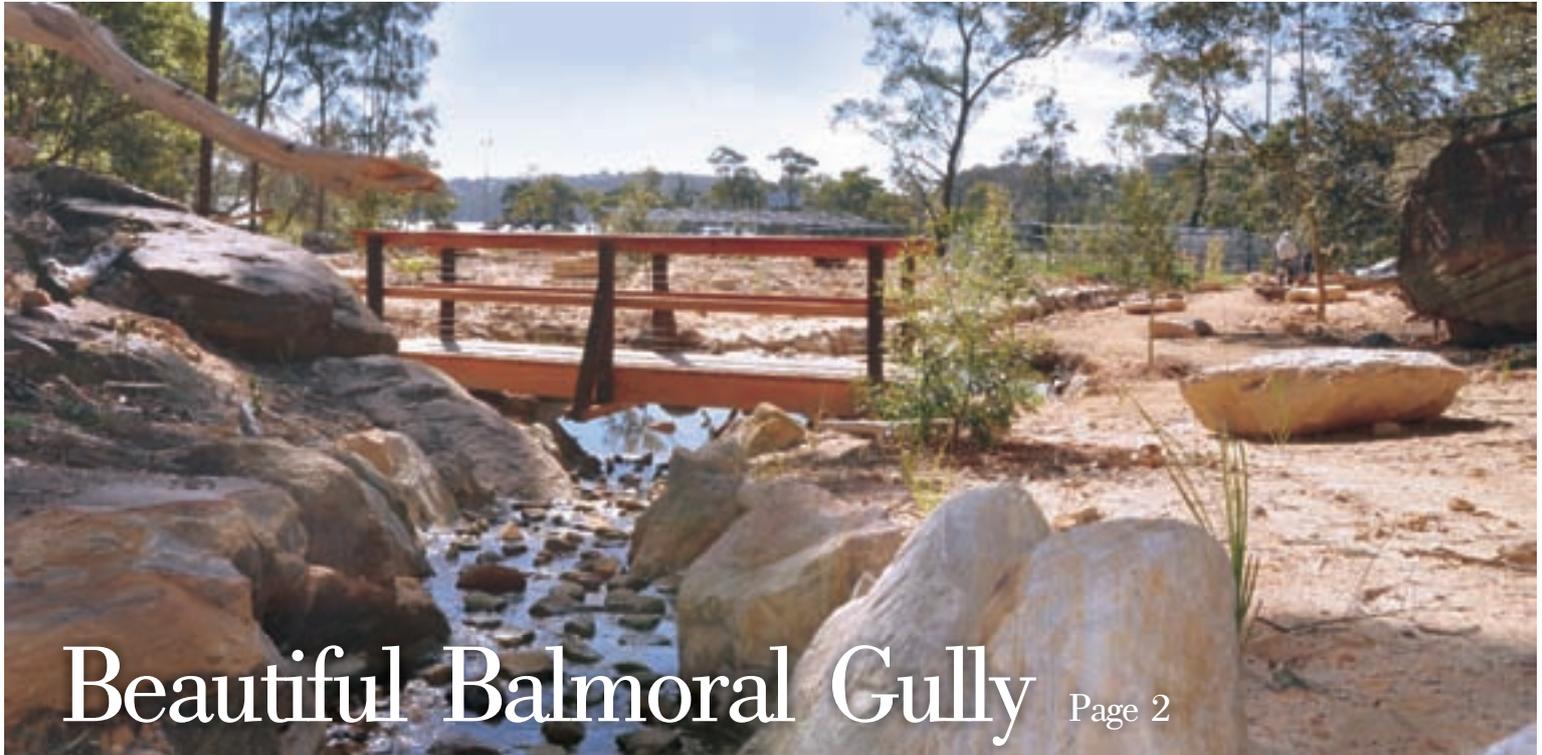




# MOSMAN NEWS

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**hail the  
whale**

Mosman's free  
community bus

join the 23000  
happy customers  
who've all enjoyed  
riding the whale



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## Council taps into iPhone App

Sample screen image pictured.

You're sitting at a café and you want to know if any development applications have been made on the properties around you. Perhaps you're looking to buy or rent. You scan the area with your mobile phone. You see - in real time over a live image - an icon above all properties with a DA at council. You tap the icon to learn more.

### Something for the future?

Thanks to a new 'augmented reality' phone app, you can do that in Mosman - right now.

Matthew Landauer, founder of the non-profit organisation OpenAustralia that built the service, calls it "a new way of seeing planning applications."

