

NORTHERN BEACHES NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

When I sit down each week to write my column I spend time selecting the topic, given it is an important opportunity for me

to communicate with many Northern Beaches Council residents. Unfortunately this week I have no choice but to use the column to correct the record in regard to the very unfair headline in Thursday's *Manly Daily*.

"Council of Bludgers" in large font is not fair to the vast majority of hard working former Councillors who attend meetings of the IAG and LRCs diligently.

The story behind the headline by journalist Robbie Patterson was totally fair and accurate. Robbie attended the Council meeting where this was discussed and followed up by interviewing a number of former Councillors who were accurately quoted.

No problem with the story or reporting.

By choosing to use the term "Council", a collective noun, the headline impugns the reputation of all the former Councillors who are playing an important and valuable role in assisting the new Council and me as the Administrator.

It is true that a few of those involved have not attended as well as I expect. I asked the General Manager to include attendance information in the regular reports to Council. I did this in the interests of openness and transparency. I did not expect this to lead to a negative slur on the reputations of the whole group. It would appear that I have been naïve and for that I apologise.

I spoke to the editor of *The Manly Daily* to convey my disappointment and views directly.

Last Tuesday's Council meeting saw over 100 residents attend the public gallery in support of allowing some beaches to allow access to dogs off the leash. Seven speakers spoke in the Public Forum for and against the idea, with the gallery applauding the 'for' speakers enthusiastically.

I explained that in a situation where all three of the former Councils had clear policies against their proposal, I would only consider opening up the matter if they made a case for urgency to do so. I don't believe they made this case and I determined the matter would not be re-opened.

I did, however, feel that the related issue of the adequacy of other 'off the leash' areas should be reviewed, and undertook to do so.

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WHAT'S ON?

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.



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.

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.

MONA VALE SKATE PARK OPENING

Saturday 3 September, 10am - 3pm
Kitchener Park, Mona Vale

Watch pro skaters carve it up on the new street style course while DJ Adam Russo plays the latest tunes. Bring your gear and get involved in the comps to win fantastic prizes.

More: pittwater.nsw.gov.au/events

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.

STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUPS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

Applications close Sun 4 Sep 2016

Would you like to actively contribute to your community to help shape the Northern Beaches Council's future vision, priorities and objectives?

Positions on the newly formed Strategic Reference Groups (SRG) are aligned to three main themes:

Economic Strategic Reference Groups

- Affordable Housing
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Place Making

Environment Strategic Reference Groups

- Natural Environment
- Waste and Recovery Management
- Sustainable Transport

Social Strategic Reference Groups

- Art, Culture and Heritage
- Community Safety
- Inclusive Communities
- Open Space and Recreation
- Youth

Council aims to include a diversity of members and ensure geographical coverage of the region. Each SRG will comprise 10 people sought from the five geographical areas; as well as five others from across the broader Council region, who demonstrate in their application, their relevant experience, ability to contribute and their expertise for the SRG.

Anyone from the community can apply including nominated members of registered community groups, businesses or individual members of the wider community.

To access the application form and Terms of Reference, please go to northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or for a hard copy, visit any of our Council customer service centres or libraries. Enquiries: Governance - 9942 2111.

Ongoing opportunities to engage with Council will continue via Council meeting, workshops, information sessions, surveys and focus groups as part of Council's community engagement framework during the next 12 months.



MANLY ANDREW
'BOY' CHARLTON
AQUATIC CENTRE

FREE ENTRY TODAY

JOIN IN OUR COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Sat 13 Aug, 10am - 7pm



manlyaquatic.com.au

COUNCIL NOTICES

CHURCH POINT UPGRADES

Construction is about to commence on providing \$10 million in upgrades including:

- A new carpark with 120 new parking spots
- New seawall with suspended timber pedestrian boardwalk (forming part of the recently upgraded commuter wharf)
- Realignment of McCarrs Creek Road between the Commuter Wharf and Rostrevor Reserve
- Improved landscaping and aesthetics.

For more information visit pittwater.nsw.gov.au

NARRABEEN LAGOON ENTRANCE CLEARANCE - TRAFFIC NOTIFICATION

There may be some traffic inconvenience and conditions altered while the Narrabeen Lagoon entrance works are undertaken.

