

# MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

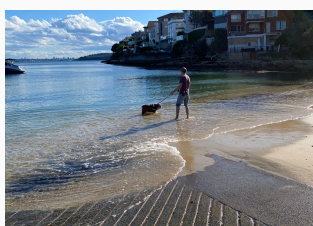
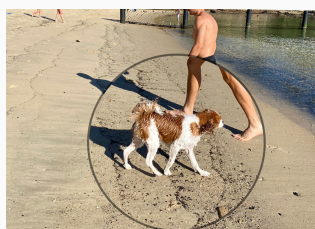
A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

November 2022

## Maybe there are not enough signs

Maybe we need some more signs to remind dog owners to respect the regulation signs and keep their dogs off Little Manly, Collins and East Esplanade beaches. This is not directed at the vast majority of responsible dog owners who conscientiously walk their dogs on a leash only letting them run free in designated off leash areas, or those who pick up after their dogs in Council provided dog poo bags and dispose of it properly, that is, not slinging it into the bush or waterways.

Some dog owners consider they have special privileges and ignore the signs and act with impunity with their dogs on the beaches which are clearly marked to be habitat for penguins and other wildlife, some stating they would be happy to pay the fine if ever one was issued by a Ranger. It seems a few irresponsible dog owners, acting with arrogance, ignorance and sometime aggression are spoiling things for the entire community, especially those who do comply with the rules and regulations. The Manly Community Forum asks that all dog owners respect the environment and everyone in the community who does comply with the rules and regulations by keeping their dogs off the beaches where they are not permitted.



## AGENDA

- Updates on everything
- Presentation by CEO Community Northern Beaches
- Darley Rd traffic update
- Dogs on beaches

**Save the Date**  
**Manly Community Forum Christmas**  
**meeting/party**  
**Monday 19 December 2022**  
**7.30pm Manly Yacht Club**  
**bring a neighbour**

## ....meanwhile over at Cabbage Tree Bay

It appears that owners and their dogs have taken over the rock platform at the Bower. Leashed and unleashed dogs and their owners are now enjoying this location in such numbers it is now becoming detrimental to the rock platform and aquatic reserve environment. Technically not a beach, the rock platform is below the mean high tide mark and is within the Aquatic Reserve, therefore the responsibility of DPI Fisheries to ensure compliance with the Regulations. These Aquatic Reserve Regulations are silent on whether dogs are permitted in the Reserve, so dog owners simply take advantage of that silence. But just as the boat owners anchor within the Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve because they can, claiming not to damage the seagrass meadows, the damage to the sea creatures and seaweed assemblages on the rock platform are unseen to the casual observer. The Manly Community Forum considers that the Council should support the State Government in an amendment to the Aquatic Reserve Regulation to prohibit dogs from the Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve and while they are at it, prohibit motorised vessels as well.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 21 NOV AT 7PM AT MANLY YACHT CLUB**



## The former Aquarium site is now known as Manly Cove West

The Manly Cove West site (former Aquarium) and Manly Wharf Number 3 upgrades are two separate projects. Both are being funded from the \$205 million NSW Government funding program for maritime infrastructure which includes safety upgrades to improve accessibility and amenity.

Work on the Manly Cove West site will commence in October and continue for several weeks. The works will include underwater surveys, internal building inspections, external inspections of existing wharf structures, and some geotechnical drilling. These early investigations and inspections will provide an understanding of the ground conditions and built structures in and around the former Aquarium to inform the future designs proposed for the area.

The name Manly Cove West will be used to refer to the former Aquarium site as the project intends to remove the building and it will no longer exist. Any decision to formally or permanently rename an area would be required to follow the Legislated requirements set out by the NSW Geographical Names Board.



## Manly Boomerang Bags seek a new home

Manly's Boomerang Bags celebrates 6 years. To-date the local Boomerang Bags volunteers have delivered 10,000+ FREE reusable bags for the Manly community to borrow and reuse when they forget their own. They were there in the supermarkets when we all had to adjust to no free plastic bags, they have been there supplying bags for essential packs for the women's shelters, fire and flood effected evacuation centres, as well as animal pouches for animal rescue groups and laundry bags for frontline health workers during Covid.

This has been made possible by the generous support of local organisations, including Royal Far West for the past 2 years, providing the Manly Boomerang Bags volunteers with a dedicated space to store materials and make the bags and other products.

The Manly community has embraced and rallied behind this project and the amazing crew of passionate local volunteers who have held bag drives in schools, holiday workshops, library working bees, market stall fundraisers, film nights and worked with local businesses to promote reuse and reduce plastic pollution.

This initiative has had an amazing ripple effect in connecting and empowering the local and wider communities to make a difference in reducing plastic pollution and diverting fabric waste from landfill.

