

AUGUST 2020

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents.

Iconic & Much Loved Manly Hospital

Heritage façade viewed from Darley Road



Above is an illustration from the former Manly Hospital Site Draft Concept Plan. For years we have been working with the State Government and through our committed Local Member, James Griffin and a Steering Committee of NSW Health then NSW Property, Executive Council Management, Manly Ward Councillors and a few committed local residents. Our brief was to ensure that the site is retained for the community as a facility of health and well being. It does appear that we have won; congratulations to all committed participants. Plans have now been released covering the future use of this iconic area of Manly/North Head and we should be very pleased and thankful that although we have lost our much loved hospital, we will gain health and well being facilities and an expansion of the North Head public areas for our future generations. Zoning issues have been agreed with Council and the Steering Committee. The youth hospice has an agreed position and funding is near complete for this facility. The heritage areas are being retained as administrative and entry areas to the site and the old kiosk and entry building will be retained for services and information support. There will be ample open and parkland areas, some parking at the rear of the built areas, and buildings planned for the provision of health and well being services. These include aged care respite and rehabilitation, community health services (Government and NGO), health consulting rooms, mental health services, patient transport services

Notes from the Chairman

Again we are conducting our meeting through Zoom due to the virus. Don't forget to register. And again, we have much to be thankful for; the newly completed gardens, sandstone edges, seating, exercise and play equipment at East Esplanade Park; the final stages of the complete rebuild of the Little Manly pool; the release of the draft Concept Plan for the old Manly Hospital site and the release of information on the new Resident Parking Scheme. There are many issues for us to address with Council, but we are also enjoying the implementation of a number of major projects. At this month's meeting we will review the Concept Plans for the Manly Hospital site including the list of additional facilities proposed for the site; discuss the new speed zones around the CBD; and overview the concerns with our Manly Wharf complex that are being considered by a newly formed working group. Manly Ward Councillor/s will outline current discussions at Council and you will have the opportunity to raise issues impacting your amenity. See you on Zoom. Ray Mathieson

including a helipad, possibly short-term housing for health staff and an area for non-standard healing services.

The latest plan including all released planning and seeking community feedback can be found on the website <https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/former-manly-hospital-site>. At the moment community consultation is available until 19th August 2020, but we have asked for this to be extended. Please take the time to review and respond.

**NEXT MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM ZOOM MEETING IS MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2020 AT 4:30PM.
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New Manly Ward Parking Permit Scheme

Manly's new Parking Permit Scheme will be rolled out in the next few months. What's changed is that permits will have to be linked to a specific vehicle or address. This will hopefully stop permits being on-sold and limiting them to genuine local residents. There will also be a big reduction in the number of permits issued to businesses and there will be no permits for trailers or boats. Good news for the community in these uncertain times is that there will be no increase in permit fees and the first permit will still be free. The timing of the new Parking Permit Scheme in the Manly Ward is listed below:

NORTHERN BEACHES PARKING PERMIT SCHEME AREA - MANLY WARD				
Scheme Area	Current Expiry	Permit Application Opens	New Start Dates	New Expiry dates
Little Manly	31 Jan 2020	1 Sept 2020	1 Oct 2020	30 Sept 2021
Isthmus	30 June 2020	1 Nov 2020	1 Dec 2020	30 Nov 2021
Fairy Bower	30 June 2020	1 Nov 2020	1 Dec 2020	30 Nov 2021

NORTHERN BEACHES PARKING PERMIT SCHEME FEES		
Permit Type	Quantity	2020/21 fees
Residential or multi-use	1 st permit issued to property	Free
Residential or multi-use	2 nd permit issued to property	\$42
Residential or multi-use	3 rd permit issued to property	\$110
3 rd Residential issued under extenuating circumstances	Additional parking permit issued under extenuating circumstances following approval	\$110

Gone to the Dark Side

The iconic lighting along the heavily utilised pedestrian access from the Wharf to the Eastern Hill is in complete darkness at night due to electrical cabling deterioration. We have had problems over the years with delays in light and pole replacement and occasional outages, but the problem is now serious and Council is faced with a complete rebuild of cabling, which may mean replacement of the much loved heritage style lights. The lights have been the homeward-bound beacon for returning residents and are a much-loved indicator of Manly approaching. Safety and security along the pathway is also paramount, particularly now that the park is so popular at night. We ask Council to please put all resources into an immediate fix.

More Darkness in the Middle of Manly

Only two out of ten street lights are working along The Corso, between Town Hall and Darley Rd. It's a serious problem as there are two important pedestrian crossings in this short strip. Continuing up Daley Rd, some street lights are out at almost every intersection.

Ausgrid is responsible for street lights and they have a website where you can report a problem <https://www.ausgrid.com.au/In-your-community/Our-services/Streetlights#!/map>. People are doing the right thing and the outages have been reported, but not yet fixed. Obviously this is not good enough, but it seems to be the only option at the moment. If residents believe or are told by Ausgrid that it is a Council issue, please contact Council <https://help.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/s/> or on 1300 434 434. Please let the Forum know how this goes.

30 km/h Speed Limit "Trial"

A number of residents have written to the Forum expressing concern with the implemented change in speed limits.

Alan from Oyama Ave writes:

"To summarise, to have a 30km/h limit in place 24/7 over such a wide area is inconveniencing residents to solve a non-existent problem (or if it does exist, has not been objectively demonstrated via the release of independent supportive data). If you do not believe me, I suggest that you drive from Queenscliff to Eastern Hill at 9pm on a Sunday night and not feel inconvenienced and indeed not feel like the mandarins have taken charge of the asylum to implement an ideologically driven anti-car policy which has no basis in fact. I look forward to the end of the trial and resumption of previous limits (which were already a low 40km/h in the core part of Manly)."

