

MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

JULY 2021

COVID Lockdown Again

Thank you to all those residents who participated in our "in person" meeting last month braving the rain and cold. The Manly Yacht Club was filled to capacity with everyone checking in, wearing masks and sitting in the set-up socially-distanced chairs. It was great to see so many interested and responsible community members discussing the local issues. Thanks to Council staff and the Chair for the timely updates. Check out the minutes on the Forum website. That seems such a long time ago now, and we are back in lockdown so will be on Zoom for the July meeting.

Our Local Member James Griffin is working with Health NSW to make it easier for everyone to get vaccinated. There are now 50 local GPs as well as the Medical Centres at Mona Vale and Northern Beaches Hospital where you can now book in for a vaccination. The NSW Government is also setting up an additional clinic in the CBD for city workers when lockdown ends.



Visit jamesgriffinmp.com for a list of local vaccination sites. There is also a COVID-19 testing centre in Manly in the former Royal Far West site on the corner of South Steyne and Wentworth St.

On a lighter note, a photo of this board outside Infinity Bakery Manly has gone viral on social media.

Save the Iconic Hop, Skip & Jump Bus

At the recent June 2021 Council meeting, a Pittwater Councillor said in regard to Manly's Hop, Skip and Jump bus during a discussion about the Council Budget, "I'm prepared to accept if you can make the service revenue neutral then I don't have an issue with that but I don't see why the rest of the LGA should be subsidising the Manly residents \$1.8m for buses that run parallel to government buses. It doesn't pass any conceivable, rational test."

Northern Beaches Council (NBC) runs the Hop, Skip and Jump community bus service seven days a week through Manly, Fairlight, Balgowlah, Balgowlah Heights, Clontarf and Seaforth. Four routes operate Monday to Friday and three routes on weekends with the bus routes interchange at Stockland Shopping Centre, Balgowlah. Recently a new Manly Vale route was added as

AGENDA

- Council Election 4 September - What is important in Manly Ward?
- Manly Place Plan - What will Manly look like in 2030 and beyond?
- Are the salaries of Senior Council managers justified? Should these salaries be set by an independent tribunal?
- Safety of the new pedestrian crossing on East Esp at Ashburner St
- Post-COVID lockdown - How can we support Manly CBD businesses?
- Proposed upgrade to Manly Wharf No 3
- Are there enough rubbish bins in public places? Lockdown has increased the number of takeaway containers and bins are overflowing.

part of the "Manly anti-clockwise run" Monday to Friday only. No route runs parallel to government buses. The Hop, Skip and Jump bus was originally sponsored by Stocklands, but on completion of the development at Balgowlah it fell to the former Manly Council to fund the service. It had become popular with the residents who didn't want to see it stopped. A second Pittwater Councillor (who is also a Director of Easy Link Transport which provides community transports subsidised by grants, donations and individual subsidies through the Commonwealth Home Support Program and Community Transport Program as well as private customers, including those on homecare packages, and the NDIS) contributed this to the discussion: "We (Council) are losing \$1.8m a year and not many of us around this table are batting an eyelid over it. I find it quite sad, we could be doing so much more with the money. There are other options and other agencies out there. We have got to look at how we spend our ratepayers' money. When it's inequitable and unfair it's not on." Approximately 13% of Easy Link "customers" are resident in the Manly Ward. Manly Ward Councillors Sarah Grattan and Candy Bingham told the meeting that the consideration of the service should be undertaken as part of a comprehensive service review. Cr Bingham conceded the service should be subject to review but said it was not just supporting Stockland. We should expect more from our Ward Councillors, particularly as they have been very vocal on demanding the saving of ferries and government buses. This bus service is iconic here in Manly and well used. It does not compete with NSW buses and provides a vital service for those who don't have a car or who can't drive themselves as well as keeping cars out of the CBD and other popular locations.

NEXT MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM ZOOM MEETING IS MONDAY 19TH JULY 4:30- 6PM.
TO TAKE PART PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT MANLYCOMMUNITYFORUM.COM UNDER THE CONTACT TAB.

Manly Life Saving Club Progress

The NBC has voted to progress the feasibility of the proposed redevelopment/refurbishment of Manly Life Saving Club (pictured below) and associated community facilities on South Steyne (or in the adjoining public space) for an estimated total project cost of \$15M.

Council has opened an Expression of Interest to shortlist suitable companies that have the experience, skills and scale in designing and leading complex public projects.

The design team chosen will be led by an architectural practice or design consultancy practice with the proven ability and capability to undertake the coordination of a project of this size and complexity across all design disciplines.

The consultant must work cooperatively with the Council and be prepared to respond to stakeholders' input.

