

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

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E-bike education and safety

At the last Council meeting Councillors voted to *Participate in Bicycle NSW's Student Bicycle Licence Scheme and work with local schools within the local government area on its uptake*. This program was to apparently cost the Council approximately \$3,500.

In an inexplicable move, three Councillors, who have previously expressed concern at Council meetings about the dangerous behaviour of teenagers on ebikes, have submitted a notice to rescind the resolution and offered this alternative.

In the interests of transparency, good governance and noting that another organisation is already running a similar program for free in the Sutherland Local Government Area, for free, (sic) that Council calls for expressions of interest and report the matter back to Council in September.

The matter will be included in the 19 August 2025 Ordinary Council meeting agenda.

The program referred to in the Notice to Rescind is a two hour online course with 100% pass required. Instead of a certificate students at Cronulla High were issued personalised licence plates to be displayed on the rear of their ebikes. This course was developed by two Sutherland Shire locals and was not cost free.



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To: The Chief Executive Officer
Northern Beaches Council

Notice of Motion to Rescind or Alter a Resolution

in accordance with s372(1) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Passed By Council on 15 July 2025

We give notice of the following motion to rescind or alter a resolution of Council:

"That Council's resolution relating to Item No 7.1, point/s _____

adopted at the Council Meeting held on 15 July 2025 be rescinded".

Notice of Replacement Motion

in accordance with clauses 18.3 to 18.14 of the Northern Beaches Council Code of Meeting Practice.

Should the motion to rescind or alter a resolution be adopted we give notice that it is our intention to move the following motion:

In the interests of transparency and good governance and noting that another organisation is already running a similar program for free in the Sutherland LGA, that Council calls for expressions of interest for free, and report the matter back to Council in September.

Vincent De Luca AM

Name of Councillor

15 July 2025

Date

Robert Griffin AM

Name of Councillor

15 July 2025

Date

Mandeef Singh

Name of Councillor

15 July 2025

Date

Signature of Councillor

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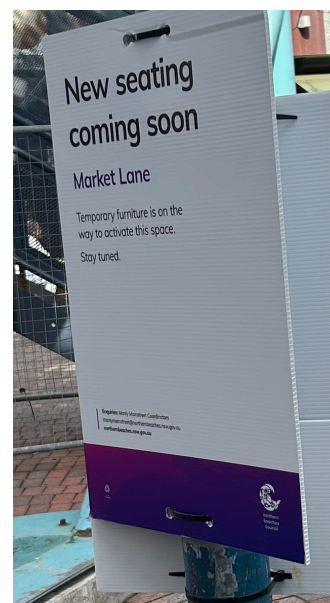
- e-bike safety update
- digital parking schemes implementation
- Manly Life Saving Club DA update
- 2025 priorities Council updates

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Council has been mapping out a new seating plan for Market Lane near the Manly Library. But from those who had a sneak peek the day they were down measuring up, the feedback is not good. It is not family friendly, all metal, preferred the wooden benches, looks like prison courtyard furniture etc etc. There has been zero consultation by the Manly Place team but the choice appears to be from the same catalogue as the seating already installed in the Corso and further up the Northern Beaches in Avalon and other places. It is consistent with the Northern Beaches Public Domain Design Guidelines which we all supported back in 2020.



OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 18 AUG 25 AT 7PM AT THE MANLY YACHT CLUB

Fed up with the washup, we need to cleanup our act.

Beneath the surface of Sydney harbour, a persistent and insidious problem has been growing. While tourists and locals alike marvel at the iconic waters, few realise that beneath the waves, plastic waste has accumulated over years of neglect and unchecked urban runoff. Every storm unleashes a torrent of plastic through the city's drains, feeding an underwater landfill of bottles, fragments, and packaging that quietly settle onto the harbour's floor as well as alarming levels of pollution are constantly washing up on our harbour beaches. It is clear we need to clean up our act.

