

## Community engagement summary report – stage 2 – visioning exercise


<b>Project name</b>	Manly Life Saving Club Renewal
<b>Your Say campaign period</b>	2 December 2022 – 29 January 2023
<b>Background</b>	<p>Council is seeking to renew the existing Manly Life Saving Club and associated public facilities.</p> <p>We engaged an architect in August 2022 to work with Council and community stakeholders to develop plans for the new Club. The purpose of this stage of engagement was to seek the community’s vision and ideas for the new Club. These ideas will help inform the future design of the Club.</p> <p>An online vision board provided a platform for the community to share their ideas and vision for the Club and associated facilities.</p> <p>In addition, an onsite drop-in session was held on 10 December 2022 with Council staff, the architect, and Surf Club members, providing the community with an opportunity hear more about the project.</p> <p>We undertook initial engagement in 2019 however, the project was put on hold due to COVID.</p> <p>This report outlines the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement as part of a proposal to redevelop the Many Life Saving Club and associated public facilities.</p>
<b>Key Outcomes</b>	<p>The ideas and feedback collected during consultation showed the Club is a highly valued community asset, and showed strong community support for the project.</p> <p>The majority of ideas were centred around the building’s design, citing its place on an iconic beach calling for a design that is equally iconic but also sensitive to its environment.</p> <p>The comments that voiced concern for the project were generally around the impact it would have on the surrounding natural environment.</p> <p>There was also a lot of commentary around the inclusion of a food and beverage space, both in support and opposed to this inclusion in the design.</p>
<b>Number of comments</b>	75
<b>How we engaged</b>	<p>The project was primarily promoted through Council’s Your Say page<sup>1</sup>, one community drop-in session, Council’s E-News and community engagement newsletter.</p> <p>There was also a social media post.</p>

<sup>1</sup> [https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/Manly\\_Life\\_Saving\\_Club](https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/Manly_Life_Saving_Club)

<b>Visitors to page</b>	1322
<b>Key themes emerging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design</li><li>• Commercialisation</li><li>• Accessibility / Community</li></ul>

## Verbatim comments:

\*Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

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<p>The current SLSC is such a wasted opportunity. The building should be retained and renovated. Better public facilities accessible from the beach including toilets and showers. Room for storage and surf club items downstairs and expand the upstairs to include a bar/restaurant/cafe with ownership retained by the club to provide an income stream and ensure a laid back, low-key (not Merivale!) atmosphere- like we do in Qld! Please ensure it is a place for the local community. The upgrades will pay for themselves in no time.</p>	<p>It would be great if there could be cheap to rent community spaces. That can be used by surfing/swimming Mums for reciprocal child-minding, community yoga and art groups, youth groups and workshops, etc.</p>	<p>Most of the Manly beach safety announcements are incomprehensible (even to native English speakers) due to the poor quality speaker system and the poor diction of the announcers. For a lifesaving club, fixing the problem should be a top priority. Perhaps several clearly spoken prerecorded safety warnings might be the answer? Another consideration could be repeating the announcements in other languages - based on nationalities most at risk of drowning.</p>	<p>Can we please name the New Manly Surf Club after a truly amazing Lifeguard who gave so much in so many, many years of service, [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] is a true Manly Boy who was a spectacular swimmer from early childhood. [REDACTED] attended [REDACTED] then Manly High School. [REDACTED] childhood home was at Shelly beach and has rescued thousands over the years.</p> <p>[REDACTED] also played football for Manly Sea Eagles </p>
<p>Given the number of swimmers that swim in winter is it possible to have hot showers in the change rooms?</p>	<p>Incorporate solar panels as part of the design so the club is as carbon-friendly and self-sustaining as possible. Maybe it could also incorporate other green initiatives e.g. 'living' walls/roof i.e. covered in endemic plants (using the recycled run-off from showers to water them?) to help regulate the temperature of the building in summer and reduce aircon requirements. In general, incorporate as many environmentally friendly concepts as possible, make it a flagship example of what can be done - more awards for the council!?!</p>	<p>Our daughter attends Nippers and we don't want to loose any of the current facilities. We love living in Manly and the club is perfectly located. Noosa surf life savings makes a hugh income from its resturant and we would suggest that is explored as Manly has an equally beautiful location. <a href="https://www.noosasurfclub.com.au/">https://www.noosasurfclub.com.au/</a></p>	<p>Having read the submissions here are the facts: MLSC patrols a beach that has &gt;2.5 million beach visitors per year. The club has circa 750 active patrolling members. It is the only club that is called on to man 2 sets of flags (and its busy!). Patrolling at Manly is busy, involves significant interaction with the public, and our patrols work collaboratively with the NBC Lifeguards. MLSC's objectives are life saving, the promotion of competition and development of youth - both in water safety and in the SLS tradition. MLSC is a significant contributor to the local economy with significant events such as Nipper Nats (900 kids and families), Manly Carnival (950 competitors), Cole Classic (&gt;4000 competitors). The Cole Classic has raised over \$400k for charities since MLSC started running it in 2019. MLSC is funded by our own operations - every SLS Club on the Nthn Beaches has a function/bar area - specific liquor licence for SLSC Clubs so use is restricted - MLSC is not in the business of operating a public bar nor does it want to run a restaurant.</p>

