

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

November 2024

New Bus stop shelters coming soon

A major change to our bus stops will take place soon on the Northern Beaches, as oOh! Media recently won the tender to expand its advertising footprint in our local government area. This significant project will include 293 shelters, extending from Manly to Palm Beach and may include the replacement of many of our bus stop shelters. The estimated value to Council of this contract (excluding GST) is \$25,500,000 over the 8 years of the contract.

According to their website oOh! Media is set to make substantial investments in these digital assets, aiming to enhance the visibility of advertisers in critical locations throughout the Northern Beaches. Key spots like Manly Corso and Manly Beach will be prominently featured, offering increased engagement opportunities for both local businesses and visiting tourists.

This expansion underscores oOh! Media's dedication to incorporating advanced technology within the community, creating a modernised platform for communication, advertising, and public information.

We look forward to the bus stop upgrades and hopefully we will see them cleaner and better maintained than they are at the moment.



AGENDA

- Community Strategic Plan update
- Council updates
- Manly Life Saving Club

NEXT MEETING

**MONDAY 18 November 2024
7PM MANLY YACHT CLUB**

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Save the Date
Manly Community Forum
Christmas celebration
16 December 2024
6.30 pm
Little Manly Beach
Nibbles will be provided
BYO Drinks and Food



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

Spring Cove collapsed heritage

Stone Wall

The Catholic Archdiocese are continuing to work with the National Parks and Wildlife Services to provide a solution to address the flooding and hydrology issues responsible for the heritage wall collapse adjoining the National Park and the Spring Cove Estate leading into Collins Beach. The NPWS identified some areas for further discussion and they are awaiting a response from the Church.



Bridge too far or not at all

Council is still in discussions with the Department of Planning about the future of the bridge at Little Manly Point. Slowly but surely they will come to a decision about whether to repair the bridge, replace it or remove it or do something else. Some in the Community have suggested it be removed and a platform for boats to access the area be constructed there. This would allow NP&Ws to ensure that the National Park across the bay remains pet, particularly dog free, and would allow the Little Penguins to re colonise the area. Funding is always another issue for discussion.

Manly Museum and Art Gallery

As reported in the Manly Observer the Manly Art Gallery and Museum (MAG&M) recently celebrated its Centennial Celebration. Established in 1930, our MAG&M is the oldest metropolitan-based regional gallery in NSW.

At the Centennial Celebration, the Society's committee re-enacted a gift-giving ceremony performed by residents one hundred years ago. Nick Hollo, acclaimed local artist, presented the Gallery with his work of a modern 'Manly Cove' showing the heritage harbour front buildings and the gallery in full view for the first time in decades with the aquarium removed. In 1924, a group of residents purchased a prize-winning painting of Middle Harbour by the artist James Jackson. They presented this to the Mayor of Manly and because there was no gallery, the work hung in the town hall of the then Manly Council for six years until the gallery was opened in 1930. It was the first artwork of the collection which now numbers more than five thousand works.

The MAG&M Collection includes over 5,000 items, with 400+ ceramics, 1,300+ Australian watercolours, prints, etchings, drawings and paintings and over 1,200 items of swimwear and beach ephemera. Much of this collection can be explored online.

The MAG&M Collection includes donations from the MAG&M Society, artist gifts by Margaret Preston, Thea Proctor, Will Ashton, Lloyd Rees, Joshua Yeldham, Salvatore Zofrea and MAG&M's founder Antonio Dattilo-Rubbo and the Theo Batten, Roger Pietri and Lady Askin bequests.



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Northern Beaches Council Community Strategic Plan review

What will the Northern Beaches look like in 2040?

Share your thoughts and have your say

The 56 page [Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan 2040](#) (CSP) captures the community's vision, aspirations and goals for the local area looking out to 2040.

Last revised in 2021, the CSP must be reviewed after an ordinary council election.

Now it's time to refresh the vision, outcomes and goals so the Council can continue to reflect your priorities and aspirations for the future.

It identifies 4 key areas, social (community and belonging, housing, places and spaces), economic (vibrant local economy, transport, technology and connectivity), environmental (protection of the environment and environmental sustainability) and civic priorities (good governance, partnerships and participation, as well as strategies to help us achieve them).

The CSP guides the development of Council plans, policies and budget.

Council has a handy Survey on its Your Say page asking to what extent the goals and outcomes of these four key areas reflect what you want the Northern Beaches to be like in 2040? You can let them know if it's one of these five responses, Not at all reflective, Slightly reflective, Moderately reflective, Very reflective, or Extremely reflective.

Or fill in a 500 character word picture of what you think. Too easy!!!



Sign for the times

The final touch to the Little Manly Point park is the installation of a new sign in the NBC Corporate style advising the opening hours of the Little Manly Point Amenities.

