



## COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

### NOTES OF MEETING

HELD THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2011

Members of the Community Safety Committee convened on 14 April 2011 to consider the matters referred to it. A quorum was not present at the meeting.

Notes of the discussions held are contained here. These notes will be presented at the next scheduled meeting on 12 May 2011 for the consideration of the Committee.

#### PRESENT:

##### Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay, Mayor (Chair)	Manly Council
Cllr Dr Peter Macdonald	Manly Council

##### Other Representatives

Superintendent Dave Darcy	Manly Police
LSC Bronwyn Nakhla	Manly Police
Doug Robertson	Community Member
Anthony Christie	State Transit Authority
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Sidar Demirbag	Late night food traders representative
Amanda Watkins	Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre

##### Council Staff

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

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

#### ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:  
Cllr Alan Le Surf  
Cllr Barbara Aird  
Mike Baird, Member for Manly  
Ray Mathieson, community member  
Melissa Palermo, Northern Beaches Health Promotion  
Captain Brett Mitchell, Street Pastors  
Malcolm Pearse, Department of Corrective Services  
Doug Edmonds, Manly Warringah Cabs  
Jonathan Noyes, Youth & School Aged Services Coordinator

#### ITEM 2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 MARCH 2011

The minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on

#### ACTION

10 March 2011 were confirmed by members. These minutes were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of 4 April 2011.

**ITEM 4 Report – Manly Precinct Liquor Accord**

Copies of the late night transport wallet cards were distributed to Committee members. The cards have been provided to the 16 mandatory participants of Manly PLA by Communities NSW. Council has also provided the late night wallet cards and ‘Respect our Community’ poster to:

- Manly Community Centre
- Manly Library
- Manly Council customer service counter
- Manly Youth Council
- Skiff Club & Yacht Club
- North Steyne, Manly and Queenscliff surf life saving clubs
- Information Planet (Brazilian info service in The Corso)

The Committee discussed survey methods to capture patron’s awareness of late night transport options. The Community Safety Coordinator will investigate differing means of survey implementation at the end of the three month late night transport trial.

**ACTION**

<b>Recommendations from previous Committee meeting:</b>	
<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> </ul>	<p>Since the 10 March meeting, email received from Hassle Free Nights dated 24 March 2011, which answered this recommendation (and included in the report/agenda as attachment).</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report be provided to the Committee which details the approved opening hours of late night food traders in the Manly CBD.</li> </ul>	<p>Summary distributed for the information of Committee members.</p> <p>Committee members discussed that whilst some late night food traders open later than their approved hours, this has historically been considered positive, in terms of reducing intoxication levels once patrons have left pubs.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>Licensing Police have delivered Council’s late night transport posters to over 60 licensed premises in central Manly.</p> <p>Licensees are also being requested to display ‘Respect our community’ poster from Hassle Free Nights, and another poster is due to be delivered which will promote the Manly Night Shuttle.</p> <p>Feedback from licensees is that they are reaching ‘poster fatigue’, and Council wishes to maintain the relationship with licensees and for resources to be voluntarily displayed.</p>

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 5**

**Report – Late Night Transport**

Promotion of late night transport hubs has involved:

A1 late night transport posters distributed to:

- The Steyne
- The Ivanhoe
- Manly Pacific
- Sydney Ferries ticket counter at Manly Wharf
- Visitor Information Centre
- Hamlets Pies, The Corso
- Manly Seaside Kebabs, The Corso

Six Wayfinder panels located in The Corso to provide late night transport information/posters are currently under production and will be installed by Council, early in May.

**Ongoing issues**

- Educating patrons of the departure point for State Transit buses from Gilbert Park bus shelter, rather than the corner of Raglan and Belgrave Street.
- State Transit supervisors, Manly Police and Council Night Rangers have been directing patrons back to Gilbert Park for bus departures.
- Improved lighting and CCTV coverage at both Belgrave Street and Raglan Street late night transport hubs is being progressed by Council.
- Manly Night Shuttle operation – reports from Police and Night Rangers are that the service is infrequent, sometimes does not operate, even though there are two official departure points, the Shuttle driver prefers to pick up patrons from surrounding areas. Patrons waiting at the departure points do not know how long they will have to wait or whether a Shuttle bus is operating.

