

# MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

March 2024

## If you can't fix it, fence it

The section of the Manly To Spit boardwalk around the Pavilion restaurant building leading up to the steps at Federation Point has been closed, apparently temporarily, while the Northern Beaches Council, which leased the area from Tpt for NSW (formerly RMS) discuss who and how the rapidly deteriorating wooden walkway is repaired.

In the meantime Council has installed a large black cage like structure at the top on the steps in the middle of the Federation Memorial which was a project by Manly Council to commemorate the 2001 Centenary of Federation. The bronze busts of Sir Henry Parkes and Sir Edmund Barton, placed on Federation Point and leading to Commonwealth Parade were created by sculptor Stephen Glassbrow.

This new gate that intrudes a meter into the wide footpath has been installed with a gate that opens onto the footpath to comply with fire safety regulations. There is a fire exit on the lower function room section of the pavilion building that opens out onto the deteriorating, now unsafe boardwalk and a platform is required at the top of the steps on the footpath to access the gate. Hopefully this will all be temporary and Council doesn't expect anyone will be inconvenienced by the new fence and gate.

## AGENDA

- Fencing Updates
- Council updates
- Disposing of difficult items such as Lithium batteries
- Sydney Water works
- More about the Manly Life Saving Club
- Marine Parade and Shelly Beach updates

**Next meeting**  
**Monday 18 March 2024**  
**7pm Manly Yacht Club**

## Fencing remains at Little Manly point

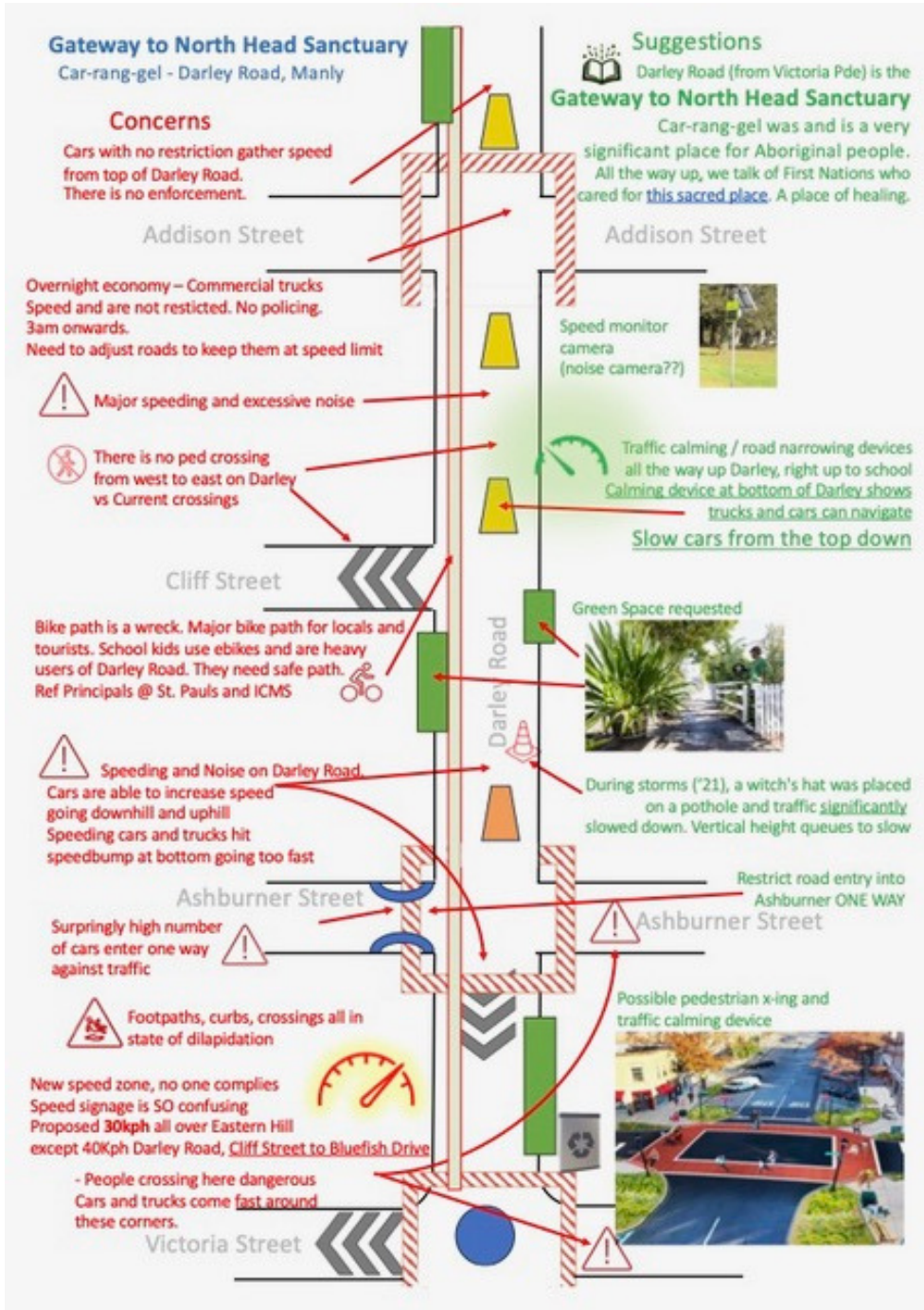
Temporary fencing also remains at Little Manly Point across the bridge and around the sink hole. Council is discussing with the State Government department responsible how to fix this problem as it is Crown land managed by the Northern Beaches Council. Currently the proposal is to remove the bridge as it is beyond economic repair and it is very unlikely that it will be replaced.

