

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

The new Manly Community Forum (MCF) continues the good work of the previous Little Manly Precinct across a greater area, to ensure resident access to Council decisions. All residents, businesses and property owners in the Corso, Fairy Bower and Little Manly areas are welcome.

IMPORTANT ISSUES WE WANT ADDRESSED BY THE NEW AMALGAMATED COUNCIL:

MANLY PLAN 2015/MANLY OVAL CAR PARK & WHISTLER STREET SITE

The oval car park has been put on hold or stopped altogether. What is the outcome for the rest of the Manly Plan 2015? Is there substantial cost to be paid by ratepayers? What of the other aspects of the Plan, including Henrietta Lane and the revitalisation of the Market Lane area?

WARRINGAH GOLF COURSE

What are the new pressures being experienced by Council to cancel the outcome of a 3-year study and suggest to Northern Beaches residents that all or part of the heavily utilised Warringah Golf Course should be closed, substantial trees destroyed and areas turned into playing fields?

FAIRY BOWER POOL

When will the plans for the Fairy Bower pool, dressing sheds and toilets be made available to the public? We are hearing reports of costs exceeding \$150K for the pool and \$300K for the sheds. Is this within the ball park and will the works be completed by December as first indicated?

LITTLE MANLY BEACH RESERVE AREA

The issue of expanding the beach reserve area by demolishing the Council-owned house at No. 40 and turning the house at No. 34 into a public-use facility were discussed at a site visit by the Council Administrator Dick Persson and members of the Open Space Supporters Group. Who did the Administrator meet with last week and what was the outcome of those discussions? Is Council now going to demolish the Council-owned properties and extend the park area? Members of the Open Space Supporters Group will detail their discussion at the next MCF meeting.

WILL WE GET TO SEE OUR LOCAL MEMBER AND PREMIER BEFORE CHRISTMAS? AND WHAT ABOUT OUR COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR?

Our Council Administrator and our Local Member will be invited to our December meeting. Given Mike Baird's unfortunate last-minute cancellation at the June meeting and his commitment to attend a future meeting, we may get to see Mike. Dick Persson has been very busy, but did commit to discuss our issues later in the year. We may get the double which would be a wonderful tonic for residents who are becoming a little concerned about the direction and the inclusiveness of our local and State government.

MEETING AGENDA

All of the above issues will be discussed at the October meeting, as well as several outstanding issues:

- Guest speakers on the Manly Hospital site re-use
- Safety of pedestrians and vehicles on East Esplanade and Belgrave Street
- North Head Sewerage Treatment Works and the ongoing odours from the plant and from the increased truck movements
- East Esplanade Reserve infrastructure remediation
- Toilets at Little Manly Point Park
- Ongoing management of waste and garbage collection in the Northern Beaches Southern area
- DA 276/2015 36-38 South Steyne (the old Shore Club) - Section 96 to vary/modify the conditions imposed by a sensible Council decision
- St. Matthew's Church DA
- Starbucks DA
- The latest on KFC



The next Manly Community Forum meeting will take place on the 18th October at 7:00 pm Manly Yacht Club, East Esplanade.

AT THE LAST MEETING

Co-Chair Nick McGowan ran the meeting and several issues were discussed:

- . Concern with possible delay in completion of Fairy Bower pool repairs and the rebuild of the dressing room block.
- . Concern with the remediation of the pool sculptures.
- . Concern with the General Waste Collection system. Residents clearly support the old method of two collections across the Precincts per year.
- . Concern with the lack of advice on development applications that impact residents and destroy amenities.
- . Concern with the lack of response on serious safety issues impacting pedestrians and motorists.
- . Concern with the somewhat haphazard response to issues raised through registered community forums.

As a result of concerns raised, several motions were passed at the meeting and have since been forwarded in writing to the relevant administrative areas of the Northern Beaches Council (Southern):

- . The MCF urges the Council to completely refurbish Fairy Bower pool and stormwater pipe before the Christmas period.
- . The MCF supports the urgent replacement of the sculpture at Fairy Bower pool due to its iconic nature. We ask that the recommendations of the artist be respected.
- . The MCF requests that the waste management collection reverts back to a pre-planned twice yearly system.
- . The allocation of the kayak storage is not equitable and the MCF requests a review of the current process.
- . The MCF requests that the approval authority for the DA covering St. Matthew's Church ensures that this application comply with the Manly CBD DCP. In addition, that it ensures view sharing principles are adhered to, noise mitigation measures are included for mechanical equipment on the rooftop, and that the heritage of the Corso is respected.

The following passed motion was forwarded in writing to Detective Superintendent Dave Darcy, NSW Police Force Commander:

- . The MCF urges the Council to request traffic police at the Manly Wharf intersection to ensure optimised traffic flow for local residents during major events.

We will report back on the progress of the above at the October meeting.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION OCT MEETING

Denise Keen, community activist from the Ivanhoe Park area, currently Executive Assistant to the Chairman of a global engineering firm and a previous member of the community consultation group MHCOC, will address our meeting. Denise is now a member of the Northern Area Health Services Steering Committee for the Manly Hospital site re-use. She will provide an update on the Steering Committee's latest developments and the future programs, which include community input and consultation in November 2016.

Issues we face when addressing the future use of this iconic site are many, headed by a lack of funding.

We also have Darryl Dobe and Lubo Kulisev, local residents with extensive experience in the redevelopment of similar sites for community use. Darryl is also active in the management of charitable community support functions and has a long, successful record in consulting to government organisations. Darryl and Lubo will be conducting a site inspection of the Manly Hospital site in early November and will report back to the MCF and the Northern Area Health services as required with their findings.

