



MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

December 2022

End of year message from the Chair

As we close out the year, I take the opportunity to say thank you to all those who have participated, supported and contributed to the Manly Community Forum over 2022.

In person meetings recommenced in May, after a year or so of zoom meetings and it was great to see so many return to the Manly Yacht Club for our monthly meetings.

Firstly, tribute to Ray Mathieson, the long-standing chair who passed away from a brain tumour earlier this year. As part of the final landscaping works at Little Manly we will install a picnic table and shelter dedicated to Ray and his contribution to our Manly community. Our thoughts are with Ray's family, especially Anne this Christmas.

Thanks to the executive team, Kandy, our redoubtable Secretary, Doug and Lee, Treasurer and newsletter distribution coordinator and his delivery team, and to Kellie for managing the website, Kate and Janne for standing up when others were on holidays or finished their stint as a team member. Thanks also to Marisa for her years of work on the newsletter, we managed to survive when she handed over the reins of the Canva software for publishing.

Thanks to our local Federal MP, Zali Steggall, State Member for Manly & Minister for the Environment & Heritage, James Griffin and Councillors Sarah Gratton, Candy Bingham and Georgia Ryburn. All took time out of their busy schedules to attend various meetings and provide their take on local issues and activities throughout the year and we look forward to seeing them again in 2023.

Senior Council staff have also been available and candid at our meetings, consulting and providing updates on all manner of projects and Council related activities. The Little Manly park playground was completed and is now enjoyed by all. Hopefully the toilets will appear next year.

We wait for the completion of works and the sand to be sifted in search of human bones at Little Manly and the settling in of the new Ripples café now that they have finished their renovations and survived the challenges of COVID, weather, construction and changing customer expectations. It's a pity that they have to suffer from break ins and hooligan behaviour late at night. Stealing all the iceblocks does not make it easy for staff the next morning explaining to little ones why there were no iceblocks at the beach! But on the upside the new path around the outside of the café is a particularly welcome addition to the area.

AGENDA

- Updates on everything
- Seasons greetings, a hight to eat and a celebratory drink

Manly Community Forum Christmas meeting/party

Monday 19 December 2022

7.30pm Manly Yacht Club

bring a neighbour

& \$10 for the entry raffle

....chair's message continued

The Transport Staff were also responsive to our requests on improving traffic and pedestrian conditions on the Eastern Hill, particularly Darley Rd. They are now collecting data over the busy holiday months and will prepare a plan for discussion and implementation in the first half of next year. Sensors will be installed to monitor parking activity on both sides of the Hill, Shelly Beach and at Little Manly Point. We have new pedestrian crossings and the old ones will be repainted shortly.

Apart from speeding traffic and parking the other main topic of correspondence to our email address was regarding dogs on beaches, especially the rock platform at Fairy Bower. Council is now working with the Department of Fisheries to resolve this and will revisit the policies to clarify where dogs are permitted. In the meantime thanks for respecting the signs and keeping dogs off the beaches.

We look forward to the removal of the parklet in Darley Rd and the resulting unblocking of the drain and disappearance of the large, unseemly dirty puddle there. The parklets on the north east corner of the Corso and the entrance to the Whistler St carpark will remain.

Finally huge thanks to our advertisers. Please support them as they support us to keep the forum afloat and the newsletters printed.

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

Not so smart bins - a load of rubbish

Manly Community Forum and others raised concerns about the overflowing public place bins a few months ago. To the Council's credit they responded by changing the times and increased the number of collections to better suit the summer conditions. In addition, Council completed a trial of 'smart' bins in various locations in Manly but these trials were deemed unsuccessful in reducing the amount of rubbish in the bins, the problem of overflowing or the need to more frequently empty the bins. These so called 'smart bins' failed to report back to base adequate information, such as the contents or fullness of the bins. And the bins themselves were more difficult to service and empty. So, Council will continue with the current regime of an increased number of collections and requests that if you see an overflowing bin, report it using the QR codes now on the bins.



Change of circumstances - Community Northern Beaches

Since 1977 the Manly Community Centre served the vulnerable and less fortunate in our local community before their own circumstances changed and they became Community Northern Beaches (CNB). Previously renting premises from the Department of Education at Manly Village Public School the Community Northern Beaches had revenue streams from hiring out the hall for community events and activities, direct funding from the former Manly Council as well as grants for specific delivery programs. But the local school student numbers increased, and the Department of Education asked for their building back about the same time the councils amalgamated. Negotiations for a suitable alternative location were long and protracted, but eventually with a change of name to reflect the wider reach of their services, the now amalgamated Council agreed to refurbish a site on the corner of Kangaroo and Raglan Streets. Council staff occupy the top floor and the CNB has a cosy office space on the ground floor with street level access in Raglan St. However, the Council now charges rent at a substantially higher rate than CNB previously paid and there are no community spaces for the CNB to manage to maintain their previous levels of income. A double whammy, increased rent, and reduced income!

Nevertheless, the annual report for 2022 restated their Vision: 'We are a local community organisation that fosters future wellbeing and supports people in need' and reiterated their Mission: 'To build connections and strengthen community through a range of support services including, homeless outreach, domestic violence support, refugee settlement services and youth services.'

