



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD THURSDAY 14 JULY 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	Manly Council (Chair)
Cllr Alan Le Surf	Manly Council

Cllr Barbara Aird	Manly Council
Cllr Hugh Burns	Manly Council

**Other Representatives**

Superintendent David Darcy	Manly Police
L/Snr Cst Bronwyn Nakhla	Manly Police
Ray Mathieson	Community Member & rep of Mike Baird
Wade Mitford	State Transit Authority
Sidar Demirbag	Late Night Food Traders representative
Susan Gomola	Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre
Stacey Randell	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Drew Johnson	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Jacquiline Smith	Manly Community Centre

**Council Staff**

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

**TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL**

The **Community Safety Committee** met on Thursday 14 July, 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 Dr Peter Macdonald, Melissa Palermo and Captain Brett Mitchell.

Introduction and welcome to Leanne Martin relieving in the position as the Community Safety Co-ordinator

**ITEM 2      DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**ACTION**

**ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2010**

The minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held on 9 June 2011 were confirmed by members. Ray Mathieson asked that the issue of improved lighting around the entrance areas into Whistler Street carpark public toilets be included in future lighting audit updates.

These minutes were adopted at the Ordinary Meeting on 18 July 2011.

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

No meetings held nor correspondence received from Hassle Free nights.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 5 Report – Lighting Audit**

The Community Safety Co-ordinator reported on a Lighting Audit that was a follow up action to the February Safety Audit. It was conducted on Monday evening, 27 June 2011 together with Council Infrastructure Engineer and Crime Prevention Officer Snr Cst Bronwyn Nakhla.

This inspection looked at Gilbert Park, Rialto Lane, Nth Steyne /Raglan St and East Esplanade. All sites have been repaired and improved or the improvement is listed/underway.

- Manly Yacht Club is investigating quotes for repairs of bollard lighting.
- Snr Cst Nakhla is currently following up on businesses adjoining Rialto Lane by requesting they improve/repair or perhaps consider sensor lighting in appropriate sites.
- Cllr Burns will also conduct an additional review of Rialto Lane area from The Corso.

An additional review of lighting was conducted of Lagoon Park area. The Committee agreed that options should be investigated by Council for the purpose of safety and risk reduction, aiming to improve and introduce lighting along the pathway area which leads from and to Pittwater Road to Cameron Avenue.

**Recommendation:**

That the Committee supports the need for lighting around the Lagoon Park pathway which leads to and from Pittwater Road to Cameron Avenue. The Committee supports Council feasibility study of environmental lighting options and any relevant grant funding applications.

**ITEM 6 Police Report**

Superintendent Darcy reported:

- Recent reports of English tourist seriously injured in Collingwood Street have proved not suspicious. Police will issue media release to clarify that it was not an assault but concern about damage to perception of safety.
- Alcohol related violence: Ivanhoe Hotel may have some emerging issues; Steyne has had 4 assaults with 3 having some staff involvement.

**BN**

- Arranged a meeting with stakeholders to update on late night transport hub.
- North Head Suicide Prevention Group is progressing. SMS alerts will now be sent to all relevant parties to proceed to relevant locations. Asked about Ranger awareness training.
- Currently this initiative is not supported by Council, as North Head is not in jurisdiction. Committee discussed and agreed that Superintendent Darcy approach GM with a view to discussing need for training.

**Recommendation:**

That Superintendent Darcy is to arrange a meeting with the General Manager to discuss the issue of Ranger awareness for suicide prevention training as previously raised and reported to Council.

**Superintendent Darcy**

**ITEM 7 Rangers' Report**

The Ranger statistics were tabled by Terry Jones.

- Confirmed that there is currently a high number of abandoned vehicles (77 for May) as a result of backpackers dumping their cars in the area before departing the country in the winter period.
- Issue of abandoned trolleys from Coles.

Identified in the Safety Audit as a follow up action.

- Discussions with Coles Manly Manager revealed that contractor collection service only operates to 8pm.
- Rangers requested to collect any data of trolleys left abandoned in the CBD after 9pm. This would assist in pressuring Coles to extend the collection service until midnight when the store closes.

**LM**

Also agreed that Community Safety Co-ordinator liaise with Waste Education officers on the trolley issue and how we can work together.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 8 Manly Liquor Accord Report**

No representatives present from the Accord.

HS&F Div Mgr reported that a Special general meeting was organised for the Accord on 21 June 2011 coordinated by Liquor Accord Delivery Unit. No minutes have been distributed yet. Approx 40-50 licensees attended the meeting.

A proposal advised by the Manly Liquor Accord to voluntarily cancel the associations incorporation to be newly formed as a not for profit organisation was accepted. Next meeting will be held on **6 September** when a new executive will be voted in.

**Recommendation:**

That the information is received and noted.

