A huge congratulations to the incredible young visual artists recognised as part of the Express Yourself 2020 exhibition of HSC major works from students of 20 local high schools.

The Theo Batten Youth Art Award, named in honour of former local artist Theo Batten who bequeathed funds for the award, was shared between two fantastic emerging artists from Northern Beaches Christian School, Jasmin Pike and George Cox.

The Manly Art Gallery & Museum Society Award was shared between three talented students, Kaya Vulevic, Annika Rose Curotta and Charlie Belic.

Make sure you get down to see the work of these and other young artists at the Manly Art Gallery & Museum before the exhibition closes at the end of the month. You won’t be disappointed!

The Sydney Surf Pro kicks off tomorrow featuring over 200 of the world’s best surfers competing in Manly. Check out Aloha Alley in the back streets and laneways in the evening next Wednesday to Friday and all the colour of the Kombi Rally next Saturday.

Just in time for this event, Council has revamped Manly’s visitor website with plenty of info, events and suggestions for people from out of town. As the tourism gateway to the Northern Beaches hellomanly.com.au is one of the many ways we support local business and encourage people to explore all that our unique area has to offer.

And if you’d like to be part of a local world record breaking attempt to form the world’s largest human pineapple, plus raise funds for the Kid’s Cancer Project, visit bluebottle.org.au now, registrations close tomorrow.

As a final note, like all responsible organisations, Council is taking proactive and measured steps to manage the risk of Coronavirus (COVID-19) to staff and the community, following advice provided by state and federal health authorities. For the latest information visit health.gov.au.

Have a great weekend.

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Sydney Surf Pro
Sun 8 – Sat 14 Mar, Manly Beachfront
See some of surfing’s biggest stars chase important qualifying points as they vie for a spot on the elite Championship Tour at the Sydney Surf Pro.

Enjoy outdoor food, beverages and tunes in Market Lane’s Aloha Alley from 11 – 13 Mar, 5.30 – 8.30pm. Witness a rainbow of retro vans as part of the Kombi Rally on Sat 14 Mar, 9am – 4.30pm. Presented in partnership with Manly Business Chamber.

Harmony Week on the Northern Beaches
Sun 15 – Sat 28 Mar
This Harmony Week, celebrate diversity on the Northern Beaches at one of the many events and open days on offer. Visit unique cultural landmarks, hear traditional stories and explore hidden treasures of our culturally diverse community.

Full program online.

Express Yourself 2020
Open until Sun 29 Mar
Manly Art Gallery & Museum
Enjoy a spectacular display of selected HSC Visual Arts works by talented students from schools across the Northern Beaches.

Have your say
The following projects are open for comment:

DCP Amendments – Mermaid Pool
Submissions close: Sun 15 Mar

Shelly Beach Amenities Upgrade
Drop-in onsite: Today, 9-11am
Comments close: Sun 15 Mar

Northern Beaches Bike Plan (draft)
Submissions close: Sun 29 Mar

Voluntary Planning Agreement – 31 Bellara Ave & 66 Powderworks Rd, North Narrabeen
Submissions close: Sun 29 Mar

Sportsground Lighting – John Fisher Park
Submissions close: Sun 5 Apr

Sportsground Lighting – Passmore Park
Submissions close: Sun 5 Apr

Council notices
Warringah Development Control Plan (DCP) 2011 – amendment
In accordance with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000, public notice is given that Council resolved to approve amendments to the DCP regarding the implementation of the Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan. The amended DCP came into effect on 28 February 2020.

View the DCP online or call us for more information.