

# Community Noticeboard

**SATURDAY 28 AUGUST 2010**

## Mayor's column Cr Harvey Rose



On Election Day I joined with community members concerned with maintaining good health services for the people of Pittwater in distributing postcards addressed to The Hon. Carmel Tebbutt, NSW Minister for Health. The postcards requested that full maternity services be returned to Mona Vale Hospital immediately as promised by the Minister. Over 5000 cards were given out and these have started arriving at the Minister's office.

The postcards are available at our service centres and libraries. If you care about maintaining good health services please fill one in, put a stamp on it and post it to the Minister. Our community must let the Health Minister know how strongly we feel about this issue, before I join with our local State and Federal MPs and the Chair of the Save Mona Vale Hospital Committee in a meeting with the Minister about the return of full maternity services to Mona Vale Hospital.

Pittwater's offshore communities are even more dependent on good health services at Mona Vale Hospital than most other parts of Pittwater.

A marvellous celebration of our offshore community will take place over the weekend of 11 and 12 September. The 200 Year Festival of Scotland Island will celebrate the unique history of southern Pittwater's foreshores. The theme of the weekend for locals revolves around reflecting on what has contributed to their unique community and considering the choices for their future – 'Looking Back ...Thinking Forward'.

Our offshore communities add an important ingredient to the fine mix which makes up the Pittwater community.

Another interesting initiative that I would like to draw your attention to is a project by the Australia Council for the Arts. They have developed a website that allows you to review the importance art has on your life by creating a cube of images or adding audio or video content. Check out the contributions at [www.whatmakesme.com.au](http://www.whatmakesme.com.au) I took the opportunity to highlight my love of poetry – something you may already be aware of if you are a regular reader of my column!

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### Public meeting – Lake Park Oval

Residents are invited to a public meeting outlining the draft plan of management for Lake Park Oval Reserve, North Narrabeen (also known as Lakeside Park) on **Tuesday 31 August** from 6pm until 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Coastal Environment Centre, Pelican Path, Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen. Enquiries: Jenny Cronan on 9970 1357 or by email to [pittwater\\_council@pittwater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pittwater_council@pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

### Public meeting – Dunbar Park



Residents are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the plan of management for Dunbar Park and offer ideas for its future direction. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 September** at the Avalon Recreation Centre from 6.30pm to 7.30 pm. Enquiries or to RSVP: Phillip Gray on 9970 1281 or email [phillip\\_gray@pittwater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:phillip_gray@pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

### Spring school holiday fun

Want your kids to have fun during the spring school holidays? Vacation Care looks after children from Kindy to Year 7 and has a range of activities such as trips to the movies, Taronga Zoo, aquatic centres, Sydney Aquarium and much more! The cost is \$50 per day per child with discounts available through the Family Assistance Office. Bookings open at 9am **Monday 6 September** and can be made online. Bookings close at 5pm on **Monday 20 September** with late bookings incurring an additional \$5 per day per child. Book online at [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au) or in person at customer service centres at Mona Vale or Avalon. Enquiries: 9970 1118 or 9970 1241.

### Pittwater Dog of the Year photo competition

Last chance to enter the 2010 Pittwater Dog of the Year photo competition! Entries close on **Friday 3 September** and the winner will be announced at Dog Day by the Bay on **Sunday 26 September**, Rowland Reserve, Bayview. For details on how to enter visit [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

### Artfest children's art festival

Artfest will be held from **Friday 24 September to Wednesday 29 September** in and around Avalon Recreation Centre. Children entering Artfest need to hand their artwork in on either **Friday 10 September** or **Saturday 11 September** at Avalon Recreation Centre. For competition details visit [www.pittwaterartfest.com](http://www.pittwaterartfest.com) Artfest is also seeking artists and enthusiastic helpers with an interest in the arts. Involvement ranges from hanging and manning the Artfest exhibition to assisting artist demonstrations at 'Art in the Park' on **Saturday 25 September** at Dunbar Park, Avalon. For more information email [karenorr7@iprimus.com.au](mailto:karenorr7@iprimus.com.au)

### Small Business September

Pittwater and Warringah Councils, Warringah Chamber of Commerce and Pittwater Business Limited are hosting FREE small business seminars in September. 'Leverage government assistance to grow your business' will be held from 8am to 10.30am at Long Reef Golf Club on **Thursday 9 September** and at Bayview Golf Club on **Friday 10 September**. Julia Bickerstaff will also present a seminar called 'Pricing for Profit' on **Tuesday 21 September** from 9am to 11am at Long Reef Golf Club. For more information or to register visit [www.smallbusinessmonth.nsw.gov.au](http://www.smallbusinessmonth.nsw.gov.au) or call Paul William-Smith on 9942 2233.

