

Fairy Bower Precinct

NEWSLETTER MAY 2015



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NEXT PRECINCT MEETING:

Wednesday 6th May 2015, 7pm start, St. Patricks College.

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www.fairybowerprecinct.com.au

FAIRY BOWER PRECINCT – ALMOST WASHED AWAY!

By the time you receive this newsletter you may have ventured into the water again. There's a fair bit of 'flushing out' that needs to be done before I dip my toe in the water. I hope all our residents escaped the fury of the storms with not too much more than power outages or trees down. I'm certain we are all thinking of those who lost so much more. Hopefully we'll be enjoying some autumn sunshine before too long.

Annual General Meeting

Our May meeting is the AGM when all committee positions are declared vacant. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who've kept the Fairy Bower Precinct 'show on the road' this past year. The person who really does keep the wheels turning, to continue the motoring metaphor, is Ann Cameron, Secretary and DA Coordinator. Her involvement in many aspects of our community ensures that we are kept up to date and that DAs are commented on where appropriate. Johann Jacobs has ensured that our financial situation is reported accurately each month, Henrietta May coordinates the newsletter distribution with her band of helpers and Larry and Christine Smith provide support wherever it's needed. This past year John Lehmann has 'driven' the project to restore the public vistas from the top of the Bower and Reddall St steps and we all appreciated his hard work. I would also like to thank Hugh Burns, local resident and Councillor who keeps us informed of Council events and developments in a very even handed manner. I have been reminded this past twelve months of the value of being involved in our Precinct. It has brought me into contact with a whole range of very friendly local people who are keen to both know what's going on in our local area and to make a contribution. We had a great turn

out last month, to hear Andrew Goldsmith speak about the progress of the Shelly Beach Boathouse. Hopefully the rain hasn't done too much damage and the opening is not too far away. For those people who came to a Precinct meeting for the first time, we look forward to seeing you again.

Our Precinct Coordinator, Liz Brown, will be at our AGM which will give us the opportunity to thank her for the way she provides us with such comprehensive information in response to our questions. You'll notice that in this newsletter we've included the response to our question regarding accommodation for homeless people in Manly. I think you'll agree that the Council is handling this matter in a most sensitive manner with respect to all concerned.

May Guest Speaker

We are delighted to welcome Murray Fraser, our local photographer extraordinaire, to our May meeting. Murray's wonderful photographs adorn the walls of the Steyne Hotel and he publishes the terrific Sprout Daily. Come along and learn a bit about how to take some great shots and see some of Murray's great work.

Our Local Markets

We are lucky to have three different markets in Manly, the most recent addition, the Fresh Food Markets in Short St which operate on Wednesdays and Sundays. We've included a little promotion for Mimosa Lamb, one of the stalls you'll find there. The monthly markets at Manly Village School have lots of fresh food stalls as well. There's something for everyone at our markets.

Penny Verdich - Chair

TASTE OF MANLY - FOOD, WINE & SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL

Date: Saturday 30 May - Sunday 31 May 2015

Time: 11.30am - 5.00pm daily

If sipping wonderful wines in the sunshine and nibbling on delicious foods while listening to great music sounds like the perfect way to spend a weekend, where's better than next to one of Australia's favourite beaches.

This annual Manly Vibe event brings together the unique laid-back Manly vibe, with fun in the sun and some of Australia's best wineries and food from the many gourmet eateries right on the streets of our seaside village.

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MAIN COUNCIL REPONSES

Redall Street to Bower Street public vistas proposal:

The Precinct acknowledges the work that has been done to date by Council. Some concerns were expressed as to the extent of the works remaining. There was some debate as to whether the melaleucas at the end of Bower St need any more trimming as the existing filtered views are fine. More important was the removal of rubbish/rocks and concrete and the escarpment regeneration. The Precinct has asked Council to confirm how and with what plants the escarpment to be re-vegetated.

Bower Street steps area:

During February Council undertook works to remove a large volume of the naturally built up and dumped vegetation from the site. Following on from these works Council has increased the frequency of cyclic maintenance visits to the site. This area is tick prone and not suitable for a volunteer bush care group due to the associated health risks.

Fairy Bower Pool:

Council believes that the Fairy Bower Tidal Pool is at an acceptable level for use and condition is considered fit for purpose. Residents who swim regularly at the pool maintain that the bottom of the pool has sharp edges and is not fit for purpose.

Bower Lane Beach Access:

Council is seeking quotes for the re-surfacing of the area between the metal steps with suitable non-polluting materials.

Other Issues – Pruning of Oleanders and Vegetation in Redall Street Island

The Precinct has raised the safety issues that are created by vegetation on Redall Street Island which has become very overgrown.

HOMELESS PEOPLE IN MANLY SHELTERS – RESPONSE FROM COUNCIL

Thank you for your concerns regarding the use the beachfront shelters by rough sleepers. Homelessness is a really complex and difficult situation for Council to deal with. Nevertheless we try to deal with the management of the public space in an equitable, compassionate and understanding manner. We have advocated to both State and Federal Government on the issues of affordable housing and crisis accommodation. Recent State and Federal funding changes have meant a reduction in local crisis accommodation and as a result, more pressure has been placed on the use of public space.

Council is very aware of the beachfront being used by rough sleepers – this has occurred on and off for many years particularly during the warmer months. Council staff abide by the “Manly Council Homeless Persons Protocol” in order to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of both the individual and the wider community are taken into account. Council works closely with the homeless outreach (HOS) worker employed by Manly Community Centre and Manly Police.

