

GREATER MANLY RESIDENTS' FORUM – MINUTES

Meeting Wednesday 19 May 2021

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

Meeting Commencing: 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

Welcome – *Denise Keen*

- Acknowledgement of Country (*Libby Bubb*)
- Open meeting and welcome guest speaker and Trish Chaney | Community Liaison Coordinator (*Denise Keen*)

Apologies *Nick Reid, Judy Lambert, Nikki Tessier, Meg Morgan, Richard Stanes.*

Treasurer's Report: The report was prepared by Nick Reid and

Guest Presenter - Jeremy Smith Manager, Park Assets - Planning Design & Delivery, Northern Beaches Council attended the meeting to present on the **Masterplan prepared for Ivanhoe Park**. The plan went to the full Council meeting on 25 May 2021 and is now on public exhibition

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ivanhoe-park>

Jeremy also spoke on the proposed **Manly Dam Walkway** plan and received questions from Save Manly Dam Catchment Committee members as well as GMRF members. There is great concern at the environmental impact of the boardwalk which is one of many stresses current and proposed on this valuable environmentally unique and sensitive area on the Northern Beaches. SMDCC have produced a video linked here

<https://fb.watch/5FKD6trUx/>

The video gives a small insight to the unique beauty of the area and reasons why it is imperative we stop any further encroachment or cannibalisation of the area.

Current Matters Discussed:

- **Northern Beaches Operational Plan and Budget** Review and have your say through the link: [Delivery Program 2021-2025 Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022](#)
- **Former Manly Hospital Site** - On the 10th of May construction of the Adolescent and Young Adult Hospice commenced with the turning of the first sod by Premier Berejikilian, James Griffin MP for Manly and Michael Regan, Mayor Northern Beaches Council. This is a great milestone and it is hoped construction will be completed within 12 – 18 months. The Project Steering Group continues to meet with Property NSW to progress the reuse of the rest of the former hospital site. Updates are available at <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/housing-and-property/divisions/property-and-development-nsw/advisory-and-transactions/former-manly-hospital-site>
- **Footpath Upgrades** - NBC continue with plans for footpath upgrades across the council area. (NBC have confirmed a footpath will be laid in the next 12 months in Griffith Street between Cohen and La Perouse Streets. Over the next two years several additional footpaths will be laid or upgraded close to Manly. Further information on these additional footpaths will be provided.

- **Fairlight Walkway** and proposed Fairlight Walkway Bush Care Group. Come to our next meeting for more information on progress with the formation of this group.
- **Housing Strategy** – The amended document has been released and was adopted by NBC. on 21 April 2021. The published strategy attempts to outline, as a result of community concerns, what has been incorporated into the final Local Housing Strategy. GMRF submission is acknowledged in Booklet2, summarised and has been briefly responded to. GMRF submission in broad terms asked for a moratorium on the strategy until the full extent of the Beaches Link tunnel was understood and the fact that the existing development controls allowed for a substantial amount of the dwelling targets to be met, - but not in accord with the objectives of the now adopted Local Housing Strategy. The response from NBC appears indicated concerns raised by GMRF in our submission will be addressed at the detailed planning stage and when the LEP is reviewed.
- **Manly Place Plan EOI** - GMRF have nominated Nick Reid and Gary O'Brien as community representatives on this important project.

Traffic Issues – GMRF have identified some serious traffic issues within the ward which need urgent addressing by NBC.

- **Roseberry Street Proposed Shared Pathway project** – GMRF agreed to submit an objection to this project at this time due to severe traffic safety issues in the area.
- **Pedestrian Crossing near Harris Farm** (Pittwater Road and Balgowlah Road). GMRF is working with Families for Manly to bring the serious need for pedestrian safety in this area to the attention of NBC and Transport NSW.
- **Bus parking opposite Manly Wharf** – traffic congestion and pedestrian safety. Held over till July meeting.

AOB and Questions arising.

Queenscliff access ramp | At the Council meeting held on 21 April 2021 Council resolved to seek funding for construction of a straight access ramp to Queenscliff Headland on the north side of Greycliffe Street as the preferred concept option to improve accessibility to Queenscliff Headland.

Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting
 Wednesday 21 July 2021
 Presentation of Annual Reports
 Nomination and Election of Office Bearer