

GREATER MANLY RESIDENTS' FORUM – MINUTES

Meeting Monday 7 May 2018

Manly Bowling Club (on the Park) Raglan Street, Manly NSW 2095.

Acknowledgement of Country – *(Libby Bubb)*

Welcome – *(Denise Keen)*

Attendees and new members were welcomed to the meeting.

We were also pleased to welcome Councillor Pat Daley to the meeting.

1. Open Forum –

1.1 West Esplanade Masterplan - *(Sandy Hudspith)*

Sandy Hudspith presented a “first pass” proposition for a masterplan for West Esplanade. GMRF have identified the need for a masterplan for the area as it is a major part of the gateway to Manly especially for those coming by ferry. The area needs:

1. Parking – absolute priority
2. Updating and maintenance
3. A plan to deal with the former “Ocean World” site and the surrounding cafes.
4. Toilet upgrades
5. Manly Waterslides area review
6. Manly Art Gallery location reviewed and consider moving to former Manly Council Town Hall
7. Repairs to the stone wall and metal light posts
8. Maritime drop off zone for water taxis, private boats, etc.

With the closure of Ocean World and the ongoing struggle to stay viable faced by the businesses in the area due to lack of parking it is essential Council review the area as a whole.

GMRF are keen to work with Council to achieve a great outcome for the area, noting it is essential this area stays a “24 hour alcohol free zone” as it is now and has always been.

The meeting endorsed the proposal to push for a masterplan for West Esplanade.

1.2 Roseberry Street Masterplan - *(Lloyd Keen)*

Lloyd Keen advised the meeting he had spoken at Council encouraging them to develop a full masterplan to resolve the current and fast evolving future traffic issues in the Roseberry Street Retail Precinct. Since the opening of Woolworths in the area large retail stores have opened and Aldi will join the precinct within 9 months. Construction has already started. The advent of the opening of the B Line bus parking station will also clearly impact movement in this area.

It is becoming increasingly clear there is a need to manage the traffic congestion in the area in particular with regard to the number of large delivery trucks using Roseberry Street to deliver goods to the businesses operating there.

GMRF have proposed that Council and the State Government work together to open up Quirk Road and that Quirk Road and Roseberry Street both become one way streets to aid the flow of traffic through the area. Other initiatives also need to be incorporated in the plan including upgrading the footpaths, pedestrian crossings and consideration of providing affordable housing in the area as it is perfectly located near transport, shops, schools and parks.

The meeting was also advised that meetings have been held with Councillor Sarah Grattan and Candy Bingham as well as with Council staff to progress the issue. Councillor Pat Daley also fully supports this initiative and has offered assistance.

The meeting endorsed the proposal for a masterplan for Roseberry Street, Balgowlah.

1.3 Move Northern Beaches Transport Discussion Paper for noting and discussion (*Denise Keen*)

https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/move_northern_beaches

Denise Keen briefed the meeting on the “Move Northern Beaches Transport Discussion Paper” and encouraged attendees to review the paper on line and make submissions.

It was also noted that the paper failed to address the serious need for quick and reliable public transport to and from the new Northern Beaches Hospital for all the residents and businesses in the Manly Ward.

This is an issue that was first raised with Council by GMRF over 12 months ago. During the intervening months Council has been working with Roads and Maritimes Services and Sydney Buses to find a solution to the issue. Our State MP, Mr James Griffin has also met with GMRF representatives and is aware of the problems with safe, fast and reliable access to the new hospital. Mr Griffin is working within State Government to ensure a solution is found and in place before the hospital opens in October.

Councillor Daley also offered to intercede where necessary and work with the Council to ensure the right outcomes for the Manly Ward.

1.4 Impact of B Line parking at Collaroy shops.

Julie, a member of GMRF brought to the attention of the meeting the severe economic impact the B Line bus services is having on shops and businesses in the Collaroy shopping strip. Commuters using the B Line service are parking their vehicles in the parking areas that were previously used by shoppers, thereby reducing the ability of patrons of the businesses there to park and causing them to go elsewhere.

The meeting noted the issue. GMRF will bring the problem to the attention of Councillors in the Warringah Ward to see if anything is being done to mitigate the impact of the B Line parking in that area.

1.5 Litter Management - for discussion (*Denise Keen*)

The meeting discussed the issue of litter throughout the ward noting the following in particular:

Rubbish left behind in rubbish bin areas when they have been emptied by Council contractors.

Apparent lack of rubbish removal or insufficient collections of rubbish in high traffic and tourist areas during the weekend causing massively overflowing bins and rubbish to be blow around and into bush and water.

Rubbish dumped daily in the Council car park in Raglan Street outside the Manly Bowling Club (one GMRF member collects a full bucket of rubbish including empty “cup of soup” packets, bottles, bottles filled with urine, etc dumped in the area.

Rubbish accumulated over many months discussion

1.6 Notice of Annual General Meeting to be held Monday 2 July 2018

- Minute Secretary - for discussion (*Denise Keen*)

Matters for discussion / action:

2. Manly Lagoon Lighting issue. Update.
3. Manly Hospital Site Project Steering Group update

Communications / an email address has been established for interested community members to register their details in order to receive updates throughout the future uses study and provide feedback / comment.

HI-ManlyHospitalEnquiries@health.nsw.gov.au

Whilst there is no website specifically for the community to access regarding the future of Manly Hospital, the NSLHD site provides some information. It is hoped the amount of information provided on that site will improve in the coming months.

<https://www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/Hospitals/Manly/redevelopment/Pages/The-future-of-Manly-Hospital.aspx>

4. Update of resolutions from previous meetings.

The meeting was updated on progress of previous resolutions.

Next meeting: Monday 4 June 2018.
