



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 12 AUGUST 2010

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, Mayor	Manly Council (Chair)
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Superintendent Dave Darcy	Manly Police
Senior Constable Danielle Fletcher	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Doug Brooker	Manly Liquor Accord
Richard Wallace	The Corso Precinct
Will de Monchaux	Youth Council representative
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders representative
Monique Eggeling	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Amanda Watkins	MDECC representative
Mike Baird	NSW Member for Manly

Council Staff

Sue Johansson	Community Safety Coordinator
Beth Lawsen	Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities
Terry Jones	Manager Ranger Services
Jonathon Noyes	Youth & School Aged Services Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 12 August, 2010, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Dr Peter Macdonald, Malcolm Pearse, Doug Edmonds, Sam Johns and Doug Robertson.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2010 The minutes of the Community Safety Committee from 8 July 2010	

were adopted at the Planning & Strategy meeting of 2 August 2010. Amendment to Item 11.1:

- Regarding the issue of rejecting donations to political parties from hotels, clubs and the alcohol industry, Mike Baird has raised this rejection of donations twice, and will continue to raise this as an issue in Parliament.

The minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on 8 July 2010 were then confirmed by members.

ITEM 4 Report – NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics & Research LGA Crime Report Series for Manly 2009

This BOCSAR report provides an overview of crime in the Manly LAC for 2009, along with 24 month and 60 month trends. It provides maps which show hotspot locations and peak times for specific crimes. For the first time graffiti is shown separately from malicious damage.

The key trends are the same as those reported in the July meeting:

- Assault (non DV related) down by 17.4%
- Break and enter dwelling down by 31.0%
- Break and enter non-dwelling down by 45.9%
- Steal from motor vehicle down by 47.1%
- Fraud down by 2.4%
- Steal from retail store up by 55.7%

In 2009 72% of the 197 incidences of assault (non DV) in Manly were alcohol related, similar to 75% of the 253 incidences in 2008.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 5 Police Report

Superintendent Dave Darcy provided an update on key events in Manly:

- The Steyne has a new owner.
- One assault in the first week, there has been no incidents since then.
- New business model being developed for the venue, which focuses on Sunday to Thursday trade, not just the peak profit nights of Friday and Saturday. The internal use of the premises will also change, to attract a different clientele.
- The Shore Club has had two recent glassings.
- A DA may be lodged which will change the use to a restaurant. The Land and Environment Court have rejected the Appeal by The Shore Club to extend their hours.
- 2am closure remains in effect.

The Committee expressed a desire for Council to ensure premises are compliant with L & E court judgements.

- Local statistics show that approximately 60% of assaults are committed by those from north of Manly. Offenders tend to be 16 – 23 year olds.
- Superintendent Darcy believes that there is an opportunity to reduce the assault rate by an additional 10-20%.

Recommendation:

That the General Manager request Council's enforcement staff and Night Rangers monitor The Shore Club closure time of 2.00am, to ensure conditions regarding closing time are adhered to.

**GM/ Manager
Compliance &
Enforcement**

ITEM 6 Report – Section 79 Disturbance Complaint – deferred item from July meeting

The Committee discussed the merits of re-lodging the Section 79 Disturbance Complaint, and the need for feedback from NSW OLGR as to their requirements for such a submission.

Councillor Le Surf suggested that only one Section 79 be re-lodged and that Council provide evidence in support of a newly amended Manly Police Section 79.

The Liquor Accord Representative stated that:

- Given assault rates have dropped and given changes in ownership in Manly, is a Section 79 warranted?
- Self-imposed restrictions already include a cease service of alcohol at 3am.
- The Newcastle trial of earlier closing has led to 11 licensed premises closing.
- A possible flow-on effect to restaurants and other entertainment venues may occur, with the possibility of patrons choosing to go elsewhere for a night out.
- If there was a state-wide close at consistent time, that would be more equitable for licensees.

Superintendent Darcy reported that:

- letter written to NSW OLGR regarding the Manly Police Section 79 Disturbance Complaint, key points are expressing concern regarding the 16-month delay in response since the Police Section 79 was submitted;
- OLGR have informally requested additional information be submitted;
- requested clarity as to what type of evidence is required, and that this be conveyed at a meeting;
- proposes a new evaluation period, and will gather further evidence over the period 1 September 2010 to 31 January 2011;
- explained that there have been 5 malicious wounding incidents in Manly recently which involved glassing and young people being permanently disfigured, and
- believes that community feeling is strong on this issue. A period of gathering data between 1 September 2010 and 31 January 2011 will allow for a re-assessment of the alcohol-related assaults and anti-social behaviour at 31 January 2011.

The Committee expressed a desire to wait until NSW OLGR provides feedback on what specific evidence is required. It was acknowledged that the Section 79 would only apply to the venues which were problematic.

Mike Baird, Member for Manly stated:

- Has also written to NSW OLGR expressing concern and requesting attendance at a Community Safety Committee

- meeting
- Has asked questions of the Minister for Gaming & Racing in Parliament regarding the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord and its progress.
- will continue to support community solutions for community problems
- Committed to changing donations to political parties.