The rubble under the asphalt surface in the area beyond the bridge where the sink hole has appeared will be removed and the seawall repaired. Agreement has been reached to fill the area with the spill from the tunnelling project currently underway at North Head Waste Water Treatment plant. The area will then be landscaped, picnic tables BBQ and bins all renewed to improve the amenity of the area. Council will now develop a detailed scope of works and tender documents.



**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 18 MAR AT 7PM AT MANLY YACHT CLUB**

# Gateway to North Head - Manly Community proposal



Northern Beaches Council has identified four 'entry' areas of Manly that will be considered for road treatments:

- Fairlight St between James St and West Esplanade
- Commonwealth Parade between West Esplanade and The Crescent
- Darley Road between Ashburner St and Cliff St
- Osborne Road between East Esplanade and Addison Road

On the 23rd of February, representatives for Manly Community Forum met the Acting Director Transport & Assets from NBC to discuss widening the project scope to include all of Darley Road.

The Manly Community considers the need for a Darley Road Master Plan due to the very high number of independent stakeholders (at least 21) who share the Eastern Hill and the North Head area with local residents. Development and patronage of the area will continue to increase over coming years which will require a strategic management plan to ensure the local community is not adversely affected and the amenity of the area is improved and maintained.

Given that Darley Road is the primary route in and out of Eastern Hill and one of Sydney's premier tourist spots, North Head, as well as the former Manly Hospital site and the Sydney Water Waste Water Treatment Plant, local residents on Eastern Hill stand to be significantly affected by increased development and patronage of all sites.



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## Darley Road update continued

The draft master plan currently being discussed with Council covers the area from Victoria Road to Blue Fin Crescent, and aims to achieve the key goals of the project which are:

- To improve safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers
- To improve the liveability of Eastern Hill for local residents
- To ensure serviceability for the many government and commercial businesses on North Head and Eastern Hill.

The plan will encompass management of pedestrian activity, roads, private vehicles, bicycles and E-bikes, commercial vehicles and trucks, public transport, and parking.

At the same time, the plan aims to give long awaited recognition to the traditional owners of the land after whom Manly is named. Council have indicated they are in agreement for the need of a plan and have an appetite to allocate a Project Manager to work with the community and support the plan development and implementation of a masterplan.

Updates to follow, or come to our meetings and hear about it there.

If you want to join the sub-committee, please email [secretary@manlycommunityforum.com](mailto:secretary@manlycommunityforum.com)



## Marine Parade update - making it worse before it gets better.

Sydney Water is renewing a section of the water main, which provides the drinking water to the area, along Bower Lane and the section from 'the shed' on Marine Parade to Bower Lane during March. These works are not associated with any stormwater pipes. Before they start the work on the project, they need to do some investigations to confirm where their pipes and other services are below the ground. This will save time when it comes to construction which will start later this year.

To reduce the impact on Marine Parade businesses and recreational use the work along Marine Parade will be done between 7pm-5am while the Bower Lane work will be done during standard daytime hours 7am-6pm.

A notification has been distributed to all residents within 150 metres of the site and signage has been erected on Marine Parade to notify the closure of the walkway during the night from the shed to Bower Lane.

