



## MINUTES OF MEETING

### COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2011

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

#### PRESENT:

##### Councillors

Cllr Alan Le Surf (Chair)	Manly Council
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Dr Peter Macdonald	Manly Council

##### Other Representatives

LSC Danielle Fletcher	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Doug Robertson	Community Member
Wayne Stanford	State Transit Authority
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Captain Brett Mitchell	Street Pastors
Malcolm Pearse	Department of Corrective Services
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre

##### Council Staff

Sue Johansson	Community Safety Coordinator
Terry Jones	Manager Ranger Services
Tony Pavlovic	Manager Compliance & Regulatory Services

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

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 10 March, 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:

Cllr Jean Hay, Mayor  
Superintendent Dave Darcy and LSC Bronwyn Nakhla, Manly Police  
Mike Baird, Member for Manly  
Anthony Christie, STA  
Richard Wallace, The Corso Precinct  
Sidar Demirbag, Late night food traders representative  
Doug Edmonds, Manly Warringah Cabs  
Terry Jones, Manager Ranger Services  
Beth Lawsen, Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities  
Jonathan Noyes, Youth & School Aged Services Coordinator

**ACTION**

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	<b>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 FEBRUARY 2010</b>	
	The minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on 10 February 2010 were confirmed by members. These minutes were adopted at the Planning & Strategy Meeting of 7 March 2011.	
ITEM 4	<b>Report – Manly Precinct Liquor Accord</b>	
	Following the recommendation of the 9 December 2010 Committee meeting, letters from the General Manager have been sent to the Director General of Communities, Minister for Gaming & Racing and Opposition Minister objecting to the exclusion of the Manly Liquor Accord Extended Trading Premises Local Agreement from the Manly PLA measures, and expressing disappointment at the small financial contribution towards the Manly PLA initiatives.	
	The Committee considered an email dated 26 February 2011 and attachments received from Hassle Free Nights (provided in the report attached to the Agenda) which outlines mandatory, voluntary and existing measures to form part of license conditions for mandatory participants in the Manly PLA.	
	Of particular concern to the Committee was the mandatory licence condition: <i>Undertake a Precinct Safety Assessment as part of your Venue Safety (or equivalent) Plan</i> . It is unclear whether licensees have the skills to conduct a Precinct Safety Assessment. The Committee requested that Communities NSW provide feedback as to resources or training to be provided to licensees to develop and implement a Precinct Safety Assessment.	
	The Community Safety Coordinator reported that a Late Night Food Traders Voluntary Action Agreement has been discussed with late night food traders, and following on from the 2007 document, a new version has been drafted. The focus of the agreement is public safety and litter management.	
	<b>Recommendation:</b>	
	The Committee recommends to Council that:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter be written to Communities NSW to ask what training will be provided to licensees to allow them to adequately develop a Precinct Safety Assessment.</li> <li>• A report be provided to the Committee which details the approved opening hours of late night food traders in the Manly CBD.</li> <li>• Night Rangers be requested to add to their checklist of compliance conditions for late night licensed venues a note to indicate whether venues are displaying Council's late night transport posters.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Community Safety Coordinator/</b></p> <p><b>Manager Compliance &amp; Regulatory Services</b></p>
ITEM 5	<b>Report – Late Night Transport</b>	
	<u>Promotion:</u>	
	A media release was distributed by Council on 23 February to promote the commencement of the late night transport hubs as of Friday 25 February 2011. This item was featured in the Manly Daily, Sydney Morning Herald and Brisbane Times, and there was also radio interest. A late night transport webpage has been developed	

for Council's website:

<http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au/attractions/transport/late-night-transport/>

The two late night transport posters were displayed for the information of Committee members (see attached). These posters, either as A3 or A4 have been distributed throughout Council's facilities, Precinct notice boards, cafes, convenience stores, late night food traders and licensed venues in the Manly CBD.

The late night transport poster based on the artwork produced for Communities NSW for the late night transport wallet card will be installed in key locations and venues in the Manly CBD as:

- A1 poster - Manly Wharf, Visitor Information Centre and key licensed premises in CBD
- 7 wayfinder signs throughout CBD

Artwork for the proposed late night transport wallet card (attached) has been developed by Council and provided to Communities NSW, who has advised of a distribution date to venues of approximately 21 March 2011.

Operation of hubs:

Manly Police have maintained a presence at the Belgrave Street hub, particularly observing the Gilbert Park bus shelter.

STA have had to incur additional costs for departures from the Gilbert Park bus shelter, which involves an additional 400m per vehicle.

An ongoing issue is getting the message across for patrons to use Gilbert park as a departure point for buses after midnight, rather than the bus shelter at the tennis courts on the corner of Raglan Street.

