



MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

November 2021

December Council Elections

After several false starts the Council elections will now be held on the 4th of December 2021. Candidate applications have closed and the ballot draw has been conducted. A total of 70 people were nominated for election to 15 spots on the Northern Beaches Council, that is, three representatives for each of the five wards. There are some fresh faces as well as some familiar faces, political parties and non-aligned independents.

Manly Ward has six groups to consider: The Greens, Liberal, Labor, Good For Manly, Your Northern Beaches and Manly 1st (a non-aligned independent group) each with a nominated team of three. That's 18 people to consider. To be successful a candidate needs to garner a quota or 25% of the vote. Using the proportional representation system, the remaining votes or part quotas are allocated to the candidate with the next highest number of votes. Manly Ward has approximately 40,000 voters.

The lead candidates followed by their team of two and their group will appear on the ballot paper in the following order:

Group A - Liberal - Georgia Ryburn

Group B - Your Northern Beaches - Sarah Gratton

Group C - Good for Manly - Candy Bingham

Group D - (No above the line listing) John Kelly's group

Group E - Labor - Sam Pigram

Group F - The Greens - Pam Dawes

Voting will be very different this election with the NSW Electoral Commission implementing a COVID Safety Plan which, among other measures, will see polling places bereft of candidate and party banner stands. There will also be no Party campaigners in t-shirts handing out candidates' "How to Vote" pamphlets. Party or candidate posters must be attached before 7am and removed after 7pm on election day. Everyone must wear a mask and check in via the QR code. No democracy sausages and bring your own pen or pencil to mark your ballot papers. No fun, but it is still important to vote. Google each of the candidates or check their Facebook pages to get a feel for who you might vote for.

Early voting or pre-poll is available from Monday 22nd of November to Friday 3rd of December 2021. St Matthews Church on the Corso is the Manly Ward local pre-poll location. There will be no absentee voting on the day in these elections. You will only be able to vote in person in your council area unless you sign up for an online ivote or apply for a postal vote.

AGENDA

- Council Elections
- Manly Place Planning
- Manly Hospital Update
- Sydney Water Marine Parade Update
- Council Updates

Please send us an email with any general business items you want raised.

Marine Parade Masterplan

Work to transform the ugly stormwater pipe at Fairy Bower pool is still underway. The finished product will be a smooth area for people to relax by the pool and will be achieved by replacing the stormwater pipe with a new larger concrete box culvert. The work will improve the flow of stormwater and remove rough, broken bits of pipe from the outside of the pool. While there won't be steps down into the water, the new area should look similar to the bleachers opposite the Manly Surf Club. The Council project plans to create a living seawall on the western side of the culvert by installing a variety of 3D tiles. The tiles mimic the different habitats found in intertidal zones, providing space, moisture, shade and tiny water pools. It's an eco-friendly environment where species, such as seaweeds, oysters, limpets and marine snails, can visit or build a home. Without the tiles the seawall would likely remain an arid, hostile environment, supporting little life. Work has been delayed due to COVID construction restrictions, bad weather and limited hours of access due to the tides. However, demolition work has now finished and concrete construction is underway. Council expects the work to be finished and the pool reopened by the end of November. Below is an artist's impressions of completed work.



NEXT MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM ZOOM MEETING IS MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 4:30- 6PM.
TO TAKE PART PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT [MANLYCOMMUNITYFORUM.COM](https://manlycommunityforum.com) UNDER THE CONTACT TAB.

SAVE THE DATE 20 DECEMBER 7PM MANLY YACHT CLUB FOR OUR FORUM MEETING AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!

North Head Lookouts

The loop road beyond Bella Vista Cafe has been closed off and work has started to reconfigure the main carparks and rebuild the cliff top lookouts. The original Fairfax lookouts have been closed for several years due to their position on the edge of unstable sandstone cliffs. The new ones will be set back from the edge and stylishly redesigned to increase viewing and seating area and will better fit the surrounding landscape. To connect with Country, the name of *Burragula* has been suggested for the southern lookout. The word acknowledges the long-nosed bandicoot and its association with burragula (sunset), the time of the day when it is most often observed. The view from this lookout is the vista of Sydney Harbour and the distant CBD. Artists' impressions below.



