

Northern Beaches Weekly News



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A message from the Mayor



Tuesday night sees Council meeting for the first time in 2020.

There is plenty for my fellow Councillors and I to review and discuss. I am especially looking forward to discussing how Council can appropriately

acknowledge and recognise our local emergency service volunteers and the communities that were devastatingly impacted by the recent bushfires.

Another important item on the agenda is the latest draft of Towards 2040, Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement. This is our response to the Greater Sydney Commission's broader plan for our ever growing City. I would like to commend our staff, fellow Councillors and the community for the extraordinary

work that has been done to prepare this 20-year vision for our area.

As many residents are aware, Council is committed to reducing the number of car trips on the Northern Beaches. To do this, we are building better infrastructure to support alternative forms of transport, such as bike riding. This week we installed double-decker bike racks at Manly Wharf as part of a trial allowing up to 102 bicycles to be securely stored at any one time.

On a normal weekday, over 300 bikes are parked at the wharf, and these new racks provide 60 percent more parking than the older style ones they replaced. We are monitoring their use closely and if they prove to be a good solution, we may install more at Manly and other cycling hot spots across the Beaches.

For those looking for a cultural break, be sure to check out two new exciting exhibitions at the Manly Art Gallery

and Museum, Express Yourself and Bill Leak - Life Drawing, which kick off next Friday 28 February. You will be amazed to discover the depth of artistic talent among our young people on display at Express Yourself. Former cartoonist for The Australian Bill Leak is lesser known for his life drawings but they certainly make for a fascinating exhibition.

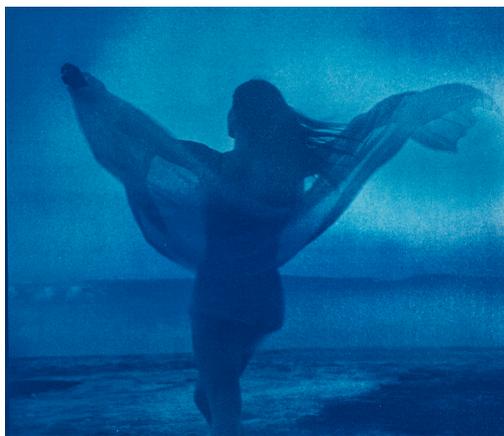
Finally, tomorrow afternoon I will be donning my cricket whites at my favourite place Manly Oval for a great cause - a T20 Celebrity Cricket game to fundraise for the Brain Cancer Group. The fun begins at 2pm in what promises to be a family-friendly terrific day. The line-up is very impressive with a mix of Sydney Swans, Sea Eagles and a reality TV star or two.

Have a great weekend

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Art & Words Project 2020

Inviting writers and artists to submit their entry for the Art & Words Project 2020.

The theme word is portrait.

Entries close: Mon 16 Mar

Visit the library website for more information.

Have your say

The following projects are open for comment:

Road Safety Plan

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

Council meeting

Tue 25 Feb, 6pm

Council Chambers, Dee Why

View the agenda online or at any of our Customer Service Centres.

Requests to address Council or speak at the public forum:

complete the form online or call 9942 2193 by Tue 25 Feb, 12pm

Council notices

Rabbit control program

We're working with the Sydney North Vertebrate Pest Committee and Greater Sydney Local Land Services to control wild rabbits by releasing the rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV1-K5) across the Northern Beaches in mid March. We're urging rabbit owners to vaccinate their pet rabbits against RHDV1-K5 prior to its release.

Visit our website for more information.

Development proposals

View application plans and documents or make a submission online.

Call or email us to contact a planner.

20 Westminster Avenue, Dee Why

DA2020/0090 (Lot A DP 392346 and Lot 15 Sec 4 DP 9125) –

demolition works and construction of a boarding house.

Applicant: ACN 637 462 250 Pty Ltd.

Consent authority: Northern Beaches Council

Enquiries: Alex Keller, Principal Planner

Submissions close: Sat 14 Mar

30 Fairlight Street, Fairlight

DA2020/0103 (Lot 50 DP 705739) - demolition works

and construction of residential flat building.

Applicant: Castle 240 Pty Ltd.

Consent authority: Northern Beaches Council

Enquiries: Alex Keller, Principal Planner

Submissions close: Sat 14 Mar