

Double Bay Residents' Association

Protecting Sydney's Stylish Bayside Village

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Dear Member,

You will be delighted to learn that Malcolm Young's contribution to Double Bay has been recognised with an OAM in the Queen's Birthday Honours. He has worked tirelessly for the association over many years, as vice president and then president, drafting submissions on development applications which have set a standard that will be hard to equal. He has also served the community as a Residents First councillor, drawing on his experience as a barrister and chartered surveyor to make a significant contribution to council debates. We are very grateful to him for devoting so much time to protect Double Bay's village atmosphere for the benefit of all of us.

We are pleased to be able to report the following development application **REFUSALS** with which your association has been involved:

- **10 Cross Street** where the request was for FIVE storeys
- **14 Cross Street** where the request was for SIX storeys
- **14 Bay Street** where the request was for SIX storeys. This is the last 'terrace' on the west side of Bay Street. The Council couldn't achieve heritage listing as it didn't meet enough of the heritage criteria.
- **357-359 New South Head Road** (Cnr Manning Road) where the request was for a FIVE storey shop and office development. Previous DAs for this site have demonstrated a weakness in the Council's DCP which doesn't require a minimum number of parking spaces for residential developments.
- **55 Bay Street (Cnr Bay & Cross)** (Adrienne & Misses Bonnie shop) where the request was for a 6/7 storey retail and office building. The developer has appealed to the Land and Environment Court with a s34 conference likely in September.

We are also pleased to report that the association's lobbying to close Kiaora Lane to traffic earlier in the morning has been successful; in the near future it will be closed an hour earlier at 9am, reducing the danger for pedestrians crossing between the car park and the library and the cafes on the northern side.

We will continue to lobby the Council on other issues that concern our members – particularly noise in the commercial centre following the opening of new restaurants, damage to properties caused by vibration from building sites, parking, traffic congestion and pedestrian safety. If you have any concerns you would like us to place on our agenda, please let us know.

Anthony Tregoning
President