

Waste Management Sub-committee

Report to SIRAC August, 10th.

Sub-committee members:

Hegarty, Cass, June Lahm, Colin and Rosemary Haskell

Main activity since last meeting has been introducing Pittwater Council's new Waste Services Officer, Environmental Compliance Richard Li to the Island waste management issues. He's relatively new to Pittwater council having come from 5 years at Lane Cove.

Richard came to the Island for a complete tour of all the roads, wharves, skips etc on 30/7/14 with Hegarty and Cass and has returned to observe the cleanup process and the waste collection. Aside from the waste issues he got a great briefing on all Island matters like roads, drainage, water and parks as well as a general SI history- thanks to Cass for the history, I learned a lot too!

Importantly he'd had almost no handover from his predecessor Robina so he had a lot to take on board- the concept of the recycling collection truck doing the hill certainly got his attention!

Key issues discussed:

- *Skips on wharves-* these have now all been measured for the new model which will be 3 * 1100 litre bins (current blue ones are 3000 Litre although Bell has the 3 240L Sulo bins so it's a slight reduction in capacity there. New fittings to secure the bins will be in place by end of this year along with new signage to hopefully reduce the amount of building waste and other non-suitable material.

Note- this is a "swap and go" model so the full skips are taken back to CP and replaced with empty ones rather than the current model of barging a compactor truck with the risks of waste tipping into Pittwater.

Colour to be confirmed but should be either blue like the current ones or

a forest green.

- *Recycling*- Richard was wondering if perhaps a central recycling location on the island would work- by the time he'd walked from Bell to Tennis he considered that it was unlikely that people would deliver all the material to a location and anyway there's no depot on the island. Confirmed that there's a set of replacement bins for distribution but we need to work out how to do that most effectively.
- *Cleanup and Green waste*- We looked at the Cargo wharf situation and discussed the new model to move waste to the skips without piling up on Cargo. He's met with Matt and the URM supervisor on Tuesday to check the efficiency of the process. He did note that the volume of dry waste from the cleanup seemed high compared to mainland.

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Appendix 1- Email from PWC to SIRA

This has been previously distributed but I thought it was such us useful summary I'd attach it.

From: robina_bramich@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

[mailto:robina_bramich@pittwater.nsw.gov.au] **Sent:** Friday, 23 August 2013

9:45 AM **To:** Cass Gye **Subject:** Email to Cass Gye re: outcome of Scotland Island waste service recommendations

To: Cass Gye Email: "Cass Gye" <cassgye@spin.net.au>,

Re: Scotland Island waste services As discussed yesterday, the content of the correspondence dated 19 May 2013 been reviewed by Council staff and senior management responsible for the current waste service agreement. Itemised responses to the various issues raised are detailed below. A formal response from Council will shortly be forwarded to the Scotland Island Resident's Association.

1. Protection Barricades at Cargo Wharf The Association's request for cyclone fencing around the perimeter of the stockpiled areas has been reviewed and in accordance with the terms of the existing contract Council does not consider that the contractor, United Resource Management (URM), can be directed or forced to erect cyclone fencing. Further, Council is concerned that cyclone fencing may also introduce risks to the community due to the location, topography and access requirements of the stockpiled areas. The existing method of installing pollution prevention control barriers is sufficient for the purpose of the collections and the contractor will be supervised to ensure that barriers are maintained during the collection process. Council will also monitor the likelihood of pollution entering Pittwater waterways during the general clean up and vegetation collections.

2. Request for a Hard Service Area at Cargo Wharf, Scotland Island Council's Urban Infrastructure staff have advised that works are identified to be carried out at this location including the construction of an approved ramp. Appropriate investigations followed by design and costings

will be required to secure funding. There will be full community consultation on the progression of these works once the process is initiated.

3. Use of Large Skips during Vegetation and General Clean Up

Collections Council and the waste service contractor, United Resource Management (URM) have favourably considered the request for the use of large skips for the general clean up and vegetation collection services.

4. Recycling Collaboration with the Scotland Island Residents Association has resulted in the production of a local waste calendar targeting issues specifically arising at Scotland Island and Council wishes to thank Cass Gye for the valued input regarding this content. The Association's request for educational stickers to be issued to residents with contaminated or incorrectly presented recycling will be implemented. Council officers will forward proofs of the stickers for review in the near future.

5. Waste Skips at Public Wharves Council and URM have considered the Association's recommendation regarding waste skips on the public wharves. Alternative waste skips may be provided in order to deter illegal dumping and provide ease of use for residents. Council is currently discussing bin suitability with United Resource Management and Council will update the Association regarding implementation of any new bin system.

6. Additional Vegetation Collections The request for additional vegetation collections on Scotland Island has been considered with URM. Additionally, the most recent vegetation collection service that occurred on the week commencing 7 August 2013 was inspected by Council and URM where it was identified that the volume of vegetation presented does not warrant a need for additional collections.

7. Road Access The Association's request for the waste service contractor to utilise a 4WD to carry out recycling collections due to the topography and condition of the Island's roads is noted. The contractor is not required to provide a 4WD vehicle to undertake waste service collections on Scotland Island. However, the contractor is to advise Council if roads are not deemed suitable for the collections to be undertaken and any changes that may be required in the timing or methods of providing the service. Council will then write to affected property owners advising that alternative collection points

may be required to be used until such time as the road/s becomes suitable for the collections.

Yours Faithfully, Robina Bramich Principal Environmental Health Officer Pittwater Council