

FAIRY BOWER NEWS



Fairy Bower Precinct Community Forum Newsletter August/September 2006

Come To The Precinct Meeting

to be held on

TUESDAY*, 5 September 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

1st Floor Manly Surf Pavilion, South Steyne

Please Note Change of Day to **Tuesday*

Main Topics for the Meeting:

- Welcome to New Residents
- General Manager's Visit
- DA presentation
- General Business



Mr. Henry Wong, General Manager of Manly Council

Henry Wong, Council's General Manager, to Speak at Precinct Meeting

Henry Wong, Manly Council's General Manager, is taking time out from his busy schedule to speak at the Precinct meeting on Tuesday, 5 September.

This is a meeting not to be missed. Come along and be updated on the many issues which are of concern and interest to Manly residents.

- Find out how Manly's major developments, such as The Corso upgrade, are progressing,
- Hear what the G.M. says about 'Manly After Midnight'
- Listen to his take on a range of topics such as the use of bore and recycled water in Manly's public parks.

Don't Miss This Meeting!

Cycling Times on Marine Parade

There is some confusion on the times at which cycling is permitted on Marine Parade.

Council's regulations state that **cycling is not permitted on Marine Parade** between the hours of **9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays or on public holidays.**

Upcoming DAs:

DA 326/2006—5 College Street

DA 330/2006—76 Bower Street

Note: DAs received too late for publication can be found on Manly Council's website manly.nsw.gov.au. The site also offers excellent DA search facilities.

**Fairy Bower
Precinct Committee**

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Darley Road LATM (Traffic) Plan

On Friday, 18 August, the writer and Ray Mathieson, Chairman Little Manly Precinct, were given a detailed description and the rationale of the Darley Road LATM (Local Area Traffic Management) plan by John Inglese, Manly Council's Traffic & Transportation Manager and its Transport Planner, Steve Calderon.

Starting at Manly Hospital and walking down Darley Road to its junction with Victoria Parade traffic issues were explained.

The position of the traffic engineers on the contentious issue of pedestrian crossings was discussed. John and Steve pointed out that RTA's requirements for pedestrian crossings are not met on Darley Road south of Victoria Parade. They claimed that pedestrian refuges designed to RTA specifications would provide pedestrians with the necessary safety and told us that the existing Darley Road pedestrian refuge (between Cliff and Ashburner Sts.) is sub-standard. The recently installed refuge at the junction of Darley Road and Victoria Parade is typical of the ones which will be constructed under the Darley Road LATM Plan.

The effects of roadway 'nibs' were described: the 'nibs' will jut out into the road thereby pinching it in order to give better visibility to traffic entering Darley Road and to slow down fast traffic.

Upon completion of the Darley Rd Traffic Plan, pedestrian activity will be re-monitored by Council staff and, should this monitoring reveal any place where a pedestrian crossing is warranted, appropriate action will be taken.

When asked on the timing, John said he would aim at marking out the roads during September but he thought it would be some months before the construction work started.



Darley Road LATM Inspection (l-r) Steve Calderon, John Inglese, & Jack Newton

From a Fairy Bower viewpoint, the plan, as described by John and Steve looks well thought out and flexible enough for its continued adaptation to increased future traffic flow in Darley Road.

Our thanks to the traffic experts, John & Steve, for their presentation.

Community Announcements

Upcoming Events

Manly Arts Festival

- Friday 8th to Sunday 24th September 2006

Manly Jazz Festival

The Manly Jazz Festival is the largest and longest running community based Jazz Festival in Australia

- Saturday 30th September to Monday 2nd October 2006

Chemicals Clean Out

Manly Council residents are invited to dispose of their unwanted chemicals and hazardous items **FOR FREE** during collection weekends occurring between 9am & 3.30pm on:

- 9th & 10th September 2006 - Warringah Aquatic Centre, Frenchs Forest
- 30th September 2006 - St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Road, St Ives

At The August 7 Meeting :

Traffic: An additional pedestrian crossing on Darley Road is presently not in the Council's plans [See page 2].

Fairy Bower pool upgrade – Residents were asked to check Fairlight pool to see the type of handrails proposed for Fairy Bower pool. It was requested that the Precinct be consulted re pool paint colour.

The following DAs were considered:

DA 278/06 - 1/124 Addison Road Precinct
noted – no comment

DA 270/06 - 5 Bower Street
Precinct expressed its concern over non-compliance of FSR but did not oppose the DA.*

DA 250/06 - 74 Bower Street
Precinct expressed its concern over the DA's non-compliance with certain DCP requirements

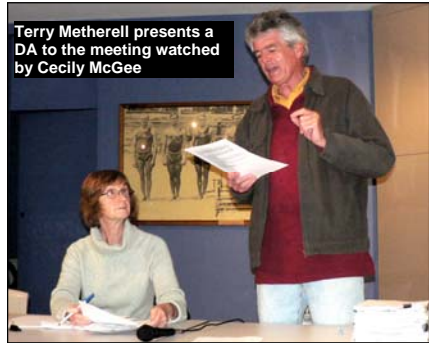
DA 237/06 - 51 Bower Street
Precinct did not oppose the DA.

DA 314/06 - 110-112 Bower Street
Precinct advised rejection of this DA because its view is that it would be a massive and bulky overdevelopment with significant adverse effects on the neighbourhood.

*Concern was expressed that FSR (Floor Space Ratio) limits are being exceeded in many of the DAs the precinct sees.

Marine Parade Shared Pathway

The meeting was told that less obtrusive RTA



compliant signs would replace the objectionable yellow 'Keep Left' signs. Some residents asked that cyclists should show more compliance with the rules, e.g. only cycling during permitted times [for permitted cycling times see p.1] and ringing their bells to warn pedestrians

Reddall Street Sub-Station Site

It was agreed that low level salt resistant shrubs be planted and cared for to ensure their longevity. The meeting expressed its wish that no seat be placed on the site.

Department of Planning LEP

Hugh Burns reported on the new LEP (Local Environment Plan) that the Dept. of Planning wishes to apply to all local councils. He said that such a plan would have difficulty in meeting the many diverse requirements of widely different local municipalities.

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Noise St Patrick's College

In response to a noise complaint, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the *International School of Management* strongly protesting excessive noise levels and requesting the College to exercise more control and supervision of outdoor sound systems at future functions.

Liquor Accord Meeting

Cecily McGee attended the meeting and reported that the new Manly Police Area Commander was likely to be a positive force in dealing with the current alcohol-related problems in the Corso.

Wildflower Time—Walking Track off Bluefish Drive

It's spring and now's the time to check out the upgraded walking track just east of Manly Hospital, off Bluefish Drive. The native flowers are blooming madly up there at the moment. You can see about 20 different varieties in the full palette of colours. The upside of a bushfire a couple of years ago is the propagation of a new generation of

native vegetation. The rain we've had over winter has also created a pond on a lovely sandstone platform. **To get there** walk (or drive) up Darley Road, past Manly Hospital, then it's on the left about 500 metres along Bluefish Drive, towards the Sydney Water plant. 10-15 minutes walk takes you to the 'hole in the wall' and then you can make your way down to Shelly Beach, and a coffee!

- Story and Photo by Cecily McGee -



Panoramic View from Track

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