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SEAFOOD BUFFET FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 6.30 pm

Freshest seafood direct from the fish market on the day. \$49 adults, \$20 children under 12.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. CONTACT DETAILS BELOW.

SATURDAY DINING, SEPTEMBER 9

Two choices entrée, three choices main course, dessert, tea/coffee and petit fours. \$39 per person. Bookings recommended.

THE MANLY FIG MUSIC FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 8.00 pm.

(Doors open 7.15 for 8.00 pm start - finishes 11.00 pm.

Adam Miller, Miriam Lieberman duo, Jeff Duff band (This is a listening venue so quiet please during performances)

\$20 cash at the door for café style seating or book through: info@themanlyfig.org or phone 9905 7215. BYO food and drinks or hot finger style food to purchase on arrival and taken to your table. Bar is open so all BYO drinks will incur a corkage charge. For full details go to: www.themanlyfig.org

DINNER WITH ELVIS AND THE BOYS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, from 7.00 pm 'til late.

All you can eat succulent baby back pork spare ribs and sides plus dessert Entertainment from award winning impersonators of Elvis, Buddy and Tom Jones. Get some friends together for a fun filled night. \$55 per head. Booking essential (contact details below). up to date information on all our upcoming events

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Hi Clontarf Residents. Our next meeting is on *Tuesday* 5th September at Balgowlah Bowling Club at 7.45pm.

We look forward to catching up with you and your ideas then.

At our August meeting we discussed concerns over the poor delivery of council services to Clontarf. The overall follow up on general maintenance in Clontarf has been somewhat lack-lustre. The Clontarf Reserve still needs an upgrade to the road surfaces and presentation of the garbage bin enclosures and the extensive areas of deterioration in the grass areas along with a complete restoration of the pool to its original condition. We have been arguing for the introduction of a Master Plan for this key recreation area for many months and are still waiting for Council to take action.

At last we have had a response on a number of the issues in Clontarf Reserve after we had a meeting with our local MP James Griffen and we have received a response from Mark Ferguson the CEO of Northern Beaches Council. He has indicated that the resurfacing of the roads have been included in this years Car Park Renewal Program which is good news. He has also mentioned that the bin areas have been cleaned up and the bin enclosures have been placed on a priority list for future consideration. Not exactly the commitment we were hoping for but at least the work will be considered in the future. The bare turf areas, Mark has indicated, will not sustain healthy turf due to the shade and high usage and so council has mulched the areas around the trees and adjacent to the children's playground. We do understand the issue but will continue to search for a better solution. Mark also indicated that the remainder of the grassed areas will be fertilized and weeded and the irrigation system will be upgraded so we can expect an improved appearance and wear tolerance during the

The proposed new Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link was also discussed. This is a major issue that will affect all our futures and needs your involvement with the issues and decisions while the project is in the design phase. We agreed that the Government needs to provide us all with a lot more detail on their vision and considerations and there is a real need for an intensive engagement process with the Northern Beaches Communities. While there have been a number of communication sessions on the project we have had feedback that there have been more questions raised that could not be answered versus effective answers. While we understand this is early in the process we are hoping there will be highly transparent, honest and detailed briefings in the future. Why not drop an email to James Griffen our NSW Government MP to express your concern and request comprehensive updates and a commitment to consult with the community before any decisions are made.

There have been a number of local groups who have formed to better understand the tunnel proposals and the implications for the community. One of the concerns that has been raised already is the location of the exhaust stacks and the extent of filtering. Any stack near a school or recreation area we would oppose and request its relocation. There have also been debates about the location of the Seaforth Wakehurst Parkway entry to the tunnel and the suggestion has been made to move it further back down the Parkway which seems to make sense. A further issue is the approach to the Burnt Bridge entry point for Clontarf and Seaforth Residents. We are hoping a facilitated approach and access will be provided for all local residents. There has also been discussion about the implications of the tunnel decision on the density of the population on the Northern Beaches. If Government is to spend the billions needed to construct this infrastructure then there is concern this may lead to an encouragement for higher density living and over development. What do you think? I am sure many more concerns and issues will arise over the next few months and we look forward to hearing your reaction and

The council elections will be held on Saturday September 9 and we are hoping we will see 3 elected

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councillors for the Manly Ward who are focussed on local community issues who also believe in transparency and honesty. We are hoping there will be no repetition of the undemocratic behaviour of the Liberal block of Councillors in the former Manly Council who tried to push through the unpopular carpark under Manly Oval. In addition to the major political parties like the Liberals, Labour and the Greens there will be 2 significant groups of Independents. The first is led by Candy Bingham (Good for Manly) and the second led by Sarah Grattan in Manly (Your Northern Beaches Independent Team). A good choice for you all to consider. You can access their details on the Electoral Commission website.

