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## **Manly Chamber of Commerce**

### **Executive Committee minutes**

**Date:** 22 June 2010

**Where:** Grande Esplanade Manly

**Time:** 7.30am to 9.00am

**Present:** Meegan Clancy, John Kelleher, Mark Stanley, Ian Miller, John Worrell, Monique Eggeling, Drew Johnson, Cameron McAlpine

**Apologies:** Laurian Powers, Bob Smith, Jaron Mitchell, John Worrell, Mark Eymes

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

John Kelleher passed and Mark Stanley seconded last month's meeting minutes.

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

Financial report accepted.

16 Gold Members – budgeted for 20

Manly Daily committed, payment imminent.

Action: Try to upgrade Manly Daily to Corporate for contra advertising.

Invoiced McHugh Holdings for 50% remaining on corporate membership however David McHugh is no longer there.

Action: Meegan to put in a call to find out new contact for invoicing.

Sub member's invoices distributed for the new financial year.

9 new members last month,

Action: Need to focus on getting some sub members to upgrade to Gold Membership. Make sure all the Sydney Road businesses are members, seeing as we have been spending so much time on this issue

#### **3. Events**

Business After Hours June to be held on Wednesday 23 June at Sugar Lounge (Henry Afrikas)

Melbourne Cup Lunch – 4 Pines. Jaron and Monique to work out details. Function should be a lower key event around \$40/50 per head, rather than \$100 per head.

AGM – Last year it was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September,

Action: Mark Stanley to confirm Quest is available Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.

Charlotte Deague from Wilkinson PR group is interested in becoming an Executive.

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

Meegan reported new leasing opportunities. Quite a few vacancies are coming up, which is good timing for new tenants to get in before the Christmas period.

Surf Festival progressing well. The PR agency that run the Surf School also run the Surf Festival.

Manly Surf School is on TV – getting some positive PR.

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

Landscape Management & Urban Design Committee – Bob Smith was an apology.

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Sustainable Economic Development Committee –Meegan Clancy attended. The Sydney Road Markets issue was raised and there is a concern about the hole in the budget which will be left. Meegan surveying businesses regarding Council events.

May Community Safety Committee - Meegan attended. The issue was raised about ceasing alcohol service at 2am for a 2.30am closure.

## **6. General Business**

### Sydney Road Markets

After lobbying Councillors on 2 June, Councillor Peter MacDonald put forward a motion to last night's Council meeting. The result was that the motion was passed by the Councillors however the Council now have 3 months to conduct their own survey of the Sydney Road businesses to establish whether the markets have a significant negative impact before considering their removal or relocation. We would like to expedite the time frame to one month. If survey takes 3 months and then markets are given 3 months notice it will take into December and into prime retail for yet another year. How will the survey be conducted? Needs to be by an independent entity.

#### Action:

- Monique to put a call into the Manly Daily.
- Write to Councillors and thank them for their support.
- Suggest survey should be conducted in an open forum and take only one month.
- Contact New Brighton and see what their plans are.
- Email breaches every weekend to all Councillors – get roster to cover every weekend
- Address all retailers to give them an update
- Consider answer for public perception so that we all have the same response – get a simple message across

### Car parking issue

A car parking workshop was held with Council. John addressed the Councillors that it was the Chambers position after surveying businesses in the CBD area that the businesses wished the parking to revert back to one hour. We are yet to hear back from Council on what the outcome is.

### Council Precincts

The Corso Precinct is poorly run and is being manipulated by a few residents. Revised precinct terms of operation state that people that work in the area are unable to vote at Precinct meetings. Residents from Belgrave Street to the beachfront can vote. There is no access to minutes or agendas. We should have a representative attend each monthly meeting. Drew volunteered.

Action: Write a recommendation to Council that we should be entitled to vote.

**No other business**

**Meeting closed at 9.00am.**

**Next meeting date set for the Tuesday 20 July at 7.30am.**