Council advise there has been considerable intervention with the individual rough sleepers in that area, many of whom suffer chronic conditions and have very limited options. Representatives from Mission Australia, Manly Community Centre, Housing NSW, Corrections NSW, Northern Beaches Mental Health Service, Partners in Recovery and local police have all assisted in varying degrees to help the rough sleepers with their specific needs and have had some promising outcomes. It is a fluid situation with different people at different times with different problems.

The accumulation of property belonging to certain individuals is a problem and is addressed to ensure that public hygiene and amenity is maintained. Various control measures have been implemented, which thus far seem to be working well. The HOS worker and senior rangers regularly assess the situation and continue to encourage those particular people to seek assistance and keep their belongings tied.

We advise that if anybody experiences incidents of harassment or observe any criminal/anti-social behaviour that they immediately call Manly Police on 9976-8099 or 000. Manly Police are aware of this issue and they also urge anyone to call if they are experiencing a problem.

Whilst we understand the concerns expressed by the precinct, we also trust that you can appreciate the complexity of a situation where there are no simple or quick solutions.

Further if the precinct wishes to direct any assistance towards this issue – the Manly Community Centre are always looking for support for the magnificent work they do with the less fortunate members of our community (call 9977-1066).

If you wish to discuss this further please contact Councils Community Safety Coordinator 9976-1567.

A copy of the link to the “Manly Council Homeless Persons Protocol” has been included on Fairy Bower Precinct website for your information.

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CLAIRE EDWARDS
&
AMY DICKSON
SAXOPHONE

Claire & Amy will perform music for percussion and saxophone, featuring works by Bach, Debussy, Faure, Hindson, Ravel and Schumann.

Friday, 15 May 2015
at 7.30 pm

Cardinal Cerretti Memorial Chapel
St Patrick's Estate, 151 Darley Rd, Manly
Admission \$35, Concession \$20
Children accompanied by adults, free

Parking is available at St Paul's College, opposite St Patrick's Estate

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<http://www.stickytickets.com.au/musicatmanly>

www.MusicAtManly.com | Manly Music Club | phone: (02) 9948 7738

'SHELLY' THE CABBAGE TREE BAY GREEN TURTLE

Affectionately nicknamed Shelly, the Green Sea turtle was rescued from Cabbage Tree Bay in January this year looking a little worse for wear. As reported in our March Newsletter she was brought back to health by the team at Manly SEA LIFE Sanctuary and marks the latest success story in the Sanctuary's 'Breed Rescue Protect' program. Shelly was released into Cabbage Tree Bay on 9 April 2015, weighing a healthy 10.5kg, and has been fitted with a satellite tag. This was made possible by donations from the public including The Bold and The Beautiful swim team at Manly and the SEA LIFE Trust ANZ. The tag itself costs about \$3,500 and \$100 a month for the satellite costs and typically lasts 12-18 months.

Rob Townsend, Life Sciences Manager of the Manly SEA LIFE Sanctuary, has kindly answered a few questions for us.

Q: How is the tracking device attached to the turtle?

A: It is attached with epoxy adhesive.

Q: Is there a risk it will be knocked off (as she seems to like to shelter under rocks)?

A: Not very likely as it is a very strong glue. In a turtle of this size it may fall off as she grows.

Q: What does the device record?

A: Location, temperature, depth, dive duration.

Q: When will we be able to access her movements on the website?

A: They will be live in the next week or so and Shelly's progress can be followed by visiting www.turtlewatch.org.au

Q: How should people behave when they spot the turtle?

A: As a general rule do not get close to them and definitely no touching.

Rob added that they fell quite a bit short of the fundraising goal for Shelly so any additional donations would be gratefully received and can be processed via the website www.manlysealifesanctuary.com.au and click on the Get Involved tab.



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- From 20-24kgs in dressed weight
 - Have a fat score from 2-3
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- Dry aged in our very own cool room for 7-10 days
 - Packaged on farm and delivered to you by us

THE MANLY FUN RUN & WALK 2015

Date: Sunday 24 May 2015

Location: Manly beach front opposite Manly Corso

Event: 2km, 5km or 10km

Now in its sixth year, the Manly Scenic Fun Run and Walk is organized by Manly Rotary Club. It's a charity fundraiser for funlovers and serious runners alike - celebrating where we live, what we do, and how we can support others in our community less fortunate than we are, by 'helping out, and helping up'.

Whether a stroller, a jogger or wanting to push yourself hard, this event is for you. You'll finish up a winner - enjoying amazing scenery, receiving your own special medallion as you cross the finishing line, joining in the fun afterwards.

So get involved! Bring your family, your school or work mates and your friends ... and make up a team.

And note: both the 2km and 5km routes are pram and wheel-chair friendly.

Visit the website: www.manlyfunrun.org



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SMELL SOMETHING OFFENSIVE? REPORT IT !

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

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Mothers Day.

Manly is a great place
to bring your mum on

Mothers Day.

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North Fort Tour at North Head.

Take a 70 minute guided
tour through the WW11 tunnels, gun
emplacements and more at North Fort.

**30-31
MAY**

Taste of Manly - Food, Wine & Sustainability.

Taste of Manly brings
the unique laid-back Manly vibe to
life, combining fun in the sun and
some of Australia's best wineries with
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32/140 Addison Rd, MANLY



FOR SALE

3/5 Griffin St, MANLY



FOR SALE

9/132 Bower St, MANLY



FOR SALE

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