

GREATER MANLY RESIDENTS' FORUM - MINUTES

Meeting 7 December 2016

Diggers on the Park, Raglan Street, Manly NSW 2095.

Meeting Commenced 7:00pm

30 residents in attendance.

Denise Keen chaired the meeting

Acknowledgement of Country - Libby Bubb

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

1. Greater Manly Residents' Forum – officer bearers

The meeting discussed and agreed to go ahead with registration of the Greater Manly Residents' Forum. Expressions of interest were taken from potential office bearers. It was agreed each position should be filled with an officer bearer and deputy to ensure continuity and a broad understanding of residents' concerns and views.

Office Bearers are:

President: Denise Keen

Co-President: Sandy Hudspith

Secretary: Alison Dodd

Co-Secretary: Leah McKenzie-Peters

Treasurer: Libby Bubb

Co-Treasurer: Tom Peters

Social Media: Susan Robertson

Co-Social Media: awaiting nominee agreement

Strategist: Lloyd Keen

Promotions: Gary O'Brien

2. Aims and Vision of Greater Manly Residents' Forum

Attendees discussed the vision and focus of the forum. It was agreed the forum should focus on the big issues affecting the areas forming the "ward", however, smaller issues affecting individual residents and / or small groups would be reviewed and advice provided as to how to take those issues to Council and gain resolution.

Some issues of significance for Greater Manly Residents' Forum

- Manly Oval – protection from development in any form by any entity – ongoing.
- Sydney Water Reservoir site at Fairlight Street (corner Ashley Parade), Fairlight. How this should be developed for the benefit of all.
- Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden Master plan – development, implementation and monitoring into the future of a master plan.
- Manly Environment Centre – survival under Northern Beaches Council
- Golf Course – under threat from other sports associations

- Manly Art Gallery
- Manly Community Centre
- Toilets generally in the area – quality, cleanliness, quantity, safety.
- Contacts at Northern Beaches Council for forum members – a list noting the appropriate contact for, e.g. place making, street cleaning, and environmental issues.
- Hop skip and jump bus – the future | continuation and equalisation of service?
- Manly Hospital site development for the benefit of the wider community of the Northern Beaches
- Transport to the new Northern Beaches Hospital from Manly, Balgowlah, and Seaforth. Connectivity is the key. What public transport options will be available 24 hours 7 days.
- Heaton Avenue | proposed closure. The effect on traffic on the broader Manly, Balgowlah, Seaforth areas. Gridlock.

3. Manly Hospital Site

Denise Keen, a member of the Project Steering Group for the development of the Manly Hospital site updated the Forum on progress of the workshops to be held to identify the gaps in health care on the Northern Beaches and how those gaps could be filled by utilising the Manly Hospital Site once it has been closed.

4. Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden Master Plan

Alison Dodd updated the Forum on progress with the management plan under the Northern Beaches Council. As no information had been provided and emails and calls remained unanswered it was agreed Denise Keen would contact Steven Lawler directly to enquire about progress. An update will be made available at the next meeting.

5. Vision Statement

It was agreed the office bearers would consider a vision statement for the Forum over the Christmas / New Year break and bring that to the first meeting in 2017 to be held on Monday 6 February 2017 at Diggers on the Park from 7:30 pm.

6. Facebook and Social Media

The meeting agreed to update the former Ivanhoe Park Precinct page to become the face of Greater Manly Residents Forum. The office bearers will be advised by Susan of other social media and communication vehicles that can be utilised to keep the residents well informed.

The meeting finished at 8:20 pm with attendees retiring to the upstairs lounge to enjoy some Christmas cheer.

Next meeting:

Monday 6 February 2017.