

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

September 2023

Waste and rubbish update

We hope this newsletter finds you well and informed about the latest updates regarding waste collection and recycling efforts in our beautiful coastal community.

Here's a recap of the key points discussed at our recent Forum meeting:

Thanks to the Senior staff from Council who attended our last meeting and patiently answered numerous questions about the Council Waste Collection systems. Here are some important takeaways:

No Return of Twice-Yearly Hard Rubbish Collections:

There is no chance of the return of the twice-yearly hard rubbish collections. The current system of booking a kerbside collection will remain in place. When a kerbside collection is booked, Council collects the items, but they are sent straight to landfill. There has been a reduction in overall waste as residents appear to be actively seeking and using recycling alternatives before placing their old furniture and other items on the kerbside.

Complaints and Missed Bins:

Comments and complaints about the fortnightly waste collection by the contractors can be made online on the Council website. These complaints are forwarded directly to the contractor for resolution. If issues persist, Council waste staff can be contacted directly for further assistance. Missed bins will be collected as soon as possible.

Future Changes:

Council is collaborating with contractors and residents to implement further changes to the waste collection. Discussions and research are ongoing regarding the introduction of Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) to the Northern Beaches. Challenges include the disposal of FOGO waste and what to do with it as there are limited markets for the composted and recycled products. So we will be continuing with the current three bin system for some time yet.

Waste Generation Comparison Manly v the rest of the NB:

Manly residents are leading by example when it comes to waste minimisation. Compared to the Northern Beaches average, we generate the least amount of waste per person per year.

- Manly residents: 243kg per person per year (NB Average: 389 kg)
- Red bin: 152 kg per person per year (NB Average: 189 kg)
- Blue bin: 27 kg per person per year (NB Average: 37 kg)
- Yellow bin: 34 kg per person per year (NB Average: 48 kg)
- Green bin: 31 kg per person per year (NB Average: 115 kg)
- Bulky goods: 23 kg per person per year (NB Average: 35 kg)

AGENDA

- Biodiversity Update
- Council updates
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Investment on Waste Management

Organics Infrastructure Fund:

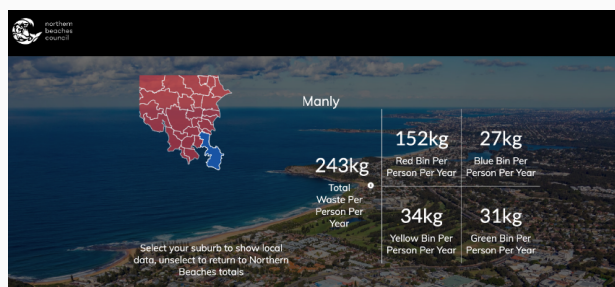
Millions of dollars have been made available to Councils and the Alternative Waste Industry to improve kerbside separation of food and garden waste and encourage better uses of waste. The NSW EPA is currently offering grants via the Organics Infrastructure Fund, with a total of \$6.25 million available, including individual grants of up to \$2 million.

Northern Beaches Circular Economy Hub:

Northern Beaches Council was successful in obtaining a grant of \$200,000 for a project called "Towards a Northern Beaches Circular Economy Hub – the Leading Reuse and Repair Network in NSW."

This initiative aims to make the region the leading local circular economy hub in Sydney, focusing on reusing and repairing consumer items. The funding will support feasibility studies, pilot repair initiatives, and exploring circular economy opportunities.

The draft Waste and Circular Economy Strategy are expected to be presented to Councillors for consideration at the October 2023 Council meeting. If endorsed, the strategy will be placed on exhibition for public comments.