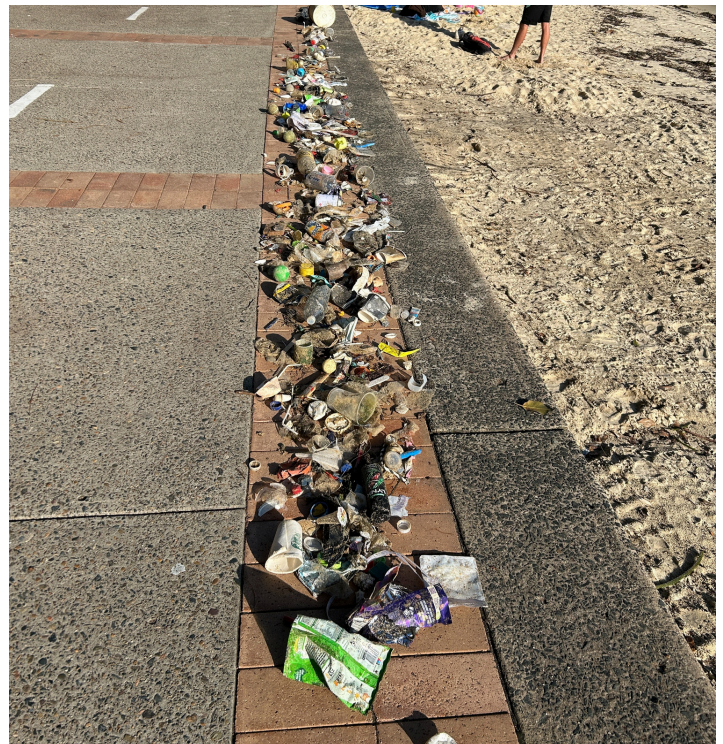
This week in Geneva 172 countries, including Australia which is the second-highest generator of single-use plastic waste per person globally, after Singapore, will participate in the United Nations Environment Program Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee which is set to discuss and develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment. The chair opened the meeting stating that plastic pollution constituted an urgent and insidious threat to ecosystems, economies and human health. The magnitude of the crisis was evident; without significant intervention, the amount of plastic entering the environment annually by 2040 was expected to nearly double compared to 2022. The Lancet Journal warned that plastic had become a "danger" to humanity that was causing disease and death from infancy to old age and that plastics pose grave, growing, and under-appreciated dangers to human and planetary health.

Meanwhile, here on the Northern Beaches, Council received \$500,000 in grants from the NSW EPA to tackle the problem of littering which we know is largely plastic. Now running for 12 months this Green and Clean Northern Beaches program promised a Northern Beaches Council Litter Prevention Roadmap to provide a strategic framework under which a range of stakeholders would collaborate to achieve the "cleanest public places in Sydney". So, where is this roadmap, its status and visibility remain unclear. Is it as potholed as our actual roads? What does it take to stop the unrelenting tide of pollution washing into the harbour?

To highlight the need for action rather than more studies, Surfrider Foundation Northern Beaches, among other NFP volunteer groups, IS taking action. With no funding from grants, just volunteers, the Surfrider Foundation has asked everyone to Adopt a Beach.

<https://www.surfrider.org.au/impact/adoptabeach/>

You can help by bringing your own cup for a takeaway or if that is too difficult then ask 'no lid'. Do you really need your name or order written on it? #adoptabeachaus



Since February, when the Adopt a Beach program was launched across six beaches, volunteer numbers have doubled to over 134 participants and increased the number of adopted beaches from six to nine. To date, across 47 events at nine beaches—including Little Manly, Manly Cove, and Manly Ocean Beach—the Surf Rider Foundation volunteers have collected 25,744 items of litter, including food & beverage, personal hygiene products, sport toys and building supplies, weighing a total of 622 kg. This figure does not include the debris removed daily by the Council's mechanical beach cleaning machines.



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Applications now open for The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (Harbour Trust) Community Advisory Committee for a 3-year term 2026 until 2028.

Community Advisory Committee members will represent a range of community interests and perspectives, and aid in providing input into the various ways the Harbour Trust engages with key stakeholders in the management of its sites which includes the North Head Sanctuary (Former School of Artillery). The 12 member Committee will meet about six times per year, generally held 5 - 7pm on Wednesdays at Georges Heights, Middle Head. Site visits and workshops are also held during the year,

Expressions of interest close at 5pm (AEST) on Sunday 31 August 2025.