The Committee agreed that the ongoing concerns with the Manly Night Shuttle were compromising the late night transport solution which commenced at the end of February 2011 for a three month trial.

Superintendent Darcy will speak directly to the operator of the Manly Night Shuttle.

**Recommendation:**

That following concern raised by the Committee regarding the infrequent operation of the Manly Night Shuttle, Council will:

- Investigate the use of Council's Hop Skip and Jump buses to provide a night-time service on Friday and Saturday nights
- Write to Communities NSW to express concern regarding the infrequent operation of the Manly Night Shuttle

**ITEM 6**

**Report – Draft Manly Crime Prevention Plan**

Submissions close on 18 April 2011.

Letters calling for submissions have been sent to:

**ACTION**

**Community  
Safety  
Coordinator**

- 90 licensees
- Chair of Liquor Accord with request to distribute to all licensees
- all key staff in council
- 25 Local services, Precincts, Chamber of Commerce and Mainstreet
- 40 schools, churches, surf clubs, scouts, RSL's etc

**ACTION**

Draft Plan, with amendments (if deemed appropriate), is proposed to be reported back to Council's Planning & Strategy Meeting of 2nd May 2011.

The Manly Community Centre representative asked who would implement the Plan, once approved and endorsed. Council's Community Safety Coordinator will be responsible for implementation and evaluation.

Warringah and Pittwater Councils do not have current Crime Prevention Plans/ Community Safety Plans.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 7 North Head Suicide Prevention Group**

The Committee received feedback from the progress of the North Head Suicide Prevention Group. Actions currently being progressed by the Group include:

- *Fencing audit of North Head sites to be conducted by NPWS, DECC*
- *Audit of Shelly Beach Site by NPWS, DECC and Police*
- *Investigate visitor amenities (e.g. picnic tables) for North Head to be reviewed as part of Sydney Harbour Park Plan of Management by NPWS, DECC*
- *Explore SMS Group Alert with Police Radio by Police*
- *Installation of Telephone Tower, investigated by NPWS, DECC*
- *Suicide Intervention Training for first responders to be conducted by National Centre for Suicide Prevention Training*

Manly Police and National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW (NPWS, DECC) are taking the lead role in the North Head Suicide Prevention Group. Council's role is to assist where necessary, and to request that key staff (e.g. Council Rangers) are invited to participate in the Suicide Intervention Training for first responders.

The North Head Suicide Prevention Group has acknowledged the importance of discretion regarding their suicide prevention actions for North Head, to ensure that this location does not gain the reputation of The Gap.

**Recommendation:**

That the Committee endorses the ongoing work of the North Head Suicide Prevention Group and recommends Council staff continue to work with the group to progress key strategies, as well as have Council staff, such as Rangers, participate in Suicide Alertness

**GM**

Training for first responders.

**ITEM 8 Report – Sydney Harbour National Park Draft Plan of Management**

The Committee discussed the report attached to the Agenda for the draft Plan of Management.

**Recommendation:**

That the Committee considers the following submissions relevant to the Plan of Management for North Head. These have been developed in conjunction with key members of the North Head Suicide Prevention Group and are to be implemented by NPWS, DECC:

*Under Outcome 1: Conserve the natural values of the park:*

- Consider small scale ecological and hazard reduction burns, as these may also increase visibility as one of the strategies to prevent self harm on the headland.

*Under Outcome 4: Provide enriching and memorable experiences in the Park:*

- Review visitor facilities for lookouts with a view to creating greater use and extended use of lookout areas across North Head.
- Regular audit of fencing along the Fairfax Walkway to ensure visitor safety
- Investigate a new walking track around the outer margin of Fairfax Road to separate pedestrians from vehicles to ensure improved pedestrian safety

**ITEM 9 Police Report**

The Manly Police Station has now officially moved to Sydney Road, with parking for Police vehicles relocated to Central Avenue.

