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INFORMATION BULLETIN – JUNE 2013

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

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Citizenship Ceremony



All Councillors are invited to the next Citizenship Ceremony which will be held on:

Thursday 27 June 2013 at 7.30pm

Level 3, Council Chambers, Bondi Road, Bondi Junction

Councillors wishing to attend are requested to contact:

Jeanette Kearney on **9369 8130** or jeanettek@waverley.nsw.gov.au

**WAVERLEY COUNCIL
CASH BOOK BALANCES AS AT**

30-Apr-13

OPENING BALANCES		\$	\$
General Fund Account			(100,526.46)
Waverley Cemetery Account			646,451.67
South Head Cemetery Account			64,663.00
			<u>610,588.21</u>
RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	April		
Rates		1,960,862.40	
Funds Recalled		16,060,000.00	
Other Deposits		1,847,340.91	
Waverley Cemetery		117,116.15	
South Head Cemetery		9,060.35	
Miscellaneous		6,821,227.78	26,815,607.59
PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH	April		
CHEQUES			
General Fund		245,589.44	
EFT Payments		6,896,079.74	
EFT Payroll		3,338,230.18	
Funds Invested		14,340,000.00	
Miscellaneous EFT Payments		1,971,086.80	
Dishonoured Cheques		37,410.44	
Waverley Cemetery		466,373.41	
South Head Cemetery		20,401.81	
Less Cancelled Cheques		(48,483.53)	27,266,688.29
BANK CHARGES	April		
General Fund		18,994.18	
Waverley Cemetery		117.09	
South Head Cemetery		0.00	19,111.27
CLOSING BALANCES	30-Apr-13		
General Fund Account			(210,002.62)
Waverley Cemetery Account			297,077.32
South Head Cemetery Account			53,321.54
			<u>140,396.24</u>

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BANK STATEMENT BALANCES *

30-Apr-13

General Fund Account			131,158.75
Waverley Cemetery Account			275,102.32
South Head Cemetery Account			50,100.04
			<u>456,361.11</u>

* A separate reconciliation between the cash book and the bank statement has been completed as at 30 April 2013

DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

DA No.	Address	Description
DA41/2013	37 Gardyne St, BRONTE	Conversion of dwelling into a dual occupancy with internal alterations and new windows and strata subdivision
DA520/2012	30 Darling St, BRONTE	Demolish rear ground floor extension, install glazed doors at ground floor, new balcony at rear on first floor plus internal modifications
DA55/2013	66 Boundary St, BRONTE	First floor addition
DA56/2013	31 Cox Ave, BONDI BEACH	Ground floor extension and deck
DA65/2013	1/2A Burge St, VAUCLUSE	Courtyard enclosure
DA531/2012	350 Bronte Rd, WAVERLEY	Ground floor extension, internal alterations and garage to heritage listed dwelling
DA487/2012	285 Bronte Rd, WAVERLEY	Vergola to rear courtyard
DA555/2012	20 Avoca St, BONDI	First floor addition and internal alterations to dwelling
DA61/2013	3/101 Brighton Blvd, NORTH BONDI	Alterations and additions including glass pergola, glass balustrade and internal changes
DA60/2013	74 Clyde St, NORTH BONDI	Extension to dwelling
DA24/2013	137 Military Rd, DOVER HEIGHTS	Demolition of dwelling, construction of dual occupancy with basement parking and strata subdivision
DA1/2013	45 Hardy St, DOVER HEIGHTS	Attic conversion, replace existing garage and external alterations to dwelling
DA451/2012	168 Blair St, NORTH BONDI	Amended: Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of a two storey building
DA494/2012	16 Park Pde, BONDI	First floor extension, internal alterations, rear lower ground floor garage, driveway with turntable and swimming pool
DA498/2012	113 Blair St, NORTH BONDI	Single garage and driveway
DA518/2012	61-79 Hall St, BONDI BEACH	Signage – eight signs
DA383/2012	78 Bronte Rd, BONDI JUNCTION	Alterations to commercial premises including new first, second and third floor addition for four units and roof terraces
DA470/2012	15 Cross St, BRONTE	Amended: Construct new hardstand car space, driveway and fence to the front of the property
DA612/2011	364 Birrell St, TAMARAMA	Alterations and additions to dwelling including additional storey, deck extension and entry gate
DA68/2013	93-97 Spring St, BONDI JUNCTION	Internal stairs in Elixir health club.
DA110/2013	410-414 Oxford St, BONDI JUNCTION	Signage
DA34/2013	13 Violet St, BRONTE	Hardstand car parking space, driveway and front fence.
DA12/2013	234 Bronte Rd, WAVERLEY	Change of use to restaurant with new fitout and hours of operation

