



A message from the Mayor



2020. We are not even two months in yet and already it's a year of extremes. First, we were on high alert facing catastrophic fire conditions and then straight into sandbagging for flood prevention and supporting our emergency services in yet another widespread storm event. This is

off the back of huge storms weathered in November 2019, damaging houses and roads and leaving residents without power for extended periods.

It has certainly kept Council crews busy! Last Thursday we readied excavators into our lagoons to prepare for the heavy rainfall predicted across the weekend. Both Manly and Narrabeen Lagoon entrances were opened by late Friday but the large swell and tides leading into Sunday coupled with more than 400mm of rainfall and wind gusts of over 100km per hour still required evacuations for many in the Narrabeen community.

Teams have been at the coal face assisting the emergency services, setting up evacuation centres, attending to more than 850 fallen trees on public land, hundreds of road and drainage repairs and other issues. Since Sunday we have had more than 2,870 calls mostly related to storm damage.

We all heaved a collective sigh of relief when conditions eased on Monday but sadly we had to make the call to cancel our bushfire fundraiser Rock Relief, which should have played today. Brookvale had seen over a third of its annual rainfall in just a few days and with a complex set up and more rain predicted, we couldn't access the grounds to set up safely or in time, and we couldn't guarantee the weather would hold out.


It certainly wasn't a decision we took lightly. We'd raised over \$110,000 and expected much more with tickets sales always peaking the week of such an event. A massive thanks to all the artists, supporters and sponsors, staff and our community, who got behind this event.

Our commitment to helping those in bushfire affected communities continues unabated. Next week we have staff heading to Bega Valley Shire Council to back up their exhausted staff and to help in recovery efforts.

In the meantime our focus this week has been on clean up, helping those without power access hot showers and charging facilities and putting arrangements in place to manage excess green waste – please check the website for all the details.

It seems like we are not totally out of the woods yet. We are closely monitoring predictions of high seas and the threat of coastal erosion this weekend and ready to act if needed.

Stay dry and safe!

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Upcoming library events

- **Harbord Community Library open day and Time Capsule Exhibit at Harbord Literary Institute**
Sat 22 Feb, 2 – 4pm
- **Avalon Community Library open day**
Sat 29 Feb, 10am – 12pm
- **Balgowlah Seaforth Community Library open day**
Sat 7 Mar, 10am – 12pm
- **Terrey Hills Community Library open day**
Sat 14 Mar, 10am – 12pm

Have your say

The following projects are open for comment:

**Birdwood Park Playground,
North Narrabeen (renewal)**
Comments close: Sun 16 Feb

Newport Outdoor Youth Space
Comments close: Sun 16 Feb

Open Space and Recreation Strategy
Comments close: Sun 16 Feb

**Proposed No Right Turn Restrictions –
Romford Road, Frenchs Forest**
Submissions close: Sun 16 Feb

**Road Reserve Lease Renewal –
adj 210 Headland Road, North Curl Curl**
Submissions close: Sun 16 Feb

**Road Reserve Lease Renewal –
adj 17 Lindley Avenue, Narrabeen**
Submissions close: Sun 16 Feb

Road Safety Plan (draft)
Submissions close: Sun 1 Mar

**DCP Amendments –
Mermaid Pool (re-exhibition)**
Submissions close: Sun 15 Mar

Shelly Beach Amenities Upgrade
Comments close: Sun 15 Mar



Way to Wellbeing Expo

Fri 21 Feb, 10am – 2pm
Dee Why RSL

This Seniors Festival, there's something for everyone at our free expo with over 40 information stalls plus seminars on exercise, food and mood, mindfulness, bone health and more. No bookings required.

Council notices

Northern Beaches Local Planning Panel

Wed 19 Feb, 1pm
Civic Centre, Dee Why

Item 3.1 DA2019/1273 – 46C White Street, Balgowlah – alterations and additions to a multi-unit housing development.

Item 3.2 DA2019/1393 – 1/17 Francis Street, Fairlight – alterations and additions to an existing dwelling.

Item 3.3 DA2019/1017 – The Strand, Dee Why – regularisation of the use of an approved kiosk as a café.

Item 3.4 DA2019/0748 – 19 Bungan Street, Mona Vale – demolition of all existing structures and the construction of a four storey shop top housing development over basement car parking.

View the agenda online.

Requests to address the Panel: 9942 2360
by Tue 18 Feb, 4pm

Fox baiting – notice to pet owners

The following reserves will be closed to dogs from Mon 24 Feb to Fri 10 Apr:

- Manly Dam, Manly Vale
- Allenby Park, Allambie Heights
- Forestville Park, Forestville
- Londonderry Drive Reserve, Killarney Heights
- Middle Creek Reserve, Oxford Falls
- Deep Creek Reserve (western side), Narrabeen
- Ingleside Chase Reserve, Ingleside
- Joalah Road Public Reserve, Duffy's Forest

Cats are prohibited in these reserves at all times. 'Foxoff® Econobait' will be laid between Mon 24 Feb and Fri 13 Mar. The baits are designed specifically for fox control and contain 1080 (sodium monofluoroacetate). Warning signs will be displayed.