



# MOSMAN NEWS

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## Kimbriki – a Done Deal!

Mosman residents will now have guaranteed access to the Kimbriki Recycling & Waste Disposal Centre at Terrey Hills until at least 2034 and until 2063 if an alternative waste technology investment is undertaken on the site.

In a first for local government, Warringah, Manly, Pittwater and Mosman Councils have formed a company called Kimbriki Environmental Enterprises Pty Ltd which commenced operations on 1 July 2009 and will run the facility.

Mosman General Manager, Viv May, who negotiated the Mosman position said he was very pleased that while Mosman only had a 3.9 per cent shareholding in the company it had equal access rights.

“The Council's domestic garbage presently goes to the Belrose landfill, which is anticipated to close in the next couple of years. If the Company invests in alternative waste technology we will be able to process all of our garbage in the region,” he said.

Mr May said that while there were obvious environmental and sustainability advantages, involvement in the Kimbriki company had the potential to save Mosman ratepayers millions of dollars in waste disposal and transport costs.

“The challenge for the company, which will be run by an independent board, is to find the best technology that would allow putrescible or wet garbage to be made inert and recycled,” Mr May said. “I am confident that with the level of expertise on the board, they will be successful.”

## Car Share in Mosman

Do you only use your car occasionally for shorter trips? Are you thinking about becoming a one car household but not sure of the logistics on how to get around? Are you looking for a way to reduce your greenhouse gas emissions?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions – then Car Share may be the answer for you!

Car Share offers you the benefits and convenience of using a car only when you need to, without the costs of owning and maintaining a car.

Mosman Council has partnered with GoGet Car Share to provide two Car Share vehicles for the Mosman community.

By becoming a member of the GoGet Car Share Scheme you will be able to access the two small fuel efficient vehicles that will be made available in the Mosman area. One Car Share vehicle will have a reserved parking spot in the Mosman Square Carpark, and the second vehicle will have a reserved parking spot in the Raglan Street East Carpark. These locations were chosen for their central locality and accessibility to the Mosman community.

The GoGet Car Share Scheme will be launched in Mosman at the end of August 2009. For more information or to become a member, go to [www.goget.com.au](http://www.goget.com.au)

If car sharing is not for you why not consider other modes of sustainable transport? Go to <http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/environment/sustainability/sustainable-transport> to download the Mosman Sustainable Transport Guide and Map.

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## Mosman Festival 2009

From 23 October to 1 November. Don't miss all the fun and excitement this year. Check out the website for further details [www.mosmanfestival.info](http://www.mosmanfestival.info)



## Careful as you go...

Council staff sourced and recycled 100 year old timber from an old papermill at Port Botany. The wood is being used in the restoration of the verandah of Boronia House, a significant property listed on the state Heritage Register.



Mosman Mayor Dom Lopez OAM, congratulates Jean Jobson.

## Much-loved, long-serving volunteer retires

Jean Jobson was President of the Mosman Senior Citizens Club from 1996 to 1998 and was made a life member in 1997. She was also a key member of Mosman's International Year of Older Persons Committee and was instrumental in organising their activities. For three years she was a volunteer with the Community Visitors Scheme. Jean also won the Recognition Award for Senior Australians in 1999/2000. For many years Jean has been involved as a caller with the weekly bingo sessions in the Seniors Centre. She has now decided to retire.

This incredible lady has been an outstanding role model for older people as well as the younger people in the community and will be greatly missed by us all.

## Scouts set to make a splash at Clifton Gardens!

The 22nd Australian Jamboree (AJ2010) is the biggest event on the Australian Scouting calendar and will be held from 4 January to 14 January 2010. The Australian Jamboree is run every three years in different states with NSW up this year. Over 12,000 Scouts and Leaders from all around Australia will converge on Cataract Scout Park to take part in two glorious weeks of fun, fantastic adventure and friendship.

While a great deal of activities will be held onsite, such as abseiling, BMX bike riding, and a high ropes course, there will also be a range of offsite activities. These offsite activities range from taking the kids on tours of Sydney, to a visit to the Jambaroo Adventure Park, and water-based activities at Clifton Gardens. Offsite activities will be held from 5–8 and 10–13 January.

More information can be found at [www.scoutsaj2010.com/](http://www.scoutsaj2010.com/)

Enquiries to Council can be directed to the Events & Marketing Coordinator on 9978 4106.



