



A Message from the Administrator



How ironic that dog issues hound me (sorry) from the beginning to the end of my term.

My second council meeting saw 100 or so dog owners angry that I would not overturn the 'no dogs on beaches' ban adopted by the

three previous councils.

I should declare that I am a dog lover and have had a dog all my life. In fact, I acted as my Council dogcatcher for two weeks as a student working over the summer holidays. I caught one dog and he lived at my place for the next 12 years. True story.

The controversy over dogs swimming in Lagoon Reserve on weekends and public holidays sprang out of a review of off-leash areas. This was a 'pro-dog' initiative I took to make sure we had enough off-leash dog walking areas.

I accepted most of the recommendations from Council staff, including spending \$400,000 over four years to make them safer, and not approving three new areas because the noise from barking would disturb neighbouring residents.

Staff had recommended restricting swimming in the mornings on weekends to give nearby residents some relief. My honestly held view, after considering all arguments and submissions, including video recordings and personal visits, is that more protection is warranted, so a dog swimming ban has been imposed for weekends.

I have received emails from some who think it's wrong to favour the smaller number of neighbouring residents over the greater number of petitioners who support the status quo.

The point is, there is a much greater impact on the lives of people living above this day-long barking fest, as against the inconvenience of people who had found a nice place to give their dog a swim on weekends. While I appreciate their feelings I must confess a degree of disappointment that these correspondents appear totally uninterested in the impact on these near-neighbours.

While thousands of dog owners would like to give their pets a beach swim, the fact is there appears to be a much larger number who oppose letting dogs onto our beaches. Maybe this needs to be considered by the incoming Council.

In the meantime, it is unreasonable to burden a small number of residents with the impact of owners from far and wide bringing their dogs for a beach swim at Lagoon Reserve.

Off-leash walking and beach swimming has not been banned at Lagoon Reserve. It will still be open for off-leash walking and swimming five days per week. It will also be open for off-leash walking on weekends. Just not swimming in front of the playground.

This is called a compromise.

I have posted a more detailed outline of this decision on Council's website.

Dick Persson AM
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Council Meeting

**Tue 22 Aug, 6.30pm
Manly Town Hall**

This meeting will be the Administrator's last official Council meeting. An invitation is extended to the community to say farewell and join him for refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

The agenda can be viewed online or at any of our Customer Service Centres or libraries.

Requests to address Council or speak at the public forum should be lodged by 12pm on Tue 22 Aug 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

Concerned About Your Child's Development?

**Wed 23 Aug, 9.30 - 11.30am
Narraweena Community Centre**

Council is partnering with EarlyEd to present a free information session for parents of children aged 0-6 to learn more about the NDIS and meet Transition Providers.

Bookings: events@earlyed.com.au
Information: 9923 2727



**Sunday 27 August, 11am - 5pm
Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale**

Enjoy gourmet delights from some of the Northern Beaches' finest restaurants and cafés, along with local brewers and wines from Mudgee, on the scenic Pittwater foreshore
Free shuttle bus all day

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Taste of the Beaches



Road Rule Reminder

**Yellow Line =
NO STOPPING**

A continuous yellow line along a kerb means no stopping, even if there isn't a no stopping sign nearby.

Have Your Say

Council believes in strong community consultation and has a number of items open for feedback at yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

- Newport Surf Life Saving Club Building Extensions - closes Sun 10 Sep
Drop in at the Surf Club: Sat 26 Aug, between 10am - 12pm, to view plans and talk to the team
- South Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club Building Extension - closes Sun 10 Sep
- Event Strategy - closes Sun 3 Sep
- Complaints Management Policy - closes Mon 28 Aug
- Mona Vale Cemetery Conservation Management Plan (Draft) - closes Sun 27 Aug
- Turimetta Headland, Warriewood, Proposed New Walkway - closes Sun 20 Aug

Visit the Your Say hub for road reserves on exhibition.

New Cultural Space

We're planning a new cultural space for the northern end of the Northern Beaches. Learn about the project and share your thoughts with Council staff on what should be a part of the space.

- Thu 24 Aug, 6 - 8pm at Northern Beaches Art Prize, Creative Space, 105 Abbott Rd, North Curl Curl

- Sun 27 Aug, 12 - 4pm at Taste of the Beaches, Winnererremy Bay, Mona St, Mona Vale
- Fri 1 Sep, 9 - 11am at the Beaches Market, 1472 Pittwater Rd, Warriewood

You are invited to attend a New Cultural Space Workshop:

- Tue 19 Sep, 2 - 4pm
Newport Community Centre, 11-13 The Boulevard

Bookings: yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Public Hearing

Planning Proposal for Part Lot 21 DP 819277
Wakehurst Parkway, Oxford Falls

- Wed 13 Sep, 6 - 8pm
Peace Park, Oxford Falls

Council will hold a public hearing for a proposal to reclassify part Lot 21 DP 819277 Wakehurst Parkway, Oxford Falls from 'community' land to 'operational' land in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.

It follows the public exhibition of the proposal from 15 Jul to 13 Aug in accordance with the 'Gateway' determination issued by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. Reclassification would permit Council to lease or sell the land.

An independent consultant will chair the hearing and provide a public report which Council must consider before making any decision about the proposal.

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



Development Proposals

47 Central Rd, Avalon Beach

Council is seeking public comment on this proposal, the refusal of which is currently subject to an appeal before the NSW Land and Environment Court. The proposal originally lodged has been amended to propose the following: demolition of existing house and construction of a 38 place child care centre, including a 15 space car park and associated landscaping.

Application no. N0542/16

Applicant:
Avalon Beach Property Pty Limited

Consent authority:
Northern Beaches Council

The proposal and relevant documents can be viewed at Council's Mona Vale Customer Service Centre during business hours and at northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

During the exhibition period, any person may make a written submission addressed to the CEO, marked with the application number. These will be taken into account during the assessment process. If required, submissions must be accompanied by a Political Donations and Gifts Disclosure Statement, which can be downloaded at northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au. All submissions are public documents and may be made available or reproduced in Council reports.

Exhibition: Mon 21 Aug - Mon 4 Sep
Enquiries: Tyson Ek-Moller, 9970 1111

64 Sunshine St, Manly Vale

Council is in receipt of application no. DA2017/0764 for alterations and additions and use of premises as a child care centre at Lot 82 DP 11320, 64 Sunshine St, Manly Vale.

Applicant: Sunshine Smiles Childcare
Consent authority:
Northern Beaches Council

The proposal does not constitute designated development. The proposal is 'integrated development' under section 91 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 and requires a Bush Fire Safety Authority from the NSW Rural Fire Service under section 100B of the Rural Fires Act 1997.

During the exhibition period, any person may make a submission or inspect application plans and related documents at northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively, documents can be viewed at Council's Dee Why Customer Service Centre during business hours. Written submissions marked with the application number may be sent to the CEO, Northern Beaches Council, 725 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why.

Exhibition: Mon 21 Aug - Mon 11 Sep

Enquiries: Luke Perry, Principal Planner,
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