

## 2022 Australian National Shell Show thoughts on accommodation

There is a huge range of accommodation in Sydney. Here are some notes that may help when you are trying to narrow down to specific suburbs.

There is no accommodation walking distance to the shell show.

If it was me, **I would stay at one of the Manly Beach hotels** at least for the days of the show, and possibly an extra day or so, to explore the harbour and ocean beaches in Manly. Lots of accommodation choices, lots of food, scenic commuter ferry along the harbour to the city centre. Shuttle bus or taxi to the show venue.

For past shows some dealers have stayed at **Manly Lodge Boutique hotel** and liked it - about AUD 110 per night. (It gets long term rentals so if your bookings portal says it is full, reduce number of days selected when booking). Many of the other Manly hotels are good but expensive. **Sebel Manly** on the Harbour side, and **Manly Pacific** on the Pacific Ocean side are great. I Like the ocean side hotels. In fact, we ran the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Shell show in the Manly Pacific rooms many years ago.

Do not stay at Hotel Steyne in Manly. it is a noisy pub with late night disco. So hard to sleep.

The Manly bus and taxi stands are near the ferry terminals on the harbour side of Manly, but it is not far from anywhere in Manly to walk to the ferrys. Alternatively get a taxi to collect you at your hotel.

The hotel booking sites will list the Travelodge Hotel Manly Warringah. It is not in Manly and not close to eating places. 5km from the show. However, some of the interstate delegates/dealers who have their own cars will stay there.

Some will stay in the Sydney city centre, perhaps near Wynyard Station where the busses out to our show terminate.

People who want low price might get an Airbnb cottage in the back yards of a house in a nearby suburb, then book taxis to the show.

There is a caravan park at North Narrabeen that also has large multi room cabins. It is 14km to the show. The cabins suit families and other groups sharing to reduce costs. Some interstate delegates may bring their own caravans.

### Transport:

**From Manly Wharf:** Hop Skip Jump Bus at certain times of the day is Free. Also, government buses 9min \$4. Taxi 6 min \$18. Walk 1.1hr 6km. Evenings Balgowlah RSL may have its own free bus that will drop/pick up from your hotels in Manly and elsewhere.

**From City:** Some bus routes from Wynyard stop at Seaforth Shops (Venue is near the shops) or through busses nearby in Sydney Rd. 30min. Taxi 13 min. Drive 13 min, non-peak. For a scenic harbour tour catch a ferry from the city to Manly Wharf, then bus or taxi from there.

**From Narrabeen Caravan Park:** Many bus routes stop at Seaforth Shops. More bus choices if you change at Warringah Mall.

I hope this info helps you focus your choices to specific suburbs when searching online.