

NORTHERN BEACHES NEWS



A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Government's recent consideration of their Council amalgamation policy certainly got everyone's attention in the community and

particularly inside Northern Beaches Council, given the huge implications for the staff that are now well down the track of building one new organisation.

It's hard to discuss such matters without getting into sensitive political territory but I have to say it would have been very hard to unscramble the omelette. We have dozens of projects, involving hundreds of staff that are working to harmonise policies, integrate financial and IT systems, align emergency operating procedures, develop future accommodation options....I could go on.

Whether you are a supporter of the merger or not, I can assure you again that the quality of the work being carried out is first rate. Staff are both talented and committed, and are being led by an excellent group of senior managers. I am very confident that the job of integrating the three previous Councils will be largely complete by the time the election comes around on September 9.

Between now and then there is a lot of the normal council work to do, with some challenging issues coming up. Some of the bigger ones are:

- releasing and discussing the results of the sports field and golf course studies
- preparing the first fully integrated Budget for release and public commentary
- reporting on the consultations around the Frenchs Forest Hospital Precinct Plan
- identifying the way forward with Manly's laneway strategy
- finalising the coastal protection measures for Collaroy
- making a start with the Stronger Communities projects, particularly filling in the missing links for our coastal walkway and bicycle path between Manly and Palm Beach and delivering all-ability playgrounds to connect all our children in play
- completing the Church Point seawall and parking project
- progressing the transfer of Brookvale Oval to State Government, and
- delivering the Palm Beach parking strategy, walkway and landscape masterplan for the southern end of Palm Beach

Of course there are literally hundreds of smaller to medium-size projects as well. There is just over six months to go and when the new Council is elected it will take on the oversight of these important projects and initiatives that will benefit all of the Northern Beaches community.

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WHAT'S ON?

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

Wed 8 Mar, 7 - 9am
Manly Golf Club

Join this charity event and be inspired by special guest speaker Josephine Cashman.

Tickets \$38
northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au and search for International Women's Day

SENIORS FESTIVAL EVENTS

Travelling Home and Away
Fri 3 and Fri 10 Mar, 11am - 2.30pm

Dee Why RSL and Pittwater RSL.

Providing great ideas for places to go, how to travel safely and use technology for travel.

Free lunch provided.
Bookings essential: 9970 1665

Positive Ageing through Art
Mon 13 Mar, 10 - 11.30am
Manly Art Gallery & Museum

An art exhibition tour for people who have memory

loss or dementia.

Free
Morning tea provided
Bookings essential: 9976 1562

WORLD FOOD MARKETS

Every Fri until 31 Mar, 5 - 9pm
Gilbert Park, Manly

Take your tastebuds on a world tour with music by 'Evergreen Music' on 3 March.

Free
northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au and search for World Food Markets

HAVE YOUR SAY

Shaping Our Future

Join us for a light meal and let's shape the future of the Northern Beaches.

The Community Strategic Plan will help guide local decision-making and community participation over the next decade. The workshops will focus on testing the draft vision, goals and strategies for the region.

- **Mon 27 Mar, 6 - 8pm**
Manly Golf Club
- **Thu 30 Mar, 6 - 8pm**
Forestville RSL
- **Sat 1 Apr, 2 - 4pm**
Dee Why Council Chambers
- **Tue 4 Apr, 6 - 8pm**
Mona Vale Golf Club

Our Community, Our Identity

During March, we are inviting residents to participate in informal workshops to help us understand what the new Northern Beaches Council represents to the community.

Tue 7 Mar, 2 - 5pm

Manly Town Hall - The Cove Room
1 Belgrave St, Manly

Fri 10 Mar, 2 - 5pm and 6 - 9pm
Mona Vale Customer Service Centre
Conference Room
1 Park St, Mona Vale

Wed 15 Mar, 6 - 9pm
Forest Community Arts Centre
6 Darley St, Forestville

Sat 18 Mar, 9am - 12pm
Terrey Hills Community Centre
Yulong Ave, Terrey Hills

Sat 18 Mar, 2-5pm
Avalon Recreation Centre
59 Old Barrenjoey Rd, Avalon

Places are limited, registrations close Sun 5 Mar for Our Community, Our Identity.

Register your interest at
yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

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CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE STRATEGY

Customers interact with Council in different ways for a variety of reasons.

Methods of communication evolve rapidly, and we need to ensure that the best methods are used to provide quality customer service.

By gaining a better understanding of your experience and future expectations we can make informed decisions to provide services in the future that best meet the needs of all our customers.

Please complete our Customer Experience Survey at yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

All survey responses are confidential and will only be reported in summary to inform our Customer Experience and Digital Transformation Strategies.

The survey closes on Thu 2 Mar.

COUNCIL NOTICES

COUNCIL MEETING

Tue 28 Feb, 6.30pm

Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why

The agenda can be viewed online at northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/meetings or at any Northern Beaches Council Customer Service Centre or library.

Requests to address Council or speak at Public Forum should be lodged by 12pm Tue 28 Feb, by phoning 9942 2427 or submitting a request form which can be downloaded from Council's website and emailed to councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

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 Safety Issues.

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 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

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

198 FOREST WAY BELROSE

Council is in receipt of Application No. DA2017/0087 for demolition, boundary adjustment and construction of a child care centre and dwelling house at Lot 2 DP 1205253 and Lot 2069 DP 752038, 198 Forest Way Belrose.

The proposal is 'Integrated Development' in accordance with section 91 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*. In this regard, a Bush Fire Safety Authority is required from the NSW Rural Fire Service under Section 100B of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.

The proposal does not constitute designated development. Northern Beaches Council is the consent authority. The applicant is D Maggs, S See.

Enquiries: Alex Keller, Senior Planner, 9942 2111 or council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au. Exhibition period Mon 27 Feb to Tue 14 Mar.

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

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.