

MOSMAN NOW

NEWSLETTER

Our beaches in good shape

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The Office of Environment and Heritage has released the State of the Beaches Report 2012/13.

All beaches are assessed using a Beach Suitability Grade and a Sanitary Site Inspection. The Sanitary Site Inspection identifies potential sources of pollution, whilst the Beach Suitability Grade provides an assessment of the suitability of a swimming location for recreation, based on water quality monitoring. There are five grades - very good, good, fair, poor, and very poor.

A total of 84 estuarine beaches are monitored in Sydney under the Harbourwatch Program. Of these 84 estuarine beaches, 56 (67%) were graded as Good or Very Good.

Mosman's beaches monitored under the Program include; Clifton Gardens, Balmoral Baths, Edwards Beach and Chinamans Beach. Overall, each of these beaches has been graded as 'Good'. This indicates that each beach "...has generally good microbial water quality and water is considered suitable for swimming for most of the time. Swimming should be avoided during and for up to three days after heavy rain...".

The Sanitary Site Inspection for Mosman beaches indicated a moderate category for each beach. Potential sources of pollution were identified as stormwater outlets/drains, sewer overflows, boats, animals, toilet facilities and bathers. Monitoring has shown that enterococci levels generally increase at all of the Mosman beaches in response to 5+mm of rainfall.

For more information, the State of the Beaches Report 2012/13 can be viewed at mosman.environment.nsw.gov.au/beach/ar1213/index.htm

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Mosman Mayor Peter Abelson, Councillors and staff wish everyone in Mosman the very best for Christmas and the festive season.

Apart from public holidays, the Council offices, Art Gallery and Library will be open during normal hours over Christmas with the exception of:

- 2pm closure on Friday 20, and a 3pm closure Tuesday 24 and Tuesday 31 December.
- Mosman Library will close at 5.30pm rather than 9pm on Thursday 2 January.
- Mosman Occasional Care will be closed between 20 December and 14 January.
- The Mosman Rider will operate throughout the holidays, with the exception of Christmas Day.

Waste collections will continue as normal. Rangers will also be working throughout the period and can be contacted on 9978 4000.

For further information visit Council's website.



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We encourage residents to see some of the many great shopfront window displays throughout Mosman

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**Are you still
preparing for digital
television?**

You may not need to buy a new TV or you may be eligible for government assistance.

Visit www.digitalready.gov.au or call 1800 20 10 13 for advice on how to prepare.

If you do need to dispose of your old TV here are some ways to go about it.

- When you purchase a new TV ask your retailer if they will accept your old TV for recycling
- Recycle your old TV at a waste facility such as Kimbriki or Belrose Resource Recovery Centre
- Go to Recyclingnearyou.com.au to find other recycling facilities
- Find out when Council is hosting its next e-waste dropoff event.

E-waste such as TVs will not be accepted if placed in waste bins or left at the kerb.

Remember 'Dumping is Dumb', please dispose of your TVs appropriately.

Advice for small business

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Last month the Small Biz Bus, a mobile business advisory service provided by the Office of the Small Business Commissioner, spent the day in Military Road. Advisors on the bus provided free business advisory sessions to local small businesses. The Small Biz Bus operators reported an excellent response and Council has encouraged them to visit Mosman again in 2014. Future visits by the bus will be advertised by Council. Small businesses seeking advice are also encouraged to use the services available at Sydney Business located in Chatswood – call 1300 134 359.

Planning and parking proposals

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Over the last two months Council has been seeking community views on a number of plans and proposals including the Spit Junction Masterplan (including additional options for redevelopment of the Civic Centre site) and parking technology improvements in Council-managed carparks at Bridgepoint, 710 Military Road, Vista Street, Library Walk and Mosman RS Club. The additional Civic Centre options have been developed to retain the existing Council building and Village Green while providing for enhanced library facilities, improvements to Mosman Square, additional public carparking, improved access and some private residential development.

The community feedback received during the respective exhibition periods (submissions can still be made on the Civic Centre redevelopment options until Thursday 19 December) will be reviewed in the New Year prior to further consideration by Council. Thank you to everyone who has shared their comments on these issues.

To view documents relating to the Spit Junction Masterplan and the additional options for the Civic Centre site visit mosmanplanning.net. For further information contact Kelly Lynch on 9978 4058 (Tues, Thu, Fri).

New technology centre for seniors

A new Interactive Learning Centre for Seniors was officially launched in early December at Mosman Library. The new Learning Centre, funded by a Library Development Grant from the Library Council of NSW, is equipped with the latest in laptops, tablets, widescreen technology and functional furniture to provide an interactive learning space for seniors wishing to develop their digital literacy skills.

