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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

03
AUGUST

Dogs Day Out.

Clontarf Reserve
Sunday, 3rd August

at 10.30am until 2.30pm

16
AUGUST

Manly Village School Markets.

Darley Road and
Wentworth Street, Manly.
Contact: Simon on 9949 2351

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AUGUST

Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony.

Manly War Memorial,
Whistler Street, Manly.
11:00 am - 11:45 am

Fairy Bower Precinct

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NEXT PRECINCT MEETING:

Wednesday 6th August 2014, 7pm start, St. Patricks College.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.fairybowerprecinct.com.au

AUGUST MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker: Jim Boyce

Add to your knowledge of our special corner of the world, come along to our August meeting to learn about the history of Manly, from arguably the peninsula's expert on all matters historical, Jim Boyce from the Manly Warringah Heritage Society. Jim will be presenting a history of Manly with particular focus on the Fairy Bower Precinct and the role the landscape and seascape have in the way the history of the area has unfolded. Jim will talk about the Aboriginal history, St Patricks Estate as well as the evolution of Fairy Bower Beach from a sizeable sandy beach to the sliver of sand it is today.

TO OUR FAIRY BOWER RESIDENTS

Many of us who are more recent arrivals to Manly, are keen to learn about the history of our local area, '**Seven miles from Sydney, a thousand miles from care**'. If you don't have to battle the Spit Bridge on a daily basis, it still seems like that. Jim Boyce (guest speaker at the August meeting) will bring along the listing of all heritage items in the Precinct and speak about some of the painters depicting the area such as Conrad Martens.

One of the areas we are working with Manly Council to address, is the cliff face below the steps and walkways from the Surf Club up to Reddall and Bowers Sts. At our August meeting we will discuss a further submission to Council which urges them to move forward on the development of a Management Plan for this area. Fairy Bower resident, John Lehmann has prepared a very comprehensive submission, particularly on the invasive species of the Kaffir Plum, which is a particularly noxious tree.

Another matter that we are concerned about and are ensuring we have representation on any planning committee, is the proposed upgrade of Marine Parade and Walkway. Council has assured us that we will have representation from the earliest planning stages so we will be making sure that does indeed happen.

We are delighted to have a 'blogette' in our newsletter this month and each subsequent month. Local resident Sarah Reid has created a blog telling of her weekly adventures, along with her husband, of eating out in Manly. At one eatery a week, they have two years of Thursday night dining ahead of them! We are the lucky recipients of their advice and comment.

Penny Verdich - Chair

THE BOATHOUSE AT SHELLY

Pip and Andrew Goldsmith of the Boathouse Team will be providing a regular update on the progress of the restaurant. They also thanked us for the opportunity to be involved in our June precinct meeting.

The DA has been approved and they are waiting for the last couple of stages to be finalized, including the lease assignment.

All going to plan they aim to start work at the beginning of August and hope to open early December.

In the meantime the coffee cart will be open, and please feel free to ask any questions or give any feedback to the Boathouse team.

SPEARFISHING/FISHING WITHIN CABBAGE TREE BAY

As you would all be aware Cabbage Tree Bay is a No Take Aquatic Reserve.

We have been advised by Fisheries NSW that for the year to date Fisheries Officers have apprehended 4 spear fishers and have issued 10 compliance orders which include Penalty Notices and Written Cautions.

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JULY MEETING

Ben Young provided an interesting talk on his Wildlife-ID App which can be used to identify animals and fish using your Android or I Phone. It is a work in progress and everyone is urged to submit photos that can be added to the collection.

Council Responses

Bower Reserve Fig Tree: Parks Staff instructions to re visit the site and carry out further trimming to the fig tree, planned date prior to 3rd July 2014.

Fairy Bower Pool Gate Valve: The gate valve at the Fairy Bower Pool will not be installed in the pool. Council has engaged suitably qualified contractors to remove the existing gate valve from the outside of the swimming pool and to have it replaced with a new gate valve in that location.

Heritage Walk and Marine Parade Vegetation Management Plan: The Parks manager photographed the areas as discussed at the site meeting. A proposal is being prepared for referral to the Precinct for consideration.

Marine Parade drafting of Masterplan: The draft master plan was referred to a working group of the Public Domains Committee. Numerous authorities having responsibility in this area, and any draft plans have to be consulted with those authorities. The Committee is aware of the request for a draft master plan, currently, resources to carry out the planning are yet to be sought.

Penny Verdich has sought clarification from Council as to our repeated requests to be involved in this working group.

REVIEW OF CABBAGE TREE BAY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND MANLY OCEAN BEACH COASTLINE MANAGEMENT PLAN.



Protection and management of Cabbage Tree Bay is provided for under Manly Council's Cabbage Tree Bay Management Plan. The plan has been in place since 2000 and is due

for renewal. In a resolution of Council on 5 March 2012, it was decided that the number of coastal management plans should be reduced from 8 plans to 4 plans. This will allow better coordination of management across adjacent areas. Council has received grant funding for the review of the current Cabbage Tree Bay Management Plan which will be incorporated with the Manly Ocean Beach Coastline Management Plan.