This is a very important project for the maintenance and improvement of our local amenity and this Forum will stay involved as it progresses. At the moment, the site is zoned for health services. We have previously agreed that aged care health, mental health, health education, health care scientific development, caring for younger residents with disabilities as well as some use for affordable housing for health care workers, are the most suitable uses for the site. Premier Baird has previously agreed through many public statements.

ON A POSITIVE NOTE...

Congratulations to the five residents of this area who were selected for the various Strategic Reference Groups:

Ian Lang - Waste Management

Jacqueline French - Environment

Francie Rigg - Transport

Ray Mathieson - Community Safety

Evelyn Shervington - Place Making

Ex-Councillors Candy Bingham and Cathy Griffin, who are regular attendees of our meetings, also have senior positions on these groups.



UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

NEW PUBLIC ACCESS & DINGHY & KAYAK STORAGE AREA

A big congratulations to the engineers, management and Works Department of the Northern Beaches Council Southern (Manly) for the revitalised public space and dinghy and kayak storage area at Little Manly Beach.

It will become a well-utilised area for the general public and residents of Little Manly.

Clever use of the one shade tree is also appreciated. We understand that the relocation into what was No. 36 Stuart St is not causing any inconvenience to the residents of No. 34 nor No. 38. Residents would like to see a review of the dinghy and kayak space allocation. We understand that the wait list is still extraordinarily long.



OTHER ISSUES REQUIRING ATTENTION

OUR BEAUTIFUL LITTLE MANLY POINT PARK - FROM A CONTAMINATED GAS WORKS SITE

Over the years we have argued that contaminants are leeching from the site. Remediation work has been done, but there are still issues. Are the contaminants under control? Some leeching of contaminants has been proven. Is the collection and removal facility working as it should? Is there any monitoring by Council or State Government?

Stories in *The Daily Telegraph* suggest that there may be an ongoing need for monitoring and control at the former Gas Works sites. Do you know that a concrete drain was built to capture run off and feed it back to the North Head Sewerage Treatment Plant? The flashing red light on the western side of the park is the indicator that the collection drain is working/not working. Who monitors this?



Jake and his team are currently selling a number of “off market” properties on the Eastern Hill and the local Manly area. If you would like an appraisal on your property or would like more information on the off market opportunities please contact Jake and his team on the numbers listed below.

Kate Blackett
M 0402 939 925

Morgan Fahey
M 0408 666 110

Jake Rowe
M 0414 612 546

Nathan Tse
M 0411 386 455

McGrath

MANLY COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Next Ordinary Northern Beaches Council Meeting - The ordinary meetings of the Northern Beaches Council will be held every two weeks. The venue of the meetings will alternate between the chambers at Dee Why, Manly and Mona Vale. Next meeting is 25 Oct, 6:30 pm Manly.

Wellness Walk & Festival - Take your friends and family on a 5km walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and show your support for the 1 in 5 Australians who experience a mental illness. Sunday 16 Oct. Visit www.wellnesswalk.org.au to register.

Local Community Gardens - A community garden is a public piece of land which provides a place to garden and grow fresh produce for people who don't have gardens of their own. Visit www.permaculturenorthernbeaches.org.au for more info and local community gardens.

Pride of Australia - Help recognize a local Manly hero, and nominate someone you feel is inspirational, courageous or compassionate for the Pride of Australia medal which is supported by Clubs NSW and will recognize eight unsung local heroes. Visit www.prideofaustralia.com.au to nominate.

Council Grant Programs - The Council has announced two grants programs available to not-for-profits. The Stronger Communities Fund worth \$1 million (a NSW government initiative) which will provide grants of up to \$50,000 for priority areas, and a smaller scheme, the Northern Beaches Small Grants program, which will suit smaller groups and projects of up to \$2,000. Details available at www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

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SPECIAL MANLY CONTACTS

EMERGENCY POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE 000

POLICE MANLY STATION 9976 8099

POLICE DEE WHY 9971 3399

POLICE INFORMATION LINE 13 14 44

POLICE CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000

WATER POLICE 9320 7499

(Senior Police suggest that contact should be made via 000 if response cannot be provided by local station)

COUNCIL RANGERS 9976 1633

(If not personally answered, a message will be past on by mobile to working officers)

OFFENSIVE ODOURS OR ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION

EPA (Environment Protection Authority) 13 15 55

SYDNEY WATER COMPLAINTS 13 20 90

NORTH HEAD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT 9934 4432

STATE FISHERIES

24/7 FISHERIES WATCH & GEN ENQUIRIES 1800 043 536

FISHERIES DEPT. ADMINISTRATION 8437 4903

ECO DIVERS (DAVE THOMAS) 0421 334 529

ELECTRICITY & GAS EMERGENCY (Loss of supply, fallen wires or other electrical emergencies 24/7)

Electricity 13 13 88

GAS 13 19 09

manly wharf hotel

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY FISH & CHIPS \$16 WITH FREE LOCAL BEER OR HOUSE WINE

TUESDAYS PIZZAS \$16 WITH FREE LOCAL BEER OR HOUSE WINE

WEDNESDAY BURGER \$16 WITH FREE LOCAL BEER OR HOUSE WINE

THURSDAY STEAK \$10

MON - THUR LUNCH SPECIAL 1/2 PIZZAS \$12

MON - THUR KIDS EAT FREE 5.30PM - 6.30PM 1 KIDS MEAL WITH EVERY FULL PRICED

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