

NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

Local Representation Committees – Social, Economic and Environment

Held on Wednesday, 15 June 2016
In the Pirelli Room, Civic Centre Dee Why commencing at 6.00pm

Attendance:

Economic

Michael Regan (Chair)
Jose Menano-Pires
Sue Heins
Roslyn Harrison
Selena Griffith
Candy Bingham

Social

Jean Hay AM (Chair)
Alex McTaggart
Steve Pickering
Kay Millar
Vanessa Moskal
Bob Giltinan
Duncan Kerr

Environment

Kylie Ferguson (Chair)
Cathy Griffin
Barbara Aird
Ian White

Apologies:

Alan Le Surf

Wayne Gobert

Hugh Burns
Pat Daley
Julie Hegarty

Council Officers

Dick Persson AM
Mark Ferguson
Melinda Hewitt
Helen Lever
Kate Lewis
Jane Mulroney
Ximena Von Oven
Lynne Jess

Administrator
General Manager
Deputy General Manager, Transformation, People and Culture
LRC Executive Officer
LRC Executive Officer
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Administration Officer – Governance
Secretariat Officer

1 Welcome and Introductions

The Administrator, Dick Persson welcomed the Local Representation Committees (LRC).

Acknowledgment of Country.

The following points were discussed and updates were provided:

Recent Storm Events

- Feedback was received regarding Council staff and volunteers that attended the affected sites and provided aid.
- All affected residents have been contacted by the Administrator and help has been provided. Engineers have been appointed to provide their expertise and assistance to affected residents.
- Construction of sea walls

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- Council facilities (meeting rooms) have been allocated for residents to meet and discuss their current situation with the Administrator and General Manager of Northern Beaches Council.
- Emergency Planning for Storms and Floods

The following questions were raised by the members of the committee:

Q: What measures Northern Beaches Council is undertaking for the next big storm that has been predicted to hit Sydney?

A: Interim protective measures are currently being developed. Sand bags will be placed in front of the affected properties

Q: What will be Council's contribution to affected residents?

A: A specific amount was not provided as yet however we are working on a combined contribution from all levels of Government along with the affected property owners

Q: Which other sites were damaged?

- Area South of Palm Beach
- Shelly Beach walkway – will need to be assessed by Sydney Water for repairs before walkway can be reconstructed.

Entry signs to Northern Beaches Suburbs

Q: What has been done with the entry signs to the previous council areas? Where are the signs currently being stored?

A: The signs are currently being stored by council and will be kept for historical purposes.

Members raised the point that the signs could be displayed at Kimbriki in order for community members to visit the site and view the signs

General

- Government's intention to keep all northern beaches connected and engaged

Highlights and successes

Melinda Hewitt, Deputy General Manager Transformation, People and Culture updated the group on the following:

- Strong collaborative working partnerships in response to the recent storm
- Transformation model presented to working parties
- Customer Service Centres – can be used through the whole Northern Beaches to process payments and lodge DAs
- Staff Briefings and Site visits
- First session of Implementation Advisory Group (IAG) and LRC workshops have been undertaken
- Council Meeting report regarding the establishment of the IHAP (north)
- Council Meetings (29 May and 2 June 2016)

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- Weekly reporting of the successes and challenges to the Premier and Cabinet which will be further shared with Council staff
- E-newsletter distributed to Northern Beaches residents
- Implementation of one parking sticker across the Northern Beaches
- Rates Notice to be issued in due course to all Northern Beaches residents

Mark Ferguson, Deputy General Manager discussed the following points:

Financial Summary

- Operational Draft Plan 2016/17 Northern Beaches Council (draft operational plans of each of the former councils Manly, Warringah and Pittwater have been used as the basis to develop the current draft plan)
- Major Capital Works:
 - PCYC Dee Why
 - Church Point Improvements
 - Macpherson Street Bridge, road and footpath
- The budget 2016/17 projects total expenditure of \$484.5 million, including a capital works program of \$129.3 million.
- Merger Costs and Fund - Funding from the NSW Government is available to Northern Beaches Council, \$10 million towards the merger costs of the new organisation and a further \$15 million through The Stronger Communities Fund for projects for each new council to spend on priority community initiatives.
- Community drop-in information sessions will be held to discuss the draft Operational Plan on the following dates
 - Manly Library – Monday 20 June 5:30-7:30pm
 - Mona Vale Library – Tuesday 21 June 5:30-7:30pm
 - Dee Why Library –Thursday 23 June 5:30-7:30pm
- Draft Operational Plan Timeline
 - Exhibition Opens – 3 June
 - Exhibition Closes (end of submissions) – 1 July
 - Council Meeting to adopt Operational Plan – 7 July
 - Operational Plan commences – 1 August
- A number of submissions were received on the previous exhibitions of the individual council plans. These submissions will be collated along with submissions on the combined Operational Plan. In total there are approximately 40 submissions.
- Q. What is planned for the different Fees and Charges across the Northern Beaches ie. Pittwater has an helicopter landing fee and Warringah does not?

