



MINUTES OF MEETING

COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE

HELD THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2010

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

PRESENT:

Councillors

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

Other Representatives

Superintendent Dave Darcy	Manly Police
Melissa Palermo	Northern Beaches Health Promotion
Tanny Mangos	Representative of Member for Manly
Richard Wallace	The Corso Precinct
John McShane	Manly Warringah Taxis
Ray Mathieson	Community Member
Jay Zmijewski	State Transit Authority
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders representative
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre
Margot Stolle	Manly Chamber of Commerce (part)
Lauren Stracey	Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre

Council Staff

Terry Jones	Manager, Ranger Services
Sue Johansson	Community Safety Coordinator

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 11 February, 2010, to consider the matters referred to it and now provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN		ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Cllr Jean Hay AM, Mayor, Cllr Dr Peter Macdonald and Malcolm Pearse, Department of Corrective Services.	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.	
ITEM 3	CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2009 AND MATTERS ARISING The minutes of the Community Safety Committee from 10 December 2009 were adopted by Council at the Planning & Strategy meeting of	

1 February 2010.

ACTION

3.1 MATTERS ARISING
Liquor License and Development Application consent conditions

At the meeting of 10 December 2009, the Committee recommended that a working group be formed to progress the matter and report back to the Committee on the issues raised by The Corso Precinct. Members of the working group to include:

- Cllr Dr Peter Macdonald
- Richard Wallace
- Cllr Hugh Burns
- Cllr Barbara Aird
- Ray Mathieson
- Superintendent Dave Darcy
- Manly Council staff representative

An item for brief mention was subsequently raised at the Planning & Strategy Meeting of 1st February, with the following resolution adopted by Council (PS4/10):

The Committee recommends to Council that a working group be formed to discuss the issue of liquor licence and development application consent conditions and report back to the Community Safety Committee.

Several members of the working group advised the Committee that a tentative date had been set for the first meeting. Manager Compliance & Enforcement has been confirmed as the Manly Council staff representative.

The Committee looks forward to a progress report from the Working Group at the meeting of 11 March 2010.

Resolved

That the information is received and noted.

3.2 Late night community safety audit

Following on from the audit, the Committee noted:

- Lighting along The Ocean Beach front (promenade and cycleway) was particularly dim from The Corso to Manly Surf Club along South Steyne.
- Additional temporary bins are required outside The Kebab Shop in Sydney Road.
- Directional signage and lighting will be checked for the Raglan Street Taxi Rank
- Rangers currently issue infringement notices for cars parked illegally in the taxi ranks
- Whilst it was considered desirable to have Council cleansing staff servicing the CBD late at night, this is unlikely to occur as management have concerns for staff safety.

At the meeting of 10 December 2009, the Committee made the following recommendation:

**Manager
Compliance &
Enforcement**

**Community
Safety
Coordinator**

The Committee recommends to Council that to improve pedestrian safety at the Belgrave Street taxi rank, RTA be requested to install a fence or barrier from the traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing at the side of Council Chambers along to the traffic lights at East Esplanade.

This matter has been forwarded to the Manly Traffic Committee for their consideration and progression, and a report back to the Community Safety Committee on the outcome will be made at the 11 March 2010 meeting.

Manager Traffic

Resolved

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 4 REPORT - AFZ and ACPZ signage and community awareness campaign

The audit of the AFZ and surrounding parks, reserves and beaches has been completed and additional signage positioned where appropriate.

Council is planning a community awareness campaign which is based on similar campaigns in Sutherland Shire Council and Pittwater Council. The message is 'know the signs, avoid the fines'. Northern Beaches Health Promotion was involved in the Pittwater campaign, and has offered similar support for Manly.

Given that the current AFZ expires in December 2010, there was discussion on the merits of re-establishing the AFZ boundaries prior to the community awareness campaign.

As the report attached to the agenda explains, there are two zones (Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Consumption Prohibited Zone) which cover the central area and beaches of Manly, and the Committee discussed the confusion which this can cause.

Both zones are covered under separate divisions of the Local Government Act 1993 and cannot be merged.

Recommendation

The Community Safety Committee recommends that the Alcohol Free Zone and Alcohol Consumption Prohibited Zone community awareness campaign be delayed pending feedback from Manly Police on whether the different zones can be merged.

**Manly Police/
Community
Safety
Coordinator**

ITEM 5 REPORT – Manly Community Safety Partnership

At the Community Safety Committee meeting of 10 December 2009, the following recommendation was made to Council:

1. Representation of elected community members be sought for the Manly Community Safety Partnership.
2. The Director General of Communities NSW be invited to address the Community Safety Committee.
3. The Conditions set down as part of the Manly Venue Management Plan are re-endorsed.