DA489/2012	Eastgate Shopping Centre, 87-91 Spring St, BONDJUNCTION	New facade and awning to Eastgate Shopping Centre
DA87/2013	170 Newland St, QUEENS PARK	Internal and external alterations to dwelling
DA146/2013	7-9 Hunter St, DOVER HEIGHTS	Strata subdivision of a dual occupancy
DA63/2013	57-59 Beach Rd, BONDJ BEACH	Expansion of existing Mamasan Restaurant
DA99/2013	6 Read St, BRONTE	Boundary adjustment
DA104/2013	7/274 Campbell Pde, BONDJ BEACH	Internal alterations and new pergola to unit
DA200/2012	7 Gardyne St, BRONTE	Demolition of dwelling and construct two storey single dwelling with basement car parking and pool at front.

IB-05 Waste Services Report (6-5)

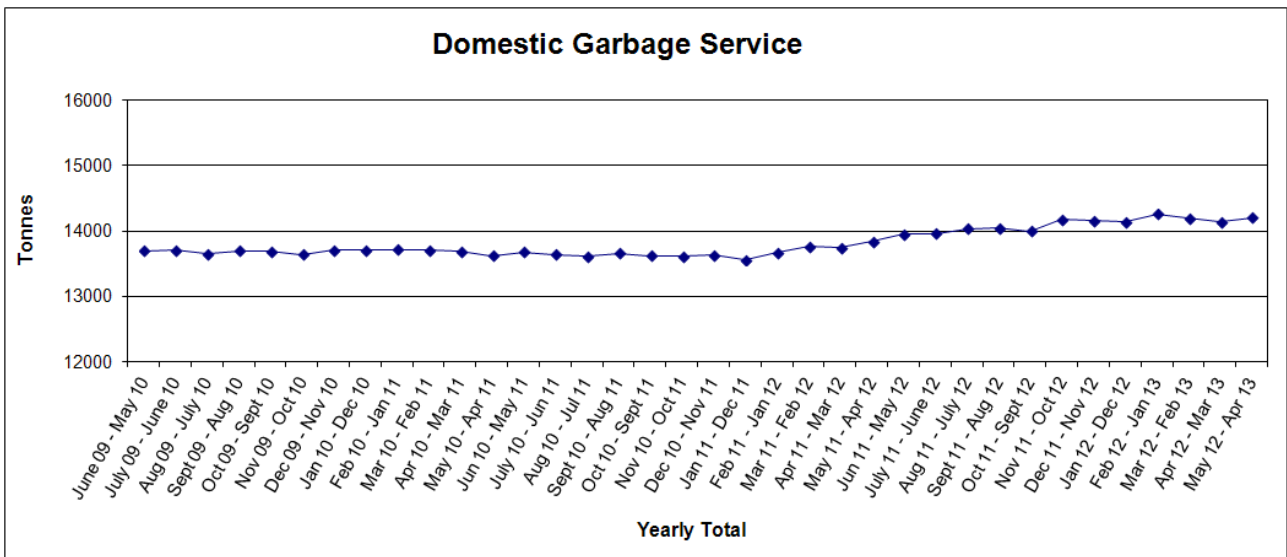
Report dated 24 May 2013 from the Director of Public Works and Services

Recommended: That this report be received and noted.

