

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

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Darley Rd is a mess

Greetings, Manly residents! We're thrilled to bring you the latest updates on the community's efforts to enhance the appeal and functionality of Darley Rd. Our tireless community representatives recently engaged in constructive discussions with Council staff on-site, aimed at addressing the ongoing challenges faced on Darley Rd.

For quite some time, the Manly Community Forum has been in fruitful conversations with Council Traffic staff regarding various traffic-related concerns. A significant stride has been taken with the commencement of the analysis of the Eastern Hill traffic study. This analysis will pave the way for a series of well-planned projects, targeting traffic improvement and the mitigation of speeding issues on Darley Rd.

Our community representatives passionately deliberated on a broad spectrum of improvements, encompassing both aesthetics and utility. The increasing multitude of Darley Rd users, – encompassing truck and car drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians – found their voices heard in the discussions. The epicenter of focus will stretch from the landmark roundabout at Victoria and Darley Roads, serving as the boundary between our cozy residential haven and the bustling CBD.

The roundabout, graced by heritage bollards commemorating the Bicentennial in 1988, stands as a testament to the importance of this juncture as it is acknowledged as the gateway to North Head,

A prime priority on our community's wish list is the restoration and rejuvenation of the section of Darley Rd, extending from Victoria to Ashburner. A holistic approach has been proposed: pavement repairs, additional street tree planting, meticulous removal of weeds, and refreshing line markings. A clutter-free aesthetic, marked by replaced signs and enhanced pedestrian crossing at Ashburner St, takes center stage.

Our shared vision doesn't stop there. Deliberations are also underway for the introduction of speed-limiting measures, possibly including pedestrian crossings and refuges along Darley Rd, to encourage safer speeds throughout, even as far as the top of Darley Rd at North Head.

While our collective enthusiasm is fervent, please be aware that Council's wheels will only spin into action once Ausgrid's current undertakings are completed. Following Ausgrid's activities, the spotlight will shift to the proposed stormwater drainage enhancements in collaboration with Sydney Water.

AGENDA

Monday 21 August 2023

7pm Manly Yacht Club

- Rubbish – Council Staff update on all things waste
- on-call hard rubbish cleanup,
- public place bins,
- FOGO or not,
- speeding trucks
- Contractor collections
- Waste reduction initiative
- complaints or complements

- General Council updates

Still to come.....

Darley Road and Ashburner Street, Manly – Stormwater Drainage Improvements

Council is currently finalising the detailed design for the planned stormwater drainage improvement works at Darley Road and Ashburner Street, Manly. This includes upgrading stormwater pits and pipes along Darley Road as well as the upgrading of pits and pipes in Cliff Street and Ashburner Street, and near the intersection of Darley Road

The detailed design phase involving the preparation of construction drawings and technical specifications commenced but the project was delayed in 2022 / 2023 because of the AUSGRID service upgrade works which would have directly impacted the proposed stormwater works. A Request for Quotation (RFQ) has yet to be issued by Council.

Council staff aims to unveil the outcomes of their traffic studies and the proposed traffic calming initiatives at the October 2023 meeting. A roadmap for the phased implementation of these propositions shall be disclosed for further community consultation.

Stay tuned, dear Manly residents, for a transformation that's not just about the roads but about fostering a more vibrant and harmonious community. Together, we're steering the course for a brighter Manly.



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OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 21 AUG AT 7PM AT MANLY YACHT CLUB

Sculpture walk Manly to Shelly

Thanks to Council for reinstalling and updating the braille interpretive signs below the much loved bronze sculptures embedded in the rocks along the walkway near Shelly beach. They now include the new Council logo.



Community Service Announcement

The Northern Beaches car parking stickers, issued recently with the Council Rate Notices, are not valid in the Sydney Harbour National Park at North Head. **You must pay for parking up there at North Head or be fined.**

National Parks & Wildlife Service have completed all their road works at North Head. They apologise for the disruption. The cyclists and bus drivers appreciate the new speed bumps.



Sign audit Queensie to Shelly

It's about time the spotlight was shone on the cluttered mess of signage along our picturesque walkway. The recent 'sign audit' conducted by the Council Place Management team promises to be a breath of fresh air, hopefully wiping away the jumble of rusty, bent, and graffiti-ridden signs that adorn the 22 power poles along the Manly to Shelly walkway cluttering our landscape for far too long. Frankly, it's a relief to hear that the outdated, unreadable, and incorrect-branded signs are finally getting the boot.

Imagine strolling from Queenscliff to Shelly without being bombarded by an eyesore of mismatched, dilapidated signs. The audit's revelation that a whopping 93 signs haunt our beachfront, with nearly 50 sporting the wrong branding, is a testament to how long this issue has been ignored.

But let's not just stop at promises. It's high time for action. The community has waited long enough to regain the beauty of our walkway. And speaking of action, kudos for collaborating with DPI Fisheries to upgrade Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve's signage. Here's to hoping we'll actually see these changes implemented.