Now there are many others who think that the speed is usually low along these routes and don't have a real concern as long as the reason for the change can be validated. Can it?

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Working Group to Improve Manly Wharf

Deputy Mayor Candy Bingham is working with Forum Chairman Ray Mathieson and our Local member James Griffin to set up a Manly Wharf Stakeholders Working Group. The committee, which would include wharf lease holder management TMG, Transport NSW Management, Council Executive Management, Manly Ward Councillors and community representatives, would work to improve the Wharf's appearance and cleanliness, and to provide more facilities, such as accessible toilets, for visitors and residents.

The Wharf is owned by the State Government, and leased to TMG until 2090. Councillors and this Forum Committee have described this long-term lease arrangement as unsatisfactory, particularly if we cannot have a greater say in how the main gateway entry point to Manly and the Northern Beaches is presented, and ensure that it provides the image we wish to portray.

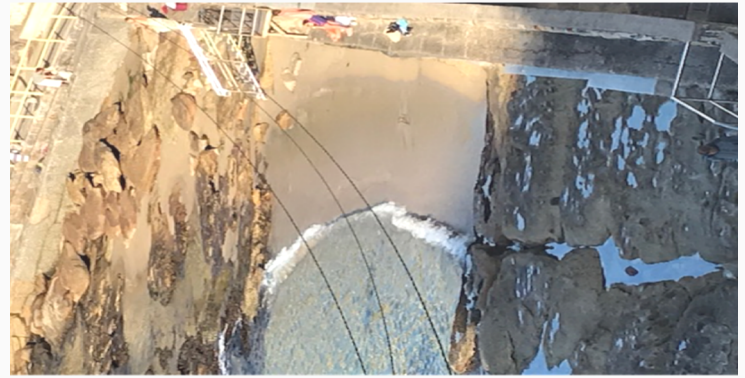
Flite Boards in Cabbage Tree Bay Update

The fliteboard enthusiasts, currently mainly centred in the Fairy Bower community but this will grow, have proposed a plan that allows a direct access from the Fairy Bower steps directly through Cabbage Tree Bay to the ocean. They cannot foil and must travel at less than 4 knots, always distance from swimmers etc. The plan has been presented to RMS and Council and they now seek our comment.

The proposal includes the following: "In addition to the existing RMS regulations governing Fliteboards, which require all riders to hold a boating licence, wear PFD50 life jackets, and maintain specified distances away from people and vessels in the water, we acknowledge the unique environment of the Cabbage Tree Aquatic reserve necessitates additional measures to ensure safety and harmony with other water users."

Full detail are on the Forum website.

Marine Pde/Fairy Bower Potential Disaster



Resident and active Forum member Bill d'Anthes writes: "Twenty years ago the sand covered all of these rocks and the wall where the people are sitting. This is the widest beach we have had at this point in 4 years. The rest of the sand is 50m offshore, waiting to be pumped back in when the stormwater system is rebuilt.

To the right of this point Marine Pde is so narrow that two couples cannot safely pass one another during the current pandemic.

Much work to be done in the next couple of years (if we have that long)."

Bill wrote this last comment because of his concern that the storms will break the seawall, possibly break the sewerage pipeline and the stormwater systems will not be ready for this extended storm season.

Council has conducted many reviews of the wall and the storm water system. It now has plans for immediate action in the current budget year and finally Sydney Water is appreciating that sewage in Cabbage Tree Bay from broken pipes cannot be allowed to happen. But will the works be completed in time?

Details of the confirmation letters from Council are on the Forum website.

Successful Semi Sales!!



The team at Rowe Partners have just sold these 4 semi detached residences in Manly.

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Boats & Trailer Parking 1 Darley Rd

Council has received concerns from residents and St Paul's Catholic College regarding long-term parking of boats and trailers on the south side of Darley Rd outside St Paul's Catholic College. The school has requested that 8P Timed Parking restrictions and before and after school No Parking restrictions be considered to address current issues with double parking.

There are many issues:

- In 2019 Council introduced 8P Timed Parking restrictions on the north side of Darley Rd to create turnover of parking and remove long-term boat and trailer parking. This has been partially successful but has resulted in several boats and trailers relocating to the south side of Darley Rd on the St Paul's Catholic College frontage.
- The presence of boats and trailers on the south side of Darley Rd is creating issues for the school as parents, students and buses have insufficient space for drop off and pick up and parking in inappropriate and illegal locations is occurring.
- Existing kiss-and-drop zone is of insufficient length with parents often parking in bus zones or double parking.

The recommendations to the Traffic Committee were that the Traffic Committee supports:

- the installation of 52m of No Parking restrictions (8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm school days) on the south side of Darley Rd on the frontage of St Paul's Catholic College and to the west of the school bus zone
- the installation of approximately 40m of 8P Timed Parking restrictions applying from 6:00am to 10:00pm every day. The restrictions are to be sited on the south side of Darley Rd above the No Parking zone on the school frontage.

This matter was addressed by Council and approved for implementation.

Short Bits

Too Many Signs?

A review of signage along East and West Esp and Marine Pde is being carried out by Council, with the aim of making the signs clearer and the area less cluttered. The Forum has asked for community consultation to be part of the review process. A related issue is the continuing absence of signage dealing with dogs on the rock platform.

Improvements at North Head

North Head's Sewage Treatment Plant has improved its efficiency, reduced odours, provided some recycling and a power source for internal plant operation. It's due to strong advocacy from the Forum and community, and a motivated plant management team. But despite years of fighting, we still haven't got our main goal - secondary treatment of sewage before it gets dumped out at sea. The full report including what you can do to help is on the Forum website.

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