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## **Manly Chamber of Commerce**

### **Executive Committee minutes**

**Date:** 20 April 2010

**Where:** Grande Esplanade Manly

**Time:** 7.30am to 9.15am

**Present:** Margot Stolle, Monique Eggeling, Bob Smith, Jaron Mitchell, John Worrell, Cameron McAlpine, Drew Johnson, Mark Eymes, Meegan Clancy

**Apologies:** John Kelleher, Ian Miller, Frank Prestipino

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

Drew Johnson passed and John Worrell seconded last month's meeting minutes.

#### **2. Finance and membership Report**

Gold Membership - All likely payments are now in the bank account except for Manly Daily who have confirmed their support.

Could we split gold membership payments in two or quarterly?

Action: Offer the option that we spread invoicing if they would prefer it.

#### **3. Events**

Business After Hours April to be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Garfish

Proposed wine tasting dinner

The group commented that 13 months planning would be better than 1 months planning. It was decided instead we could plan a May Business After Hours wine and food tasting in a lead up to a bigger fundraising event next year.

Action: Not doing Gala Dinner this year, may do it next year. Monique to push back Henry Afrikas to June and make May Business After Hours the wine tasting event at 4 Pines with a speaker at \$20 a head. 4 wines, 4 beers & 4 courses. Kick off 6pm for 6.30pm. Get RSVP's. Jaron to confirm Nick, the wine supplier and speaker.

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

Grant Applications - Meegan briefed us about different grant applications available. Trying to utilise as many opportunities as possible from Government grants. Anything from \$10k to \$40k.

Business planning and budget is underway at the moment

Noose Surf Festival – a very successful grassroots surfer based event that does not necessarily have a mass market appeal as per the Manly Festival of Surfing.

Virtual Manly – out in market place. Meegan needs to walk into every store to get a mass uptake and sell in. Businesses are positive. Media Spark and Centre Management putting it together.

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Leasing update - China Beach open in 2 weeks. Murdoch opened up next to Beaches Pizza. Dominoes opening up. Coles starting before October. Best Music has vacated, womens access negotiating on that. \$2 shop lease coming up for renewal. Terracotta opened next to Manly Wine. New Brighton still trading.

Welcoming Strategy – driven from the tourism committee. Concept includes a combined approach across all business categories with directories, advertising and blue tooth messaging.

## **5. Manly Council Committee Update**

Landscape Management & Urban Design Committee - Bob Smith was away last meeting, didn't attend. There was nothing on the agenda that affected the CBD or Manly specific. Henry Wong is still developing a project to provide a car park under Manly Oval. There are some interesting ideas to upgrade the Whistler St car park, keep the upper levels out of view and have a community square there underneath.

Sustainable Economic Development Committee – Bob Smith and Meegan Clancy attended. The Committee recommended that the 4 Pines be included in Food and Wine Festival. 4 Pines still haven't been accepted; however two Council committees support the application. Council said they don't want to put their staff at risk however the Police support the application. Margot suggested that if they don't get accepted then we go to the Manly Daily. The group agreed that the concept of the Food & Wine Festival has now become very dated. Jaron noted that the Cronulla Food & Wine Festival had blues bands and entertainment. Meegan was informed that Jon Morgan, Head of Events is away for 2 months during the Festival.

Actions: Jaron to keep us updated on his application.

April Community Safety Committee - Margot Stolle reported that the 4 Pines application was discussed at this meeting. Everyone in attendance supported their inclusion including Dave Darcy and Jean Hay. The Committee centres on alcohol related incidences and they report they have had a good couple of months. Article in today's paper about theft on beaches being particularly high.

Alternate transport option supported by Mike Baird has had their license renewed for a further 12 months.

## **6. General Business**

Margot reported that Monique is now in her third week in the role as Executive Officer. Handover was done last week and went smoothly.

### **Sydney Road Markets**

A follow up meeting with businesses was held which wasn't very well attended. A back to back trial configuration was held for 2 weeks which was very successful however the ultimate aim of Chamber is to shift the markets altogether. The Chamber is trying to work with Council to do something else with that area. John Kelleher and Henry Wong have met to discuss the markets and need to meet again. The businesses want to see the contract to see what the legal rights are of the market operator. Margot informed Ross, the market operator, in their last conversation that

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the Chamber's position is to back businesses and lobby Council to eventually remove markets from that area.

Laurian suggested that we want to massage the terms and conditions for the next 18 months to include the back to back configuration and police product sold so that it includes only Australian made as well as deal with complaints from week to week. The general feedback was that trade increased amongst shops over the two week trial. We need to find out what conditions are in the contract as traders have certain rights – if we don't know what the conditions are how can we object? John has asked Henry. Could one of the independent retailers request under the Freedom of Information?

Actions: Establish breach of conditions which we can only get from contract. Breaches should be sent to Councillors. Get retailers to start taking photos. Monique to ask for copy of the contract and operating conditions in a meeting with Jean Hay tomorrow.

#### **Car parking issue**

Margot, John and Monique had a good meeting with Council on car parking. We are putting forward recommendations to Council that on street parking change back from 30 minutes to 1 hour around the fringes of CBD. This will happen from 1 July. Also early bird parking will only be in Manly National car park to free up Whistler St bottom levels. If you are a permanent parker you need to work in Manly, not in the city. Henry proposes to start tracking number plates so that people can only have 2 hours per day.

Action: to discuss this at the next Executive Meeting. Stockland and the Mall offer 3 hour parking. We have lost foot traffic, used to be a constant flow of people.

#### **Section 94 issue**

Detailed in 6 month report – no update. Should probably go to the minister to say 'is this legal'?

Action: follow up our letter to the Minister. Bob Smith to draft letter and demonstrate what Manly Council are doing.

#### **Chambers approach to Council and community related issues.**

We need to identify a period of time to allow Council to deal with issues that we raise and then take the issues public if they have not been resolved.

Action: Monique to speak to the Manly Daily and try and get a monthly dialogue with them of what we're working on. Start with the good things to give it a positive spin. The last 12 months has been much more active with Council.

#### **Other**

Meegan informed the meeting that Manly Police Station is redeveloping.

Little Manly café – Meegan informed the meeting that Little Manly Café's license states that they have to finish trading at 9pm, not only do they have to finish trading but everyone has to be off the site. Stuart is coming back to her after his meeting with Jean Hay.

Thanks to Margot for her work at the Chamber. This is her last meeting.



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**No other business**

**Meeting closed at 9.15am.**

**Next meeting date set for the Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30am.**