



# Avalon Preservation Trust

Incorporated as Avalon Preservation Association

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## What's Happening in Avalon?

### Water leak across Barrenjoey Road on Bilgola Bends

Council have referred this to Transport for NSW, spoken to Bushcare groups and contacted Sydney Water. The leak appears to be coming from Hamilton Reserve above and potentially from a Sydney Water sewer riser. Additional nutrients seem to be causing Crofton Weed to grow up the slope.

**Be careful driving through this area as cars have skidded here.**



### Work on North Avalon Beach dunes

Due to sand movement re-profiling of this section of dunes was undertaken by Council in mid May. More re-profiling is scheduled for August as well as irrigation installation and replanting in September. Up to 5000 plants are scheduled to be planted here in the next financial year.



*In APA, we care for Avalon because we live here*

## Road safety project outside Avalon Public School

Council received 58 submissions and approved the project as exhibited. Due to the clear feedback from submissions (including that from APA) Council will undertake more consultation and investigation to provide additional marked pedestrian crossing/s and other changes to improve pedestrian safety.

## Avalon Trees

**45 Old Barrenjoey Road:** The distressed Swamp Mahogany street tree has been removed and will be replaced with a Water Gum. Planting is imminent. The nearby tree outside Alma is surviving.

**Norfolk Island Pine** north of Woolworths: damage to this tree is being caused by Sulphur Crested Cockatoos.

**Street Trees in Ruskin Rowe :** 4 x 70+ year old *Eucalyptus grandis* (Flooded Gums) were marked by council to be removed following neighbour concerns of falling branches and a subsequent arborist report. Two trees were felled in the week of 10th June before Councillor Korzy was alerted and locals blocked the felling of the remaining two. Councillor Korzy has obtained two more arborist reports, presented to Council, and is in discussion with Council regarding the need to remove further trees at this location. **These reports say there is NO need to remove these trees.**

## Surfside Avenue pathway

This approximately 1.3m wide new concrete path with upgraded drainage is complete, except for the planting of some natives on the edge of the path and the installation of a 'Public Pathway' sign.



## Coast Walk/Shared Path, Newport to Avalon

**Section - Newport Beach carpark to The Serpentine:** This section has Council priority and State Government funding. Council obtained a \$2.4mil grant from Transport for NSW for this Shared Path section and tender documents are being prepared. The detailed plans, (including a cantilevered part and the Barrenjoey Road/Serpentine intersection) are to go on exhibition soon.

There is an anticipated 6 month construction time with possible completion by mid 2025. At the Serpentine intersection bikes will be directed down the road while pedestrians will use an existing path past the Bilgola Surf Club.

**Section - Surf Club to Allen Ave stairs:** currently this has no funding. It is proposed that new footpath work will be combined with necessary stormwater work in this area.

**Section - Top of Allen Ave stairs to Kamikaze Corner:** currently there is no funding.

**Shore Brace Reserve** Currently there is a 'Public Pathway' sign, however, the reserve is weedy and not easy to walk through. Council is looking at improving access/paths to reserves as part of their 26/27 budget. The "public pathway" appears to belong to the property to the right of the sign, as it is paved with sandstone and has a railing, but it ends above the beach in a rough, steep and weedy track.

**Avalon Surf Club hospitality lease update** A 5+5 year lease has been signed with the operators of Lovat Restaurant, Newport. A significant fit out is proposed with trading to begin in late Spring.

**Hitchcock Park, Osprey Nesting Trial** This is the first trial of its type in Sydney. NSW government is to pay for a 23m high pole (similar height to nearby lighting poles) and metal basket. Ausgrid is being approached to erect the pole. Council's plan is to have the structure in place in time for the breeding season later this year. Indicative image from NBC Have Your Say page.



**Dunbar Park** Preliminary concept plans for the upgrade of this park are on exhibition until 26/6/24, with the opportunity to comment on Council's 'My Say' page. \$1.1mil has been budgeted for 24/25 FY from the Avalon Place Plan. As the Shared Space trial has delayed some decisions in the centre of the village, Council has decided to progress with proposed work in Dunbar Park.

**Off road cycle facility** Consultation to begin, with possible location near the skate park or the primary school. APA will be advocating for this facility to be located near the skate park.



Avalon Dawn - Roger Sayers

**Footpaths** Path to Pickle Ball courts is under construction. Concrete colour to be 'canvas' not white. Path between Skate Park and Surf Club also proposed to be 'canvas' in colour. A 350m long footpath is proposed on the north side of Wollstonecraft Ave between Elvina Ave and Barrenjoey Road.

**EV charging** JOLT is looking into installing a fast charger possibly in the Avalon Beach Surf Club carpark. Currently the closest EV chargers are opposite Barrenjoey House Palm Beach, Mona Vale near the library and in Newport.

**\$30,000 grant for Careel Creek** This Crown Lands grant follows previous grants which have been used to upgrade and maintain the creek, removing weeds, revegetating with native plants and managing bank erosion.

**Shared Space Trial** Feedback regarding trial to be considered by Council, in July or August before Council goes into caretaker mode prior to Council elections.

**Paradise Beach** Work has begun on the jetty and surrounds. Completion anticipated ready for this summer.

**Taylor's Point Jetty** Upgrade work is scheduled for July to September this year.

**Ebikes/Fat bikes** Council has made submissions to NSW government. The Upper House is currently conducting an enquiry into the safety, suitability and regulations relating to Ebikes.

Council and police have been conducting education programs at schools and acknowledge that current laws and regulations must be revisited.

### Signage for AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator)

If you google 'AEDs in Avalon Beach', all you get is the two council installed ones - at the soccer field at Careel Bay and the surf club eastern external wall. There are at least another another five but not all available 24 hours a day: Metro, Avalon Beach Recreation Centre, Fitness First (1/24 Av Pde), Fire Brigade (on vehicle) and Careel Bay tennis complex, and we expect there are more. APA will approach NBC asking for the online information to be updated.



### Our Treasurer Ken Roberts is retiring from his position at our AGM in November

Would any APA member consider filling this role for APA? This person would need:

- ◆ some accounting knowledge/experience.
- ◆ ability to work with existing paid bookkeeper to prepare accounts twice a year.
- ◆ interest and concern in Avalon Beach's built and natural environment.
- ◆ ability to attend approximately 6 committee meetings a year, held in the Avalon Surf Club building.

**Please contact APA at [avalonpreservationa@gmail.com](mailto:avalonpreservationa@gmail.com) if you can help**

### We will soon be sending out membership renewal letters for 2024-25. We will let you know if your membership is still current.

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.

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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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