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COMMUNITY PRECINCT NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2013



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hi Clontarf Residents,

I was asked to Chair the first meeting among the Combined Precinct Executives of Manly. After input from each Precinct who attended, we agreed

there is an opportunity to improve the communication between Precincts and Council by working with Council on a more accountable and transparent reporting system. Council has responded, and the Precinct Chairs are meeting with Council's General Manager, Henry Wong, next week. I will keep you informed on progress.

At our last meeting Henry Wong responded to the questions raised by you all. The Seaforth Tafe Redevelopment will now be called "Seaforth Community and Creative Hub" and leasing agents have been engaged to find community activity tenants. Council has spent over a \$1 million on cleaning up the site and installing a lift. There will be a reading room that complements Seaforth library with computer facilities and a new Piazza meeting place and the public toilet on Sydney Road will be moved to the back of the site.

Henry also responded to the request to do something about the mutilation of our wonderful street trees by Energy Australia by committing to be a strong advocate for a less damaging pruning approach. Henry has met with the CEO of Energy Australia and they have discussed aerial bundling of cables which allows a "keyhole" approach to pruning. This is less costly than the preferred Precinct option of having cables underground. What do you think?

Henry, in addition, confirmed that the relocation of the storm water drain from the Clontarf pool to the main drain is scheduled for completion later this year.

There was discussion about the new limitations of green waste disposal to the contents of the bins provided by Council and suggestions of an extra bin and fortnightly pick up were surfaced. What do you think?

We asked a further question on the risk to ratepayers with the implementation of the 2015 Manly Plan where Council is planning to borrow nearly \$100 million to upgrade the central area of Manly, relocate the Whistler Street car park to underneath Manly oval and introduce car/pedestrian common areas with a number of traffic

changes. Henry indicated that the worst case financial scenario has no impact on ratepayers. There is a review of the plan with the Precinct Executives on Saturday 10th August and I will raise this question again to test some of the assumptions. On the positive side if all goes according to plan it will significantly enhance the Central Manly area.

The State Government White Paper on the new Planning Regulations which restrict community rights on neighbouring developments was discussed, with Henry agreeing with our concerns, and supporting our appeal to Local Member Mike Baird. We are currently awaiting a response from Mike, after the Planning Minister is consulted. Incidentally the Law Society of NSW strongly opposes the White Paper with serious concerns about the significant restriction on the ability of the community to challenge plans and absence of legal scrutiny on Planning Ministerial decisions.

Clontarf Marina have still not submitted their DA to expand the fixed berths by around two and a half times, nor have we received answers to the clarification questions we asked following our subcommittee meeting with them a couple of months ago. The Marina has however erected 3 buoys in the bay but we are unsure of the dimensions of the likely proposal at this stage and its relation to the buoys.

Lynne and I met with Council at Amiens Road to agree the scope of works to upgrade the footpath from bitumen to concrete from Holmes Avenue to Beatrice Street. Council will draw up a plan and letter box drop residents directly affected. Work should commence in the very near future.

Clontarf Reserve re-turfing and the addition of new seating will continue over the next few months.

Council has renovated the absorption trench and garden at the turning circle in Sandy Bay Road and they have committed to a new seat and bin in Sandy Bay Reserve.

Our next meeting is at Balgowlah RSL at 7.45pm Wednesday 7th of August.

I look forward to hearing your views.

Kind regards,

Phil Young

Chairperson, Clontarf Community Precinct

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Please make sure all dogs are on a lead at the event.

AGENDA PRECINCT MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 7 at the Balgowlah RSL, Ethel Street, Seaforth.

- 7.45 pm meeting commences.
- Apologies.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Last meetings' minutes to be approved.
- Council's responses to previous minutes.
- DAs/BAs.
- New Business:
- Meeting closed.

VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY

Friday 16 August 2013

Council Forecourt / Manly War Memorial

Service starts at 11.00 am. In case of rain the service will be relocated to St Matthews Church.

MANLY ART GALLERY

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MANLY LIBRARY

FEATURED EVENTS FOR AUGUST:

Dead of Winter Series of Family History and Author Talks every Wednesday from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and from 1.00 – 2.00 pm.

FREE. Bookings Essential: 9976 1743.

Wednesday 7 August.
10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Trove is the National Library's gateway to Australia's historical newspapers. Expert Ann Manley will talk about how revolutionary and useful this free search service is.

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Author talk: *Fishing the River of Time* by Tony Taylor.

At age 80, Tony travels from Sydney to British Columbia to fish the Cowichan River with his eight-year-old grandson. *Fishing the River of Time* is an elegant meditation on nature, life and family, written with warmth and wisdom.

Wednesday 14 August

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Who is missing from your family tree? Learn basic family history research skills with Fran Inkster, Genealogy librarian.

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Author talk: *A Most Generous Scholar*.

Joan Kerr, Art and Architectural Historian – a biography by Susan Steggall. Essential for all those interested in women's lives, cultural studies and the intimate histories of art and architecture.

Wednesday 21 August

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Manly Cemetery. John MacRitchie, Local Studies Librarian, reveals the hidden lives behind the gravestones of Manly Cemetery.

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Author talk: *A Lifesaver's Secret* by Gunillah Haglundh.

Local author Gunillah's second book in the Manly Murders series takes the reader through a series of seemingly unconnected people, events, family secrets and social media bullying.

Wednesday 28 August

10.00 am – 12.00 pm

The Men who started Manly. John MacRitchie, Local Studies Librarian, investigates the men who petitioned for Manly's formation in 1876.

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Author talk: *For the Love of Grace* by Pam Bayfield.

Local author Pam's 9th novel covers the period from the 1850s to the 1890s in The Rocks and Manly with journeys to the fledgling suburb of Newport.

Tuesday 27 August

6.00 – 7.30 pm

Talk and Film: *The War Within* by Don Tate

The War Within is a chilling and gutsy memoir by Vietnam War Veteran, Don Tate. From a tough and impoverished childhood to the dark aftermath of fighting in one of Australia's most unpopular wars, Don Tate tells with an original and raw voice a story of abuse, violence and redemption. The evening includes a 35 minute film to accompany the talk.

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UPDATE ON LITTLE PENGUINS



Two pairs of Little Penguins have returned to their nests under Manly Wharf.

Trained volunteer Penguin Wardens have commenced watch over these nesting Little Penguins, which are part

of the endangered population at Manly. The Wardens actively monitor and protect Little Penguins access to their nests and protect the Penguins from direct disturbance, educate the public about the conservation of the endangered population and dedicate considerable time and effort to protecting the Little Penguins, typically working from about an hour before dusk to just after midnight when bars/restaurants close for trading.

Local author, Felicity Pulman wrote the children's book, *Little Penguins at Manly Wharf*, telling the story of the Little Penguins at Manly. The beautifully illustrated book, is currently for sale at Humphrey's News Agency in Manly with proceeds going towards caring for penguins and building the information database of NSW's only mainland breeding penguin colony.

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