

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

NEWSLETTER

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MANLY WHARF DEVELOPMENT

Welcome to the 2020 decade and thank you for your continued support. We hope to see you at our first meeting of the new year and the new decade.

Great news! The development application (DA) for the massive expansion of the licensed premises on the roof of our wharf complex has been withdrawn. We await detail from Northern Beaches Council (NBC) about whether the applicants now realise that this expansion of over 400 seats was not in the public interest. Local Manly business owners also had serious misgivings about the need for such an expansion. This development application will not be proceeding, however, we will need to monitor closely. We assume that our Manly Ward Councillors argued strongly against this DA (as should the other 12 Northern Beaches Councillors have). We have requested information from Council. It may be that the applicant is simply "licking his wounds" and will come back with an amended DA, or maybe directly to the Land and Environment Court.

We previously published and discussed at the Manly Community Forum (MFC) meeting the areas of concern: gross overdevelopment, too many licensed premises in a small area that already has way too much alcohol-fuelled behaviour issues, insufficient parking and security, insufficient public amenities and too much noise for residential areas surrounding East Esplanade. The wharf complex is supposed to be heritage listed with some control on colours and architectural appearance. Address your concerns with Council and your Local Member.

LITTLE MANLY BEACH KIOSK

This Forum had concerns about the future management of our much loved beach kiosk. We were concerned that the selected tenderer had ambitions for a facility that was much more than most locals require at our harbour beach. The new lease holder spoke at our meeting and assured residents that he would comply with the Council agreement, but wished to provide what the customer wanted. The inference provided was that they would apply for a liquor licence if the customer wanted it, however, it was clear that this community did not want a licensed facility, or any expansion. NBC responded to concerns as follows:

Q. This community had a small, family owned business successfully operating at the kiosk for many years. The Council

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has now selected a corporation to run this business; is that what the Council perceived the community wanted?

A. *The tenant has identified as a family business. They were preferred tenderer as recommended by Brain and Poulter and submitted to Council for approval in the November 2019 meeting.*

Q. As part of the tender process the successful tenderer offered \$500K for fit out, design and building works. How is this managed?

A. *As per the tender requirements, the tender submission provided a concept as per the attached images with indicative pricing.*

AGENDA

- **New stormwater developments** - Manly Cove, Manly Beach & Fairy Bower.

Special guests/speakers NBC Stormwater Management Team: Sadiya King (Team Leader Stormwater Design & Delivery), & Tony Martin, (Engineer Stormwater Delivery).

- **NBC responses to issues** raised in December 2019 & January 2020.

- Brief presentation on **parking, traffic & speed control** in central CBD streets.

Greg Twemlow, SEVENmile Venture Lab .

- **Summer rain** may save our parks, gardens & trees. Update from NBC staff.

- Application for major expansion of the licenced premises on the roof of **Manly Wharf**.

- **Transport update** from our Local Member's office (Chairman).

- Brief update from our **Federal Member's office** (Harry Martin, National Policy Advisor, Zali Steggall team).

- **Shelly Beach** major upgrade of public amenities (NBC staff will present & seek your input).

- **General business & expected agenda** for March 2020.



The next Manly Community Forum meeting will take place on **MONDAY**
17th February at 7 pm, Manly Yacht Club, East Esplanade.

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The lease requires the tenant to be bound by the representations made by the Tenant and will be responsible for all of those costs together with all other costs associated with the works as set out in its Tender submission. The Tenant must provide to the Landlord all plans and specifications of the fit out for the landlord's prior approval prior to the commencement of any fit out works. The Tenant must keep proper records of all costs associated with the design and building works undertaken at the Premises and must submit records to the Landlord on the first day of each month throughout the Term until such costs identified in the Tenant's Tender submission have been fully expended. All fit out works and related building improvements must be completed within the first 12 months of the Lease term. In addition, the rent free incentive is only achievable if the Tenant completes all its fit out works in the Lease, to the Landlord's satisfaction, acting reasonably, and prior to the commencement of the second year of the term.

Q. Is there a DA required for the current works and will they be submitting a DA for the additional works to be carried out?

