



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2009

*NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meeting.*

#### PRESENT:

##### Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor	Manly Council – Chair
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

##### Other Representatives

Superintendent Dave Darcy	Manly Police
Leading Senior Constable, Danielle Fletcher	Crime Prevention Officer, Manly Police
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Tanny Mangos	Representative of Member for Manly
Malcolm Pearse	Department of Corrective Services
Richard Wallace	The Corso Precinct
John McShane	Manly Warringah Taxis
Lauren Stracey	Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Shelley de Courcy Lys	State Transit Authority
Brian White	State Transit Authority
Doug Brooker	Manly Liquor Accord
Francois Nila	Late Night Food Traders representative

##### Council Staff

Sue Johansson	Community Safety Coordinator
Terry Jones	Manager, Ranger Services
Beth Lawsen	Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities

#### TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 12 November, 2009, 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 received from:

- Cllr Dr Peter MacDonald
- Sidar Demirbag - Late night food traders representative
- Doug Robertson – community member

**ACTION**

Welcome extended to:

- Leading Senior Constable Danielle Fletcher, newly appointed Crime Prevention Officer for Manly Police
- Shelley de Courcy Lys, Depot Manager, Brookvale who is replacing Tony Haven from STA
- Brian White, Duty Manager, Brookvale
- Francois Nila, representing late night food traders

**ACTION**

**ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2009 AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the Community Safety Committee from 8 October 2009 were adopted by Council at the Planning & Strategy meeting of 2 November 2009.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1 Drinkwise 'Building Safer Drinking Cultures Innovation Grants'**  
Funding application submitted to LGSA Healthy Communities on 29 October 2009 for a 'Stay safe in Manly' project targeting young female international students to raise awareness of risky drinking behaviour and provide links to local services (e.g. sexual health services, sexual assault services, Manly Community Centre).

**Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

- 3.2 Report - Council's Road Safety Officer regarding road safety and late night transport**

The Taxi rank at the end of Raglan Street has security from 7pm on Friday and Saturday nights, but is sometimes parked out. Council parking officers will enforce until 7pm and then Council Rangers until 9pm. Manly Police have indicated they are able to monitor the rank, and security staff will contact them if assistance to enforce the rank is needed.

**Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

- 3.3 Item 4: Liquor License and Development Application consent conditions**

At the Planning & Strategy meeting of 2 November 2009, this item and recommendation from the Community Safety Committee minutes of 8 October 2009 was submitted for formal adoption by Council. The following resolution was adopted:

"That a report be prepared to inform the Community Safety Committee of the following issues in relation to commercial late night licensed premises in the Manly CBD:

ii) Implementation of the Management Plan of each of the commercial late night operating licensed premises by the licensees and their staff/agents in accordance with the conditions set by Development consent.

ii) Advise the Community Safety Committee of the timeframe in which this report can be presented.

**ACTION**

The General Managers Note to this item was:

"I advised the Council at the meeting that a number of the recommendations proposed are not possible as Council must assess each Application on merit and Management Plans are only provided for Major establishments. I advised the Council that all complaints are investigated by our Compliance Officers and Council do not have the resources or the capability of having Officers on Duty 24 hours /Day. I advised that I would provide a report to the Community Safety Committee answering all of their enquiries".

A report will therefore be prepared for the December meeting of the Community Safety Committee.

**Recommendation**

The Committee requests that as per the General Manager's Note, a report be provided to the Community Safety Committee for the 10 December 2009 meeting.

**GM/  
Environmental  
Services  
Division**

**ITEM 4 MANLY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

As per the report attached to this agenda item, the first meeting of the Manly Community Safety Partnership was held on 28 October 2009. Communities NSW requested that Council complete an 'action table' to be provided to the Community Safety Committee for comment. This will be reported back to Communities NSW and aims to reflect what Council will continue to do, or proposes to do to in relation to strategies to reduce alcohol-related violence.

The Community Safety Committee presented a draft action table to the Committee for discussion and consideration.

The Mayor expressed her disappointment at not being invited to participate in this initiative. The Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities indicated that communication so far had been at an 'officer' level at the request of NSW Communities and that once a plan had been developed the Council and other key publics would be consulted.

