



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2011

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

Other Representatives

Superintendent David Darcy	Manly Police
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Doug Robertson	Community Member
Malcolm Pearse	Corrections NSW
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Mike Baird MP	State Member
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Amanda Watkins	MDECC
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders Rep
Stacey Randell	Manly Chamber of Commerce

Council Staff

Beth Lawsen	Divisional Manager Human Services & Facilities
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator
Terry Jones	Manager Ranger Services

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 10 November, 2011 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 Doug Robertson, Doug Edmonds, Wade Mitford, Jonathon Noyes

Welcome: Mike Baird MP
Gerard Dore – Licensee Steyne Hotel – Liquor Accord Rep
L/Snr Cst Sascha Orrock – Licensing Police

ACTION

ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES AND ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATION FROM MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2011

Minutes were adopted at the Planning and Strategy Meeting of 7 November 2011.

ITEM 4 POLICE REPORT

Superintendent Darcy reported:

The New Brighton Hotel is due open at the end of the month. Police are aware that it will have an impact on the area and are building relationships with the managers. (Further discussed in Item 9.3)

The Shore Club has had issues with cocaine use in the premises which is subject of police attention. Working with new owner, Matthew Duffy to reduce violence including the introduction of a license scanning system.

Parking Permits

L/Snr Cst Nakhla has asked that the emerging problem of cars being broken into for parking permits be included in the report. She has written a letter (tabled) asking that the issue be considered.

Committee discussed the issue with agreement that there had been complaints about misuse of the permits particularly in Ocean Beach and Little Manly precincts where a large number of commuter's vehicles are observed to park all day and are gone by the evening.

The police also believe they also are taken by itinerant backpackers living in cars or vans. The more congested and restricted an area is to park in the more valuable the parking permit becomes.

The problem can be reduced by initiating a parking permit system where the permit is matched to the vehicle registration number instead of the resident's address such as Waverley Council is operating.

Recommendation:

That Council implements a system as soon as possible that issues permits to an authorised resident vehicle registration rather than simply issuing generic permits to a resident address, in order to combat an ongoing issue of steal from motor vehicle and black market trading of resident parking permits.

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ITEM 5 RANGERS REPORT

Terry Jones reported on the monthly ranger statistics. Increase in the attention to smoking fines/cautions – two smoking fines issued. VandalTrak has been trialled and implemented via Council's website. Will be promoted through precincts. The system will identify hotspots. Police also will have access. Litter patrols will commence through summer. Rangers will be tasked to patrol every afternoon. Concern raised about fires being lit in Little Manly Point Park and lack of response. Advised to keep calling police.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 6 MANLY LIQUOR ACCORD REPORT

Gerard Dore (Steyne Hotel Licensee) attended the meeting representing the Accord and the Chair – Steve Grove- Jones. He reported that the new executive has met and attended an Accord workshop with the Police. Learned about some other good Accords such as Eastern Suburbs and Gladesville. Will be looking at different models to raise money – for this year it is \$100 per venue with all 131 venues being invoiced the same amount. There is an expectation that the larger, late night venues will contribute more to any initiatives. Currently building mailing lists, information gathering with a view to improved communication and some productive long term actions. Next general meeting is on 6 December.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 7 HOMELESSNESS

At the Planning and Strategy Meeting held on 10 October it was resolved:

That:

1. Council refer the document for further comment on Homelessness to a Working Sub Group Committee of the Safety Committee.
2. Council invite the Sub Committee Working Group to develop a homeless person's protocol.
3. The Working Sub Committee develop a policy on homelessness or advise the Council on the policy of the Homeless based on the model Local Government Policy.
4. Council identify sources of revenue both for servicing those who are Homelessness and look at providing housing.
5. Council endorse Mr Digby Hughes membership of the Working Sub Committee.

An initial meeting of the working group has been scheduled for next Thursday 17 November. The first meeting will commence discussions on the issues as per the resolution. It is anticipated that the group will operate on a finite basis meeting on a task oriented,

six weekly basis.

The following members who expressed interest and relevant staff have been invited to attend and include:

Councillors: Cr Aird
Cr LeSurf
Cr Burns/Cr McDonald (share)

Staff: Terry Jones
Anna Nikolov (Community Development Officer)
Beth Lawsen
Leanne Martin

NGOS: Jacqueline Smith
Brett Mitchell

Police: Supt Darcy
L/Snr Cst Nakhla

In addition Digby Hughes – Policy and Research Officer from Homelessness NSW has been invited. Other service providers/guests/experts will be invited as required to subsequent meetings.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 8 MATTERS ARISING: ITEMS FOR UPDATE

8.1 Correspondence from Mike Baird and Minister for Transport 9 June 2011 Recommendation:

That Council requests the local Member for Manly facilitate a meeting with the Minister for Transport and Council to discuss the need for additional taxi licence plates to be issued conditional on servicing late night Manly.

