



Avalon Preservation Association

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**APA Annual General Meeting
7pm Tuesday 4th November
Avalon Surf Club, Bangalley Bar**

Jacqui Scruby MP for Pittwater will be speaking and taking questions to reflect on her first year in NSW Parliament, representing our community.



Please contact Craig Boaden at avalonpreservationa@gmail.com if you would like to join our committee. Our honorary treasurer Ken Roberts is retiring from the committee, and we would love some fresh contributions and insights. The committee meets on a Monday afternoon at 4pm at the Avalon Surf Club. (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct) and our AGM in November. A representative from Northern Beaches council joins us for part of our meetings to update us on council activities in our community and respond to issues of concern we have raised with council.

Honorary Treasurer Needed – SOS!

This is an honorary role, supported by a bookkeeper who produces the quarterly report. It is not a big role because there is not a lot of incoming or outgoing money. The commitment is attendance at our meetings which are held on the 2nd Monday of February, April, June, August, October and at our AGM in November.

Our longstanding honorary treasurer, Ken Roberts, announced he would be retiring at our last AGM and while he has continued with us this year he is vacating this position. We cannot operate APA without one, so this is an existential threat for APA.

The position of Treasurer on the committee is a legal requirement for a registered community organization. If we cannot find another treasurer by November we may have to fold as an organisation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AVALON

Car boot sale 21 June

Avalon Preservation Association had a stand at the car boot sale. It was a glorious day and we met many of our members as well as new residents in our lovely community. We explained how APA liaises with Council making submissions on various items which affect our community - eg. development, natural environment, the proposed new Development Control Plan DCP and Local Environment Plan LEP, Avalon Shared Space, location/lack of Electric Vehicle Chargers and so on.

Avalon Place Plan

Northern Beaches Council has isolated funding for implementing various improvements which were part of the Avalon Place plan. Some of the works have been held off until completion of all the Sydney Water mains replacements.

Dunbar Park

NBC have held community consultation regarding improvements to Dunbar park. APA provided feedback to keep it as a village park without excessive structures that will need maintenance. NBC will work on a final design which will include a shade shelter near the Recreation Centre and some restoration of the area around the Cenotaph and more lighting.

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/dunbar-park-avalon-beach>

Offroad Bike Facility

The location for this is likely to be next to the skate park alongside the yellow brick road.

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/avalon-beach-bike-facility>

Careel Bay shops development application

The developer, Grex Holdings, is planning to co-locate a Child Care centre with a big box liquor retailer. APA provided evidence to a recent onsite Land and Environment conciliation panel hearing. We commented on the inappropriate co-location of child care and alcohol retail, impact on local business and flood risk. Watch this space.

Osprey Nest Pole

This is being built now to be completed by September which is nesting season. The pole has to be delivered in five parts to get it around the Bilgola Bends. The red rectangle shows approximate location.



More information at :

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/osprey-nesting-platform-avalon>

Special Rate variation

IPART granted a partial increase so our rates will go up. NBC will need to look at reining in some of their forecast plans, but the budget allocation for the Avalon Place plan remains untouched and APA will remain vigilant to keep council support for programs such as bush care and that our potholes are attended to.

Hitchcock Park (Careel Bay Dog Park area)

Councillors Rowie Dillon and Miranda Korzy met with dog park users on 17 April to hear their requests for improvements. The NBC parks team will implement improvements to fencing, signage and gates. APA asked NBC to cut back some of the Hibiscus which was overgrowing into the verge on Etival St which has since been done.

Crown Reserve Improvement Fund grants

NBC have two grant-funded projects to remove weeds in Crown Land reserves along Careel Creek (Hitchcock Park area near tennis courts) and on part of Bangalley Headland.

Avalon Dunes Sand in Des Creagh Reserve

A huge blow-out of sand at a track over the dunes at North Avalon Beach. This has happened because fencing along the track was not maintained to prevent people trampling on dunes vegetation. The exposed sand is blown ahead of strong south-easterly winds at this point.

We have been in touch with NBC and they have advised they will start remediation work in August. The scope includes re-fencing, erosion control, irrigation systems, and replanting with over 3,000 native plants.



This photo we think from Womens Weekly in 1972 shows how mobile sand is when coastal vegetation is removed

Coastal Walkway

For decades residents have been lobbying Council and the State Government to complete the section of The Coastal Walk from Avalon South Headland through to The Serpentine. There is a walkway between the houses at Avalon South Headland which connects to Barrenjoey Rd however there is no formed path beside busy Barrenjoey Rd to connect to The Serpentine. This hazardous section is also part of the Bloody Long Walk (scheduled again this year for 3 August) which has hundreds of participants.

After further discussion with Jacqui Scruby, residents along this section have recently been emailing Jacqui Scruby directly expressing their support for a safe, undulating, winding, shady path set away from busy Barrenjoey Road, and requesting funding from the State Government.

For information on the Newport to Bilgola section:

<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ConnectingNorthernBeaches>

Bush Regeneration in Avalon: Have a Go! The Bush needs You

Bushcare groups work 8.30-11.30am on a particular morning of each month:

Angophora Reserve - third Sunday

Avalon Dunes - first Sunday

Bangalley head Reserve - second Sunday

Careel Creek Reserve - fourth Saturday

Palmgrove Park - first Saturday

Toongari Reserve - second Saturday

Details: <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/environment/bushcare/bushcare-sites>

Many thanks to those who have already donated to our Fighting Fund

Can you contribute as well?

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 a Planning Consultant, to prepare a professional report. There is almost sufficient in our 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
Do include the term 'Fighting Fund' and your name in the reference box so we can thank you.

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 pro-posed 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