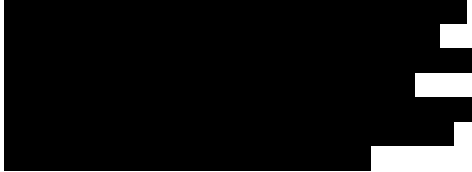
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			<p>MLSC has an active competition pedigree - from Nippers, Cadets, Opens and Masters. The gear or toys referred to are part of the equipment for surf competition (skis and boards). There is one surf boat.</p> <p>The club has 8 IRBs used in lifesaving and other emergency operations - MLSC assets are used for search and rescue and were also used in the floods in line with SLSA policy. Suggestions that the club is exclusive are wrong - MLSC welcomes all new members who are willing to do their Bronze and patrol the beach, to support their kids in Nippers and to compete and train for surf sports.</p> <p>MLSC has sat at South Steyne for 110 years and its members have patrolled the beach....retention of members is a hurdle for all SLS Clubs and signing up to Manly is a sign up to a 1/2 day patrol every 3 to 4 weeks. Redevelopment includes new public facilities, lifeguard facilities and disability facilities. Manly deserves this facility.</p>
<p>Why not build a public facility like Bondi Icebergs with a sauna, pool, fitness classes overlooking the ocean, cafe and restaurant? The income could then feed back to the club.</p> <p>I hope the architects can reveal the interplay between the fabulous sandstone cliff face, currently hidden behind the surf club, the curve of the foreshore and the sands of the beach. There is so much opportunity to make the new building relate to its context and natural environment. Let's not clutter the beauty of the natural space.</p>	<p>Incorporate a commercially-run bar, restaurant, coffee shop and function room ALL open to the public (not just members) to take advantage of the awesome position and views. This will make the club a self-sustaining income and provide for its future. Many other clubs in NSW have done this, it works well and will save the council (and ratepayers!) huge amounts of money.</p> <p>Then do the same thing with N Steyne &amp; Queenscliff SLSCs - it's madness that they have some of the best real estate in the world that people would pay handsomely to sit and eat, drink and get married at, etc., and hence bring a huge income into the clubs, yet they're run like 'old boys' clubs and come asking for donations or council (ratepayers) have to pay for upkeep.</p>	<p>My son is a dedicated Manly SLSC member / volunteer and loves the community. My family has been involved in the SLSC in various forms over the years. Would be wonderful to make this a more community based centre and also a chance to expand the F&amp;B after hours so to make this a place to socialise in for families and friends. Need to continue to attract the millenials and utilise this opportunity to think about what they would want besides the ability to participate in SLSC activities. An upgraded gym, function area and cafe would create a greater sense of engagement with an iconic Manly fixture.</p>	<p>Manly life saving club was created to provide surf lifesaving services to locals, visitors and international tourists. Members have obtained their bronze medallion and volunteer a minimum of 40 hours a season. The club is used to train members (CPR, First Aid, proficiency presentations etc) its used to store rescue equipment and training craft (fitness for service). Functionality as a surf life saving club must be first and foremost in any design. It is not a community club, it is a surf club. Members provide a community service. There are community clubs &amp; venues for the community elsewhere in the LGA. Manly lsc is very inclusive, you just have to join, do your bronze and volunteer your time. The public amenities for beach goes/swimmers are a disgrace. New amenities for local swimming community (pink caps) and visitors is needed. However, locating them elsewhere along the promenade, away from the club may help reduce the overcrowding that occurs in front of the club. Colocating the lifeguards with the volunteers within the Manly lsc would be good</p>

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			<p>but not essential. We collaborate on the beach but we function quite separately. We each have our own equipment (boards, jet ski, ATV) this compounds storage demand, perhaps this is something Council and SLSNSW should look at. Storage capacity at the club needs to increase. The gym is not necessary. Its rarely used. An external contract with a gym could be negotiated to provide discounted membership. The 'hole in the wall' cafe is great, but not essential. If it is to be included in the design, it should be located in a way that it does not interfere with the free flow of traffic to and from the equipment storage areas of the club. Having a function area should only be supported if it can be designed in a way that it will generate an income for the club. There should be a members recreation area with bar (quid pro quo for service).</p>
<p>Many things have changed since the existing Manly SLC clubhouse was built:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature of surf lifesaving has changed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Full time professional lifeguards patrol the beach every day</li> <li>o Rescues are primarily done by board and jet-ski rather than surf boats and rubber duckies</li> <li>o Communication has improved dramatically with mobile phones and waterproof walkie talkies</li> <li>o The focus of surf lifesaving clubs has shifted to carnivals, competition training, fitness activities and nippers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Beach related sports have grown immensely <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Boardriding is much more popular and is now seen as a family friendly sport</li> <li>o Ocean swimming is particularly popular at Manly, particularly in the early mornings, all year round</li> <li>o Beach volleyball has also become very popular</li> <li>o Large numbers of people use the beach &amp; promenade for running, walking and other exercise</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The area in and around the Manly SLC clubhouse has become a social hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The ocean swimmers and others gather near the clubhouse for coffee and discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Moving down from QLD in recent years, it's hard to believe that NSW SLSC do not have licensed bistros/restaurants. Manly like many other clubs in NSW are located in amazing locations and a venue to have breakfast, lunch or dinner in a setting overlooking Manly Beach would be amazing. I'm not suggesting gaming or pokie machines.</p> <p>Public amenities/toilets/showers should be separate from the club and could possibly be located where the surf ski trailers sit currently. This could potentially allow for an expansion of the board/ski area removing them from the upper level.</p>	<p>The current bottleneck is the 'gateway' to the CTB marine reserve and the whole corner area MUST cater for public access and services as the primary focus!</p> <p>Are SLSC's a charitable service for competitive sport or volunteer SLS duties at weekends/holidays (professional council paid life guards are on duty everyday)? Move the building back away from the bottleneck, create more open space and identify the clubs primary function (SLS equipment or sports competition toys)?</p> <p>The thoroughfare and amenities must cater for the public/residents and all of the general publics needs &amp; facilities as a rate payer funded service.</p> <p>The area needs functioning showers (H/C), shade, seating, secure bag drop, safety from e-bikes(bikes, scooters, skate boards, surf skis, surf boards, dog excrement, council workers in vehicles etc etc).</p> <p>Separate access for life-guard vehicles (RIB's, Jetski's, 4 wheel drives, trailers, surf club vans etc) both from the road and onto the beach.</p> <p>The SLSClub is only used by a small minority of the public yet has the greatest facilities and seems to be a 'club' for an elite bunch of retired locals, the cost to</p>	<p>How much is surf lifesaving putting in..? Probably nothing but they have millions in the kitty..! Why do ratepayers have to fund this building which is for the use of clubbies ONLY.. if anyone wants to hire a hall for a function the price is usually extremely expensive.. many say they provide lifesaving but most clubbies can't even do a basic board rescue.. that's why we have professional lifeguards on 7 days a week.. if and when it's built let's make it for everyone not just a private building for members..!</p>

