

NORTHERN BEACHES NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Last Thursday's Manly Daily reported the outcome of the meeting I had sought with the Minister for Education, Rob Stokes to explain

why Council did not support the recently approved proposal for re-building Manly Vale Public School. Mr Stokes had also met with the Manly Vale School P&C and Principal to hear their side of the argument.

It is very disappointing Mr Stokes decided that the disadvantages of further delay outweighed the advantages of hitting the pause button to allow a rethink on the project. There is no doubt the school needs re-building, and there is no doubt the local population changes dictate the need for greater capacity in the area, but I remain convinced we have the wrong design for the location.

Having worked with Mr Stokes in his previous role as Planning Minister, as well as a local MP, I know he would not have let this situation develop if he had been involved at an earlier stage.

Building a new school is one of the best things a State Government can do for a local area. It should be done in such a way that it is welcomed by all of the community and has minimal impact on our unique environment.

That this project is strongly opposed by such a large group of locals represents a significant failure on behalf of those in the Department of Education responsible for it.

Hopefully they learn from it.

A number of projects were announced last year that will enhance the Northern Beaches area. However it is integral to the success of these projects that we hear from the community.

Some of the projects still open for feedback include the Hospital Precinct Structure Plan, Ingleside Precinct Structure Plan, Palm Beach Parking Demand Management Strategy, Marine Parade Works, Brookvale Park Playground Upgrade and Balgowlah Plaza Revitalisation.

I encourage everyone to visit the Northern Beaches website to see the projects and provide feedback so that all viewpoints are taken into consideration before any decisions are made.

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WHAT'S ON?

DAVID DYER AUTHOR TALK

Wed 22 Feb, 6 - 7.30pm, Warringah Mall Library

The sinking of the Titanic continues to fascinate, but lesser known is the story of the SS Californian that saw the distress rockets yet did not aid. Join bestselling author of *The Midnight Watch*, David Dyer, as he discusses his novel which brings to life these thrilling events.

\$5

Bookings essential: Search David Dyer on northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Enquires: 9942 2449



HAVE YOUR SAY

PALM BEACH PARKING DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

As part of the development of the Palm Beach Parking Demand Management Strategy, Northern Beaches Council is inviting interested parties to attend a community meeting.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to inform the community of project updates and the next stages of the project, as Council works through the many parking challenges identified in the Pittwater Park area.

Palm Beach RSL Club
Tue 21 Feb
3.30 - 4.30pm
6 - 7pm

To register your attendance, visit yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au or email michelle.carter@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

COUNCIL NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RABBIT OWNERS

Led by Greater Sydney Local Land Services with support of councils and other NSW State Government agencies, Northern Beaches Council will start its first phase of controlling wild rabbits in 2017 by releasing Calici-Boost (RHDV1-K5) across the Northern Beaches in March.

Council urges that all domestic rabbits be vaccinated against RHDV1-K5 by mid-February prior to its release. For more information visit the Council website and search rabbit control.

SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL PROHIBITED AREA – MAJOR EVENTS

To facilitate selected activities for the Australian Open of Surfing and VolleyFest major events, Northern Beaches Council is suspending the Alcohol Prohibited Area on Manly Beach in designated event locations only.

Suspension will take place from 25 February - 5 March between 11am and 9.45pm and 17 - 26 March between 12 and 9pm. Alcohol consumption will be strictly limited to designated event locations only.

For more information please phone 9976 1752.

BOAT STORAGE AT NARRABEEN LAGOON

Council is planning to build secure boat storage facilities this year around Narrabeen Lagoon to address overcrowding, dumping, damage to sensitive foreshore vegetation and dangerous storage practices.

Boat owners wishing to use these new facilities will need to buy a yearly permit sticker which will guarantee them an allocated position to store their boat. A similar system is currently in place around Pittwater's foreshore and at Little Manly, Clontarf and Balgowlah.

Council will be placing stickers on all boats around the Lagoon asking owners to contact Council to register their interest in buying a permit sticker and obtaining an allocated position.

Once the new storage racks are operating, boats without authorised permit stickers will no longer be able to be left along the Narrabeen Lagoon foreshore. They will be removed and stored at Council's compound for collection or disposal.

If you are interested in securing an allocated position please contact Northern Beaches Council on 9970 1111, fill in the expression of interest form on the website or email watercraft@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au to register your name and obtain more information.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

LOT 2/1139826 CHALLENGER DRIVE BELROSE

Council is in receipt of Application No. Mod2016/0335 for modification of development consent DA2001/0456 granted for a processing and recycling facility for construction and demolition waste and a concrete batching plant at Lot 2 DP 1139826, Lot 2/1139826 Challenger Drive, Belrose.

The proposal does not constitute designated development. Northern Beaches Council is the consent authority. The applicant is Harvest Scientific Services.

Enquiries: Nick England, Senior Planner, 9942 2111 or council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Exhibition period: Mon 13 February - Tue 7 March

The application, plans and accompanying documents may be inspected at Council's Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Dee Why during business hours.

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO WARRINGAH DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2011

Council is seeking your input on draft amendments to Part E9 – Coastline Hazard of Warringah Development Control Plan 2011 (DCP).

The proposed changes update references in Part E9 of the DCP to refer to the adopted Northern Beaches Coastal Erosion Policy, Coastal Zone Management Plan for Collaroy-Narrabeen and Fishermans Beach, and Collaroy-Narrabeen Coastal Protection Works Design Specifications.

Exhibition ends: Mon 20 Feb

Enquiries: Jeanne Thuez, 9942 2111 or council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

The proposal and relevant documents can be viewed at Council's Dee Why Customer Service Centre, during business hours and at yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Any person may make a written submission during the exhibition period addressed to the General Manager, and send to Northern Beaches Council, 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why.