A communications strategy will be set up and all external communication will be handled by Communities NSW.

The next Meeting is scheduled for 26 November 2009, Council will have the opportunity to show the Partnership the many strategies which Council has put in place to manage the CBD late at night and to receive their feedback.

The draft action table will be emailed to all Committee members for their consideration and comment in order for this to be forwarded to Communities NSW prior to the meeting of 26 November 2009.

**Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 5 POLICE REPORT**

Presentation:

Superintendent Darcy gave a powerpoint presentation which highlighted the extent of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in

**ACTION**

Manly. Superintendent Darcy has agreed to provide a copy of this presentation with these minutes which:

- highlighted the high incidence of urination in the Manly CBD late at night,
- in his experience this was more of an issue in Manly than any of the other areas he had worked in.

The Committee discussed the need for a campaign to raise awareness that urination in public could result in a criminal infringement and a \$500 fine.

The Manly Liquor Accord representative pointed out that the floodlights at the back of The Ivanhoe had significantly reduced urination in that location.

The playground in The Corso was frequently used late at night, with the suggestion that a sensor light could deter offenders.

#### Manly Community Safety Partnership

Superintendent Darcy reported that whilst the Manly Community Safety Partnership had included a strategy of 'deployment of extra Police in Manly on high risk nights', it was unclear where funding for this strategy would come from. Superintendent Darcy would like to suggest a 'user pays' system of taxing licensed premises to provide additional Police in Manly. He reminded the Committee that there are greater numbers of police on the streets in Manly on Friday and Saturday nights than Kings Cross. Superintendent Darcy suggested that the 'bump out' from late night licensed premises needs to be better coordinated.

#### Gilbert Park

There has been significant concern from local residents about the deterioration of public amenity in this area due to two groups of homeless people who have been creating a disturbance in this location. Superintendent Darcy reported that there appear to be two groups, one being the 'local' homeless, and the second being a group of people who appear to be mostly petty criminals. They are not homeless, as have their own homes. Unfortunately the Welfare Officer from the Manly Community Centre, who was particularly successful in providing accommodation and services for homeless people in Manly, has left. Police have had strong presence in Gilbert Park, and have had been trying to move these people on, however this may displace the situation elsewhere. Manly rarely experiences robberies, however there have been several lately, and it is strongly suspected that this group of people may be responsible. Police request that they be advised if temporary bases for these 'homeless' people are located elsewhere. They are attempting to move them out of the Manly area. Council cleansing teams and Rangers will be requested to contact Police if it is found that these 'homeless' people are making their homes elsewhere.

#### **Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

#### **ITEM 6 RANGERS' REPORT**

Rangers' Report included the following for the month of September:

**Community  
Safety  
Coordinator**

**ACTION**

Abandoned vehicles	63
Fines, boards, bikes, blades	0
General warnings boards, bikes and blades	296
Dangerous Dog investigations	2
Noise complaints night rangers	38
Homeless persons complaints	2
Smoking cautions/fines	0

Noise complaints dealt with by night rangers are mostly private parties.

**Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 7 Manly Liquor Accord Report**

Chair of the Liquor Accord advised the Committee that a person has been appointed who is now responsible for the administration of the Accord.

The Accord met on Tuesday 10 November 2009. Initiatives which members of The Accord are being asked to consider are:

- all bottle shops in Manly (including those owned by Woolworths and Coles) to refuse service to obviously homeless and/or intoxicated people who attempt to purchase take away liquor.
- all bottle shops in Manly (including those owned by Woolworths and Coles) to reduce the range of RTD's (ready to drink alcoholic beverages) available for purchase which have a high alcohol content. By voluntary agreement, most venues within Manly no longer serve RTD's above 5% alcohol content.
- Hotels in Manly to restructure their cocktail menu to reduce the percentage of alcohol in cocktails which are served in order to reduce alcohol related harm.

The Accord is also represented on the Manly Community Safety Partnership and will be requesting that additional policing is provided in Manly as part of this initiative.

**Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 8 REPORT – Late night Community Safety Audit**

Manly Police provided further information and background to the late night Community Safety Audit which will be conducted on Saturday 14 November (midnight to 3.00am).

