

# MEETING NOTES

## **MANLY PLACE PLAN PROJECT WORKING GROUP 2**

held online via Zoom

**WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2021**

## Meeting Notes of the Manly Place Plan Project Working Group 2 Meeting held on Wednesday 10 November 2021 online via Zoom

**5.30pm – 7:30pm**

### **ATTENDANCE:**

#### **Committee Members**

Alan Yuille	Environmental/ Heritage background
Cathy Griffin	Manly Community Forum
Chris Bell	Manly Life Saving Club
Eliza Lo Russo	Youth Advisory Group (YAG) (Apology)
Evelyn Shervington	Inclusionary/ Disability Interest group
Luke Smart	Local Business Owner/Operator
Matt Clifton	Tourism Sector owner/operator
Matthew Hindman	Local Business Owner/Operator (Apology)
Mark Leabeater	Families for Manly (Apology)
Nick Reid	Greater Manly Residents Forum
Ray Mathieson	Local Manly Resident
Robyn Mobbs	Local Manly Resident
Tracey Mietzke	Manly Chamber of Commerce
Samuel Wilkins	Arts & Cultural background
Susan Masur	Local Manly Resident

#### **Council Staff**

Louise Kerr	Director Planning & Place
Andrew Pigott	Executive Manager, Strategic & Place Planning
Liza Cordoba	Manager, Strategic & Place Planning
Andrew Grocott	Manager, Community Engagement
Nikki Griffith	Manager, Place & Economic Development
Nemani Robertson	Planner
Amanda Clarke	Secretariate to Manly Project Working Group

#### **Councillors**

Candy Bingham	Deputy Mayor (Manly Ward Councillor)
Sarah Grattan	Manly Ward Councillor

#### **Consultants**

Chris Bain	Ethos Urban
Ciaran Callaghan	Ethos Urban
Ross Hornsey	Ethos Urban
Ira Brenner	Ethos Urban
Stefan Meissner	Ethos Urban
Ping Chien Ng	Ethos Urban
Josh Milston	JMT Consulting
Jacob Vince	Atlas
Liz Griffin	HillPDA
Jesse Rowlings	HillPDA

## 1. Introduction

### Andrew Pigott

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Introduction of PWG members, Council Staff and Consultants

## 2. Apologies

- Eliza Lo Russo – PWG member Youth Advisory Group
- Mathew Hindman – PWG member Local business owner/operator

## 3. Confirmation of Meeting Notes

### Andrew Pigott

- Review of PWG meeting held 22 September 2021 and confirmed the meeting notes are not intended to be verbatim

## 4. Manly Place Plan- Project Overview and Context

### PRESENTATION

#### Manly Place Plan – Project overview and context (Ciaran Callaghan, Ethos Urban)

An overview of the workshop objectives

- Exploration and understand the *vision* for the Manly Place Plan
- Explore and understand guiding *principles* that support that Vision
- Workshop *priorities* for further investigation as we develop the Place Plan

Recap of the first PWG meeting

- Summary of outcomes from the last meeting –
  - Presented key issues + opportunities for the study area
  - Gathered community insight and input on the key issues and opportunities around priority core matters
- Survey recap
  - Thank you to all those who responded
  - We asked what you'd like to preserve: heritage (built form and cultural), character, community, culture of Manly, natural environment
  - Concerns: poorly maintained shops, housing affordability, congestion from traffic, anti-social behaviour and limited opportunities for performance space
- This is what we heard from you last session:
  - Movement – popularity of cycling, need to improve how other emerging modes (i.e. ride-share, e-wheeling) are catered for, potential for improved secure bicycle parking, concerns about traffic congestion in Manly centre

- Parks and open spaces, social infrastructure, and public domain – focus on role and identity of the Corso, desire for intimate performance spaces, activation of Library/Town Hall, improved curation of events
- Heritage and building design – need to maintain heritage character, improve coordination of shops/awnings on the Corso
- Economy and night-time economy – improved balance of family-friendly night-time activities, increased intimate performance spaces, digital platforms which improve experience

## 5. Vision and Principles Workshop

### Ross Hornsey

Interactive workshop activity

- A collective vision, principles that will guide us to achieve this vision, and the priority actions
  - Vision = cake
  - Principles = recipe, the how
  - Priority actions = ingredients / shopping list

### Draft Vision

- A place plan Vision and its purpose: a shared statement, sets a desirable future state for Manly and guides the decision making process around Manly's future
- Presented a draft Vision for Manly's Place Plan:  
**"Sydney's premier seaside destination, embracing a healthy and welcoming day and night economy, iconic natural features and vibrant public spaces."**

