

GREATER MANLY RESIDENTS' FORUM – MINUTES

Meeting: 1 May 2017

Venue: Diggers on the Park, Raglan Street, Manly NSW 2095.
Meeting commenced 7:00pm

Attendance 35.

1. Welcome (*Denise Keen*)

2. Acknowledgement of Country (*Libby Bubb*)

3. Reports

- Treasurer's Report – (TP)

A bank account had now been opened with nominally \$1500 sourced from the previous Fairlight and Ivanhoe Park Precincts. DK added that sponsorship would need to be sought to cover costs and ensure GMRF remains viable.

- GMRF Registered Association Report - (LK)

GMRF is now registered as a NFP association. By being incorporated as a NFP GMRF was substantially better off in terms of credibility and more able to obtain funding for local projects available through government and council grants.

- Website & Facebook update- (SR) The GMRF website is now live with previous minutes and information posted. The facebook page is also live. The strategy for GMRF is to share news via the facebook page and use emails sparingly. DK thanked Susan for all her work in setting up the website and facebook.

Matters for Discussion | Action:

- Manly Oval Carpark | Whistler Carpark

LK provided a quick overview of the 2 independent reports on the Oval Carpark released recently which validated the cancelling of the project due to economic and construction issues. It was noted that the Whistler Car Park is still subject to legal action and may yet resurface as part of a council review into the completion of the Manly 2015 plan. Keep a look out for further information.

DK thanked the previous Fairlight and Ivanhoe Park Precincts as well as others who worked over the past 6 years in stopping the construction of the Manly Oval Carpark from preceding and acknowledged that the amalgamation greatly assisted the cause.

- Council Grants | Sydney Water reservoir site.

Fairlight Report (MH) reported that the current grant application was not suitable for infrastructure projects on council land and suggested that the application should be held off until the 2018-19 FY. The idea of holding off until the developments works had been completed was discussed and agreed with works to prepare for a grant application to proceed in the background. MH agreed to lead this project.

- Tunnel Connection from Northern Beaches - (DK) Limited information was presented and the meeting was opened up to discussion to see if there was interest in following

this subject. A number of North Balgowlah residents attended for this subject alone. It was noted that the Water tanks near Kirkwood Rd in North Balgowlah are in a prime position to be used as a staging point for tunnel works adjacent the Wakehurst Parkway. Ventilation stacks locations and entry and exit points are of concern. Due to a lack of information it was agreed to add this item to our Watch list and all stakeholders urged to gather information and report back to GMRF and to lobby our local member for information. Workshops are proposed for late May at Manly Leagues Club. No registration is required.

- NBC Sports Ground Update – Northern Beaches Council Representative. Northern Beaches Council – presented a detailed update on the review undertaken by council on the sports grounds and golf courses, following consultation with major sporting associations as to their short and long term needs. 2500 submissions have been received by council to date with 7th May being the last day for submissions. Consultants had been engaged to independently review the use of the sports grounds and golf courses in the Northern Beaches council area. The reports conclude that the sporting fields are overused whilst the golf courses are under utilized, and that per capita Northern Beaches Council area have less land per capita than similar sized councils for sporting grounds, and more golf courses than other council areas. The report concluded that 90 of the 155 sports grounds were over used and that we were 24 sports field short, projected to be a shortfall of 40 in the next 15 years. Golf courses totaled 22 of which 7 were public, with membership declining over the past few years. Full details can be found on the Northern Beaches Council website.
- Sydney Water North Head Sewage Treatment works – LK as the representative of GMRF on the North Head Sewage Treatment Works Community Committee presented a report on the sustainability of the plant. It was noted that the current method of treatment is not used elsewhere in the world, and that Sydney Water are looking at how the processes can be changed to become more sustainable. LK will provide ongoing reports on this issue.

Updates on current | Recent issues:

- Meet the Candidates and election outcome – DK thanked those involved in making the forum the success it was and that GMRF would be making a donation to the School for assistance and the venue.
- Manly Dam | Manly Vale Public School – SMDC provided a report on the status of the issue. It was noted that tender documents had already been sent out with the proposed \$18-22m budget replaced with a \$30-\$50m budget now indicative. Local residents had met with James Griffin who although was not across the details, was sympathetic to the argument presented and agreed to return for a more complete site inspection within the next 2 weeks. Attempts to secure information through FOI were rejected. The recently completed Harbord Public School redevelopment was noted as an alternative to the proposed development at Manly Vale. Concerns over road access were raised with suggestions that further bush land would be targeted by developers to improve the road access on safety grounds, linking the dam via King St.
- Ivanhoe Park Master Plan – DK advised no information had been provided since the last meeting but with the caretaker period of council closing in prior to council

elections, the master plan is a priority. Residents have been working on this for 26 years. DK will follow up with Steve Lawler of Northern Beaches Council tomorrow to get an update so the plan can be finalised before July 2017.

- Manly Hospital Site DK advised that since Mike Baird's retirement work on the proposals for the site had mothballed. DK is to provide update at next meeting.
- Graham's Reserve Stakeholders Meeting - (SR) to attend meeting scheduled for the 16th May and report back to next meeting.
- Maintenance generally in area – Noted that the state of grounds, paths & toilets had slipped since the amalgamation.
- Marketing of GMRF (GO) noted that finalising posters specific to local areas was progressing and will incorporate details of GMRF meeting times and venues. Notice boards still have the Manly Council Branding and need updating and should have content in them. Fairlight was noted as being currently empty. It was suggested from the floor that GMRF request content from Council be posed regularly. Newsletters were raised again as a means of attracting sponsorship. The Manly daily now run Notice board free of charge which GMRF should place meeting notification in. GO will also put together a sponsorship strategy/package for next meeting.

The meeting finished at 8.15pm

Next Meeting:

Monday 5th June 2017