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Major planning reforms

A new framework for approving residential development in NSW has been rolled out by Planning Minister Frank Sartor in his discussion paper, Improving The NSW Planning System.

The proposed system will introduce new levels of approval for major development but, more importantly, will raise the percentage of development approved by private certifiers from about 10 per cent to 50 per cent in the next four years. Proposals need only comply with a yet-to-be-prepared state code. There will be no opportunity for resident comment, even for proposals involving next-door neighbours.

Mosman mayor Denise Wilton says residents need to be very concerned about the significant impact of these changes in particular areas.



- The lack of opportunity to object from those affected by loss of view, privacy or amenity.
- Potential loss of the character of Mosman, particularly in heritage conservation areas.
- The loss of funding through developers' contributions to open space such as parks and sports facilities.
- The exclusion of your democratically-elected representatives from policymaking and representation of the community in the development application process.

The discussion paper includes 92 recommendations about a variety of processes and issues, with submissions closing on 8 February, 2008 and Minister Sartor adamant it will be in force from July 2008.

Make your submission now.

The discussion paper can be seen at the Council Chambers, library or via the link on council's homepage www.mosman.nsw.gov.au

New start time for council meetings

Council Meetings will now start at 7pm rather than 6.30pm. Open question time will start at 6.45pm. The new times will commence from the meeting scheduled for 5 February.

Check our website or call our new Meetings Information Line on 9978 4122 for agenda listing of items.



Mayor Denise Wilton, councillors and staff wish all residents the very best for Christmas and the festive season.

Apart from public holidays, the council's offices, art gallery and library will be open normal hours during the festive season, with the exception of a 3pm closure on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

Rangers will be working throughout the Christmas and New Year period and can be contacted on 9978 4000




Rotunda
Carols by Candlelight
 Saturday 15 December
 7.45pm Balmoral Beach
 A free shuttle bus will run
 from Spit and Mosman Junctions
 to the event from 5pm.
 Presented by St Clements Anglican Church

Waste and recycling over the festive season

There is no change to council waste and recycling services over the Christmas holiday period, with collections occurring as normal on Christmas Day. Residents are asked to reduce, reuse and recycle over the festive break to minimise waste and help the environment.

- If it can be recycled, it should be recycled!
- Avoid overflowing bins by flattening all cardboard boxes, squashing aluminium cans and plastic bottles, and placing all items into your recycling bin loose. Plastic bags are not accepted in the recycling bins.
- Overflowing rubbish or recycling bins will not be collected. Store the items until the next collection or drop excess waste and recycling to nearby waste and recycling facilities.

Refer to council's waste and recycling page, www.mosman.nsw.gov.au, to find out what items can be recycled; what to do with unwanted household items; nearby waste and recycling facilities; and how to have a green low-waste Christmas.

Dumping of unwanted household items is illegal and subject to fines of up to \$750.

Christmas tree recycling in January!

A special green waste (vegetation) collection service will be available to Mosman residents from 7 to 11 January for the recycling of Christmas trees.

This service is in addition to the normal green waste collection service and is exclusively for the recycling of Christmas trees. No other green waste will be accepted.

Please place your Christmas tree out for collection, in a separate pile, on your allocated garbage collection day during the week beginning 7 January. Christmas trees must be under 1.5m long and 15cm in diameter and tied with natural string and bundled.

For further information please call council's Waste Line on 9978 4076.



Holiday road closures

Boxing Day

Police will be restricting access to Middle Head, Georges Heights, Bradley's Head and Clifton Gardens Reserve on 26 December (Boxing Day) and 31 December (New Year's Eve)

From	Location
6.15am	Middle Head Rd and Kahibah Rd Middle Head Rd and Methuen Ave Bradley's Head Rd at zoo bus turning bay
10am	Clifton Gardens Reserve access road at Morella Rd between 10am and approximately 2pm.

When parking in the residential streets has reached its safe capacity, police will establish a further roadblock at the Thompson Street intersection with Silex Road if required.

New Year's Eve

From	Location
1pm	Bradley's Head Rd at zoo bus turning bay (entry for emergency vehicles, public transport)
4pm	Thompson St and Bradley's Head Rd (except for residents with drivers licence confirming their residence is within the closed area, entry for emergency vehicles & public transport buses only, no taxis)
4pm	Prince Albert St and Lennox St (except for residents with driver's licence the confirming residence is within the closed area, and ticketed zoo guests)

The RTA have also advised that the following special event clearways will apply from 1pm on 31 December, 2007 to 3am on 1 January, 2008:

- Military Road between Mandolong Road and Spit Road on the south side
- Bradley's Head Road from Whiting Beach Road to Athol Wharf Road (both sides)
- Athol Wharf Road from Bradley's Head Road to Athol Wharf (both sides)

Road closure information was correct at the time of printing but is subject to change by NSW Police. Please refer to council's website closer to the dates.

For some great holiday hints to help you survive summer, visit our website...

www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/environment/sustainability/summer

Draft Mosman local environment plan 2007

The council's new draft LEP was submitted to the Department of Planning in early July. Since that time council staff have met their counterparts to clarify issues identified by the department and to provide additional information or details required to complete the necessary processes.

The department has advised that the draft LEP has reached the stage of final legal vetting and hopes to issue a certificate before the end of the year, enabling the council to exhibit. Once this certificate is received the council will be in a

position to decide how the LEP and the accompanying development control plans will be exhibited.