Mosman Council made it easy for the phone app to deliver real-time information. Our Community Engagement Strategy, adopted in April last year, recommends open data formats and Creative Commons licensing for publicly-available information. The DA Tracker was upgraded to do just that, allowing web developers to innovate on Council's data and deliver new products of real value to the community.

The PlanningAlerts Layar app is available free for iPhone 3GS and Android phones. To install, use your phone and go to <http://m.layar.com/open/planningalertsaustralia>

For email alerts, sign up at [www.planningalerts.org.au](http://www.planningalerts.org.au)



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## Amuse the kids this Spring...

Join in on the school holiday fun and excitement at Mosman vacation care. The program offers care and recreational activities for children in Kindergarten to Year 5 during the school holidays. Excursions include movies, putt putt golf, theatre, Chinatown, Ku-ring-gai wildflower gardens, wheelchair basketball and more!

For older children, the Zone-Ten14 Vacation Care Program offers fun engaging activities and excursions for 10–14 year olds. If you are looking for supervised care that covers a diverse range of educational and recreational options for young people then this is the program for you. Activities include, horse riding at Vision Valley, Ten Pin Bowling, Wicked Wounds movie makeup workshop, Shark Experience at Sydney Aquarium, and much more!!!

Bookings open on 6 September. For bookings and for further information visit [www.mosman.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au)

## Pet's Day Out 2010

Sunday 24 October, 10am-3pm | Allan Border Oval

Come and be part of the fun at the annual Mosman Pet's Day Out on Sunday 24 October. This popular event attracts all kinds of animals including dogs, cats, mice, ferrets and budgies and is open to all animal owners and lovers. There will be obedience and agility demonstrations, trick training, competitions and a great array of pet stalls.

Don't own a pet? Don't worry. Come along anyway and enjoy the spectacle as our wonderful furry and maybe scaly friends make an appearance, and compete in fun activities like the 'Egg and Spoon Race', or challenge each other for 'Most Unusual Pet'. For further information call 9978 4106.

## Blessing of the Animals & Fair

Sunday 24 October, 12–4pm  
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cardinal Street

Bring your pets to the popular Blessing of the Animals. The church will also be running an Environmental Fair that will include fabulous stalls, pony rides, shows and activities for the kids. Free Entry. Enquiries: 8969 3200.

## Beat the Blues 4 Mental Health

Sunday 24 October, 2–5pm | Allan Border Oval Reserve

Beat the Blues will showcase performances by students from local primary and secondary schools as well as individual performances by talented local youth. The afternoon will provide a platform to highlight the serious issue of mental health and the affects it has on young people. In conjunction with the Black Dog Institute information will be available on the day to assist young people dealing with a wide range of mental health issues.

Seating will be on the concert lawn and is unreserved. Bring a picnic blanket or low seating. Limited food and beverages will be available to purchase or you may like to bring a picnic. Enquiries: 9978 4013.

## Children's Fair is back in 2010

Friday 29 October, 10am–12pm | Allan Border Oval Reserve

FREE activities and entertainment for children aged 0–5 years and their families! Face painters, amusement rides, animal farm, storytelling, wizard show, art and craft activities, clowns, bubbles and much more! Please remember to wear sunscreen and hats and pack a picnic for morning tea!

In the event of wet weather the event will not go ahead please call 9978 4166 for information.

## Beautiful Balmoral Gully

Over the last few months, Council has been working on restoring the bushland slope at the far side of Balmoral Oval. The project is now complete and we invite everyone to take a walk through the area and have a look around.

