



Avalon Preservation Association

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVALON:

AVALON SHARED SPACE

Nangle landscape architects have been appointed by Council to develop a concept design in the first half of this year and have engaged with us. Any actual works will not start until after the 26/27 summer. APA is representing the community to advise on our needs for lighting, footpaths, pedestrian safety and the general ambience with green spaces. We are also making sure the funds that have been earmarked for this project and the Avalon Place plan remain part of this project.

In the meantime we have asked council if they could attend to the planter boxes in the existing Shared Space.

AVALON PLACE PLAN

APA continues to urge Council to make appropriate policies and manage the Avalon Place Plan budget to benefit residents, in this case by requesting that Council extend new street lighting to the Village as a whole once Dunbar Park has its new lighting on the western side near RSL Carpark. We also prioritize better footpaths in the Village.

Connecting Northern Beaches Coast Walk—update from NBC

Construction is progressing well. To continue progress, traffic on The Serpentine from Bilgola Ave to Barrenjoey Rd will continue to be closed southbound for approximately 2 more weeks and the existing coastal walk will be closed on 10 and 11 March. Some night works will need to take place in March. We'll post dates and times on the project page and update you via email as soon as the program of night works is known. Nearby residents will also be notified by the contractor directly.

On behalf of the APA executive committee, I'm pleased to welcome the latest addition as a committee member, Mary McEwan. Mary operates a successful design business in Avalon (<https://www.marymcewandesign.com.au/>). She has already made several valuable contributions to our work. Welcome to the committee Mary!

Craig Boaden, APA President

APA Representing Avalon Residents

APA makes submissions to Council, NSW Government and other bodies on development applications and policy developments as they affect the residents of Avalon and surrounds. This important work on your behalf means that our community is represented when large new works or policies are being discussed.

URGENT CALL FOR TREASURER Can You Help?

APA finances are easily managed. We are in urgent need of a member to take this role, and to become involved in other committee matters. Call President Craig Boaden on 0417 676 476 for details of the role.



APA FIGHTING FUND

Council's draft LEP/DCP (Local Environment Plan/Development Control Plan) is currently being assessed by NSW Department of Planning and Environment. When the assessment is complete Council will vote to open the draft LEP/DCP for further comment from the community.

As this is a complex document APA is considering employing Planning Consultant Bill Tulloch to prepare a professional report. There is almost sufficient in our **APA Fighting Fund** to cover the cost of the consultant; **however additional donations are required.**

If you want to ensure that the new LEP/DCP is relevant to the specific natural and built environment of Avalon Beach please assist us to make this professional submission to Council.

APA WESTPAC BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account name: Avalon Preservation Association BSB:732-095 Acc: 070127
Include the term 'Fighting Fund' and your name in the reference box so we can thank you.

TELFORD RD SIGN

It has been a long standing APA project to protect the remnants of the old Telford Road remnant located off the eastern side of Barrenjoey Rd just south of the intersection with North Avalon Rd, between Barrenjoey Rd and Careel Creek. NBC have designed and installed a plaque with the help of Geoff Searl who provided historic photographs and context.



NOTE: Do not search for **Telford Rd** in your maps app or road atlas. It is the name of a type of road construction, NOT a street name.

Heritage-listed section of Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Beach

This small portion of roadway is all that survives of the original main road from Newport to Palm Beach and Barrenjoey, completed in the 1920s. From here the road continued across a bridge (on the same site as the present footbridge) and then turned and continued northwards along present Bangalley Way. It was constructed by local stonemason Jack Webster and his team.

It is a rare surviving example of the Telford method of road construction used throughout most of the far Northern Beaches in the early 1900s and has been listed as a heritage item.

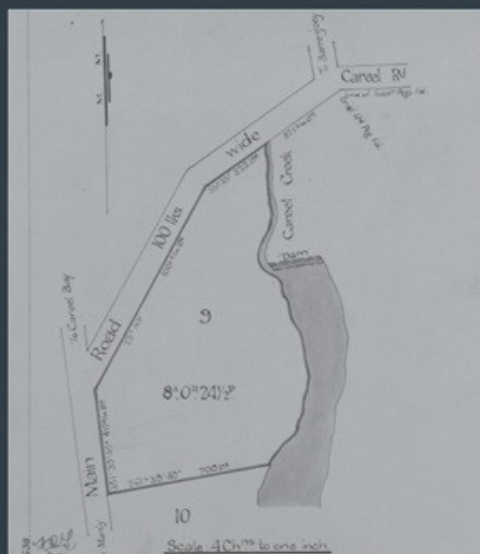


Image credit: Original configuration of Barrenjoey Road, 1922



Image credit: Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Beach (1940) showing the original and new routes, Bert Cowell



Image credit: Remains of the Telford road construction method in 2013, Geoff Searl



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Landscape South of Avalon Surf Club

In December 2025 APA asked council about the status of the hill at the southern end of Avalon Beach, especially regarding the “goat tracks” evident now, the possibility of erosion and safety issues. Council, without further recourse to APA, has gone ahead with works to regularize the pathway up/down the hill.



Careel Bay Shops Development

The Land and Environment court has approved the DA for a retail space which will co-locate a Dan Murphy’s liquor outlet with a childcare centre. The developer is going through various other approval processes, and Dan Murphys has applied for a liquor license. Note both the Council and APA and many others objected to this development and to the liquor license application.

Drainage

We did have a massive downpour on 17 January with many drains being overwhelmed. Council has over 30,000 drains and despite taking pre-emptive measures to clear them prior to weather events they do get overwhelmed.

The pedestrian access to the green zone next to Woolworths, as you cross Barrenjoey Rd at the ‘cattle grids corral’ is always flooded. We have asked Council to rectify this problem.

Street sweeping

There is a five-week schedule for street sweeping, but it varies as the same crews also attend to unplanned incidents, clearing fallen branches.

Public Amenity

We do not have any public toilets in the Avalon town centre. Avalon Surf club toilets are not convenient for people shopping or visiting Avalon town centre.

The Avalon Recreation Centre toilets can only be accessed during operating hours and the Rec Centre was closed over the Christmas period.

We have asked Council to consider finding funds to build new public toilets or to arrange access to the ones in the Rec Centre outside of opening hours. Cr Korzy has also been advocating on this issue.

Blowout on Avalon Dunes - Save the Date March 1

Work to stabilise the sand began late last year with a community planting morning. Hoping for autumn rain and milder weather another planting day will be held on **Sunday March 1**. Our dunes are very special, as few remain in Sydney, many having been flattened for car parks, a source of building sand or used as rubbish tips. **Below: Sand removal in 1964**



Community tree planting day
Sun 1 Mar 2026, 8.30am - 12noon

Come and join some 100 other locals and plant 2,000 native coastal plants on North Avalon Beach sand dune. Help stabilise the beach and care for our coast.

Please wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and a hat. Bring sunscreen and plenty of water.

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Left: Last year's planting area needs more plants to stabilise the sand. Meanwhile stabilisation fabric reduces sand movement. The area faces south-east, from which come strong winds particularly during east coast lows and other storms. Early aerial photos of the beach show a vegetated blowout that reached almost to Coonanga Rd, through the current Barrenjoey High School area.

Dune trees and shrubs have tough wind and salt resistant leaves, but their roots are easily damaged by people walking in the dunes, so we must keep to the fenced tracks .

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

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In APA, we care for Avalon because we live here