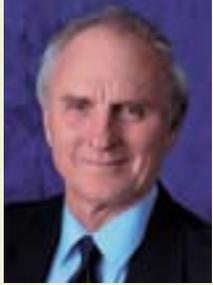


Community Noticeboard

SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2009

Mayor's column Cr David James



Last week Council voted to sign a friendship agreement with East Timor which will result in the Council offering a three-month internship to an East Timorese citizen.

Abel Guterres, the East Timorese Vice-Consul, gave a spirited address to Councillors and staff at the meeting, reminding us of the close relationship our two countries have enjoyed over the years. This is based on our proximity as a near-neighbour, as well as the ties forged in the Second World War through the help given to Australian troops by the East Timorese.

Mr Guterres highlighted the need for Australia's help in setting up a system of local government in his fledgling nation. East Timor's population is one of the fastest growing in the world, increasing by 4% every year. The nation will hold elections for four councils in November this year, with the intention to increase this to thirteen.

Following representations from Mr Guterres and local residents, we decided the best way Pittwater can help is by providing practical assistance in the planning area. East Timor currently has no formal planning system, meaning residents tend to build whatever they like with no reference to neighbouring buildings or the environment. A three-month internship will be offered to an East Timorese citizen so they can learn governance and planning models to implement at home. Council staff will offer day-to-day mentoring, sharing knowledge and improving English language skills.

I have already had discussions with some members of our community who have expressed a willingness to provide the intern with living and accommodation costs. Perhaps you are part of a community group who may also be keen to help out with supporting the successful candidate. Feel free to contact me if you think you may be able to assist in some way. It may just take the form of putting on a BBQ or some other social event to make the intern feel welcome and show the spirit of friendship towards East Timor is alive and well in Pittwater.

Public Meetings

Governor Phillip Park

Residents are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the development of a Conservation Management Plan for Governor Phillip Park on **Thursday 3 September** at 6.30pm at Palm Beach RSL Auditorium.

Woorak Reserve and Iluka Park Boat Ramp

Council has developed a landscape plan for the upgrading of Iluka Park, Woorak Reserve and associated trailer and car parking and residents are invited to view the concept plan. The meeting will take place at 7pm on **Tuesday 8 September** at Avalon Recreation Centre (Room 1).

Public Exhibition

Salt Pan Cove Reserve

A draft plan of management for Salt Pan Cove Reserve is currently being prepared. The draft plan includes an upgraded walking track connecting Salt Pan Cove Reserve to Refuge Cove and Algona Reserves. Written submissions should be received by **Thursday 17 September** and mailed to Pittwater Council, PO Box 882, Mona Vale NSW 1660 or emailed to pittwater_council@pittwater.nsw.gov.au Enquiries: Jenny Cronan on 9970 1357 or email jenny_cronan@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

Fox control program

Pittwater Council will conduct a fox control program using Foxoff® baits until **Sunday 6 September**. The baits will be buried to reduce the risk of poisoning other animals. As Foxoff® baits are lethal to dogs and cats, owners should ensure their pets do not enter reserves during this time. Signage will be displayed at all reserves where baiting occurs. Please note that in the event of wet weather, the program duration may be extended. For specific locations please visit www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au

Coastal Environment Centre Relaunch

Pack a picnic dinner and bring the whole family to relax by beautiful Narrabeen Lagoon from 3.45pm on **Tuesday 1 September**. Enjoy the festivities including games, music, a movie screening and official opening by the Mayor. Located at Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen. Car parking at the end of Lake Park Road near the entrance of the Big 4 Sydney Lakeside Holiday Park. Enquiries; email tina_demetriou@pittwater.nsw.gov.au or call 9970 1675.

Flexible childcare at Warriewood

The Council's Occasional Care Centre at Centro Warriewood offers small and personal care for up to eight children from 9 to 3.30pm daily on a permanent basis. The centre also offers occasional care (in 1-3-hour blocks) between the hours of 9am and 2pm daily – ideal for parents needing short or infrequent periods of childcare. A small number of places are currently available and placements are now being taken for 2010. Bookings can be made every weekday morning at 8.30am up to a week in advance. The Centre is open Monday to Fridays from 9am until 3.30pm. Enquiries and bookings phone: 9970 1699.



Your library card

From **Monday 14 September** you must show your library card every time you wish to borrow items or book a computer at Mona Vale Library. Please note all overdue items and charges must be paid before you can use your card.

