

NORTHERN BEACHES NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

I would like to try and clarify some of the apparent misunderstandings about the current rate notices.

When the State Government announced the council amalgamations they assured the community the rate pathways would remain the same over the next four years. This took into account the previously approved special rate variations. This commitment has not changed for either the State Government or Northern Beaches Council.

For some ratepayers there has been no changes to their rates this year, but others will have noticed either an increase or decrease in their rates due to a revaluation of land across the Northern Beaches. However, I can assure you that the overall rate collection by Council has only increased by 1.8% in the former areas of Pittwater and Manly or 3% in respect to the former Warringah area. The land valuations that affect the rates are independently assessed every three years by the NSW Valuer General.

Since the last land valuation in 2012, the former Pittwater area had on average a 25% increase in land values, whilst the former Warringah had an average increase of 42%. Therefore if your land value increased more than 25% or 42% respectively you will receive a rate increase greater than the prescribed increase. Likewise if your land valuation increased by less than that amount, your rates will be less than the prescribed amount or even decrease. The former Manly area received their land valuations the previous year so they will not see a change in their land values this year. If you have concerns relating to your new property valuation, you can contact Land and Property Valuation Call Centre on 1800 110 038.

While the rate revenue to Council has not increased beyond the approved IPART amount, it is important to remember that Council uses rates to pay for all the services it provides to you, the community. This includes everyday services like road maintenance, footpaths, libraries, Lifeguards from Palm Beach to Manly, youth, disability and senior services, childcare centres and vacation care. Income from rates is also used to enhance our area by providing recreational track upgrades, maintenance of more than 200 sportsfields and reserves, servicing of rockpools, bushland regeneration, playground upgrades and community events to name just a few.

I can understand why some may feel their new rates are at odds with the undertakings about no increase in overall rates. It is a very complex system.

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WHAT'S ON?

MANLY ANDREW 'BOY' CHARLTON AQUATIC CENTRE OPENING

Sat 13 Aug, 10am - 7pm
Kenneth Road, Manly

We're throwing open the doors to the new Manly Andrew 'Boy' Charlton Aquatic Centre with free entry all day.

This is a great chance to come and take a dip and check out the new spa pool, steam and sauna rooms or you can try a complimentary workout in our state of the art Wellness Centre.

Free
manlyaquatic.com.au



COUNCIL MEETING

Tue 9 Aug, 6.30pm
Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Mona Vale

The agenda can be viewed online at northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/meetings or at any Northern Beaches Council Customer Service Centre or library.

Requests to address Council or speak at Public Forum should be lodged by 12 noon on Tuesday 9 August by phoning 9970 1289 or submitting a request form which can be downloaded from Council's website.

WARRINGAH ART PRIZE 2016

Creative Space North Curl Curl

The Northern Beaches most prestigious art prize will feature over 150 pieces including original paintings, prints, photographs and small sculptures. Visitors to the exhibitions can also vote in the coveted People's Choice Award.

Free

Waste to Art and Youth Exhibition

Friday 5 - Sunday 14 August

General and Small Sculpture Exhibition

Friday 19 - Sunday 28 August

Exhibition opening hours

Saturday - Wednesday 10am - 4pm

Thursday - Friday 10am - 6pm

POETRY ALIVE

Entries close Fri 12 Aug

Writers are invited to submit poems on the subject 'Spirit of the Collection', in response to artworks in the Manly Art Gallery & Museum's collection.

Selected writers will perform their pieces at the gallery on Sunday 25 September.

Authors can submit their work to meusepress@hotmail.com

More: artgallery@manly.nsw.gov.au or 9976 1421.

RECYCLE MORE COMPETITION

Be in it to win it! So far 15 residents have won Hoyts double movie passes.

Watch the *Recycle More* video and do the quick quiz for your chance to win - recyclemore2016.questionpro.com

FAMILY HISTORY

Mon 15 Aug, 10am - 1pm, Mona Vale Library

Preserve your family history with a workshop about organising all your collected family history memorabilia.

Free

Bookings essential: 9970 1600.

THE READING HOUR

Tue 16 Aug, 6 - 7pm, Mona Vale Library

Primary school children and their parents are invited to listen to the reading of *Fortunately the Milk* by Neil Gaiman.

Free

Ages 5+

Bookings essential: 9970 1600.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

Thu 18 Aug, 11am

Manly War Memorial (cnr of The Corso and Belgrave St)

Join us for the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan and to mark the spiritual homecoming of Warrant Officer Ronald Lees, the fourth Vietnam Veteran to have their name inscribed on the memorial.

The dedication and blessing ceremony will be a moving highlight of this year's Northern Beaches Council's Vietnam Veterans commemorative service.