Yiningma, meaning a cliff edge, has been suggested for the northern lookout. From here visitors can look back at the sheer cliff face, as well as out to the horizon over the ocean. National Parks and Wildlife Service, which is responsible for the site, worked with local architects CHROFI and Aboriginal consultancy Bangawarra to generate the designs. The Fairfax track and the new lookouts will be fully accessible and disabled parking will be provided at the track entrance. The carparks near Bella Vista Cafe will be reduced in size to provide space for visitors to sit and enjoy the harbour view. More accessible parking spaces will be provided, as well as pedestrian crossings and a pedestrian path. Work on the carparks and track should be completed by early next year, with construction of the new lookouts to follow. For more information

<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/north-head-upgrade>

Works Update

Eastern Hill - All the proposed works for Little Manly have been delayed until next year. The playground is awaiting the delivery of equipment. The café has a delayed commencement and some reports to complete. The pathway around the café will be completed when the bleachers are done next year. All the works will commence after the summer period in 2022. The western side of the East Esplanade pathway from the Skiffies to Osborne Rd is scheduled for asphalt re-sheeting this financial year and will probably be done early next year. The garden area under and around the East Esplanade ramp behind the yacht club will be receive a cleanup and prune before Christmas.

West Esplanade - Planning for landscaping works and accessible access onto the beach at the western end of the beach has been completed and will commence as contractors become available. More appropriate and hardy plantings around the bus stop will replace the bark chips, and new bins will be installed.

Former Manly Hospital - The Expressions of Interest campaign for the Manly Health and Wellbeing Precinct (former Manly Hospital site) closed on the 14th of October 2021. Property and Development NSW (PDNSW) is currently assessing the responses and, following the evaluation process, a shortlist of respondents will be invited to participate in the Request for Detailed Proposal (RDFP) stage, anticipated to begin in early 2022. There was a lot of interest in the site with 123 groups enquiring with CBRE, 33 groups requesting access to the data room which included developers, operators and institutional investors, and 13 submissions were made. Ultimately 17 responses were received from a wide range of health and wellbeing related operators. PDNSW will provide the responses to the nominated Project Partner following the RDFP stage.

PDNSW has appointed Hector Abrahams Architects to prepare the site background and description which will form Part A of a Conservation Management Plan. Part B will be undertaken in consultation with the appointed Project Partner and will include the heritage significance, conservation policies and key heritage management principles and adaptive reuse strategies. PDNSW has met with the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment regarding the planning proposal and is working through the bushfire evacuation modelling requested by Council prior to public exhibition, anticipated in February 2022.



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Pedestrian Safety

East Esplanade - The Forum has lobbied hard for the pedestrian crossing to be made safer. Council finally agreed and installed a no stopping sign. So why are people still parking their vehicles there?



Apartment blocks - A local resident has written to the Forum expressing concern about the safety of pedestrians with cars exiting apartment block driveways across footpaths without stopping or looking to make sure there is no one walking along the path. A letter to the Council and State Member elicited a lukewarm response. Not their problem! They suggested that this is the responsibility of the various strata plans. The Forum thinks that Council should write to strata groups requesting stop signs on apartment properties to remind drivers to stop before they cross the footpath to the road. But while we wait, please be careful and look out for pedestrians when driving across the footpaths from apartment block driveways. And anyone on a strata committee with such a driveway, please consider adding it to your agenda and installing stop signs?

Rotary Club of Manly Looking for New Members

Manly Rotary members are a friendly bunch of local professionals who volunteer their time to make a lasting difference in our local and international community. Many members have been involved for years and would love to see some new faces.

The Rotary Club of Manly works in teams to organise events and activities to support local charities in need, improve overseas sanitation situations, further local youth career opportunities, provide assistance for at-risk youth, address environmental concerns, and generally make life better for so many in our community.

Your skills and energy would be warmly welcomed, age is no limit. Want to be a YOUNG Rotarian? Check out Rotaract for fun activities. <https://www.rotaryclubofmanly.org>

Manly Place Plan

The Manly Place Plan Working Group, set up to discuss and consult on a new plan for central Manly (CBD) area, has met twice online and established objectives and a timeline for the planning work which is likely to conclude by mid 2022.

Fortunately for the Forum we have a number of local residents participating among the approximately 20 residents and senior Council staff and Councillors.

