

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

February 2024

Happy Lunar Year of the Dragon 2024

The summer holidays are over, the surf carnival season has almost concluded, most of the visitors have left and the school kids have all gone back to school, but there are still a few hot weekends left before the busy Easter break brings everyone back to Manly to jump into the ocean again. Returning to literally to jump off everywhere there is a ledge over some water; the wharf, jump rock, the old aquarium site, the point along Marine parade, and Little Manly harbour pool, everywhere!

Over the Summer while we have all been sharing our beautiful beaches with the visitors, some old-timer locals have been horrified at the antics of the young ones running or riding their e-bikes around in a shocking state of undress causing mayhem and on one occasion requiring the riot squad to attend at the Corso and the wharf. Anyone reading the Manly Observer online will have kept abreast of everything happening in Manly while we at the Community Forum have been on a break. Kudos to the Hop Skip Jump bus drivers who apparently ensured that wet cozzies, sandy bums or feet did not mess up the buses.

We are back and I hope to see everyone turn up at the 7pm meeting on Monday 19 Feb at the Manly Yacht Club for an update on all the issues on the Eastern Hill and the CBD. The Manly Ward Councillors will be there to share their thoughts on how things might pan out on Council this year and you will have an opportunity to ask them questions. Council elections are due in September this year so they will be paying attention.

Regards
Cathy Griffin
Chair
Manly Community Forum

Excitement builds at toilet block



It is hard not to be excited after 20 years of waiting. Contractors have started building the new amenities block at Little Manly Point. It will be a much welcome addition to the area, and we hope to see it open before the end of the year.

AGENDA 19 February 2024 7pm Manly Yacht Club

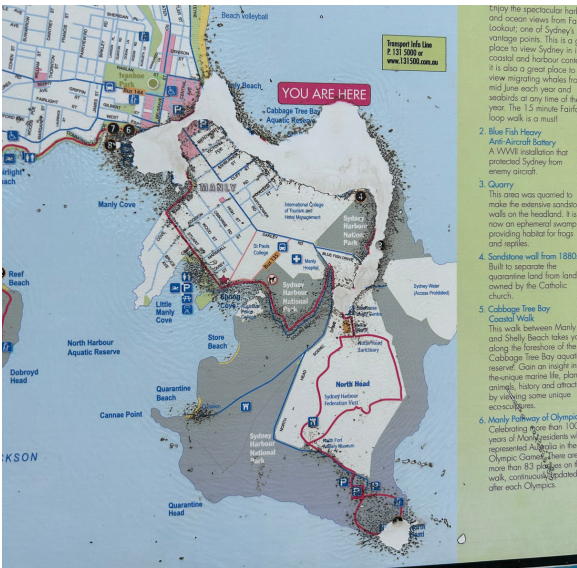
- Community Forum project wish list
- Council updates
- Darley Rd - Gateway to North Head discussion
- Marine Parade Manly to Shelly
- Manly Life Saving Club
- Little Manly Point bridge & sink hole
- e-bikes



OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 19 FEB AT 7PM AT MANLY YACHT CLUB

Shelly beach update

Meanwhile over on Shelly beach work continues on the amenities block contractors started over a year ago. It is disappointing to see that in 2024 Council can approve a design that makes accessibility to the facility an afterthought. Anyone other than those able to bound up the steps to the entry will have to navigate the uneven paving and then take a hard turn over the lip of the drain and up the short one metre ramp, then around the palm tree planted artistically in the middle of the platform before finally making it to the entry. But, we look forward to the opening soon along with the reinstatement of the grassy area at the back of Shelly beach.



Community wish list for 2024

Check the list of things the community has been waiting for in the Shelly beach area.

- Maintenance/repair/upgrade/replacement of the shower at the top of the ramp at Shelly.
- Replacement of the large Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve interpretative signs, including the reinstatement of the large sign removed from the top of the slip road at the carpark.
- Removal of, or at the very least cleaning of the bin hide to the right of the CTBAR sign at the top of the ramp. (actually, all bins could do with a clean)
- Trimming of the overgrown shrubs blocking the view of the beach from the footpath as well as cleaning the litter away from under these overgrown shrubs. (maybe replacing them with shade trees and some seating might improve the amenity of the area.)
- General improvements to the landscaping (repair and maintenance of the fencing and paths) around the carpark area, which should include the reinstatement of the grassy picnic areas between the carpark and the beach.
- Appropriate compliance signs in the area and along the Marine Parade, including replacement of all the graffitied and old Manly Council signs.
- Replacement of the two worn out old Manly Council Scenic Walkway 'you are here' maps. Only one remains at the Shelly beach boat ramp, with the one at the top of the carpark having been gone for ages and the one at Shelly has been rendered useless as the important features have been scratched off.

