



MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor	Manly Council - Chair
Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council
Cllr Alan LeSurf	Manly Council
Cllr Dr. Peter Macdonald	Manly Council

Other Representatives

Lisa Nagle	representing Mike Baird NSW Member for Manly
Superintendent David Darcy	Manly Police
Sergeant Sascha Orrock	Licensing Supervisor, Manly Police
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Malcolm Pearse	Department of Corrective Services
Doug Brooker	Manly Liquor Accord
Tony Haven	State Transit Authority
Ray Mathieson	Community representative
John McShane	Manly Warringah Cabs
Richard Wallace	The Corso Precinct

Council Staff

Sue Johansson	Community Safety Coordinator
Beth Lawsen	Divisional Manager, Human Services & Facilities
Tony Pavlovic	Manager Compliance & Regulatory Services
Scott Taylor	Ranger
Ritu Shankar	Senior Planner
Stephen Clements	Deputy General Manager

Observer

Richard Hewitt	Fairlight Precinct
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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 14 May, 2009, to consider the matters referred to it and now reports having reached the decisions taken and recommendations stated hereunder:

OPEN The meeting commenced at 8.00am

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE
Sidar Semirbag, Late night food trader representative
Jacquiline Smith, Manly Community Centre

ACTION

ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION
	There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2009 AND MATTERS ARISING:	
3.1	Membership	
3.1.1	<p>Council has received an application to join the Community Safety Committee from Mr Carrick May, who is a young man who lives in Manly, works in hospitality, and has previously been involved in the Youth Council. The Committee reviewed Mr May's CV, and as he is not within the criteria for the Youth Council (under 21 years of age), made the following recommendation:</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recommends that Council accept the application of Mr Carrick May to join as a community representative on the Community Safety Committee • The Terms of Reference be amended to reflect the inclusion of this position. <p>Majority voted Abstained: Cllr Barbara Aird</p>	IBM
3.1.2	<p>In April, the Community Safety Committee recommended that Mr Errol Hunt be approached to join as The Corso Precinct representative on the Committee. Mr Hunt was reluctant to formally apply for the Committee, and is not a current member of The Corso Precinct.</p> <p>The Council wrote to The Corso Precinct in January 2009 to seek the nomination of a representative. Richard Wallace has been nominated as that representative.</p>	
3.2	<p>Good Sports</p> <p>This item was mentioned in General Business at the April Committee meeting, but omitted from minutes. Good Sports is an initiative of the Australian Drug Foundation, and assists sporting clubs to manage alcohol responsibly. Good Sports has approached Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Councils to endorse the programme throughout the Northern Beaches. Good Sports presented to the Manly Sports Facilities Committee on 1 May 2009, and will follow up with clubs and sporting associations across the region. Brochures were provided to members for their information.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>That the information be received and noted.</p>	
3.3	<p>Graffiti</p> <p>Following the adoption of the resolution on graffiti at Council's Planning & Strategy Meeting of 4 May, the Manly Daily ran an article on 8 May titled "Name and Shame Plan". The recommendation that Council 'establishes a database of graffiti tags and display on line on Council's website (sharing information across organisations)' was misinterpreted by Manly Daily as being a website with a public display of tags.</p>	

This initiative aimed for a secure site, accessible by key stakeholders, to share intelligence on graffiti tags.

This information and the correct graffiti hotline (9976 1633) were rectified by a new segment in the Manly Daily on 12 May 2009.

Council's Community Safety Coordinator and Manager Compliance & Regulatory Services are progressing Council's response systems for reporting and recording incidents of graffiti vandalism, along with compiling information for the community on graffiti prevention and removal.

Report from Little Manly on Kiosk Graffiti Vandalism

A community representative reported that a witness to an incident at the Little Manly Cafe had contacted both the cafe owner and the police, and this had resulted in the apprehension of a young person. The \$1,000 reward scheme can help in reporting and apprehension, and may be applied for in this instance.

The minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on 9 April 2009 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3.4 Manly Bathers' Pavilion Development Application Nos. 25/09 and 26/09

The Committee received a presentation on both DA's by the Deputy General Manager and a Senior Planner.

The developers have made considerable changes to the original DA submitted to Council.

Recommendation:

The Community Safety Committee has received a presentation on Development Application numbers 25/09 and 26/09 and raises the following issues for consideration in assessment of the DAs:

Exit from Level 1 onto walkway on southern side (Manly Scenic Walkway):

- **Smoking:**

As there are no plans for smokers to be accommodated, smokers could exit via the southern entrance and congregate on the southern walkway. Disposal of cigarette butts by potential smokers at this site may prove to be an environmental hazard for the local penguin population.

- **Pedestrian access:**

Patrons attending functions on Level 1 could exit through the southern doors onto the walkway. Due to the narrowness of the walkway, and the potential issue of pedestrian access being impeded, a conflict between users is possible.

The Committee recommends that the southern doors be closed, and egress be transferred from the south side of the building to the eastern side.