Establishment of the Centre follows the successful introduction of 'Technology Tuesday Talks' at the Library in March this year. These monthly sessions provide an opportunity for the older members of our community to learn about the latest in digital technology. We will now be able to deliver a more interactive learning experience in conjunction with these talks, especially for older people

Beauty Point traffic safety update

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In its ongoing efforts to protect the safety and amenity of Beauty Point residents, Council has recently sought comments on a proposed Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Scheme for the area. The scheme, designed by Council's consultant, was also reviewed by the Local Traffic Committee and is based on the package of works that went to public consultation earlier in the year.

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have agreed to provide funding for the design work and have formed a technical working group with staff, and subject to community feedback received on the scheme, it is hoped that progress can be made without any further delay. While funding for construction is yet to be confirmed, Council negotiations with the RMS are progressing positively.

The current timeline of the project is to finalise the detailed designs by end of January 2014 with construction to commence in March 2014, subject to funding. Council has also resolved to investigate the re-sealing of some concrete roads within the Beauty Point area in 2014/15 year. Questions regarding the proposed LATM scheme can be directed to Council's Traffic Section on 9978 4022 or 9978 4085.

Mosman Sporting Wall of Fame

Council has resolved to induct a further five men and women into the Mosman Sporting Wall of Fame. These latest inductees, who join 104 local sportspeople previously inducted in 2003 and 2005, are:

Colin Cain – Sailing
Christine Cannon – Hockey
Alison Fallon – Rowing
Gertrude (Gertie) Lewis – Rowing
Ken Raupach – Triathlon

Formal induction will take place early next year. To see the Mosman Sporting Wall of Fame, visit the entrance to Mosman Swim Centre at 90 Vista Street, Mosman.

who do not have their own equipment or who want to learn, keep up to date and get advice on what type of equipment to buy.

For enquiries about the new Learning Centre and Technology Tuesday talks, call 9978 4091 or visit Mosman Library.

Mosman Library has reading covered this summer with programs for all ages and reading levels.

Treasure Trove encourages children to read and use the Library all summer long. The popular reading incentive program for primary school children is a fun and inspiring way to keep the kids busy reading over the Christmas/January school holidays. It is free to join and prizes will be awarded to children who read at least four books over the school holidays. Treasure Trove started on Thursday 5 December 2013 and concludes with a huge pirate party in February.

For high school students the Reading Rave program is on again but take note the rules are not the same! We've really shaken things up for the

teens this year with the introduction of a new points based program that will earn you some great prizes for reading and attending events. Just by signing up you will receive 100 points as well as a great USB wristband. Reading Rave 2013 started on Monday 9 December for teens aged 12-18.

We don't just cater for the kids during the summer holidays – even adults can get in on the action by entering our Read, Review & Win competition. Simply reading a book and writing a short review will put you into the draw to win a great weekly prize. Every review entered will also go into the draw to win the major prize at the end of the program. Read, Review & Win starts Thursday 2 January 2014 and runs through to the end of the month.

Visit the events website for more details events.mosman.nsw.gov.au

Reading programs for everyone



Giving youth a voice

Council's Youth Forum has now been operating for more than six months and members have already been involved in a range of exciting projects and discussions. We are looking for more young people to join this group and to have a say in matters that are important to them. If you are interested in joining, or know a young person aged 15-25 who may be interested, contact Council's Youth Development Centre on 9978 4013.

Local Government reform update

In the Spring 2013 edition of Mosman Now we provided an update on the State Government's local government review process and Council's ongoing efforts to protect Mosman's local identity in the face of possible Council amalgamations. It was anticipated at that time that the final report of the government-appointed Independent Local Government Review Panel would be released in late October.

At this stage it is understood that the Panel has provided its final report to the NSW Government, although it has not been released for wider circulation and the Government's response is currently awaited. A timeframe for the response has not been provided, however Council will continue to monitor developments and, together with the locally-based Committee for an Independent Mosman, be prepared to advocate further for our local community when more details are available.

At the Local Government NSW Conference in early October the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Don Page MP, reiterated in his address to the conference that the State Government will stand by its policy of no forced amalgamations.

Major planning reforms also proposed in 2013 by the State Government have recently been debated in Parliament and, following substantial community feedback, have been significantly downgraded. Further debate on these reforms has been delayed until Parliament resumes in 2014.

Council's website provides more information on how Council has responded so far to these proposals.

