

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

July 2026

Council seeks EV charger supplier

Council this month released a tender calling for EV Charging Operators to deliver public charging infrastructure across the Northern Beaches. Forty-five Council car parks have been identified as suitable locations, targeting places where people already live, work, commute and visit.

- Strategic centres including Dee Why, Brookvale, Mona Vale, Frenchs Forest and Manly
- Local centres including Balgowlah, Collaroy, Forestville, Freshwater, Manly Vale, Narrabeen, Newport and Seaforth
- Commuter hubs including Church Point and Palm Beach
- Community, recreation and commercial facilities
- Visitor destinations including boat ramps and beaches

Three of the 45 sites are in Manly: Shelly Beach carpark, Keirle Park carpark and the Whistler St carpark.

Kerbside charging locations will also be considered, opening the door to more options in areas where off-street parking is limited. Beyond the hardware specifications, Council wants networked charging software that gives it access to key data, including charging duration, number of sessions, charger health and energy use.

Smart chargers, shared data

The software should also help manage demand by limiting charge times or discouraging overstaying. Drivers must also be able to check charger availability through a mobile app before heading to a site.

Any onsite advertising, including potential advertising revenue, must be disclosed. Advertising must comply with Council standards and be reviewed against existing Council advertising contracts, with gambling and alcohol advertising prohibited.

Fees and renewable energy

Council will charge an application fee of \$1,670 per charging space, which covers approval, community engagement and administration costs.

An annual fee of \$1,997 per charging space will also apply under Council's adopted Fees and Charges.

Applicants must set out their proposed revenue plan, any financial return to Council and what they consider an appropriate annual fee per parking space under a revenue-share model.

The operator must also show a commitment to renewable energy, which may include onsite solar or a Renewable Power Purchase Agreement.

AGENDA

- Local (Eastern Hill) updates
- Manly Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP)
- MLSC update

• Christmas in July & farewell to Phill

Everyone welcome

20 July 2026, 7pm Manly Yacht Club

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Manly Parking Permit Scheme

multi purpose permits a big No Go.

Below is Council response to anyone advocating for the reinstatement of the hard copy Manly Parking Permit Scheme Multipurpose parking permit. Previously valid everyday for twelve months, it is now replaced with a online voucher system valid for only 40 separate days across the 12 months and thereafter \$5 per day. Not to be confused with the two Northern Beaches Parking Permit stickers, previously dispatched with the Rates Notice, valid for parking at the various beaches, an entirely different scheme, introduced on amalgamation of the three former councils.

Dear

The approach to revert to a physical permit for the Manly multi-use permit was considered by the elected Council on 19th May 2026 and was not supported.

While Council does understand that this change may be challenging for some users, this system has been successfully in place in a number of other local government areas for many years. Additionally, Council is committed to assisting the community through this change, and we are confident that, with time and use, this new digital parking permit system will be successful for many years to come. We already have over 4,400 users actively using the system and this number is growing daily.

Once again, that you for your correspondence and advocacy.

Kind regards,

Senior Staff member

if you are not happy send
Councillors@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
an email and sign the petition



OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 20 JULY 26 AT 7PM AT MANLY YACHT CLUB

Not for sale, now for lease

Last month Council staff proposed the sale of 1 Pittwater Rd, Manly (for those with long memories, the former Baby Health Centre). Councillors argued that there was no need to rush the sale of Council owned buildings to meet the promise to IPART to recoup \$10million from property sales. At the meeting Councillors instead voted to authorise the leasing of the property through a commercial real estate agent. It is unclear why this has taken so long given the Council has tried and failed to occupy the building itself, with the Aboriginal Heritage Office, Pre poll voting location and more recently the Youth Counselling Services all spending time in the building.

The Chief Executive Officer will now appoint a suitably qualified leasing agent to market the property offering it for lease at market rent for an initial period of up to five years with an option for a further period.



Developers' Contributions for local infrastructure and amenities.

The Section 7.12 (Developer) Contributions Plan of Oct 2024 is a plan where new developments in the LGA to contribute funds for new or upgraded local infrastructure such as parks, roads and traffic treatments, footpaths and cycleways, community spaces such as libraries, community facilities, child care and public art, and stormwater and drainage improvements. Apart from providing interesting statistical information about the Northern Beaches Appendix A of the Plan lists 28 public domain projects with a total value of \$13,908,737.00. Three projects are listed for Manly, the Manly Place Plan \$2.5mil, Manly Life Saving Club \$2.3mill and Little Manly Beach masterplan \$115,176.

Market Lane Landscape upgrade



Tenders have closed for the renewal of Market Lane outside the Library and Councillors will now consider which one of six tenders will be successful in reshaping this much used public space. The fire stairs will be removed to free up some space. A Green wall has already been installed on a small section of the Whistler St carpark next to the entry of the Manly Library as an indicator of what might come later. According to Council this installation is designed to enhance the laneway by introducing vibrant, living greenery and improving the overall streetscape.

The green wall includes an automatic irrigation system and will be subject to regular maintenance to ensure its ongoing health and presentation. The budget for this project is currently unknown, but it is part of the Manly Place Plan and well overdue.

Three of the six companies responding to the Tender are local, with offices in the vicinity, so it will be interesting to see how they respond to the brief, particularly given the heritage items located in the place, the 1998 Bicentennial Bollards and the named bricks layed in concentric circles in the courtyard.