A. Prior to commencing the tender, the lease area was expanded to allow for a cool room and storage out the back in order to better ensure health standards are met. This was included in the tender lease plan documents and tender information sessions and also on the public notifications. The tenant intends to undertake their major fit out works sometime after Easter and before September 2020.

Q. This is a family beach and yet there are suggestions of alcohol sales in the business model. This has clearly not been mentioned in the plan of management to the community and will this be allowed?

A. The lease documentation governing the lease area has a restriction on use that states the Tenant must not (and must not permit the Tenant's Invitees to): allow any alcoholic beverages on the premises without the Landlord's prior written approval, which is at Council's absolute and sole discretion.

In summary, most kiosk (or should we say café) users have provided initial support to the new lease holders. There have been a number of complaints, but these complaints centred

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around the Christmas/New Year period when the kiosk was charging a little more to cover the additional wage costs and some of their facilities had not been installed. The owner struggled to get sufficient, ready-made food supplies and there was, and still is, a shortage of seats and tables. Apparently they are waiting on a Council approval. There is another concern with the amount of packaged goods sold in that it doesn't appear to fit our model of an environmentally friendly facility and the operating hours have been patchy. This Forum has asked Council to monitor development and provide the community with their assessment of the service provided. It was suggested that "market forces" will determine the future success of the facility, but as we know there is no competition at the beach and beach goers have no option but to pay. We will be relying upon the good nature and community focus of the operator. Despite our concerns, we do offer the new owner our conditional support and good luck in this venture, a venture that has previously been such an outstanding contributor to our community.



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FOXTEL, TELSTRA & NBN - LOCAL IMPACT

In early January there was an outage of the Foxtel Cable Network that also removed many residents' internet facilities. After several days the problem was compounded by the loss of the Telstra land line. The response from Foxtel was far from satisfactory. Foxtel rely on Telstra for the cabling. Telstra have so much work that it appeared that it did not have the resources to investigate the outage, let alone fix it.

A week later it was still offering the same response ... "the problem should be fixed by 7 pm tomorrow". Same message every day for a week. It appears to have now been fixed but it took two weeks after customers first complained. There are NBN crews digging in our area. Word on the street is that they may have cut the cable and may have also damaged a gas line.

With our total reliance on online services it is disastrous that any Government would allow their constituents to be disadvantaged in this way without compensation and without any consequence for the providers.

At the time of writing, the area from Bruce Avenue to the end of Addison Road (SW end) was still out. We believe that it may extend into Stuart Street on the northern side.

If you are or have experienced this problem, remember that there is an Ombudsman with the powers to force action on matters such as this. You can do this after you have complained to Foxtel and Telstra and have advised your local Federal and State Member of the impact to your life/business/safety.

Will the NBN bring a better outcome? The NBN is due in our area this quarter. The concerns with speed and reliability suggest that this \$50-\$70 billion national expenditure could be a white elephant.

It does appear that we can only look forward to more dramas and outages.

Should we be going to satellite discs again? We will get an NBN representative to address MCF again in early 2020.

STORMWATER & SEWAGE MANAGEMENT

The Stormwater Management Team at NBC will present the plans for 2020 upgrades and some background to our concerns about the Sydney Water sewage leaks at Fairy Bower. NBC have taken urgent steps to get Sydney Water to rectify the pipe issues. Sydney Water are slow to move to do the full rectification, but do respond when there is a leak. We need Sydney Water to allocate budget and resources to a fix that doesn't allow the ongoing sewage leakage into the stormwater system or directly as a runoff into the bay.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT SCHEME

Submissions for the new Manly Residential Parking Permit Scheme closed on 12th February. Residential parking permits which expired on 31st January (Little Manly) will remain valid until the new scheme has been finalised and put into place. Notification will be made via email when these permits are due for renewal. Residential parking permits for boat trailers and box trailers will no longer be available. The Council is also working towards introducing digital permits which will make the trade in permits more difficult. The following fees will be introduced as soon as the administrative amendments are completed, probably around March.

