

## A Message from the Mayor



The Northern Beaches community is pretty special. Thanks to those who have sent messages of support to me and our staff during this time. We thrive on positives as a community.

In an otherwise challenging week, it was great to welcome more than 100 locals as new citizens after they

discovered the world's best kept secret – the Northern Beaches.

COVID-19 (coronavirus) is here with us and in the news every day. Council's senior staff and I continue to meet every day including across the weekend as things evolve and change, following the advice of our lead state and federal government agencies.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and community are at the centre of our response.

Yes, we've had to cancel many events, programs and workshops and close a number of much loved facilities.

We understand that these decisions have a huge impact on our community and I want to tell you they have not been made lightly. We need to comply with the 1.5m social distancing required by the Federal Government and that has huge ramifications for the way we operate.

Be assured that our decisions are being reviewed daily and we will reopen all our facilities - aquatic centres, galleries, theatre and our three closed libraries - as soon as we can.

Our focus is on maintaining essential services like waste collection, childcare, road maintenance and Meals on Wheels. And we are putting in place a range of measures that will support the most vulnerable and help our local businesses.

Manly, Warringah Mall and Mona Vale libraries remain open. Monday to Friday, 9-11am has been set aside for customers with a disability, older and vulnerable people and their carers; after 11am others are welcome. We're also expanding our home library service and will offer a Click and Collect book service.

To assist the business community who are already feeling the pressure, we have developed a \$1.2million Business Support Plan to compliment those of state and federal governments. It includes fee waivers, flexible delivery and parking arrangements and business marketing support.

Council is doing what we can to support local business during these tough times ahead and I hope you all will too. It's as simple as two words: 'shop local'.

We are a very resilient community and while we are in unprecedented territory, we are all in this together. Please check in on your neighbours, support each other and follow advice from health authorities.

Take care,

**Michael Regan**

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## Protect yourself and others

The most effective thing you can do is to practice good hygiene, follow 1.5m social distancing and keep away from others if you are unwell. The Federal Government has launched a new campaign for the community on how to best protect yourself. Learn more at [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)



## Events and gatherings

We have cancelled or postponed many events in line with the Federal Government requirements. Visit our events calendar online for details.

## Facilities and aquatic centres

Our galleries, aquatic centres, visitor information centre and Glen Street Theatre are temporarily closed until further notice. Kimbriki is open with some service changes.

## Our libraries

Manly, Warringah Mall and Mona Vale libraries are open. At present, Dee Why, Forestville and Glen Street libraries are temporarily closed. This is to bring you a new service called 'Click and Collect' and expand our home library service. Stay tuned for more details.

## Local business support

To help our business community, Council has a \$1.2 million package to ease the financial strain and to help make doing business easier at this time.

## Community care package

We are supporting our most vulnerable people, ensuring they stay connected during this time of social isolation.

## More information:

- Australian Government, Department of Health [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au)
- NSW Government, NSW Health [health.nsw.gov.au](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au)
- World Health Organization [who.int](https://www.who.int)
- Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade [dfat.gov.au](https://www.dfat.gov.au)
- Smart Traveller [smarttraveller.gov.au](https://www.smarttraveller.gov.au)

## Council notices

### Council Meeting

**Tue 24 Mar, 6pm**

**Civic Centre, Dee Why**

View the agenda online. Public forum has been suspended until further notice. If you'd like to raise something with Council please submit a document to be read at the meeting, or contact Councillors direct.

The meeting is live streamed. Help slow the spread of COVID-19 and consider your health and the health of others before attending the council meeting.

## Development proposals

### 18 Alexander Street, Collaroy

DA2020/0261 (Lot 8 DP 6984) for partial demolition works and construction of a boarding house with associated car parking and landscape works.

Consent Authority: Northern Beaches Council  
Applicant: B A Waight.

Enquiries: Renee Ezzy, Principal Planner  
Submissions close: Sat 11 Apr

## Have your say

We value your feedback on Council projects and encourage you to visit us online to see the range of projects open for comment.