

Avalon Preservation Trust

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MAINTENANCE, DAMAGE, VANDALISM

Rockpool Cleaning

Locals have observed that lately Pittwater ocean rockpools do not seem to have been cleaned thoroughly or regularly. Council advises that NBC staff still clean these pools however, recently sea conditions have been challenging; there has been an increase in seaweed, warm water has increased algal growth and in some cases there has been a build-up of sand at the outlet. Water quality should begin to improve.

Cleaning of Bilgola Bends is an RMS and Ausgrid responsibility

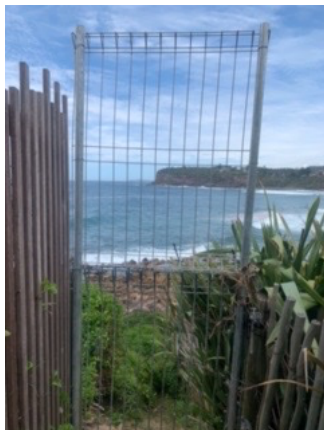
For safety reasons a private contractor has been employed by RMS and Ausgrid to remove rubbish and overhanging vegetation during night time/off peak hours. Council advise that the contractor currently has a backlog of work but will attend to The Bends shortly.

Clean Up Australia Day, Sunday, 5 March 2022

Look for registered sites near you or register your own site at: cleanupaustraliaday.org.au
.. And we'd like to thank local resident, Lionel Kools, who has been doing an incredible job over several weeks, with a group of volunteers, cleaning up Careel Creek; from Woolies carpark to Careel Bay mangroves. They've removed a huge amount of rubbish. The work was hot, muddy and physical. Thank you Lionel and crew! NBC are giving assistance with removal.

Illegal Fence at end of Right of Way, adjacent to 25 Marine Parade

Council will be removing this fence.



Fence to be removed, right of way, beside 25 Marine Pde



Pittwater looking South

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Restoring Endangered Ecological Community Spotted Gums in Avalon

The lower area of Palmgrove Park between Dress Circle Rd and Bellevue Ave is part of the Pittwater and Wagstaffe Spotted Gum Endangered Ecological Community. Sections of this cleared area will be revegetated during the year. Tubestock Spotted Gums, shrubs and groundcover native plants will go in to restore this endangered community. Students from Avalon Public School will assist with planting and learn about the community in their studies. The project is funded with a \$5000 grant from Northern Beaches Council to Pittwater Natural Heritage Association and will pay bush regeneration contractors for some on-site work. We are hoping that a volunteer bushcare group will be formed to help with maintenance of the reserve.

Bilgola Dunes

Recently a tractor created a ramp damaging part of the Bilgola dunes. Council advise that this area will be revegetated.



Bilgola dunes damage by tractor



Avalon pool

Avalon Beach Creative Space (located in Avalon Golf Course Clubhouse building)

New sign has been installed by NBC with this community-approved name.

RMS solar powered sign near Avalon Public School

A sign has been concreted in the centre of the footpath, (cnr Old Barrenjoey Rd & The Crescent) blocking a pedestrian ramp. Council have notified RMS and the sign will be relocated.

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RMS sign concreted into middle of path



Avalon storm. Amazing photo by Tim Seaton Photography

'HAVE YOUR SAY', submissions close 6/3/22

'Unconstructed Pathway' Road Reserve adjacent 32 Watkins Road

Council is requesting comments from residents on a proposal to close the 3.66m wide Crown Lands owned 'unconstructed pathway'. In the past the fire brigade have accessed this community land to control bushfires on Bangalley Headland Reserve. If the pathway is closed by NBC, it allows Crown Lands to sell the land to a neighbour to enable subdivision, blocking any opportunity for fire brigade or pedestrians to access in the future. Ideally, the land could be revegetated for habitat in addition to NBC making a formal path. It is on the Pittwater Pathways list. We encourage all APA members to make these points to Council via the 'Have your Say' online questionnaire before 6/3/22.

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/proposed-road-reserve-closure-adj-32-watkins-road-avalon-beach>



NBC photo: 32 Watkins Rd – Proposed path closure. Have Your Say!

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A map locating new Development Applications is available on Council's website via a direct link on the 'Mayors Message' (This email comes out every Friday from NBC). APA have requested that this map be kept up to date so that new DAs can be easily identified. Advisable to check this site every week for DAs in your area. Here's a direct link: (Just click on any red flag for DA details)

<https://eservices.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ePlanning/live/Public/XC.Spatial.Applications/MapApplications.aspx>

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Council staff are continuing to push for owner to comply with Council/Court orders to remove the encroachment of the letterbox from public land.