The new plan will be a Coastal Zone Management Plan, updated as per amendments to the Coastal Protection Act 1979 and guidelines. The completed plan would be submitted to the Minister for the Environment for certification under the Act. Once the new plan is certified, compliance with the new plan will be required for any development application. A review of achievements under the existing plan is underway and consultation will commence over the next few months, in order to obtain important input from the local community. The views of precincts will be sought regarding current issues and suggestions for management actions.

Budget Bids

Council has informed us that we have been successful in two of our three budget bids. Firstly money has been allocated for the preparation of a Management Plan for the rehabilitation and on-going maintenance of the Bower Street Reserve. Secondly money has been allocated to paint and clean the filter box at Bower Pool (currently underway) and finally investigation is still ongoing as to our request for additional tree planting at Shelly Beach.

Manly Wharf – s96 DA 142/2011 – Modification of court approved first floor additions including additional outdoor seating and floor area of approved restaurants

The Precinct previously objected to this proposal. The Court reduced the proposed development from 4 to 2 restaurants. The new proposal effectively increases the capacity of the restaurants by over 40% with over 300m² of additional outdoor seating which is equivalent of another restaurant.

Fairy Bower Precinct does not support the application for the following reasons:

- The proposed increase in floor area is equivalent to one additional restaurant;
- Overdevelopment of the site with yet more licensed floorspace and the cumulative impact this will have on alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour in the area;
- No additional parking; and
- Impact of the re-development will have on the Fairy Penguin population.



THE DARLEY DAYS DIGEST BY SARAH REID

Did you know that there are over 100 eateries in our little corner of heaven?

Have you been to each and every one of them?

Manly has so much to offer us as residences with stunning beaches, the Corso, ferry services, nature walks, festivals...the list is endless really. It is a special spot in the world and The Hubby and I are on a mission to take full advantage of what Manly has to offer. In particular, we want to try each of those 100+ eateries as we realised we only frequent about 10% of them. To keep us accountable and motivated to complete our little challenge, we have kicked off the **Darley Days** blog where we will dine, review and trial every Manly restaurant, café and pub in town! We will be heading out every Thursday night to try a new restaurant and posting our review on the blog **darleydays.com** each Saturday for you, the Manly local, to benefit from. Here is the recap of our experience so far:

The last four Thursdays have found us at the **Belgrave Cartel** (6 Belgrave Street), **Manly Eat-Well Chinese** (153 Pittwater Street), **Havana Beach** (14 South Steyne) and **Jah Bar** (9-15 Central Ave). None of which we had frequented often but all that left us with an enthusiasm and appreciation of the restaurant scene in Manly.

The Belgrave left us feeling like we had experienced something special. The 'Stuzzichini' style cuisine, which means Spanish tapas with an Italian twist, hit the spot and their 'Mama's Lasagne' is a must order if you have never been there before. The genuine love in their food, the atmosphere and space they have created, plus the natural friendliness of the staff made the Belgrave Cartel an instant favourite.

Manly Eat-Well Chinese blew us away and was by far the tastiest Chinese in Manly that we have discovered. It was hard to turn away from the Chef's recommendations on the opening pages of the menu and we were glad we didn't. In particular, the lamb pancakes with marinated shredded lamb, shallots, onions and spicy sauce served with homemade pancakes were delicious and the freshness of the pancakes just made us smile with gratitude. Eat-Well is a little gem at 'the other end of Manly' that will see us on our bikes more regularly to tuck into their gratifying cooking.

Havana Beach hit all the right notes on our Thursday night, with their 2-for-1 mojitos, live Jazz music and the amazing value for their generous and delicious plates of food. Not only that but the atmosphere and space at Havana is sensational and well planned. It would be an ideal spot for a private party or impress an out of town guest – it just has that unique character and experience that makes you feel proud it is in your backyard.

The Jah Bar had tempted us in with their special of 4 tapas and a bottle of wine for two people for \$65. We had friends join us that evening, and so we doubled the special and were delighted with the results. The wine went down a treat and the conversation and laughter flowed but it was the fish tacos that did actually interrupt our conversation. They were like none you have ever tried. The freshness of the snapper in the cured flavours of tequila and lime on top of guacamole and caramelized onions made our tastebuds stand up and dance. But it was the taco shell that pulled it all together to make the disco lights shimmer. It was that good, we ended up ordering an extra plate!

Follow The Hubby & I on our journey by subscribing to the blog at **darleydays.com** or @darleydays if you are on Instagram. We have complied **The Eatery List** on the blog, which catalogs all the eateries in Manly and links you to their websites too. Plus, we will keep the list updated with the newest eateries to join the scene. Have a look at the list and let us know in the comments how many you have been to!

Also, make sure you pop into **The Roast Office** (37 Darley Road), the new café on Darley Road occupying the old Post Office premise. Joel, a local Fairy Bower resident, has opened the doors of the new café serving excellent coffee, muffins, soups, sambos and hints there is more to come. Plus, you can now buy your local paper here, sit down and read the ones supplied to patrons or jump on their free WiFi with your laptop or tablet. We are excited to have this new edition to the Manly scene right in our own precinct! Make sure you stop in and support the local lads. The Roast Office is open from 6.30-4pm Monday-Friday and 7-4.30pm Saturday and Sundays.