All those intending to participate were asked to meet at 11.45pm at the Manly Council Chambers front door for a briefing in the foyer.

Several members indicated their willingness to attend, including two representatives from Little Manly and one representative from The Corso Precinct, one from Fairlight Precinct, Councillors Alan Le Surf and Hugh Burns, the Community Safety Coordinator, Superintendent Darcy, the Crime Prevention Officer and the Crime Coordinator.

**Resolved**

**ACTION**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 9 REPORT – Proposed Committee meeting dates for 2010**

The Committee accepted the proposed meeting dates for the Community Safety Committee for 2010 as per the report provided with the agenda.

**Recommendation**

The Committee recommends to Council that the proposed meeting dates for the Community Safety Committee for 2010 be approved.

**ITEM 10 REPORT – Safer Nights Out**

The Committee were provided with a new resource prepared by the NSW Government. A representative from the Liquor Accord Delivery Unit of NSW Office of Liquor Gaming & Racing brought this to the attention of those at the Manly Liquor Accord meeting of 10 November 2009.

Members can view this resource at:

[http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/safer\\_nights\\_out.asp](http://www.olgr.nsw.gov.au/safer_nights_out.asp)

**Resolved**

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 U Drink We Drive**

There is a new business coming to Northern Beaches: U Drink We Drive ([www.udrinkwedrive.com.au](http://www.udrinkwedrive.com.au)) – this company presented to the Manly Liquor Accord on 10 November 2009.

The Committee agreed this was a welcome addition to the area which would hopefully provide options for late night patrons and reduce the incidence of drink drinking.

**Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.2 Manly Magistrate**

An invitation was extended to the Magistrate of Manly Court to present to a meeting of the Community Safety Committee.

Magistrate Quinn has declined to attend, as it may not be appropriate for her to make public comment in relation to matters that may be associated with issues before the Court.

**Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.3 Events in Manly**

Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities reported that Council has introduced the World Food markets on Fridays 5pm – 9pm (pilot for one month), and the Saturdays at Sunset programme is continuing 5pm – 7pm on Saturdays. Both events are proving popular with the community and are successfully bringing families into The Corso in the early evenings on Friday and Saturday.

**ACTION**

**Resolved**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING DATE:**

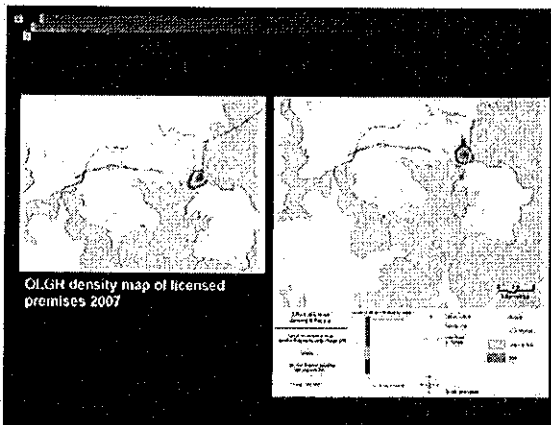
**Date:** Thursday 10 December 2009  
**Time:** 8.00am – 10.00am  
**Venue:** Councillor's Room

Meeting closed at 10.05am

**Community Safety  
Presentation  
November 2009**

**So far, in 2009**

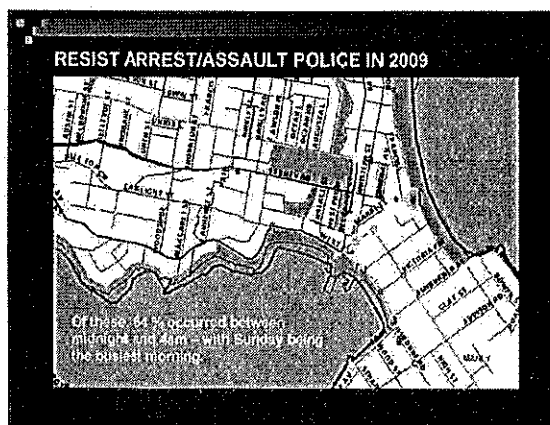
**70% of the 242 assaults  
reported to police were  
alcohol related**



