

Fairy Bower Precinct

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

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NEXT PRECINCT MEETING:

Wednesday 4th March 2015, 7pm start, St. Patricks College.

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www.fairybowerprecinct.com.au

FAIRY BOWER PRECINCT – YOUR COMMUNITY AT WORK.

February saw the culmination of two Precinct projects, one that had been five years in the making and one whose gestation was a little shorter.

BOWER STREET 40KM SPEED LIMIT

Precinct member Roger Band has worked tirelessly as the our representative, working with both Council and the Roads and Maritime to have 40km signs erected in Bower St. Those of us who live in Bower St or drive along it regularly are frequently frustrated by drivers who don't acknowledge that they are in a narrow residential street. It is impossible to legislate against stupidity but it is hoped that the reduced speed limit helps to make Bower St safer for residents and visitors alike. The 5th March is 'Signs Up' day! Thank you Roger for your work on this project.

CLIFF FACE ABOVE THE SURF CLUB, BETWEEN REDDALL AND BOWER

John Lehmann's, research showed that two of the plants were invasive species and their removal and the thinning of other vegetation would result in the opening up of the Public Vistas from the steps. Council agreed with the Precinct and our advice was transformed into a plan to open up the views once again. We are still working with Council to ensure that the cliff face is revegetated, preventing further erosion.

WHAT'S NEXT

2015-2016 BUDGET BIDS

At our February meeting we revisited the projects we had nominated over the past few years. We determined that the following three projects were important to us, representing two major and ongoing projects and one that is much more easily funded and achieved but none the less important.

The following notes are from our application to Council.

REGENERATION OF CLIFF FACE BETWEEN REDDALL AND BOWER STREETS

We have nominated this project in previous years. We appreciate the work that the Council has already completed and want to press for further work, especially in the area from the point around to Bower Lane. Precinct representatives are happy to meet with Council representatives to discuss Council's existing plans and what might be possible. We would like to be able to inform the Precinct the Council's plans for this area.

MASTER PLAN FOR MARINE PARADE

We appreciate Council's commitment to include the Precinct in any plans for the rejuvenation and renovation of Marine

parade and we are keen that a plan be developed so that when funds become available Council is 'ready to go'.

BRILLE INFORMATION STRIPS ON THE SCULPTURES ALONG MARINE PARADE

These have disappeared/worn away and we request that they be replaced.

MARINE PARADE – WE'VE STARTED TO GATHER IDEAS!

Last Sunday, Henrietta May invited interested residents to join her for a 'walk and talk', along Marine Parade, to discuss and list ideas for the upgrading of this iconic walkway. She's written a report in this newsletter so you can see the ideas. If you have an idea for the upgrade, please email them to Henrietta at fairybowernewsletter@gmail.com.

GUEST SPEAKER – WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

Our guest speaker for March will be Pablo Brait from the Nature Conservation Group of NSW. Pablo supports the local Manly group working on the Our Land, Our Water, Our Future. If you'd like to learn more about Coal Seam Gas Mining in NSW come along.

Penny Verdich – Chair

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MARINE PARADE IDEAS WALK

Last Sunday morning a group of nine interested residents came for a walk along Marine Parade and discussed what we would like to see included in – or excluded from – Manly Council's renovation and upgrade of Marine Parade.

There was general agreement about many of the major items and some different ideas from individuals. We agreed that council should do some of these things as maintenance, without waiting for a major project.

Repair of drainage systems and seawall will obviously be an essential and expensive part of the project.

Paving – Everyone wants to see an even surface on the walkway as well as resurfacing of the narrow concrete strip around the pool and along the access-ways to the rocks and water around the Bower Lane area. The boat ramp at Shelly Beach also needs resurfacing. There was a suggestion for a marine design in the paving at both ends and Bower Lane area. Possibly coloured stone or marble as seen in King's Park, Perth.

Signage – Everyone wants minimum signage. The "No bikes at weekends" signs are generally ignored, but we could not think of a way to do it better, other than by more policing by rangers.

Lights and Poles – Most important is putting all the wires underground (for safety as well as appearance) and moving all the light poles to the landward side of the path. There was a suggestion for installing the same lights as along the Steyne and another of returning to the traditional poles long ago removed.

