

# GMRF [Greater Manly Residents Forum] August meeting Minutes

**When: Monday 7 August 2017, 7pm-8.40pm**

**Where: Diggers on the Park, Raglan Street, Manly**

## Welcome

Sandy Hudspith, Deputy Chair

## Apologies

Libby Bubb

Denise Keen

Lloyd Keen

**Number present** 19

## Reports

- **Treasurer's report** - (TP) – Nil transactions, accounts remain as per last month
- **GMRF website and Facebook update** - (SR) Current statistics 107 on Face book (Seaforth Tunnel group has 400-500 & 333 on our email list)

## Matters for discussion/action:

**Manly Ward public toilets** (SH) General discussion regarding Manly public toilets. Agreed to individually write letters of complaint about the cleanliness the apparent lack of cleaning and maintenance issues since the amalgamation. Also, that a request to council should be urgently tendered for New Year's Eve celebrations as last year was inadequate and numbers continue to grow. GMRF to send request for current NBCs budgets for Toilet maintenance and cleaning. With regard to Manly wharf – a request to NBC asking if the Wharf tenant is compliant with their DA conditions related to the provision and maintenance of the Wharf public toilets and facilities as well as a full audit of the facilities provided. (Address correspondence and requests to the NBC GM.

**Manly Scenic Walkway** - impact of irresponsible dog owners on other users (SH) Ranger contact details to be placed on notice boards and request for signage in area rather than approaching dog owners. Agreed it is a minority of dog owners only causing issues.

**NSW OPTIONS Paper for short term holiday letting in NSW (Air B and B)** (SH) Discussion about new laws and that interested parties should make themselves aware how the changes would impact unit owners and tenants. Feedback can be provided online until the end of October. GMRF to provide link to this site on the GMRF website. [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/.../short-term-holiday-letting-options-paper-20-July-2017](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/.../short-term-holiday-letting-options-paper-20-July-2017)

**Manly Hospital site** — Held over until DK return, generally agreed that this is a major issue and suggested that it should become an election issue that all parties specify their intent with pursuing the issue. A request to NBC for their current position on the issue be forwarded. Request James Griffin and Council to report on the current steering committee and NSW health update

**Friends of Ivanhoe Park** - progress (SH) It was suggested by Barbara Aird that the Gardens are not documented as 'Botanic Gardens' in any literature or government websites and it should be considered. SH provided an update including Masterplan being adopted by NBC.

**GMRF communication strategy update** (Leah McKenzie-Peters, Gary O'Brien) The logo for the GMRF was underway and will be presented at the next meeting, further information to be presented at the next meeting.

**Building partnership grant** has been lodged with the State Government

## **Open Forum**

- **Tunnel to Northern Beaches** – Advised by the Seaforth tunnel group that they had been meeting for the past 4 months with the RMS on this issue. Some information was tabled, including;
  - No filtering was to be included is confirmed
  - Concerns about the steepness of the road is a concern due to increased acceleration by all vehicles increasing the pollution
  - No environmental study had been completed to date
  - The tunnel affects multiple federal electorates
  - Balgowlah Golf course is likely to be permanently affected by the access routes proposed
  - A full proposal by Neil and Marco was being prepared and would be made available for public access with a link on the GMRF website in the near future
  - It was noted that a traffic study of the Manly areas has not been undertaken by council
- **Traffic observation in local area – Traffic areas to be reviewed –**
  - Sheridan Place Fairlight – proposal to make a one-way street with parking to one side only. To be discussed at the next meeting
  - Quirk Road Balgowlah – be made a through Road from Kenneth to Balgowlah road particularly with the high traffic on Roseberry St.
  - Belgrave St, Pittwater Rd and Raglan St intersection with view to re-open Kangaroo Lane
  - Eurobin Ave and Pittwater Roads Review Lights
  - It was noted that a traffic study has not been completed for the Manly area and is overdue before further developments are approved
- **Public Transport** – Buses to new hospital remain a concern. Rapid transport to Chatswood discussed to ease congestion to Spit Bridge. This item to be used as an alternative to the tunnel
- **The following motions were put and agreed that they would be sent to the Council for consideration.**

**Resolutions passed at the Greater Manly Resident Forum on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 for the attention of the General Manager for feedback.**

### **Issue 1. Drop in maintenance standards**

The Forum wishes to bring to the attention of the General Manager, that since the Council amalgamation there has been a noticeable drop in the maintenance standards of the streets, the gardens and plantings. Please advise what measures will be taken in the future to rectify this issue.

### **Issue 2. Porta loos for New Year's Eve at the Fairlight beach and Dellwood beach.**

The Forum request that the Council provide Porta loos and more garbage collection containers for the coming New Year's Eve at the Fairlight pool and the Dellwood beach. This request has been made on

behalf of the residents living on the scenic walkway where, in previous years, the two toilets were over worked and very dirty and overused over the holiday period. There are many hundreds of party goers celebrating new Year and need to be provide for.

### **Issue 3. Public toilets in the Manly Council Area**

The Greater Manly Residents Forum notes that since the Council amalgamations the state of repair and maintenance is not up to standard. We ask the question what would all the visitors to Manly think when they need to use the facilities. We also note that the location and the maintenance of the toilets at the Wharf are not in the best of locations nor are they in good condition. More toilets in Central Manly are required. We request that an audit be taken of the facilities and the results published.

### **Issue 4. New Community Notice Boards**

New Community Notice Boards to replace the Precinct Notice Boards.

These new boards to have the Rangers phone number located in a clear position.

### **Issue 5. Bus public transport to the hospital**

The Previous Precincts have noted that the public transport to the new Northern Beaches hospital is very limited for the residents of most of Manly. We request that Council supports the introduction of a local service to the hospital from the first shift to the late evening shift to service the visitors and patients attending the hospital.

### **Issue 6. Future planning of the Manly Hospital site**

The planning for the future of the current Manly hospital site has ceased and all the good work of the working parties seems to have gone into a black hole. Can Council please support the reinstatement of the community group and work towards a community supported development. The community would support special services for children and young adults and returned servicemen requiring support and care. The GMRF request feedback on when the Council is likely to have a position on the use of the valuable Manly Hospital site.

### **Issue 7. The new transport tunnel**

When will the Council have a position on the logistics and the location of the new transport tunnel.

**Meeting closed at 8.40pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday 4 September 2017, 7:00pm Diggers on the Park, Raglan St Manly**