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Manly Chamber of Commerce

Executive Committee minutes

Date: 18 May 2010

Where: Grande Esplanade Manly

Time: 7.30am to

Present: Bob Smith, Jaron Mitchell, Meegan Clancy, John Kelleher, Mark Stanley, Ian Miller

Apologies: John Worrell, Mark Eymes, Laurian Powers, Monique Eggeling, Drew Johnson

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

Bob Smith passed and Mark Stanley seconded last month's meeting minutes.

2. Finance and membership Report

Financial report accepted.

9 new members for April, showing a 20% total growth in membership over the past 12-months.

Sub member's invoices to be distributed at the beginning of June for the new financial year. John and Monique to draft a cover letter for mail-out.

3. Events

Business After Hours May to be held on Thursday 28th May at 4 Pines.

Chamber Beat – Thursday 20th May hosted by Enhanced Business Solutions

Melbourne Cup Lunch - venue ideas

Traditionally the luncheon is a great networking event, with a fundraising capacity for the Chamber. Venues to investigate for approx 120pax:

El Toro Loco, Manly Pavilion, Alumbrah, Skiff Club, 4 Pines – “Beers, Broads and Brumbys”

4. Centre Managers Report – Meegan Clancy

The CM gave a brief leasing overview, viewing concerns over a few available sites with unsustainable rental expectations from property owners, which is discouraging preferred retailers.

Action: BS and MC to liaise and BS to discuss with applicable property owner direct.

MC to create research market rents for The Corso.

5. Manly Council Committee Update

Landscape Management & Urban Design Committee – did not meet this month

Sustainable Economic Development Committee – Bob Smith and Meegan Clancy attended.

Sydney Rd Markets were discussed at this meeting. The Councillors were very supportive of the retailers concerns, but also noted that it was a large income generator for Council. It was noted that the Market operators have been canvassing businesses in Market Lane regarding a possible relocation.

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Action: Chamber to write to all Councillors with an overview of this issue, including a timeline, specific retailer complaints, current status and lease renewal details for the market operators. The inclusion of 4 Pines in the 2010 Food and Wine Festival was also discussed at this committee. The financial decision on inclusions and conditions applied is with Manly Council's general manager. A suggestion was made to work with the conditions, and turn them into a positive. April Community Safety Committee - Monique Eggeling was an apology for this meeting.

6. General Business

Sydney Road Markets

A Freedom of Information request has been sent to Council for the Sydney Road Markets Contract on 30 April and should take between 14 and 21 days.

Action: As above

Car parking issue

A car parking survey has been conducted amongst members and a collection of businesses. The majority of businesses did not want 30min parking anywhere in the Manly CBD, however JK, BS and MC noted that the 15 & 30min spaces on The Corso and Darley Road were acceptable as they were in the previous arrangement. Increasing the free parking to 3 hours free to tie in with Stockland and Warringah Mall was discussed however it was felt that Council would not be open to extending this period.

Action:

Focus on driving positive PR on the current car parking available, spaces and free period and locations. Liaise with Council to see if they will consider reducing the 3rd hours parking fee.

Sydney Rd Waterworks

It was noted that this has and will continue to be detrimental to businesses along Darley Rd and Wentworth St.

No other business

Meeting closed at 8:45am

Next meeting date set for the Tuesday 22nd June at 7.30am.