Darley Rd & Eastern Hill roads update

Council continues to work on the project to lower speeds on Darley Rd and surrounding streets. Council will shortly present the community with its plans for options to slow speeding vehicles on Darley Rd. This will include the installation of pedestrian crossings and increasing the width of the bike lane up Darley Rd. Consideration is also being given to treatments in surrounding streets, including Osborne and Addison Roads and Cliff St to slow speeding vehicles. This could include narrowing the streets by installing angle parking which would also increase parking opportunities.

Notwithstanding Council's project, Sydney Water is also planning to access the main sewer tunnel below Darley Rd as it progresses its desilting project from Clontarf to North Head.

And the stormwater drains also need work under Darley Rd from Cliff St to Ashburner St.

Who will go first? Watch this space.

New on the Corso

It might not be a cinema, but it's not an 'entertainment venue'. Council is now considering DA2025/1022 for the former Westpac Bank site in the Corso on behalf of Xtra Clubs for a two-level wellness centre. In their own words *XtraClubs is a Sydney-based wellness company founded by passionate locals dedicated to revolutionizing health and wellbeing through the transformative benefits of sauna, ice, and steam. Inspired by the scientifically proven advantages of these practices, XtraClubs is on a mission to make them accessible to all Australians, breaking down the barriers that once limited such experiences to the elite. With a flagship location in Bondi Junction and plans for expansion across Sydney, XtraClubs is proud to partner with some of the city's most renowned health and sports brands to bring their vision of accessible wellness to life. By redefining how Australians approach recovery and self-care, XtraClubs is leading the charge in democratizing wellness, one community at a time*

The proposal seeks consent to operate Monday to Sunday from 6.00am to 11.00pm (incl public holidays) and seeks consent for a maximum occupancy of 60 patrons in the tenancy at any one time, with a maximum of two staff members present onsite simultaneously

To avoid waiting in line at the centre, members and patrons are required to pre-book a space for their desired visit time. A limited number of spaces will be available per session to ensure that the facility does not exceed the prescribed number of patrons at any given time.



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Brickbats and Bouquets

- **Brickbat** to the Catholic Church, National Parks & Wildlife Service and Council for failing to agree on a solution to rebuild the heritage stone wall that was damaged months ago at Collins Beach. Stormwater continues to flow into Spring Cove, sending muddy water and debris around the point into Little Manly Cove. A festival of weeds, broken stone blocks, falling over security fencing, green and black plastic screening now welcomes the community into the National Park at Spring Cove.
- **Brickbat** to Australia Post Office who responded to our complaints about access (closed in the middle of the day and the unworkable lift arrangement) to the newish Manly Post Office saying everything was OK and it complied with all the standards!
- **Bouquet** Council as it has reached the milestone to go-live and begin the staged transition to Digital Parking Permits. Council issues over 250,000 permits across 7 different permit scheme types each year. Council will change the way residents apply for, renew and obtain beach parking permits as well as other parking permit schemes across the Northern Beaches. First up will be the North Permit Schemes — Western Foreshore, Church Point, Rowland Reserve, and Illuka Reserve in November 2025. The nine Manly Residential Parking Permit schemes, which includes the multipurpose sticker, will follow next year in March 2026. The last physical Beach Parking permits have been issued with this year's 2025/26 Rates notice. Next year the new system will be via online application for the new digital parking permit associated with a nominated vehicles' registration and local address.
- **Bouquet** to us for prudent financial management enabling a \$4,000 donation to LocalKind (formerly Northern Beaches Community Centre). LocalKind accepts tax free donations to facilitate the amazing work they do in supporting those less fortunate than us.

Messy entry to Collins Beach



- **Brickbat** to Council for not only cancelling several routes of the Hop Skip Jump bus but also changing the timetable for the remaining Manly and Fairlight loops. The change from 30 minutes to 40 minutes between buses is ridiculous and just doesn't work for the community. This is the forerunner to justifying the cancellation of the entire service. [Check the HSJ timetable here](#)



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