We will give the Council a bouquet and check things off the list as they are completed as the year progresses. Email us at secretary@manlycommunityforum.com if we have missed anything and you would like it added to the list..



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Sink hole and bye bye Bridge



Council has confirmed that they intend to remove the bridge on the eastern side of Little Manly Point. It is unlikely that it will be replaced due to the high cost to replace it not being anticipated in the current budget.

Senior Staff will meet with Manly Community Forum members to discuss the removal of the bridge and options to resolve the recurring sink hole in order to keep the area accessible to the public, especially the fisher people.



The slow down update



As part of the broader traffic calming program on the Northern Beaches that aims to slow the traffic to 30km/h in High Pedestrian Activity Areas, Council staff are considering plans for road treatments in four Manly locations. These locations are considered entry points to the Manly CBD and will signal to drivers to drop their speed to 30km/h

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

Consultation with the local communities will now take place on these high level plans prior to implementation.

Manly Community Forum members will be meeting with Senior Council staff regarding these plans as well as clarifying Council plans for improving Darley Road from the Victoria Parade roundabout to North Head. Any works must include reinstatement and improvements to the bike lane, footpaths, pedestrian crossings, refuges and signage as well as managing the speed limits, particularly of the trucks using the road in the wee small hours of the morning. Darley Road is a residential street and a High Pedestrian Activity Area as well as the gateway to North Head.

THE AGENCY



9/133-137 North Styene, Manly

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World-class beachfront designer apartment in the exclusive 'Waillea' security building, panoramic ocean views, 255sqm on title, heated pool/lift on-site, two lock-up garages.

Auction 24th February at 10:30am



5/17 Laurence Street, Manly

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Just up from Manly Cove atop an Art Deco block of six, this updated apartment features harbour views, generous living/dining, covered balcony, stone/gas kitchen and a garage.

Auction 24th February at 2pm

We have just listed these two incredible apartments in Manly. 9/133-137 North Styene is in the tightly-held 'Waillea' building which offers an unmissable opportunity to secure one of the finest lifestyle apartments on Manly's coveted beachfront strip.

Or just up from Manly Cove atop of a boutique block of only six, this sumptuous Art Deco apartment is set to a glistening harbour backdrop with views extending to the ocean through Sydney Heads.

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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Experience sells

Clean up Australia Day 3 Mar 2024

8am to midday

Little Manly Beach or East Esplanade

Clean up Australia Day 3 March 2024 at Little Manly Beach. No need to register, just show up with your friends and family, wearing a hat. Bring some gloves or a some tongs for picking up the small stuff or a grabber if you don't want to bend down. We will provide the bags and Council will collect the rubbish we gather. Manly Community Forum volunteers will be there from 8am till midday. The beach and surrounding park area definitely needs a clean up after the busy summer holidays.

Former Manly Hospital site

Council update in their own words

Council is working alongside the State Government to facilitate a 'Health and Wellbeing Precinct' at the former Manly Hospital site. A Planning Proposal is required to amend the Manly Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to permit some additional land uses on the site. (note: the current zoning is Special Purposes, Hospital and therefore other non-hospital allied health providers as well as a café are currently not permitted by this zoning)

Council has forwarded the Planning Proposal to the NSW Department of Planning seeking approval to formally exhibit it (known as a 'Gateway Determination'). Once Council has received the Gateway Determination, Council will place the Planning Proposal on public exhibition and seek comments from the community. This is expected to occur in the next few months.

Concurrent to the Manly LEP being amended, the site is also expected to be declared a State Significant Precinct. As a State Significant Precinct, a masterplan will be required to be prepared before any development consent can be granted on the site. Council has been part of the process of preparing Planning Principles that will inform the preparation of the masterplan.

Brickbats & Bouquets

- **Bouquet** to the Council staff for the repairs and painting the wooden fence and ramp behind the Manly Yacht Club.
- **Brickbat** to the Council garden staff for not trimming the red leaf tree hedge and other plants growing through and over the wooden fence and wire damaging it and the ramp behind the Manly Yacht Club making it hard to repair and paint. Also the view from the footpath of the heritage buildings on the harbour foreshore is blocked by these overgrown plants.
- **Bouquet/Brickbat.** the jury is still out on the benefits of the installation of the EV charging point on the power pole in Ashburner St which limits a parking space to EVs only.
- **Bouquet** to Council for finally installing the eftpos tap machine to enable donations on the Hop Skip Jump buses. We look forward to this continuing free service .
- **Bouquet** to the 68 local residents who responded to the Council's consultation on the proposed Addison Rd pedestrian crossing at Stuart St. 57 supported the proposal 17 were against and 1 person partially supported it. The local Tpt for NSW Traffic Committee considered the proposal at its February meeting. we will let you know how it progresses



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