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<p>o Many locals spend a lot of time around the clubhouse to enjoy the beach life and hang out with friends</p> <p>o Weekend barbeques, Manly SLC branded swimwear &amp; accessory sales and evening drinks on the balcony are social magnets</p> <p>o Events are regularly held in the clubhouse</p> <p>In addition, it is likely that other changes will occur both because of changing lifestyles and preferences, climate related changes as well as changes in technology that will impact society and the practise of surf lifesaving. Some examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition of the risk of too much sun exposure</li> <li>• Potentially more intense weather events</li> <li>• Possible sea level rises</li> <li>• More automation and innovation in lifesaving equipment (eg battery powered equipment, autonomous systems, etc)</li> <li>• Artificial Intelligence could be applied to supervision and identification of people in trouble in the surf, marine threats such as rips and sharks, etc</li> </ul> <p>Designing a new Manly SLC building should address heritage values and current and future needs</p>		<p>join is prohibitive in order to stop too many people using the 'clubs' facilities.</p> <p>Visitors &amp; tourists visit the walk, CTB/Shelley as are high on the to-do list of many, especially the swimming. Lets make this area a welcome experience for all and not just for an excuse for charitable organisation dogma</p>	
<p>I would love to see some of Manly's lost heritage reinstated. Those pictures of the original club house ( I think late 1800) would make a wonderful facade concept.</p>	<p>The current Manly SLSC building should be refurbished with the addition of an extra floor, as a purpose-built restaurant and cafe, incl a bar. A portion of profits should be garnisheed for lifesaving equipment purchase. Checkout the model used on the Gold Coast, where every surf club building includes a restaurant and bar. It's a great way to involve the community in the club, and brings much-needed passive revenue.</p>	<p>Many people using wheelchairs are unable to use a regular disabled toilet to receive personal care or get changed for the beach.</p> <p>PLEASE add a "Changing Places" bathroom ( with hoist and adult size change table) to the surf club so EVERYBODY can access toileting facilities and get changed into swimmers to access the beach down the ramp outside the club. Collaroy SLSC has one so it's about time we have one in Manly too.</p>	<p>Very simply, this club has been loved for all time by Members and Volunteers and their Families over generations. The club needs to be updated to required standards set down by the SLS Association of Aust. and Northern Beaches Council. The safety and well being of the public and all members associated in their given roles is top priority. The district of Manly and surrounds provides all other facilities for the general public therefor facilities for storage of new and required equipment, as well as updated facilities for Members and Volunteers is in my view essential.</p>
<p>We would much prefer that the chosen Architect design a building that's more in keeping with the usual surf life-saving club WITHOUT the unusual roof design.</p> <p>We would also prefer that the additional separate</p>	<p>I think the Surf Club should be able to retain its main function on the site. However, I do not think the area is suitable for additional coffee place or restaurant as the pathway to Shelly Beach is often already extremely busy and a real bottleneck. The</p>	<p>First and foremost the primary function of the building should be, as it's charter states, a surf lifesaving club. It appears to me to be developing into a toy storage area for club members. I agree storage for lifesaving equipment is paramount, as</p>	<p>At its very core a surf life saving club is about embracing and operating in harmony with the natural coastal environment. This is how the design and overall building should be approached when looking at Manly SLSC.</p>