## \$9 Million Capital Spend

The 2009/2010 Budget provides funding for some key infrastructure/environmental projects which include the following:

- \$3.5M Multi Purpose Indoor Sports Facility at Drill Hall Common
- \$770K Clifton Gardens Jetty & Baths Rehabilitation Works
- \$847K Seawall Works at The Spit
- \$200K Mosman Bay Creek Rehabilitation
- \$225K Pearl Bay Avenue Stormwater Project
- \$93K Balmoral Park Stormwater Project
- \$139K Reginald & Brierley Streets Stormwater Project
- \$70K Quakers Hat Bay Stormwater Project

All of the above works have attracted part grant funding from either the State or Federal Governments with the highlight being \$2M assistance for the Drill Hall Common via the Federal Government's Community Infrastructure Program.

Further significant allocations in 2009/10 include:

- \$391K Concrete Roads
- \$444K Asphalt Roads
- \$521K Footpaths
- \$312K Stormwater Drainage
- \$570K Beach & Reserve Cleaning
- \$970K Street & Gutter Cleaning



## Mosman Rider Free Bus

Mosman residents and local businesses are being encouraged to provide input into the new Mosman Rider free community bus service which was announced in May.



It is proposed that the free bus service will operate seven days a week from 8.00am to 6.00pm, transporting residents and visitors throughout the Mosman area.

Following the initial announcements, several suggestions about the route and service running time have been received. Further consultation is now being sought and will be conducted over the coming months.

The team leader for the development of the service, Mark Woolven – Manager Community Services, can be contacted by calling 9978 4006 or by emailing [m.woolven@mosman.nsw.gov.au](mailto:m.woolven@mosman.nsw.gov.au)

## Parking Plans Approved

Mosman Council's new paid parking schemes at Balmoral, Rosherville and in parts of Parrivi Rd have now been approved and will start in November when machines have been purchased and installed.

The new parking proposals at The Spit and Bradleys Head Road near the zoo have also been finalised with the Roads and Traffic Authority.

Since the first exhibition and community consultation there have been changes to the schemes, either in response to suggestions from residents or to meet the technical requirements of the RTA.

Answers to the most frequently asked questions can be found on the Council's website [www.mosman.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au) together with maps showing the respective areas of the pay and display parking schemes.

Mosman Council looks forward to continuing to work with the community to maintain and improve our beautiful foreshore areas by the provision of better amenities, environmental projects and alternative public transport options.

# Your rates – no surprises!

There were no surprises when Mosman Council issued its 2009/10 rate levies in mid-July. Speculation that Mosman had sought a special rate increase of 5 per cent was incorrect.

On average, Mosman rates increased by the 3.5 per cent allowed by the NSW State Government through rate pegging. There has been a re-valuation of Mosman properties by the Valuer General's Department which could result in a variation of individuals' rates, but importantly the Council will receive no more than the amount allowed by the State Government.

Late last year the Council did seek to increase the term of its Community Environmental Contract from 2012/13 for five years and this was approved as it was linked to some significant grants for environmental improvements that the Council received from both the State and Federal Governments. Importantly, there was no impact on the current rate levy contrary to some uninformed speculation.

Media reports comparing North Sydney and Mosman rates following the State Government's refusal of the North Sydney rate increase proposal are also worthy of comment.

There is no disputing that the average residential rate in North Sydney is low, but to compare North Sydney with Mosman is unrealistic.

North Sydney receives over 40 per cent of its rate revenue from the commercial sector while Mosman receives less than 10 per cent. North Sydney's commercial rates are higher and obviously subsidise residential areas.

North Sydney has significantly higher residential densities, resulting in more than 83 per cent of its residential properties being subject to a minimum rate. Mosman Council does not have a minimum rate as some years ago the Council took the decision to introduce base rating, which means that every property owner has a base rate equivalent to 50 per cent of the total yield and then land values are used to calculate the balance. This decision was taken to ensure that home unit owners in particular paid their fair share of the provision of works and services that in reality all Mosman residents/rate payers use.

The comparisons that some have chosen to make about Mosman and North Sydney rates is no different to the debate that continues in other areas such as the northern beaches where rates are regularly compared between the local government areas of Manly, Pittwater and Warringah.

All councils have different priorities in responding to the demands and wishes of their residents. If you want to look at further comparisons about the Councils, the Department of Local Government issues some comparative information which can be viewed on their website [www.dlg.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au)

## Ecological Engineering Mosman's Foreshores



Recycled standstone excavated from Rawson Park covers about 120m of the 860m seawall at Pearl Bay.