FUN DAY FRIDAYS

Fri 5 - Fri 26 Aug, 11am - 2pm

Village Park, Mona Vale and Dunbar Park, Avalon

Enjoy free yoga, fitness tips, frisbees, hula hoops, giant games and outdoor libraries.

Grab your family, friends or workmates and limber-up at lunchtime!

Free

More: pittwater.nsw.gov.au/enliven or 9970 1247.

DARK MATTER

Until Sun 4 Sep, Manly Art Gallery & Museum

A new installation by Northern Beaches based artist Julia Davis.

Tue - Sun, 10am - 5pm

Free

More: artgallery@manly.nsw.gov.au or 9976 1418.

NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL NOTICES

FOX BAITING - NOTICE TO PET OWNERS

Council is advising dog and cat owners to keep their pets away from several major reserves while fox baiting is being carried out.

Poison baits will be laid between 8 August and 28 August in the following reserves:

- Manly Dam, Manly Vale
- Red Hill, Beacon Hill
- North Curl Curl Headland
- Allenby Park
- Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge

These reserves will be closed to dogs and cats until 25 September and warning signs will also be displayed in the areas.

The fox baiting program is being conducted in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and involves the use of "Foxoff® Econobait" poison baits, which are designed specifically for fox control. The poison baits contain 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate).

Native animals at risk from foxes:

Southern Brown Bandicoots, Long Nose Bandicoots, Possums, Swamp Wallabies, Native Bush Rats, Brush Turkeys, Eastern Pygmy Possums.

WEED CONTROL PROGRAM

Council is conducting broadleaf weed control on sportsfields and some reserves in the former Warringah area. Works will be between 7am - 4pm weekdays and expected to be completed by end of August, weather depending.

For further information please contact Customer Service on 9942 2111.

REPORT VANDALISM TO TREES

Council is investigating a suspected vandalism attack on a Coral tree on Commonwealth Parade near Esplanade Park at Manly, and is also assessing the health of other nearby native trees, suspected of being poisoned.

We would like to encourage anyone who may have seen anything out of the ordinary in the area to report it to Council on 9976 1500.

QUEENSLIFF BRIDGE PATHWAY REPAIRS

Works are underway to repair the storm damage to the pedestrian pathway beneath the southern side of Queenscliff's Stuart Sommerville Bridge.

A temporary detour for pedestrians and cyclists is in place and works are expected to be completed by the end of August.

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DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

RE-ADVERTISING OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

22 RODBOROUGH ROAD FRENCHS FOREST

Council is re-advertising Development Application No. DA2016/0275 for alterations and additions to a building and use of part of the premises as a child care centre at Lot 35 DP 842139, 22 Rodborough Road, Frenchs Forest. In this regard, there was an error on the application form in relation to the number of children in the proposed development. The actual number of children is 112.

The proposal is 'Integrated Development' pursuant to section 91 of the *Environmental*

Planning & Assessment Act 1979. In this regard, a Bush Fire Safety Authority is required from the NSW Rural Fire Service under Section 100B of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.

The proposal does not constitute designated development. The Northern Beaches Council is the consent authority. The applicant is Building Blocks.

Enquiries: Lashta Haidari, Senior Planner, council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or 9942 2111

Exhibition period: 5 - 23 August 2016.

The application, plans and accompanying documents may be inspected at Council's Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Dee Why between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays. Submissions should be marked with the name of the proposal and are invited in writing online to council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or to Northern Beaches Council, 725 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why NSW 2099.

24 THE STRAND WHALE BEACH

The applicant for Development Application No.310/16 is Joe Wehbe. The consent authority is Northern Beaches Council.

Council is seeking public comment on this proposal prior to determination. This proposal is for demolition of existing structures and construction of a two storey dwelling house with basement car parking and separate single storey kiosk.

Enquiries: Cheryl Williamson on 9970 1111.

Exhibition period: 8 August - 8 September 2016.

The proposal and relevant documents can be viewed at Council's customer service centre at 1 Park Street, Mona Vale during business hours and at pittwater.nsw.gov.au/eplanning.

Any person may make a written submission addressed to the General Manager, marked with the application number. If required, submissions must be accompanied by a Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure Statement, which can be downloaded at pittwater.nsw.gov.au/forms.

All submissions are public documents and may be made available or reproduced in Council reports.

PASADENA 1858 PITTWATER ROAD CHURCH POINT

The applicant for Development Application No.313/16 is Boston Blyth Fleming Pty Ltd. The consent authority is Northern Beaches Council.

Council is seeking public comment on this proposal prior to determination. This proposal is for refurbishment, BCA upgrade and fit out of the existing licensed restaurant and motel accommodation and the construction and use of a new day spa.

This proposal is integrated development and requires a Water Activity Approval from the NSW Office of Water under Section 91 of the *Water Management Act 2000*.

Enquiries: Angela Manahan on 9970 1111.

Exhibition period: 8 August - 8 September 2016.

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