We were concerned that the poles and wires around the new Boatshed Restaurant at Shelly Beach go underground.

Cliff Face – This should be part of council's regular maintenance. Thorough weeding and replanting is needed in many places as well as work to prevent erosion and trap seepage and run-off before it gets to the walkway.

Fairy Bower Pool - It is in need of thorough resurfacing of the floor of the pool, as well as the narrow edge around it. No fence wanted on seaward side.

Bins – most happy with current number of bins but one would like to see more.

From Individuals:

Sculptures on the rocks by the path – these are very popular and one would like to see more of them.

Seating – suggestion for some continuous seating as in photo.



Padlocks and Dummies – suggestion that we remove and discourage more of these.

Paddle Boards at Fairy Bower – noted the congestion as boards and swimmers use the same steps to enter the water.



Surf Club Boat Shed – one would like to see it removed as the surf club does not appear to have an important use for it.

More ideas and photos welcome! We have plenty of time!

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Henrietta

SMILE LIKE DRAKE COMMUNITY ANNIVERSARY BBQ

Date: March 15th 2015

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Venue: Manly SLSC, South Steyne cnr Ashburner Street, Manly

Cost: ANY - Donation to SLDF Water Safety Charity would be very much appreciated

This event is to commemorate Chris Drake's passing on 16th March 2013 and is for the entire community, family, friends and loved ones. We will be giving away FREE T-Shirts, Stickers and Tattoos and will also have SLDF merchandise for sale.

Please join us for lunch, a cuddle and a smile, to remember our beloved warrior Christopher, and find out all the wonderful news about what SLDF has been developing to save lives throughout Australian waterways and beyond.

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Email: info@smilelikedrake.org

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'SHELLY' THE CABBAGE TREE BAY TURTLE

If you missed the Manly Daily on Feb 4 (and let's face it delivery is a bit random in the Precinct!) the green turtle that was discovered by Nick Dawkins (B&B swimmer) in a bad state with fishing line wrapped around her is progressing well at Manly Sea Life Sanctuary.

'Shelly', as she is now known, was covered in barnacles which is an indication she was not a well turtle. Amazingly after a fresh water bath the barnacles fall off and with a diet of fish and lettuce she is on the road to recovery.

Nick has advised that she should be released back into the Bay soon and will be tagged so the researchers can track her movements and learn more about these wonderful sea creatures. *Photos courtesy of Nick Dawkins.*



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SKIING IN THE BAY

On Sunday 15 February 2015 a Williams Zodiac was spotted towing a skier within Cabbage Tree Bay. The Zodiac belonged to a large motor cruiser that is frequently moored in the Bay especially on weekends. The speed limit in the Bay is 4 knots and to get a skier out of the water requires this and more. Fortunately an alert resident called the Water Police who actually arrived and boarded the boat and were seen to issue one of the men a piece of paper which hopefully was a fine.

Robynne Millward of the Friends of Cabbage Tree Bay has now advised that the owner will be issued with a Maritime Infringement Notice for:

1. Towing without an observer: and
2. Distance offence –safety issue/ distance from people in water and other boats, etc.

Please remember if you see anything untoward happening in the Bay there are numbers to ring on the back of every newsletter. We can make a difference and protect our piece of paradise.

Also a reminder that dogs are not permitted on Shelly Beach under any circumstances.

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THE BOATHOUSE AT SHELLY

Andrew Goldsmith reports that construction is going along well and without disasters so far!!

They hope to be in full swing by the end of April and are looking forward to being open.

The really good news is that they are hoping to involve the Precinct in some of their pre-opening practice if possible. Will keep you posted.

We will keep you posted...

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EPA (Environment Protection
Authority): **131 555**

Sydney Water Complaints
Dept.: **132 090**

North Head Sewage Treatment Plant -
Control Room: **9934 4432**

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**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**06
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▶ International Womens Day.
You, your friends and
colleagues join our
Fundraising Breakfast at Manly Golf Course.

**14-15
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▶ **Smile Like Drake
Water Safety Days.**
Commemorate Chris
Drake's passing on 16th March 2013.
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