Heavy machinery will be operating within the Lagoon entrance and at sand replenishment sites on Collaroy/Narrabeen Beach and trucks will convey sand between the two locations.

Hours of operation are 7am - 6pm Monday to Friday from mid-August until the works are completed.

Further information: Lachlan Barnes on 9976 1500.

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 the end of August, weather permitting.

For further information please contact Customer Service on 9942 2111.

MAJOR ROAD UPGRADES WARRIEWOOD

Council is investing \$10.2 million into vital infrastructure to improve roads, traffic flow and footpaths in Warriewood. The works will also include a new road bridge over Narrabeen Creek on Macpherson St to reduce the impacts of flooding.

On 12 August 2016, Northern Beaches Council published an Order in the NSW Government Gazette as required under Section 31 of the Roads Act 1993 which fixes or varies the levels of the part of Macpherson Street, Warriewood between Boondah Road and Warriewood Road in the Northern Beaches Council local government area as shown on Pittwater Council Plan No.301015-03441-CI-DWG and Plan No.301015-03441-ST-DWG.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION PLANNING PROPOSAL APPLICATION

FERN CREEK ROAD WARRIEWOOD

Council is seeking public comment on a Planning Proposal Application for 9, 11, 12 and 13 Fern Creek Road, Warriewood (Lots 11, 12 and 13 DP 1092788 and Lot 5 DP 736961) (No. PP0002/16) prior to an assessment of the application being reported to Council. The application seeks to amend the *Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014* to create the southern portion of the planned Central Local Park, Warriewood Valley.

Enquiries: Land Release Team on 9970 1111
Exhibition period: 15 - 29 August 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 and sent to Northern Beaches Council, PO Box 882, Mona Vale NSW 1660.

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.

AMENDMENT TO WARRINGAH DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN

Council is in receipt of application No. EC02799, lodged by Dee Why RSL Club Ltd to amend Part G6 of *Warringah Development Control Plan 2011 (WDCP 2011)*, relating to the Dee Why RSL site at 932 Pittwater Road, Dee Why. The application is being placed on exhibition prior to consideration by Council.

Enquiries: Taylor Richardson, Strategic Planner, 9942 2111 or council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
Exhibition period: 25 July - 25 August 2016

The proposal and relevant documents can be viewed at Council's customer service centre at 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why during business hours and at warringah.nsw.gov.au

Any person may make a written submission addressed to the General Manager, marked with the application number and sent to Northern Beaches Council, 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why.

DRAFT MANLY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP) 2013 (AMENDMENT NO. 12)

Draft LEP Amendment 12 proposes to amend the Manly LEP 2013 to rezone Lot 2759 DP 752038 at the rear of 47 Fisher Street, Balgowlah Heights from RE1 public recreation to R2 low density residential and an adjacent lot (Lot 1 DP 577319) from R2 low density residential to RE1 public recreation. The Minister has chosen to delegate the making of this LEP to Council.

Enquiries: Land Use Planning Group, 9976 1500
Exhibition period: 15 - 27 August 2016

The draft plan can be viewed at any of Council's customer service centres and at Manly Library during business hours or at manly.nsw.gov.au

Any person may make a written submission addressed to the General Manager, marked with Draft LEP Amendment 12 and sent to Northern Beaches Council, PO Box 82, Manly 1655 or by email records@manly.nsw.gov.au

DRAFT MANLY LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (LEP) 2013 (AMENDMENT NO. 13)

Draft LEP Amendment 13 proposes to amend the Manly LEP 2013 to allow secondary dwellings with floor areas up to 75 square metres within existing dwelling houses. The Minister has chosen to delegate the making of this LEP to Council.

Enquiries: Land Use Planning Group, 9976 1500
Exhibition period: 15 August - 12 September 2016

The draft plan can be viewed at any of Council's customer service centres and at Manly Library during business hours or at manly.nsw.gov.au

Any person may make a written submission addressed to the General Manager, marked with Draft LEP Amendment 13 and sent to Northern Beaches Council, PO Box 82, Manly 1655 or by email records@manly.nsw.gov.au