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<p>single-storey building on the open concourse should NOT be provided at all. It would be better positioned to the left-hand side of the main building if it's necessary.</p>	<p>function room upstairs should be upgraded and could possibly be used for paid private functions to generate income for the club. My main request is to see the shower/toilet/change room facilities upgraded. Manly is one of the busiest beach in Sydney and yet we only have a few small, old toilet/change rooms available between Queenscliff and Shelly Beach! The toilet facilities need to be much bigger, and perhaps an additional toilet/shower block should be located elsewhere, near the Surf Club, as well as retaining the existing change room.</p>	<p>are training facilities. Toilet facilities must be part of the development, not dumped remotely in the middle of the prom. Underground toilets possibly? There are more than enough bar facilities in Manly. South Steyne has traditionally been the quiet end of Manly. Why try and make it party-central? And fix the PA system and the manner in which the public are addressed. It is currently deplorable. The building itself is set amongst some of Manly's iconic heritage buildings and must therefore complement the area, as it always has.</p>	<p>With this in mind I don't support putting any buildings or concrete on the green corridor along the walkway from the building to the Point and Fairy Bower. All green space must be preserved as it is and kept green permanently. The walkway to the Point is also already a very busy and choked thoroughfare, so no buildings must be placed there. I also don't support adding a cafe or a nightclub/bar to the building. Manly has many venues already and we should support who is already there as some businesses are still struggling after COVID. And finally, iconic or bold designs are way too expensive. These kinds of designs are just not needed to have a beautiful and practical building that the community can cherish and use everyday. Please be economical with this project.</p>
<p>Very much in favour of the upgrade and particularly the storage room for all the "gear" that's stored out on the boardwalk. The only complaint I have is the awful roofline proposed. It's an eyesore and harks back to the 80s. The design makes it much higher than it needs to be so please amend this feature</p>	<p>It would be great to have a function room or restaurant to give the club a income stream, this would also be a way of the whole community to enjoy the space also.</p>	<p>Warm showers are essential. Even if it's solar hot water to save electricity cost maybe? Would be nice to have a public restaurant/bar area where money would go back into the facility. Function room for training and hire out for eg yoga classes or something like that. Would be good to be able to use the local facility for the bold and beautiful Christmas party or fundraisers instead of (like this year) being held in Brookvale! A space for crèche possibly?</p>	
<p>New building should enhance the 'curved' nature of the precinct and be visually appealing and attractive without dominating. It should be more available to the community than current. Walkway in front should be wider than at present retaining the outdoor shower/tap facility. Definite dedicated disabled toilet/change rooms required desperately please. Enhance cafe service area and provide some seating. Retain existing height of building but improve roofline to make attractive. Retain clock but add temperature. Retain function room upstairs and give it a name! Do not paint in surf club beige! Restrict storage of surf craft outside of building in public areas.</p>	<p>The little hole in the wall cafe is such a popular cafe, it is often so busy, it would be a shame to lose it.</p>	<p>Only kidding ..... just wanted to grab your attention :) What beachgoers appreciate is ample, modern, clean and serviceable facilities (showers, toilets, change facilities etc.) suitable in significantly increased numbers, inclusive for all people to enjoy whether they have a disability or not. That should include additional consideration around access and other challenges for the young and old, including conditions of physical, site, deafness, mental illness, etc. when providing for the community. It is a community asset and the right mix between general public utility, official council spaces (paid lifeguards etc) and volunteer lifesaving needs to be balanced. The use of high tech optics and communications should be considered and significantly enhanced.</p>	<p>thank you for consulting... Whilst being cleaned, the public toilets are closed. It would be good to have some toilets available during this time. Town Hall Station has this capability. Also during construction, all facilities will need to be replicated. Good luck...</p>



