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# CLONTARF

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2018

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



**Council “Floodplain Plan” – there is considerable concern about the flow on impact on home and contents insurance premiums along with a possible change in Government/Council planning regulations and requirements.**

### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hi Clontarf Residents,

The main focus of the CCF over the last month has been on the preparation of our community input for the Clontarf Reserve Master Plan. We have had several meetings of the subcommittee and are in the process of completing a draft communication to Council. The process has involved searching assessments of the current Reserve and pool and how they all work to enhance our enjoyment of the wonderful Clontarf environment we are privileged to live in. We have then looked at the issues that arise from that work and are in the process of developing a short, medium and long term plan recommendation for you and Council to consider. We plan to discuss this at our August meeting, so if you have not yet given us your input, we would appreciate it now. Many thanks to the residents who have provided us with their thoughts on their current enjoyment of the area and suggestions on how we might work with Council to improve the way the Reserve functions, and address the issues many of you have surfaced.

Broadly speaking many of you are happy with the current amenity of the Reserve, as a local neighbourhood picnic area and a place to enjoy the playground with children and grandchildren, along with the natural ambience and safety of the pool and beach areas. Many residents have mentioned their love of the many mature trees in the park for natural shade in summertime and a great refuge for a picnic or a relaxing time. However, there is widespread concern about the highly congested peak holiday periods which overuses the facilities and leads to deterioration in the overall Reserve, including the grassed areas.

There was also significant concern about the visitor parking on the peak days not only within the Reserve, but also encroaching on resident driveways and grass verges, along with loss of parking for resident and guest vehicles in the surrounding streets. It was clear from the

experience last summer that this problem is increasing.

In addition, we have noticed that the park area fills from the beach/playground area to the road leaving underutilized areas in the wide grassy areas by the Sydney Water pipeline at the back of the Reserve on most days, except in peak times. There was also concern about children being in danger by venturing onto the roadway, particularly when the park is busy. When you think about it the road and its access fingers completely divides the park. While car access to the picnic site might be an advantage of this design, it encourages overutilization of the western or beach front fringe, where all the facilities and natural attributes are located.

It is obvious, particularly at low tide, that the pool has been allowed to deteriorate to a dangerous degree, which, I think we all feel is sad and neglectful. There are safety issues with the sharp barnacles on many of the rods and the rods themselves are rusted and pose another danger to injury. Council is currently reviewing the “essential maintenance” and we look forward to substantial improvements in the overall maintenance and safety. We will be confirming the need for ongoing maintenance, in our short term planning brief to Council in the Masterplan.

On consideration of these issues, we have started to form a plan on the short, medium and long term needs of both the Reserve and the pool.

*In the short term*, we have already been talking to Council about the many maintenance issues, included in previous newsletters. You remember that these include grass re-turfing, increased toilet cleaning, garbage bin enclosure upgrades, watering system overhaul, video surveillance of the Norfolk Pines to deter vandalism, and a continuation of the sandstone wall from the pool to the point. The short term planning proposal for the Masterplan will also strongly suggest the inclusion of a substantial increase in the parking surveillance and enforcement, particularly in the peak periods.

### FORUM OFFICE BEARERS

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*There might be other solutions that you have thought of that could alleviate the pressure on the Reserve and our neighbourhood and these need to be canvassed with us at this stage please.*

*In the medium term*, we are strongly campaigning for a complete restoration of the pool enclosure. We have had specific community feedback that the restoration needs to reflect the current historical structure but can include materials such as polymer rods and piles (as used for marina construction) and other modern materials. There may also need to be further consideration of the peak hour ferry service idea from Clontarf to Circular Quay, which I have mentioned previously. However, this would probably not be part of the Masterplan proposal. We are also very supportive of the needs of Clonnys, to have Council approve upgrade plans to provide a modern, improved beverage and food service for Reserve visitors.