### Are you an artist working from home?

Pittwater Community Arts is seeking expressions of interest from craftspeople and artists who may like to participate in a home-studio arts trail in Pittwater. If you are creating art from your home, garage or shed and would like to find out more about being part of this artisans community come along to a meeting on **Thursday 16 September** at 7pm at Avalon Recreation Centre. Enquiries: Lorrie on 9997 8079 or email [lorriemay@bigpond.com](mailto:lorriemay@bigpond.com)

### Palm Beach Markets return!

The Palm Beach Markets return to Governor Phillip Park (next to Dunes Restaurant) on **Sunday 26 September**. Sample delicious gourmet food, listen to live music and browse stalls selling a variety of goods such as fashion, jewellery, arts and crafts. Markets will also be held on **24 October** and **12 December**. For more information call 9970 1355.

### Scotland Island – 200 Years Festival

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Scotland Island! An Accapella choir perform in the Fire Shed at 4pm on **Saturday 11 September**, followed by the opening of the 'Postcards from Pittwater' art exhibition at the community hall at 6pm. A fair will be held on **Sunday 12 September** from 10am that will include photographic and oral histories, a sustainability & wellbeing expo, stalls, food, music and kids activities. Enquiries: Emmie Collins on 0405 330 781.

### What's On

**Seasons and Cycles**, a free community event will take place **tomorrow, Sunday 29 August** from 11.45am to 4pm at the Coastal Environment Centre, North Narrabeen. Dharawal knowledge-holder Francis Bodkin is a fascinating speaker on Nature's seasons and cycles from a traditional indigenous perspective. The talk will be followed by a short walk around Narrabeen Lagoon and a first-hand experience of the wonderful art of weaving with native grasses with Karleen Green. Please RSVP on 1300 000 CEC (232).



**Film screenings** of the 24/7 youth competition will take place on **Sunday 5 September** at Collaroy United Cinema and **Sunday 12 September** at Mosman Greater Union. Both sessions are from 7 to 9pm. The finals and awards ceremony will take place at Warriewood United Cinema on **Sunday 19 September** from 6 to 9pm. Entry for all screenings is \$2. Enquiries: 9978 4144 or visit [www.youthfilmfestival.com.au](http://www.youthfilmfestival.com.au)

**Dedication of War Memorial** The Sydney Northern Beaches Sub-Branch of the National Servicemen's Association will assemble at 9am at the Australian War Memorial Canberra for a march along Anzac Parade on **Wednesday 8 September**. This will be followed by a memorial dedication at the Australian War Memorial by Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General. Enquiries: Don Lockard on 9971 0529.

**Winterval Festival** celebrates the creative arts at Mona Vale Library. Entries with the theme 'Faces in the Street' are still invited in the categories of painting and recycled artworks. Entries are open to primary and secondary school students and adults. Winterval will culminate with a 'viewer's choice' event at the library on **Saturday 11 September**. For full competition details and to download an entry form visit [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/library)

**Free Author Talk @ Mona Vale Library** On **Thursday 9 September** author Pam Bayfield will discuss her book *Come with me*, the untold story of 89-year-old Joan Fisher, one of the last surviving nurses who worked on a hospital ship in World War II. Bookings are essential; phone 9970 1600. Admission is FREE in celebration of History Week.

The **Narroy Park Planting Day** will take place on **Sunday 12 September** from 9am to 12 noon. Residents are invited to meet at Narroy Reserve, North Narrabeen (access from Venetian Road). Planting will take place along the bushland edge of the Nareen Wetlands to enhance native vegetation. The work is part of the Narrabeen Lagoon Urban Sustainability Project, funded by the NSW Environmental Trust. Enquiries: 9970 1367.

The **Symphony Concert for Heartkids** will be held on **Sunday 26 September** at the Great Hall, Pittwater House School at 2pm. Hosted by Rotary, the concert will feature the award-winning North Sydney Symphony Orchestra. All proceeds go to Heartkids which funds research and provides support for children with congenital heart disease. Adults \$35, concession/students \$25, children \$10. Tickets can be purchased at [www.rotarypittwater.com/concert](http://rotarypittwater.com/concert) or call 0439 263 808.

### Council and Committee meetings

The next Council meeting incorporating the Community, Recreation & Economic Development Committee and Natural Environment Committee will be held on **Monday 6 September** from 6.30pm at Mona Vale Memorial Hall, Park Street Mona Vale. Meeting agendas are available at [www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au) and at Council offices and libraries at Mona Vale and Avalon from Thursday morning before the meeting.

The Development Unit will meet again on **Thursday 2 September** from 9am in the conference room at 1 Park Street, Mona Vale. 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.

If you're a Pittwater ratepayer please place your new parking permit on your vehicle by **1 September 2010**. Permits can also be purchased at customer service centres in Mona Vale and Avalon.