

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

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How are our street trees?

A note from Evelyn, a long time resident passionate about our street trees.

Look at our Trees! Take a long hard and critical look at the trees in your street and what do you see? If you are lucky you will see a line of large and beautiful trees. They may be all of one type but in some areas they will probably be of various species and maturities. They beautify the area, maintain the value of all the properties, improve the environment with shade and space for birds and animals to thrive and also make a substantial contribution to locking up carbon as well as reducing the temperature by up to ten degrees cooler in the summer.

If you are not so lucky however, you will see that there are many vacant spaces along the streets, many small cheap shrubby plants that lack visual presence, or trees that are not thriving or are damaged in some way or even dead.

If you think your street could be improved by street tree planting then contact the Council and ask them to plant a tree from the long list they have. If you want one removed, like this dead tree pictured call the Council and request a replacement.



AGENDA

- Council works updates
- Traffic and parking update
- Little Manly works update
- Royal Far West DA update

Come and join the discussion and raise any issues needing consideration

Ripples cafe at Little Manly finally opens

Everyone is excited to see the new cafe with full table service and a fancy new menu finally open, even if the rest of the area is a shambles of a construction site. Council has commenced installing a concrete footpath to allow foot traffic around the front of the cafe.

Despite the rain and ongoing surrounding works many locals are enjoying this soon to be perfect location for a bite to eat or a casual tea or coffee, open Wednesday to Sunday for lunch & dinner. A barista is available everyday at the side window.



OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 17 OCT AT 7PM AT MANLY YACHT CLUB

Does nostalgia justify the plan for a Boardwalk across Manly Cove?

In 2018 Northern Beaches Council received \$100,000 from the NSW Government for a Heritage Near Me Activation Grant to complete the Manly West Esplanade Heritage Activation Plan. This Plan was completed in late 2019 and is available on the Council website.

Council has implemented some of the recommendations of the Manly West Esplanade Heritage Activation Plan, new landscaping, installation of public place furniture along the Esplanade and some improved lighting.

At the recent Council meeting, prompted by a Notice of Motion, referencing this Plan, submitted by Manly Ward Councillors, the Council has resolved to brief Councillors on the process of the feasibility of reinstating the boardwalk/harbour pool at Manly Cove. After discussing this for an hour at the Council meeting with some councillors expressing concern about the possible \$20million that this boardwalk may cost to rebuild, Councillors agreed to the need for a briefing to clarify the steps required to progress this proposal. The Councillors are also hoping the briefing will include consideration of other options to rehabilitate the area and bring to life a celebration of our indigenous heritage.'

One recommendation, not yet implemented, was to relocate the Governor Philip Monument to a more suitable location along West Esplanade. The Governor Philip monument is considered a significant obstruction to the flow of pedestrian and cyclist traffic near the entry to the promenade near Manly Wharf. Relocation of the monument to a site of appropriate prominence would be subject to cautious and considered design as part of a wider program of landscaping works.



First contact at Manly c1788

The below information is copied directly from West Esplanade Heritage Activation Plan Page 14. (Available on Northern Beaches Council website)

European arrival at Kai'yamay (Manly Cove)

"In January 1788, disappointed and concerned by the lack of fresh water and exposure to the winds at Botany Bay, Governor Phillip took a longboat to explore Port Jackson. When they approached Kai'yamay, they saw a group of 20 strong men wading out towards their boat. These men took the gifts offered and were curious about the boat, inspecting them closely. Phillip and the officers were impressed. Phillip later wrote that he named the place 'Manly' for their admirable manly qualities. First meeting with Aboriginal women Kai'yamay was also the site of the first meeting with Aboriginal women.

On January 29 1788, the British negotiated with an elder, and finally some of the younger women came forward. They stood by the boats trembling and laughing as the white men reached over to drape them with strings of buttons and beads. The English officers described them as 'naked beauties', who were 'perhaps, inseparable from the female character in its rudest state'. So they renamed Manly Cove which became Eve's Cove for a time.