**When work is complete, Sydney Water will temporarily restore the road and footpath to allow for continued use. But after the water main renewal is finished later in the year, they liaise with Council to complete permanent restoration.**

For more detail, please contact Sydney Water at [confluence@sydneywater.com.au](mailto:confluence@sydneywater.com.au) or call 1800 943 119.



# THE AGENCY

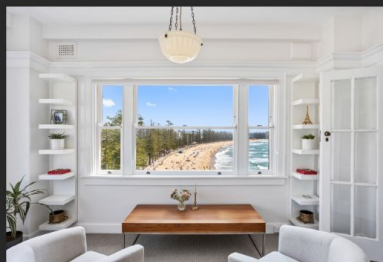


14/132-134 Bower Street, Manly

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Views that sweeps the length of Manly Beach to The Central Coast and across the surf to a broad ocean horizon and the majestic Fairy Bower.

**Auction 23rd March 2024**



15/129 Bower Street, Manly

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Exclusive freehold beachfront security apartment in 'Borambil', length-of-the-beach views, completely renovated, vast living/dining, sunroom, metres to beach.

**Auction 30th March 2024**

We have just listed these two incredible apartments in Manly.

14/132-134 Bower Street - Occupying Manly's most coveted position above the surf on the tip of Manly Point, this phenomenal security apartment is immersed in a jaw-dropping 180 degree panorama.

15/129 Bower Street - This elegant c1930 apartment frames spellbinding views down the length of Manly Beach, set within the iconic heritage-listed 'Borambil' security building.

Jake has a wealth of knowledge and experience selling properties in the area. He has sold over 500 properties in the local area over the past 20 years. If you are looking for an agent with an exceptional track record, along with honesty and integrity, look no further than Jake Rowe.



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# Recycle, Reuse, or Responsible Disposal

Decluttering and getting rid of unwanted items are always difficult tasks. The pressing question is “What do I do with these unwanted items?”.

According to the Northern Beaches Council “Everything you need to know about disposing of rubbish and recycling in the pursuit of sustainability on the Northern Beaches” can be found on the Council’s website.

From weekly bin collections to an A- Z guide to reusing and recycling, this site is a useful resource to disposing and recycling your unwanted goods. The site includes a handy map to see where you can take those used and unwanted items.

The Council operates Kimbriki, which currently recycles over 80% of all the incoming waste, most is recycled and sold on-site. Kimbriki accepts all local resident’s green waste for free and charges a small price for other dry waste items.

Council outlines waste bin guidelines and publishes dates of their annual “Call Out” events for getting rid of certain items such as chemical waste and hazard waste.

From a local perspective, here are a few handy places to dispose of waste:

- Manly Community Pharmacy in Rialto Lane is a disposal site for blister packs.
- Officeworks will take phones, print cartridges and various types of e-waste.
- All libraries on the Northern Beaches, including Manly Library, will take your old x-rays and dispose of them.
- Coles in Manly offers a collection box for old batteries at both their Manly sites.
- Malouf Manly Pharmacy at 15 The Corso will dispose of old medication.
- Harvey Norman at Balgowlah takes electrical waste such as tvs, computers and computer components.

If you know of any other useful sites where we can recycle used and unwanted items or just dispose of them safely and properly, let us know. Drop us a line at [Secretary@manlycommunityforum.com](mailto:Secretary@manlycommunityforum.com).

# Brickbats & Bouquets

- **Bouquet** to everyone who participated in Clean up Australia Day down at Little Manly Beach, Collins Flat and East Esplanade. Little Manly was one of the original sites for Clean up Australia when it was started in 1990 by Ian Keirnan. We have picked up a lot of rubbish in those 34 years.

- **Brickbat** to Council for delaying the purchase of new Hop Skip Jump buses. But we don’t mind riding the crappy buses as long as the service remains. The drivers are what makes the service great. The free (but you can make a donation on board) Hop Skip Jump bus service is very much appreciated.

- **Bouquet.** to Council for starting works to fix the broken stormwater pipe from East Esplanade to the harbour adjacent to the Manly Yacht Club. We look forward to the reopening of the walkway soon.

- **Brickbat** to the Council for cancelling the Taste of Manly because there was no alternative to the Police requirement to ‘fence the event in’ on the Corso. But it is ok to lease areas of public space in Market Lane and then fence that area.




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