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		<p>Manly has one of the biggest regular swim groups in Sydney yet the changing rooms are appalling. You go to Coogee with large shower and change blocks with seperate bathroom area, or Balmoral with again large changing area and in Manly the women's cubicles are cramped and desperate need of updating. Would be great to have more space and larger shower block. Going in winter with 20 women cramped in trying to get changed plus another group that size trying to change on the beach under towels is not ok.</p>	
<p>1) Somehow new design of club should embrace its heritage, embrace its natural environment (to include allowing for the wonderful sandstone cliff on the south side - currently ignored!) and also be amazingly iconic/instagrammable (like new N Bondi club). Good luck! (and oh yeah - do all the functions a surf club does ..)</p> <p>2) new design should also as eco as possible - solar panels, eco concrete used, recycle water etc</p> <p>3) the (huge) gents changing room should be at rear of club, not occupy the most valuable bit of real estate on the beaches!</p> <p>4) consideration given to opening up to widen community - it's hardly used weekdays apart from by 2/3 council lifeguards</p> <p>5) please retain the benches outside for all to use - the most popular and busiest place of the club!</p>	<p>I believe there should be no commercial facilities or other opportunities for people to remain there. Only public toilets can be built there which are locked at night, nothing more. Why?</p>  <p>The place stinks because it is a low corner. The air whirlpools there. Odours, either the smell of cooking, coffee, urine or vapored drugs are attracted to there, so do people of a certain kind..</p>	<p>South Manly/Stejne is my local spot, my favourite. I suggest if you are going to spend a large amount of money from the community on this surf club it should be available for everyone not just a few people in the surf club with a long waiting list to become a member. Of course it should be a functional surf club but it should have different spaces for the public to use. Good toilet facilities even if separate to the main club a must. I recognise space is an issue there as it is a cramped location. Heritage is a must as Manly has a deep heritage - check your own history hub. Retain the clock that is iconic and very useful for morning swims before work. I think the iconic Manly Cream timber fencing and railings should be retained. This type of fencing provides a significant characteristic to the look and feel of Manly and other North Shore areas on the Harbour. Club to be climate change resilient and durable.</p>	<p>I hope that the money once promised by James Griffin , Manly MP, will actually come forth. It would be such a waste to renovate the club as so many compromises would be made. This week the drains are once again blocked up and smell of sewage in the bathrooms. The whole place needs to rebuilt so we can start from scratch and sort out basic things like plumbing.</p>
<p>The surf club has multiple functions including surf club, boat house, amenities block, cafe, function room and meeting place for ocean swimmers. I use the area in front regularly on my days off. Ideas for the rebuild include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- include the current sunny seating alcove which is heavily used by locals as a meeting point before and after swims. It currently houses the two benches which should be retained in a new alcove in the same shaded but north facing spot out of the southerly winds and rain as it is an extremely popular meeting place.</li> <li>- improve the facilities for the morning swimming groups which meet there including the wall of hooks for bags etc. The swimmers are an ever</li> </ul>	<p>I feel like there is some clarification needed on the status of the Manly LSC. Stretching from Manly to North Palm Beach there are a 21 Surf Life Saving Clubs providing an invaluable community service to the Northern Beaches. In recognition of the value of this service to the community, Council will now work with 16 of our clubs to provide surety of tenure over the coming 20 years.</p> <p>The new agreements, starting from 1 January 2023, are designed to offer these surf clubs new 20-year leases that allow for better planning and maintenance.</p> <p>Manly LSC is one of the 5 not included in this new</p>	<p>I understand that the purpose of the club is for Life Saving however I think the hundreds of swimmers that gather in front of it each morning before and after their swim should also be taken into account. There would be a lot of crossover with swimmers who are also lifesavers or members of the club. It may not be access to the inside of the club but easy access to the public amenities, perhaps lockers under seating, and more outdoor showers.</p>	<p>Spend the cash on Millers Reserve plastic pitches that serve more ratepayers rather than more extravagant surf clubs.</p>



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<p>increasing group that use the clubhouse area on a daily basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-improve the clock with a large white dial clock that can be easily and clearly seen from the beach and surf. Maybe include a small separate screen at ground level in the entrance area showing weather reports and sea temperature etc</li> <li>-include the cafe which is hugely popular- maybe enlarge and improve it.</li> <li>-improve the amenities block with more showers and toilet cubicles . Hot water should be solar heated if possible.</li> <li>-include an improved function room area upstairs which is very popular for events.</li> <li>-include a good visible observation post and office for the council life guards</li> <li>-obviously include the required facilities for the surf club including equipment storage areas and boat shed.</li> <li>-provide better shade and rain protection as many people seek shelter under the small awning and alcove area when it rains.</li> <li>- maybe try and widen the footpath at the narrow point near the stairs.</li> <li>-include an outside shower and foot wash tap and maybe a dog watering bowl.</li> </ul>	<p>lease arrangement with the NB Council.</p> <p>Unlike the 16 clubs Manly LSC currently has revenue streams from the cafe on the ground floor, the lease of space to SEA as well as control over the booking and activities in their upstairs community area, the funds from which go to the Club not the Council.</p> <p>NB Council also occupies a section of the building for its Council Lifeguards.</p> <p>So if the Council 'owns' the building, and the building is rebuilt and a cafe is incorporated will a new tender for the cafe be let by Council or the Club? Will the Club or Council run the booking system for any of the facilities available for hire and what will the liquor licensing arrangements be?</p>		
<p>Desperately need a bathroom and change room upgrade. One of the most popular beaches on the northern beaches for tourists and swimmers, and the above are so old, deteriorating and minimal. More showers, better pressure, more change rooms, doors that work, better sinks, cleaner and the same goes for club change rooms.</p>	<p>What an extraordinary opportunity to generate an income for the community and club! Seize this opportunity with everything that you have. Look at Currumbin, Avalon etc for inspiration. A flexible facility which can be available for breakfast, brunch, lunch, sunset drinks and dinner will provide employment opportunities and a wonderful Manly experience for locals and the broader community. An opportunity not to be missed.</p>	<p>Currently there is only one shower located near the bike racks. A shower array with a number of showers with integrate solar hot water systems should be installed. Foot showers should be installed adjacent to, and not vertically below a shower. People wanting to wash the sand off their feet would not have to line up and wait for those having full body showers.</p> <p>The toilets should be unisex similar to the ones installed at Fairy Bower. Change rooms do not need to have showers inside them if there is adequate showers outside. All these amenities would be used concurrently if separated thereby reducing waiting and occupancy times in the single facility.</p>	<p>Please knock it down and start again, there is concrete cancer in the balcony at the front, the plumber in the bathrooms gets regularly blocked and stinks of sewage, there is not enough storage space for life saving equipment and training boards, there is a enormous pine tree in front of the Life Guards room blocking their view to the beach and water.</p> <p>It's disappointing that James Griffin has pulled out of his promise to donate 1/3 of the budget, great that Council and Federal Govt have contributed their 1/3 each. Please get the money to do the job properly as renovating this 40 year building that has structural, space and plumbing issues is just not going to work.</p>
<p>I recently attended Mona Vale surf club and they have done a great job with the public toilet facilities and the actual club function room was great.</p>		<p>As a regular swimmer, one of the 100's every day of the year, departing &amp; returning from the southern end of Manly beach, it has long been my wish that</p>	<p>The designers of the new Manly Life Saving Club have some social challenges ahead. The Manly Life Saving Club is an important</p>

