



Avalon Preservation Trust

Incorporated as Avalon Preservation Association

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What's Happening in Avalon?

Northern Beaches Council Liaison Officer Andrew Johnston regularly attends APA meetings. Following APA's first meeting for the year Andrew provided this feedback:

NBC Survey - Shared Space Trial

This concluded on 28 February with over 1500 responses to Council's 'Have Your Say' on-line questionnaire. Council officers are currently preparing a report for consideration by Councillors probably at the April General Meeting. If Councillors vote to continue with a permanent Shared Space, there will be further consultation with residents regarding permanent features, eg. Paving surface, outdoor furniture, trees, planters, signage.

10 Minute Parking Zone (in Shared Space)

The existing temporary **10-min parking zone** within the temporary Shared Space will be reviewed when a decision is made about making the Shared Space permanent. This zone is outside Bakers Delight. Read the sign carefully to avoid getting booked.

AJ Small Commemorative Plaque

This is now installed outside the Avalon Recreation Centre ➤

Central Road Parking Restrictions

Following last years Council consultation, parking restriction signs will be installed on the northern side of Central Avenue (the direction of travel of 192Bus). Yellow line (No Stopping areas) will also be applied to the north side of Central Road.

Proposed New Paths

- **"Pickleball Path"**

A path is to be built to link the courts on Barrenjoey Rd to the Avalon Beach carpark.

- **Skate Park to Surf Club**

Council is investigating installing a formal path with steps along the line of this worn informal path. APA have requested sand coloured concrete.

- **Woolworths to new bus stop on Barrenjoey Road**

Council is currently investigating installing a formal path following the worn 'desire line'. APA have requested a crushed sandstone path.



Former Avalon Customer Contact Centre

Expression of Interest (EIO) process is open until 17 March for use of this space for up to 5 years. Council's preference is for a 'not-for-profit' or community group to use this space.

New Storage Shed

The opening ceremony for the North Avalon Surfrider Association storage shed was held on 24th February

Avalon Surf Lifesaving Club Cafe and Restaurant Leases

Negotiations are continuing.

Tidal Pool Upgrade, Paradise Beach

To be undertaken this winter after White's Seahorse breeding season (September to around February).

APA Comment: **White's seahorse** populations have declined significantly over the past decade, which resulted in them being listed as Endangered under the NSW Fisheries Management Act in 2019. Image: David Harasti and John Turnbull

In 2020 this species was also listed as Endangered on the Commonwealth EPBC Act. The species is also listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

The population declines in the White's seahorse have been attributed to the loss of their natural habitats in the central NSW region, such as Seagrass *Posidonia australis* meadows. The recovery of this Endangered seahorse is reliant on natural habitats recovering or artificial habitats being installed to provide them with food and shelter. So tidal pools such as at Paradise Beach are important for their conservation.

More here: [Operation Posidonia and Seahorse Hotels](#)



Conservation Zones Review

Following Northern Beaches Council consultation with the State Government Department of Planning and Environment, all existing C4 Conservation Zones throughout the Local Government Area will remain zoned C4. None will be rezoned R2. Large areas of Avalon and North Avalon are already zoned R2 under the Pittwater LEP.

Proposed NSW Government Planning Reforms

NBC has made a submission to NSW government.

APA understands that the basis of NBC submission is that this LGA already has a housing policy which was signed off in 2021. The proposed growth centres are Frenchs Forest and Balgowlah and council wants to continue with this well-considered housing policy, not the current rushed and poorly considered State Government housing policy.

Additional Pedestrian Crossings Needed for Avalon Public School

A survey by Avalon Public School students has been passed to Council's Traffic Network team to assist investigations into pedestrian crossings for The Crescent and Sanders Lane.

Councils 'Have Your Say'

All APA members are encouraged to open Councils 'Have Your Say' website and comment on the following:

Naming Proposal: Spotted Gum Lane, Avalon Beach, closes Sunday 24th March.

Parking Restrictions: Avalon Public School, closes Tuesday 2nd April

Catalpa Reserve

Have you ever been to Catalpa Reserve? Quietly tucked away, access is off Central Rd and Catalpa Avenue. Remnant canopy trees and bushland are cared for by the Bushcare volunteers and bush regeneration contractors to NBC. There's a playground for the kids and sunny grass for picnics. White-faced Herons are often here stalking insects in the grass. The bushcare group meets on the fourth Sunday morning of each month, between 8.30 and 11.30. Come and say hello.



The White-faced Heron is a versatile hunter of invertebrates on wetlands, saltmarsh and grassed areas.

Image: Rod Warnock

Thank you very much to APA members who have renewed their membership

Did you know that you can renew for three years for \$50, instead of \$20 per annum? This is convenient for you, our members, and for APA membership records.

If you have overlooked your membership, please go our web page where you can find a [Membership Renewal](#) form to fill in.

If you usually receive APA Bulletins in your letterbox, we will attach a paper copy for you to fill in and post to: P O BOX 1 Avalon Beach 2107

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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