

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

November 2023

Kayak and Dinghy storage at Little Manly

The 64 dinghy and 70 kayak spaces at the storage area are expected to contribute \$46,230 in revenue for the Council this financial year. Storage permits are valid for 12 months, starting on October 1 each year and are renewable annually. There is no time limit for storage and the craft can remain as long as the space is needed. Before renewal notices are sent out, the racks undergo inspection. Additionally, a follow-up inspection occurs after new permits are issued to ensure that permit holders who did not renew have cleared their craft from the area. Permits cost \$345 pa for residents and \$574 pa for non residents.

This year, Council revamped its management system, reaching out via email and mail to those on the waiting list. This initiative led to the removal of hundreds of individuals who had been on the waiting list since 2017. There are now only 4 people on the waiting list. Council conducts regular checks throughout the year to ensure the storage area remains safe, tidy, and accessible. Any craft without a permit sticker that shouldn't be there is promptly removed. Council continues to maintain the surrounding area as part of the Parks and Gardens contract.



AGENDA

20 November 2023

- Manly Place Plan - briefing and discussion
- Council updates
- Open forum
- Plan for 2024

Save the date
Christmas Celebration meeting
7pm 18 December 2023
Manly Yacht Club

Delay to the demolition of 40 Stuart St

This highly anticipated demolition of number 40 Stuart St adjacent to Little Manly Beach is pending final sign off of the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Statement by the NSW Aboriginal Heritage Office. Maybe next year we will see the area added to the beach reserve.

Tender for toilet at LM finalised

The tender for the construction of the new toilets at Little Manly Point park was finally approved by Council at the October meeting. Work will start in January 2024. Construction is expected to be five months.



OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 20 NOV AT 7PM AT MANLY YACHT CLUB

Darley Rd and Eastern Hill traffic calming

Senior staff from the Northern Beaches Council Transport Division attended the October meeting and participated in a wide-ranging discussion with residents at the meeting.

Darley Rd falls within the NBC Greater Eastern Hill Transport Project which aligns with the overall NBC Transport strategy. The aim is to return residential streets to the residents, reduce rat runs, slow the traffic down, increase bike use and increase on-street parking.

This Strategy has already seen extensive works implemented in the Manly CBD and on the Eastern Hill. This has included parking bays painted and sensors installed in most premium parking locations, Shelly beach, Little Manly, the Corso, the Steyne and other CBD streets, to provide data and information for the management of these parking spaces. The painted parking bays ensure people park correctly. Parking across the line and therefore across two bays will invite a parking fine. Motorcycle bays have been marked in various locations around the area. Some time limits have also been changed to extend the 30 minute limits past 6pm to 10pm.

The 30kph zones featuring the orange mats, have and will continue to be expanded, with funding for 5 additional speed zone changes granted.

Options for speed limits on Eastern Hill, especially on Darley Road, are being considered. Darley Rd is likely to be set at 40 km/h, allowing for a lower truck speed limit which is currently 50kph and the side streets to 30kph.

A funding application for Eastern Hill is due by the end of November. If approved, consultations with the community will commence immediately. Implementation, pending funding, is likely to start in August or September 2024.

Other issues raised during the meeting and at a recent site walk through the area with residents and Council staff highlighted concerns such as trucks speeding downhill from North Head and causing vibrations at the bottom of the hill in the vicinity of Ashburner St as they slow down to go over the now crumbling pedestrian crossing. Noise from their airbrakes was also considered annoying.

Cars turning the wrong way into the eastern section of Ashburner Street which is One Way was also identified as a problem as the vehicles then reverse or try to turn back into Darley Rd often into the face of a speeding truck.

Eastern Hill traffic report continued

Council is considering upgrading the traffic refuge just below Cliff St with plans including a raised pedestrian crossing near the Roast Office or further up the road near the Addison Rd intersection. Raised crossings are considered most effective for large vehicles as they sit on top of the road platform and slow the vehicles down as they approach and go over the raised area. Many factors need to be taken into account and once a concept plan is developed, there will be block-by-block consultations with residents to address any issues identified by locals. Consultations for this particular project are planned for late November with local meetings and mail-outs. Feedback on any proposed plan will be sought from the community.

The community also requested that the footpaths receive some attention as they have also been affected by the Ausgrid dig up. Council stated that this is planned as Ausgrid has provided the funds for the restoration of the paving and asphaltting the footpaths from Victoria Parade to Ashburner St.

Elsewhere along Darley Rd the Council Transport teams will address the Ausgrid patch-up areas, including the bike lane, except where stormwater works are planned. Ausgrid is covering the costs.

Council plans to landscape the mandatory 10m no stopping areas at the corners with 'blisters' for planting.

Sydney Water stormwater upgrades are planned for Darley Road, Cliff Street and Ashburner St which will involve cleaning pits and pipes and general maintenance works. The detailed design is being completed, and work will start soon once all approvals have been completed.



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Raised pedestrian crossing at Addison Rd

A raised pedestrian crossing is planned for Addison Rd at the intersection with Stuart St. This has been in the works for many years, and it has now finally reached the top of the priority pile. Community Consultation during October was via a letterbox drop and an online survey. No parking will be lost with the installation of this crossing.



Fire Danger ratings and Total Fire bans

Fire danger ratings have changed as part of the new national Australian Fire Danger Rating System. The new system is based on the latest science and research to make the ratings more accurate. This is the most significant change to fire danger ratings in 50 years and is designed to make it clearer for everyone.

The new fire danger ratings are now used across Australia.

