



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER 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 Dr Peter Macdonald	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council

##### **Other Representatives**

Superintendent Dave Darcy	Commander, Manly Police
Snr Constable Danielle Fletcher	Crime Prevention Officer, Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Doug Robertson	Community Member
Malcolm Pearse	Department of Corrective Services
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Jay Zmijewski	State Transit Authority
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders representative
Richard Wallace	The Corso Precinct
Will de Monchaux	Manly Youth Council
Malcolm Pearse	Department of Corrective Services

##### **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

##### **Visitors**

Mischa Rado	Manly Youth Council (observer)
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#### **TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL**

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 11 November, 2010, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

**OPEN** The meeting commenced at 8.00am.

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
Apologies were received from Mike Baird Member for Manly, Melissa Palermo and Doug Edmonds, Manly Warringah Cabs.

**ACTION**

**ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2010**

The minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on 14 October 2010 were confirmed by members. These minutes were due to be adopted at the Ordinary meeting of 8 November 2010.

**ITEM 4 Report – Section 79 Disturbance Complaint**

Superintendent Darcy wrote to Mayor Jean Hay advising that the NSW Police had withdrawn their Section 79 Disturbance Complaint. Data lodged in association with the original Section 79 in 2009 was now dated and could not be considered valid. The decision to withdraw the Section 79 was based on the rejection by the Director General of NSW OLGR of the request by Manly Police to gather data for the 2010/2011 summer season.

Whilst improvements have been seen in Manly in the quarter reported, as alcohol related assaults have decreased, the Committee considered it important to collect data in the summer season and supported the Manly Police initiative to do so.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee acknowledges the withdrawal of the NSW Police Section 79 Disturbance Complaint and recommends that for the summer period until 31 January 2011:

- NSW Police continues to gather data relevant to licensed premises, and
- Council gathers data including noise complaints relevant to licensed premises.

**Superintendent Darcy/ Manager Compliance & Enforcement**

**ITEM 5 Report – Manly Precinct Liquor Accord**

A draft submission to the Manly PLA regarding a Footpath Strategy was tabled for the information of members. Members were asked for comments on this draft to be emailed directly to the Community Safety Coordinator by 16 November 2010 in order for this to be forwarded to Hassle Free Nights

**All members**

The next meeting for the Manly PLA has been arranged for 17 November 2010.

In terms of pedestrian safety, concerns were raised by Councillor Burns regarding the new open 'bar' windows at the Ivanhoe and The Steyne, especially in terms of the interface between drinkers and pedestrians walking past. The Committee requested that planning staff confirm whether these new 'bar' windows had been approved through the DA process.

**Community Safety Coordinator**

Whilst the Street Pastors were praised by Superintendent Darcy for their high visibility, it was suggested a greater connection be made between The Committee and Street Pastors.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends that Council invites Manly Street Pastors to nominate a representative to attend Community Safety Committee meetings to report on progress and the environment for Street Pastors.

**Community Safety Coordinator**

**ITEM 6 Report – Section 96 Modification regarding Manly Wharf Hotel**

The proposal to modify approved closing hours of the Manly Wharf Hotel restaurant deck and south facing deck from 10.00pm until 12.00 midnight Monday to Saturday was discussed. This request does not apply to the eastern verandah or the southern Jetty Bar.

One community representative advised that Little Manly Precinct had recommended the application be approved for the restaurant deck.

The Corso Precinct representative advised that in order to maintain consistency with the Manly Late Night DCP, The Corso Precinct had opposed the application.

Whilst there were suggestions by community representatives that it was appropriate that the restaurant deck be opened until midnight, the Committee resolved that as the proposal was not in line with the Manly Late Night Development Control Plan which states:

*“balconies and outside roof top areas shall be closed to patrons from 10pm until 8.00am”, that:*

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends that Council reject the Section 96 modification by the Manly Wharf Hotel to extend trading hours. That the Section 96 proposal does not reflect the intention and objectives prescribed within the Manly Late Night Development Control Plan (DCP) as follows: *“balconies and outside roof top areas shall be closed to patrons from 10pm until 8.00am”*.

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**ITEM 7 Police Report**

Superintendent Darcy reported that The Shore Club continues to emerge as the venue needing their attention. Patron density on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor could result in a fire risk. Superintendent Darcy continues to liaise with the Fire Brigade Chief regarding these concerns.

Superintendent Darcy advised that the move of the Police Station is likely to occur prior to Christmas.

Superintendent Darcy thanked Cllr Barbara Aird regarding her Notice of Motion to Council for support of the Coalition of Emergency Services Workers at the recent Local Government & Shires Association conference.

The “Last Drinks” campaign calls for tougher licensing restrictions on hotels, clubs and the alcohol industry. All Councils unanimously supported this motion, which was also addressed by Scott Weber, President of the NSW Police Association. A letter of thanks has been received by Mayor Jean Hay for Council’s public support of this campaign.

The Committee discussed how to progress Council’s support for the campaign, and Councillor Aird suggested a banner be produced to encourage the community to also show support.

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends that:

- A banner be prepared to raise awareness in the community of Council’s support for the NSW coalition of Police Officers, Doctors, Nurses and Ambulance Officers who are abused

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Safety  
Coordinator**

intimidated, threatened, assaulted and injured frequently because of alcohol-fuelled violence.

- The President of the NSW Police Association be invited to launch Council's banner in support of the "Last Drinks" campaign in Manly.

**ITEM 8 Rangers' Report**

The Manager Ranger Services presented Rangers statistics for October 2010.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 9 Manly Liquor Accord Report**

With no representative of the Liquor Accord available, there was nothing to report.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 10 Report – Working Party to discuss Development Application and Liquor Licence consent conditions**

Members of the Working Party were asked by the Chair to provide feedback to the Committee.

