

# Community Noticeboard

SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER 2009

## Mayor's column Cr Harvey Rose



Over the last two weeks I have attended numerous school presentation events. All these events had their particular emphases but undoubtedly demonstrated the overall strength and quest for positive achievement within Pittwater schools at all levels.

On Saturday 12 December I, together with our local state and Federal members, spoke and sang at Carols in the Park at Mona Vale organised by Rotary. Rotary are to be congratulated on this great community event which attracted over 1200 people.

At this event I commented that Pittwater residents are doubly blessed at this time of year. We are blessed firstly by the great area in which we live with our beautiful environment and sense of community demonstrated so clearly by the very high proportion of involved volunteers.

We are blessed secondly because it is Christmas – the time of year we commemorate the birth of the Christ Child and the coming of new hope into our world. Christmas is the time we celebrate the message of 'peace on earth and goodwill towards all people.' Whether we are religious or not, there is no greater or more enduring message than this.

Christmas is an ideal time to reach out to elderly neighbours in our community; especially those who may not have loved ones around during Christmas. A kind word, a visit with a small gift or watering the garden for them can help prevent the isolation they may feel at this time of year.

On behalf of Pittwater Council I hope that the message of Christmas will endure throughout all your lives, the lives of your families and the life of our very fortunate community.

From the staff and councillors, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all the people of Pittwater.

### Christmas and New Year Closures

Council offices will close from 12 noon **Thursday 24 December** and reopen on **Tuesday 29 December**. We will also be closed from 5.30pm **Thursday 31 December**, reopening on **Monday 4 January 2010**.

### Keeping safe over summer

Pittwater and Warringah Councils and local police are offering free postcards with useful safety tips for the summer months. The postcard includes advice for residents who may be going on holiday and leaving their home empty, plus advice for party organisers on keeping their event safe. Postcards are available at Council's customer service centres and libraries at Avalon and Mona Vale. For more information visit [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/communitysafety](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/communitysafety)

### New Year's Eve Temporary Alcohol Ban

Rowland Reserve/Bayview Park at Bayview will be an 'alcohol-prohibited zone' on New Year's Eve. The ban on alcohol at the reserve comes into effect **from 6pm on 31 December until 6am on 1 January 2010**. For more information visit [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/alcoholfreezones](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/alcoholfreezones)

### Sydney Lakeside Draft Plan of Management

The draft Plan of Management for Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park is on exhibition for public comment from **Friday 4 December 2009 to Friday 29 January 2010**.

The purpose of the draft plan is to:

- Define a vision for the Park's future direction
- Establish a framework and guidance for its future growth and development
- Address a number of key management issues
- Determine the range of permitted uses
- Implement environmental and ecologically sustainable practices
- Promote tourism and local business growth and development
- Protect and enhance its intrinsic recreational, tourist, environmental, educational and community qualities and values
- Develop a sound basis for effectively managing all these issues.

The draft plan can be viewed at Council's customer service centres and libraries at Mona Vale and Avalon and at Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park or visit [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au) Please note that all submissions in their entirety will be treated as public documents and made available on request. Enquiries: Glenn Davis on 9970 1290 or email [glenn\\_davis@pittwater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:glenn_davis@pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

### Public Meeting

A meeting will take place at Newport Community Centre at 6pm on **Wednesday 3 February 2010** to discuss Council's draft Environmental Compliance Enforcement and Orders Policy. The policy deals with Council's responsibilities for enforcing legislation on parking, dangerous dogs, development controls and environmental pollution, including a framework for officers to respond to complaints from the public. Enquiries: 9970 1216.

### Food and Wine Fair 2010

Expressions of Interest are invited from local restaurants to participate in the Pittwater Food and Wine Fair at Winnererremy Bay, Mona Vale on **Sunday 2 May 2010**. Expressions of interest forms can be downloaded at [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/recreation](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/recreation) Enquiries: Nikki Griffith 9970 1355.



### Fun activity for kids at Mona Vale Library

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during January, primary school children are invited to come to the library to draw their house using special fabric and pens. All drawings will be displayed in the library during the Heritage Festival in April and selected drawings will be made into a giant wall hanging. Enquiries: 9970 1605.