Manly Boomerang Bags is financially self-sustaining, has demonstrated longevity with its projects and could even pay a small peppercorn rent for premises. Despite winning accolades from the Northern Beaches Council, the Council has repeatedly refused to offer support to this group by the way of providing permanent, or even semi-permanent storage or a space to operate from.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

The deadline to move out of the Royal Far West is December 2022 so if you know of a local business, warehouse, church, retirement village etc that has a small room that might have some storage and/or a space for some happy volunteers to work from between Manly and Dee Why, please contact us here via messenger or email Manly Boomerang Bags at [boomerangbagsmanly@gmail.com](mailto:boomerangbagsmanly@gmail.com)

Also welcome would be the opportunity to collaborate or share a space with other like minded groups to further facilitate and promote the #UPCYCLE movement on the Northern Beaches.



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## Line marking maintenance needed



Now that Council has finished the fancy new pedestrian crossing artwork along the Steyne at the corner of Wentworth St, we hope that the line marker has enough paint left to repaint all the faded pedestrian crossings and road signs around the Eastern Hill. If you see a line that needs redoing or a pothole please take a photo and send it to [council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au). These faded and worn directional arrows on the road at the Shelly beach carpark could do with a refresh.

## Noisy but effective street sweeping

Over the past few meetings there has been a lot of discussion about the effectiveness of the street sweeper swooping alone at speed down the middle of the roads on the Eastern Hill. Even though it is a very noisy solution, the Manly Community Forum is grateful that there is now a guy on the blower clearing the gutters of all the leaves and litter ahead of the street sweeper. Thanks Council for listening and responding to our whinge.



## Nominations open for appointment of community and Stakeholder members to the Quarantine Station Community Consultative Committee

The Quarantine Station Community Consultative Committee provides a forum for open discussion and advice about the State significant Quarantine Station at North Head between the co-proponents National Parks and Wildlife Service and lessee North Head Sydney and representatives of the local community, stakeholder groups, and Northern Beaches Council.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment is looking for a mix of community representatives who live locally and/or are a member of a relevant stakeholder group (e.g. Aboriginal, business, community, cultural heritage, environment, events, marketing, recreation, tourism) to join the Quarantine Station Community Consultative Committee for a 4-year term from early 2023.

Your role as a committee member is voluntary. You will be expected to attend four scheduled meetings a year and occasional site visits, contribute constructively to committee discussions about planning and management of the Quarantine Station, review management plans and audit reports, and communicate information about the Quarantine Station to your group and the broader community.

If you would like to apply download the form at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/about-us/who-we-are/advisory-committees/quarantine-station-community-consultative-committee>.

Complete a copy of the community or stakeholder member nomination form and send it to Sandy Hoy, the Independent Chair at [sandy@parklandplanners.com.au](mailto:sandy@parklandplanners.com.au) or PO Box 41, Freshwater NSW 2096 by Monday 5 December 2022. or call Sandy on 0411 191 866 or for more information.

## Manly Rotary Club Raffle for Youth Hospice



The Rotary Club of Manly is raising funds for furnishing the recreation room at the Youth and Adolescent Hospice, which is due to open at the end of 2022. Local businesses have donated \$10,000 worth of prizes to be won in the raffle. Purchase a raffle ticket via the QR Code

# THE AGENCY



16/36 Osborne Road **Manly**

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Saturday 26th November at 2.00pm



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## Brickbats and Bouquets

- **Brickbat** to Council for removing not one but nine car parking spots on West Esplanade above the Manly Art Gallery and Museum. The community requests Council consider reducing the size of the Tourist bus zone and change the times to daytime use and permitting car parking from 6pm to 8am.
- **Bouquet** to Council contractor for the nearly complete works at LM beach, despite the wind, rain and other unplanned events that have caused delays the digger and fences should disappear at the end of November.
- **Bouquet** to Council for placing a Stopwork order on the unit block opposite LM Beach. The developer/owner apparently removed the roof and commenced installing an additional floor on the building without submitting a DA and subsequently getting an approval.



## Brickbats and Bouquets continued....



- **Bouquet** to Council for removing the redundant fencing and ripped screen from around the fig tree on East Esplanade Park.
- **Bouquet** to Council for installing the flashing roadside sign that monitors and warns trucks to reduce speed on Darley Rd at the corner of Addison Rd. We look forward to the outcomes of the traffic study on the Eastern Hill early next year.
- **Brickbat** to Council for promising and not delivering the signage review outcomes. There are so many empty, old and redundant Manly Council signs around the area. Send a photo to Council to remind them to fix or change it.
- **Bouquet** to Australia Post for finally commencing the fit-out for a new Post Office on Raglan St, Manly. We look forward to the Christmas queues at this new location.
- **Brickbat** to the local hedge trimmers who are failing to trim the overhanging hedges back to the property boundary. So many hedges now taking up footpath space.

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