Discussion questions (Miro Board):

- How do you feel about this draft vision?
  - General consensus that it should be refined to include some more 'Manly-specific' elements
- What do you or don't you like about this statement?
  - Like: economy works in this context, capture strong points
  - Dislikes: Too generic, seems to be aimed at tourists, not locals; use 'community spaces' over 'public spaces'; order of words should start with locals / businesses, end with tourist-focus.
- What are some key words that summarise Manly as a place for you?
  - Liveability
  - History
  - Friendly quirky character
  - Village feel and local culture
  - Cosmopolitan gateway to the beaches (vs. village feel)
  - Heritage
  - Indigenous connection and history
  - Unique position between beach, bush, harbour
  - Vibrant groups and economy (day and night)

Manly as a destination

### Draft Principles

Ross H noted that principles give effect to the vision, reflect and enliven it; they also organise and categorise the tangible initiatives. It is important to get a balance of clear and actionable principles.

Draft principles were presented, as follows:

- Active and vibrant public spaces
- Quality built form and respect for heritage
- Celebrating inclusivity and diversity
- Pedestrian and cyclist focused
- Relaxed and welcoming village character
- Green, clean and resilient
- Integrated and connected
- Enabling innovation creativity and knowledge

Discussion questions (Miro Board):

- Which of these key considerations are most important to you?
  - Active vibrant and public spaces
  - Relaxed and welcoming village character
  - Enabling innovation creativity and knowledge
  - Work and Play
- What are some other actionable considerations that might be better?
  - Sustainability
  - Environment – green and blue, more emphasis on water and water quality
  - Protecting natural beauty
  - Interconnection between beach, bush, harbour
  - Landscape and trees – not just a focus on the built form; planted form / trees as a distinguishing element of Manly
  - Indigenous heritage
  - Arts and creative community
  - Local economy and creation of economic opportunity
  - Liveability
  - Enterprise, start-ups, small business
  - Quality built form
  - Park and ride
  - Attract new employers, commercial tenancies
  - Work and Play
  - Combine ‘pedestrian and cyclist focused’ and ‘integrated and connected’

### **Draft Priorities**

Ross H noted this was a chance to get more specific, with the translation of principles into specific priorities.

Discussion questions

- What are priorities and what are their purpose for the Manly Place Plan?
- How do these priorities translate into key places and spaces within the Manly Place Plan study area?
  - The Corso
  - Laneways
  - Manly Town Hall

### **The Corso – potential priorities**

- Live music and performance
- Street trees
- Prioritise pedestrian movement
- Public amenities
- Breakout spaces for comfortable dwelling
- Public art

- Outdoor dining and night-time economy

What other priorities that relate to The Corso can you think of? (Miro board)

- A place for people to meet, locals to rest, visitors to enjoy
- Improve Eastern end
- Suitable tree / planting for the area
- Type of public art
- More compliance with signage, developments and street frontage
- Increase dwell time
- Modes of operation
- Maintaining heritage streetscape
- Balance between outdoor dining and spaces for pop-ups, events, etc
- Replace and enhance bins
- Improve street seating
- Extend hospitality retail lines
- Upgrade paving
- Use sustainable lighting
- Activate zones within entertainment

#### **Laneways – potential priorities**

- Activation and outdoor dining
- Materiality
- Family-friendly activities
- Live music
- Public art
- Urban greening

What other priorities that relate to Manly's Laneways can you think of? (Miro board)

- Cleanliness and bins
- Walkway between Sydney Road and Market Place
- Civic heart / precinct around library – integrated approach
- Improve activation – currently B.O.H/services
- Balance between activation and service requirements
- Playground, seating, dwelling
- Wayfinding and signage
- Bike parking

#### **Manly Town Hall – potential priorities**

- Retail activation / small business
- Arts / cultural / entertainment
- Community / civic facilities
- Multipurpose space

What other priorities that relate to the Manly Town Hall can you think of? (Miro board)

- Performance venue / entertainment / performing arts centre
- Council presence on site / access to Council services
- Move beyond eating and drinking options
- Community space
- Rooftop bar / café hand-in-hand with theatre below

## 6. Next steps

### Ciaran Callaghan

#### Wrap up and next steps

Ciaran C wrapped up the meeting noting:

- Input from the session to be distilled, summarised and categorised to progress with developing the Manly Place Plan framework – vision, principles and place priorities
- Third workshop TBC, will be after local elections, we will show worked up and refined vision, principles and priorities
- Look forward to catching up again

Andrew P thanked everyone for their feedback and contributions.

**Action:** Liza C to contact Ray M to discuss study area boundary offline.

*The PWG meeting closed at 7:30pm*