

Fairy Bower Precinct

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

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NEXT PRECINCT MEETING:

Wednesday 6th April 2016, 7pm start, St. Patricks College.

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Last weekend, autumn finally arrived, with a little more crispness in the air and a clearer passage along Marine Parade. We all grew up or moved to Manly knowing that it was a tourist destination but I'm sure we all appreciate it when autumn rolls around and our suburb is a little less crowded, at least during the week. Saturday was a particularly glorious day; the clear waters of Cabbage Tree Bay shimmered, the sun wasn't too hot to enjoy and all was well with the world. I guess that's why so many of us do our bit at a precinct level, to ensure that we work with the Council to balance the demands that tourism brings with amenity for locals. It will be interesting to see how the Precinct system might work in a different council consideration. Watch this space.

Fairy Bower Pool

Henry Wong, the General Manager, made a surprise visit to the March Precinct meeting to specifically ask the Precinct about the proposed upgrade of the pool. It was a timely visit as we had received another complaint about the pool that day.

The General Manager agreed with the Precinct that

- The first priority would be to re-profile the pool and re-surface. The existing depth needs to be retained and some consideration should be given the painting the bottom of the pool the lovely blue as it was originally.
- The surrounds should stay the same to respect the heritage status of the pool

Henry offered to provide working drawings of the proposal to the Precinct. It was also noted that a grill over a drain washed away in a recent storm and has not been replaced.

I would like to thank resident Robyn Hall who has been a regular attendee at Precinct meetings and who has kept the pool 'on the agenda' and who volunteered to represent the Precinct at a recent site meeting.

Guest Speakers

Our guest speaker at the March meeting was Michael Hedger, Director of the Manly Art Gallery.

Michael gave a most informative presentation on the Gallery with insights into the most recent exhibition 'Destination Sydney' which attracted about 16000 visitors to the Gallery. The Midnight Oil exhibition which was curated by the Manly Gallery and is currently still touring attracted 20,000 visitors. It's a wonderful local gallery which we are very lucky to have in our suburb.

For our April meeting we have Ed McPeake the Manager of Environmental Programs at Manly Council who will talk about 'the environmental levy and how it works for Fairy Bower Precinct and surrounds' as well as hopefully give us an update on Fairy Bower Pool and other items on our wish list.

Penny Verdich | Chair



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ANZAC DAY 2016

Monday 25th April 2016

Manly War Memorial, The Corso

4.25am Dawn Service of Remembrance

11.00am Commemoration Ceremony

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MAIN COUNCIL RESPONSES

Braille information strips on the sculptures along Marine Parade:

Quotation were sought in February 2016, from the company which completed original signs on the braille bronze sculptures along Marine Parade. Council is awaiting a response for consideration.

Traffic and Parking Issues on Eastern Hill during events:

Council will investigate this matter and if necessary, undertake a traffic study to understand the concerned location. Any proposed recommendations would be referred to the Manly Traffic Committee.

Accessible ramp in Darley Road:

Council has carried out an investigation of the site and has found this request is not feasible due to the topography and the longitudinal slope at the location.

FROM ANDREW GOLDSMITH AT THE BOATHOUSE

We have been very happy with The Boathouse Shelly Beach so far. We are very appreciative of the overwhelming support (and patience!!) which we have received especially from our local guests as we try and get the venue to run smoothly and provide a good experience.

Thank you also to the Fairy Bower Precinct for choosing to hold your end of year event with us. We enjoyed this a lot and we hope that you might choose to do this again. It was much more fun than the Palm Beach Equivalent!!

Shelly Beach has been a very different venue to get the hang of from Palm Beach and Balmoral. There is much larger number of tourists which we have visit each day so it has been more challenging to give the love to our locals and regulars than in our other venues. Carrying out such extensive renovations was also a new experience for us. After trading now for just over 9 months now we have a large list of changes and improvements which we hope to make this year.

We are looking forward to opening on Sunday evenings from Spring. This we believe will be a great fit for Shelly Beach. We will continue to trade throughout the afternoon with our kitchen closing at 8pm. This is something that we have done at Balmoral in the past and it has been a great success. We found it was a nice way for people to end there weekends. Sunday evenings we found to be predominantly our locals coming down to have a early meal or a drink to finish the weekend.

In the meantime these cooler months we always look forward to as a good chance to catch up and prepare for next summer. We have a new menu which we will roll out in the coming weeks which will suit the cooler days.

GRAINS OF ...

The Honda 400 motor bike, the “Superdream” that used to reside 8 metres from sea level on the seabed of Cabbage Tree Bay, has gone!

A little fossicking reveals that in 1994, “as if by magic”, the motor bike appeared in Cabbage Tree Bay, tethered by a chain and sitting upright by means of its stand on the seabed.

Manly Dive Centre clients and, no doubt, thousands of expert and amateur divers have witnessed its presence over the years.

