

GREATER MANLY RESIDENTS' FORUM – MINUTES

Meeting: 6 March 2017

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

Meeting commenced 7:00pm

Attendance 19.

1. Welcome (*Denise Keen*)
2. Acknowledgement of Country (*Libby Bubb*)

Apologies:

- Julia Tomkinson
- David Drage
- Michael Holloway
- Judy Lambert
- Paul O'Brien
- Alison Dodd.

1. Welcome (Denise Keen)
2. Acknowledgement of Country (Libby Bubb)
3. Northern Beaches Council Community Strategic Plan 2028 | “Your Say” workshops.
The meeting were advised of the NBC community strategic plan 2028 “Your Say” workshop initiative being run by NBC and were encouraged to register to attend a workshop and/or view and comment on line. Members of GMRF will attend the workshop to be held at Manly Golf Club on Monday night 27 March. This initiative is about our community, our Identity. Attendees were encouraged to register on the NBC website.
4. Watch list Item – **Manly Hospital site development.**
Presented by Kathryn Ridge (Chair | Manly Hospital Community Advisory Panel; member Project Steering Group).
Kathryn provided a general update noting including a recap of the work undertaken by the MHCAP The project now sits within NSW Health. Consultation and review of the uses of the site is continuing through the Project Steering Group set up by Mike Baird. The hospital, other than heritage listed buildings, will be demolished due to hazardous material content and their general condition.

Sandy Hudspith noted that her understanding, from previous planning works, the heritage building noted for saving is incorrect. It is imperative confirmation of the correct building to be retained is confirmed.
4. Transport to Northern Beaches Hospital, Frenchs Forest.
Denise Keen advised she addressed NBC on the issue of the lack of direct, fast transport to the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest from the Manly electorate. Mr Persson took the issue on notice. NBC noted they are/will engage in discussions with the Department of Transport, Department of Health and the State Government in general to understand the issues involved and provide a solution prior to the opening of the hospital. The GMRF committee intend to push this issue in the coming months.
5. Lauderdale Avenue Traffic (SH | Cameron Wall)
Mr Cameron was unable to attend the meeting to discuss his concerns. Sandy Hudspith undertook to discuss the issue with Mr Cameron requesting him to do provide more research and lobby neighbors on this issue before it can be taken to Council.

6. GMRF Budget (TP | LB)

Tom Peters and Libby Bubb presented a budget for the next four months. It was accepted unanimously, subject to committee meeting to confirm further details.

7. GMRF Registration ABN/ACN numbers (LK) (SR)

Susan Robertson explained proof of association requirements to enable GMRF to obtain a dot.com.au domain name. Gary O'Brien, Lloyd Keen and Susan Robertson agreed to take this forward and close out.

8. Graham's Reserve (sub-committee report)

Libby Bubb advised the meeting the small dog fence has been removed. There may be outstanding issues in relation to Graham's Reserve and GMRF are waiting on NBC to call a meeting of the interested stakeholders to review any issues.

9. Balgowlah Plaza Upgrade works (LK)

Lloyd Keen reported that works will commence over the next three months to refurbish the plaza, and plans can be reviewed on Council website.

10. Manly 2015 Laneway and CBD Plan. (DK)

Lloyd Keen advised that NBC is still in negotiation regarding the Whistler Street and Library sites and are also still reviewing 2015 plan, in particular the laneways.

12. Manly Dam / Manly Vale Public School update (LB)

Libby provided an update on rallies help recently. There was also discussion regarding media comments made by Brad Hazzard claiming the issue is finalized, however, this issue still has unresolved planning issues. The consensus was there was still an opportunity to have the plan reviewed with a view to lessening the impact on the surrounding bushland by going up rather than out.

13. Hop Skip Jump Bus.

Raised at a recent council meeting and it was acknowledged it provides a great service, it has serviced over 100,000 people.

14. Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden Master Plan (AD)

Update on progress by DK, the masterplan is going on public exhibition soon, currently there is no funding available to implement the plan, but this is a long term (20 year) vision.

16. New Items for consideration by GMRF

Tree Planting Masterplan

Gary O'Brien requested an update from Council on the status of the plan. Susan Robertson noted the plan is =being implemented in Thornton Street and the trees being planted were agreeable.

Pioneer Clubhouse Driveway – Quirk Road

(VC) advised Rotary have withheld funding due to works being on council property. VC to follow up and advise if this is actually a council issue.

Posters targeting GMRF recruitment

Gary O'Brien presented drafts of posters to promote GMRF. Following discussion it was agreed the final artwork and content would be determined by the committee at a separate meeting.

Council Grants

To be discussed at committee meeting

Local By-Election

Once final nominees are known invitation will be sent to attend our next meeting to answer residents Q & A.

10. Revision of current Topics | Issues:

On the table:

- Northern Beaches Hospital access from Manly/Seaforth area. 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?
- Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden Masterplan (ongoing)
- Tables and benches at Fairlight Beach – waiting for table/bench to be installed. Does this need to be followed up with Council?
- Grahams Reserve – awaiting outcome of meeting of stakeholders in April 2017.

Watch List:

- 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.
- Manly Environment Centre – survival under Northern Beaches Council
- Golf Course – under threat from other sports associations (new council)
- Manly Art Gallery – proposed extensions on hold
- Manly Community Centre
- Toilets generally in the area – quality, cleanliness, quantity, safety. Embarrassing.
- 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 –

11. The meeting was closed at 9:00pm

Next meeting:
Monday 3rd April 2017