



Avalon Preservation Trust

Incorporated as Avalon Preservation Association

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Current Issues in Avalon

Conservation Zones

With Council amalgamation, State Government requires Northern Beaches Council to prepare one Local Environment Plan (LEP) and one Development Plan (DCP) to replace those of the 3 former councils. In the process of preparing one LEP, Conservation Zone criteria which form part of the LEP are being revised.

Following community consultation, Council's Department of Planning is currently modifying its original Conservation Zone methodology. We understand that residents concerned about the proposed Conservation Zoning of their property will be able to request a site visit from Council officers during July and August.

'Local Character Statement' Changes

Local Character Statements, which form part of the DCP, are also being revised and are currently out for public comment. APA is very concerned about the newly proposed Local Character Statements as, for example, they do not differentiate between the distinct characters of the villages of Newport, Avalon Beach and Palm Beach.

Thank you to committee member Conrad Grayson for preparing APA's submission to Council. Although the Have Your Say deadline has passed, you can make individual submissions by emailing Council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au

Avalon Village 'Streets as Shared Spaces' Project

Council is asking for comment on the 6 month trial of the Avalon Village 'Streets as Shared Spaces' project. Council's '[Have Your Say](#)' is open until Sunday 1st October 2023.

Responses from residents will assist Council to assess the success or otherwise of the trial. If the community is keen to continue with the Shared Space, constructive comment from the community will enable improvements to be incorporated into any final permanent design.

If the 'Streets as Shared Space' trial is made permanent, a decision will be made about creating a single entry/exit at the northern end of the Council/Woolworths carpark.

Avalon Place Plan. Here is Council's response to APA questions at the presentation of the Draft Delivery Program, Pittwater Community Alliance, May 2023:

"As part of the 2023/24, \$550,000 Avalon Place Plan, implementation funding works proposed include:

- ◆ commence repaving the footpaths on Old Barrenjoey Road from Dunbar Park to the intersection of Avalon Parade, following the conclusion of the one-way trial, (Action 18);
- ◆ provide ambient lighting and outdoor seating in Dunbar Park, (Action 17 and 26); and,
- ◆ consultation and design for an off-road bike park close to the village centre (Action 13)"

APA will be keeping a close eye on the proposed location, design and implementation of these three items.

Draft Tree Canopy Plan

Council is calling for feedback on this draft, open until 9th July 2023.

[Have your say](#) here.

Coast Walk Update

Council advises that 'Planning and investigations for the Newport to Avalon and Whale Beach Road sections of the Coast Walk are ongoing'.

Other Avalon Issues

New Community Liaison Officer

For the past few years Northern Beaches Council has employed a Community Liaison Officer to assist resident associations such as APA to better communicate with relevant departments of Council. Andrew Johnston has recently taken this position and attended APAs latest committee meeting. Andrew has followed up on APA's recent queries:

Streets as Shared Spaces project, One-Way section of road

For safety and until the trial is completed, APA has requested 10km/h road marking in this area. Council's Transport and Civil Infrastructure team has advised that Transport for NSW does not require road marking in this location however Council are currently investigating road marking options.

Old Barrenjoey Road Drainage Issue near Dunbar Park

On behalf of APA, Andrew has lodged a request with Council's Construction and Maintenance team to check stormwater blockages and action these.

'Telford' style road construction plaque

There is a small but historically significant area of untarred road on an original section of Barrenjoey Road (near 640-644 Barrenjoey Road North Avalon). This cobble stone type of road construction is known as a 'Telford' road. (A similar section of roadway in Castlecrag has been classified by the National Trust).

On behalf of APA, Andrew has informed Council's Road Network team about the historic significance of this section of 'Telford' road. This has been noted so that maintenance teams do not destroy this section of road by tarring over it. Council's historian will review APA's request for a plaque to be located nearby (noting the significance of this type of early road construction).

Plaques outside Avalon Beach Surf Club

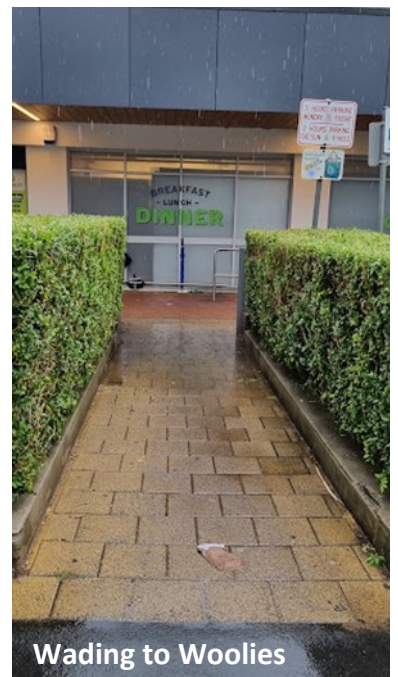
Sandstone blocks have weathered compromising information plaque fixings. Andrew has advised that Council will investigate and make good if necessary.

'Public Land' sign adjacent to 32 Watkins Road

Andrew has advised that installation of this sign is expected by the end of July 2023.

Council Carpark Drainage Issue outside Woolworths

Andrew will contact the relevant department to make good.



Wading to Woolies

Some Useful Links:

To report potholes to Council:

<https://www.Northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/news/report-pothole-0>

Rates Calculator and land value changes: Got a question?

<http://nb-rateshistory.azurewebsites.net/revel.ashx>



Who's a Clever Cocky?

If your red bin has been attacked by a Sulphur Crested Cockatoo, you're not alone. Cleaning up the mess it leaves is a chore and garbage is not proper food for a bird.

This [article](#) describes how Cockatoos learn from each other and outsmart our attempts to stop their raids on rubbish.

If the bin is not over full, the contents out of sight and the lid properly closed, they are unlikely to try to open it and risk having lid fall on them.

Right: Waiting for a snack in the Shared Zone



Avalon Golf Course Pond

The weeds have been removed and aquatic and wetland native plants planted by NBC staff. Warmer weather will get them growing. However the most obvious now is the tiny floating Duckweed, *Lemna disperma*. It's one of the very tiniest flowering plants and is spread by water birds as they move between ponds.



Above: The fountain keeps the water aerated.



Right: Duckweed — not green slime— floating amongst reeds.

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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