Recommendation:

That Manly Council strongly requests that NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing attend a meeting in Manly. The letter to NSW OLGR is to be copied to the Minister Kevin Greene. This meeting is required by Council and the Police to brief both Council and Manly Police on the methodology and the type of evidence required to satisfy the legal requirements for a Disturbance Complaint to be lodged and to be heard under Section 79 of the Liquor Act 2007.

GM/ IBM

ITEM 7 Report – Working Party to discuss Development Application and Liquor Licence consent conditions

Members of the Working Party expressed concern that consent conditions identified for a number of premises were still not being enforced.

- Members were reminded that the brief of the Working Party was that a matrix of DA and liquor license consent conditions be prepared and brought back to the Committee for consideration and discussion.
- The matrix is essential, this is the tool which Council and Police will use for enforcement purposes.
- Matrix to be presented at the September Community Safety Committee meeting by the Working party.

Members of the Working Party

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 8 Rangers' Report

Manager Ranger Services presented the statistics for July 2010. There was discussion regarding the use of bicycle racks and whether there were enough in the CBD for bike users. The Committee was advised that the matter of Bicycle racks was discussed by the Sustainable Transport Committee. Consideration was needed for available / access on The Corso for open public space.

Views were expressed that The Corso was to remain as is with the infrastructure in available sections, and some open areas remaining, to permit uses for public gatherings and entertainment.

Enforcement of the AFZ is applied by Night Rangers and Police, and licensed premises continue to refuse entry to persons observed consuming alcohol on approach to their venues.

Manager Ranger Services committed to providing a response on the enforcement and an indication of Rangers Peak time for enforcement.

Manager Ranger Services

Raglan Street/ North Steyne late night taxi rank

- Raglan Street taxi rank is often parked out on Friday and Saturday nights, and enforcement remains a priority.

- Ministry of Transport has requested Council to improve access and awareness to the secure taxi rank.
- Enforcement / operations and signage need improvement to assist and to direct both taxis and patrons to the Raglan Street/North Steyne Rank.
- Enforcement to be undertaken regularly to ensure the area is free of parked vehicles for both buses in the daytime and Taxis in the evenings - 7 days / 24 hours.
- Staff have requested improved signage to be produced and installed at this bus and taxi zone.
- A regular patrol of the bus/taxi rank by authorised officers, to ensure the area is free for taxis to access for patron transport services from 7.00pm each evening 7 days per week.

Recommendation:

That Council:

- Continues to ensure adequate enforcement of the late night taxi rank at Raglan Street by ensuring the rank is not parked out from 7.00pm each evening;
- That a report to the Committee is received on the enforcement of the area from 7.00pm (for example, the number of vehicles fined)
- Installs additional signs to direct both taxis and patrons to this location.

**Manager
Enforcement &
Compliance/
Community
Safety Co-
ordinator**

ITEM 9 Manly Liquor Accord Report

The Liquor Accord representative reported that the Liquor Accord AGM was held on 20 July 2010. In response to a concern raised by the representative of Mike Baird's office at the July meeting, both MDECC and Manly Police provided an overview of drink spiking issues for licensees at the AGM.

The Liquor Accord and Manly Licensing Police plan to hold working group meetings with small bar owners and restaurants in order to provide tips on responsibilities, signage and other licensing initiatives.

The Liquor Accord will continue to work closely with licensees to improve outcomes for the community.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 10 Report - Matters Arising: Items for Update

Outstanding items reported back to the Committee included:

<p>Recommendation that a report be requested on CCTV technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GM advises that "A report may be provided when the project is further progressed"
<p>Recommendation that the Committee investigate the use of two parking spaces in front of the Police Station, along with a trial of two locations for north and south bound late night taxis at Belgrave Street</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Traffic staff advises that parking spaces outside the Police Station could be needed whilst the Manly Police Station construction takes place. • At its meeting of 13 September, the Traffic Committee will take onboard the suggestion of two departure points for north and south bound late night taxis

<p>Recommendation that a trial temporary bin be positioned at 2 Sydney Road on Saturday and Sunday nights be tenant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bins for recycling and general waste have been installed. Council's Cleansing staff report a significant improvement in the amount of litter in the vicinity. No further action required.
<p>Recommendation that the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord Boundary be extended to include Ocean Beachfront, up to Ashburner Street, East and West Esplanade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter written to Communities NSW on 10 August to request addition to the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord Boundary. • Council's Ordinary Meeting of 9 August resolved to extend the existing AFZ. Public notification will now commence regarding this proposal, prior to the community awareness campaign being developed.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 11 GENERAL BUSINESS brought to the attention of the Chair prior to the start of the meeting and approved for consideration.

11.1 Need for better street lighting and public place lighting

- Coles in The Corso is closed for refurbishment, and this pedestrian area is quite dark.
- Concerns were expressed regarding late night safety due to the reduced lighting at Coles. Options for improved lighting will be investigated.
- Lighting is dim at the top of the War Memorial Gardens
- Many of the street lights along Sydney Road from Fairlight shops down to the Oval are not working. Request will be made of Energy Australia to repair.

**Community
Safety
Coordinator**

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Thursday 9 September 2010

Time: 8.00am – 10.00am

Venue: Councillor's Room

Meeting closed at 10.00am