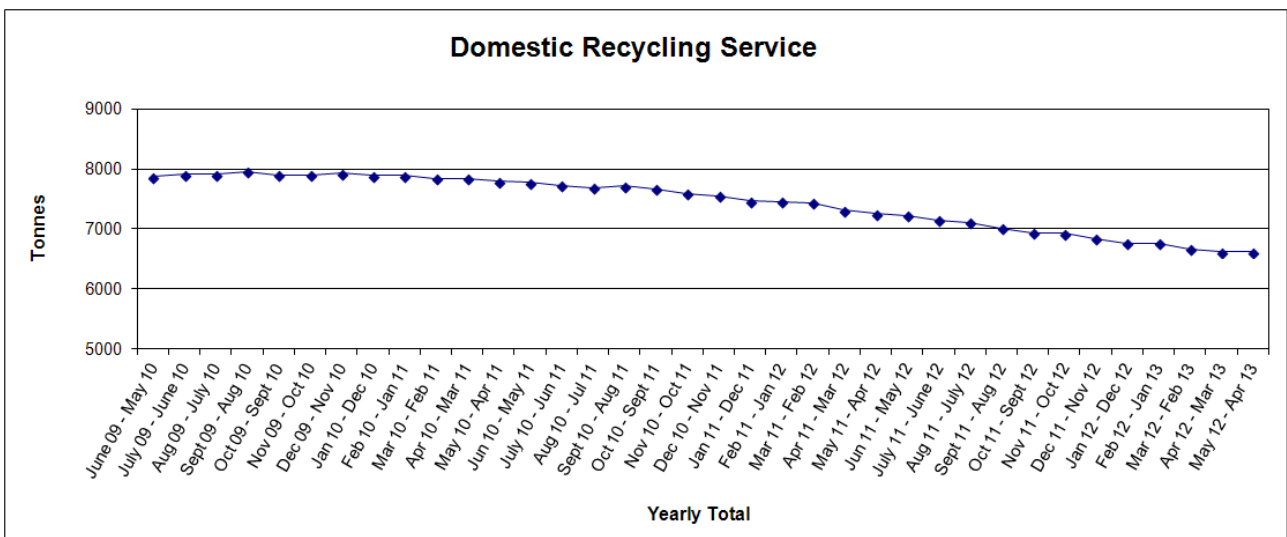
The following information is a summary of the collected waste from the Resource Recovery and Public Place Cleansing Division for the month of April 2013.

1. Domestic Waste Streams

During the month of April 2013, 1210.37 tonnes of domestic garbage was collected.



During the month of April 2013, 544.07 tonnes of domestic recycle was collected.