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Council requests a Quotation for Acoustic Consultancy Services to review our Review of the Manly Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP)

Manly Community Forum (MCF) commissioned and the community funded an independent acoustic specialist to peer review the proposed State mandated Sound Framework, because we believed the proposed Manly SEP should be tested by evidence before it proceeded. Now, since Councillors voted to send the Manly SEP proposal to the NSW Government for approval then more consultation and a trial, Northern Beaches Council has released a Request for Quotation (RFQ 2026/001458 Acoustic Consultancy Services – Acoustic Peer Review Manly Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP)) to review our Review. (This document is available on the Manly SEP GFM page.)

The MCF Review of the proposed SEP Sound Framework identified more than 50 issues, including 14 critical flaws, raising serious questions about whether the proposal should be moved forward by Council for the Trial and more consultation.

MCF welcomes any genuine independent scrutiny but according to Council's own timetable, the NSW Gateway public consultation is scheduled to commence on 31 August, yet in the RFQ the independent consultant's recommended sound framework will be delivered on 30 October 2026. After the trial is supposed to commence.

That means the community will be asked to prepare submissions before the proposed sound levels, the most contested aspect of the SEP, with Council's own consultation showing 85% of submissions either opposed the proposal or did not support it in its current form have been finalised.

Residents should have the opportunity to comment on the finalised proposal with any amendments resulting from the review, not one that is still being revised.

The RFQ includes a formal stakeholder meeting, which will give MCF community representatives and our independent acoustic expert the opportunity to present directly to the independent consultant, Council staff and interested councillors.

Updates and docs avail on the Gofundme site. #challenge-manlys-entertainment-precinct-noise-plan.

YOUR HOME. YOUR RIGHTS. AT RISK.

Proposed Manly Special Entertainment Precinct (SEP)
EXPERT ADVICE. BETTER OUTCOMES FOR MANLY
The proposed Manly SEP is now at the NSW Government Gateway stage.

WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR RESIDENTS

- HIGHER NOISE LIMITS**
Proposed limits are 10–15 dB higher, meaning current proven noise breaches could become legal overnight.
- PROPERTY VALUES AT RISK**
Reduced residential amenity protections may negatively impact property values within the precinct.
- LOSS OF ENFORCEMENT POWERS**
The regulatory tools used this month against a Manly venue would not exist inside an SEP.
- EXPANDED LIQUOR FRAMEWORK**
Potential for increased late-night trading and alcohol-related anti-social behaviour.
- LOSS OF QUIET ENJOYMENT**
Outdoor living areas become less usable, sleep disturbance increases, and residents lose an effective right to complain.

HELP US GIVE RESIDENTS AN EXPERT VOICE AT THE TABLE

WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR

- INDEPENDENT TOWN PLANNER**
To prepare expert planning advice and guide our community response
- SPECIALIST LEGAL ADVICE**
To ensure our rights are protected and the process is fair and lawful
- ADDITIONAL ACOUSTIC EXPERTISE**
As required to address emerging issues and strengthen our evidence



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WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR

Commissioned an independent acoustic peer review	14 Critical Flaws identified	50+ Issues identified
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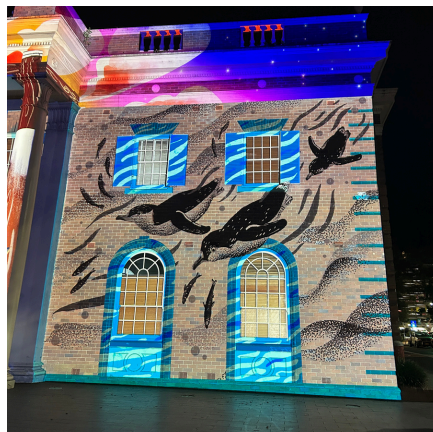


Brickbats and Bouquets

- **Brickbat** to the two ferry operators for timetabling their ferry departures from Manly wharf at exactly the same time in the morning and afternoon peak times.



- **Bouquet** to Council for the ferris wheel. Something for families to do after watching the fabulous illuminations on the former Town Hall. Not sure about the inflated cockatoo and the MANLY letters could have been in a better spot.



Bouquet to Phil as we farewell him this month as he moves west from Eastern Hill to Balgowlah

The steps to the front door finally got too much for Phil and Jan and they have now sold the house that had been in Jan's family for 100 years to a neighbour. Jan's father worked in the Gasworks across the road. Jan attended the Manly Girls Home Science School (now Manly Village Public School) and Phil, Manly Boys High, now Manly Selective. After marrying in St Matts in the Corso in 1963 they headed to Alice Springs before returning to Little Manly in 2000. Since then Phil has been cheerfully chatting to everyone while keeping the streets, Little Manly Point park and the beach litter free on his daily walks The grass verges have been mowed immaculately and he has been delivering our newsletters for all that time. Thanks Phil you will be missed by many.

10 Shared e-bikes can fit in one on-street car space.

Meanwhile competition for parking spaces on street is set to become hotly contested as Council rolls out the EV charging stations, grants are now available for share e-bike infrastructure.

The NSW Government announced \$6.6million grant program for up to \$200,000 per application for opportunities for e bike sharing parking facilities and e bike rider education. The share bike operators are ultimately funding this program through the 60 cent-fee paid to Transport for NSW on each shared e-bike trip. Transport for NSW aims to deliver 250 parking bays for 2,500 shared e-bikes this year.

This new Sharing Scheme Grant Program proposes to allow Councils to deliver marked bays for e-bikes on streets and in appropriate zones at the kerbside or wharves for example. Councils and other NSW Government land managers (such as NP&Ws) will have the powers to set parking zones for the share bikes and to penalise shared e-bike operators if they aren't used. The operators consider that these parking bays, one car space can accommodate 10 e-bikes, should be numerous with 200m between each parking bay.

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