

A wide-angle photograph of a coastal scene in Manly. In the foreground, a sandy beach meets the water's edge. A stone wall runs along the beach, with a paved walkway on top where several people are walking. Behind the walkway is a lush green park area with tall, dark pine trees. In the background, residential buildings are visible on a hillside under a cloudy sky. The water is calm with a few small boats in the distance. On the far right, a portion of a blue and white striped structure, likely part of a ferry or boat, is visible.

# MANLY COMMUNITY FORUM

*A community led monthly newsletter for Manly residents*

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**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON MONDAY 16 JUN 25 AT 7PM AT THE MANLY YACHT CLUB**



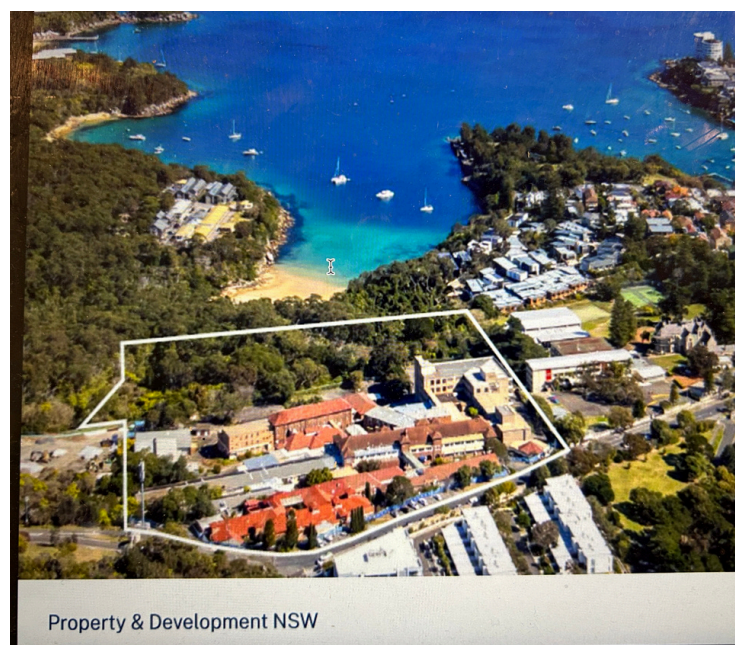
# Review of EV charging infrastructure on public land

EV registrations in the Northern Beaches grew 56% from Jan 2023–24 and a further 83% from Jan 2024–25.

The NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water advice using CSIRO “medium” uptake projections forecast 33,559 EVs in the LGA by 2030. But this projection has already been exceeded, with 4,173 EVs recorded on the NB as of March 2025.

Most EV owners prefer to charge at home, however residents living in terraces, apartments and rental properties are not able to do this and need to rely on public kerbside or commercial charging facilities. Using CSIRO information on anticipated EV charging demand and local Northern Beaches Council community data, it has been estimated that a mix of level 1,2 and 3 ports totalling 1100 charging ports will be required on the Northern Beaches by 2030. Currently there are 18 Level 2 AC and Level 3 DC chargers on public land. This includes 2 EV chargers in Manly, one in West Promenade and one in Ashburner St. In addition there are a total of 24 commercial fast charger plugs (at 12 different stations) and 44 commercial destination charger plugs (at 42 different stations) on the Northern Beaches in various shopping centre car parks.

Council has a partnership with JOLT who proposed several chargers be located on Manly Ocean beachfront and West Esplanade, however negative community feedback regarding the use of new EV chargers as advertising kiosks forced Council to reconsider this proposal. Council now proposes that future partnerships with EV charging companies will be determined through an Expression of Interest (EOI) to the open market, requesting the delivery of EV charging facilities and services. As part of the EOI submission, operators would be asked to outline their proposed business model, including potential shared revenue options, and to demonstrate how they can deliver the best public and financial benefits to Council and the community. It is anticipated that EV charging would be at no cost to Council and Council would not contribute financially towards the installation, maintenance or removal of EV infrastructure operated by a third party. Council would provide clear direction in the EOI process as to where the desired need is for chargers on public land.



## Manly Health and Wellbeing Precinct

Senior staff from NSW Property and Development and AVEO presented their proposal to the MCF at the May meeting.

AVEO intends to build 120 Seniors living 1, 2 & 3 bedroom apartments on the site along with other compatible health and wellbeing services. The Department has conditioned no more than half the site can be used for any one use.

Once the project specific Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the Concept and Early Works for the State Significant Development Application (SSDA) have been issued AVEO will commence five months of due diligence on the site. This will include site and building inspections, testing of ground conditions, biodiversity studies including flora and fauna.

