



MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

October 2021

Manly Picnics

The Manly picnic economy is booming! In just about every park in Manly picnics-for-five have been laid out and enjoyed by hundreds of locked down residents, especially apartment dwellers working from home and families. And East Esplanade (the "Office") is no exception where unfortunately the bad behaviour has commenced again. As reported in the *Manly Observer*, police commenced inquiries after being notified that a man had defecated in public near East Esplanade on Sunday the 3rd of October. A 50-year-old Manly man has since been issued with a Court Attendance Notice for behaving in an offensive manner in a public place. He is due to appear in Manly Local Court on the 7th of November. This is the second public defecation incident witnessed in a week; the two incidents are not linked.

Most people do not support an outright alcohol ban at East Esplanade. But sadly a few are spoiling it for everyone (not to mention the huge amount rubbish left behind). The banning of alcohol on East Esplanade was debated again at the most recent Council meeting and a number of Councillors supported such a ban, but the majority voted against it.

Last weekend Council installed additional bins as requested at the "Office". Thanks to everyone for packing up and putting their rubbish in the bins provided last weekend, the area was clean and cleared the area by 9.30pm and only a few rowdy stayers were in evidence by 10pm.

The aberrant and offensive behaviour previously experienced by residents living opposite East Esplanade will not be tolerated. The Forum supports these residents in their endeavours to protect their private property and at least enjoy the area without being subject to noise from late night brawling and the defecation and urination in public in and adjacent to their homes.



AGENDA

- **Council Candidate Forum** - Who is standing for Council and why? We have invited the lead candidates for Manly Ward to attend our meeting to answer your questions.
- **Manly Cove** - Works & summer crowds
- **Manly Place Plan Update**
- **Council Updates**

Marine Parade Masterplan

Council has resolved to commence the process to develop a Masterplan for the world famous Manly to Shelly Beach walk also known as Marine Parade. Council will write to the Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Water and James Griffin MP and request funding for a Masterplan and associated works including the Marine Parade seawall. Council will then consult with the various stakeholders in the area regarding key priorities to be included. These stakeholders include Sydney Water (who own the sewage and stormwater assets under the path), the Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries; who manage the Aquatic Reserve), the Catholic Church and other property owners who own properties adjacent to the walkway.

We are hopeful the Masterplan will include an upgrade of the footpath, post and rail fencing, improvements to the landscaping, improvements to the safety of the cliffs, and infrastructure maintenance, to enhance the amenity of this famous walk for locals and tourists alike.

Draft Greater Sydney Water Strategy

Déjà vu Northside Storage Tunnel anyone? Is recycling water from sewage treatment plants (sewer mining) back on the agenda? Some oldies but goodies have been proposed including education on how to conserve water, permanently running the desalination plant, and recycling grey water. Have your say on the Draft Greater Sydney Water Strategy and how we manage our water into the future by completing the survey: <https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/plans-programs/metro-water-plans/gsws/about>

**NEXT MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM ZOOM MEETING IS MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER 4:30- 6PM.
TO TAKE PART PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT [MANLYCOMMUNITYFORUM.COM](https://www.manlycommunityforum.com) UNDER THE CONTACT TAB.**

Manly Cove Update

There is a lot going on in Manly Cove. The Wharf Hotel is getting a complete revamp and Wharf 3 is set for a major upgrade on one side of Manly Wharf. On the other side, Hugos will be extending its overwater dining area. At the western Federation Point end of the Cove planning is underway for the old aquarium site, Manly Surf n Slide is for sale and The Pavilion restaurant has a new owner.

Manly Wharf Hotel is in the middle of a complete rebuild set to re-emerge as a more open-plan establishment with a new restaurant out the front. There's a brand new kitchen and a pizza oven imported from Italy which will form the centrepiece of the new waterfront restaurant. Sadly, the weeknight specials have not survived the upgrade. The jetty bar will reopen first, followed by the main bar area and the new restaurant in November.

Manly Wharf 3 is a simple timber jetty with tidal steps that are difficult or impossible to manage for people with mobility needs or anyone with a pram or bicycle. It is owned by the State Government, and will get an upgrade to the tune of \$25M as part of the Government's maritime stimulus spend on infrastructure and safety work. Transport for NSW, the Government body which owns the site, is carrying out environmental investigations this month, and a concept design for the new wharf should be up for public consultation in a few weeks. As well as being fully accessible, the new wharf will have an improved waiting area and a "respectful design that considers the heritage and history of Manly Cove" according to a Transport for NSW site.



Manly Cove Update Continued...

Transport for NSW is also the owner of the abandoned **Manly Sea Life aquarium site** and will carry out up to \$9M of remediation works to prepare the site for future use.

Both Northern Beaches Council and local State MP James Griffin would prefer the building was pulled down to create public open space and open up views to Federation Point, however other options will also be considered. The Manly Sea Life project is at the initial planning stage, with engagement with the public expected to start in early December.

For more on Wharf 3 and the aquarium site visit <https://roads-waterways.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/manly-wharf-3-upgrade/index.html>



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Manly Cove Update Continued...

Hugos restaurant is also planning a change. It will expand its outdoor deck by building further out over the water.

The expansion, which will allow an additional 40 seats, will not start before the middle of next year when the penguin breeding season is over.

As the new work will all be over water, no public space will be lost from the wharf. As a bonus Hugos will refurbish and landscape the public boardwalk in front of the restaurant.



Manly Cove Update Continued...

The heritage-listed **Manly Pavilion** has been taken over by the Boathouse hospitality group in a multi-million dollar deal. It's just two years since the group collapsed, owing creditors a massive \$21.5M.



Boathouse is now under new ownership and will add the harbour-front Manly Pavilion site to its increasing portfolio, which includes the popular Boathouse cafe at Shelly Beach.

After a facelift, the Manly Pavilion Boathouse will open in early 2022.



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Auction Saturday 6th November at 9:00am

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Brickbats & Bouquets

- Bouquets to Council for making progress this week with the pavement grinding machine on the many trip hazard spots on the footpaths of the Eastern Hill, Manly. There is obviously still work to be done with some complete replacement pavement sections well overdue, but it is really encouraging to see safety in this area improved.



- Bouquets to Council's customer service staff who have been helping people who are struggling with the residents parking permit online application.
- Brickbats to Council for making the residents parking permit application process so difficult in the first place.
- Brickbats to Council for not replacing the handrail at Little Manly harbour pool.

Council's insurer has advised that this is due to the risk of injury from people falling off while using it to climb onto the whalers.

- Brickbats to Council for continuing to ignore safety concerns at the Ashburner St pedestrian crossing along East Esplanade.

There have been repeated requests to have one parking spot removed to make the area safer for pedestrians.

There have been a few near misses as drivers coming from Manly can't see the pedestrians stepping out onto the crossing until it is too late.

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