

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

July 2024

My Place: Manly - The Plan or Shifting the deck chairs around on the Corso

The My Place: Manly Place Plan was finally presented to Council for adoption at the June 2024 Council meeting, only to be deferred for discussion at the next meeting.

However Councillors did agree and voted unanimously to have Council prepare design options to install temporary street furniture, including informal seating, tables and small shade structures in parts of the Corso to encourage informal seating and dining opportunities for the public. If funds are secured then installation will be by the end of 2024.

The My Place Manly Plan is a 140 page document which aims to provide a framework for how the Manly centre will evolve to meet community needs and aspirations through proposed actions, place priorities and concept design ideas for Four Key areas; The Corso, the CBD laneways, Pittwater Road and Sydney Road.

The report stated that Community feedback showed strong support for improved event and cultural offerings and outdoor dining; improving streetscapes, increased green spaces and tree canopy; a bike hub; as well as concerns regarding night-time economy impacts on residential amenity and reduced car accessibility and parking.

Once adopted, My Place: Manly will replace the existing Manly2015 Masterplan, which included the redevelopment of the Whistler St carpark and underground carpark on Manly Oval.

Guided by six principles, accompanied by numerous objectives and actions the Plan purports to be the realisation of the community's vision for Manly.

The Four Key Areas are subject to numerous actions and concept design ideas with one overarching action plan being the preparation of a comprehensive Movement and Place Study. This action is listed as a short term action (page 126) and would assess current and future transport requirements and then the public domain improvements would follow to create flexible spaces for events and activations, public art installations, a trial of extended trading hours for specific businesses, and encourage outdoor dining in suitable locations including The Corso.

AGENDA

- Council updates
- Manly Place Plan
- Manly Life Saving Club update

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 15 July 2024

7PM MANLY YACHT CLUB

Chair: Cathy Griffin

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The Plan claims that, if adopted, the list (page 126 to 130) of 51 actions, will commence implementation with a series of 12 'quick wins' with a timeframe of up to 2 years. The 'quick win' involving outdoor dining areas for approved food and drink premises in suitable locations including The Corso which is currently restricted by the Manly Development Control Plan (the 'Manly DCP') to 2 locations in The Corso will require amendment of the Manly DCP as soon as practicable.

This would require another report with more community consultation to change the DCP.

Other short term actions on the list are plans to continue to advocate to retain the iconic Freshwater Class Manly Ferry as well as explore opportunities for shuttle bus services to better manage parking, in line with Destination Northern Beaches. Also finalising the Seaforth to Manly Flood Risk Management Study/Plan; incorporating sustainability outcomes, such as green architecture and biophilic design, into the development approvals process where possible; undertaking an updated acoustic assessment to inform development of a noise planning map; investigating safety measures on the promenade to minimise conflict between pedestrians and cyclists to create a safer environment when crossing from The Corso towards the beach, and investigating the heritage significance of the sandstone pylons at the beach end of The Corso with the view to reinstating or restoring these pylons.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 15 JULY AT 7PM AT MANLY YACHT CLUB

New 'it's in the mail' parking fine system to stay

On 4 March 2024, Northern Beaches Council began utilizing the Revenue NSW 'Print and Post' service to issue parking infringement notices, a method commonly referred to as 'ticketless parking'. Since its implementation, Council has issued an impressive 11,835 parking infringements through this system, alongside 137 hard copy 'docket style' notices for specific parking matters.

The State Government through Revenue NSW is progressively transitioning all councils to this new more efficient system, with 78% of Sydney metropolitan councils having successfully adopted it. The 'Print and Post' service has not only streamlined operations but also significantly increased the safety of parking enforcement staff by meeting Work Health and Safety (WHS) obligations. The productivity of Northern Beaches parking enforcement officers has soared by 76%, and revenue has increased by 61.7%.

Despite the substantial changes, community feedback has been minimal, with only two complaints received regarding tickets not being placed on their cars. However, 174 requests for fine reviews have been submitted to Revenue NSW, none of which raised issues with the ticketless system itself. Instead, concerns focused on parking signage, ticket machines etc, similar to those associated with the traditional hardcopy system.

Financially, reverting to the hardcopy ticket style infringement notices would cost approximately \$30k per year, plus a one-off expense of \$40k for equipment.