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- A: The fees and charges currently on exhibition reflect the draft fees that were exhibited prior to the merger. Council will look to harmonise the fees and charges across the area as part of the 2017-18 Operational Plan.

Kimbriki Access Road

Q: What will happen to Mosman Council's contribution towards Kimbriki tip?

- A: Mosman Council will continue to be a shareholder of Kimbriki Environmental Enterprises which operates Kimbriki tip.

Other Questions:

Q What savings have been achieved?

- A: Savings will be achieved from reduction in senior staff and extension of self-insurance policy for workers compensation

Q. What is the Notice of Rescission Motion no 1/2016 RFT 2015/105 Warringah Aquatic Centre Adjoining Land Tender (MC/16/70732) on the next Council agenda?

- A: This rescission motion will allow the Administrator to reconsider the previous tenders and progress negotiations if required

Useful Links:

Operational Plan Northern Beaches Council 2016/17 (Draft)

<http://yoursaywarringah.com.au/NBCOpPlan1617>

Storm Recovery

<http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/storm-recovery>

Emergency Planning for Storms and Floods

<http://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/emergency-planning>

Previous Meeting Notes

Helen Lever, LRC Executive Officer discussed the meeting notes of the last LRC meeting. There were no suggested changes to these notes.

She briefed the group regarding the following points:

Communications and Reporting Protocol

- Meeting notes and actions will be presented to Council within a Council report.
- Any action endorsed by the Administrator will be managed by the individual business area
- 2 members of the LRC are allowed to speak on Council Agenda Items
- Topics for discussion at the LRC meetings will need to be approved by the Committee in collaboration with the Chair to be further actioned
- Project Managers and staff will be invited to brief the group with regards to particular issues or themes

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Role of the LRC

- The LRC is a forum where members have the opportunity to continue dialogue with Council and it provides a connection opportunity
 - Aim of the committee is strategic rather than operational
 - Promote innovation and opportunities for service improvement
- Q: How are the ex-councillors monitoring their old email addresses? What is happening to emails sent by community members to the ex-Councillors? Are appropriate Council staff monitoring their emails?
- A: Former Manly Council staff (governance business unit) are currently monitoring the ex-Councillors old emails and addressing the community members concerns. Automated messages are in place to ensure community members know where to address their customer requests.

Jane Mulroney and Kate Lewis, LRC Executive Officers presented an update regarding the following points:

- Draft Road Map – Community Strategic Plan
 - Community Engagement Framework
 - Principles of Engagement
 - Clear and consistent communication
 - Meaningful engagement with communities that promotes transparency and accountability
 - Use methods to encourage participation of the broadest cross section of the community
 - Overview of the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) spectrum and various levels of engagement
 - Techniques and key methods used to engage the community
- Q: Is the Northern Beaches Council generating a new logo for the organisation?
- A: Yes a new identity and logo is required as part of the transformation road map. There will be a branding process which will engage the community and ex-councillors.
- Discussion on LRC involvement in engagement for Draft Community Strategic Plan

Community Engagement Framework Overview

- Northern Beaches Council will continue to engage to the community
- We will ensure that there are formal mechanisms to engage the community including Statutory Committees, Working Groups and Registered Community Groups
- Notes from the LRC will be reported to Council
- There will be an annual review process so that community members can register their community groups

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- Council Meetings continue to provide an opportunity for the community to participate and engage
- Q: Is Northern Beaches Council going to continue facilitating meeting rooms for the community committee meetings like has been done previously?
A: This is something that will need to be investigated as part of the committee framework
- Q: How is Northern Beaches Council going to provide an update to the committee members on the progress of different projects currently being undertaken?
A: We will add all committee members to the Engagement Register to ensure that they receive updates on projects open for comment. The project pages can be found online:
Pittwater: <http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/yoursay>,
<http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/council/documents/exhibitions>
Warringah - <http://yoursaywarringah.com.au>
Manly: <http://www.manly.nsw.gov.au/council/public-exhibitions/>

Most major projects have a dedicated project web page with ongoing status updates:

Church Point

http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/yoursay/open/open/church_point_parking_demand_management

Mona Vale Place Plan

<http://places.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/>

Dee Why Town Centre

<http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/your-council/current-works-and-projects/dee-why-town-centre>

Glen Street Theatre

<http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/your-council/current-works-and-projects/glen-street-revitalisation>

PCYC

<http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/your-council/current-works-and-projects/dee-why-pcyc>

Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct Structure Plan

<http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/your-council/current-works-and-projects/northern-beaches-hospital-project>

SEPARATE LRC SESSION

Group members broke into their specific Local Representation Groups to review the list of key strategic themes that was distributed. Groups discussed the themes and identified any that were missing from the previous meeting summary.