Update

Replies received are attached to agenda. The letter from the Minister for Transport asks that Council participate in the 2012/2013 taxi licence determination process including the number of additional licences and any conditions we believe necessary.

Some research will be needed for this type of submission in consultation with Manly Cabs. Suggestions from committee to be included are ongoing problems of the 3am changeover timing; dealing with short trips and refusals, better customer service and feedback as to cab whereabouts and response times. It is unclear when this process commences but the Minister has asked that Council be advised.

Recommendation:

That Council consider a submission to the 2012/2013 taxi licence determination process upon notification of the call for submissions from the Department of Transport.

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8.2

CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

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The Crime Prevention Plan was endorsed by the Attorney General on 18 October 2011 and is effective for a three year period. We are now eligible for up to \$50,000 grant funding per annum to implement the actions in the plan. The current grant funding round applications close on 25 November.

We want to apply for the maximum amount in order to fund a project officer to develop and implement the Late Night Transport and the Education component of the Action Plan including:

ACTION 1.2	Raise awareness of late night transport options and encourage usage by development of late night transport resources
ACTION 1.3	Trained peer educators to provide information to patrons in The Corso on Saturday night to encourage greater use of late night transport options and hubs
ACTION 2.1	'Stay Safe' – target high risk groups of international students, backpackers and visitors by producing resource to raise awareness of key safety issues concerning alcohol, responsibility and local services
ACTION 2.2	'Safer Bars' - educate licensed premises staff from late night trading premises on handling aggressive patrons, raising awareness of AFZ locations and late night transport options and fail to quit responsibilities

Recommendation:

That Council make application for grant funding from NSW Crime Prevention for \$50,000 to fund a project officer to implement the strategies as detailed in the Crime Prevention Plan.

8.3

NATIONAL BINGE DRINKING STRATEGY GRANT APPLICATIONS

The committee requested last month that a copy of the application be circulated once complete.

Attached to the agenda is a final copy of the application which has been submitted by Warringah Council on behalf of the SHOROC partner councils including Manly. The proposed project is about shifting the social norms of binge drinking and encouraging young people to socialise at alcohol free events by promoting them on a smart phone app.

Total grant applied for is \$244,805.

It is highly competitive so we await the outcome and will advise the committee once the result is received by Warringah Council. Chair advised she will establish why Manly would not sign the application.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted

8.4

PORTABLE URINAL REPORT

**Planning and Strategy Meeting on Monday 7th November
Council resolved:**

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1. That the program of providing portable urinals not proceed.
2. That Council develops an action plan with the Community Safety Committee before the summer period including consultation with the local hotels and police.
3. That the action plan go back to the Community Safety Committee to review.

It was reported that the Council did not agree to go ahead with the urinals as they were not the right image for Manly – they bring the ‘tone’ of the place down. This view was reinforced by the opposing views of St Matthews church and the owners of properties near Henrietta lane.

Committee discussed whether the urinals be reconsidered If funding could be generated from late night venues or other sources or if they were not located too close to St Matthews church. Discussed other options to reduce problem including issues of intoxication and the onus on personal responsibility.

Gerard Dore, Steyne Hotel Licensee stated that in his experience no matter what initiatives a venue puts in place seven out of ten young males leave a venue and only make it a few metres before they urinate.

Committee could not establish any firm actions that should be expected to reduce the problem but the actions that will be implemented include:

- Liquor Accord meeting is on 6 December – it can be put on their agenda for discussion
- A late night safety audit of the three 24 hours public toilets will be conducted to examine if there are obstacles to usage.
- More visible signage near the venues displaying location of toilets.

It was generally agreed that there is no easy answer to reducing the problem but Police will continue to fine the offenders at \$220. Superintendent Darcy believes that there are not too many repeat offenders once a person has been fined once. The Committee will continue to monitor the problem with a view to a more permanent solution.

Recommendation:

That Council support the following short term actions to assist with the problem of late night public urination:

- involving the Liquor Accord;
- conducting a late night safety audit of the 24 hour toilets;
- displaying more visible directional signage and
- ongoing enforcement by Police.

