



Avalon Preservation Trust

Incorporated as Avalon Preservation Association

Bulletin 112 May 2023

Current Issues in Avalon

- ◆ **The Shared Space.** We asked for an extension of time for comment on the Shared Space. We consider it is premature to comment when the work is still not finished. We believe management of traffic through the zone is inadequate and potentially dangerous. Vehicles generally go through faster than the 10kph. We are calling for better signage of that slow speed.
- ◆ **More parking spaces** than expected seem to have been lost as a result of the various changes in central Avalon. We have asked the Council for a proposal to find others to compensate for the loss.
- ◆ **The black metal fences** in the Barrenjoey Rd median strip. These were put up by the RTA without consultation. We are not aware if it is an accident hotspot. We have asked for the fences to be removed and other traffic calming and safety measures be considered, such as a 40kph zone and a wider pedestrian crossing at the Avalon Pde and Barrenjoey Rd intersection.
- ◆ **Conservation Zone changes.** Council has made some changes to the original plan. This proposed many properties zoned Conservation changing to Residential, particularly in the Pittwater ward. This would result in more intense development, changing the character of our area. But there are probably more changes to come, following the many submissions objecting to the plan. See the latest [here](#) on the NBC website.
- ◆ **The Avalon Golf Course pond** has been cleared of the weedy aquatic shrub Ludwigia and planting of suitable native plants is planned. The derelict fountain will be returned to operation. The pond and its surrounding vegetation is habitat for birds such as Dusky Moorhen and Wood Ducks.
- ◆ **Minor flooding** still occurs nears Woolworths and opposite near Dunbar Park. Council will investigate, at our request.
- ◆ **Development Applications.** APA is often asked to support residents' objections to some of these. But as APA committee members do not have the expertise needed to assess sometimes very complicated proposals, we recommend that if you are concerned about a DA, to engage a consultant town planner or architect. This may be costly, so it may be possible to share the fee with concerned neighbours. APA would then consider supporting an objection if needed.

Paradise Wharf and Tidal Pool Renewal

See what's proposed for this lovely beach and Have Your Say [here](#).

Comments close May 28. Image: NBC



A reminder to all to drop into the Avalon Beach Service Centre, for ANY reason - information, parking permits, advice etc.

Only by residents using the Service Centre will this face to face council service have any chance of being retained.



CAREEL CREEK

We are very pleased to see Council undertaking improvements to Careel Creek. Creekline native vegetation provides fauna habitat and helps keep waterways healthy. Council has been successful in receiving approximately \$25,000 from the State Government to fund weed removal and native vegetation planting along Careel Creek in North Avalon. Council is also committing funds to the project which will see almost \$50,000 invested into the project in partnership with the NSW Department of Planning and Environment - Crown Lands - as part of its Crown Reserves Improvement Fund. Careel Creek provides a green corridor and pedestrian way located between North Avalon and the suburb centre, and provides a link for fauna between Careel Bay and Avalon Dunes.



Careel Creek. Image: NBC

The Back Story: In 2020, public concern about the condition of Careel Creek led Council to undertake sediment and weed removal works to improve its overall condition, including in sections identified as Crown Land with the support of Crown funding. Following the sediment and weed removal, bush regeneration works to improve the native vegetation condition continued. To support Council works on Crown Land, Council successfully sought matching financial support from the Crown resulting in \$24,545 being awarded for the period March 2023 until January 2024.

Council works will continue beyond the end date of the grant funding, and further grant funding opportunities will be pursued if or when available.

The Careel Creek work extends from near the Careel Bay tennis courts to almost in line with the Barrenjoey High School fence, at the bottom of this image.



Avalon Community Library turns 40 in 2023

To commemorate its 40th anniversary, the Library's ACL40 committee is planning a weekend of celebration in Avalon on 29th September – 1 October, which includes a photo exhibition

Craig Boaden (the handsome young man in the photo) was on the original committee which back in 1983 started the ACL in the old Baby Health Centre.

ACL has come ahead amazingly since those early days. All staff except the Library manager position (appointed and employed by NBC) are unpaid volunteers from Avalon and surrounding localities.

“The ACL is a valued community cultural institution and should be celebrated. This will be the first such public celebration,” says Craig, now president of APA and on the ACL40 organising committee.

Craig asks: if you would like to support this celebration, send a small donation to: Account name: Avalon Community Library Assoc. Inc. BSB: 062 108. Account number: 10311340. Please add your name + “40th” in the Reference field when you transfer funds.

The Avalon Community Library committee in 1983. This photo was taken in the back of the old Woolies building opposite the post office in Avalon Parade.

Who's who:

Left to right back row: Frank Ellis, Brenda Kable, Judy Thomson and Golda Guest.

Ditto front row: Beryl Blaydon, Craig Boaden, Helen Clark, Joan Gyllies and Pauline Williams.



How many suburbs have a treasure like this Sydney Red Gum - *Angophora costata*—in the centre of town? This one is in Avalon Parade, outside Mitre 10. It will flower in summer.

The aims of APA are to

- ◆ Preserve the natural beauty of the area through promoting proper planning of all future development
- ◆ Express positively and in appropriate quarters the point of view of residents with regards to any proposed development and to protect the residential amenity of the area
- ◆ Work with and assist local government in any efforts to improve and beautify the locality and where appropriate instigate such improvements

APA depends on your support. Donations of time, money and expertise always welcome

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