

GREATER MANLY RESIDENTS' FORUM – AGENDA

Meeting 3 July 2017

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

Meeting Commenced: 7:00 pm

In attendance: 27

Welcome - *Denise Keen*

Acknowledgement of Country – *Libby Bubb*

Reports:

1. Treasurer's report – (LB / TP)

The meeting was advised following payment of expenditure in setting up GMRF as an association, the running of the "Meet the Candidates Forum" and a donation to Manly West Public School, GMRF has \$1100.00 in the bank. The Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer have built a budget for the year and it is clear there is a need for GMRF to obtain funding if we are to continue to grow, and to provide opportunities like the "Meet the Candidates Forum" run earlier in the year. GMRF Executive will meet to discuss options.

2. Minutes June meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June were accepted as a true and correct record.

Matters for discussion / action:

3. Friends' of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden + Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden grant and formation.

Denise Keen updated the meeting on the progress of the Friends' of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden, advising the following:

- A grant of \$3000 for establishment and work of the Friends' of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden has been received from the State Government.
- The Friends' of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden has been incorporated as an association.
- A bank account has been opened and the grant funds deposited.

It is now intended to take the following actions:

- Form FoIPBG by bringing together the key stakeholders for an inaugural meeting.
- Develop objectives for FoIPBG to be agreed at the inaugural meeting.
- Seek volunteers for FoIPBG

4. Manly Hospital site.

Denise Keen reported that the Project Steering Group set up by Mike Baird whilst Premier has totally stalled and there is now no engagement from NSW Health. This is of great concern as it now appears the community is being sidelined.

The meeting was advised further steps are being taken at the moment through James Griffin, MP for Manly, to ensure NSW Health re-engage with the community. Updates on progress will be provided at coming meetings.

5. Community Groups – State Government Grants.

James Griffin, MP contacted GMRF to advised there is an opportunity to apply for grants from the Minister for Planning for Housing and Special Minister for State, Anthony Roberts. GMRF are currently looking at how this can be utilised in the area.

6. Tunnel connection from the Northern Beaches – update and discussion following RMS roadshows.

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/b2b/releases/northern-beaches-transport-action-plan.pdf>

There was broad discussion on the proposed tunnel connection to the Northern Beaches, the positioning of the pollution stacks, entry and exit. The impact on the surrounding streets and communities, bushland and commuters.

The Tunnel roadshows were very well attended particularly the one held in Seaforth. All agreed the tunnel or similar infrastructure is necessary but that it must be achieved with minimum impact to the surrounding areas, the environment and the health and wellbeing of the community. Attendees at the meeting agree it is

important the community work with the RMS to achieve the best possible result for the residents and the environment. In other words, “what’s in it for us” and how can we work with RMS to reduce negative impact on the area whilst achieving improved access to broader Sydney and beyond.

GMRF will work with other forums and community groups to ensure a good outcome for the Northern Beaches.

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Sheridan Place Traffic. The issue of two way traffic in Sheridan Place Manly was raised by two of the local residents. It is believed the area would benefit from the street being made into a ‘one way’ street. GMRF asked the residents to canvas the residents of Sheridan Place and bring the results back to the meeting. GMRF will provide all possible assistance in taking the request to NBC for consideration and possible implementation.

Northern Beaches Council Election Candidates.

GMRF were pleased to welcome the following independent candidates for the upcoming council elections, Candy Bingham, Kyeema Doyle, Michael Regan, Sarah Grattan,

The candidates spoke of their background and why they are seeking election to Northern Beaches Council.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

Next meeting: Monday 7 August 2017