Don't have a library card? Just call into Mona Vale Library and show proof of your residential address and we'll join you up on the spot – it's free!

Dog of the Year Photo Competition

Pittwater Council is looking for local dog-owners to enter the Pittwater Dog of the Year Photo competition. The photo competition is just one of the highlights of the annual Dog Day by the Bay event on **Sunday 27 September**, with the winner of the competition announced at 12 noon on the day. Entries can be submitted online at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au The closing date for entries is **Friday 4 September**.

Palm Beach Markets

Enjoy the fresh spring weather with a spot of shopping at the Palm Beach Markets, Governor Phillip Park, Palm Beach (next to Dunes Restaurant) on **Sunday 20 September** from 9am to 3pm. The markets feature gourmet food, jewellery, clothing, accessories and homewares. Stall-holders are now sought for the October and December markets. To participate call 9970 1355 or visit www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au

October Vacation Care at Narrabeen

Bookings for October vacation care open from **Monday 14 September to Friday 25 September**. Book online at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au or at Council's customer service centres at 1 Park Street Mona Vale and 59a Old Barrenjoey Road, Avalon. A program of events is online from Monday 7 September.

What's On

Lifeline's Giant Book Fair is on at Ted Blackwood Hall, corner Jacksons and Boondah Road, Warriewood **today** (9am to 5pm) and **tomorrow** (9am to 2pm). Browse thousands of pre-loved books for children and adults. Entry by gold coin donation; credit card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

A Poverty Forum led by the Hon. Julie Bishop MP and the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop MP plus other guest speakers will take place on **Wednesday 2 September**. The event is at Bayview Golf Club from 10.30am to 12.30pm. RSVP to Lili Koch on 9948 8892 or lilikoch@bigpond.net.au For more information visit: www.results.org.au

The Merchant Navy Day of Remembrance

A service and wreath-laying ceremony will take place on **Thursday 3 September** at 11am at the Mosman War Memorial Cenotaph, Myahgah Road, Mosman Park followed by refreshments at Mosman RSL Club. RSVP to rswylie@bigpond.com

Botham Beach Bushcare is on **Saturday 5 September** from 9am to 12pm. Meet down the track at the foreshore. Tools, training and morning tea provided. Wear long sleeves and trousers and covered shoes. The group meets the first Saturday of every month; enquiries Ph: 9970 1367.



History Week 2009 See a free photo exhibition on Pittwater's wild past. Murder, smuggling and more at Mona Vale Library from **Saturday 5 to Sunday 13 September**.

A new art class for seniors from **Monday 7 September**. The art class will run every Monday from 1pm to 3pm at the Avalon Recreation Centre. For more information call Florence on 9918 0044.

Hear Barbara Holborow former Children's Court magistrate at the Pittwater branch meeting of National Seniors Australia on **Friday 11 September** at 10am at the Nelson Heather Centre, cnr Jacksons Road Warriewood. The branch is also urgently seeking board members to continue the group. If you are interested contact Jan on 9944 1944 or John on 8407 9603 before 11 September.

Come to the Royal Avalon Show at Avalon Public School from 9am to 3pm on **Sunday 13 September**. The day includes competitions, rides, a side-show alley, farm animals and gourmet treats.

Author Talk @Mona Vale Library. Kelsang Dornying's inspiring talk based on the best-selling title *Transform Your Life* – a blissful journey written by meditation master and Buddhist teacher, Geshe Kelsang Gyatso on **Thursday 17 September from 7pm**. \$7.50/\$5.50 admission; bookings are essential on 9970 1600.

Pittwater Artists' Open House. Around 40 artists throw open the doors of their homes and studios on Scotland Island and Lovett Bay on **Saturday 19 September and Sunday 20 September** between 10am and 4pm. See celebrated printmakers, painters, iconographers, writers, performing artists and filmmakers at work. Artists' talks, live performances, demonstrations and workshops, plus the chance to buy an original piece of art. Visit www.watermarks.net.au for full details.

Council and Committee Meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend the next Council meeting incorporating the Community, Recreation and Economic Development and Natural Environment Committees on **Monday 7 September** from 6.30pm at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Pittwater Road, Mona Vale. Meeting agendas are available at 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 meets on **Thursday 3 September** from 9am in the conference room at 1 Park Street, Mona Vale. Agendas are available at www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au (under 'D') as well as Council offices on the Monday before the meeting.

A reminder to all Pittwater residents! Please place your new parking permit on your vehicle by 1 September 2009.