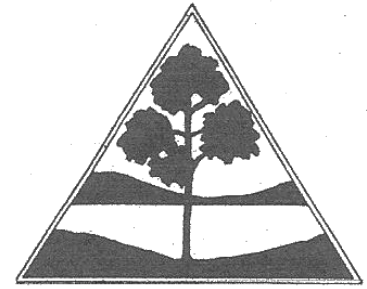


Avalon Preservation Association

January 30 2020



Dear APA Members and Friends,

While our next Bulletin is being prepared, we'd like to keep you informed about APA activities so far this year.

AGM November 25 2019

Our AGM was very well attended with about 80 present and Professor Davies' talk about our tree canopy was particularly well received with a large number of questions following. Eleven new members also joined us at the meeting.

Awaiting Advice from Northern Beaches Council

We have been in ongoing contact with Northern Beaches Council (NBC) before and after the Christmas break and currently we're awaiting advice from NBC on several things of interest to members.

Avalon Place Plan

A draft of the Avalon Place Plan will soon be reviewed by the Community Reference Group (on which we are represented) prior to it being reported to Council and then placed on exhibition for public comment.

Coastal Walkway

In response to concerns about the Coastal Walkway, APA sponsored a meeting of community groups, Council staff and residents who are on the route of the walkway between Newport and Avalon Beach. Many issues were raised particularly about excessive concrete, as happened at Bilgola Beach, and the practicality of some of the proposed shared walk and cycleway sections. A follow up meeting will be held soon.

Art Space North

Following a meeting with Barrenjoey Alliance for Arts and Culture (BAAC) and APA on-site at the Avalon Golf Clubhouse in early December, Council has gone away to revise the floor plans. This is in response to BAAC and APA's objections to the allocation of space to 2 artist's studios rather than to 1 studio and larger multi-artform teaching spaces. BAAC and Council research indicates that the local community wants and needs multigenerational spaces to express and learn new skills in all art forms including digital arts, textiles, woodwork, performance, visual arts and film video. We await the revised plans.

DA for subdivision 12A John St Avalon

Regarding this DA, with separate DAs for proposed two new houses and secondary dwellings, we objected to the subdivision and to the DAs for the houses being considered at the same time as the subdivision, as it seemed to pre-empt approval of the subdivision. (Development Application No: DA2019/1332 for Subdivision of one lot into two at 12A John Street Avalon). Council has various concerns about the application for subdivision and has asked the applicant to withdraw it.

DA for subdivision 27 Kevin Ave

This is before the Land & Environment Court, set down for a hearing April 3 2020.

Avalon Golf Course Bush Regeneration

We expect bush regeneration contract work will start on Avalon Golf Course in February, funded by the \$10 000 grant from the Communities Environment Program grant from the Federal Government. APA was sponsored by Pittwater Natural Heritage Association in getting this grant. The bushcare group works here on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month. Contact Geoff Searl for more information and to get a reminder: gcsearl@bigpond.com Mob: 0439 292 566.

Netball Courts

Steven Lawler of NBC has advised APA that work will begin on the new netball courts behind dunes in coming weeks.

Development at 173 Riverview Road

We are watching to see if illegal structures are being removed as Council demanded, following APA and strong neighbour objections.

Palmgrove Park Damage

We are pleased with the result of Council fencing part of Palmgrove Park to deter mountain bikers. This has been very effective to date with the bush remaining undisturbed since fencing. This is endangered Spotted Gum forest that must be saved. Council is currently looking at suitable alternative locations.