This will be followed later in the year by formal community and stakeholder engagement to inform the preparation of the Concept Masterplan. By the end of 2025 a formal SSDA Masterplan will be lodged with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. The SSDA will be subject to community consultation once it goes on public exhibition, as part of the planning assessment process. Should this be approved AVEO anticipates that the Project will be completed and come to fruition by 2030.

Follow the project on

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/manly-health-and-wellbeing-precinct>

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## Memorials & Naming Honours Policy

Council is seeking feedback on a new Memorials and Naming Honours Policy which intends to sets clear guidelines for managing proposals for memorials and naming honours on Council land. Submission close 22 June 2025.

This draft Policy, once adopted, will replace the 3 existing memorial-related policies from the former Councils and the current Northern Beaches Naming our Reserves, Roads and Facilities Policy. Manly gets duded again by the ‘harmonising’ of Council policies! This draft memorial policy replaces the Former Manly Council Reserves – Outdoor Furniture - Dedication Policy which allowed plain old ordinary residents to pay for an outdoor bench with a small dedication plaque to a loved one placed in our public reserves and open spaces. Despite the introduction on the Your Say page that states Council supports meaningful, respectful and discrete ways to accommodate memorials, including memorial trees and seats, at suitable public spaces on Council land, the policy itself states that its preferred memorial is an unmarked tree.

Furthermore, the draft policy states a memorial will only be considered for a person which honours, celebrates or recognises the historical, cultural, environmental, social or community significance of an individual, event or location. Council’s intention is to make it difficult for mere mortals or ordinary people to have a memorial bench installed in their favourite park or even a tree dedicated to them or their loved ones.



## Squash, tennis and golf centre

Good news. With funding from the NSW Government work has commenced on the Warringah Recreation Centre along Pittwater Rd. A Masterplan was developed in partnership with Tennis NSW, Squash NSW, and the Warringah Golf Club which features three indoor modern squash and five new tennis courts, a new golf clubhouse upgraded amenities, and improved facilities, all aimed at addressing the evolving needs of our community. A 12.5-metre golf barrier net will also be installed to improve safety. Landscaping will include tree replacements and stormwater upgrades to support better drainage and environmental sustainability.

An elevated pedestrian boardwalk will link the tennis courts, Kentwell Road footpath, Warringah Golf Club, carpark, and nearby recreation areas. A new pedestrian crossing will also be introduced to improve safety and movement across the site.

A new eastern carpark will provide 40 spaces, including EV charging and accessible bays. A western carpark and pedestrian bridge over Brookvale Creek are planned for stage two, subject to funding, to improve parking and access.

We now await funding for the proposed gymnastic centre across the road on the old Bowlo site.

## Beachwatch gets a reprieve and some money

Thanks to the advocacy of people who love our waterways, the Labor Government has backed down on their plans to defund Beachwatch. That means ongoing water quality testing at 94 swim spots across Sydney, including our beloved beaches on the Northern Beaches.

The NSW Government has decided to continue the program funding under the current model for another two years and will continue to work with Councils on sustainable long-term arrangements for Beachwatch, as more swim sites open.

The Government now has an opportunity to find a solution to permanent ongoing funding for Beachwatch and the opportunity to extend the program further up the harbour to the newly created inner harbour swimming locations.



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## Brickbats and Bouquets

- **Bouquet** to all the local volunteers who have 'adopted a beach' and cleaned up at East and West Esplanade as well as Little Manly. Keep up the good work :)
- **Brickbat** to Council replacing the outdoor dining tables in Market Lane with milk crates. It is looking a bit desolate now.
- **Bouquet** to the fabulous buskers playing regularly in the Corso. The quality and variety of music is excellent.



## Sunday on Marine Parade



- **Brickbat** to Council for failing to maintain the landscaping including waterlogged and rotting trees along the Manly to Shelly walk. Midday on a busy sunny Sunday a tree fell across the footpath. Fortunately it fell slowly allowing people to avoid being hit. Whilst able bodied walkers moved the tree and could continue around it a group of people with disabilities and in wheelchairs were unable to continue their midday journey.
- **Bouquet** to Council for repairing 1,182 of a reported 1300 potholes on our roads and working to address the remaining as quickly as possible. Report a pothole online on the Council website. (but there are some issues with the quality of the pothole fills!)
- **Brickbat** to the Manly Post Office which continues to irritate locals and visitors alike. Closed at lunchtimes and often impossible to get into if you have difficulty with the three steps. Parents and grandparents with kids in buggies, people on crutches resulting from an injury, the elderly and the wheelchair bound find it very challenging to operate the often out of order lift.

Winner of the Best Café Dining & Best Casual Dining of the Year in Australia for 2024 at the National Restaurant and Catering Awards!

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