FUTURE COUNCIL WORK

Progress of Coast Walk

Council officers will brief new Councillors then report to full Council for next steps. Council requires further consultation before the next presentation to public. Once the design is finalised Grant funding is available to complete the work

Progress of Avalon Place Plan

Council is currently preparing a report for the March Council meeting. Further exhibition of the plan will follow. The first actions of the plan are expected to be decisions on paving, lighting, bike paths and Avalon Parade/Old Barrenjoey Road intersection.

COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Draft Environment Plan and Urban Tree Canopy Plan

The following is an explanation of where the Draft Environment Plan and Urban Tree Canopy Plan sit in the regulatory process. (Yes, there's jargon and it's complicated, but is going to be crucial re environmental outcomes for the area, so please take a look). Thank you to Trish Chaney, Council's Community Liaison Coordinator for this summary. Please see the Draft Environment Plan in full & have Your Say before 27/2/22 at:

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/northern-beaches-environment-study>

Council's [Strategic Framework](#) falls into two categories. Although there is some overlap, they can be generally summarised as follows:

1. Council's corporate framework, under the *Local Government Act*, which includes the Community Strategic Plan, Key Strategies (including [Protect.Create.Live](#)) and Action Plans (including the Urban Tree Canopy Plan) that inform the delivery program
 - This framework advises on all projects and services provided by Council – including on public and private land (e.g. parks, education programs, waste, development assessment etc)
 - The Urban Tree Canopy Plan sits within this framework and is an action plan that sits under our Environment and Climate Change Strategy - [Protect.Create.Live](#) (see pg 9 as to how this fits)
 - Council are currently reviewing this plan in response to DPE's recently released ['Greener Neighbourhoods' guide](#)
 - It will detail actions relating to tree canopy on:
 - i. Public land – streets and parks – guided by Council's [Northern Beaches Public Space Vision and Design Guidelines](#) – which includes tree canopy targets for streets
 - ii. Private land – guided by Council's LEP and DCP (discussed below)
2. Council's planning framework, under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, includes the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), Technical Studies (including the Environment Study) and LEP and DCP controls

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- This framework generally informs how we manage development on private property
- [Towards 2040](#) is our LSPS and will provide weight to the LEP and DCP controls we aim to implement. For tree canopy, we state the following action (A5.3): *Prepare design guidelines and develop LEP and DCP controls for urban tree canopy, urban heat and UV radiation. Tree canopy to be addressed by tree replacement ratio, deep soil requirements, landscaped area requirements and increased front building setbacks in road corridors.*
- Towards 2040 is supported by technical studies, including:
 - i. The 'Environment Study' (see [diagram of how this fits](#)). This study outlines Council's strategic direction on environmental matters, supplementing work in LSPS. It does not have statutory weight under the planning system. However, it provides a strategic basis for Council standards and controls to be incorporated in its statutory planning controls – the LEP and DCP
 - ii. A geotechnical study – which will inform controls for landslip and excavation
 - iii. An urban design study – which will provide controls to limit building bulk and thus excavation
- For tree canopy
 - i. Council recently exhibited [LEP/DCP Discussion Paper](#) (pg 63) which outlined further information on our proposed approach to our new LEP/DCP controls relating to tree canopy and urban heat: *We may include a tree canopy and urban heat map in the new LEP. .. The LEP may include maps, requirements and objectives, with more detailed provisions in the DCP. ..We propose new DCP provisions to better manage trees and vegetation and alignment with the Vegetation SEPP.*
 - ii. Council are working with DPE to implement best practice provisions for tree canopy in our new LEP and DCP, including tree replenishment ratios and deep soil requirements.
- Council's program for development of the new LEP/DCP can be viewed online at <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/planning-our-sustainable-future>

BUSHCARE VOLUNTEERS

Bushcare groups meet for three hours, but any time you can spare is very much appreciated. Bring your own morning tea, tools provided.

[Avalon Dunes bushcare](#) meets 8.30 first Sunday of each month. However the March 6 meeting has been brought forward to February 27, meeting near entry to Montessori school at 8.30.

[Plateau Park bushcare](#) now meets on the second Friday of each month, 9am. Meet in the playground, off Plateau Rd.

[Bangalley Head bushcare](#) meets 8.30 second Sunday of each month, at the Whale Beach Rd entrance to walking track.

[Toongari Reserve bushcare](#): meet 8.30 next to Avalon KU preschool on Avalon Pde.

[Careel Creek bushcare](#) meets fourth Saturday 8.30. Contact Karin Nippard for meeting place each month, as these vary. Karin.Nippard@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

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