In a world of visual clutter, a little order and tidiness can go a long way. Let's hold our council accountable for a cleaner, more coherent coastline – starting with getting our signs in order. It's time for a fresh, uncluttered start.



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Changing face of Manly

A modern 5-storey shop-top housing development with street level shops, 18 apartments and two basement levels is proposed for the corner of Belgrave and Raglan Streets and now open for comment, boasting an array of features. The lowermost basement (Basement 2) accommodates 24 residential car spaces, along with a plant storage area, individual storage units, stair and lift access. One level above, Basement 1 offers 11 residential car spaces, 6 visitor car spaces, and 4 retail car spaces. It also includes individual storage cages, a grease arrestor, and access through stairs and a lift.

At street level, the development presents 512m² of retail floor space distributed across four tenancies, with access from Whistler Street. This level also hosts residential and commercial waste storage spaces, an electrical substation, a plant storage area, and, stair and lift access.

The first floor features 5 two-bedroom apartments, alongside 2 three-bedroom apartments, all centered around a courtyard. Similar layouts of apartments continue on the second and third floors.. The fourth floor introduces 4 three-bedroom apartments, while the rooftop 4 roof terraces, plant facilities, and a lift overrun. Lastly, driveway access connects the development to Whistler Street, not sacrificing any on street parking.

According to the DA this project 'harmonises both residential, with 18 apartments and commercial elements into a cohesive and modern architectural endeavour'.



Boarding House on Darley Road to progress

Council has now approved the most recent modification request to the DA for the Boarding House on the corner of Darley Rd and Ashburner St. The modification entails changes to elevations and room configurations while adhering to the original building envelope, levels, and height. A reduction from 31 to 26 boarding house rooms was proposed and has been approved. Rooms now all achieve a minimum of 16m².

A Plan of Management has also been approved to ensure responsible administration, operational compliance, lodger facilities, and community engagement. It is intended to foster a sense of community and comfort through self-contained rooms, house rules, and a robust complaints reporting and management system.

This Plan of Management controls the tenure of stay and states that stays beyond the initial 3 month period is to be at the discretion of the Boarding House Manager.

Provision for some bicycle parking has been made but no onsite carparking is proposed. However there will be a loss of at least two on-street parking spaces on Ashburner Street with the inclusion of a loading bay access at the rear of the property.



On the beachfront and Corso

Demolition of the former Royal Far West site will commence soon as most of the apartments have now been sold off the plan.

Demolition is also due to commence soon on the Wharf end of the Corso with scaffolding now erected in front of the ICMS redevelopment,

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35 Kangaroo Street, Manly

4 2 2

Contemporary beach house with stunning ocean views

Auction 12th August



54 Golf Parade, Manly

5 3 2

As-new architect-designed luxury beach house

Auction 19th August

We have just listed these two incredible family homes in Manly.

Enjoy sweeping 180 degree northeasterly ocean panoramas combine in this luxurious residence to create a truly uplifting low maintenance haven on Kangaroo Street.

Or this as-new architect-designed luxury beach house with three vast living spaces, deluxe island kitchen, study, covered terrace/outdoor kitchen and north rear lawn.

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A bridge too far, gone

Council is now considering the future of the bridge on the eastern side of the Little Manly Point Park. Beyond economic repair and due for replacement the Council is considering removing the bridge entirely and landscaping the area to make it safe.



Brickbats & Bouquets

- **Bouquet** to the all the Grandparents, Grandmas and Grandpas, Nanas and Pops, all caring and loving their grandchildren during the week in the playgrounds, parks and beaches around Manly
- **Brickbat** to Council for not getting on the Matilda band wagon and having a live site for viewing for FIFA Women's World Cup
- **Brickbat** (again) to Council for not prioritising the resurfacing of the section of the Manly to Shelly walkway from the shed to Bower Lane. How many times do we have to report this trip hazards.
- **Bouquet** to Council for committing to a Feasibility Study on the proposal for the Manly Town Hall to become a theatre. This Study will commence in July and take 9 months. Funding for the study will be available in the 2023/24 Budget.
- **Brickbat** to car owners for the 51% of all complaints about parking and to dog owners for causing 10% of the total number of complaints to Council in the last year. Car and dog owners need to lift their game. Council receives and acts on 20,000 complaints per year. The remainder of complaints received were about litter, dumped rubbish, environmental health, including unhealthy premises and building or DA compliance issues.
- **Bouquet** to Kandy, the Secretary of the Manly Community Forum for organising the Christmas in July meeting with fabulous Christmas decorations and catering. Thanks also to the community members who attended and thanks for their generous donations to Community Northern Beaches.

Free Community Day at Q Station Sunday 10 September 2023 10am to 2pm

Inspired by the beauty of the land around us and the personal stories of resilience and hope as described by the thousands of quarantined passengers who spent time here, this year the free Q Station Community Day invites you to bring your family and friends and become immersed in the stunning natural and fascinating heritage environment of the former Quarantine Station. Enjoy a day filled with free tours and activities.



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