

A Message from the Mayor



A lot can happen in the space of a few weeks. The way we live is changing every day as the state and federal governments put measures in place to stop the spread of the virus.

We are a social and active community. It's hard to be told to we can't go swimming in our favourite rock pool,

play a game of touch footy in the park or enjoy a Sunday afternoon picnic with family or friends. However, this is our new reality. And we need to do as we are asked, not just for our health but for the health of all those we love.

Please take it seriously. Stay home as much as you can. And know that we'll get through this together.

This week we took additional steps and closed our community centres, playgrounds, ocean pools and skateparks. Signs are progressively being put up across these areas to ensure people are aware of the closures. While we also closed all our library branches, we launched our Click and Collect library service where you can order online and pick up your books and DVDs outside your local library branch.

We've also extended our home library services to those most in need who can't access our click and collect service.

At the time of printing we are still operating our childcare and customer service centres. You'll see our staff still out fixing roads, footpaths and stormwater drains, maintaining parks and gardens, working on capital projects and collecting rubbish. Our planners are still assessing DAs and our cleaning teams are working around the clock.

In this brave new world we are still trying to service the community, just in different ways.

We are committed to helping our community anyway we can. We've moved some of our youth and adolescent counselling services online so we can still provide this support. As we move forward we'll continue to review what we can do to help our community connect through these challenging times.

For our businesses, we passed a \$1.2 million package at our Council meeting this week which includes fee relief and flexibility to help them do things differently too. We're working with our chambers of commerce to make sure everything we do will have the most impact and fill any gaps in state and federal government packages.

This is a tough time and it's not going to end quickly. Please continue to follow the advice of health and government officials and stay safe.

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Additional changes to Council services

This week Council moved to take further steps, in line with the direction of the Federal and State Governments' social distancing measures, to close the following additional facilities:

- Playgrounds
- Skateparks
- Estuary, tidal and harbour pools
- Ocean pools and rock pools
- Community centres
- Public BBQs

All our library branches are closed, replaced by two new online services, Click and Collect and Library2U to ensure you continue to access your library resources during this challenging time.

Beaches will be closed if they exceed 500 capacity or social distancing rules are not followed.

Customer service changes from Monday 30 March

There will be no Duty Planner or Justice of the Peace (JP) services offered at any of Council's customer centres.

While our centres remain open at present, please go online or call us 1300 434 434. If you do come in, please make cashless payments. Call us to find out how we can help you online - it will save you a visit.

We appreciate your co-operation and understanding. It is going to take every person acting responsibly to make a difference.

To see the full list of changes visit our website.

Supporting local businesses and caring for our community

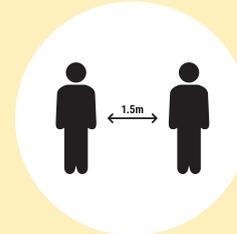
Council is committed to easing the financial strain and to caring for our most vulnerable at this time. Find out more about what we are doing by visiting the website.

Stop the spread!

Protect yourself and others. Stay 1.5 metres away, wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face and if sick, stay home. See all the details on the new restrictions at australia.gov.au



No mass gatherings



Social distancing 1.5m



Wash or sanitize hands

Council notices

Northern Beaches Local Planning Panel

Wed 1 Apr, 1pm

This meeting will be held via teleconferencing.

Item 3.1 DA2019/0512 - 19 - 23 The Corso, Manly - alterations and additions to an existing shop top housing development

Item 3.2 DA2019/1493 - 163 Riverview Road, Avalon Beach - construction of a boat shed.

Item 3.3 DA2019/1448 - 25 Anana Road, Elanora Heights - alterations and additions to a dwelling house.

Item 3.4 DA2019/1265 - 15 Monash Crescent, Clontarf - alterations and additions to a dwelling house and garage.

View the agenda online. Requests to address the panel: 8495 6474 by Tue 31 Mar, 4pm

Development proposals

Lot 1 Veterans Parade, Narrabeen

Mod2020/0111 (Lot 2611, DP 752038) - modification of development Consent DA2018/1481 granted for construction of a telecommunications facility monopole tower and associated equipment shelter.

Consent Authority: Northern Beaches Council
Applicant: Telstra Corporation, C/- Visionstream Australia Pty Ltd.

Enquiries: Phil Lane, Principal Planner
Submissions close: Mon 27 Apr