

Meeting 13 November 2017
Manly Bowling Club, Raglan Street, Manly NSW 2095

Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country

- The minutes of the October meeting were not available for review. They will be reviewed and accepted/amended as necessary by GMRF committee and placed on the website as soon as practical.

Reports:

1. Treasurer's report –

The Treasurer advised no change to the accounts, but noted the receipt of a \$400.00 invoice to cover design and poster costs.

2. Botanic Garden progress | Nothing to report. It is hoped the inaugural meeting will be convened in late January 2018.

Matters Discussed

3. Assistance request.

The meeting was advised the committee would appreciate some assistance with administration matters, in particularly minute taking. Volunteers were asked to speak with the Chair post meeting.

Note: No approaches were received. We are still looking for some help, and would appreciate any offers to assist. Please call Denise Keen on 0411 606 275 to find out more about what time commitment would be needed and what is involved.

4. GMRF Funding

The meeting discussed possible sources of ongoing funding for the forum.

It was agreed sponsorships would be sort and that a proposal to possible sponsors would be developed. The benefit of a bi-monthly newsletter via e-mail and published on the GMRF website was also discussed and agreed, as was the need for an occasional hardcopy delivered via coffee shops, newsagencies and other community based vehicles yet to be identified. It was considered impractical to continue the previous Precinct practice of delivering a printed newsletter to all households in the area, particularly as this vehicle proved unsuccessful in the past and is not cost effective.

A gold coin donation by those attending the meeting was also suggested. There were some strong views on this issue including the possibility of leveraging an annual membership fee. It was suggested the logistics of banking funds from either a gold coin donation or annual membership fee system would make this unworkable.

Brian Dunphy, a member of Friends' of Freshwater, provided input on that organisations approach which was helpful.

Decision: It was decided to adopt the following approaches:

- a) The “gold coin donation” system with a box to be provided for those who wish to contribute at each meeting. The monies collected will be held by the Treasurer and banked when appropriate. They will be reported in the treasurer's report at each meeting. To commence at the February 2018 meeting.
- b) Sponsorships – LK and GO'b to pursue this avenue.
- c) Grants – GMRF Committee to review opportunities and pursue them as appropriate.

5. Manly Hospital Site

The meeting as advised NSW Health has set a date for a workshop made up of health providers and community representatives to review the possible uses for the site post closure late in 2018. The outcome of the workshop will be reported at the February meeting.

6. Northern Beaches Council Community Strategic Plan Workshops

The meeting was advised three committee members attended two of the workshops run by NBC. Gary O'Brien attend the workshop held at Manly Golf Club whilst Denise and Lloyd Keen attended the workshop at Long Reef Golf Club.

The plan reflects a shared vision for the future of the Northern Beaches and is being developed with the community and key stakeholders. The plan will guide the priorities and direction for the area over the next ten years.

The Mayor, Michael Regan attended and addressed the workshops which were also provided with a snapshot of the Northern Beaches today, overview of Council services, challenges and opportunities for the future and opportunities for community engagement.

The attendees considered the Future State | challenges and opportunities for the area. The matters discussed and considered were complex global challenges and opportunities that need to be considered on a local level. The eight interrelated outcome areas identified are:

- Protection of the Environment
- Environmental sustainability
- Places for People
- Community and Belonging
- Vibrant Local Economy
- Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Good Governance
- Participation and Partnerships.

Outcomes of the workshops will be made available on the Council website, however, listed below are some of the issues agreed at the two workshops attended by GMRF representatives.

- Environmental and Economic objectives for early attention.
- Environmental sustainability.
- Jobs for the young people in the area.
- Better transport mix
- Better traffic management
- Small business growth to be encouraged

More information can be found at

<http://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/communitystrategicplan2>

7. Public Toilets in Manly Ward

Colin Wardle raised the issue of the lack of, and poor state of, public toilets in Manly CBD in particular and the ward in general. Areas such as Clontarf also suffer from poorly maintained and dirty facilities. It was suggested Council should consider paying specific venues a stipend for use of their toilets during operating hours to ease the problem.

The general consensus of the meeting was that the state of toilets was a health risk and shamed Manly as a tourist destination. Whilst some toilets are cleaner than others, most are aged and would be considered third world facilities in any tourist destination around the world.

Denise K particularly noted the disgraceful state of the electronic toilet at Griffith Park which is without exception filthy, unusable and a health risk.

Resolution: To bring the ongoing poor state of the toilets in the Manly Ward to the attention of NBC. To seek a plan to immediately improve cleaning standards as well a plan to refurbish, renovate and improve the current facilities and look to provide new facilities in the areas most highly frequented.

8. Bikes on Marine Parade.

The danger of bicycles using Marine Parade was discussed by the meeting. It was agreed there is no policing of the weekend of bikes on this very busy walkway. The dangers to pedestrians by speeding bike

riders and bike riders travelling in groups on this narrow scenic walkway are cause for concern seven days a week.

Resolution: GMRF to ask NBC to police and enforce the bike riding ban on Marine Parade on weekends and monitor the situation during very busy periods, e.g. Christmas and public holiday periods.

9. Watch It list

Trees in the Manly Ward. GMRF is in regular contact with Northern Beaches Council Senior Tree Management Officer, Andrew Thor, who provides updates and notifications of trees under consideration for removal. GMRF confirmed residents of Manly Ward are welcome to bring any issues relating to tree removal to the meeting for discussion and assistance. NBC are open to submissions and input from the community on tree matters, and we thank them for that.

Manly Lagoon | Mixed Community use review. GMRF will seek an update on the review of the Manly Lagoon area usage, particularly as related to “dogs of leash” and hope to report at the February meeting.

Place Managers | NBC have advised the Council has developed new positions “Place managers” who will be tasked with working within the various regions within the NBC area. GMRF will be notified of the “place manager” for the Manly area once they are appointed.

NEW YEAR’s EVE 2017. Additional Portaloos for NYE at Delwood and Fairlight beaches – agreed by council. Check if this was done and if it was successful.

Community Notice Boards – This is something that has fallen through the cracks and will now be reviewed and addressed over the next 6 months.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm

Next meeting: Monday 5 February 2018