Over the past three years, there have been 92 reported WHS incidents involving our rangers' team. A review of these incidents revealed that 34 could have been prevented with the ticketless system in place.

Since the introduction of the 'Print and Post' ticketless system, there has been a noticeable decline in WHS-related assaults and abuse, with parking enforcement officers expressing increased confidence in their personal safety while performing their duties. The Council remains committed to enhancing community services and safety, and thanks the community for their continued support as they adopt innovative solutions for the benefit of all residents.



Developer Contributions updated

The Northern Beaches Council is seeking endorsement of the draft Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2024. This initiative comes after the Council adopted the Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2022, which allows for a levy of 1% on developments where costs are now greater than \$300,000 in the LGA to fund new and upgraded local infrastructure. This revision incorporates 2021 census data and will align with the Draft Delivery Program 2024-2028.

The updated draft Plan lists expenditure over the next decade on projects nominated in the Delivery Program up to 2033/34. The plan now reflects an alignment with actual expenditure on delivered infrastructure of \$10.6 million and anticipates a total estimated expenditure of \$83.1 million by 2033/34.

The list of 26 infrastructure items across the Northern Beaches includes, once adopted, the Manly Place Plan at Number 26 with a planned expenditure of \$6.8mil over 10 years. Also included is \$2.3mil for the Manly Surf Club, \$55k for completion on the Little Manly Beach Masterplan and \$165k for gym equipment of Manly Beach.

The draft Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2024 is on exhibition now for 28 days.

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Shelly Beach Landscaping update

Turf has been laid in the grassy area at the rear of Shelly beach. The stormwater continues to pothole and undermine the road as well as scour out the slope adjacent to the steps from the carpark as well as the sand between the scrubby plants.

No funds appear to have been committed in the Council Budget for any works along Marine Parade.

Sydney Water will recommence their digging works near Bower Lane with full repairs to the path when they finish their digging.



Little Manly Beach masterplan

Demolition works at 40 Stuart Street are expected to commence in July. The contract has been awarded and site access is permitted from July. All works will be carried out in accordance with the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment Report for the location, a heritage induction brief will be done to confirm procedures for any unexpected finds. Following the demolition works, Council will then work on the foreshore landscaping.

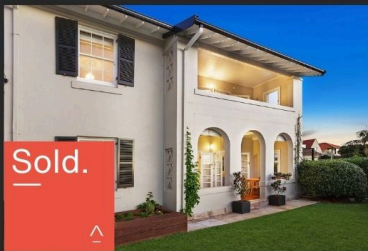


Sink hole at Little Manly Point

Remedial works to fix the sink hole at Little Manly Point will commence shortly. The Work Site establishment has commenced and the project will take approximately 2 to 3 months depending on the weather. The NSW State Government Office of Strategic Lands is paying for the works. The future of the bridge remains uncertain as discussions continue regarding its removal or repair.



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New council corporate signs for East Esplanade

New signs for East Esplanade are being fabricated to replace the temporary corflute signs attached with zip ties to the temporary tree guard. Installation is scheduled to be before it warms up and the visitors arrive.



Brickbats and Bouquets



- **Brickbat** to Council Communication creatives. What is this 'creative open' sign along East Esplanade about? Even when you get to the link from the QR code it is not clear.
- **Bouquet** to local Manly architecture firm CHROFI and design team Bangawarra, for winning the 2024 NSW Architecture Medallion (NSW) and Robert Woodward Award for Small Project Architecture for their design of the viewing platforms at North Head.

North Head - not just about bandicoots

Anderson Environmental Consultants recently won the contract to provide ecological services on the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust site on North Head after the Australian Wildlife Conservancy completed their contract. Anderson Environmental Consultants now have staff identifying, monitoring and surveying the wildlife and vegetation on North Head. They have installed 9 feral animal monitoring cameras, which have identified numerous cats, many with collars, in the area, but thankfully no foxes have been registered. There are 12 other cameras positioned to monitor eastern pigmy possums and their activities as well as 10 recorders at a variety of locations recording large eared pied bats which are listed as endangered. They are also monitoring the reintroduction program of the bush rats and antechinus as well as several plots of vegetation, frogs in the hanging swamp, and birds, local and migratory.



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