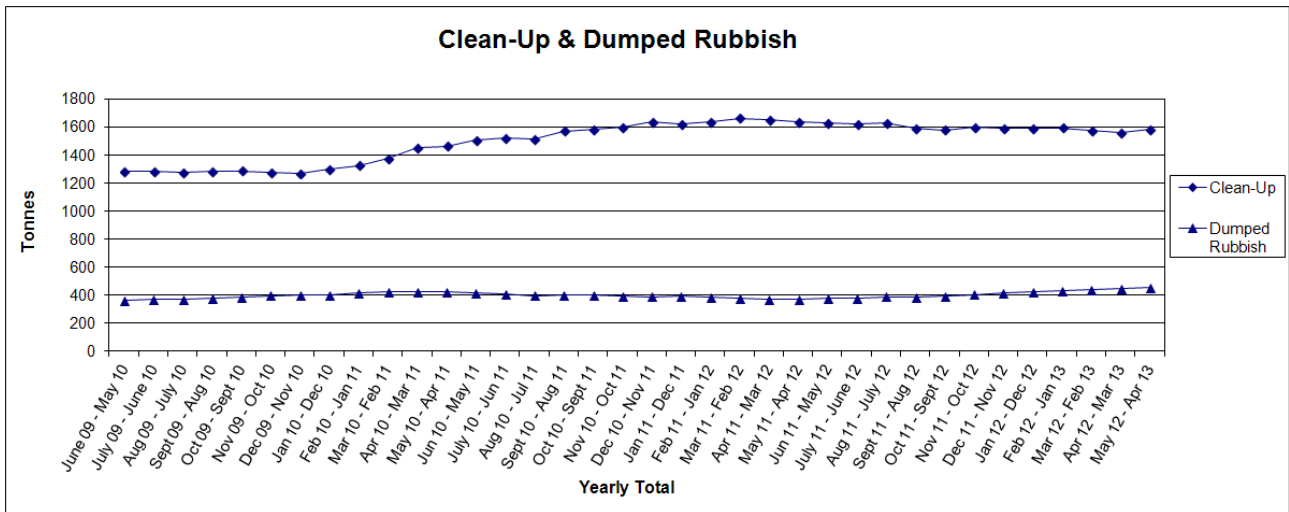


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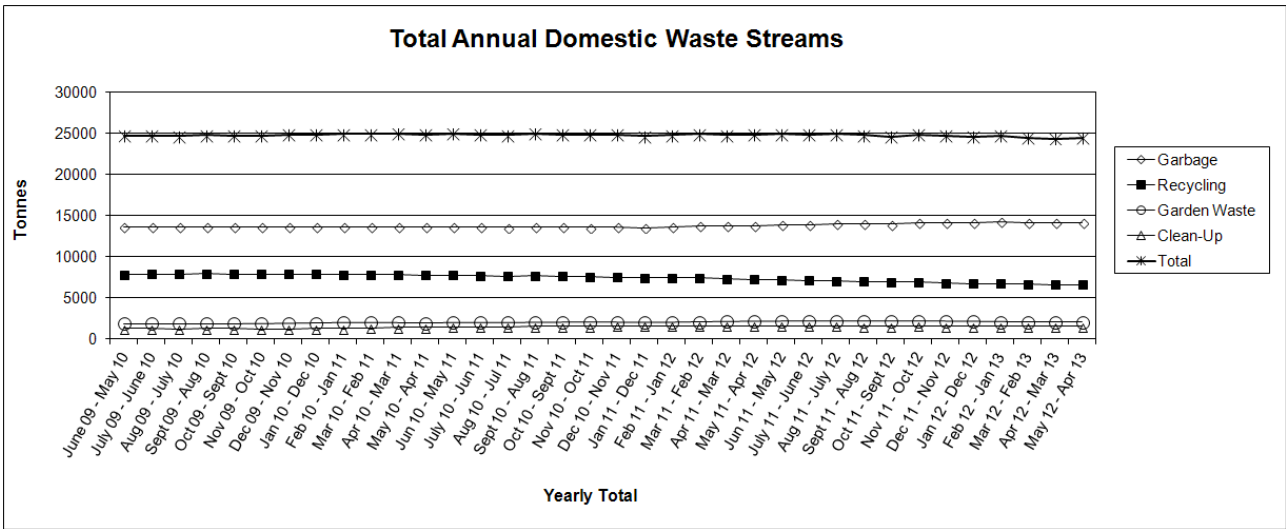
During the month of April 2013, 193.49 tonnes of domestic garden waste was collected.



