



Manly Greens

October / November 2022 Newsletter

It's been a busy two months on Northern Beaches Council covering huge topics ranging from affordable housing, protecting bushland, recycling, and wildlife!

We're also coming into state election season, so if you're interested to help on the campaign committee to organise our state campaign for Manly, please reply to this email!

Council updates



22/11/2022

Soft plastics recycling update

At the meeting on November 22, 2022, Council resolved to investigate local action which can be taken to enable soft plastics recycling, in the short and longer term, including reducing reliance on soft plastics altogether, and grant funding which may be available.

This combined separate motions by Cr Amon and myself. It's a win for the community that there is multi-partisan support for avoiding soft plastics in landfill across the political spectrum. The staff will report back in February with options. While it would be nice for there to be immediate action, staff will need some time to do the research on the best options and the costs involved, for councillors to make an informed decision.

18/10/2022

Council to hire trade apprentices

A further update! At our October Council meeting, the councillors unanimously voted to start hiring trade apprentices, further to the motion by myself and Cr Sprott. At present the council only hires trainees in white collar or paraprofessional skills. It's so important that Council plays an active role at training the next generation of trade professionals, to ensure we have a local skills base able to keep our community thriving. I was very proud to move this motion and to work across the political aisle with other councillors for what is - frankly - a no brainer.



22/11/2022

Saving birds of prey from SGARs

At the meeting on November 22, 2022, Council resolved to phase out SGARs, and to review its chemical use more generally, and look at opportunities to educate the community on chemical use and its environmental impacts. SGARs (Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides) are frequently used to kill rodents like rats and mice, but have a devastating impact on birds of prey and other native predator species, as the poison which kills the rats and mice remains in their system, and can inadvertently poison birds like owls and eagles that prey on them. This campaign has been led by Birdlife Australia who made a statement in

support last meeting, as well as statements by local wildlife carer Ed (last meeting), and comments in support by Jacqui due to SGARs impacts on owls and the broader threats they face from habitat loss (including a guest appearance by her feathery friend).

22/11/2022

Brookvale Structure Plan soon to be exhibited

At the meeting on November 22 2022, Council voted to put the Brookvale Structure Plan on exhibition. While I voted to put the plan on exhibition, in order to hear community feedback, I do have some food for thought about the plan:

THE GOOD: The plan would revitalise the commercial and industrial area of Brookvale, encouraging building of more space for commercial uses which we have a shortage of locally. Local employment space means people can more easily cycle or catch the bus to work, and hopefully avoid driving all over Sydney. The plan would also create new community space and a town centre park in Brookvale. Cr Spratt proposed a worthwhile amendment to the plan for sustainability standards to be further incorporated.

THE BAD: I am concerned though about the potential for land use conflict between the proposed 1300 apartments, and the surrounding noise/fumes of Pittwater Road, and noise/fumes from industrial and commercial uses. The staff have told me they're looking into soundproofing standards to help with mitigate this. There are also other issues to work



through, such as traffic (already bad), and building to avoid flood risks while not compromising street level activation.

THE UGLY: Unfortunately the economics of this plan would only support a 5% affordable housing requirement, despite Council's policy being 10%. This is due to feasibility analysis by the staff on the costs for developers to acquire and build there. That's only 65 apartments out of 1300 (which while better than nothing doesn't come close to addressing local need). What are the options?

Everything has pros and cons.

Obviously, in an ideal world, we wouldn't be trying to fix this problem through the paradigm of what developers are able or unable to do – but sadly that's the way the state government has set this up. Increasing the proposed number of storeys of shop top housing might mean it's more feasible for the developer to have to contribute far more affordable housing, but the community may prefer to keep Brookvale at the proposed ~8 storeys. We could rezone somewhere else nearby that's low density to more medium density, where a high contribution would be more feasible – but again – are there places close by that don't have ecological value and which the community would support change? As food for thought - rezoning low density houses to higher density is a way to meet demand for housing, without disturbing bushland areas through greenfields development. Medium density in the right locations can mean we have more walkable cities where people can walk or ride a bike to the bus stop rather than driving because of urban sprawl.

