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## **Manly Chamber of Commerce**

### **Executive Committee minutes**

**Date:** 20 October 2009

**Where:** Grande Esplanade Manly

**Time:** 7.30am to 9.10am

**Present:** Meegan Clancy, Mark Stanley, Margot Stolle, Bob Smith, John Worrell, Mark Eymes, John Kelleher, Adam Mitchell, Drew Johnson, Jonathon Allara, Jackie Lehman, Ian Miller, Laurian Powers.

**Apologies:** None

**Absent:** Frank Prestipino.

#### **1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

- Bob Smith passed and Drew Johnson seconded last meetings minutes.

#### **2. Finance Report**

- September financials
  - It was noted that the Chamber now has a book keeper to produce monthly P/L reports and Balance Sheets for all three Chamber accounts: Chamber account, Tourism Account and the Manly Centre Management Account.
  - Margot to contact Gold and Corporate members in preparation for their 2010 membership.
- **Membership**
  - There are now 198 paid Chamber members including Gold and Corporate.
  - This is a similar situation as last year.

#### **3. Events**

- The events left on the calendar for the remainder of the year are detailed as:
  - Chamber Beat – 22 Oct – a success with 20 attendees
  - Business After Hours – 28 Oct – at the Charlie Bar and will feature Trevor Seymour, Editor of the Manly Daily as a guest speaker
  - Melbourne Cup Lunch – 3 Nov – 90% sold with 10 tickets remaining.
  - Christmas Cheer – 2 Dec- to be held at Hugos and will replace the Nov and Dec Business After Hours functions and act as a sign off for Chamber Events until Feb 2010.

#### **4. Centre Managers Report – Meegan Clancy**

- **Surf Festival**
  - PR exposure for the Festival has been strong with a combination of Press, Radio and TV so far being employed.

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- Manly Daily has been supportive with 4 cover articles and other inside articles to the value of approx. \$50,000 thus far.
- Site map completed
- Signage completed and now up.
- Other logistics currently underway and a new site manager has been brought on board with experience in the Iron Man competitions.
- Morning of the Earth and Legends dinner now on sale
- Movie program now on sale
- Legends now being locked in for appearances

• **Other matters**

- The Melbourne Cup PR Campaign has now been distributed
- The October Immerse newsletter is in circulation.
- The Halloween promotion has been cancelled due to it falling on a Saturday and therefore the ability to control traffic and children is challenging on one of the biggest trade days of the week.

**5. Tourism update**

**6. Manly Council Committee Update**

- Bob Smith – LMUD
  - Nothing of relevance to report to the committee
- Bob Smith - Sus. Eco. Dev Comm
  - Noted that the Tourism bus was presented at this meeting
- Margot Stolle – Community Safety Comm
  - This committee centers around the alcohol related issues that are facing Manly.
  - Was noted that David Darcy is trying to get all major pubs to close at 2 for 2.30am.

**7. General Business**

Bob to begin preparing submission for Minister.

**Presentation to Council**

- John Kelleher and Margot Stolle have been asked to present to the Councilors before their meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Was put out to the Executive how we should use this opportunity and what issues we should present.
- Response was:
  - Sydney Road Markets
  - Section 94 presentation
  - Collaborative working – work together with Council
  - Media issue – negative press does damage to Manly

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### **Jazz Festival**

- Write to the Council to bring back the Short Street stage.

### **Correspondence**

- Letter of response was received from Council on Chambers application for no street dining fees for Beaches Pizza and Interpolitan Café due to Darley Road Sydney Water works.
- Response was negative.

#### **ACTION**

Send this correspondence to the businesses in question.

### **Other Business**

- Bob Smith and Ian Miller are to attend the Council car parking workshop.

**Meeting closed at 9.10am.**

**Next meeting date set for the 17<sup>th</sup> November.**