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<p>Although rumour has it that it is to fancy and no where for locals to have a drink. I could be wrong just rumour.</p>		<p>there were better facilities for the masses (swimmer, general public, everyone), not just surf club members.</p> <p>As the weather cools, many people eventually stop swimming because they don't want to be out in the cold/rain, getting your bag soaked or having a freezing shower. It's a shame as so many of us get enormous benefit from the physical and mental health benefits of swimming at Manly.</p> <p>In the six years I've been doing it, its become one of my most important and looked forward to activities, its healthy, its social and its just a beautiful thing to do in our beautiful community. It should be encouraged and supported as a primary focus, not an after thought/bolt-on.</p> <p>I acknowledge the important role volunteer surf life saving plays, having been a member for a number of years at another northern beaches club. But I think like many of the other comments provided, the world has changed and so have the demands on that unique location at the south end of Manly beach. We, the community, should only provide realistically sized (fact/metric based) life saving facilities for those fantastic volunteers that actually patrol on a regular basis. Unfortunately the luxury for a few, of having access to hot showers or your surf craft stored at this amazing location is just a luxury the rest of the community doesn't support. Exclusion via "club membership", isn't who we are.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>	<p>meeting place for many groups and the building itself supports the important function of saving lives. It also accommodates the foot traffic to and from the Cabbage Tree Bay foreshore. How do you marry these three things without interrupting life saving? How do you provide for more public access to the amenities in order to make them more inclusive without their intrusion on the function of saving lives?</p>
<p>The proximity to residential buildings and the lack of possible commercial access (taxis, food etc) precludes a licensed club or fancy restaurant . Build a futuristic type structure that attracts photographers thereby advertising Manly</p> <p>Please do not put any buildings or concrete on the green corridor along the walkway from the MLSC building to the Point and onto Fairy Bower:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The green corridor is in constant use by locals and visitors all year round.</li> <li>• The green corridor also supports protected native wildlife - echidnas, bandicoots, water dragons, owls, cockatoos, corellas and other native birds – all seen using / living in this green corridor. Native birds roost and nest year-round in the trees.</li> </ul>			<p>Manly beach has not changed size. Any expansion to the club is completely unnecessary and merely to increase revenue.</p>

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<p>Echidnas, together with platypus, are the world's only egg-laying mammals.</p> <p>Keep the volunteer life guards, the paid lifeguards and the public amenities in the existing building. If extra space is needed, then keep the existing building footprint and simply add one more storey. Don't build any new extra buildings.</p> <p>No new buildings are needed - however if any new buildings are proposed, put them on the paved beachfront - there is plenty of space.</p> <p>Keep the focus on life saving. Don't add a cafe or bar or nightclub to the building, Manly has plenty already.</p>			
<p>The manly lifesaving club is iconic any new building should have an iconic factor to it and reflect the past buildings on the site and particularly the Sulman award winning building of the 1930s to 1980s.</p> <p>Improved change facilities for beach users and swimmers are also a must including solar hot water warm showers as has been done at balmoral bathing pavilion.</p>			<p>Dear Peter, perhaps you can include my comments/observations below. I notice comments closed yesterday – my apologies as have been on leave. Manly Life Saving Club   Your Say Northern Beaches (nsw.gov.au)</p> <p>For one of the oldest and premier lifesaving clubs in NSW, Manly Surf Pavilion is an understated and ageing building. Even with its small footprint and height limitations there are engineering solutions for underground. Manly LSC provides an important surf lifesaving community service on weekends and public holidays and Councils professional lifeguards patrol the beach 7 days a week all year round, catering for locals, visitors and tourists (one of the 2 beaches in Sydney that provide this service). It's time for a fit for purpose building for the community that is iconic, respectful of Manly's heritage and environmental values, but not imposing on the its neighbours. A restaurant or function facility is a commercial reality, however this pays for a community facility that is largely volunteer based and produces some of the best surf life savers in the country and internationally. Northern Beaches Council has delivered appropriate buildings for the community at</p>

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			Mona Vale and Long Reef beaches in their respective settings – now it's time for Manly in a very respectful way.
<p>I believe the Club should stay where it is and be expanded to house more community facilities such as hot showers for all the swimmers through winter and a larger cafe or restaurant for public use. Room to park bikes would also be useful.</p>			
<p>Retain MLSC essential life-saving functions in the building. If insufficient space in MLSC building for non-essential functions (public toilets / café-kiosk etc), move them to paved South Steyne area.</p> <p>Any new MLSC building should be a pleasing architectural design fitting to the surroundings, not an inappropriate box with ugly or unnecessary features.</p> <p>Reduce people congestion at MLSC / Marine Parade corner.</p> <p>No new buildings (toilets etc) on Marine Parade.</p> <p>Keep green spaces and benches of Marine Parade intact. Add more benches.</p>			
<p>The MLSC provides a wonderful service to the community. Its focus should be kept on life saving rather than an entertainment venue.</p> <p>A discreet design which fits in with the surrounding environs would be the most pleasing aesthetically and would not look outdated in the future. It's a surf club primarily, an avant-garde design would be inappropriate in such a location where there is limited space.</p> <p>If extra buildings are required (e.g. public toilets) they could be located on the paved promenade along the beachfront itself.</p> <p>Let's take this opportunity to build something to be proud of.</p>			

