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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER
2017

Clontarf Forum website: <http://clontarfforum.weebly.com/>



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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hi Clontarf Residents,

Our next and last meeting of the year will be at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 5th December at Balgowlah Bowling Club in Bareena Drive, Balgowlah Heights.

We will not be meeting again until the first week of February and I will advise you of the details of when and where our meetings will be held next year in our February newsletter.

I would like to offer a big thank you to the small team who have worked so hard in the interests of our Clontarf Community during the year. Firstly, my wife Lynne, our Secretary, who produces the minutes from our meetings, and initiates actions and many discussions with Council on key issues and has represented us directly with Council. Another tireless supporter is Carlo Bongarzoni who chaired the successful sub-committee on keeping Heaton Avenue open and is deeply involved with the team looking at the essential maintaining and upgrading of Clontarf Reserve. Antoine de Paauw does a really great job of producing and organising the distribution of our monthly newsletter. Neil Padden has been our diligent and long term Treasurer and negotiator with advertisers in our newsletter. Many thanks to these key people and to the dedicated group who participate in our meetings and activities.

We are keen to welcome new participants so we can extend our support for our local area. Please email us or come to our monthly meetings.

Follow up from our Clontarf Reserve Meeting on site with NBC Council Management has already begun. Steven Lawler, Executive Manager Parks and Recreation, has had his staff do an audit of the watering system and is in the process of creating a water coverage diagram to monitor the current system and then work out how to improve the coverage, given tree roots and other obstructions. Natasha Schultz, Executive Manager for Waste management and Cleansing, has committed to upgrade the bin enclosures to the standard in other Reserves in

Manly, as the budget allows, over the oncoming months. We are still waiting to hear from Council on action to be taken on improved presentation and maintenance of the iconic pool and the continuation of the stone wall from the pool to Clontarf Beach Point. As mentioned in the last newsletter, NBC has committed to prepare a Master Plan using their Landscape Architects, for the future of the key features in the Reserve, to be available toward the end of 2018.

Following the response from the new Council on the Clontarf Reserve we have been working with local residents in Sandy Bay on essential maintenance of that Reserve as well. An on-site meeting has been arranged with Steven Lawler to look at keeping the pathway clear of wind blown sand, repairs to the damaged fence and the inoperable tap, and the parking of visitors across resident driveways. We will also discuss the viability of a number of dinghy storage places which are being affected by the erosion of the beach. If you have any further suggestions please let us know.

We have also been in contact with the Beaches Link Community Group who are negotiating with Government on the various new Northern Beaches tunnel issues re the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link. The good news is that the Government appears to be listening to the action group and are looking for at the overall impact on the community. The RMS and Ministry are impressed with the engagement process that the Beaches Link Community Group have made, and are taking their input very seriously, bringing some of their ideas and incorporating them into their design, which will form the official plan available in mid 2018. Details are unknown at this time and discussions will continue.

Two ventilation stacks will be necessary and the location of these stacks are still needed to be decided but away from schools and houses. The desire still remains for the tunnel portal in North Balgowlah to be located further north on the Wakehurst Parkway, away from the houses in that area. James Griffin, our Local Member, is working

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collaboratively with the community on addressing these concerns.

Whilst everything is encouraging, we need to continue to take a keen interest and be involved to ensure we do get what we want.

Additionally, in many people's opinion, there still needs to be a clearer commitment to public transport solutions for the Northern Beaches growing population and transport needs. An integrated travel system is really necessary, like many other leading cities around the world. We would like to see some form of rapid transport rail system introduced to the Northern Beaches that utilises access to the city and Chatswood.

The Government has also released papers on new policies for National Parks which basically returns the responsibility for these areas to the community, which might sound good on the surface, but we are concerned that many of these areas need to be kept as natural environments for future generations to enjoy and not reclaimed for developers' needs. What do you think? I look forward to hearing your views at our next meeting on Tuesday 5th December.

We also received a thank you letter from former Premier Mike Baird and he has asked me to pass on his "gratitude" for the support he received from us while being our Local Member. We enjoyed a good working relationship with Mike, as you will recall, and we wish him well in his new endeavours.

We look forward to catching up with you at our last meeting for the year on Tuesday 5th December, and wish you and your families best wishes for the festive season.

Kind regards
Phil Young
Chair Clontarf Community Forum

AGENDA FORUM MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5, at the Balgowlah Bowling Club, Bareena Drive, Balgowlah Heights.

- 7.45 pm – meeting commences.
- Apologies.
- Last meeting's minutes to be approved.
- Treasurer's Report.
- New Business.

OUTAGES

Recently Clontarf and surrounds had a power outage. To find out any details of a current outage – if you have a smart phone, tablet or laptop – Google *Power Outages Ausgrid*. This should give you a map above which you type in *Clontarf* and it should show you in orange all the affected areas. Below the map is a blue bar with *Tap Outage Area For More Information*. This should give you more details including the expected time it will take to

complete the problem.

Similarly, when there is an unexpected Waterboard issue – Google *Sydney Water Outages* – this should give you a map showing those areas affected with a blue circle. Click on the circle for more information.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Balgowlah Bowling Club would like to thank the community for supporting the Grandparents & Community Open Day on November 12, it was a great success and enjoyed by all.

SUPPORTING STEWART HOUSE

**Manly Santa Sunday Session
Sunday, 10 December from 1.00 pm.**

The "Manly Santa Sunday Session" (was Santa Pub Crawl) is an annual charity event to raise money for Stewart House. Around 1,200 - 2,000 attend each year.

**For more information go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/959138227558569/>**

**Stewart House Sydney to Hobart event
Tuesday 26 December**



This is a fantastic annual fundraising event for Stewart House and will be held on Tuesday 26th December (Boxing Day).

The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 years old. Tickets are available on the Stewart House website. Please note tickets cannot be reserved without payment.

The ferry will be leaving Manly Wharf at 12.15 pm (without exception) to watch the start of the Sydney to Hobart yacht race and return to Manly Wharf approximately 2 hours later.

Your ticket and wristband will be posted to you once your booking is processed. You must wear your wristband and present your ticket to board the ferry.

This year there will be two ferries leaving Manly Wharf but regrettably no entertainment or commentary will be provided.

To avoid unnecessary congestion on the wharf please ensure you arrive no earlier than 12 noon. Before

departure you will need to gather in the coloured area corresponding to your ticket and wristband colour.

Passengers are welcome to bring a picnic and the café on board will be open.

**For more information go to:
<https://www.stewarhouse.org.au/sydney-harbour-cruise-boxing-day/>**

CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT

**Thursday, 7 December – 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.
Gates open at 5.00 pm and entry is free.**

The Northern Beaches Council's 2017 'Christmas Choral Concert' spectacular is nearly here. The popular community event will start the festive season off with a bang!

Everyone's much-loved Carols will be presented by the Northern Beaches Orchestra and our very own Manly Christmas Community Choir, plus some very special guest artists who will perform throughout the evening.

There will be a visit from Santa himself and a fireworks finale.

Bring your picnic blanket and feast up with food vendors operating from 5.00 pm – 8.30 pm:

- Satay Brothers Food Truck • Balgowlah Lions Club BBQ
- Cantina Movil Food Truck • The Natural Pancake Co
- Mini Melts Ice Creams • Mr Creamy Ice Cream van

and Manly local business – The Artisan Cheese Room, who will be serving their famous Cheese Toasties.

Our supporting partner, Cunninghams will be handing out battery operated candles at the entry gates, so come down early!

Free Christmas face painting will be available from 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

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