### Know your alcohol free zones

Council recently reviewed and updated Pittwater's Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) and Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APAs). A 'Know the Signs, Avoid the Fines' postcard explains these signs and is available at Council's customer service centres and libraries at Avalon and Mona Vale. For more information visit [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/alcoholfreezones](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/alcoholfreezones)

### Get involved in Seniors Week 2010

Calling all seniors groups and organisations across Pittwater to host an event during NSW Seniors Week! The event runs from **21 to 28 March 2010** with activities throughout March in Pittwater. To have your event included in the program for next year contact Vienna Muller on 9970 1181 or email [vienna\\_muller@pittwater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vienna_muller@pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

### Read & Rate library books

Mona Vale Library has introduced a 'Read & Rate' form to score books when being returned. Each form submitted will be entered into a weekly prize draw which is open to readers of all ages until **Thursday 4 February 2010**. Be in the running for some fantastic prizes! Enquiries: 9970 1605.

### 2010 Artspace

From **8 to 17 January 2010** an exhibition showcasing the work of local professional and emerging young artists will be at Avalon Recreation Centre, 59a Old Barrenjoey Road Avalon. Opening night is on **Friday 8 January** from 6pm to 8pm. The exhibition will be open daily from 10am to 5pm and all artworks are for sale. Enquiries: Meredith on 9973 2345 or 0402 121 184.

### Kids on the Coast holiday program

Pittwater Council's Coastal Environment Centre will run the Kids on the Coast program during January school holidays. Kids on the Coast offers two-hour activities for groups of 5–12 year old children. Each activity is led by an enthusiastic and experienced educator and combines a mix of art, craft, fun and games, discovery and learning, with an emphasis on the plants and animals that make up our coastal environment. For a copy of the program, visit [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/cec](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/cec) or phone 1300 000 CEC (232).

### Free retirement housing guide

Pittwater, Manly and Warringah Councils have issued the 2010/2011 edition of the Retirement Housing Guide for older residents. The free guide is available at customer service centres, libraries and community centres across the northern beaches. The guide provides useful information on accommodation options for older residents as they approach retirement. Enquiries: 9970 1199.

### Tips for bushfire safety

The bushfire season is upon us, and the RFS and Pittwater Council urges local residents to get their properties bushfire-ready. Simple tips include: removing hazards such as piles of newspapers and firewood; storing pool chemicals, LPG and kerosene well away from your home; cleaning out gutters; regularly raking up leaves and bark around your home, knowing where the hoses and taps are located and having an exit plan. For more tips and information on bushfire safety visit: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

### What's On

**The Annual Amusement Carnival** will open nightly at Boondah Reserve, Warriewood for a month starting **tonight** from 6 to 10pm. Enquiries: 0408 923 777.

**Donate blood at Avalon** this Christmas season from **Monday 21 December to Thursday 24 December** from 9.15am to 2pm at Bowling Green Lane car park, Avalon. New donors welcome. Please bring donor card or photo ID on the day. Please ensure that you have a substantial meal and drink 3–4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate. Enquiries: 13 14 95 or visit [www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

**New Year's Eve Fireworks** will take place at Boondah Reserve, Warriewood at 10pm, Thursday 31 January. Enquiries: 0408 923 777. Please note Boondah Reserve is an alcohol-prohibited zone from 8pm to 8am. Fireworks will also take place at midnight from Rowland Reserve, Bayview. Enquiries: 9997 5511. There is a temporary ban on alcohol at Rowland Reserve/Bayview Park from 6pm on 31 December to 6am on 1 January 2010.

**Join us on an eco-cruise** around Pittwater on **Sunday 17 January** from 9am to 4pm. Passengers are asked to meet at Palm Beach Wharf 9am sharp. The day includes a return ferry trip, gourmet lunch, walks and talks with local experts on the local coastal environment and kids activities. The cost is \$75 per person (incl. GST), with children under 10 free. Full details and online bookings visit: [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au) or phone 1300 000 CEC (232).



### Council and Committee meetings

The next Council meeting incorporating the Governance and Planning an Integrated Built Environment Committees will be held on **Monday 21 December** from 6.30pm at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Pittwater Road, Mona Vale. Meeting agendas are available at [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au) and Council offices and libraries at Mona Vale and Avalon from the Thursday morning before the meeting.

The Development Unit will meet again on **Thursday 21 January 2010** from 9am in the Mona Vale Memorial Hall. Agendas are available at [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au) (under "D") as well as Council offices on the Monday before the meeting.