*In the longer term*, we are considering aiming to significantly improve the park utilization by evaluating the relocation of the road and parking. This would be to the Eastern edge of the Reserve, adjacent to the pipeline wall and improved parking utilization on the Holmes Avenue side of the pipeline wall. While a number of residents are happy with the current free approach in Holmes Avenue, the consensus of residents seems to support more management and utilization of this area, with the possible addition of parking meters to assist in the peak management parking needs. There has also been some discussion about not only an upgrade of the current playground facilities but moving them perhaps over to the underutilized part of the Reserve and adding maybe a climbing type structure and basketball hoops to cater to the needs of older children as well as the younger age group.

*Tell us what you think about these preliminary thoughts?*

A further issue that has arisen during the month has been the consequential flow on effects of the Council "Floodplain Plan", which has designated much of the low lying areas in Clontarf as "long term unusual storm/flood risk". Council has been in touch with many residents that are affected and explained the process and the study. The feedback we have received is that there is considerable concern about the flow on impact on home and contents insurance premiums and availability, along with a possible change in Government/Council planning regulations and requirements, for what is an extremely rare event. We are in the process of discussing these issues with Council and would appreciate any input any of you have on these issues.

There is good news on the deferment of the new "Medium Density Housing" regulation changes proposed by the State Government. You may remember that this will allow increased non-consultative development. These

regulation changes have been deferred in a number of Council areas, including our own, for one year. There had been concern in other Manly neighbourhoods that the Government may not honour its commitments and may implement the changes sooner rather than later.

We, however, have had it confirmed by our local member Mr James Griffin that there is a solid commitment to defer these regulations for a year to allow Council to further develop their LEP proposal and on how to give residents some say in neighbourhood developments, and have Council act as an intermediary as has been the established practise.

*Our next meeting is on Wednesday 1st of August at 7.45 at Balgowlah RSL and we need you to participate in the key discussions on the shape of our local area.*

*I look forward to meeting more of you, and thank you to the new residents who have come in the last 2 months and shared their experiences and views.*

Kindest regards,  
Phil Young.  
Chair Clontarf Community Forum

### AGENDA FORUM MEETING

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 1, at the Balgowlah RSL, Ethel Street, Seaforth.**

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

### NATIVE PLANT STALL AT BEACHES MARKET

**Sunday, August 5 – 8.00 am to 2.00 pm.  
Manly Fresh Produce Markets.  
Sydney Road, Corner Whistler Street, Manly.**

Our Parks and Recreation team will be on hand at the Beaches Market with information about planting trees on the Northern Beaches and plant giveaways to local residents.

**Market enquiries:**  
info@thebeachesmarket.com.au

**Website:**  
www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/  
whats-on/native-plant-stall-beaches-market

### ECO TEXTILE WORKSHOP

**Commences Thursday, August 9 (plus 16, 23, 30 August & 6, 13 September) – 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm.  
Warringah Mall Library.  
Ages 12 - 18.**

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Bookings essential from 19 July.  
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### INTERNET SHOPPING AND SECURITY



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Presenters: John Stewart and Allan Burrowes, trainers Computer Pals Northern Beaches.

**Cost: \$5. Payment at the door on the day.  
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**Everyone welcome.  
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### TASTE OF THE BEACHES

**Sunday, August 19 from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm.  
Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale.**

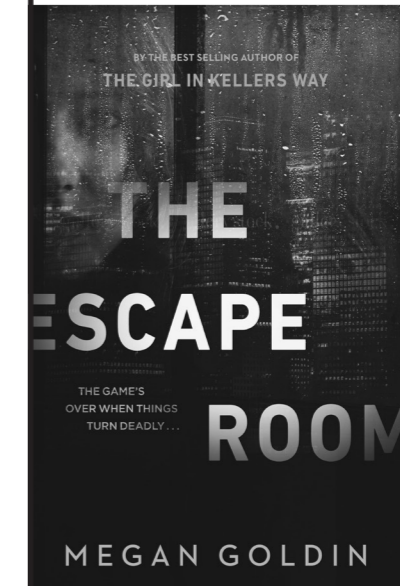
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