Locally, Extreme and Catastrophic levels will close the walking tracks in North Head, including the tracks with the Sydney Federation Harbour Trust site. But the roads to Fairfax walk will remain open unless there is specific warnings for the area.

Marine Parade landscaping update

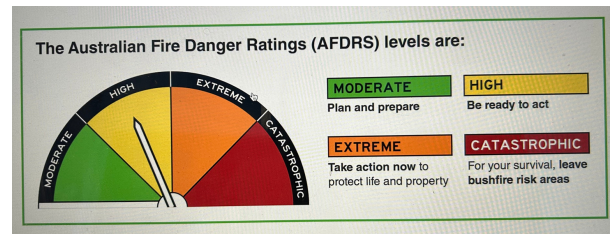
Good news, it is not finished yet. The contractors cleared all the weeds leaving the bare dirt to blow everywhere. But we hear that now Council's internal landscape construction team will shortly commence work on the garden beds, sandstone edging and covering the steep embankment. The Council garden team will then follow up with planting out the area.

There is also additional work specified by the geotechnical engineer to be completed by the original contractor in December.

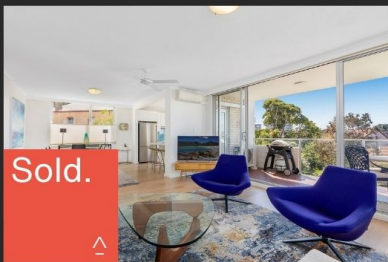
Re-asphalting the section of path from the shed to Bower lane is also on the Council's to do list. Keep sending in photos of the potholes and trip hazards on the Council Customer Service tab of their website on your phones to move it up the priority list.

New signs for Manly soon

Council has set up a staff working group from various areas of responsibility within Council which will be led by the Executive Manager Community Engagement and Communications to determine the number and type of compliance and interpretive signs required in the 5 zones mapped out for the Manly CBD, including Marine Parade to Shelly Beach. Installation and replacement of the signs will happen as funding becomes available with zones experiencing anti social behaviour taking priority.



THE AGENCY



1A/1-7 George Street, Manly

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Prestige harbourside haven, sunny aspect and views

Sold prior to Auction



3D/1-7 George Street, Manly

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Elite executive apartment with awe-inspiring harbour views

Auction
Saturday 2nd December at 11:30am

1A/1-7 George Street, Manly just sold for \$2.7M before auction and we now have a number of buyers looking to secure a property in the Manly area. If you are thinking of selling your home please get in touch with Jake.

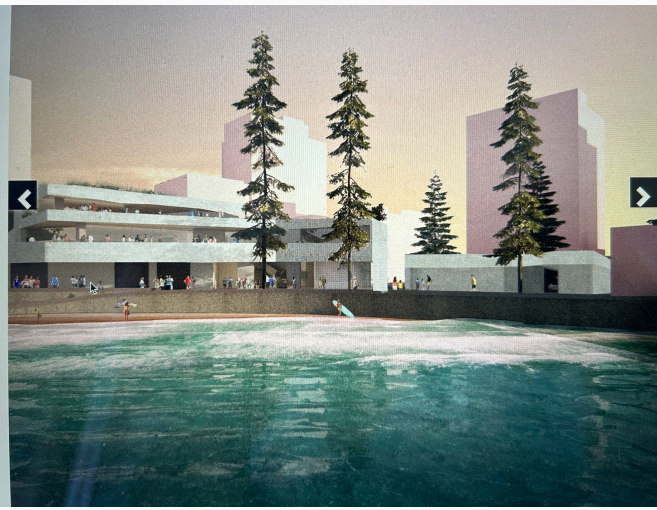
Just Listed - This George Street elite harbourside apartment has majestic harbour views reaching from Manly Wharf to Sydney Heads and the Eastern Suburbs.

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.



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Brickbats & Bouquets

- **Bouquet** to the Eastern Hill community who embraced Halloween. Fabulously scary decorations and some very happy costumed kids and their families wandering the streets indulging in the lollies and sweets left out for everyone to enjoy.
- **Brickbat** to the Police for allowing an individual to rampage through Manly and damage so much property for hours before being arrested near the Manly Police Station by a 'patrol'.
- **Bouquet**. to the Local Member and the Manly Business chamber for their speedy response to sorting out and getting damage repaired.
- **Bouquet** to the community for heeding the call from Community Northern Beaches to restock their shelves with dry food and other grocery items. Thanks for your generosity. And you can continue to drop off any spare items from your supermarket shop in the lead up to Christmas at Raglan St.
- **Bouquet** to Council for the completion of the repairs to the drainage under the Corso. The paving has been restored, three additional palm trees planted and 10 seats and a new drinking fountain installed. Testing is underway on the restored water feature. Looks great.

Manly Lifesaving Club concept plans

A few levels short of a Guggenheim but it does offer great opportunities to hang plenty of advertising/sponsorship banners.

Council is asking whether or not the public amenities, showers, toilets and change rooms, should be in a separate building to the north of the current club. But we are asking where will the trailer full of surf skis and the surf boat currently in that location move to. And what about the trailer parked at the rear of the Club.

Is there a Plan of Management for the public space?

Other facilities such as a café, with the club selling club merchandise is proposed on the ground floor and the second storey will have a multipurpose function room, used by the Club and available for hire by the community.

The proposed partial third storey (funding permitting) would allow improved life saving views of the beach for operations, training or other surf club rooms.

The Council Lifeguards operations appear to remain in the the new building.



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