This recommendation was formally endorsed at Council's Planning and Strategy Committee meeting held on 1st February 2010, at which

a progress report was also provided and Council resolved as follows:

ACTION

1. *That Council receives and notes the information contained within this report.*
2. *That Council seeks an urgent meeting of Councillors with the Minister for Gaming and Racing on the problems associated with late night establishments in Manly.*
3. *Remind the government of the Council's and Police's stated position of 2.00am cease of service of alcohol and 2.30am close.*
4. *Should the Minister fail to agree to this position, then Council to put the government on notice that it will insist on the government meeting the staffing cost incurred by ratepayers of Manly for associated costs of providing night rangers.*
5. *The Terms of Reference of the Manly Community Safety Partnership be amended to include Manly Council and Manly Police stated position of a 2.00am cease service of alcohol and a 2.30am close for all major late night trading venues.*
6. *The Council is disappointed that the Mayor and Local Member have not been included on the Partnership.*

Council's Community Safety Coordinator will follow up on the resolutions above and requests will be made to both the Minister for Gaming and Racing and the Director General of Communities NSW.

In conjunction with the Partnership, the Northern Beaches Health Promotion representative advised that NSW Health have run a binge drinking campaign called 'What are you doing to yourself' which was also run in Manly.

The next meeting of the Community Safety Partnership will coincide with the Manly Liquor Accord meeting on 16 February 2010.

Recommendation

The Community Safety Committee recommends that community representation be sought for attendance at Manly Liquor Accord meetings and that a copy of their Charter be provided to the Community Safety Committee for their information.

**Manly Liquor
Accord rep/
Community
Safety
Coordinator**

ITEM 6 POLICE REPORT Australia Day 2010

Superintendent Darcy thanked Council, particularly the Manager of Ranger Services and the Night Rangers for their support on Australia Day.

Superintendent Darcy arranged for over 75 police to be present in Manly on that day. A vast amount of alcohol was tipped out in The Corso, and Police were able to contain a couple of incidents which had the potential to escalate. Only 3 arrests were made in Manly. Superintendent Darcy will be recommending the same number of policing be present for Australia Day 2011.

Key factors in ensuring Australia Day was safe for all were:

- Increase in Council staff (Rangers, Night Rangers, security monitoring CCTV)
- Tipping out alcohol early
- Timing of staff rostered on
- Youth who were about to write anti-social messages on their

- bodies with zinc were stopped
- Crowd management on the Ferries

The Chair extended the appreciation of Council and all those on the Community Safety Committee for ensuring Australia Day in Manly was a safe day for residents and visitors.

Late night trading hours

Superintendent Darcy has made a submission in regard to The Shore Club's extended trading hours application to operate until 4am, and will be meeting with the General Manager, the Mayor and the local Member to discuss this issue.

Manly Council is currently preparing additional specific material in support of the Section 79 Disturbance Complaint lodged in 2009.

Manly Police are yet to receive an update on their Section 79 Disturbance Complaint.

Homelessness

Issues associated with homeless people at Gilbert Park led to a meeting held on 2 February 2010 with key agencies in Manly, as a team response is required. Key outcomes included investigating comparable models of managing homelessness and identifying funding sources. Further meetings will be held.

Displacement remains an issue in terms of enforcement, as when Police target Gilbert Park, the issues are then transferred either to Manly Oval or other locations such as West Esplanade. This is a seasonal issue, and numbers do vary. Manly Community Centre recently lost a Welfare Worker who was very effective in sourcing services and accommodation for homeless. The focus of Manly Community Centre at present is of meeting the needs of an increasing trend of homeless women.

Resolved

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 7 RANGERS' REPORT

The Rangers report for December 2009 and January 2010 was noted by members of the Committee.

Australia Day

Additional rangers and Night Rangers supported the work of Manly Police on Australia Day 2010, and the Manager Ranger Services has reported that increased numbers will be rostered on for Australia Day 2011. A significant amount of alcohol was confiscated by Rangers on the day.

Resolved

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 8 Manly Liquor Accord Report

With the representative of the Manly Liquor Accord being absent, there was no report for the Committee.

Resolved

That the information is noted.

ITEM 9 GENERAL BUSINESS brought to the attention of the chair prior to the start of the meeting and approved for consideration **ACTION**

9.1 Membership

Lauren Stracey from MDECC advised the Committee that she would be standing down from the Committee. Lauren will be undertaking full-time study and a replacement from MDECC will be nominated. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, expressed thanks to Lauren for her contribution and support of the Community Safety Committee over several years.

A resignation from Carrick May, community member, was received by the Secretariat and was noted by the Committee.

Youth representation

Members of the Committee expressed concern about the ongoing issue of alcohol-related harm, particularly related to the young people of Manly. It was felt that youth are not currently represented on the Committee, particularly as the Youth Council representative has not been able to attend for several meetings. Another representative is being sought, however experience has shown that young people struggle to attend Committee meetings with their ongoing study commitments.

Recommendation

The Community Safety Committee recommends to the General Manager that the Youth Development Officer be appointed as the representative of the Youth Council on the Community Safety Committee.

GM

9.2 Manly Community Centre

As part of their ongoing services, Manly Community Centre provide a free legal service, counselling services and free anger management courses for men as part of their Domestic Violence service.

Resolved

That the information is received and noted.

ITEM 10 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: Thursday 11 March 2010

Time: 8.00am – 10.00am

Venue: Councillor's Room

Meeting closed at 10.00am