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<p>Better shower and bathroom facilities. Please use Tamara as an example. Current facilities are in adequate for the amount of people that use them and are not aesthetically appealing.</p>			
<p>This is an iconic club in an iconic location which draws people from all around the world. We have one chance to make this something we can be proud of so we should make it practical yes ( more storage, better facilities) but can we please be brave and have a design that reflects this unique location? It should be another reason for people to visit but also for locals to swim, have coffees and drink in the amazing view. We need our own Icebergs with a Manly style. Make the rooftop a cafe and that some would fund everything else! Look at Mona Vale - they have done a great job of trying something modern but functional.</p>			
<p>There is only one outside shower , swimmers often had to queue up for it, and water is weak. Would be wonderful to have more space for shower for swimmers etc</p>			
<p><b>CLOCK</b> Once and for all, could we please have a working clock on the surf club. The fact that the clock is often wrong, or not working at all, at one of the most famous beaches in the world, is a little embarrassing. If a reliable one can't be found, don't have one. No clock is better than a wrong clock</p> <p><b>RUBBISH BINS</b> Can they be moved away from the shower. I regularly shower near the surf club after a swim and man they really do stink.</p> <p><b>HEATED SHOWERS</b> Can we have a token system, or something, for a short hot shower, particularly in winter? So many people cart down a bottle of hot water. Shouldn't be necessary.</p> <p><b>WATER TEMP</b> The guy who writes the water temp on the pillar every morning does an exemplary job. Maybe this can be incorporated into the new clock we're getting ;).</p> <p><b>BENCHES</b></p>			

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<p>There's not enough for the morning swimmers to sit on, put their gear down, use to put their clothes off the ground when getting changed. Can we have some that aren't the existing design (are they intended be uncomfortable so we don't linger?). More like the sandstone blocks on the Corso would be ace.</p>			
<p>I would hope to see a daring modern design. Manly is such a iconic beach and deserves something interesting and modern. I'd love it to be so daring that it annoys conservative politicians like the Opera House did in the 1960's and is now one of the most iconic buildings in the world. Let's not try and replicate building from the past, faux 1930's would be a terrible idea.</p>			
<p>Have the public toilets seperate to the surf club. There is a lot of confusion about where the bathrooms are. Also have free hot showers, as there are hundreds of locals that would love a hot shower after a winter swim.</p>			
<p>The club desperately needs more storage and facilities, I imagine going up another level would make sense. I hope the priority is given to the club run by volunteers, whose purpose is to save lives on the beach front rather than a handful of wealthy property owners who may lose some views.</p>			
<p>Up date the club house and get RID of that ugly degrading eyesore of a structure on the rocks between the club house and Shelly beach. It is incongruous with the beach front and compromises the area. Young kids camp on the roof which appears to be composing — ( hopefully not a health risk like asbestos) . The structure is an accident waiting to happen with someone falling off — hopefully Northern Beaches Council has adequate insurance to cover such an incident. NO ONE ,NOR FACILITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUILD A STRUCTURE ON THE SURF HIGH WATER FRONT, there is no other evidence of this in the Northern Beaches Surf area.. It is of NO heritage significance and I doubt has a</p>			

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<p>heritage listing. Step up and demolish the structure and protect our beach / surf foreshore. Demolish and ask the surf club to store their debris on site.</p>			
<p>SMALL SITE with Enormous Expectations. PRAGMATIC RESTRAINT required in the design (not ego/lobbying driven). FOCUS on NEEDS of SURF CLUB RESCUE and PUBLIC swimmer change/showers (not be distracted by calls for bars/restaurants, as there are plenty, or for community spaces, for that reclaim The Pantry building). FUNCTIONAL design (not white elephant iconic folly). QUALITY build to withstand corrosive weather and high usage. Remove the narrow PINCHPOINT where walkers/swimmers/joggers collide - cantilevered walkway, walk under partly cantilevered first floor, overpass above ramp. SURF CRAFT storage compacted using stacker retrieval system. PINE TREES hopefully keep. BUILD for the FUTURE.</p>			
<p>A unique opportunity exists to improve access with a ramp between South Steyne and Eastern Hill, as part of the Manly Life Saving Club redevelopment proposal. The aerial view, indicating the ramp's proposed location, also shows how the building's existing roof could be incorporated into the design as a viewing platform. Such a ramp could provide stair-free access to all levels of the Club from both the beach and Eastern Hill, possibly avoiding the expense and space required to install an internal lift. Manly Council and Manly Life Saving Club should work together to design such a ramp and incorporate it into MLSC's redevelopment plans. The ramp could run around the outside of the building from adjacent to the pedestrian crossing near Ashburner Street, between the building and cliff face, to the top of the stairs below the Borambil building. Slight modification to remove the small steps which lead from there to Bower Street would then allow stair-free access between South Steyne and Eastern Hill / Bower Street. Access via the ramp to the various levels of the</p>			