Toilets:

MCRS/CSC

**Deputy GM/
Senior
Planner**

Public toilets be made available in the immediate vicinity of the premises for use by patrons leaving the premises late at night, and Security for the venue should include these toilets in their patrols of the outside area.

Lighting:

Lighting on the eastern side of the venue along to The Esplanade must be prominent to ensure the safety of patrons leaving the venue.

Parking:

Adequate parking provisions be put in place, including provision for valet parking. Total number of parking spots needs clarification and the reason why parking for Grand Esplanade can be allocated to another venue. Concerns raised that this would be a double allocation of some spaces.

Noise:

Noise from patrons leaving the premises may affect residential amenity. Security personnel should ensure patrons quietly and quickly leave the premises without disturbance to local residents.

ITEM 4 POLICE REPORT

4.1 Superintendent Darcy reported on a couple of recent successes, including the detection of a drug manufacturing laboratory and the pursuit and arrest of a 17 year old youth in possession of two replica pistols.

Assaults remain high.

There was a peak in break and enters in the latter half of April, but this has reduced significantly in May.

Police and Council are working together on solving inappropriate behaviour within the Rialto Lane toilets.

Graffiti arrest at Little Manly following report by community member.

4.2 Homelessness

Police and a representative from the Manly Community Centre (MCC) met with 15 residents of the residential properties in the Gilbert Park area to discuss concerns about homelessness. MCC have worked very hard succeeding in placing 20 homeless people into appropriate services.

Residents have been provided with Police contact numbers and after hours numbers for the Rangers.

4.2 Update on Section 79 Application under the Liquor Act 2007

The Section 79 Application by the Manly Local Area Command is progressing, and Superintendent Dave Darcy has asked the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming & Racing that this be dealt with by the Director of Liquor and Gaming in early June.

Council's Community Safety Coordinator reported that Manly Council's Section 79 Application was submitted on 8 May to the

Director of Liquor and Gaming, and this has now been received.

The disturbance complaint relates to all licensed premises in the Manly LGA, with the three main points of Council's submission being:

- a close of 2.00am or earlier
- enforcement of Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)
- mandatory financial membership of the Manly Liquor Licensing Accord

Council has requested that the Council's Section 79 application be heard in conjunction with the Section 79 application from Manly Police.

Two copies of Manly Council's Section 79 application were circulated for the information of Committee members.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 5 RANGERS' REPORT

ACTION

Ranger's Report included the following for the month of April:

Abandoned vehicle	50
Fines, boards, bikes, blades	0
General warnings bikes and blades	150
Dangerous Dog investigations	4
Noise complaints night rangers	45
Homeless persons complaints	0

Clarification was provided about the difference in enforcement between Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) and Alcohol Consumption Prohibited Zones (e.g. reserves and beaches with alcohol prohibited signage by council).

The AFZ in Manly predominantly covers the main CBD area of Manly. This zone is covered by Section 642 of the Local Government Act 1993, which allows police or council enforcement officers to seize any alcohol that is in the immediate possession of a person in the AFZ if the person is drinking alcohol in the AFZ, or they believe that the person is about to drink, or has recently been drinking alcohol in the AFZ. Any alcohol seized may be disposed of immediately. The AFZ for Manly is in effect until 27 December 2010.

The Alcohol Consumption Prohibited zones are covered under Section 632 of the Local Government Act 1993, which refers to acting contrary to notices erected by Council. In many of Council's parks, reserves and beach areas signs have been erected prohibiting the consumption of alcohol. This means it is an offence to drink alcohol in any areas which are signposted as such.

Manly Council has had meetings with other Coastal Councils to discuss the issue of anti-social behaviour and issues of enforcement of AFZ have been discussed.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

ITEM 6 Liquor Act 2007

The Licensing Supervisor of Manly Police made a presentation to the Committee about the NSW Liquor Act 2007.

Impact on Manly:

Henry Afrika's and the Boat Shed are the only current night clubs in Manly, with Ceruti's and The Shore Club having 'dormant' licences.

There have been no 'general bar' licence applications in Manly since the introduction of the 2007 Liquor Act in July 2008.

There are currently 130 liquor licenses in Manly, which could be considered a highly saturated area.

Manly Police acknowledges that existing licensees in Manly are working hard to comply with the Liquor Act.

Recommendation

That the Committee note the information presented by Manly Licensing Police in regard to the Liquor Act 2007.

ITEM 7 Report – Draft Crime Prevention Plan and Development of Committee Priorities

Deferred until June 2009 meeting due to lack of time.

ITEM 8 General Business brought to the attention of the Chair prior to the meeting and approved for consideration

- 8.1** Following submissions made by several members from the Community Safety Committee to the Minister of Gaming & Racing for the discussion paper 'Safety Rating System for Licensed Venues', the community representative involved was invited to attend additional meetings for this initiative. He has relinquished this commitment due to time constraints.

Recommendation

That the information be received and noted.

CLOSE Meeting closed at 10.00am

The next meeting will be held on 11 June 2009 at 8.00am.