

Avalon Preservation Trust

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Avalon Preservation Association



Rainbow over Avalon Beach Photo: R Sayers

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SAVE THE DATE – AGM – WITH DR SOPHIE SCAMPS

The new member for Mackellar, Dr Sophie Scamps MP will be our guest speaker at the Avalon Preservation Association AGM, to be held at **7pm, Thursday 3 November 2022** in the Ocean Room, Avalon Beach Surf Club. Please save the date. We look forward to seeing you there.

STREETS AS SHARED SPACES TRIAL

As part of the Avalon Place Plan, during September, Council are planning:

- to reconfigure the four-way intersection in the centre of Avalon Village (This intersection doesn't comply with Australian Standards), and,
- to change the two-way section of road outside the Library and Rec Centre into a 10kph southward one-way Shared Space giving pedestrians priority.

Work will include:

- relocating the pedestrian crossings of the four-way intersection, (for safety reasons and to comply with Australian Standards);
- moving the entry to the supermarket carpark adjacent to the exit;
- introducing a chicane in the one-way section to keep vehicle speeds low; and
- extending the Shared Zone to the northern perimeter of the Rec Centre

Council's traffic department has undertaken traffic modelling and Council's Parks and Reserves staff will select plants in consultation with APA. Council's design team have had preliminary discussions with APA committee on the plant, furniture and colour palette for this trial.

It is anticipated that the trial will run for 12 months to determine if this reconfiguration should be included in the final Streets as Shared Spaces design.

COUNCIL'S NEW LEP AND DCP

Council's report on Conservation Zones will be presented at the August Council meeting with an eight week exhibition period commencing 2/9/22.

Draft Local Character Statements are still being prepared and Council plan to engage Community groups in Sep/Oct after briefing Councillors.

'ALL WOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END'

Some time around Friday, 5 August, the mighty 450 year old *Angophora costata*, which probably gave its name to the reserve, grew too tired to remain standing and lay down to rest. She had been dead for some time.

Tree surgeon Judy Fakes reported in August 1992 that "each species of living organism has a genetically predetermined lifespan and from the symptoms present in the old *Angophora* I would suggest its time is very nearly up". On a visit in December 1988, she declared that the tree was "over-mature and in advanced senescence".

Council had pruned her lifeless limbs to reduce the chance of them falling, leaving a gigantic organic block of home units for wildlife and insects. Judy emphasised that "for future generations it will be important to maintain sympathetic management practices within the reserve to allow younger specimens of *Angophora costata* to reach similar dimensions".



Fallen *Angophora costata* in *Angophora* Reserve - namesake of the great tree Photos Geoff Searl

189 RIVERVIEW ROAD

Following Council's investigation of recently constructed, undocumented retaining walls, a Building Information Certificate (BIC) application (BC2022/0132) has been submitted by the owner. Enforcement action has been placed on hold pending Council's determination of this application.

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32 WATKINS ROAD, NORTH AVALON

Council has informed APA that a 'more detailed proposal' has recently been submitted by the owner of no. 32 regarding purchasing adjacent Crown Land. APA is committed to this section of Crown Land continuing to be accessible to the public and have requested that Council continue to inform APA of developments on this matter.

OLD WHARF ROAD RESERVE

As part of the remediation of this reserve a community planting day is being scheduled for 1 or 15 October. Date to be confirmed.

AVALON GOLF COURSE

The pond in the SW corner of the golf course provides habitat for small birds, animals and water birds. Due to recent rain events there has been an accumulation of silt and rubbish putting increased pressure on this ecosystem. This degradation has been reported to Council's Parks and Reserves team and APA look forward to sensitive improvements to this pond so that wildlife will continue to visit and thrive.



Grey crane Photo C Baker



Kookaburra in local bush garden C Baker

AVALON BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Submissions for the lease of the cafe and restaurant close on 24/8/22.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A map locating new Development Applications is available on Council's website via a link on the 'Northern Beaches News' (This email comes out every Friday from NBC). APA has 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:

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

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(select 'Submitted, then 'Avalon Beach' in 'Suburb' search dropdown bar on map; click on any red flag for DA details, click on the DA number, which takes you to the actual DA; select Show All or Documents).

BUSHCARE VOLUNTEERS

Bushcare groups meet for three hours, usually from 8.30am but any time you can spare is very much appreciated. Bring your own morning tea, tools provided.

Angophora Reserve bushcare meets 8.30am third Sunday of month at one of the 4 entrances.

Geoff sends email reminders each month to update volunteers. Geoff: 0439 292 566

Avalon Dunes bushcare meets 8.30am first Sunday of each month

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

Bangalley Head bushcare meets 8.30am second Sunday of each month, at the Whale Beach Rd entrance to walking track.

Toongari Reserve bushcare: meet 8.30am third Saturday of each month. Meet next to Avalon KU Preschool on Avalon Pde.

Careel Creek bushcare meets 8.30am fourth Saturday of month. Contact Karin Nippard for meeting place each month as these vary. Karin.Nippard@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Old Wharf Reserve bushcare meets third Saturday of month - bring sunscreen, hats, gardening gloves, weeders and spades.

Catalpa Reserve meets fourth Sunday of month

Careel Creek meets fourth Saturday of month

For more details and to confirm meetings places and times please contact Michael Kneipp NBC Bushcare Officer, on 0417688492

More bushcare info:

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/environment/bushcare/bushcare-sites>

APA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

APA Membership Renewals for 2022 are due now. Please make a direct deposit payment to:

Avalon Preservation Association Inc

Westpac BSB 732-095 Account no. 07-0127

Be sure to type your surname and initial in the direct deposit reference box so we can identify your payment. Please email us (address bottom of page) to advise of your payment &/or any personal detail changes.

Thank you to those who have already renewed subscriptions. We appreciate the support of our members. You may wish to consider contributing to our APA Fighting Fund which helps us advocate for the community and may be needed for specific projects to pay for expert advice on the community's behalf.

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