

Waste Management Sub-committee

Report to SIRAC Dec, 14th

Updates since last meeting:

SC meeting:

Attendees- Hegarty, Cass, Paulo

The main thing for SIRAC to consider is the strategy around green waste removal- compared with the new model on the mainland, offshore residents have relatively far lower volume and frequency. The opportunity is there for SIRA to lobby council for a more equitable arrangement however we'd need to be clear what the community preference is ranging from options including:

- No change, the current model continues
- Same as mainland- fortnightly removal
- Keep the two big collections but add monthly smaller (bin) collection in parallel with the normal waste or recycling
- As is but with an additional collection to meet bushfire risk time
- As is but change the timing.

Note that the timing for 2015 has been changed to hopefully better match the needs and not be as close to the general waste removal.

Issues discussed:

1. Various SIRA members have noted the new green waste collection approach for Pittwater which specifically excludes offshore residents.
2. Paulo raised the issue that, particularly with the bushfire risk on the Island we need a way to remove flammable material before it builds up and that the current green waste model of two per year isn't sufficient.
3. Cass noted that, due to the higher cost of waste removal from the Island we were unlikely to get the fortnightly model of the mainland however we should discuss with council both the timing and frequency.
4. Hegarty compared the volumes between current Island green waste and the new mainland version which are:
 1. Onshore gets up to $480l * 26 = 12,480$ Litres per year
 2. Scotland Island gets $2000l * 2 = 4000$ Litres per year - so we are getting less than 1/3 of mainland
5. Paulo shared response from Richard Li mentioning proposed composting

facility- unclear where this would be located or how it would deal with Spotted Gum branches and other high fire-risk material.

6. Discussion around new timing & wording for 2015 in the waste calendar- seems an improvement in that the timing is better spread and closer to point of maximum need re fire season but without any additional volume. As Calendar is at the printers too late to make changes although we will suggest that next year we review earlier as there have been some minor changes that are potentially confusing.

Jetty Skips Update from Richard Li

Latest update was that they were due by Christmas as URM were ready to deliver and all the installation hardware was ready.