STA will investigate the cost of a LED display at the bus shelter to display the time to wait until the next bus departure.

Manly Police raised concerns about the lighting levels at the immediate rear of the Gilbert Park bus shelter.

**Recommendation:**

That Council considers installing improved lighting at the rear of the Gilbert Park bus shelter to ensure the safety of bus drivers and patrons of late night buses which depart after midnight at weekends from this location.

**ITEM 6 Report – Draft Manly Crime Prevention Plan**

Council considered the draft Manly Crime Prevention Plan and supporting documentation at the Planning & Strategy Meeting of 7 March 2011. The draft plan was adopted and it will now proceed to public exhibition for 28 days.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ACTION**

**STA  
representative**

**Civic and Urban  
Services**

**Community  
Safety  
Coordinator**

**ITEM 7 Police Report**

LSC Danielle Fletcher reported that late night safety audit report will be provided to the 14 April 2011 Committee meeting.

Various issues were discussed regarding lighting and litter.

**Recommendation:**

That Council considers the following actions to improve late night safety:

Toilet operating hours

- That Council ensures that the toilet at the Gilbert Park bus shelter remain open 24 hours from Friday night through to Sunday night to allow access to patrons of the new late night transport hub
- That Council seek Police advice whether the toilets at Whistler Street and Ocean Beach front should remain open 24 hours from Friday night through to Sunday night.
- That Council contact Manly Wharf Management to request that the street level (accessible) toilet at Manly Wharf remains open in line with the operating hours of McDonalds and the Manly Wharf Hotel for the use of late night patrons
- That Council investigate the provision of a parent's room with nappy changing facilities for the use of young families in the Manly CBD area for use in the early evening to coincide with Council's entertainment programmes which target young families.

*Note from HS & F Division: The public toilets at Rialto Square have a parents room with changing facilities, open 7 days per week until 9.30pm/ 10.00pm.*

Lighting

- That a lighting audit be conducted at the following locations:
  - Raglan Street late night transport hub (taxi rank and Manly Night Shuttle departure point)
  - The entire ramped pedestrian walkway from East Esplanade Reserve up to the entrance of The Skiff Club and the Manly Yacht Club

**ACTION**

**Civic and Urban Services/  
Community Safety  
Coordinator**

**Civic and Urban Services**

**ITEM 8 Rangers' Report**

The Manager Compliance and Regulatory Services reported that:

- Rangers have increased their graffiti tracking, and that 300 entries have been made on a Council graffiti register. Two Rangers have been assigned as responsible for identifying graffiti tags in order to liaise with Manly Police in a joint initiative to track offenders.
- Council is currently in the process of recruiting two Night Rangers. Their skill set differs from Council Rangers, as Night Rangers require specific skills to undertake their duties.
- Night Rangers and day time rangers working into the early evening will endeavour to report lighting in need of repair
- Council continues to monitor and enforce noise regulations at The Shore Club
- Unlike Police, Council Rangers cannot issue fines for bike riders without helmets

Rangers were thanked for their intervention at Little Manly with illegal spearfishing.

**Recommendation:**

That Council requests the NSW State Government commence a state-wide campaign to educate bicycle riders of the importance of wearing helmets.

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**ITEM 9 Manly Liquor Accord Report**

No Manly Liquor Accord representative present.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 10 Report - Matters Arising: Items for Update**

<p>10 February 2011, Item 9 Police Report Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That a delegation from Manly including Councillors, Council staff, Manly Police and NSW National Parks &amp; Wildlife Service visit Woollahra Council to investigate suicide prevention strategies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meetings held at Woollahra Council on 15 February 2011 and</li><li>• North Head on 25 February 2011 with NPWS, Manly Police, the Mayor, Councillors and Council staff.</li></ul>
<p>Comments from the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Councillor Aird reported that the meetings have been positive, and have included suicide prevention experts. Suggested actions to be progressed include training for first responders, beautification of areas, fencing and bushland planting.</li><li>• Next meeting is 24 March 2011.</li></ul>	

**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 Incoming correspondence from Department of Health and Ageing**

Incoming letter from Department of Health and Ageing re Councils letter of 4 November to NSW Minister for Health regarding alcohol promotion at sporting events and facilities:

- Implementing National Binge Drinking Strategy
- \$34.4 million allocated towards community level initiatives to confront culture of binge drinking, particularly in sporting organisations
- \$25 million for community sponsorship fund to provide an alternative to alcohol industry sponsorship for local community sporting organisations
- \$20 million for advertising such as 'don't turn a night out into a nightmare' campaign
- \$19.1 million for early intervention and personal responsibility
- \$5 million for enhanced telephone counselling and referral services
- Government's stated approach is to pursue voluntary and collaborative approaches with alcohol industry before mandatory regulation