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHAIR PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND APPROVED FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 Proposed Meeting Dates for 2012

The Secretariat have forwarded a schedule of the meeting dates for 2012 starting on 9 February and following every 2nd Thursday of the month.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

9.2 ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME DEALT WITH AS FIRST ITEM

Mike Baird addressed the committee about the State Government's current position on alcohol related crime concerns. This was in response to a letter from the Mayor arising from recommendations from this committee, specifically about the high level of alcohol related crime from the Ivanhoe and the Shore Club compared to the rest of the North West Region. Mr Baird tabled a letter of reply (see attached) and announced the State Government's recent 'Three Strikes and You're Out' policy. It is intended that this legislation will be a disincentive to rogue operators by ensuring severe penalties and ultimate disqualification will be imposed by premises who continue to breach the Liquor Act. The strikes are against the premises and not an individual. The individual breaches remain for three years and convictions = strikes.

In respect of Trading Hours Mr Baird stated that the community has an opportunity for input but there shouldn't be a 'one size fits all'. Conditions need to be on individual premises on case by case. Committee agreed it was an advance on the 'Name and Shame' approach as it is a real threat to the business owners investments. Discussed Steyne Hotel and the change in operations where focus is on earlier trade trying to shift reliance on costly later trading. This has been very effective and has ultimately shifted Steyne Hotel from the second most problematic venue in the State to beyond the top 200. Police reiterated that the 1.30am lockout only operates on Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr Baird encouraged the Committee to continue to request his assistance and involve him in any issues of concern in the area that he may be able to assist with.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

9.3

NEW BRIGHTON HOTEL

The New Brighton Hotel is believed to be opening on 28 November. After being closed for 2 years it is inevitable that this venue will impact on late night issues around the CBD.

The owners have submitted an S.96 which asks that a variety of their previously approved conditions be changed or removed. Police have prepared a submission. There has already been a large number of community objections received by Council particularly about noise and their proposed change of use from 'entertainment' on one floor at a time to all four levels at once as well as the change of use to the rooftop bar.

The Community Safety Co-ordinator is meeting with Planning and Compliance staff on Friday to discuss the S96 and ensuring objections to changes that impact on Community Safety issues be included in Council's submission.

Recommendation:

That Council ensures that issues impacting community safety be addressed in the S96 application by the New Brighton Hotel.

9.4

BEACHSIDE CLINIC

Amanda Watkins informed the committee about the recent opening of the Beachside Clinic which is a Sexual Health Service located at 14 Pittwater Road, Manly and opened 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. It is targeting young people 25 and prevention of STDs with this free clinic. Also supported by MDECC trained peer educators who will be promoting health messages to young people during summer.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

9.5

MANLY WOMEN'S SHELTER

Jacqui Smith informed the Committee that in the one year since the shelter opened 51 women from the Northern Sydney area have been accommodated for a variety of reasons including escaping domestic violence and homelessness. They have 12 beds available including two crisis spaces.

The Manly Community Centre is also running a Men's Anger Management Program with good success. Malcolm Pearse,

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Corrections NSW advised that they will soon commence their own program which will cater to repeat offenders and free up more space for the MCC program.

Recommendation:

That the information is received and noted.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Thursday 8 December 2011
Time: 8.00am – 10.00am
Venue: Councillor's Room

Meeting Closed: 9.50am

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TO: Community Safety Committee

MEETING DATE: 8 December 2011

AUTHOR: Leanne Martin, Community Safety Coordinator

SUBJECT: **Item 9:1 Publications relevant to community safety**

1. INTRODUCTION

For the information of Committee members, this report provides details of recently released reports which are relevant to community safety.

2. INFORMATION

Recent publications include two from the City of Sydney regarding the late night economy. The following link to the documents is provided, where the reports can be downloaded for further reading:

1. City of Sydney – Discussion Paper OPEN
<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/Business/CityEconomy/LateNightTrading.asp>

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee considers the information within this report.

Leanne Martin
Community Safety Coordinator
Community Safety Committee
1 December 2011

ATTACHMENT: N/A



TO: Community Safety Committee

MEETING DATE: 8 December 2011

AUTHOR: Secretariat

SUBJECT: **Proposed Committee meeting dates for 2012**

1. INTRODUCTION

Below are proposed meeting dates for the Community Safety Committee for 2012. **All Council Sub - Committees will cease meeting in August due to Council elections and will resume once the new Council have been elected.**

2. INFORMATION

The following table sets out the proposed meeting dates for the Community Safety Committee meetings for 2012. The meetings have been scheduled for the second Thursday of the month, to commence at 8.00am, Manly Town Hall, 1 Belgrave Street, Manly for a maximum of 2 hours, as per the current meeting schedule.

Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	April 2012	May 2012	June 2012	July 2012	Aug 2012	Sept 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2012	Dec 2012
-	9	8	12	10	14	12	9	-	-	-	-

3. RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed dates for 2012 be approved.

Secretariat
Corporate Services Division

Date: 30 November 2011