



MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

A community-led monthly newsletter for Manly residents

September 2021

Little Manly Beach

Number 40 Stuart St adjacent to the Little Manly Beach park has finally been categorised as Community Land. The 36-page report written for the Northern Beaches Council (NBC) has recommended, "based on the representations to the public hearing on 12 August 2021 and written submissions made to Council by 18 August 2021" that Council:

1. Note the verbal and written submissions made in Section 5 of the report, and

2. Categorise 40 Stuart St in Manly as Park according to the proposed categorisation map which was publicly exhibited.

Check the Council *Your Say* page to read the full report. Council has committed to demolishing the house and boundary fence in FY 22/23 and opening the area up for inclusion into the existing park. The community looks forward to this happening, but with 2023 closing in fast we hope that Council will talk to the community about the landscape plan for the area. Given the paucity of funds now available after the big hit to Council revenue as a result of COVID we hope that this is not put off until the never never. Council is asking which capital projects can be deferred.

A lot of work was planned to start soon but COVID has slowed things down. Despite approval, the cafe seems to have deferred its work on the improvements, but Council intends to complete the path around the cafe on Little Manly beach, install a picnic table and benches in the shady area near the ramp and work on the playground at Little Manly Point park before the end of the year.

The tender for the bleachers at Little Manly has been released and is under consideration in September for work to commence in April next year. These bleachers are planned only for the western side of the existing narrow steps onto the beach. This is because this area is at greater risk of "failing" and the cost of extending across the entire beach is too great.

Many think that these bleachers should be extended along the entire beach, particularly on the eastern side of the existing steps in front of the cafe where parents and grandparents could watch their kids while eating. The top of such a structure could also be the basis for the footpath in front of the cafe and enhance the amenity of the area no end.

AGENDA

- Marine Parade update
- Parking & roadworks/pedestrian crossing updates
- Manly Place plan
- COVID business recovery plan

Resident Parking Scheme

Time flies when you have a car that needs a resident sticker for on-street parking on the eastern hill of Manly. It is 12 months since the new system was introduced and we are now reminded to reapply for the resident parking stickers. In-person customer service is closed so good luck on Council's online application system!

Here are some tips for online applications:

1. Apply on a laptop or computer rather than a smartphone.
2. Ensure you have digital copies of all the required documentation ready prior to submitting your application. Download them from emails or your online accounts and save to the device you are using to apply on. If you have hard copies, take a good quality photo on your phone and save it to the device you are using to apply on.
3. The "rateable status" of some properties (mixed business/residential building, company title, community title, dual occupancy or non-strata) may mean you are unable to apply online. If your address is not appearing in the online system, please use the application form on the Forum website and email it along with supporting documentation to manlyparkingpermits@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

Council has helpfully installed signs around the place including in front of the East Esplanade to Ashburner St pedestrian crossing to remind you to get your parking permit before you see any pedestrians!



**NEXT MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM ZOOM MEETING IS MONDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 4:30- 6:30PM.
TO TAKE PART PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT [MANLYCOMMUNITYFORUM.COM](https://www.manlycommunityforum.com) UNDER THE CONTACT TAB.**

Pedestrian Access & Pavement Safety Audit

Late last year the Forum submitted a list of footpath trip hazards in our area. Council then responded with its report and has just recently completed its grinding program to smooth out the bumps along our footpaths. This is a small improvement but it can still be a bumpy, trippy walk along many of our footpaths. We will now ask Council to focus on the upgrade of the entire footpath along East Esplanade above the park and also the fast-degrading and rotting pedestrian ramp. The utility as an "accessible ramp" is questionable as the yellow slip-treads loosen and make it difficult and uncomfortable for wheelchairs or prams to navigate. During the day the overgrown plants and trees make it hard to see who or what is coming in the opposite direction along the zig-zag ramp and at night it is dark and poorly lit making it feel unsafe to use.



Shelly Beach Upgrade

The set of stairs halfway along Marine Pde at Bower Lane will be replaced with a sturdier marine-grade set. There will be no change to the design but hopefully with better quality marine grade they will withstand the regular use, tides and east coast lows.

The fig tree next to the stone steps at the rear of Shelly has needed attention for some time. It is never a good sign to see Council

Shelly Beach Upgrade Continued...

barriers fallen over and out of place. Council has stated that some of the branches need to be pinned and strapped back but there is no mention of the underscoring of the roots during a heavy rain event adjacent to the road.



On the other side of the roadway the small park area also needs some TLC. A goat track has formed in front of the unreadable sign and the trees have in some instances fallen over and spread their branches into the park making it smaller and smaller so that it can't be enjoyed by the community.