It was said to be one of the items the nursery divers had to locate to pass their certificate, amongst other items such as the beautiful Blue Groper and a treasure chest !

Living up to its name, the Honda 400 is now a dream! Although, as recently as this week, it has been sighted at the edge of The Bower break at low tide, alas, no longer majestic and upright but resting broken in pieces and seaweed enmeshed,

There are lots of images of the bike, on google - Motor Bike in Cabbage Tree Bay, Manly - including a scuba diver astride the bike.

Many thanks to Barbara Curtis for researching this interesting piece of local history with a twist



THE DARLEY DAYS DIGEST BY SARAH REID

Hello again Fairy Bower Precinct! The Hubby & I are back and ready to dust off our little project...to try all 100+ eateries in Manly and give a local's perspective on our blog **DarleyDays.com**. While we were away there have been several new eateries that have popped up and some familiar ones that have retired. Have you checked out the **Little Love Inn**?...it was love at first sight. What about **Harry Phat's**? Or **Sunset Sabi**? **Cured**? **Cuba Miami** didn't last long and **China Beach** has set sail but The Hold has just had approval for outdoor seating as has **Donny's Bar**. Oh it is so exciting. Manly, we just adore you.

We got straight to work and updated the **Eatery List**, our essential tool for figuring out where we need to eat. The Eatery List has all the links to the restaurants/cafe/pubs for you to utilise yourself and get out amongst it. **This is YOUR list as much as it is ours**. Share it with your mates, link it on Facey or your website. And of course, if you notice we have missed an establishment, find a broken link or you can fill in the details on a few '?' sprinkled throughout, please let us know.



Now, let's talk food. Have you been to **Sunset Sabi** yet? It is a must and already a local's favourite. It is located down on Pittwater Road and takes up tenancy where the Pony Room used to occupy. Sunset Sabi is sushi bar, cocktail bar and 'funky kitchen' as the crew describes their menu. It is not just your traditional style sushi that you get at **Izumi** or **Waka**, it is a mash-up of tradition with inspiration. There are no rules, only the rules of your taste buds – that's how culinary creativity works. Leave your inhibition at the door and get ready to savour new textures, flavours and freshness as Sunset Sabi's food is fresh, creative and oh soooo fun! I described it to a friend as a shit hot Melbourne eatery vibe but in Manly. Love this town.

We also got out and about a ticked off **The Hold** from our list recently. The Hold is located on the pedestrian pathway of Sydney Road. The establishments name does not give away what type of cuisine is on offer. It is a bit of a mystery... So when I said to the Hubby, lets try out **First Table** site this week, The Hold appeared on their roll call of restaurants and the cuisine catalogued was American (New), Gastro Pub Food...ah ha mystery solved! These are some serious burgers and may not be for the faint hearted. I ordered the Captain Jack Burger without the Bourbon BBQ sauce and to me it certainly did not seem like it was missing it. The Captain & I got on very very well. Yep, it was delicious, juicy, tasty, great flavours and was the burger of the night. In fact, when I get a hankering for a burger again, **The Hold** will come top of mind now for places to go. However, if you are not a burger person, I am extremely happy to report that the greens did not get overlooked when designing the menu and our salad was seriously delicious and packed with flavour too.

To read the full review of these eateries, follow The Hubby & I on our journey by subscribing to the blog at **darleydays.com** or **@darleydays** if you are on instagram. Plus, we have compiled **The Eatery List** on the blog, which catalogues all the eateries in Manly and links you to their websites too.

Check it out!



ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICES IN MANLY

On ANZAC Day we remember all of the men and women who have served Australia in times of war or armed conflict, or international peace keeping operations. ANZAC Day Commemoration Services will be held in Manly and conducted by the Mayor, Jean Hay AM, to mark the occasion.

Monday 25th April 2016, Manly War Memorial, The Corso

4.25am Dawn Service of Remembrance

11.00am Commemoration Service (*all marchers to assemble by 10.40am*).

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SOMEBODY TAKING SOMETHING THEY SHOULDN'T?

Rangers: **9976 1633**

Fisheries: **8437 4903**

Manly Police: **9976 8099**

'Eco-Divers' Dave: **0421 334 529**

24/7 Fisher's Watch: **1800 043 536**

Water Police: **9320 7499**

Maritime: **9563 8555**

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**03
APRIL**

20/Twenty Challenge.

A team-oriented fundraising event hosted at Shelly Beach, for children with cerebral palsy that includes swimming, walking and kayaking. www.20twentychallenge.org.au

**09-26
APRIL**

School Holidays.

Need some ideas to keep the kids entertained these school holidays? Check out this website for ideas... nbkidsguide.com.au

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APRIL**

ANZAC Day.

A Dawn Service of Remembrance will be held at the Manly War Memorial, The Corso Manly at 4.25am. Also a **Commemoration Service**, Manly War Memorial, The Corso 11.00am



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