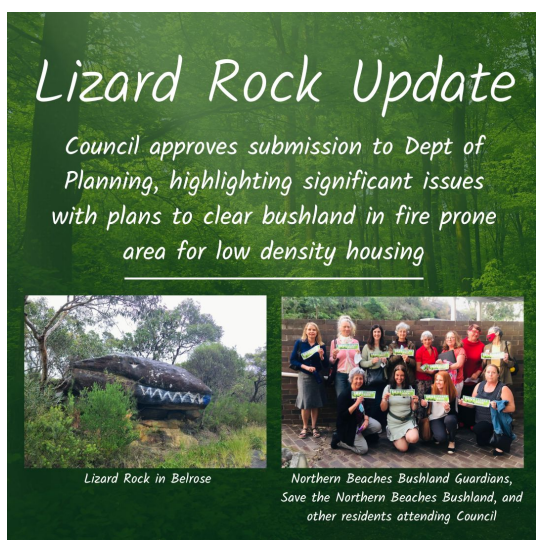
While I'm on my soapbox – we would also need very firm commitments by the state government to proactively

increase public transport and school capacity to accommodate this proposed growing population, rather than cramming children like sardines into demountables, and adults like sardines into B1 buses at capacity.

You can read the structure plan in the Council agenda at:

<https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/meetings/edit-meeting/em-council-meeting-22-november-2022/attachmentbookletstrategicandplanceplanning-councilmeeting-20221122.PDF>

Be sure to keep an eye out for the "Have your Say" page on the Council website shortly.



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Council raises serious issues with planning proposal for Lizard Rock

Council has approved a submission prepared by staff on the planning proposal to rezone Lizard Rock for low density residential housing. The area is currently high quality virgin bushland and regenerated bushland, and considered to be at high fire risk by Council staff and its independent expert. The loss of biodiversity, and creation of a low density sprawling community that would be car dependant, make this proposal concerning.

There are many local residents active on this issue, including in a personal capacity I have been helping with the Northern Beaches Bushland Guardians campaign to petition to protect the land from development (www.envirolink.net.au).

You can read the Council's submission in the Council agenda at:
<https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/meetings/edit-meeting/em-council-meeting-22-november-2022/attachmentbookletstrategicandplaceplanning-councilmeeting-20221122.PDF>

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Potholes galore

Not a very sexy topic, but Cr Korzy and I successfully put up a motion for Council staff to look at reallocating budget towards fixing the ever growing number of potholes that have emerged from all the wet weather during La Nina. In order to keep balanced books, we need to work out where to reallocate money from towards this, which is a process (and obviously involves potential tradeoffs). Crs Walton and Spratt also put up a separate motion about investigating new technology for using cameras on garbage trucks to identify potholes, which also passed. While Council is much more than roads, rates, and bins, those things are still important for our daily lives!



22/11/2022

A toilet reFreshie

Further to a Question with Notice I posed last Council meeting, the staff have provided an update that:

- The timing of the design and construction of the proposed new Freshwater beach public amenities has been aligned with



the implementation of the greater Freshwater Masterplan works. Subject to final approval of funding by Council, it is intended to complete the design of the building in the 2023/24 financial year with the construction to be completed within the 2024/25 financial year.

- 2 The renewal and improvement of the public amenities adjacent to the Aboriginal Heritage Office in Lawrence St, Freshwater are currently planned to be delivered as part of the 2023/24 Public Amenities renewal program.

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Keeping check on Dee Why Lagoon

Friends of Dee Why Lagoon expressed an interest in Council undertaking an audit of the actions required under the Plan of Management for Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge to review what actions have been completed and what's ongoing. Through a Question with Notice I posed to staff last meeting, this audit has now been done and can be read at Page 238 of the Council agenda:

https://files.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/meetings/edit-meeting/em-council-meeting-22-november-2022/agenda-councilmeeting-20221122_0.PDF



Events run by the community and other organisations

Community events of interest

ACF Community Northern Beaches

Northern Beaches, NSW: Film Screening – Protecting Sydney's Koalas

WHEN	WHERE
December 08, 2022 6:45pm - 8:30pm	Tramshed Arts & Community Centre (Lakeview Hall) 1395A Pittwater Rd Narrabeen, NSW 2101 Australia See Google map »
CONTACT	
Jess Hardy	

8/12/2022 6.45PM-8.30PM

Save Sydney's Koalas film screening

The ACF Northern Beaches Community Group and Save Sydney's Koalas are excited to invite you to a free screening of two short documentaries – The Koalas (trailer) and Koalas - The Hard Truths.

Tramshed Arts & Community Centre
(Lakeview Hall) 1395A Pittwater Rd
Narrabeen, NSW 2101

RSVP: <https://www.acf.org.au/norther...>

3/12/2022 9.30AM

Nets Out Now: Respect the Locals!

After many recent snap rallies in response to whale entanglements, there is a larger community rally, lead and organised by locals in opposition to shark nets. The community are heavily against these nets, and this will be a fun and inclusive community event to come and express that opposition.

Manly Beach

RSVP: <https://www.facebook.com/event...>



Kind regards

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