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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hi Clontarf Residents,

Our AGM is due in July but Lynne and I will be away and so the CCF Executive has decided to defer it to our normal meeting on Wednesday 4th August at 7.30pm at a face to face meeting venue, if possible. We will try and meet at the Balgowlah RSL and will advise you the details once they have been finalised.

Lynne and I are planning to resign the Secretary and Chair positions of the CCF which we have held for nearly two decades and we are encouraging you to consider nominating for these important local community support roles. Lynne and I have really enjoyed and feel privileged to play a role in the many years of community advocacy and we are delighted with the many achievements we have worked on with many of you to collectively achieve greater amenity and services throughout Clontarf. We are intending to remain participants of the CCF and will be happy to help the new executive team settle in and we plan to maintain a keen interest in key projects that interest us like the implementation of the Clontarf Reserve Masterplan.

Lynne and I look forward to hearing from you if you have an interest and would like to discuss our perspectives.

The Clontarf Reserve Masterplan Children's Playground continues to progress along a harbour, aquatic theme. The objective is to create more inclusive, fun and challenging play spaces for children of all ages. The old playground equipment has been removed from the playground area and the footings for the path and the new equipment are being prepared for concreting in the near future. Council anticipates the playground should be completed in late August which is well before the peak season which is good news.

The Clontarf Pool restoration was planned by Council to be completed in 2022/3 which the CCF finds problematic and has asked Council to bring the works forward. Council is currently seeking extra grant funding for this project. In the meantime they have committed to keeping the pool safe and some stabilization work has been completed in May. The raker pile which provides lateral strength to the pool structure and braces the piles against wave action was replaced in May. Council will continue to maintain the integrity and safety of the pool until the major restoration commences.

At our last meeting Council also agreed to organise for the Manager who is responsible for the redesign of Clontarf Pool, Steve Watson, to give us a presentation, once a clear plan is available. Council is currently contemplating a similar award winning design as that used in the restoration of Forty Baskets and Little Manly Pools with a surrounding boardwalk and by replacing the wood piles with plastic coated steel poles which have a much longer life and are more sympathetic to the environment than wooden poles which require regular maintenance and replacement more frequently.

The toilet block refurbishment works in Clontarf Reserve continues with the accessible amenities completed. The reconfiguring of the layout is scheduled for construction completion mid year.

The Sandy Bay Mini makeover has also progressed well with returfing, a new disabled pathway, new sandstone blocks on the pathway edge, and some residents have applied to Ausgrid to have the electric pole in the middle of the street removed. This has been raised in the past and the costs are significant so it will be interesting to see how this goes. Council is still monitoring the area to observe dog behaviour and will consider further signage on barking and droppings pickup if needed.

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We have been informed that the sewage leakages into Sandy Bay are still being monitored and assessed by Sydney Water. The envisaged testing process takes a considerable time to ascertain where leaks and blockages from sewer pipes are occurring from private properties along the local streets which are involved. This project will continue till the area is safely completed.

At the time of writing the May newsletter, I reported on the situation with the information that was at hand at that time from the Sydney Water team working on the issue that the sewage problems had been resolved. It later transpired that continuing leaks had been found and more exploration needed to be done.

At our May meeting this issue was discussed and the situation explained, so those residents who took the time to join our meeting would have been correctly informed. I apologize if this mistiming caused you any concerns.

At the last meeting I raised the suggestion for a couple of new projects. The first was to do a restoration of the Ellery's Punt area just near the north eastern side of the Spit Bridge. There is a deteriorating history piece near the start to the track from Spit to Manly. There is a commemoration plinth there as well with historical information about the punt bringing people across Middle Harbour. There is a suggestion to more clearly outline this history with Reverse Casting lettering. Additionally, it would be beneficial for deteriorating stone and wooden runners from the punt docking area to be protected with attention from the Council.

Historically the Spit was initially crossed by a punt carrying passengers and carts across the Spit using hand drawn ropes. This was followed by mechanical winches and served to connect a tram service from North Sydney to Manly. A suggestion was made at the last meeting that Council could introduce QR codes where walkers could uncover a much richer history of pictures and words than would be practical at the site. What suggestions do you have to enhance this project please?

We also discussed the enhancement of indigenous history communication in our area at our last meeting. We understand that there are sensitivities and needs to protect significant areas and we plan to contact the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) at Freshwater and arrange for a representative to talk with us and Council at one of our meetings about how best to enhance the general understanding of our Indigenous History. Do you have any suggestions or views on this initiative please?

Lynne and I represented you at the Quarterly Manly Ward Executive meeting of the Manly Community Groups with Council, on the 20th May. Council presented a summary of their Budget and our conclusion was it was responsible and we can expect new roadworks and

footpath works in our area in the near future.

However, in regards to the Rates Harmonisation issues for Manly Ward, our Councillors, Deputy Mayor Ms Candy Bingham and Cnr Ms Sarah Grattan fought extremely hard to have the impact of the rates increases, to be minimised and phased in over a longer period of time. However, this was voted down by Councillors in the other Wards.

CCF does express concern about the significant increase in Council Fees for our area. You may recall this is as result of bringing the rate calculations all in line for the three former Council areas.

At the meeting, we also heard about the moving of the Manly Environmental Centre in Belgrave Street to the Manly Library has been completed. There are great resources and staff in this new location to consult on all the environmental issues in our localities. There are also initial thoughts to move the Environment Centre to North Head at a future time.

There was also discussion on whether Council should do a submission to an Upper House Government Enquiry into the Beaches Link Tunnel of the EIS (Environment Impact Statement). Resident groups, including ourselves, support the Tunnel in some form, but are very concerned about the many adverse impacts on our environment, which were inadequately answered in the EIS. Councillor Grattan, who is a key Clontarf supporter, is considering this issue at present.

Our next CCF meeting will be by Zoom at 7.30pm on June 2nd. Please let us know if you would like the link to attend. The last meeting's attendance was very poor so we hope you will set aside some time to join us.

Kind Regards

Phil Young

Chair Clontarf Community Forum

EPA HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

Saturday, 19 June from 9:00am to 3:30pm

Sunday, 20 June from 9:00am to 3:30pm

**Mona Vale Beach Car Park,
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Items that can be dropped off include household cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, poisons, motor fuels, fluorescent globes, acids, smoke detectors, gas bottles, fire extinguishers as well as car and household batteries.

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Traffic control

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