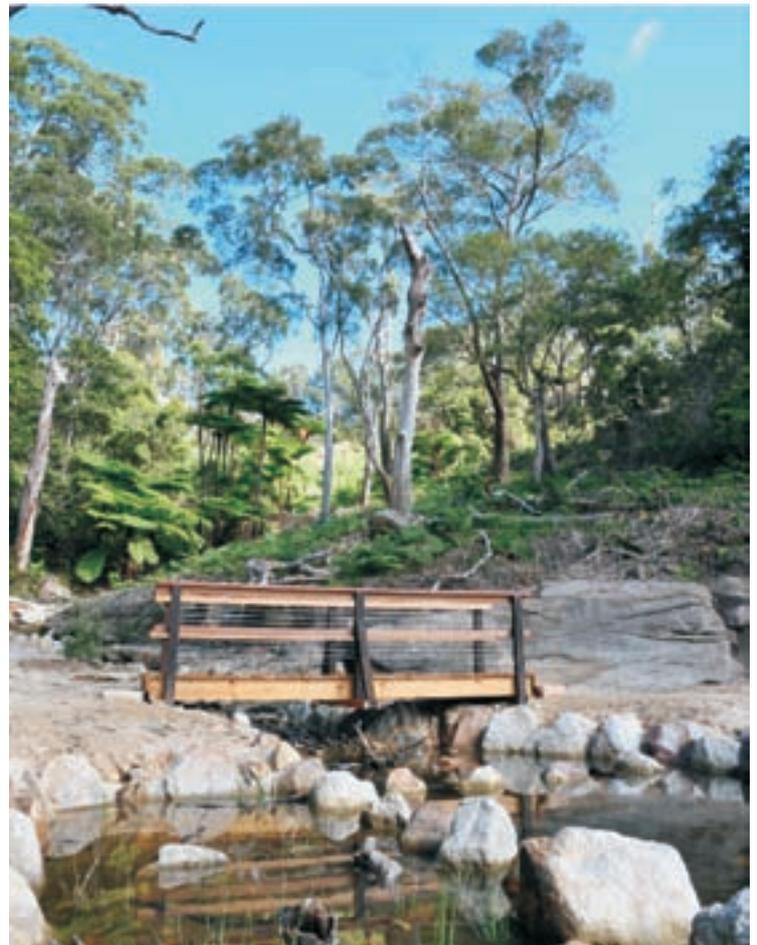
An informal path loops through the gully, crossing a small channel bridge. Take a seat on the large boulders and enjoy the sights and sounds. Children are especially encouraged to explore. Over the next few years residents should notice a significant change in the fauna and flora throughout the area.

Frog ponds have been built into the stormwater channels along with sandstone rocks to provide habitat. The ponds receive gradual flows of water and have been planted with local native aquatic species to provide further shelter and water filtration. Planter boxes hold Water Gums, a local creekline species.

The site has been scattered with rock piles and logs to act as homes for small reptiles. All tree hollows that were observed in surrounding dead trees were left in situ as bird habitat.

Advanced specimens of locally occurring plant species have been planted, with more to come in late August. Council will continue to monitor the regeneration of plant species back onto the site from the surrounding bushland. Weed control on the edges of the site is also a high priority.

To ensure the regeneration has its best chance at success, please use the formed paths and for your own safety please do not enter the frog and sediment ponds.



## Amenities block upgrades

Upgrades to the amenities blocks located in Clifton Gardens Reserve, Rosherville Reserve and in two sites at Balmoral are progressing well. The upgrades and rebuilding works costing \$1.75M are fully-funded by paid parking Schemes. The new facilities are expected to be completed by December, ready for Summer.



Pictured are Mr O'Keefe AM QC (Ret) and Mayor of Mosman, Cr Anne Connon in Mosman Square.

## Fab fountain facelift

Two popular Mosman fountains have recently had a facelift – just on 20 years after they were donated by Mosman's longest serving Mayor, Barry O'Keefe, who had 10 terms as Mayor in the 1980s and 90s. The fountains in Hampshire Park and Mosman Square have been refurbished without cost to the public purse.

Another fountain, the Antico Fountain, as it has become known, is a valued community asset, which will also be receiving a makeover in the coming months. The large marble fountain in Mosman Square adjacent to the Village Green was imported from a village in Italy and installed at considerable expense by Pioneer International in recognition of the retirement of its founding Chairman and Mosman resident Sir Tristan Antico.

## Beauty Point – “rat run” update

A tidal flow arrangement in Spit Road was put forward by the RTA in conjunction with the closure of Pearl Bay Avenue in the a.m. peak. This would have removed through traffic from Beauty Point but the RTA has now done a backflip by proposing to spend upwards of \$4.5M and resuming properties to provide a 24/7 right hand turn lane at Central Avenue.

“Relocating the rat run and even extending it to busy weekends and pitting street against street in the guise of consultation is just not on and your Council will continue to fight this out of control state bureaucracy”, said Mayor Cr Anne Connon.

In addition, at the annual Local Government Association Conference to be held in Albury in October, Council will be sponsoring a motion calling on the Premier to direct the RTA to be more considerate of local community needs.

## New planning controls coming

New local planning controls for Mosman are expected to be finalised by the State Government in the next few months and come into force by December. The draft plans were exhibited late last year and over 600 submissions were received. The local environmental plan was adopted by Council in July with some amendments, most significantly the reinstatement of an environment protection zone to Mosman's much treasured bushland areas. The draft development control plans are likely to be considered by Council in early September for finalisation. You can view the plans on Council's website and keep up to date with the latest news from the Urban Planning team by subscribing to our newsletter 'sign up for news by email' on Council's webpage.