The objectives include:

- . To work with the community to create a vision and subsequent plan for the Manly Town Centre.
- . To align changes to ensure Manly Town Centre is vibrant, safe, inclusive and sustainable now and into the future.
- . To respond to the actions and recommendations of existing strategic documents of Council and the State Government.
- . To deliver a Night Time Economy Study for Manly and principles to adopt across the local government area.

Some of the early input covers:

- parking
- access to the CBD area for residents
- the implications of establishing and supporting a night time economy including safety at night, lighting in and around the CBD area and traffic flow (including taxis, Ubers, buses, bikes as well as private cars)

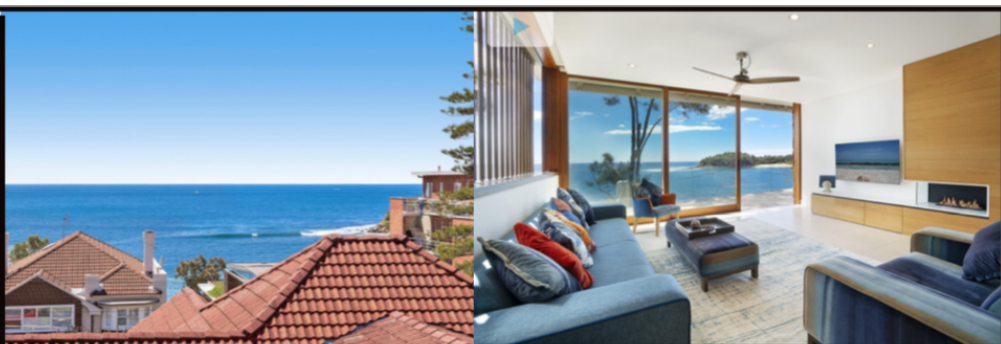
Discussions have been lively around the use of the Corso area and whether outdoor dining and more live music outdoors and in venues should be considered along with better placement of public furniture and signage.

Council staff and elected representatives are also involved in separate consultations.

Most of the representatives on this Community Working Group attend our Forum monthly meetings and welcome your thoughts and ideas.



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Manly
1/110 Bower Street

Bed 4 | Bath 3 | Car 2

Auction Saturday 6th November at 9:00am

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Bower St Parking Restrictions

In September 2021 Council reviewed a proposal to permanently prohibit parking on the northern side of Bower St from College St to the park. Implementation was deferred until further data collection, investigation and consultation had been undertaken. It was decided that no parking on the northern side of Bower St would be implemented between 10am and 4pm on weekends and public holidays this summer. The 2P resident parking would apply outside these times. Council has advised that the no parking signs will be installed late November/early December and will be in place until the end of January (and maybe a week or two longer depending on the weather). Additional temporary confluent signage is being considered to alert residents and visitors to the changes. Rangers will be requested to enforce this every weekend throughout December and January. Council will also be introducing sensors in beach side car parks (including Shelly Beach) in 2021/22. This should assist in better management and control of the traffic numbers in the area whilst retaining valuable public parking spaces in the Manly area.

Brickbats & Bouquets

- Bouquet to Marisa Grimmer for her editing and desktop publishing skills in laying out the newsletter content each month ready for printing. Marisa has been amazing and reliable for the past 5 years but is now moving on to other things.

Brickbats & Bouquets Continued...

Thanks Marisa for your excellent work, you will be missed by the team. We are now looking for a volunteer with similar skills to fill her shoes. We send the content and images to you to organise and edit into the newsletter layout and save as a PDF to be sent to the printer.

- Bouquets to Council for closing East Esplanade for re-turfing. Bouquet to the rainy weather for watering the very grass and dying patches of turf.
- Brickbats to all those whose unruly behaviour caused the reserve to be closed. How unfair for those wanting to use the area during the day.
- Bouquets to Council for creating cheer with the Christmas decorations being put up on the Corso and surrounding areas, and the promise of Christmas Carols on the oval again.
- Brickbats to the Hop, Skip and Jump drivers who leave the stop at the Corso much earlier than the posted time, causing many residents to miss the bus.
- Bouquet to Council for installing penguin information decals on the stainless steel safety bollards at Manly Wharf. Scan the QR code for more information on our special little penguins.



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