Rate rise on the Council Agenda

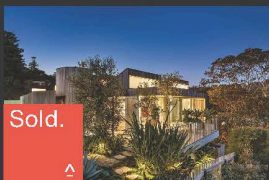
Before making an application to IPART the NSW government Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, Council is required to engage with the community on the potential options for a Special Rate Variation or rate increase above the annual Rate Peg which is based on the CPI. Councillors will vote to exhibit four options proposed in a report to Council at this month's meeting.

Option 1 Reduce services - Rate peg 3.8% (2025/26) increase only
Option 2 Maintain services - Rate peg + 6% pa over 3 years
Option 3 Improve services - Rate peg + 8.3% pa over 2 years and 8.4% in year 3

Option 4 Increase services - Rate peg + 10% pa over 3 years.

The report states the NBC is the 4th largest in NSW and one of the most complex metropolitan local government areas to manage. Rates are Council's main source of income, currently at 44% of total revenue. Without a rate increase the Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) shows income levels will no longer be sufficient to fund operating expenses, invest in the ongoing renewal of infrastructure assets required by the Asset Management Plans and provide the necessary working capital to manage unexpected events, a scenario which is not sustainable and without intervention will continue to reduce services to the community. Community engagement will be from 18 Nov 24 to 12 Jan 25 Read the Report on page 26 on the Council Agenda papers on their website

THE AGENCY



Sold.

2 Spring cove Avenue, Manly

5 4 2

Nestled at the end of a cul-de-sac within the prestigious 'Spring Cove' estate, this BKH architect-designed masterpiece has been meticulously conceived to deliver a world-class statement in designer luxury and lifestyle.

Sold - Record Price for Spring Cove Undisclosed



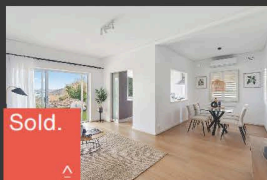
Sold.

39/20 Bonner Avenue, Manly

3 2 2

Poised perfectly to reveal postcard-perfect panoramas stretching over Manly Beach and the surf to a shimmering open sea horizon and across to Shelly Beach, St Patrick's Seminary and a glimmer of the harbour, this extraordinary security apartment offers the ultimate blank canvas renovation opportunity.

SOLD - \$6,700,000



Sold.

1/62 Osborne Road, Manly

3 1

Nestled at the end of a whisper-quiet harbourside cul-de-sac on Manly's exclusive Eastern Hill, this beautifully updated Art Deco garden apartment showcases enchanting views over the harbour.

Sold prior to Auction - \$2,230,000

Jake has a wealth of knowledge and experience selling properties in the area. He has sold over 600 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

Joltz advertising EV Charging kiosks

Meanwhile Council has recently received some pushback from the community after enthusiastic embrace by EV owners about the proposal for Joltz to install advertising kiosks disguised as EV charging stations along our roads from Manly to Palm beach. Asking why it is Council's responsibility to provide charging kiosks with advertising on public land, and what is the plan for when everyone gets an EV, Council has responded by stating that it is in the Transport Strategy - Move 2038 and that Northern Beaches Council supports the uptake of electric vehicles (EV) and has partnered with Ausgrid and JOLT (a vehicle charging network company) to install free, 15-minute public EV charging stations in selected locations across the Northern Beaches. Considering the expected revenue to Council from the recent bus shelter deal, a different Council team looks to have negotiated a very tardy revenue outcome with Joltz only paying about \$1,600 to install their chargers with advertising panels and an annual fee of \$1,900 payable to Council each year for an unknown period.

The Mayor announced recent additions to the network were installed by JOLT and include two new chargers on Council land in Narrabeen and a new charger in Brookvale. This brings the number of JOLT chargers on the Beaches to eight with proposals for dozens more. The Manly community rejected the locations for these kiosks along West Esplanade and the Steyne.

Council is now in the process of reconsidering the proposal and intends to revisit the report on the matter before it is sent for final sign off by the Traffic Committee.

Marine Parade update

In the absence of any updates of Council works along Marine Parade or at Shelly Beach here is a photo from 1912 of the area.

We await a decision by Council regarding the restoration or resurfacing of Bower lane and the pathway recently dug up by Sydney Water

Brickbats and Bouquets

- **Brickbat to Council** for not putting up signs to remind residents they should renew their Little Manly Precinct Parking permits by the end of September. Rangers were spotted in October and the fines for cars parked with expired permits sent in the mail were not appreciated. Very cynical move by Council especially since we haven't seen the Rangers all year!
- **Bouquet** to the Council team who have recently turfed The Office in time for the Summer.
- **Brickbat** to the disgusting public urinator who think the private residences along East Esplanade opposite 'the office' are toilets. There is CCTV footage and you have been and will be reported to the police.
- **Bouquet** to Council for reversing the opening of the gate along Marine Parade to free the surfing 'The Bower' break sculpture by Tim Johnman



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