The Corso Precinct representative advised that there had been no progress on this issue and that the Manager Compliance & Enforcement had offered to complete the matrix for the Working Party.

Cllr Burns expressed concern that Night Rangers and Council enforcement staff were unable to enforce DA conditions. Superintendent Darcy advised that the matrix needed to be brought back to the Committee by the Working Party for enforcement to occur.

Some members of the Working Party expressed concern they had not been fully involved in discussions of the Working Party. The last meeting of the Working Party was in May 2010.

The Committee agreed that the Working Party should meet as soon as possible to discuss how to progress the matrix, and that every member of the Working Party be invited. The Chair invited the Working Party members to confirm a date after the Committee meeting had concluded.

**Recommendation:**

That all members of the Working Party be invited to a meeting to discuss how to progress the matrix for enforcement purposes, and that this be reported back to the Committee as a matter of urgency.

**ITEM 11 Report – Proposed meeting dates for 2011**

The Committee observed the suggested meeting dates for 2011, as provided by the Secretariat.

**Recommendation:**

That the Committee approves the schedule of meeting dates proposed for the Community Safety Committee for 2011.

**Members of the Working Party/  
Manager Compliance & Enforcement**

**Secretariat**

**ITEM 12 Report - Matters Arising: Items for Update**

Outstanding items reported back to the Committee included:

<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"> <li>• Endorsed by Traffic Committee's meeting of 8 November. Onsite meeting to be arranged with Traffic Police and Manly Warringah Cabs to discuss location and signage.</li> </ul>
<p>Recommendation to install additional signs to direct both taxis and patrons to the Raglan Street taxi rank.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council's Graphic Artist have drafted high visibility signage at the rank, along with a flyer to be promoted in licensed premises directing patrons to Raglan Street taxi rank</li> </ul>
<p>Recommendation that Council write to the Minister for Health to reject the practice of promoting alcohol consumption at sporting functions and through sporting facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter sent from General Manager.</li> <li>• Consultation Paper regarding the expansion of the National Binge Drinking Strategy – community sponsorship fund to provide alternative to alcohol sponsorship for community sporting and cultural organisations is on display, comments due by 19 November 2010.</li> </ul>
<p>Recommendation that Council write to Communities NSW and recommend that the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord implement the following strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• subsidise the STA bus number 151 Saturday night 2.27am and 3.02am services</li> <li>• Develop a coordinated approach to the promotion of all late night transport options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter to be prepared</li> </ul>
<p>Recommendation that Council writes to the Taxi Council to investigate and report back to the Committee on the introduction of incentives to attract late night taxis to Manly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter to be prepared</li> </ul>
<p>Recommendation that the General Manager consider the establishment of a Working Party to include Council staff representatives with the appropriate expertise in transport to develop an integrated late night strategy for Manly to then report back to the Community Safety Committee.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal meeting held on 4 November 2010 with key stakeholders to progress potential solutions:</li> </ul> <p><b>Manly Night Shuttle:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ needs greater promotion to enable it to attract more patrons, and put more buses on</li> <li>○ needs to have designated pick up points along the Ocean Beachfront.</li> <li>○ is needed 2am – 3.30am.</li> <li>○ Needs extended exemption to operate beyond April 2011</li> </ul> <p><b>Late night transport marketing:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manly PLA may fund the printing of more late night transport wallet</li> </ul>

	<p>cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to promote all transport options by regular training sessions with security staff of ALL licensed premises</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manly PLA meeting on 17 November will discuss funding of possible transport solutions</li> <li>○ Consider meeting with Working Party after Manly PLA meeting.</li> </ul>
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**Recommendation:**

To create a late night northern transport hub for patrons leaving licensed premises along the ocean beachfront, the Committee supports the placement of a departure point for the Manly Night Shuttle adjoining the existing Taxi rank at the current and marked layback bus/taxi location at the junction of Raglan Street and North Steyne.

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**ITEM 13 GENERAL BUSINESS** brought to the attention of the Chair prior to the start of the meeting and approved for consideration.

**13.1 Letter received from Doug Robertson**

This item was deferred from the October Committee meeting.

Mr Robertson, community representative, has written to both Council and Superintendent Darcy concerns ongoing crime and late night anti-social behaviour in Manly and the Northern Beaches.

The Committee discussed the need to conduct another late night community safety audit, and resolved:

**Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends that Council and Manly Police hold a late night community safety audit between 12.00 midnight and 3.00am on the night of Saturday 5 February 2011, and that all Committee members and representatives from Precinct Community Forums be invited to attend.

**Community Safety Coordinator**

**13.2 White Ribbon Day**

The Committee was reminded that 25 November 2010 is White Ribbon Day which supports the elimination of violence against women.

At the December Committee meeting, the Manly Community Centre Senior Welfare Worker will be making a presentation on domestic violence and the services which the Centre offers.

**Recommendation:**

That the information was received and noted.

**13.3 Feedback from Community Representative**

A community representative reported that:

- Sydney Water continued their work in Manly, and that residents on Eastern Hill were concerned about traffic issues along Darley Road.
- The North Head Sewage Treatment Plan was found to be pumping more solids out than allowed.

- The Member for Manly recently moved a Notice of Motion in Parliament on 27 October regarding alcohol related violence in Manly and the refusal by the NSW Government to extend the liquor license freeze to Manly or to consider earlier closing times in Manly.

**Recommendation:**

That the information was received and noted.

**ITEM 14 NEXT MEETING DATE:**

**Date: Thursday 10 December 2010**

**Time: 8.00am – 10.00am**

**Venue: Councillor's Room**

Meeting closed at 9.55am