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club, and a rooftop viewing platform, could also be achieved.			
<p>Thank you for consulting with the community on this redevelopment. I am supportive of changes and will leave it to others who use the existing building more than I, to provide their input. However, I would please ask that any redevelopment occurs on existing paved areas rather than re-locating onto precious areas of green space along Marine Parade. I would also love to see renewable energy incorporated. Thanks.</p>			
<p>Manly is rapidly becoming an affluent jewel and the club architecturally absolutely needs to reflect that. The world's eyes are regularly upon us and the media report almost daily from somewhere in Manly. We need to have a surf club that we can be proud of and that reflects the gentrification of our suburb. See Mona Vale SLSC as an example. We currently have 2 traditional SLSC's along the beachfront and the majority of us agree that they are eyesores. There is no need for a 3rd mustard ( ? ) coloured concrete structure, and no reason why we can not have a SLSC that we can be proud of, and not ashamed of, when the world's spotlight shines on us.</p> <p>Let's make Manly shine!</p> <p>Lastly, essential to welcome more of our local community into the fold by opening up for eg a reasonably priced relaxed cafe for all to enjoy. Non swimmers and non members generally feel that it is currently a non-inclusive space and not reflective of the Manly spirit.</p>			
<p>Please don't expand onto existing green space along Marine pde or across the stairs to the eastern hill. The access stairs and yellow hand rail are a valuable part of the visual character and architecture of the eastern hill.</p>			
<p>A new build is well overdue here. Ideal features should be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilities for paid Life Guards</li> <li>2. Facilities for volunteer Life Guards</li> </ol>			

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<p>3. Facilities for club Members to use - Restroom / Change rooms / Gym / Steam room / Sauna.            4. Function area for club to use and public to hire for functions            5. Facilities for public to use - Under cover Restrooms / Change rooms            6. Facilities for public to use - Outside Showers bank of 10            7. Storage facilities for Club Members to keep Rescue Boards            8. Admin office for Club Admin to use.            9. First aid Room for onsite First aid.            10. Probably a cafe for members and the public to use. Hole in the wall style.            11. Build it with the next 50 years in mind not the last 50.</p> <p>It would be best to start from scratch and reconfigure the building to be able to maximise the usage of the foot print. Manly has a number of talented Architects whom are in the water often.</p>			
<p>I just saw an artists impression of the new Manly Surf Club. Please, please retain the rounded brick part of the existing building. Incorporate the new building around that feature. It is iconic and has been there for so long. We do NOT want a trendy, modern building like the new Long Reef one that will quickly date. Manly has some beautiful old buildings and this one should retain its character.</p> <p>I am a long serving member of the volunteer lifesavers. I love it for wat it is and used for. I do not support any buildings or concrete on the green corridor along the walkway from the current MLSC building to the Point and Fairy Bower. Keep it all green. There is no space for expansion or new functions. Don't add a café. Manly has plenty already and we should support the ones that we already have. Also as a regular winter swimmer I don't see the need for warm showers. I often use the showers on the beach side between Corso and Wentworth Street, those are great.</p>			
<p>I support that the council and volunteer lifesavers have facilities that support their core activity. What I do not support is any buildings or concrete on the</p>			

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<p>green corridor along the walkway from the current MLSC building to the Point and Fairy Bower. Please preserve and protect all nearby existing green space, and keep it all green. The walkway to the Point is already a very busy thoroughfare, don't add any new buildings there. It would only add grid lock to the existing severe congestion. The reason and focus of the building should be life saving. Don't broaden the building's focus by adding new functions. Don't add a cafe or bar to the building. Manly has plenty already and we should support the ones that we already have.</p> <p>Summary of my opinion in bullet points, commentary below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MLSC premises could be refurbished/improved but MUST remain within the current boundaries (no additional floor) and maintain adequate space for professional lifesavers</li> <li>- NO bar and/or restaurant to be allowed, it's bad enough with existing limited licence for reception area</li> <li>- storage for sports gear in the new design to be maximised, so all trolleys (5 of them now) outside the club bldg are removed - they create huge mess</li> <li>- free public passage to/from Marine Parade in front of the Club is maintained</li> <li>- Manly ratepayers are NOT forced into footing the bill for Club's refurbishment, which will mainly benefit small minority</li> <li>- public toilets remain as is</li> </ul> <p>Touch of commentary:</p> <p>From the outset, MLSC's main mission was saving lives on Manly beach. That's why the club got the land. It is now just a small side show addition to professional lifesavers. Of course, this historical community function must be preserved. The other, social water sports aspect of club's activity has grown enormously and no wonder that push by members to rebuild/increase the size of the club premises is on. Club members have been lobbying skilfully and energetically both Council and State gov for quite a time. They, the Club, want bigger, higher new premises with a bar/restaurant apart</p>			

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<p>from and on top of the better and larger member facilities. We (that's on the basis of talking to very many Manly neighbourhood residents like me), do not agree and will do our outmost not to allow to create an entertainment monster in the last quieter corner on Manly beach. This idea has nothing to do with life saving! Arguing that the revenue generated would pay for developing new club would probably carry some weight with "white shoe brigade" on Gold Coast many years ago, NOT in Manly. The solution is: downsize! Club has taken on too many members and allowed them to store their water sports gear at the club - how about limiting the size of both parameters?</p>			
<p>Please include solar heated hot water for free showers. Underfloor solar heated system. More space for swimmers to change out of wet gear.</p>			

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