



A Message from the Administrator



A few months ago I mentioned in this column that the merger was on track and Council was functioning well. Needless to say one 'fan' wrote a letter to the *Manly Daily* stating that I "would say that wouldn't I". Well no, I wouldn't say it if it were not true.

For the record, every two weeks I have a meeting with our CEO, Mark Ferguson, and the head of our Transformation and Performance Unit, Mark Jones, to work through the progress of the 70 current transition projects. Our Project Management Office and integration progress has been identified by the NSW Premier's Department as one of the best performing of the 22 merged councils and we regularly assist other councils seeking advice about how to improve their approach.

The report tracks each and every project, and identifies any issues which are causing a project to fall behind or at risk of missing its deadline. Of course many projects are already completed. This list includes some relatively small (but still important) projects like telephone system integration, and many larger ones like fees and charges, permanent organisational structure, IT data centre infrastructure and the 2017/18 Operational Plan.

Many others are on track to be completed by the end of the calendar year such as our development application referral service, events management strategy, harmonisation of emergency management systems and Community Strategic Plan.

Some projects are a little behind schedule or due to an expansion in the project scope will require more time to complete, e.g. car park management, staff accommodation and ranger patrol services. None in this category will cause a major problem and will still be completed in good time.

In terms of other accountability measures, I presented a report to last week's council meeting titled *Stronger Together, Administrator's Report to the Community*. I won't try and summarise it here but you can access it through the new Council website. It is a good summary of the new Council's main achievements.

At the risk of encouraging another 'fan' letter to the *Manly Daily*, I believe the integration of the three previous councils into one Northern Beaches Council is on track to become the benchmark in terms of performance. This is largely due to the skill and hard work of our Council staff and managers.

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NSW Local Council Elections

Sat 9 Sep

Voting is compulsory for everyone on the electoral roll.

Information: votensw.info or
1300 135 736



New Cultural Space Workshop

Tue 19 Sep, 2 - 4pm

Newport Community Centre,
11-13 The Boulevard

We're planning a new cultural space for the northern end of the Northern Beaches. Learn about the project and share your thoughts.

Bookings:
yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Building Sustainable Homes

Thu 21 Sep, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Manly Town Hall

If you're planning to build or renovate, or just have an interest in sustainable building design, be informed and inspired at the free Building Sustainable Homes information night.

Bookings essential:
northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Kids on the Coast School Holiday Program

Mon 25 Sep - Fri 6 Oct, 10am - 3pm

Coastal Environment Centre,
North Narrabeen

Our jam-packed school holiday program includes survival workshops, archaeological digs, treasure hunts and more.

Ages: 6-12
Cost: \$61 for a full day
Bookings essential:
northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
and search CEC Holiday Program

New All Beaches Parking Permit

Residents are reminded to replace expired parking stickers with new ones to enjoy free parking at over 40 locations throughout the Northern Beaches.

Have Your Say

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

- Event Strategy - closes Sun 3 Sep
- Planning Proposal - 28 Lockwood Ave, Belrose (former Library site) - closes Sun 10 Sep
- Newport Surf Life Saving Club - Building Extensions - closes Sun 10 Sep
- South Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club - Building Extension - closes Sun 10 Sep
- Cultural Space - closes Sun 1 Oct
- Visit the Your Say Hub for lease and road reserve exhibitions.

Preliminary Notification (Non-statutory) - Draft Planning Proposal (Rezoning) 2 Orchard St, 204 and 206 Garden St, Warriewood (PP0002/17)

Council has received a draft planning proposal to amend the Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014 to allow for an extra 102 dwellings and raise the maximum building height from 10.5m to part 14.5m and part 17.5m.

Council is seeking the community's views before deciding whether to support the draft planning proposal.

The draft planning proposal and supporting material can be viewed at Council's Mona Vale, Dee Why or Manly customer service centres during business hours or at yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Written comments should be addressed to Northern Beaches Council, PO Box 882, Mona Vale NSW 1660 or emailed to council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Comments will be made available to the applicant or other interested persons on request, and will also be available online through Council's development application tracking

process. Comments may also be reproduced in Council reports.

Exhibition: Sat 2 Sep - Mon 2 Oct
Enquiries: Strategic and Place Planning, 1300 434 434
Comments close Mon 2 Oct

Re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones

An Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) is used as an early intervention measure to prevent the escalation of irresponsible street drinking which can lead to more serious crime. An AFZ applies to public roads, footpaths and public carparks and is in force 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Council is required to consult with the community and relevant stakeholders every four years to re-establish an AFZ. Council proposes to establish AFZs which cover:

- Church Point
- Newport residential
- Newport beach
- Avalon beach
- Mona Vale
- Dee Why
- Palm Beach
- Freshwater

For more information or to make a submission visit yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au. Written submissions marked 'Re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones' can also be sent to Northern Beaches Council, Civic Centre, 725 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why.

Enquiries: Council's Community Safety Coordinator,
1300 434 434
Submissions close Mon 2 Oct