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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hi Clontarf Residents,

We have decided to have a Zoom meeting for our August Annual General Meeting and regular meeting. So our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th August at 7.30pm via the online Zoom format. If you would like to participate please send us an email if you are not on our email distribution list. A link to the meeting is available this week.

At the time of writing the Balgowlah RSL was not available for Community Meetings and there has been a continuing increase in the number of Covid19 cases in Australia emanating mostly from Victoria, but there are also increases in community transmission in New South Wales thus increasing the risk for face to face meetings, so we will not ask any of you to take the risk.

The AGM will be the first item on the agenda for the August meeting where we will declare all executive positions vacant and call for volunteers. The Executive Positions are Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Coordinator. We would really welcome new residents to step forward to continue the community work the current team has been doing. It does not need to take up much time particularly if we can share the load a little more than at the moment. The current Office Bearers would be more than happy to help any interested residents ease into the satisfying work of adding value to our wonderful local environment and community. We look forward to you expressing some interest.

Once the positions are declared vacant we will call for nominations and then vote on the nominations. The new Executive

will then take over the running of the normal August meeting after first voting to endorse our new constitution which you recall was developed many months ago and reviewed and revised a number of times and is available on our Clontarf Community Website and Facebook pages.

The Clontarf Reserve Masterplan has progressed well to date with the completion of the sandstone bleachers, in front of the pool, along with a new shower, disabled ramp and path from the pool to the Bosk Restaurant and car park. Also new turf has been laid which Council needs to keep watered while it takes root. We hope it will be more durable than the many previous attempts to effectively grass the area. The continuation of the sandstone logs wall from the pool along the beach front and around to the beach access road at the end of the car park, is due to start in the next week or so, subject to the weather conditions allowing work to continue.

Council has advised however, that they are running behind the earlier planned time frame for the upgrade and reinvention of the children's playground, and the



Before and after photos of the seawall and bleachers

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toilet block upgrade. They have been able to access an extra \$200,000 in grant funding which will enable them to deliver a higher quality play facility than previously envisaged, but this has delayed the project some months. They have also had to wait for more information on the impact of the planning exercise of construction of a drainage line as part of the Manly to Seaforth Flood Study, (2019). The drainage line runs through the Reserve close to the playground. Currently the Council Masterplan Team is planning to go out to tender for the playground at the revised time of late August and seek Council approval at the October Council Meeting, meaning they will not be able to complete the work prior to the Peak season. They are regretfully telling us it will need to be March 2021, before the work can be started, without the inconvenience of trying to organise construction at the peak time of year. They also plan to start the toilet block upgrade in March 2021 as well. While these delays are a bit disappointing, I think it does make sense to have an improved facility implemented with the best knowledge at the time.

The NBC has done a letterbox drop of their proposal on the speed and traffic control proposal for Kanangra Crescent and Heaton Avenue. It shows raised speed cushions at the entrance to Kanangra Crescent from Ethel Street, in Heaton Avenue just before the intersection with Kanangra Crescent and in Heaton Avenue, just before the entry to Manly Road. There are graded textured surface reminders at four points in Kanangra Crescent and two in Heaton Avenue, between the Kanangra Crescent entry and Manly Road. Council have also recommended no left turn into Kanangra from Ethel Street between 6am and 9am and from 4pm to 7pm (Mon-Fri). There is no yellow “no parking” line at this stage from the Heaton Avenue intersection in Kanangra Crescent, up past the first bend which was discussed with Council. What do you think of this traffic proposal please?

Some initial feedback of the traffic plan, questions the need for a restricted entry into Kanangra Crescent from Ethel Street during the afternoon. We would also welcome the confirmation of the need for the no parking yellow line mentioned earlier, to improve the safety at the lower end of Kanangra Crescent. Other suggestions include a broken white line down the length of Kanangra Crescent, and a longer extension of the double lines

at the top of Kanangra Crescent. We look forward to hearing from you.

The Sandy Bay upgrade including sandstone blocks at the road edge next to the path at the cul de sac end in Sandy Bay Road. There are also plans for the removal of the telegraph pole in the middle of the roundabout, and marked parking bays currently with Council. Consideration for committed resident parking is also with Council. We will ask for an update at our August Meeting.

We have discussed the Northern Beaches Flood Management investigation work over the last few months, and some residents remained concerned that the current flood areas are too broad and will influence insurance premiums and renovation specifications. One resident, who is affected, agreed to send a communication to Counsellor and Deputy Mayor, Candy Bingham, which has been done. We are also supporting the application by this resident to become a Community Representative on the Council’s Northern Beaches Flood Plan Committee, and we are awaiting feedback from Council as to whether he has been accepted onto the committee.

We would like to thank all of you who have participated in our community activities during 2020 and particularly our Office Bearers, Lynne Young (Secretary), Neil Padden (Treasurer) and Antoine de Paauw (Newsletter Coordinator). We have achieved a lot during the year with the establishment of the Clontarf Reserve Master Plan, along with responding to traffic concerns by residents in Heaton Avenue and Kanangra Crescent, and working with the residents in Sandy Bay on their upgrades. We look forward to welcoming some new residents to our productive team.

Kind Regards,

Phil Young

Chair Clontarf Community Forum

And as always, thanks also to Phil for his tireless work (in conjunction with Lynne) in keeping Clontarf on the map with Council.

POSITION FILLED

In our last issue we asked for volunteers to take over the position of the newsletter distributor and for any back-up newsletter walkers.

Thanks to the two people who volunteered, much appreciated.

WINTER READING

The following is taken from the NBC library news:

C.S. Lewis once said, 'You can never get a cup of tea large enough or book long enough to suit me.' If you feel the same, here are five popular fiction reads to cosy up with this winter.

A man called Ove, Fredrik Backman.

There is something about Ove. He is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet and thinks himself surrounded by idiots. However, through an unswerving conviction about what the world should be, you realise there is something quite irresistible about Ove.

The Wife and the Widow, Christian White.

This is an unsettling thriller told from the perspective of a wife and a widow. Nothing is as it seems and it's only when these women come together, can they discover

*"To reach a port, we must set sail -
sail, not tie an anchor -sail, not drift"*

- Franklin D Roosevelt



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Little fires everywhere, Celeste Ng

In Shaker Heights, everything is planned – from the colours of the houses, to the successful lives its residents will go on to lead. So what happens when Mia Warren brings her mysterious past and disregard for the status quo into the community?

Grown ups, Marian Keyes

They're a glamorous family the Caseys but under the surface, they are much murkier. With one careless remark made with everyone present, the secrets begin to unravel.

Pachinko, Min Jin Lee

This is the story of an exceptional family in exile from their homeland and being caught in the indifferent arc of history.



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