

FAIRLIGHT

Children impress with conservation

Kat Adamski

MUMS and dads have taken the opportunity to see how "green" their children are at Fairlight's Roundhouse Childcare Centre.

The parents were invited to see first-hand their children's water conservation efforts.

After learning about where water comes from and devising a way to show why it is so important that we approach water use in a sustainable way, centre staff decided to enter their sustainability project in the Australian Childcare Week and Awards 2014.

"The children have been busy with activities such as collecting, measuring and recording rainfall, and making decisions about where to distribute the collected water," a centre spokeswoman said.

"Also, this sustainability project will better help children appreciate that water is a sustainable resource and part of the cycle of life - water can be used, renewed and reused if we act wisely."

The awards highlight early childhood education and care services as an integral part of the local community.



Kiri Combi demonstrating water conservation with Caleb, 5, and dad Chris Munro, of Fairlight.

Picture: VIRGINIA YOUNG

FAIRY BOWER

'Slurry' pollution fears

WORRIES RUN-OFF FROM POOL PUMP WORK COULD DAMAGE MARINE LIFE

Cayla Dengate

RESIDENTS are concerned run-off from Fairy Bower Pool work could damage nearby Marine Sanctuary.

Ron Brodhurst photographed what he called "cement slurry" in the water beside council workers installing a new pool pump.

"I told them: 'What you're doing will hurt the marine environment', but they didn't seem to care," he said.

Eco Divers founder David Thomas said yesterday was not the day to work with dust considering the high-wind warning.

CSIRO senior research scientist Chris Wilcox said cement could affect the marine environment.

"As far as I know, it can be quite caustic and the dust is basic – as in a base not an acid," Mr Wilcox said. "It means it could have an effect on the pH locally in the water if it's in large enough quantities."

A Manly Council spokesman said the concrete saw cutting that caused the dust had ceased.



Concrete 'slurry' is washed into the water as work is carried out at Fairy Bower Pool.

Picture: RON BRODHURST

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Troublemakers on radar

Cayla Dengate

GRANT TO ESTABLISH RADIO LINK BETWEEN POLICE AND PUBS

¹⁻ A LATE-NIGHT radio channel between police, licensed venues, takeaway shops and security services in Manly will help curb alcohol-related violence, Premier Mike Baird says.

Manly's state Liberal MP said the program, funded by a \$26,000 grant, meant troublemakers would not slip through the cracks.

"For example, if a patron was ejected from a venue for violent behaviour, the radio network could be used to send out a description of the troublemaker and put police, council night rangers and other venues on notice," he said.

"Reports would be timely and accurate, further improving the efficiency of responses to incidents."

The grant will also provide high-visibility jackets for Street Pastors that Mr Baird said were vital in keeping the peace.

"The Street Pastors are the guardian angels of Manly's entertainment precinct, diffusing conflict, coming to the aid of people in distress, assisting intoxicated people with transport options and picking up bottles," he said.

"The jackets will ensure that the Street Pastors are recognisable and aren't mistaken for security staff or revellers."

Over the past two years, the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research found the number of non-domestic, violence-related assaults in Manly fell more than 7 per cent, with a 45 per cent drop in offensive conduct.



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CLONTARF

Queue for a tender morsel

Beverley Hudec

TENDERS are in for the celebrated Clontarf restaurant, Clonny's On the Beach.

With the 12-year lease expiring this month, **Manly Council** has received expressions of interest from six potential operators.

Doyles and Trippas White Catering, which operates a string of Sydney venues including Centennial Park and Botanic Gardens, have submitted tenders to run the waterfront restaurant.

Current tenant, Sun Young, trading as Quinisha Pty Ltd, has submitted a pitch to stay on.

Manly Council also received submissions from Alex Roman (North Fork), Bluebell Bakery and Flare Catering, which operates at Long Reef Golf Club, when tenders opened on June 16.

Clonny's is the second peninsula restaurant to go to public tender this year.

Manly Council awarded the lease for Le Kiosk at Shelly Beach to the owners of The Boathouse, Palm Beach Collective, in March.



Clonny's tenant Sun Young has made a pitch to stay on at the popular restaurant.



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Curved library works just fine

DOES anyone share the same view as me that whatever Manly Council's 2015 masterplan entails, it shouldn't touch the Manly Library building?

Manly Library's curved exterior creates an ideal thoroughfare, enabling locals to easily move between the various lanes and arcades that flow to and from and around it. The area provides a pleasant retreat for locals from the tourist-designed Corso.

Why should that now change against the best interests of it remaining so locally appealing? Admittedly it could be spruced up a little bit, but that would require (dare I say it) 2020 vision.

PETER HOPPER, Manly



Manly Library 'should be left untouched' in the council's masterplan.