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Ordinary Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at Council Chambers, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly, on:

Monday 13 September 2010

Commencing at 7:30:00 PM for the purpose of considering items included on the Agenda.

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Planning And Strategy Division Report No. 23 - Public exhibition of the North Harbour Reserve Landscape Masterplan Submission from North Harbour & Balgowlah Precincts

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Address to Manly Council, 6 September 2010 on the topic of North Harbour Reserve Draft Masterplan

Presented by Sylvia Bell on behalf of the North Harbour and Balgowlah Precinct
Community Forum from meeting on Thursday, 2 September 2010.

Address:

The Precinct commends council and its officers in developing a more environmentally sensitive masterplan for North Harbour Reserve rather than the plan proposed in February this year.

This new plan aims to maintain most of the natural and relatively unstructured nature of North Harbour Reserve as open space and for passive recreational use.

As background, the community has provided consistent input that North Harbour Reserve be conserved as a natural passive recreation area, with any changes or additions to be environmentally appropriate and with minimal impact.

Last Thursday, the Precinct viewed the draft version of the North Harbour Reserve masterplan, the same as that presented at the August meeting of the Foreshores Committee meeting.

While the majority of the plan was well received, the Precinct expressed concerns about a number of points in the plan and some of the recommendations made by the Landscape Management and Urban Design Committee and the Precinct submitted motions about these. In tonight's Council Report there are also additional points which are not aligned with the community's recommendations for this reserve.

The **first point** is the design of the proposed path through Burton's Bush on the

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northern side and heading south from King Avenue:

The community feedback about this path has consistently stated that any such path be constructed in environmentally sensitive manner using timber or similar materials and for this to be integrated sensitively into the bushland.

This has always been the message from the Precinct and the community representatives on the Harbour Foreshores Management Committee.

The LMUD suggest that "a stainless steel frame with mesh/recycled plastic ramp structure" be installed. In tonight's Report 19, the Access Committee suggests a ramp similar to that behind Manly Yacht Club. These proposed constructions are in opposition to the constant community feedback about this.

The community believes that careful design consideration be given to this path, that it is not an elevated ramp, and that it is designed specifically to sit lightly in the bush landscape with a low profile.

The **second point** is that the Precinct, on 2 September, has requested changes to the proposed path on the northern side of the reserve, linking to the Scenic Walkway.

The Precinct believes that the proposed path, as shown on the plan, will result in the loss of valuable parkland. The community group proposes that this path, **if it goes ahead**, follow the line of the rocks and bush as the path heads eastwards to join the Scenic Walkway. Please refer to the marked-up plan.

The **third point** is the maintaining of the hedge. The Precinct Community Forum has consistently stated that there is value in maintaining the eastern hedge as this area is used for ball sports for Balgowlah Boys, soccer training, touch football, cricket and is especially beneficial for groups of small children. The hedge also serves as a wind break. This was discussed at the previous Foreshores Management meeting and it seemed that there was agreement to maintain the hedge.

The **fourth point** is the suggestion to install lighting near a proposed seat on the

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water's edge. This has not been part of the community's discussions and was rejected at the Harbour Foreshores Management Committee meeting.

The Precinct strongly rejects the suggestion for additional lighting to be installed in the park, especially on the water's edge near the walkway. This is again to maintain the natural environment and to deter late night, anti-social activities.

The Precinct is also concerned about the proposed installation of water bubblers and signs located along the water's edge in the middle section on the scenic walkway in the Reserve. These would be eyesores in the middle of the walkway and likely to be vandalised.

The North Harbour and Balgowlah Precinct Community Forum requests that the changes suggested by the Precinct be made prior to the plan going to public exhibition. And that subsequently the community be consulted with any changes to the North Harbour Reserve to ensure that any such changes are designed in a sensitive and environmentally appropriate manner.

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North Harbour Reserve Landscape Masterplan

