

A message from the Mayor



It's National Homelessness Week and here on the Beaches we are not immune from this growing issue.

Demand for social and affordable housing far exceeds supply in our area. Alarming, there are more than 2,300 people on the waiting

list for social housing on the Northern Beaches and almost 400 of those are considered priority cases, yet they face a minimum five to ten year wait for a vacancy.

Reports of rough sleepers have doubled in the last year. Our stretched crisis accommodation providers tell us they often have to turn the most vulnerable people away with domestic violence victims and their children, older women and young people often referred to beds on the other side of Sydney. Of course, this is far away from their support networks, kids' schools and other important connections.

With some of the highest rents in Sydney, facilitating affordable housing options for our key workers here must also be a priority. It's not okay that we continue to hear examples of nurses travelling hours across Sydney to work in our hospitals or police officers couch surfing in order to make their shifts.

There are no silver bullets to addressing these issues but it was encouraging to explore the range of challenges and possible solutions with our great network of service providers, local MPs and others at a Housing and Homelessness forum Council hosted this week.

At Council we are exploring how we can continue to implement affordable housing targets in new developments, looking for opportunities to partner with community housing providers and exploring what we can do to support our homeless crisis organisations on the frontline.

But as with many of these crucial issues, it will take a sustained and coordinated approach across multiple agencies, all levels of government and a partnership with those at the coalface to make a difference.

And we need support and input from the broader community. In the coming months we will be releasing a housing discussion paper which will be a great opportunity to explore some of these issues with our community and look at how we can embed solutions for affordable housing into our planning instruments.

Have a great weekend.

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Have your say

The following projects are open for comment:

Ocean Beaches Plan of Management amendments (draft) - Avalon Netball Courts
Submissions close: Sun 11 Aug

Public Art Working Group - applications open

Applications close: Sun 25 Aug

Greendale Creek Flood Study

Survey closes: Sun 8 Sep



Council notices

Fox baiting - notice to pet owners

Dogs are prohibited in the following reserves from Mon 12 Aug until Fri 27 Sep:

- Manly Dam, Manly Vale
- Allenby Park, Allambie Heights
- Middle Creek Reserve, Oxford Falls
- Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge, Dee Why
- Ingleside Chase Reserve, Ingleside

Cats are prohibited in these reserves at all times.

'Foxoff@ Econobait' will be laid between Mon 12 to Fri 30 Aug. These poison baits are designed specifically for fox control and contain 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate). Warning signs will be displayed.

Weed control program

We're conducting broadleaf weed control on sportsfields and some reserves on the Northern Beaches until September.

Northern Beaches Independent Public Hearing

Wed 14 Aug, 3pm
Civic Centre, Dee Why

Item 3.1 - DA2018/0865 - Por 1039/ Oxford Falls Rd, Oxford Falls - alterations and additions and increase in child care numbers for an existing child care centre.

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Requests to address the Panel: 9942 2360 by Tue 13 Aug, 4pm

Northern Beaches Local Planning Panel

Wed 14 Aug, 3.15pm
Civic Centre, Dee Why

Item 3.1 - DA2018/1481 - Lot 1/ Veterans Pde, Narrabeen - construction of a telecommunications facility (monopole tower and associated equipment shelter).

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Proposed lease of road reserve adjacent to 19 Rayner Rd, Whale Beach

Under s154 of the Roads Act 1993, we are considering a lease for a term of five years to the owner of 19 Rayner Rd, Whale Beach (Lot 128 DP11933) for a hardstand parking area (approximately 16.2m²).

Submissions can be made online, via email or to PO BOX 82 Manly 1655

Submissions close: Sun 8 Sep

Development proposals

View application plans and documents or make a submission online.

Call or email us to contact a planner.

Consent authority: Northern Beaches Council

163 & 165 Pacific Pde, Dee Why

DA2019/0622 (Lot 1 & Lot 2 DP 1246740) - construction of a residential flat building and demolition works.

Applicant: Dilcara Construction

Enquiries: Lashta Haidari, Principal Planner

Submissions close: Sat 24 Aug

32 Westminster Ave, Dee Why - re-advertised

DA2019/0755 (Lot 1, Lot 2 & Lot CP SP 22024) - demolition works and construction of a residential flat building.

Applicant: Anchor Properties Australia Pty Ltd

Enquiries: Daniel Milliken, Principal Planner

Submissions close: Sat 24 Aug

16 Addison Rd, Manly

DA2019/0808 (Lot 2 DP 325220) - construction of a swimming pool and associated works.

The proposal is 'Integrated Development' and approval is required from NSW Fisheries under s205 of the Fisheries Management Act 1994.

The proposal is 'Threatened Species Development' under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

Applicant: S P Joyce

Enquiries: Kye Miles, Planner

Submissions close: Mon 9 Sep

21 Belgrave St and cnr Sydney Rd & Whistler St, Manly

MOD2019/0349 (Lot 1 & Lot 2, DP 1235364) - amended plans for alterations and additions to a 'Telstra building' including construction of a new five-level shop top housing development containing retail commercial uses to part of the building stratum subdivision and landscaping works.

Applicant: Grocon (Belgrave Street) Developer Pty Ltd

Enquiries: Kye Miles, Planner

Submissions close: Sat 24 Aug