Superintendent Darcy reported that the severity of assaults in Manly has reduced, but numbers increased in February – March 2011.

Break and enters are trending down.

Regarding licensed premises:

- There is a new Manager at The Shore Club.
- With the New Brighton Hotel closed, the Ivanhoe Hotel has increased patron numbers, resulting in a slight increase in assaults at that premise.
- The Steyne's busiest night is now Monday, as they continue to promote more food, attract a different clientele, and move to earlier hours.

Superintendent Darcy displayed a map which shows where the majority of late night public urination occurs, mostly close to the public toilets which remain open on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Committee discussed the option of bringing portable urinals into Manly to address this issue.

City of Sydney is due to commence a trial of 8 portable urinals in 4 central locations, for 4 weekends, starting 15 April 2011. The urinals are brought in Friday and Saturday night and taken out at 6.00am the following morning, so they would not be on display during the

**ACTION**

**Head of Strategy/  
NSW NPWS**

day.

City of Sydney will be evaluating the four week trial by:

- Litres of urine diverted
- Residents comments and feedback
- Feedback from cleansing staff (those who usually do the early morning cleaning to see if an improvement)
- Amount of deodoriser used to rinse off smell of urine on street in the mornings by cleaners

**Recommendation:**

That a report be prepared for the Community Safety Committee which:

- Investigates portable urinal designs
- Provides feedback on the City of Sydney 4-week trial of portable urinals in 4 locations across the city.

**ACTION**  
**Community**  
**Safety**  
**Coordinator**

**ITEM 10 Rangers' Report**

Manager Ranger Services presented Ranger statistics for the month of March, which now also includes licensed premises compliance checks made by Night Rangers.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 11 Manly Liquor Accord Report**

With no Manly Liquor Accord representative present, the Committee expressed concern about the sustainability of the Manly Liquor Accord, which has had no Executive meeting since September 2010.

**Recommendation:**

That Council write to the Minister responsible for the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing to seek clarification on the future direction of Liquor Accords throughout the State and in particular the Manly Precinct Liquor Accord acknowledging that Hassle Free Nights has disrupted the cooperative relationship between Council, Police and the local Liquor Accord.

**IBM/ Community**  
**Safety**  
**Coordinator**

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

<b>Public toilets</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Timer has been removed, and toilet is currently operating 24/7.</li><li>• Police advice is that toilets at Whistler St &amp; Ocean Beachfront should remain open 24 hours Friday &amp; Saturday nights</li><li>• Two licensees along North Steyne have requested ocean beachfront toilets remain open 24 hours throughout Sunday night also – Committee to consider.</li><li>• Letter sent to Manly Wharf Management</li></ul>

<p>Wharf Hotel for the use of late night patrons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Note from 14 April for HS &amp; 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.</i></li> </ul>
<p><u>Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That a lighting audit be conducted at the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raglan Street late night transport hub (taxi rank and Manly Night Shuttle departure point)</li> <li>• The entire ramped pedestrian walkway from East Esplanade Reserve up to the entrance of The Skiff Club and the Manly Yacht Club</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lighting audit to be conducted by Police/ Council Engineers.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That Council requests the NSW State Government commence a state-wide campaign to educate bicycle riders of the importance of wearing helmets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter drafted for GM's signature to be sent to Minister for Transport and Minister for Roads and Ports to request campaign be commenced.</li> </ul>
<p>11.7: Campervans at Craig Avenue, Little Manly</p> <p>That Council install signage at Craig Avenue carpark to prohibit the overnight parking of campervans at this location.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Referred to Traffic Committee for consideration at their May meeting</li> </ul>
<p>11.8: Unleashed dogs at Manly Lagoon Park:</p> <p>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</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Response provided to Mayor's office for reply to Dr Burns.</li> </ul>

**Recommendation:**

That the toilets at Whistler Street, Ocean Beachfront, and Gilbert Park bus shelter should remain open 24 hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

**ITEM 11 GENERAL BUSINESS** brought to the attention of the Chair prior to the start of the meeting and approved for consideration.  
No general business raised.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

Meeting closed at 10.00am