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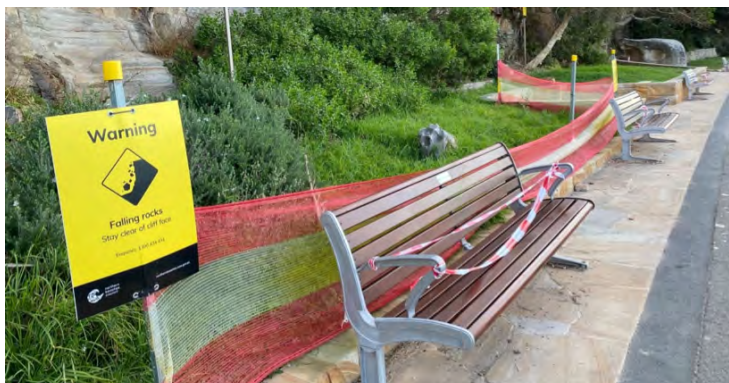
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Marine Parade Masterplan

Along the Marine Pd we wait in anticipation of Sydney Water, the Council and other Government departments getting together and committing around \$150,000 to develop a Masterplan for the area. The NBC CEO confirmed at a recent meeting that Council had written to Sydney Water on 20th August 2021 with the aim of partnering with it to co-fund the project together and address how the plethora of issues can be addressed.

This is a significant and expensive project, separate to the Coastal Management Plan which is also on the Council to-do list. For its part Sydney Water General Manager and Head of System and Asset Planning did meet with NBC CEO to discuss the collaboration in planning for the Manly to Shelly Beach Promenade (Marine Pde). In response to this meeting Sydney Water and Council will comb their respective archives to determine who owns and has maintenance responsibility for the seawall and the walkway.



Street Tree Planting

It's Spring and we should be looking at our Street Tree Management Program again. It had been put on the back-burner but should be dusted off and prioritised. At the August Forum meeting there was a question about street tree planting. Council advised that staff are currently programming the next tree planting works. There are around 100 tree locations being reviewed in the Manly Ward. That would be great. Let's hope decent-sized trees are planted and not just small shrubs and that trees are selected from the pallet of trees the community recommended and Council agreed to previously. We need trees that give character to our area as well as shade. These trees also need to be planted where there are no overhead wires.

Former Manly Hospital Site

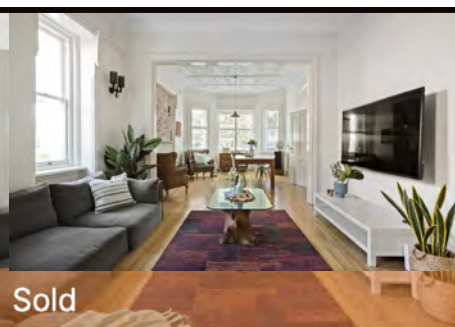
Work has commenced to clear the site and build the Youth Hospice and now the Government is seeking expressions of interest for the remainder of the site. The Director, Advisory and Transactions, Property and Development NSW Housing and Property Group, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is encouraging interested parties and potential partners who are interested in working with the NSW Government to take the opportunity to help transform the former Manly Hospital site into a vibrant health and wellbeing precinct.

The Forum worked hard as a member of the community consultation committee in the lead up to this phase to ensure that the former Manly Hospital site was not sold off and that the Government repurpose the area for a health and wellbeing precinct. Anyone out there interested in renovating the old Manly Hospital rehab pool? There is an opportunity to fill a much-needed gap in local orthopaedic, general reconditioning, and musculoskeletal rehabilitation services. Council is meeting with various health and wellbeing providers to put together a proposal and the community hopes that other local health and wellbeing providers will submit proposals.

Importantly, the project will be delivered via a long-term leasehold agreement with the successful proponent ensuring the site remains in government ownership and custodial control. www.formermanlyhospitalsite.com.au



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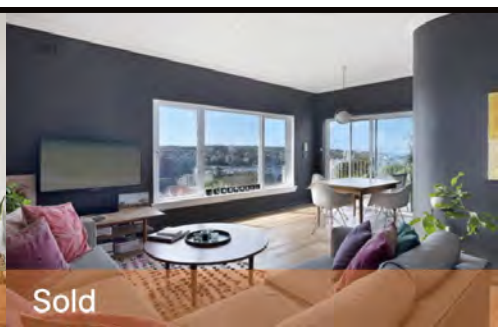
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Brickbats & Bouquets

- Bouquet to the Council for confirming the continuation of the Hop Skip and Jump bus with no action to "review the service" but brickbat for putting the signs up in September saying the service had been reduced to a weekend timetable in July due to COVID.
- Final Bouquet to "Lighthouse Bob" Tagg

"Lighthouse Bob" Tagg passed away a few weeks ago leaving a big gap in his family and our community. He was renowned as a character with a wonderful and checkered past who maintained a close watch on his much loved Manly water areas and in particular the plight of the critically endangered little penguins.

Bob lived in a high rise apartment along Addison Rd with his beloved family from where he could report all the comings and goings of the little penguins and all manner of other maritime activities.

For many years he supported the Little Penguin Recovery team with counting and recording the numbers of penguins rafting up out in the harbour. In recent times he sadly reported the dramatic reduction in penguin numbers.

- Bouquet to Kim Smee who has been keeping us all updated with local news and COVID details specific to the Northern Beaches. No one else provides this level of detail and we thank Kim for her work. Check out manlyobserver.com.au
- Bouquet for the Council for finally removing all the red tape and revealing the beauty of East Esplanade park. The new grassy area and exercise area are proving very popular.



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