Monthly Generated Waste and Recycling Per Person (KG)

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

Public place bins

During our meeting, there was lively discussion about the Public Place bins, including their locations and rationale for placing them in particular places. The Staff stated that bins will not be placed in locations where it is known that they will fill overnight with domestic residential rubbish or where bins will fill up and overflow into the environment leaving the litter to find its way into the ocean, harbour or bush. For this reason no bin will be placed at Bower Lane at the entry point to Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve. Rubbish has to be taken to bins at either end of the walkway. The bin adjacent to the Norfolk Pine near the shower at South Steyne was moved to a more prominent position nearer to the Surf Club at the request of some community members. However requests to move the bin at Shelly beach near the old boat ramp next to the Cabbage Tree Bay sign has not been agreed to.

The small blue street 'be tidy' bins, like the one outside Coles and on the wharf, will eventually be replaced, but the community has requested that they be cleaned and repaired to improve the street aesthetic.

Staff informed us that the 'smart bins' at Shelly turned out to be not so smart and the trial was not successful for various reasons. For example if a bag of rubbish was not inserted into the bin completely and got stuck at the top of the bin, the 'smart camera' reported that the bin was full.

Staff reminded the community to report any full public place bins they come across to Council via the QR code on the bins, the customer service app or simply call the Council. Council will empty them as soon as possible. We were also assured that Council will increase collection and the number of public place bins during the busy summer season.

The Manly Business Chamber and Council are working with contractors to ensure that overflowing bins from local businesses are not left on the kerbside for the public to dispose of their takeaway rubbish.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us or the Council waste staff.



AUSGRID poles for EV Streetside Charging

Planning has commenced to turn local streetside AUSGRID power poles into charging stations for electric vehicles, under an Australian-first trial. Intellihub is rolling out this project in several suburbs including Manly with chargers supplied by Schneider Electric. Twelve EV chargers are expected to be installed on the Northern Beaches with Council consulting the community on the locations for 12 proposed chargers.

Three charging poles are proposed for Manly in Ashburner St, Gilbert St and West Promenade with the parking restrictions changed to permit only vehicles being charged between 8am and 10pm.

If you have any thoughts on these locations and the impact of the changes to the parking restrictions please email us at secretary@manlycommunityforum.com



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North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Northern Suburbs Ocean Outfall Sewer, commonly known as the NSOOS, is an important part of our wastewater sewerage network. This vital piece of infrastructure runs along the north side of the Parramatta River, extending as far west as Blacktown and transports wastewater all the way to the North Head Water Resource Recovery Facility in Manly.

The NSOOS was built progressively between 1916 and 1933 and was mostly tunnelled through rock, deep underground. It was the third major wastewater system built to service a rapidly growing Sydney and was significant in the development of the north shore, inner and north western suburbs of Sydney.

This sewer tunnel system is around 3.5 metres high by 2.6 metres wide – and delivers sewer and wastewater services to 1.7 million people across Sydney's Western and Northern suburbs. The 28km-long NSOOS collects around 25% of Sydney's total sewage each day.

When it was built, concrete was used to line the NSOOS and protect the rock from corrosion caused by wastewater. Over time, this concrete has deteriorated, resulting in large pieces falling from the roof of the sewer tunnel. These concrete pieces are now sitting on the tunnel floor, collecting further silt and debris from the hundreds of thousands of litres of wastewater that passes through it each day.

Sewer tunnel desilting

Work is ongoing inside the sewer to restore it to its optimum condition. Custom made machines have been developed to be driven through the wastewater tunnel by specialist workers to remove the debris. This includes a pontoon with a digger on the front which removes the silt and then relays it to the surface. The work is difficult and arduous taking months of planning and years to complete. A spray-on abrasion-resistant concrete is being applied to the walls and roof.

Work on the section from Clontarf to Manly is about to commence as the section under Mosman has been completed. Planning is also underway to access the tunnel from the North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant. This will involve the removal of a 'room full' of sandstone beneath the plant to facilitate the installation of a lift system to enable machinery and workers to access.

Other works at North Head

At the same time the North Head Wastewater Treatment Plant is increasing its capacity with the installation of new digesters and other solids collection and processing equipment. This work is almost completed and the huge crane that can be seen on the North head skyline is about to be dismantled and will be transported by huge semi-trailers down Darley Rd.

