

Fairy Bower News

Our community newsletter - November 2007



Next Meeting: Monday 5 November, 7.30 pm Manly Surf Club

From our Chair

Future Management of Cabbage Tree Bay

I can report that the long process of consultation and co-operation is beginning. On Monday 8th October 2007 Council moved unanimously to support the Coastline Committee recommendation that: "Council endorse staff to progress to the development of an Operational Agreement between Council, Department of Environment and Climate Change, and NSW Maritime for the management of Aquatic Reserves adjacent to the Manly LGA".

Boats in the Bay

If you see something and it seems a problem, do say something. Please note any thwarted plan to snorkel or swim in the Bay over the summer period due to a perception of danger from boat movements. Also, if several boats enter the Bay and this looks to create a problem for visitors and locals alike, do mention it. Noting any details such as time, date, number of boats and size, and any identifying vessel name or registration number can all help in the efforts to discover just whether there is a problem or not.



From Robert Meredith:

As a long term resident in Bower Street I welcome the sight of boats large and small in Cabbage Tree Bay, boats are part of the life of a coastal community! I say this as a non-sailor, I simply find that when boats are in the bay the place feels more alive, they are an addition to the view. It seems to me that if swimmers can't give a boat enough of a berth not to put themselves at risk they shouldn't be in the water. Please allow people to take some personal responsibility in such matters - not everyone wants to live in a nanny-state!

Humans to send beach sign

Come and celebrate Manly beach and ocean on Sunday 2 December by being part of a human sign on the beach. Some 5000 people are expected to mark out a special message about renewable energy. The festival, from 10am to 5pm, will also include the national launch of the Clean Energy for Eternity campaign and the launch of Manly's Solar Surfclubs.

Secondhand Saturday

Manly Council is appealing to people to turn their trash into someone else's treasure on the Saturday before the general clean up collection. Residents are encouraged to host garage sales before they place items out for collection. Council will help by advertising the address of the garage sale on the Saturday morning and promoting it by special banner. For more information contact Council's Waste Officer on 99761655 or email kylie.robertson@manly.nsw.gov.au

Pass these details on to your precinct chair with an email headed "CTB Boats". Jennifergrant.jary@bigpond.com. Please don't email any photos but instead copy them on to a disc.

Fairy Bower Pool

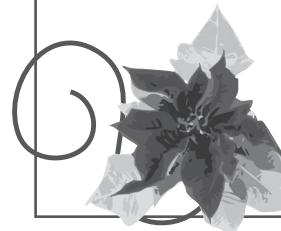
Manly Council has been offered our formal comments on the DA for upgrade of the pool and repairs to it. The full report is set out later in this newsletter.

Pedestrian Crossing at Victoria Parade & South Steyne

Manly Council has approved the installation of a pedestrian crossing over South Steyne at Victoria Parade. Work has been promised to happen within the financial year 2007-08. For those of us who walk using the current pedestrian island on Victoria Parade the new crossing cannot be installed soon enough. Walking back from school to Fairy Bower is fraught as a pedestrian standing on the island cannot see the cars coming around the corner into Victoria Parade from behind.....

Jennifer Grant Jary, Chair

Fairy Bower Precinct Community Forum



Remember the Fairy Bower Precinct

Christmas Party

see leaflet for details



Fairy Bower Pool Repairs & Proposed Upgrade

Work on repairs and upgrade of Fairy Bower Pool is not due to start until winter next year. In the meantime, the Fairy Bower Precinct Community Forum met on October 8 and robust discussion was held about the proposed refurbishment of the Fairy Bower Pool. Several separate motions were put, and voted on, in order to clearly determine the views of the community as a whole.

It was noted that there had been a proposal in 1996 to upgrade and fence this pool. The community opposed it at the time. That proposal did not proceed.

Essentially, the meeting unanimously agreed that the community do want the following: basic repairs done to the floor of the pool and a safety rail installed on the inside edge of the pool (at no more than water height) adjacent to the Marine Parade walkway; a smooth but not level bottom surface of minimal thickness; a ladder installed on the outside of the Pool for access by snorkellers; and repairs to the concourse running alongside the walkway to create an even surface.

The meeting decided that Fairy Bower precinct community forum was against the proposed laying of a concrete concourse along the western end of Fairy Bower Pool and the proposed installation of accompanying safety fence along its edge. Simple repair of the broken pipe is the only work unanimously desired along that end of the Pool. The desire for more places to sit or lie after a swim was not considered a priority by the majority of attendees if it involved installing the long concrete concourse.

The precinct forum also formally requested that "Council staff consult with nominated Precinct representatives with regard to the final design of the pool upgrading works, in line with the wishes indicated by the Precinct".



Consultation

Manly Mayor Peter Macdonald has since advised us that Council staff have assured him the planning of the works will be done in consultation with the Precinct as things progress. He explained in an email letter to the Chair of our forum that the DA had to be run past the Landscape Management and Urban Design Committee (CLUM) as a matter of course because there are "public design" issues involved. The concrete concourse was rejected at the recent meeting of that committee but it was suggested that the pipe be covered with a wooden boardwalk which could be extended beyond the eastern edge to end above deep water. The question of a safety fence may be non-negotiable on the basis of advice from Council's Risk Manager.

Peter further advises that the Fairy Bower Pool DA can be called up to a Council LUM meeting for inspection and further input from the community.

Thanks to all of those residents who attended the meeting and put their views.

Jennifer Grant Jary Chair Fairy Bower Precinct Community Forum

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