**ITEM 9 Report – Manly 2015 Masterplan**

The Committee considered the option of a submission on behalf of the Safety Committee. This would be prepared by Community Safety Co-ordination and Crime Prevention Officer using a Safety By

Design or CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) approach.

It was further suggested that it would be helpful if a briefing on the 2015 Masterplan could be presented to the committee to ensure a greater understanding of the vision and plans.

**Recommendation:**

That a presentation by appropriate staff be arranged to present the 2015 master plan, for the August Safety Committee meeting.

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

**10.1 Update on item 4 Manly PLA 9 June Meeting**

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends that Council establish the suitable resources currently available from Hassle Free Nights and from the Department of Education and MDEC. Investigate the presentation of suitable resources into local schools.

Update:

OLGR advises they are currently developing an educational resource that will be suitable to be delivered at high schools that will focus on responsible drinking including personal responsibilities and the law surrounding alcohol consumption in venues and public places. The aim of the resource is that local communities/liquor accords can tailor the information to the local context and deliver to local youth groups and high schools. It is intended to be complete in approx. 12 months. CS co-ordinator will continue looking at suitable alternate options in the meantime in consultation with drug education consultant for the Northern Sydney region of the Department of Education.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

**10.2 Update on Item 5 June Meeting – Late Night Transport**

Recommendation:

That Council continues to support the late night transport hubs at Belgrave and Raglan Street and progresses the following actions:

- Council writes to Hassle Free Nights to request feedback on the investigation of a summer late night shuttle service to operate on weekend, public holidays and special events.
- That Council write to Department of Transport in support of the Sydney buses proposal for buses to depart after midnight every night of the week from Gilbert Park bus shelter.
- 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 license plates to be issued conditional on servicing late night Manly.

Update:

All the above mentioned letters have been prepared and sent to relevant recipients and Council is awaiting responses.

**Recommendation:**

That the information be received and noted.

**ITEM 11 General Business brought to the Attention of the Chair Prior to the Meeting and Approved for Consideration**

**11.1 NSW Government audit of Police resources**

A Letter to Hon Mike Baird from The Hon Michael Gallacher (Police Minister) was tabled regarding an audit of police resources and police numbers.

The aim of this audit is:

To determine where police are, where they need to be and how best to use them; effectiveness of current Local Area Command structure. Includes a request for submissions from local members on behalf of their communities.

Cr Le Surf declared an interest.

Superintendent Darcy was invited to address the committee. Internal review is well underway. Supt Darcy is recommending that a merge of Dee Why and Manly Commands would be a sensible restructure of resources particularly when compared to the needs of the rest of the State.

Some advantages include: allowing for a greater pool of Constables to work in Manly on weekends; less bureaucracy and more operational focus in Manly;

Committee has following conditions of any changes

- retention of 24/7 operational police station
- more operational police on Friday/Saturday nights and public holidays
- retain a Commissioned officer as a Commander who is consistent, is familiar with community and business and be approached by and officially liaise with community.

Committee agreed that it was important to have its views included in the local Members submission which is due by 31 July.

In order to meet the deadline set for receipt of submissions, the committees view needed to be ratified by Council which would require going to Council on 18 July by way of a Mayoral Minute.

**Recommendation:**

That the recommendations of the Committee are presented to Council at the meeting on Monday 18 July by way of a Mayoral minute in order to be included in the Local Member's submission.

**11.2 Establishment of a Statewide graffiti hotline**

Letter from Division of Local Government tabled requesting assistance with a 12 month trial by NSW Government of a Statewide graffiti hotline via the Police call centre. Will be a referral mechanism only. Councils have been asked to set up a contact email address e.g. [graffiti@manly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@manly.nsw.gov.au) to receive notifications of graffiti reported in the LGA.

This [graffiti@manly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@manly.nsw.gov.au) has been established by Council.

**Council's management of Graffiti information by Rangers**

Terry Jones, Ranger Manager presented Committee with the current **graffiti Register in-house system** for management and handling

process. He demonstrated the graffiti database which includes photos, locations and actions to remove.

Police advised that the graffiti information is valuable to them for the purpose of intelligence gathering and analysis. The council's current system of sending this information electronically did not work for the police, as the size of the data crashed their system.

Manly Police advised that it would be best to receive graffiti information downloaded each week onto a CD/USB.

**Recommendation:**

That the data on the graffiti register and the other data bases held by Council be downloaded on a weekly basis to a CD or USB and forwarded to the Manly Police Crime Prevention Officer to ensure timely intelligence gathering.

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**ITEM 12 NEXT MEETING DATE:**  
**Date: Thursday 11 August 2011**  
**Time: 8.00am – 10.00am**  
**Venue: Councillor's Room**

Meeting closed at 9.40am