We look forward to hearing your views at our meeting on Tuesday 5th September at the Balgowlah Bowling Club in Bareena Drive, Balgowlah Heights at 7.45 pm.

Kind regards
Phil Young
Chair Clontarf Community Forum

AGENDA FORUM MEETING

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

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

HOME SWEET 2017



From 6.00 pm on Friday 15th September until 8.00 am Saturday 16th September.

Right now, an estimated 200 young people on Sydney's Northern Beaches are without a permanent home.

You can make a difference by taking part in Home Sweet 2017, a charity sleepover to raise funds and awareness for youth in need.

Join us at Freshwater Surf Lifesaving Club (Kooloora

Avenue, Freshwater) where we will reflect upon the importance of a safe home while raising funds to help displaced youth.

Why? Every person who sleeps over will be asking others to sponsor them, and we're aiming to raise over \$100,000. All funds go to The Burdekin Association who house and support young people in need. "Hidden homelessness" is a real problem for our young people, with many sleeping in cars or on couches, unseen and unsupported.

What can I do? Join the sleepover, and start gathering sponsorship support from friends, family and colleagues. Register via the Visit Website link at https://homesweet.raisely.com/

Can't make it? Donate or sponsor any of our sleepover participants.

At the time of printing of this newsletter just over \$66,000 had been donated.

Enquiries to Louise on 0481 913 267

SENIOR'S DAY OUT

Monday 25 September and Monday 30 October 10.30 am – 2.30 pm

Harbord Diggers, Evans Street, Freshwater FREE EVENT

'The best day out' is back at Harbord Diggers with selected meals, free entertainment, trivia and more.

Enquiries: Harbord Diggers on 9938 1444

MANLY VALE COMMUNITY GARDENS



Saturday 30 September 10.00 am – 4.00 pm 4 - 8 Innes Road, Manly Vale

It's Manly Vale Community Garden's 7th Birthday Spring Fair and some of the planned events are:

- 11.00 am compost demonstration
- 1.00 pm splitting a native bee hive.

There will be all day wood-fired pizzas; good coffee; local music; bake and plant stalls; penned chickens and children's activities and prizes to be won.

For further information go to: https://mvcommunitygarden.wordpress.com/1

TRASH AND TREASURE

Sunday 10 September
9.00 am – 1.00 pm
Balgowlah North Public School
10 Manning Street, North Balgowlah
FREE EVENT

Come along and grab a bargain at our annual Trash and Treasure market. Heaps of stalls with pre-loved, homemade and new items, clothes, books and much more.

There will also be a bake stall, BBQ and coffee van. Local school bands will be competing in the Battle of the Bands competition and will entertain you with their performances.

> For more details contact Annie White on 0410 957911

MANLY LIBRARY

Make Talk Matter with Zena Shapter.

A workshop for young writers aged 12 to 21.

Saturday 23 September

1.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Practice creating dynamic dialogue in both group and individual writing exercises and score insightful tips from award-winning author Zena Shapter in this dialogue writing master-class.

MANLY ART GALLERY



The Phantom 8 September – 29 October

The Phantom, created in 1936 by Lee Falk, was the first costume 'superhero' and pre-dated both Superman (1938) and Spiderman (1962). MAG&M is the final Australian venue for a touring exhibition of contemporary artworks inspired by The Phantom, created by Peter Kingston, Dieter Lederwasch, Euan Macleod and Dick Frizzell among 40 artists. Explore why this comic book character resonates so strongly across the world nearly 80 years later.

Land 3 November – 3 December

Selected works by members of MAG&M Society and artists from across the Northern Beaches region, who have drawn inspiration from the theme 'land', as a noun, a verb, a place, an idea, a possibility, a presence, a contested space. Landscape, headland, wasteland, landfill and landmine are amongst the various



