

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

August 2024

Darley Road update

The Manly Community Forum Darley Road subcommittee recently met with Northern Beaches Council staff to discuss updates on Darley Road's reinstatement and enhancements, aiming to establish the Darley Road Gateway to North Head Sanctuary in the long run. The Council has finally adopted the My Place: Manly plan with some amendments, which involve acknowledging Darley Road as a vital gateway and intersection, and integrating proposed active transport connections from the 2020 Northern Beaches Bike and Walk Plans. Since last year's trashing of Darley Road by AusGrid, Jemena and Sydney Water, Darley Road and surrounding streets they have never looked worse. Discussions in the meetings again focused on addressing various concerns, such as:

- Increased and constant speeding of very noisy trucks, e bikes and cars across the entire Eastern Hill area. There is confusion about speed limits and signage. NO ONE is sticking to the speed limits.
- The bike path is currently non-existent in parts and difficult to identify and follow in other parts, with stops and starts, on and off the footpath, all which presents risks to riders, pedestrians and drivers. Increasing number E-bike riders also speeding.
- Commercial vehicles including private delivery contractors, garbage trucks, especially the NBC public bin collection trucks which commence their collections at 4am, speed throughout the area as well as up and down Darley Road with impunity.
- Darley Road from Victoria Ave is a shocking mess: paved footpaths poorly patched, poor and inadequate drainage, potholes and loose gravel all over the place, blocked stormwater drains, broken safety treads leading onto the pedestrian crossing, faded line markings, bent sign posts and sign posts with no signs.

Manly Life Saving Club update

Council has now published the controversial Concept Plans for the Manly Life Saving Club on the NBC Your Say website page, for information only not for comment or submission. Council claims these Concept Plans have been informed by extensive investigation of the site and constraints, user analysis, three rounds of community consultation, a community working group and stakeholder liaison.

Council will now prepare all the documents to submit a Development Application (DA) later this year. The community will then be able to provide further feedback during the DA exhibition period. The DA will be reviewed and determined by the independent Sydney North Local Planning Panel.

AGENDA

- Meet the Candidates
- Council updates
- Darley Road Gateway update
- Manly Life Saving Club update

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 19 August 2024

7PM MANLY YACHT CLUB

Chair: Cathy Griffin

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Darley Road continued

Council now has plans ready for community comment for a new four sided pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Ashburner Street and Darley Road. This will assist with slowing the traffic coming down Darley Rd as well as improving pedestrian safety at the intersection. Signage will be improved, and the one way exit into Darley Road on the eastern side of Ashburner St will be more obvious, hopefully reducing the number of cars turning east into Ashburner Street against the One Way sign.

Council has also completed the traffic study on the Eastern Hill and will now look to consulting the community on their plan to implement a consistent speed limit of 30kph across the entire Eastern Hill. Also up for consideration is a consistent speed limit on Darley Road from Bluefish Rd to the Corso. Currently there are several speed limits, 50kph, 40kph (two school zones) and 30kph from Ashburner St to the Corso. Traffic calming devices are also being considered for Darley Rd, which will include renewing, and possibly moving, the centre line marking as well as the bike lane marking.

Repaving of the footpaths and road from Ashburner St to Wentworth St will also commence soon, incorporating some landscaping which has been discussed with the immediate neighbours.

Council will also initiate a Darley Road Stakeholder working group, with meetings quarterly, to discuss Council, residents and stakeholder initiatives, their impacts, positive and negative, and ultimately create a Masterplan. Inviting ICMS, St Pauls College, Property NSW (former Manly Hospital site), Youth Hospice, NP&Ws, Sydney Water and SHFT to participate.

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

Council elections 14 Sept 2024

Meet all the lead Candidates for the Manly Ward at a Candidate Forum at the meeting 7pm on 19 Aug 24 at the Manly Yacht Club.

Voting is compulsory at NSW Local Government elections and the NSW Electoral Commission has been encouraging voters to check enrolment details ahead of these Local Government elections on the 14 September 2024. The roll closed on the 5 August 2024. The Northern Beaches Local Government area has 15 Councillors elected across five Wards, three Councillors representing each Ward. There are approximately 188,000 voters across the Northern Beaches with 38,500 voters in the Manly Ward who will elect three Councillors.

Here in Manly Ward (and likely the other Wards) we will see a ballot paper with candidates from the Liberals, Labor, Greens, Good for Manly and Your Northern Beaches Independent Team and maybe a few other independents vying for three Manly Ward spots.

Northern Beaches voters will not vote for a 'directly elected mayor', The election of our mayor will be left to the 15 Councillors after the election when they will vote for one of their own at the first Council meeting likely in November.

This election the NSW Electoral Commission has placed strict conditions and limits on the amount that political participants can spend on campaigning. These limits are called 'electoral expenditure caps' and there are important rules that apply to Campaign Expenditure for parties, candidates, and third parties. This includes expenditure on the production, distribution and advertising of election material including on radio, television, the internet, cinemas, newspapers, billboards, posters, brochures, how-to-vote cards and other election material. For the Manly Ward candidates, the expenditure cap is \$39,600 and for third party campaigners the expenditure cap is \$13,200.

On the other side, Political Donations or Indirect Campaign Contributions must be declared for amounts over \$7,900 to a registered party or group of candidates and \$3,800 for an associated entity or third-party campaigner.

