attend the Committee on a permanent basis.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 4 Police Report

Superintendent Darcy reported that:

1. Bikies: Police have been dealing with bikie disputes in Brookvale between Finks and Mongols. Concern about potential for violence. Asking Manly licensed venues to enforce 'No patches' policy and report anything related to police.
2. Alcohol related crime is lower with a couple of venues working on specific issues to reduce their problems.
3. East Esplanade: Complaints are being enforced. Police and Rangers are working together co-operatively on enforcements as required. Police have other move on powers but AFZ/APAs are helpful. It was reported that there were no crime incidents related to the East Esplanade gatherings. Following earlier discussion regarding the waste issue (Item 3.4) Supt Darcy suggested that the committee reconsider the Alcohol Prohibited Area times for this area.

Ray Mathieson read the motion from Little Manly precinct

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suggesting occasional blitzes, warnings and possible removal of alcohol by Council and Police in order to deter wide scale abuse and reduce the numbers of partygoers, improve safety and reduce rubbish and offensive behaviour.

The Committee discussed options for time limiting the alcohol prohibition. There were concerns that the current situation was pushing families and locals away with an increase in backpackers and younger groups of drinkers. It was agreed that 4pm would be the most sensible time to start the APA as it would link with the last rubbish pickups and works with Ranger and Police schedules. It needs to be both East and West Esplanade so there is no displacement.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the public reserve area in East and West Esplanade change from a 24 hour Alcohol Prohibited Area to being an Alcohol Prohibited Area from 4.00 pm to 6.00 am and that this should be trialed through the summer period with a review at the February 2015 meeting.

ITEM 5 Rangers Report

Monthly report tabled. Compliance Manager reported on:

- Responding to a disturbance complaint from OLGR about Manly Wharf Hotel.
- Manly Cove Alliance advised to wait until OLGR matter is resolved before any further action is taken.
- If necessary after that Compliance Manager will personally attend complainant residences with noise meter to measuring the noise so as to have an objective assessment.

Recommendation

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

**ITEM 6 Correspondence
6.1 Competition Policy Review**

This report was discussed and the committee agreed that as members and supporter of NAAPA that the draft submission opposing the alcohol element of the Competition Policy review be submitted accordingly in a timely manner.

Recommendation

That the Committee recommends to the General Manager that the submission as proposed by FARE is supported by the committee and that it be forwarded to the Competition Policy Review Secretariat.

6.2 Australia Day Alcohol Ban advertising

Pittwater Council are co-ordinating an advertisement for the Manly Daily warning people not to bring alcohol to the beach on Australia Day and have invited Manly to participate. A draft was tabled. Beaches in Manly differ from Pittwater and Warringah in that they are always alcohol prohibited. Overall it was agreed that whilst it may not be technically correct for Manly it does send out a wider message specific to Australia Day.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 7

General Business

7.1

OLGR presentation on EVAT

EVAT (Environment and Venue Assessment Tool) information sheet was tabled. Staff attended a briefing from OLGR about their new liquor licensing risk assessment process that will commence for all liquor license applications from 2015. It is a compilation of all relevant data in the vicinity surrounding a venue including crime statistics, liquor license density, and proportion of high risk venues. It will also include a specific risk assessment of the applicant venue which includes capacity, licence type, extended trading, liquor accord membership etc.

Council will soon be asked by OLGR to assist with this by providing information on any mitigation strategies in place such as CCTV, late night transport initiatives, alcohol free zones, cleansing regimes etc. that can assist with the assessment.

7.2

Funding from the NSW Government for 'Going Home Staying Home'

Mission Australia have been awarded the funding from the State Government to operate homelessness services in the Northern Sydney area which includes the Manly LGA and covers young people, men, women and families. Amongst other commitments they are contracted to *"partner with first to know providers to help identify people at risk of homelessness as early as possible. The Service will also work with people residing in unsustainable and unsafe accommodation and assist them to find suitable long term accommodation"*.

Manly has a consistent population of 'rough sleepers' and the Manly Community Centre has been fundamental in assisting them for many years with very little funding and employ an outreach worker. The committee is keen to sustain this model and not to duplicate any existing service. Council staff will meet with Mission Australia and the MCC staff to discuss ways to complement the existing work and to work in a mutually beneficial way for the Manly community. Discussion will be held re the possibility of Mission Australia re-opening some additional crisis accommodation at Fairlight House. Outcomes of the meeting will be reported to the committee next month.

Recommendation

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

ITEM 8

Date for Next Meeting – 11 December 2014

Meeting closed 9.50 am