If your circumstances have changed and you need help get in touch with the wonderful people at CNB, on the phone (02) 9977 1066 or in person at 52 Raglan St, Manly, NSW, 2095 and check www.cnb.org.au for more info

The Manly Community Forum supports the Community Northern Beaches, and we hope you will too by making a deductible donation at the door at our Christmas meeting or via this QR code.

Thanks in advance.





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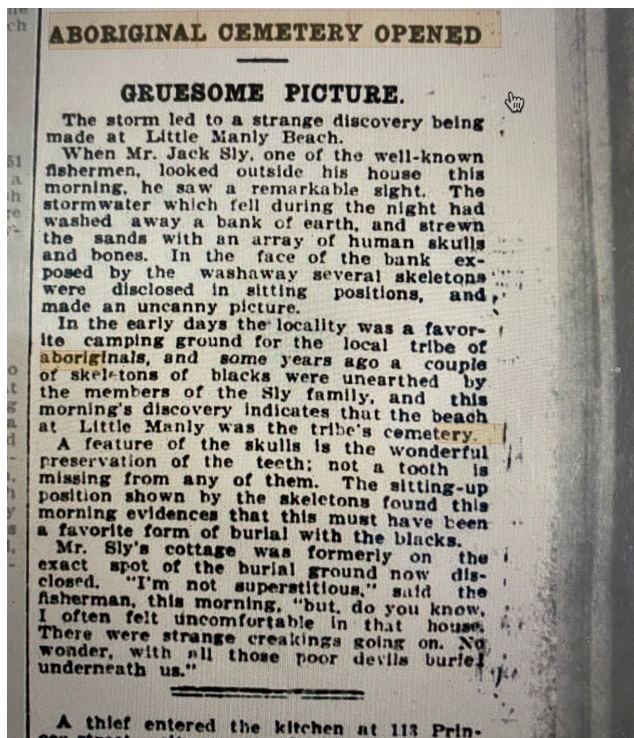
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Step by step at Little Manly Beach

Little Manly was a well-known location as a burial location of aboriginal people as far back as 1914, with reports in the local papers of the discovery of human remains at the site. Now in 2022 we must wait respectfully and patiently for the team now working through the pile of sand in search of any final human remains. The Department of Heritage is working with aboriginal people on a repatriation plan, which will likely involve a private ceremony and reburial elsewhere in proximity to Little Manly Beach.

A more detailed history can be read on the Manly Observer website. <https://manlyobserver.com.au/indigenous-remains-confirmed-at-little-manly-excavation/>

In the interim Council has completed the safety rails on the new steps and have returfed some of the area and finally the installation of the rubbish bins. The swings will remain closed till the sand sifting has been completed. Ripples Café is open and hopefully the weather will remain sunny.



Text of the Article printed in The Bathurst Times Monday 23rd March 1914

*Aboriginal Cemetery Opened
GRUESOME PICTURE AT MANLY.
SYDNEY, Sunday.*

Yesterday's storm led to a strange discovery being made at Little Manly Beach. When Mr Jack Sly, one of the well-known fishermen, looked outside his house, he saw a remarkable sight. The stormwater which fell during the night had washed away a bank of earth, and strewn the sands with an array of human skulls and bones. In the face of the bank exposed by the wash away several skeletons were disclosed in sitting positions, and made an uncanny picture. In the early days the locality was a favorite camping ground for the local tribe of aboriginals and some years ago a couple of skeletons of blacks were unearthed by the members of the Sly family, and this morning's discovery indicates that the beach at Little Manly



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Brickbats and Bouquets

- **Brickbat or Bouquet**, you choose. No time is a good time to return East Esplanade. Damned if they do damned if they don't, but Council has chosen the pre Christmas holiday time to return both the ocean beachfront and East Esplanade.
- **Brickbat** to the hooligans who broke into the cafe at Little Manly and stole all the ice blocks. Unpleasant scenes followed the next day when ice blocks were not available. This was almost as big a disaster as the barista machine being out of order.
- **Bouquet to Council** for enforcing the Stopwork order on the unit block opposite LM Beach resulting in the unauthorised additional roof top works being dismantled.

UPDATED November '22



MANLY POST OFFICE IS RELOCATING

Australia Post is pleased to announce that from Monday 12 December 2022 Manly Post Office will be relocating to:

Shop 3/5A Raglan Street, Manly

Customers will be able to purchase all core postal products such as Postpak, envelopes and satchels, plus selected merchandise.

Brickbats and Bouquets continued....



- **Brickbat** to council for arriving at the end of the year with no plan to commence the masterplanning process for the iconic Manly To Shelly walk. Blaming Sydney Water for not stumping up \$50k for their contribution to get the process going is not good enough. Meanwhile the repairs to the trip hazards of asphalt patchwork continues.
- **Brickbat** to the Hop skip Jump bus drivers for persistently leaving minutes before the advertised time at the Wharf.
- **Bouquet** to the team now sifting the sand pile in the heat at Little Manly. Some further human remains have been found and the Office of Aboriginal Heritage is assessing them and working on a repatriation plan
- **Bouquet** to Australia Post for finally reopening a full service Post Office in Raglan St. Despite appearances on Friday 9 December the builders maintain that it will be open on Monday 12 December 2022.
- **Bouquet** to the local hedge trimmers who got out and trimmed their overhanging hedges back to their property boundary after last months brickbat. Thanks, much appreciated :)

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