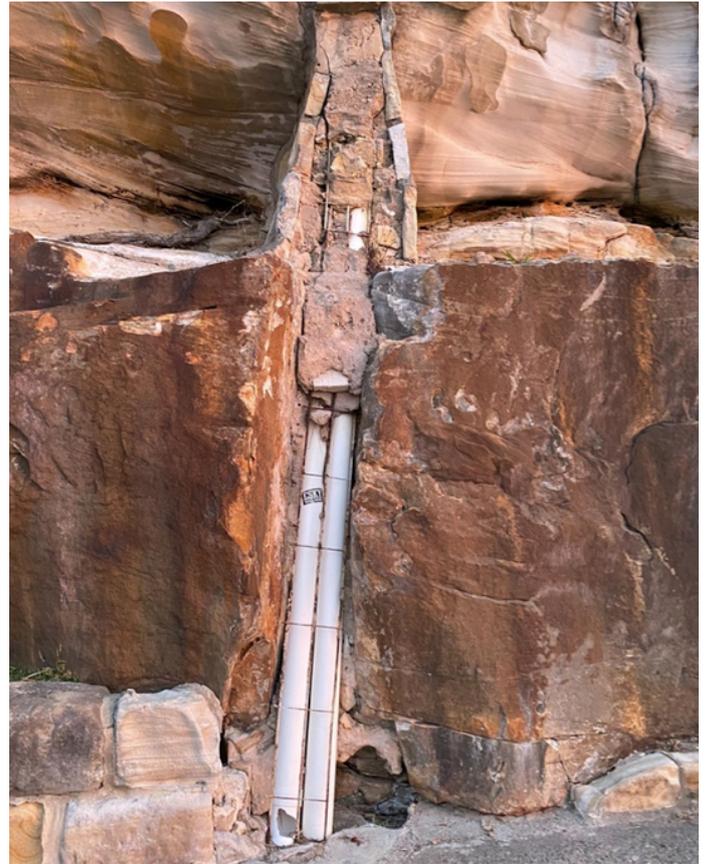
The Forum looks forward to seeing and commenting on the proposals.



Local Environment Plan & Development Control Plan

Now is the time to comment on the planning rules for our area. Council has developed the Local Environment Plan (LEP)/Development Control Plan (DCP) Discussion Paper which is available on the Council Your Say page. Council intends to finalise a draft LEP and DCP mid-2023. Comments close on the 8th of August 2021.

The Forum will be suggesting that stormwater pipes installed from private properties to the stormwater system (such as the one on Marine Pde along the Manly to Shelly walkway; pictured below) should be covered and properly maintained. Concern has been expressed that these pipes are not only ugly but could potentially cause pollution in the Cabbage Tree Bay Aquatic Reserve.



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Local Environment Plan Continued...

As part of this LEP/DCP review Council is also reviewing existing land use zones used in the four current LEPs. We know our community is passionate about protecting the environment, so have your say on this Environmental Zones (also known as E Zones) review. For example, the Manly LEP and Pittwater LEP include provisions that limit the types of structures that may be erected within the foreshore area. The foreshore building line is generally 15m from the mean high-water mark and limits development of existing buildings or new minor works such as boat sheds, swimming pools or access stairs that impact on natural foreshore processes or affect the significance and amenity of the area.

Most of the Eastern Hill area in Manly is in the E3 zone which applies to all low-density residential properties adjoining the harbour and ocean foreshores and national parks in Clontarf, Seaforth, Balgowlah Heights and Manly.

If you are concerned about the DA notification process, this is your opportunity to comment. Council points out that it has a Community Participation Plan, but some residents still raise concerns that building works are starting without any notification.

Little Manly Coastline Management Plan

The final step to achieving the long-held vision to add number 40 Stuart St to the Little Manly Beach Reserve is now open for submissions.

The former Manly Council purchased 40 Stuart St Manly in 2012 to add the land to Little Manly Beach Reserve. The Little Manly Reserves Landscape Masterplan was adopted by Northern Beaches Council on 26th of November 2019. The Masterplan proposes demolishing the dwelling at 40 Stuart St, and incorporating the land into Little Manly Beach Reserve as open space. Council notified the community and issued a public notice about a proposal to reclassify the Council-owned land at 40 Stuart St from operational land to community land under the Local Government Act 1993.

It is proposed to categorise 40 Stuart St in Manly as "Park", consistent with the guidelines for categorisation as Park in Clause 104 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, and the core objectives for the Park category in Section 36G of the Local

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Government Act, in order to facilitate the use of the land for public recreation. Community land is also required to be subject to a Plan of Management prepared under the Local Government Act.

The Little Manly Coastline Management Plan 2004 will be amended to include 40 Stuart St, allowing for its demolition and inclusion into the park.

Council has placed the proposed amendments to the Little Manly Coastline Management Plan 2004 on public exhibition. A public hearing is required under Section 40A of the Local Government Act 1993 to receive community submissions about categorising community land.

Submissions close 29th of August 2021.



Jake Rowe specialises in selling properties in Manly. He has been selling properties in the area for the past 18 years and has sold over 350 properties in the suburb during this time.

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Draft Community Safety Plan

Also open for comment is the Draft Community Safety Plan which outlines the actions Council will take to build responsiveness to community safety issues over the next five years.

The draft plan is divided into two parts, focussing on safe places and safe people.

The Priority Area 1, Safe Open Spaces is something that the Forum via the Community Safety Committee has been heavily involved in ensuring that Council manages our open spaces, especially East Esplanade, Little Manly Point Park, the Fairlight walk and Shelly Beach as high quality, safe and accessible places for all.

Council states it keeps our community safe by designing out crime by incorporating the international standard of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles into all Council development and infrastructure projects, including the planning and design of open places and spaces.

The application of these principles increases the passive security of spaces, the difficulty of crime and antisocial behaviour occurring within those areas, and the feeling of safety in CPTED designed zones.

The Forum looks forward to the adoption of this plan and hopes its

Draft Community Safety Plan Continued...

implementation puts an end to the underage drinking, abhorrent behaviour and littering we see in our parks, esplanades and local CBD over the summer periods.

Submissions close 20th of July 2021.

Brickbats & Bouquets

- Bouquet to Manly Library for its fantastic Library2U service.

To access this service, you can either download the Northern Beaches Library App or visit the Council website <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/library/during-covid-19/library-2-you>.

Then select a book from the catalogue and wait for it to be delivered to your front door!

- Bouquet to Council for the completion of the new shower and landscaping on East Esplanade.
- Brickbats to Council for its lack of discussion on the future use of the Manly Town Hall, the future of car parking in and around Manly and general development in the Manly CBD.

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