Works are currently being undertaken at Pearl Bay, Spit East Beach and Parriwi Point incorporating 'ecological engineering' for seawall works and amenity improvements. The Pearl Bay works comprise the rehabilitation of over 860m of seawall, incorporating many environmental benefits. The use of a sloping boulder 'toe' in front of the seawall and semi aquatic planting will increase habitat in the intertidal zone and mimic a more natural coastline structure. Existing steps will be reconstructed to improved standards and existing beach areas will be supplemented, providing greater opportunity to access the foreshore. Parallel and separate bicycle and pedestrian paths will run the length of the seawall, fringed by landscaped areas with new foreshore seating and picnic tables.

Spit East Beach is seeing the construction of a stepped sandstone block wall which will define and protect an eroding dune face and provide seating for beach users. Sandstone steps will provide access to the foreshore and the eroded boat access will be restored.

Further along the beach at Parriwi Point, a badly eroded seawall has recently been reconstructed.

The work is being done as part of Council's Community Environmental Project (CEC) with grant funding having been secured from various government bodies.

## Congrats Mosman Residents

In the past 12 months you have reduced your general household waste by 528 tonnes! This equates to a diversion from landfill of over 10 tonnes per week or 42,000 full residential waste bins per year.

As a result of responsible and sustainable waste management by Mosman residents our overall diversion rate of waste away from landfill has now increased by 4% to 46.7%. The NSW State Government has set a goal of 66% diversion rate by 2014. We still have a way to go, so remember to avoid, reduce, reuse, and recycle for the health of the environment and our community.



For a great way to stay informed and get involved take a look at our online spaces, some are listed here.

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tell your story - we're writing a social history of Mosman

## Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program

The Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW (DECC) and Mosman Council are working together to offer small businesses in Mosman a new program that helps to lower power bills and carbon pollution.

The Energy Efficiency for Small Business Program offers an energy assessment, a tailored action plan and a rebate of up to \$5,000 for making

energy efficiency improvements that save you money as well as reducing your impact on the environment. You can take part if your business spends up to \$20,000 a year on electricity or employs up to 10 people. Businesses that employ more than 10 staff including casuals, but only spend up to \$20,000 per year on electricity, are also eligible to apply.

If you have a café or restaurant in

Mosman, information packs including registration forms have been posted to you. All other businesses in Mosman are eligible to apply. View the link below for more information or phone Jeremy Mah at DECC on 8837 6338 or Henrietta Alexander at Mosman Council on 9978 4084



[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/sustainbus](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/sustainbus)

# BAN E-WASTE in Landfill

From 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010

## DON'T WASTE TIME!

### E-waste bans apply from 1 January 2010

#### But don't worry...

- NO changes to current arrangements will take effect until 1 January 2010
- You will also have plenty of notice of any new arrangements
- Alternative options for disposal of E-waste will be available

As from January 2010 a ban on E-waste in landfill means:

- No e-waste in general household waste collections in Manly, Mosman, Warringah and Pittwater
- No e-waste to landfill at the Kimbriki waste facility at Terrey Hills

Bans apply to TVs, computers, printers, scanners, DVD / VCR players, scanners modems and gaming machines.

Remember, there are NO changes to current arrangements until 1 January 2010 and you will have plenty of notice of any new arrangements.

#### How can I dispose of my e-waste responsibly?

An extensive list of options for reuse or recycling e-waste is available at [www.shoroc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoroc.nsw.gov.au). We encourage you to consider these options for responsible disposal.

Dispose of your e-waste safely and effectively by:

1. Giving it away to someone you know who needs equipment in working order
2. Giving it to charities (some pick up for free)
3. Selling it online at sites such as Ebay
4. Swapping it online at sites such as Free-cycle
5. Contacting the manufacturer for recycling options
6. Contacting an independent recycler

#### Towards a greener tomorrow

The Federal Government, through the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC), is working towards a long-term solution to the management of e-waste. In November the EPHC will consider a national approach to e-waste. Once the range of options for who should fund, collect and dispose of this waste are considered, local councils will review the e-waste ban.

For more information contact your local Council:

Warringah Council	9942 2111
Manly Council	9976 1500
Pittwater Council	9970 1111
Mosman Council	9978 4076

For more information about the e-waste ban visit [www.shoroc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoroc.nsw.gov.au)



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For reuse and recycling options view:  
[www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste/e-waste](http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/residents/waste/e-waste)



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Shore Regional Organisation of Councils  
Incorporating Manly, Mosman,  
Pittwater & Warringah Councils

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