Early voting or pre polling commences on Saturday 7 Sept 24 at St Matthews Church on the Corso or All Saints Anglican Church Balgowlah 18 Boyle Street, Balgowlah.

Postal vote applications close on Monday 9 Sept 24 and the main event, Polling Day is 14 Sept 2024 at St Matthews Church and St Mary's Primary School. (No Polling Booth this time around at Manly Village Public School.)

Q Station review of Operations

A Review of Environmental Factors for the continued operations of the Quarantine Station post-2024 is open for public consultation until 29 August 2024. This review offers the community a chance to provide feedback on the proposed ongoing activities at the Quarantine Station in North Head, Manly. The review aims to secure approval for activities beyond 2024 that are in line with the current permitted operations without any alterations to the site or its commercial activities. The 97 page main document, 'Ongoing Operation of North Head Quarantine Station: Review of Environmental factors,' along with eight supporting documents, can be accessed online for comments and submissions at www.environment.nsw.gov.au.



Cubby House Toy Library continues from Manly Library

Councillors have voted to continue supporting the Cubby House Toy Library, a branch of the NFP Early Education Inc. This library provides a wide range of high-quality educational toys, games, and therapy/gross motor equipment. The Cubby House Toy Library will continue utilizing the Forestville Senior Citizens Centre for storage and distribution, and in collaboration with the Northern Beaches Council, will offer a Click & Collect service at Manly and Mona Vale Libraries weekly during school terms. Members can browse an online catalogue, reserve items, and collect them from their preferred library. Volunteers from the Cubby House Toy Library manage the toy transportation for collection at Manly and Mona Vale Libraries. In the past year, 598 toys were borrowed from Manly Library and 399 from Mona Vale Library by 103 members. Explore their extensive online catalogue and sign up at Manly Library.

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Demolition Derby all over Manly



Bower Lane dig up

Sydney Water is digging up Bower Lane and around the corner into Marine Parade to fix and replace water pipes. When they finish we expect the road and walkway will be resurfaced to the high standard we would like to see at this famous location rather than the patch work of surfaces we have become used to.

Ivanhoe Botanic Gardens

Years after the Ivanhoe Kindy closed and moved to Kangaroo St the Ivanhoe Masterplan is finally taking shape with a Grant from the State Government for the demolition of the mouldy old buildings and creation of a beautifully landscaped park and new playground in the centre of the Botanic Gardens. Volunteers will now work towards restoring the Fragrant Garden for the visually impaired to continue to enjoy.



Little Manly Beach

Demolition works at 40 Stuart Street have almost been completed. The final piece of the Little Manly Beach masterplan will be completed with the landscaping, including the installation of the memorial picnic table and benches.

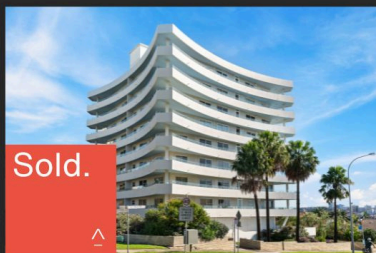


West Esplanade

The former aquarium is almost gone, leaving a wonderful open space for landscaping a passive recreation area on the foreshore.



THE AGENCY

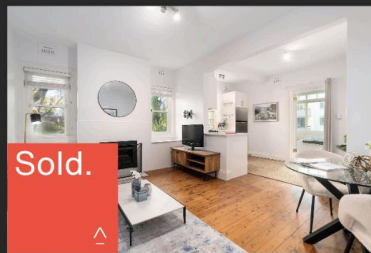


12/104 Darley Road, Manly

3 beds 2 baths 3 cars

From a soaring sixth-floor setting atop the exclusive Eastern Hill, this substantial near-original apartment reveals awe-inspiring panoramas sweeping over the ocean.

Sold at Auction \$5,500,000



1/44 Fairy Bower Road, Manly

2 beds 1 bath 1 car

Channel the ambience of yesteryear in peaceful tranquillity within this updated Art Deco apartment and experience the magic of living on Manly's exclusive Eastern Hill.

Sold prior to Auction \$1,765,000

Jake has a wealth of knowledge and experience selling properties in the area. He has sold over 500 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

Shelly Beach & Marine Pde update

The grass is growing at Shelly beach, but the sand is making a bit of a mess. Blown up onto the beach one week and washed away again by the stormwater the next week. We look forward to some grant funding to update the landscaping in the area.



New step rail at Shelly



Brickbats and Bouquets

- **Brickbat** to Councillors for long, tedious and never ending Council meetings.
- **Bouquet** to Council for the installation of the picnic tables in Gilbert Park. Nancy, who lives in a flat nearby asked us to acknowledge Council as her brother who cant walk up the steps to her flat can now visit and have lunch with her in the sun in the park at the table.
- **Brickbat** to Council for painting the outside shower wall of the Shelly beach amenities block white. This is now emphasising the green slime caused by the constantly dripping showers.
- **Bouquet** to Council for installing the new railing for the steps at the new amenities block at Shelly.
- **Huge bouquet** to the Rotary Club of Manly for their fundraising efforts. A new disability bus for the Youth Hospice will be officially launched by James Griffin MP for Manly on 21 Aug 24

New picnic tables at Gilbert park



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