Permit Type	Fee	Pensioner
Manly Parking Permits – First Permit (Residential or Multi-use)	\$ 47.00	\$ 23.50
Manly Parking Permits – Second Permit (Residents or Multi-use)	\$121.00	\$ 60.50
Manly Parking Permits – Third Permit (Residential or Multi-use)	\$210.00	\$105.00
Manly Parking Permits – Fourth Permit (Extenuating Circumstance only)	\$210.00	\$105.00
Manly Parking Permits – Business	\$220.00	N/A
Manly Parking Permits – Car Share	\$220.00	N/A
Manly Parking Permits – Support Worker	\$ 47.00	N/A
Manly Parking Permits – Multi-use Lost	\$220.00	\$110.00
Manly Parking Permits – Special Issue not for profit organisation	\$ 23.50	N/A
Manly Parking Permits – New vehicle, windscreen, lost, temporary permit except multi-use)	\$ 26.50	\$ 13.25

MCF has made a submission asking for the price of the first permit to be reduced given that this used to be free for residents, and that people living in other parts of the Northern Beaches can park for free outside their own homes.



We are thrilled to have just won the "Boutique Independent Agency Of The Year" Award given by Australia's largest awards program for the real estate industry.

This nationally recognised award comes as a huge honour and shows that great businesses can come in boutique packages.

Thank you to all of our clients and supporters for helping us in achieving our goals and making this award possible.

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BITS & PIECES

Little Manly Point Reserve contamination concerns - We have previously advised of the concern with potential contamination from the soil at Little Manly Point. Following the closure of the Gas Works more than 50 years ago, State Government conducted partial remediation and then controlled sealing of the ground before depositing top soil and plantings and opening the site to the public.

Later on this Forum and the previous Little Manly Precinct pushed for investigation of runoff and control measures to ensure that Little Manly Cove did not contain serious pollutants. Minor traces were found in the rock platform and a drain established to capture any pollutants before entering harbour waters. Some problems were experienced in the maintenance of the drain and pumping facility. This has now been rectified.

NBC recently reported that: *"Council will contact Manly Community Forum as soon as the risk assessment has been completed."*

We have had the rain and now await a positive response.

Shelly Beach toilets - NBC staff will provide details of a proposed major upgrade to the Shelly Beach amenities at the MCF February meeting. This includes:

- 7 women's toilets
- 5 men's toilets
- Internal showers (women's and men's)
- Change area (women's and men's)
- Accessible amenity with shower
- External showers

Community engagement will be undertaken during February and March to seek feedback on the proposed design.

Clean-up Australia - Sunday 1st March marks the 30th birthday of Clean-Up Australia day. Help us clean up around Little Manly Beach and Reserve for our annual Clean-Up Australia morning. Then join us for coffee and a snack at noon at Little Manly in the Forum marquee.

Royal Far West charity golf day - If you are a golfer wanting to help out a local charity, check out the Royal Far West charity challenge golf day on Tuesday 3rd March from 7 am to 3 pm at Cromer Golf Club. For more details contact desireec@royalfarwest.org.au at the Royal Far West or go to their website royalfarwest.org.au.

Manly Sailing - Manly Sailing is a small sailing company specialising in children's sailing and windsurfing operating out of the Manly Yacht Club. They are the small colourful sailing dinghies out on the harbour. A new season is starting in February and they are looking for additional students. For more information, contact Scott at the Manly Yacht Club on (02) 9977-4000 or email info@manlysailing.com.au.

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Seniors Festival 2020 - NBC has provided a wide range of free and low cost events during Seniors Festival 2020 which takes place 12 - 29 February. Check out the Council website for more details or drop into Manly Library or Community Northern Beaches for a brochure.

East Esplanade - Stage Two of the Master Plan for landscaping of East Esplanade and including the addition of new toilets has been scheduled for May 2020.

Catholic Church & Manly Wharf DAs withdrawn - Two contentious DAs have been withdrawn following major objections and protests from the community. The Catholic Church has withdrawn its proposal for the development of 23 new dwellings at the corners of Bower/College/Reddal Streets. The other contested DA which has also been withdrawn was the application from the owners of Sake and El Camino asking for additional 438 seats on the roof of the Manly Wharf Complex.

Jump Rock - Another serious accident has occurred at Jump Rock. Candy Bingham has called for a Safety Audit to make the site safer for those who choose to jump off this popular site.

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