These once-in-a-generation restoration works taking place inside the NSOOS and up at the Treatment Plant at North Head are crucial for protecting Sydney Harbour and other waterways from sewage overflows and will extend the life of the structure by at least 50 years.

Little Manly Residential Parking Scheme

Its time to renew the Little Manly Precinct Resident Parking Scheme stickers. Residential, multi use and business parking permits for those living in the Manly area can be purchased online or in person at the Former Manly Town Hall.

Residential or multi-use permits

- 1st permit issued to property - \$50 (concession \$25)
- 2nd permit issued to property - \$110 (concession \$55)
- 3rd permit issued to property - \$110
- Replacement Multi-use permit - \$230
- 4th permit residential/multi-use (extenuating circumstances only) - \$280

Car share, special issue, business and support worker permits

- Car share permit - \$230
- Special issue not-for-profit organisation permit - \$26
- Business permit - \$230
- Support Worker permit - \$52

Collection

- Standard Post - Free
- Registered post (tracking number provided) - \$13
- Collect from Manly Town Hall - Free

New residents

If you are a new resident to a Manly parking permit scheme area, you can apply at any time of year.

THE AGENCY



73 Bower Street, Manly

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Modern beachside home with postcard-perfect panoramas

Auction 23rd September at 10:30am



35 Kangaroo Street, Manly

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Contemporary beach house with stunning ocean views

Sold prior to Auction

We have just listed this incredible family home on Bower Street in Manly, with dual street access and postcard-perfect northerly ocean and coastal panoramas, this property is a great opportunity to secure a home in this exclusive street.

We have also just sold 35 Kangaroo Street, Manly and have a number of buyers looking to secure a house in the Manly area up to \$7M, so if you are thinking of selling please get in touch with Jake.

Jake has sold over 600 properties in the Manly area over the past 20 years and has set numerous suburb records during this time. If you are looking for an agent with an exceptional track record, along with honesty and integrity, look no further than Jake Rowe.



Jake Rowe

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Brickbats & Bouquets

- **Brickbat** to Department of Primary Industries-Fisheries and Council for removing the large interpretative Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve Signs before agreement has been reached about a replacement. Discussions regarding these signs and what they should look like has been going on for at least 4 years. Make a decision and get them back up ASAP. Feedback from the public is that these signs are very popular.



E-bike update

In a bold move, following a Notice of Motion requesting Council take action on the escalating use of e-bikes and the complexities and challenges surrounding the dangers they present to pedestrians, Council is proposing to take proactive steps to address these concerns by submitting a motion at the upcoming Local Government NSW 2023 Annual Conference and writing to Transport for NSW and the Minister for Roads, seeking:

1. the development of a community awareness and safety campaign to improve pedestrian and rider safety in respect of e-bikes, including, but not limited to education, on the current laws in respect of all electric micro mobility devices; and
2. a review of the current NSW Road Rules 2014 and Regulations under the Road Transport Act 2013 to make any necessary changes to improve public safety.

- **Bouquet** to Community Northern Beaches for their very extensive outreach programs. Donations of non perishable items, soap, tampons, toothpaste and toothbrushes etc as well as packaged food are gratefully received. They can be dropped off at the Centre in Raglan St.
- **Brickbat** to Councillors for not making it through their Council Meeting Agenda at the August meeting. So many important items not discussed because of time wasting points of order and discussion by a few.
- **Bouquet** to the organisers of Night at the Barracks for persisting with the extensive bureaucracy to again deliver an excellent program of live music at North Head 15 September to 8 October 2023 Book online for the few remaining tickets.
- **Bouquet** to the Q Station for their fabulous Spring Open Day. If you didn't make it then you can always catch the bus up there and check out the cafe at the wharf any time.
- **Brickbat** to the dog owners who persist in walking their dogs on the beaches contrary to the signs.
- **Bouquet** to Council for the Manly Jazz Festival. 46 years and still going strong.



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