

Hello Everyone and welcome to our first GMRFB Briefing Paper of 2020.

As you know this is in lieu of our meetings for the time being. We aim to keep you all up to date on the work that continues to be done by your GMRFB Executive and the Council to solve problems and find solutions to issues that inevitable arise in our area. We look forward to your views on this method of communication and any ideas you may have that will help us continue to work with the community to make our area an even better place to live.

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## NEWS !!

### **NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL**

#### ***Towards 2040 | Local Strategic Planning Statement***

*Towards 2040*, our land use planning vision, came into effect 26 March 2020 following updates made in response to Council's resolution and the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) Assurance Panel. These include:

- adding further text to address changing demographics and employment lands
- amending map shading for the 'future Metropolitan Rural Area (MRA) investigation area'
- clarifying the GSC's role in the Assurance Process.

You can read more and view the final documents on the [project page](#).

We will continue to engage with you as we implement *Towards 2040* through the finalisation of various studies that will inform Council's new single planning framework including the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan.

For enquiries call 1300 434 434 to speak with the *Strategic and Place Planning Team*.

### ***COVID-19 | Where to find information:***

Councils website [COVID-19 webpage](#) | Council's [Facebook](#) | [Australian Government Department of Health](#) | [NSW Health](#)

### **For local businesses and the community:**

In response to the impacts of the emerging outbreak staff put forward the [COVID-19 Business Support Plan and Community Care Package](#) to Council which was adopted at the 24 March Council Meeting. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

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## MANLY RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

The proposed increase in permit fees and the new scheme for the **Manly Resident Parking Scheme** has been put on hold for the time being. In the meantime, **existing parking permits will continue to be honoured**. If you are a permit holder, you do not need to do anything just yet - Council will email you once the revised dates are confirmed.

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## FORMER MANLY HOSPITAL SITE | UPDATE

*Denise Keen | Community Representative  
Project Steering Advisory Committee*

At the Project Steering Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 February the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and COX Architecture we reviewed the Master Plan, received an update on the AYAH, as well as reviewed the timeline for the project. The draft masterplan for the site, was expected to be finalised in the second quarter of this year.

Proposed future uses for the Site have been informed by the guiding principles developed for the site and the outcome of community consultation conducted in August 2019, confirming an emphasis on health and wellbeing uses.

Sub-consultants from technical disciplines have been engaged to undertake more detailed due diligence for the Site. This will assist in refining the master plan and assist planning authorities in assessing proposed changes to planning controls. The draft master plan will be published on the project website upon completion of the technical studies.

The next steps to be taken are to refine the draft master plan as necessary, carry out market sounding investigation to understand the viability of proposed uses for the site, as well as determine the planning pathway and submit the proposal to Council.

The next meeting of the PSAC is due to be held on Friday 24 April. This will no doubt need to be rescheduled or conducted via Zoom or similar.

If you are interested please go to <https://www.property.nsw.gov.au/former-manly-hospital-site> for further information and to keep up to date with progress on the project.

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## FRIENDS of IVANHOE PARK BOTANIC GARDEN | UPDATE

*Lloyd Keen | President  
Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden*

Friends of Ivanhoe Park Botanic Garden is approaching its third birthday and a lot has been achieved in that time. Membership continues to grow with an increased interest in the fortnightly working bees in the garden. The Friends run trips to gardens of interest and were to run their 2<sup>nd</sup> Festival in the Garden including "Art in the Park" on 29 March but due to Covid-19 that had to be postponed until later in the year. Their website is well worth a visit as it provides a great deal of information about the garden, the activities and is also a beautiful site with stunning photos of the garden and the working bees and events. Try a virtual pop in to the garden via <https://www.friendsivanhoebotanicgarden.com/>

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## ACTIONS CURRENTLY with COUNCIL

**Manly Scenic Walkway** | Council have advised they will set a date for the inspection tour of the walkway. Unfortunately, once again the need to deal with the COVID-19 crisis will impact progress on this. Some work has been carried out to improve the state of the walkway

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including removing 'morning glory' ivy that was taking over trees and shrubs close to the marina. There is a lot of work to be done to improve this popular walking area. Council advised us in February they would organise an inspection walk but nothing has been heard of this even after follow-ups from the GMRF. One idea that has been floated is to see if residents would be interested in cleaning up the walkway & carrying out some plantings. This should be done in consultation with Council staff and Council owned nurseries.

*From: Gary O'Brien*

**Traffic Issues** | There has been no progress on these issues. They will need to be followed up with Council to see what progress if any has been achieved and what future may be possible. GMRF will follow these issues up with Council during April. *From: Brian Dunphy*

**Fairlight Old Reservoir Site Park & Playground** | We are waiting to hear further from Council on initial design ideas for the Fairlight Reservoir playground. Council has advised this area will be open to the public soon – no date advised yet. Part of the reason for the hold-up is that some of the fences bordering the park need to be replaced. Council has requested property owners to carry this out. We are concerned that if these residents don't act the public access to this area will be put on hold. The GMRF is lobbying Council to ensure they honour their commitment to install a playground in the old reservoir site in the forthcoming financial year.