Kidnapping of Arabanoo

In December 1788 Governor Philip ordered the kidnapping of an Aboriginal man in the hope of forcing open a means of communication with the Eora. The kidnapping from the beach at Manly Cove was violent and distressing. The captive man remained silent, so they called him Manly, only later discovering his name was Arabanoo. "[his friends attacked the boats as they pulled out, hurling] spears, stones, firebrands, and whatever else presented itself ... nor did they retreat ... until many muskets were fired over them." Watkin Tench, Marine officer "The terror this poor wretch suffered, can better be conceived than expressed; he believed he was to be immediately murdered." Captain John Hunter Arabanoo was a dignified and gentle man who refused to play the role of cross-cultural envoy. He was kept a prisoner in Sydney, and after the outbreak of the terrible smallpox epidemic among the Eora, he nursed his stricken countrymen in Sydney's hospital. He contracted the disease himself and died on 18 May 1789.



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West Esplanade heritage analysis continued

Kidnapping of Colebee and Bennelong

In November 1789 Governor Phillip once more sent the boats out to kidnap Aboriginal men. Again they rowed down the harbour to the beach at Manly Cove, violently abducting two men Colebee and Bennelong. Colebee soon escaped from Sydney, but Bennelong remained, and proved receptive to learning all about the British, their language, resources and intentions. He and Phillip became friends and often walked out together, but after seven months, Bennelong escaped too. In April 1789 a smallpox epidemic broke out in Sydney. Europeans, including the colonists who arrived in Sydney in 1788, had developed some resistance through earlier exposure to the disease. However the local Aboriginal people had not and it decimated the population. "At that time a native was living with us; and on taking him down to the harbour to look for his former companions, those who witnessed his expression and agony can never forget either. He looked anxiously around him in the different coves we visited; not a vestige on the sand was to be found of human foot; ... not a living person was anywhere to be met with. It seemed as if, flying from the contagion, they had left the dead to bury the dead. He lifted up his hands and eyes in silent agony for some time; at last he exclaimed, 'All dead! All dead!' and then hung his head in mournful silence." David Collins, Judge-Advocate of the colony, April 1789.

Spearing of Governor Phillip

In September 1790, a whale washed up on the beach at Manly Cove and a large number of Eora gathered for a great whale feast. Bennelong summoned Phillip to attend. It was a happy reunion there on the sand of the cove, with gift giving and conversation. At some point Bennelong disappeared and a circle of warriors began to close in on Phillip. A stranger, a man named Willemering, seemed agitated and when Phillip began to approach him in his customary way, slowly, hands outspread, Willemering picked up a barbed wooden spear and hurled it at him with such force that it passed through his shoulder. The wound was non lethal. Historians suggest that what Phillip experienced was a payback ritual. Perhaps Phillip sensed something of this: much to his officers' confusion and frustration, he refused to retaliate.

Further reading is available on the Northern Beaches Council History hub website. Just google Manly Warringah and Pittwater 1788-1880 by George Champion and Shelagh Champion

Local First Nation information nights

Desire Books in Whistler St, opposite the carpark has been hosting First Nations information nights over the past month. They have welcomed people who are interested in listening, learning and understanding the local issues pertaining to First Nations people. The sessions will continue for a few more months at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of every month



THE AGENCY



97 Darley Road **Manly**

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Federation semi in a prized Eastern Hill setting

Auction
Saturday 29th October at 11:30am



308/54 West Esplanade **Manly**

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Resort-like harbourfront apartment with mesmerising views

For Sale
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Jake and his team have just listed these two premium properties in Manly. Both of these properties would suit someone looking at downsizing with low maintenance living.

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Brickbats & Bouquets



- **Bouquet** to the organisers of the Night at the Barracks for the shuttle bus to the event from the Gilbert park bus stop in Manly. The shuttle bus carried 6,182 people over 5 weekends.
- **Brickbat** to the speeding trucks that hurtle down Darley Rd ignoring safety and speed limits, nearly missing pedestrians on the crossing at Ashburner St.

- **Brickbat** to Australia Post for remaining incommunicado with regards to providing any information about the reopening of a Post Office in Manly, either in the old location or any new location. We need a Post Office to open before Christmas.



- **Brickbat** to the café on the Corso that continues to use single use containers for dine in customers and then leave it all in overflowing bins on the footpath overnight from early Monday afternoon. These bins were still there at 11am on Tuesday, overflowing and with more single use plastic litter everywhere.
- **Bouquet** to Council Waste team for changing the times & increasing the number of collections of the public place bins on the beachfront and Manly Wharf area over the long weekend. There was plenty of room for the massive amount of takeaway food containers by the end of the long weekend.

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