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LOCAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – ENVIRONMENT

The following topics were consolidated from the previous meeting and the collated CSP strategic themes across the area:

- Community Education
 - Natural environment ie animal management (ie Dogs, Cats)
 - Waste (reuse, recycle)
 - NEC and MEC
 - Community Gardens (education with regards to gardens)
- Waste
 - Service delivery
 - Waste operations (Management of Kimbriki)
 - Litter management
 - Container deposits
 - Set target and outcomes
- Managing Hazards:
 - Coastal Management (CZMP)
 - Bushfire management
 - Managing floods - stormwater
- Climate Change
 - Greenhouse gas emissions
- Resource management
 - Energy and water savings
 - Revolving energy fund
- Improved environmental management and coordination across NB
 - Environmental issues paper – what's working well, what can be improved?
- Catchment management:
 - Lagoons and estuaries –water quality
 - Protect and manage bushland and flora
 - Protect and maintain biodiversity
 - Feral animals
 - Weeds & noxious plants
- Working with the community and stakeholders
 - Volunteers (Bushcare)
 - Environmental Committees and groups
 - Other stakeholders – RFS, RLSS
- Compliance

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- Management of feral animals, off leash dogs, litter, smoking etc
- Combine smoke free policies across area
- Review impact of Tourism on the natural environment

Quick Wins - Learn from works well now and roll out across area ie in Manly:

- No alcohol advertising on Council managed Bus shelters
- Have more public fountains / water bubblers across the northern beaches (bubblers Drinking fountains) = reduction of bottles in waste = savings in collections
- Council leased premises - terms and conditions to restrict use of disposable items
- Council events to include restrictions on stall holders using disposable items
- Provide fee :no junk mail stickers' for residents

LOCAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – SOCIAL

The main headings for the LRC social included:

Connected community /Social engagement

- Social justice
- Neighbourhoods; strong, connected, new land release connections
- Connected community engagement
- Volunteering
- Vibrant villages e.g. Enliven
- Sister cities

Recreation, lifestyle and sport

- Recreation
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Sports fields
- Beaches
- Reserves
- Aquatic Centre
- Recreation; bushland, scenic walks, NB coastal walk, Manly to Palm Beach walkway
- Registered clubs, sporting and sailing clubs
- Public open space

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Diverse community

- Women's services
- Community wellbeing (Drug & Alcohol issues)
- Diversity
- Gender equity
- Youth events
- Children & families
- Multicultural programs; new community e.g. Tibetan
- Indigenous
- Seniors

Health, wellbeing and safety

- Health services
- Caring for staff; corporate leadership, respect
- Community safety e.g. liquor accord
- Homelessness
- Connected community

Art and culture

- Events
- Nightlife
- Art & culture
- Libraries

Sustainable transport

- Active travel
- Bike and walking tracks
- Public transport (integration with B-Line)
- Community bus; hop skip jump
- Accessible communities
- Tourism

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LOCAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – ECONOMIC

There were 6 themes raised at the initial meeting which the group wanted to concentrate on:

- Make Council financially sustainable and transparent
- Deliver Plan to the Community (test & measure)
- Ongoing cost efficiencies, innovations and resourcefulness
- Contribution to 20/07/16 CSP
- Community's diverse interests
- Distribution of Services to the Northern Beaches

It was decided that the best way forward was to merge the Economic themes from the 3 former Council CSP's of the previous Councils into one document for them to review.

There was also a request for the current Fees and Charges on exhibition of the previous year, the Executive Officer reiterated that this request would need to be provided to the General Manager for consideration.

The group requested that the Asset Register of the 3 previous Councils also be combined into one document to include both natural and built assets for the Economic Local Representative Committee to consider.

One member requested that documents be distributed a week prior to the meeting to allow time to review if possible.

REVISED MEETING DATE SCHEDULE

LRC meeting dates have been changed to the first and third Wednesday of each month until August, when the frequency will be monthly.

Handout of revised dates was circulated.

	Date	Time	Location
Wednesday	1 June 2016	6.00 – 8.00pm	Dee Why
Wednesday	15 June 2016	6.00 – 8.00pm	Dee Why
Wednesday	29 June 2016	6.00 – 8.00pm	Dee Why
Wednesday	20 July 2016	6.00 – 8.00pm	Dee Why
Wednesday	3 August 2016	6.00 – 8.00pm	Dee Why
Wednesday	17 August 2016	6.00 – 8.00pm	Dee Why

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Power Point Presentation

The meeting closed at 8:20pm