*From: Gary O'Brien*

**Northern Beaches Bike Plan** | Thank you to Brian Dunphy for pulling together a submission on the bike plan for the executive to review and submit on behalf of GMRF.

Submissions close on 3 May so if you would like to put in a personal submission please go to [https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/bike\\_plan](https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/bike_plan)

## NEW ISSUES for COUNCIL

**STA morning bus stop in West Esplanade** is very poorly placed. During morning peak hour buses stop there for an extended period and block the left-hand lane. Because there is only one lane for cars continuing into East Esplanade and turning left into Belgrave Street, traffic banks up and into Commonwealth Parade. If the morning bus stop was moved back towards Eustace Street, it would free up the traffic flow.

*From: Meg Morgan*

**Automatic Taps in Public Toilets** | GMRF will lobby for the installation of automatic taps in all public toilets across the Northern Beaches. Given the current Covid-19 crisis this is now and will in the future become a necessity to assist in prevention of the spread of disease.

*From: Sandy Hudspith*

**Household Rubbish Collection** | GMRF to make representation to NBC as to the care factor of the contractors engaged to collect household rubbish. After collection, bins are left sometimes, on the road, sometimes thrown in the gutter and sometimes some 3 -4 doors away. There are also collection issues: -

- Cardboard & Paper – some packaging is so large it will not fit in the blue bin provided. It is neatly packed & secured next to the blue bin on collection day but because it is not in the bin the contractors will not pick it up. NBC' response to this was that "it is free for you to drop it to Kimbriki"
- Green waste – again, if the waste is not in the bin, despite how neat & easy the extra waste is to collect, the contractors will not take the waste.

*From: Nick Reid*

**Rubbish Entering Waterways - particularly plastic** | GMRF to make representations for NBC to address this major environmental issue particularly considering the NBC document toward 2040 where an estimated 40,000 more people will be residing within the Northern beaches area.

- Gross pollutant traps to our waterways are urgently required to be installed, upgraded & better maintained.
- GMRF to urge NBC to provide new work schedules, asset replacement programmes and asset maintenance programmes
- Particularly after a weather event the waterways and downstream surrounds are not being cleared of the resultant debris. Mass amounts of plastic is finding its way to our parks and beaches via the waterways. There appears to be no programme from NBC for the necessary clean up. An example – the reeds at the eastern end of Manly lagoon are easily accessible but are rarely cleared of the trapped rubbish, particularly plastic, despite being pointed out to NBC via the CRM system.

*From: Nick Reid.*

**Manly Ward Forum Exec meeting February – James Griffin MP in attendance.**

*Report by: Nick Reid*

- Beached Link Tunnel | It appears none of the community group submissions as to design have been considered. Implications for Manly Warringah War Memorial Park, Balgowlah Golf Course, Balgowlah Boys High and surrounding residents, particularly lack of filtration on the exhaust stacks, James Griffin did emphasise the legislation that must be complied with pollutant emissions from the tunnel. Community groups insisted on a report to detail why none of the community group design suggestions were accepted. The Environmental Impact Statement is still projected to be released in July 2020.
- Aquarium building | Building inspection report being undertaken. Expression of interest applications to be sought for potential use of the site / existing building by mid-year pending building report.
- Manly Wharf | State of repair / cleanliness – lease until 2090. James Griffin to be involved in Ward Councillor meeting with leasee and other relevant stakeholders.
- East West Bus service Dee Why to Chatswood | 9 stops planned. Delay is caused by issues surrounding the potential rezoning of the Frenchs Forest area and the town centre proposal.
- Manly surf Life Saving Club | \$15M project jointly funded by NBC, State Govt & Federal Govt. Funding secured from NBC & Federal Govt. Negotiations continue with State Govt.
- Frenchs Forest High School relocation | final decision now with Minister for Planning Rob Stokes

**NEXT BRIEFING: [Look for our next “Briefing Paper” on Monday 1 June 2020.](#)**

**Remember to stay in touch on our facebook or through our website.**

**We welcome your emails giving us ideas, letting us know of issues or just keeping in touch.**



**Attachment:** *Announcement regarding the establishment of a surf museum in Manly*

The Museum of Australian Surfing Heritage Ltd was incorporated on 16 December 2019.

The aim for the museum is to be a comprehensive source of knowledge, ideas, stories and memories of all that has made our surfing history so rich and memorable. It will be developed to inspire, educate and inform visitors and be a focal point for the conservation of the history, heritage and culture of surfboard riding in Australia. The museum will be dedicated to preserving the past, participating in the present and influencing the future of all aspects of surfing culture in Australia and around the world.

It is vital to our success that the surfing community gets behind the museum and lets the Federal government, state government, local government and potential sponsors and benefactors know of the community's interest and support for the establishment of a world class surf museum here in Sydney.

The museum board is currently in discussions with various parties in order to secure premises, however, this will be subject to availability and cost. It may be that short-term premises are leased before a permanent home is secured in the future.

Further updates will be posted as developments occur, but in the meantime, tell your friends about us and like and follow us  

Should you wish to make a donation of money, time, memorabilia or something else, please email [info@MuseumAusSurf.org.au](mailto:info@MuseumAusSurf.org.au)