## More holes than Swiss Cheese

Mosman's Spit and Military Roads are a vital Sydney transport link suffering heavy weekday car and bus traffic. The corridor can become even more congested on weekends with visitors wishing to access the wonderful beaches and parks in Mosman and on the peninsula.

Over 25 million vehicles cross the Spit Bridge annually, using roads that were never constructed for the volume of buses and ever-increasing urban freight movements. The deterioration of the road pavement at Spit Junction is a disgrace and is fast becoming dangerous to vehicles and pedestrians.

Council's engineers say the failure comes through neglect by the State Government and the RTA to effectively maintain and engineer workable solutions for today's transport needs.

The above are the responsibility of the NSW State Government, NOT Council – Council will continue to remind them of their responsibility.



The dangerous and uneven road surface at Spit Junction, shows a piecemeal patchwork of holes and substandard repair work.

## Parking Permits

Council is automating its residential parking permits for the convenience of residents. In the coming weeks letters will be sent to all residents who received a permit last year confirming vehicle registration details etc, and allowing credit card payment facilities.

In addition to the payment options, full details will also be given of the availability of stickers for the coming year.

Importantly residents will not have to personally visit Council – a common complaint last year.

Michell Cardwell is again co-ordinating permit issue, and if you have any problems or inquiries you can contact her on 9978 4055.

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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## Aussie Accents at the Gallery

Australian Accent: the designs of Annan Fabrics and Vande Pottery in the '40s and '50s

Saturday 4 September - Sunday 10 October

The 1940s and 1950s saw the burgeoning of a distinctive Australian design style which drew inspiration from Australian flora and fauna and Aboriginal art and culture. Two enterprising Mosman design businesses both large and small who reflected this trend will be the focus of a new exhibition titled Australian Accent at the Mosman Art Gallery from 4 September to 10 October.

### Adam Hill: Not a proppa Aborigine

Saturday 4 September - Sunday 14 November

Adam Hill is broadly recognized as an accomplished indigenous painter who is a keen advocate of social justice. His powerful and intensely original works are firmly located within the tradition of urban Aboriginal Art, and engage directly with the political conditions of Australia's contemporary indigenous society. The exhibition will present a series of key works from over ten years of the artist's professional art practice, along with new works.

- 1 Textile length *Strelizia* cotton, made by Annan Fabrics. c1945 (Gift of Mrs Alexandra Kirkwood Collection: Powerhouse Museum, Sydney) Photo Sotha Bourn
- 2 Cup and saucer, Hand painted, signed Vandé AMP Australia, (Mosman Library Local Studies Collection) Photo Larry Irvin

## Meet the Levidos

Keeping busy and engaged is Graham and Trish Levido's prescription for a happy and full life. Graham, aged in his sixties, plays tennis with Mosman Tennis for Seniors group, is a volunteer tutor for Broadband for Seniors, and an active member of Mosman Probus Club and University of the Third Age. Trish volunteers for Meals on Wheels and records oral histories for Mosman Library. Between these activities, Graham and Trish regularly travel and spend time with their family and friends.



In encouraging all residents 55 years and over to maintain active and healthy lifestyles like the Levidos, Mosman Council is conducting a survey to learn which existing activities residents are interested to see expanded or new activities established in the local area.

This feedback will provide useful information to local community groups, clubs, businesses and Council, and assist development of strategies to better address the needs and preferences of this age group.

## BigBelly - huge appetite!!



Mosman Council is trialling a new solar-powered compactor waste bin. The system automatically compacts rubbish at the point of disposal, dramatically increasing capacity by 5 times the footprint of ordinary bins. It is hoped the new bin will reduce the incidences of litter overflow and waste ending up in our waterways, particularly over the Summer months. The increased capacity reduces collection trips and can cut related fuel use and greenhouse gas emissions by 80%.

Safe, easy to use, and designed to keep out pests, the *BigBelly* has already proven its worth in a variety of environments and will come into its own by keeping out birds and other pests. You can view this recently installed wonder at Balmoral.

Complete the over 55s survey:  
available online from Council's website at [www.mosman.nsw.gov.au](http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au) or hard copies are available from Mosman Library, Mosman Art Gallery & Community Centre, and the Mosman Senior's Centre.

## Assisi statue project

A meeting of interested residents will be held at Mosman Art Gallery at 5pm on Monday 6 September to discuss a proposed St Francis of Assisi statue to commemorate companion animals. Matters for discussion include the nature of the work, proposed sites and the launch of a public appeal for funds towards the project.

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