Residents can expect an exhibition period of at least two months, with plenty of opportunity to comment on these important documents. The timing of any exhibition will be dependent on the date of receipt of the certificate from the Department of Planning. With many people absent over the Christmas period, late receipt will necessitate exhibition in the New Year.

Mosman vacation care

Looking for fun and excitement during the school holidays? Mosman Vacation Care provides a range of entertaining in-house activities and fun excursions for school-aged children. The program begins on 24 December and continues until 25 January, 2008 (excluding public holidays). For more details and enrolment go to www.mosman.nsw.gov.au



Thank you to all the volunteers, hundreds of participants and our invaluable sponsors who made the 2007 Mosman Festival a great success. Special thanks to Soul Australia for their generous sponsorship.



Better harbour ferry services?

The long-awaited Walker Inquiry report into Sydney Ferries has been released and considered by the council. A submission was made by the council dealing with levels of service, fares, routes, maintenance and, importantly, wharves.

In short the report recommended that the Government prepare a comprehensive service contract and place it to the market, encouraging Sydney Ferries to also submit a tender. The council supported Mr Walker, who recommended that 10-year service agreements be developed with measurable key performance indicators which would obviously deal with matters such as price, service levels and reliability.

The Government has already indicated that it accepts Mr Walker's recommendations on the purchase of a new fleet but has given no commitment as to when!

The council believes greater use of ferries should be made for the weekend/public holiday leisure market to areas such as Chowder Bay, Balmoral, Watson's Bay and the North Head Quarantine Station. Enhanced services to Taronga Zoo, including routes from the eastern suburbs, were also recommended by the council in its response.

Maritime NSW has flagged improvements and upgrades at Taronga and Mosman Bay and the council will seek to meet that authority early in the new year to ensure residents are provided not only with a high-quality ferry service but wharves and transport systems that encourage greater public use.

Your council believes Sydney Ferries is the "best kept secret on the harbour" and it is important that whoever runs the service ensures it is maintained and made more attractive to commuters and visitors alike.

Successful programs for youth with a disability

Young people with a disability and young people with special needs have been dancing the night away at Discobility, a dance party at Mosman Youth Centre. The disco is being held once every school term, creating more respite options for families and age appropriate activities for their children. The Saturday youth group continues to explore Sydney and surrounds as part of its monthly social and recreational activities. These activities are open to all young people with special needs in the Mosman area. Call Sarah Edwardes on 9978 4144 for more information.

Community profile

Interested in finding out how your community has changed over the past five to 15 years? The Mosman Community Profile has been updated with results from the 2006 census.

The profile is an excellent resource for the business sector, students, researchers and the community in general. It enables detailed analysis of the changes to the Mosman community over a 15-year period, as it presents statistics from the 2006, 2001, 1996 and 1991 censuses in table and graph format.

To view the community profile, visit the Mosman Council website and follow the links, www.mosman.nsw.gov.au

Sharing harbour access program grants

Mosman Council was again successful in receiving grants from the Sharing Sydney Harbour Access program. The grants included an upgrade to the Spit West reserve to include provisions for cyclists; work in upgrading the Clifton Gardens jetty and providing multi-purpose access and bushland and track work at Pearl Bay and Parriwi Rd lighthouse. Congratulations to all those involved in the grant applications. We look forward to seeing the improvements over the coming year.

Mosman IS Summer Bus

FREE Balmoral Shuttle Bus

The free Balmoral shuttle bus runs between Spit Junction and Balmoral Beach via Mosman Junction every half-hour from 10am to 5.30pm on weekends from 5 January until 24 February (weather permitting). Residents and visitors to the area are encouraged to leave their cars at home or park in one of the car parks and take advantage of this special service.

For details, please refer to the council website www.mosman.nsw.gov.au or contact 9978 4148

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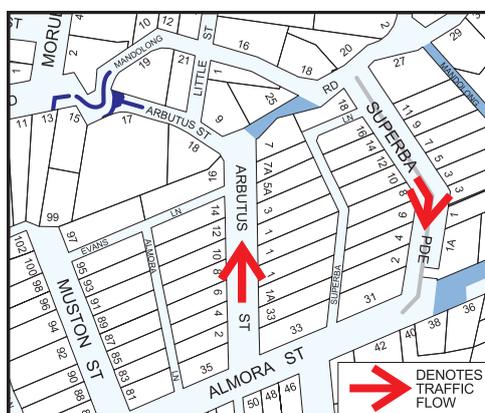
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Traffic improvements

Superba Parade and Arbutus Street traffic management

Superba Parade and Arbutus Street will be converted to one-way on 18 December. Superba Parade will operate southbound and Arbutus Street will operate northbound. For further information contact Polly Makim on 9978 4148.



Celebration of local sculptor



Memory and Materiality *The Sculpture of Anne Ferguson* 1977 – 2007

Mosman Art Gallery
8 December – 27 January

This exhibition acknowledges the career of Mosman artist Anne Ferguson and the significant contribution she has made to Australian art over the past 30 years through her compelling and thought-provoking sculptures and public artworks.

Residents will be familiar with her powerful granite sculpture Meeting Place – Wellumbulla Cyfarfod, which sits at the head of Mosman Square facing Military Rd.

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