- Monitored by newly established Australian National Preventative Health Agency which commenced on 1 January 2011.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.2 Incoming correspondence received from Local Government Association of NSW**

**ACTION**

Regarding the motion put forward at the 2010 Local Government Association conference for support for **Last Drinks Campaign** and for parties to reject donations from alcohol industry. The Local Government Association has forwarded a letter from Mr Barry O'Farrell MP, Opposition Leader which outlined their strategy relating to alcohol fuelled violence:

- Strengthening 'Move on Powers' for individuals
- Introduce a new offence of 'drunk and disorderly' under the Summary Offences Act
- Pilot three 'sobering up centres' in NSW – one in city of Sydney, another in a Sydney suburb, and a third in regional NSW
- 'Three Strikes and You're Out' policy – for licensed venues – to also retain lock outs, plastic cups and shot limits
- NSW Liberals and Nationals will not be accepting donations from alcohol industry.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.3 Graffiti Action Day**

Graffiti Action Day (Keep Australia Beautiful) is on 15 May 2011. Council has invited Precincts if they wish to nominate locations and be involved directly. Registration was due 7 March. Groups could be eligible for grants of \$500 for CPTED for planting or landscaping strategies.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.4 Accommodation**

The Manly Community Centre Manager updated the Committee on their current service provision. The Centre now has a regional focus with a range of workers provided under various funding programmes for 5 days/week. The Manly Women's Shelter is now full, with a third of the 12 places occupied being women from multi-cultural backgrounds. The Centre reported reduced numbers of homeless presenting.

The Department of Corrective Services representative reported that they have seen far more young men at risk of homelessness/ couch surfing. Fairlight House is full, and public housing is difficult to secure, as much housing stock has been sold.

The Street Pastors representative reported that the cost of housing is a challenge, with locals having to pay at least \$200 for a room. The Salvation Army has had some considerable success in finding accommodation for homeless in the last 18 months.

With the closure of local boarding houses, and general reluctance by some residents to have affordable housing built in their neighbourhood, accommodation will remain an issue for the Northern Beaches.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.5 Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) publication ACTION**

The BOCSAR publication "The Association between alcohol outlet density and assaults on and around licensed premises" in Crime and Justice Bulletin, January 2011 has been attached to these minutes for the information of Committee members.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.6 NRMA community grants**

NRMA community grants of up to \$5,000 now available. Online applications due by 31 March. The Community Safety Coordinator will submit an application for a peer education project raising awareness of late night transport options. For more information on the NRMA grants:

[http://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/?s\\_cid=grants-edm1-nsw](http://www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/?s_cid=grants-edm1-nsw)

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.7 Campervans at Craig Avenue, Little Manly**

Concern has been raised regarding campervans at Craig Avenue car park which are taking residential spots, and travellers are cooking and urinating nearby. Residents have requested that prohibitive signage be considered for this location. The signage could be similar to that already in place at North Steyne.

**Recommendation:**

That Council install signage at Craig Avenue carpark to prohibit the overnight parking of campervans at this location.

**Manager,  
Compliance &  
Regulatory  
Services**

**11.8 Street Pastors**

A community representative complemented the Street Pastors volunteers on their professional approach on Saturday nights in The Corso, and thanked Captain Brett Mitchell for their presence.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**11.9 Unleashed dogs at Manly Lagoon Park**

Incoming email received by Mayor Jean Hay by Dr Tony Burns regarding unleashed dogs at Manly Lagoon Park. This location has a cycle path through it, and Dr Burns believes that dogs should be onlead, and muzzled.

Consultation with relevant Council staff indicate that no reports of incidents concerning dogs in this location have been received. The playground is fully fenced with signage advising that dogs must not be brought into the playground. The cycle path is located a distance

away from the playground area. At the fitness station at the Pittwater Road end of Manly Lagoon Park, there is signage advising that dogs must be kept 10 metres from the equipment.

Committee members were unanimous that after careful consideration of Dr Burns' concern, Manly Lagoon Park should remain an off-leash area for dogs.

**Recommendation:**

That Council write to Dr Tony Burns to thank him for his concern, and to advise that the Community Safety Committee, after careful consideration and consultation with staff, recommends that Manly Lagoon Park remains an off-leash dog area

**Community  
Safety  
Coordinator**

**ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING DATE:**  
**Date: Thursday 14 April 2011**  
**Time: 8.00am – 10.00am**  
**Venue: Councillor's Room**

Meeting closed at 9.50am