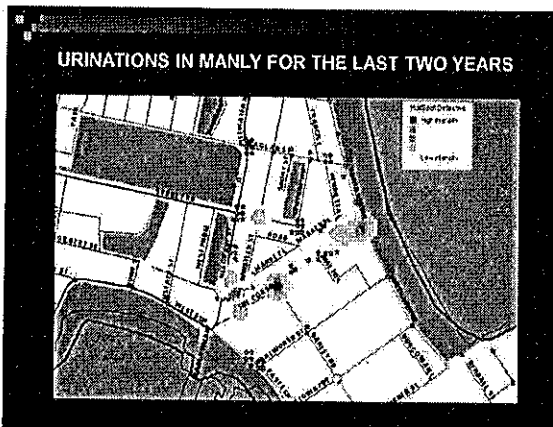
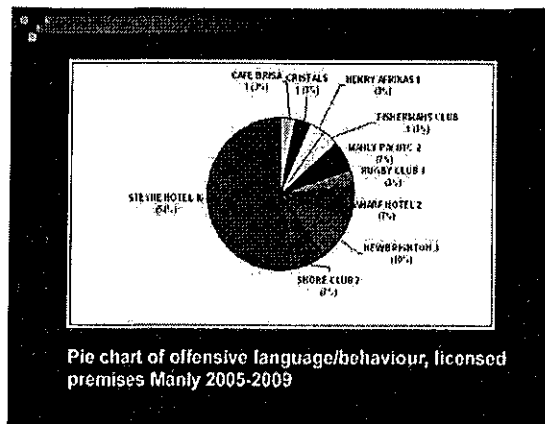
**For the month of October, 64%  
of assaults in Manly LAC were  
alcohol-related.**

**State-wide, the percentage of  
alcohol-related assaults for the  
same period was 45%.**

**So far in 2009,  
89% of the 55 resist/ hinder/  
assault police officer  
offences in Manly were  
alcohol related**



So far in 2009,  
87% of the 291 street offences  
were alcohol related

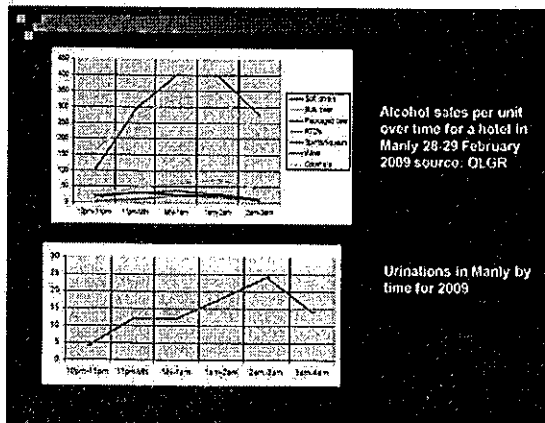


Police have detected people urinating:

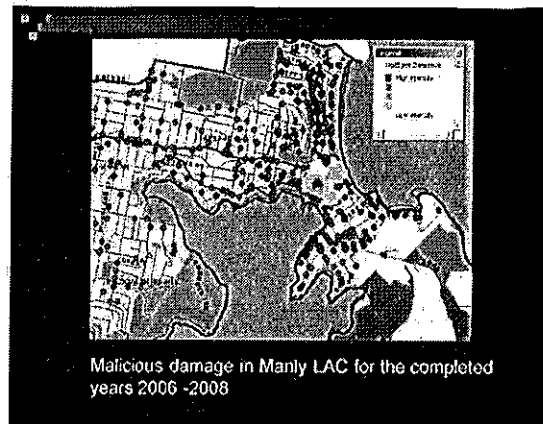
- On the door and walls of St Matthews Church
- On the nearby children's playground
- On shop doors and windows along Sydney Rd and The Corso. In one detection, the urine ran down the window, under the shop door and pooled inside the shop. This is not an unusual occurrence

Police have detected people urinating:

- While walking along the street, eating pies and kebabs
- While walking along the street with BOTH arms folded behind the offender's head
- While being held aloft by friends on the roadway, so the female offender didn't soil her clothing.



So far in 2009,  
78% of the 355 move on offences  
were alcohol related and  
13% of the 381 malicious damage  
offences were alcohol related



The End