Access Strategy for Mosman

Work is now underway to develop a new Access Strategy for Mosman. The Strategy will be prepared by consultants, with ongoing advice provided by members of Council's Access and Mobility Community Consultative Committee. The Strategy, when completed, will identify the wide variety of access needs for people with a disability in Mosman and will include testing of accessibility issues in identified locations as well as a detailed action plan.

The Access and Mobility Committee is one of a number of consultative committees established by Council in 2013 to improve local opportunities for community involvement and engagement. Other Committees currently operating include Visual Amenity, Friendship Cities, Independent Mosman, Active Transport and Arts and Culture.

Summerama

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Dive into Sydney's summer this January with over 70 family-friendly Summerama activities on offer!

Summerama is the coastal activities program organised by the Sydney Coastal Councils Group's (SCCG) Member Councils throughout the month of January. Activities are held in locations from Pittwater to Sutherland. Come along to a Summerama activity and discover some of the glorious treasures that lie along our beautiful coastline.

Activities include the popular Science of the Surf, rock pooling, wetland tours, wildlife shows, creepy crawly garden discoveries, snorkel tours, coastal bush tucker walks, marine sculpture workshops and tips on how to make your life less plastic. Participating coastal and estuarine councils include Botany, Hornsby, Leichhardt, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Pittwater, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland, Warringah, Waverley, Willoughby and Woollahra.

Check out the range of activities on offer at www.summerama.com.au

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Holiday Fun

Don't miss out on the many fun and interesting events taking place in Mosman over the next few months. Here is a sample of what's on offer – visit events.mosman.nsw.gov.au for more.

Rotunda Carols by Candlelight

Bring a picnic rug on Saturday 21 December and spend an evening under the stars at the Rotunda at Balmoral singing to your favourite Christmas carols. Free shuttle bus via Spit Junction, Military Rd and Raglan St from 5.30pm. Carols start at 7.45pm.

Bard on the Beach

Live performances of Shakespeare at the Rotunda at Balmoral from 8pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, 10 January until 2 March 2014. The two plays for the 2014 season are The Taming of The Shrew and King Lear on alternate nights. Both plays are by donation. For more information, visit www.bardonthebeach.net or call 0414 906 734.

Australia Day Celebrations

Sunday 26 January 2014, 10am–12.30pm
Drill Hall Common, Cross Street, Mosman

Activities will begin with a Citizenship Ceremony for around 50 new citizens. This will be followed by an Australia Day Address by Mosman's Australia Day Ambassador Hayden Quinn, author, Masterchef Contestant 2011 and Cleo Bachelor of the Year 2012.

Mosman's 2014 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year will be announced and all present will then be invited to join in a community barbecue, generously run by volunteers from the Lions Club of Mosman.

Hold the Date

Looking further ahead? Consider putting these events in your diary now:

Wellness Garden

Saturday, 8 February 2014, 10.30am–12.30pm
Village Green, The Crescent, Mosman

Did you know that your garden can be designed with various elements that can improve health and wellbeing? Ignite your passion for gardening and feel the benefits of working in your own patch of paradise, large or small. Whether you're an avid gardener or just starting out you're sure to gain inspiration from this workshop.

The Amazing Spit

Sunday 30 March 2014, 9am–3pm
Mosman Square and Village Green, Spit Junction

Grab the family and head outside for a day of challenges, activities and adventure. This Amazing Race style event will lead teams across the Mosman LGA from The Spit to Balmoral and Mosman Bay.

To participate in the challenge you must use sustainable methods of transport to get to the activities. This event is free, and every child gets a prize. Registration is essential. Visit events.mosman.nsw.gov.au or phone 9978 4043.

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Christmas

Thanks to the 70 local businesses that entered in this year's Christmas Window Decoration Competition. There have been some amazing displays created, bringing some wonderful Christmas cheer to Mosman's shopping strips. The competition, run by Council in conjunction with the Mosman Chamber of Commerce, is now in its third year. Judging has been completed and winning businesses will be announced at the Chamber's Christmas 'After Hours' function at Mosman Art Gallery on December 19. Help support our local retailers with your last minute Christmas shopping and enjoy the many window

displays. All participating businesses are listed in the December 19 edition of the Mosman Daily.

The Rapt2013 Christmas Window Competition is a joint initiative of Mosman Council and the Mosman Chamber of Commerce, and is proudly supported by The Mosman Daily and Rudolph's Christmas. We also wish to thank all businesses that have kindly donated prizes for this year's competition



there's no
such thing as the
dog poo fairy

Help to keep our
streets, parks and
beaches clean

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Please pick up after your dog
Bag it and bin it for a cleaner, healthier Mosman