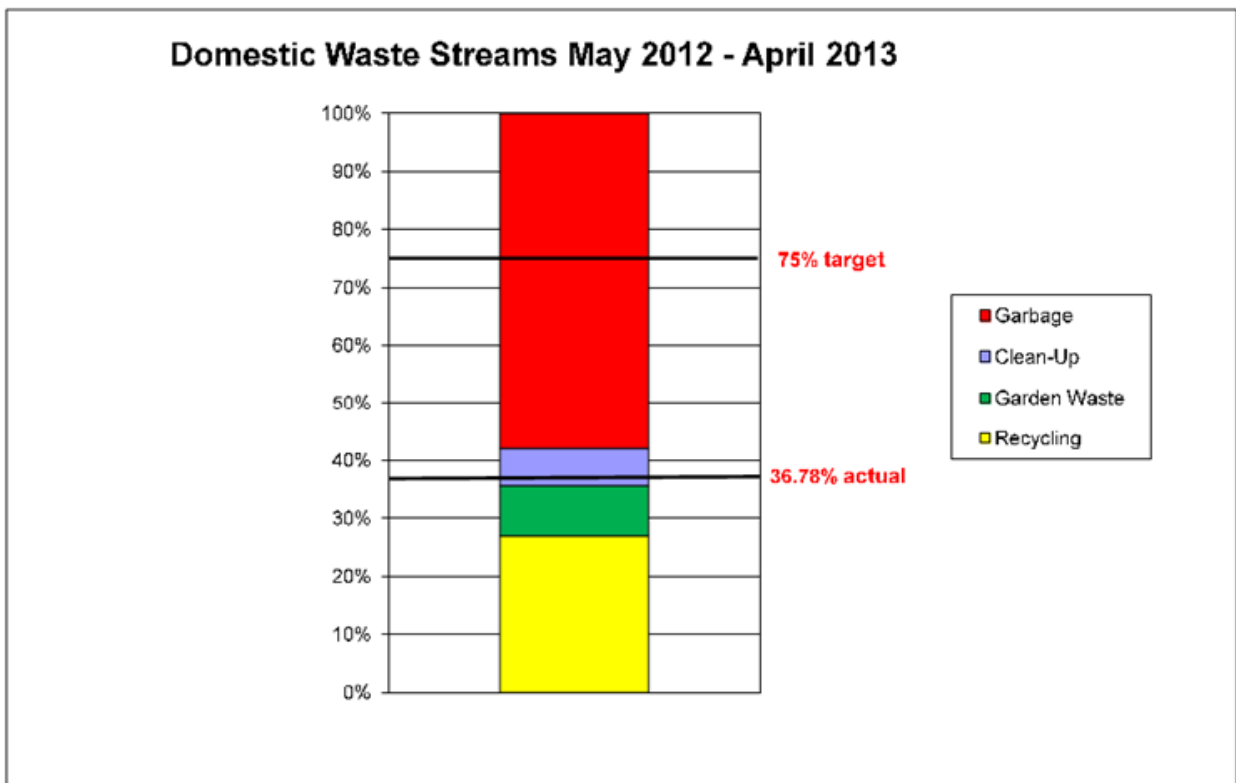
During the month of April 2013, 134.80 tonnes of domestic clean-up was collected and 37.43 tonnes of illegally dumped rubbish was collected.



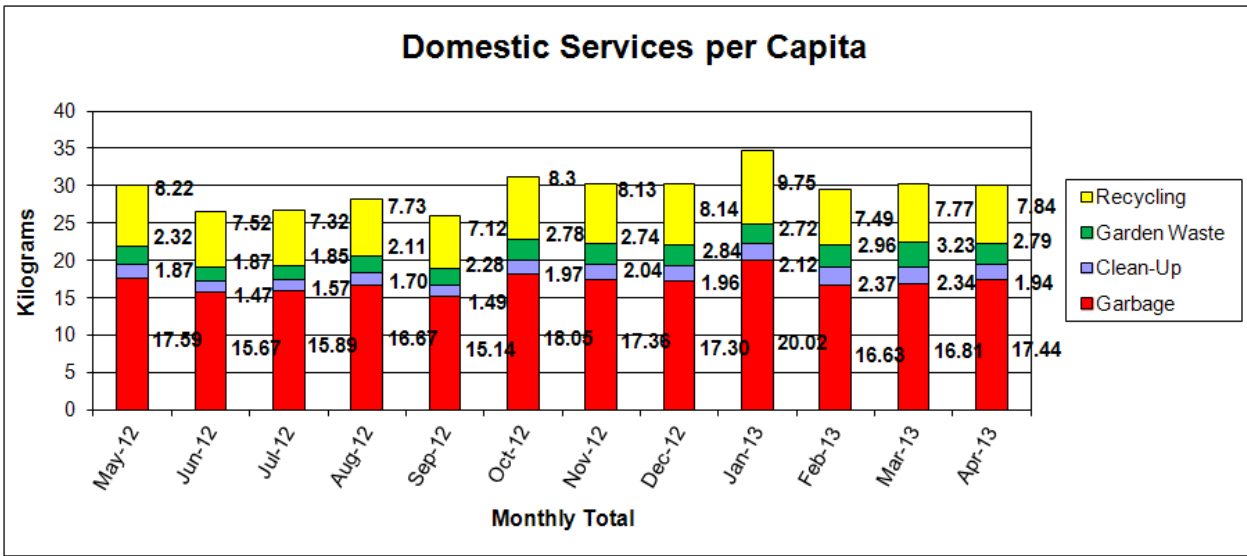
2. Total Annual Domestic Waste Streams



Waverley’s Waste & Resource Recovery Action Plan 2007 – 2017 states that by 2017, Waverley’s total domestic waste stream will have a target of 75% landfill diversion.

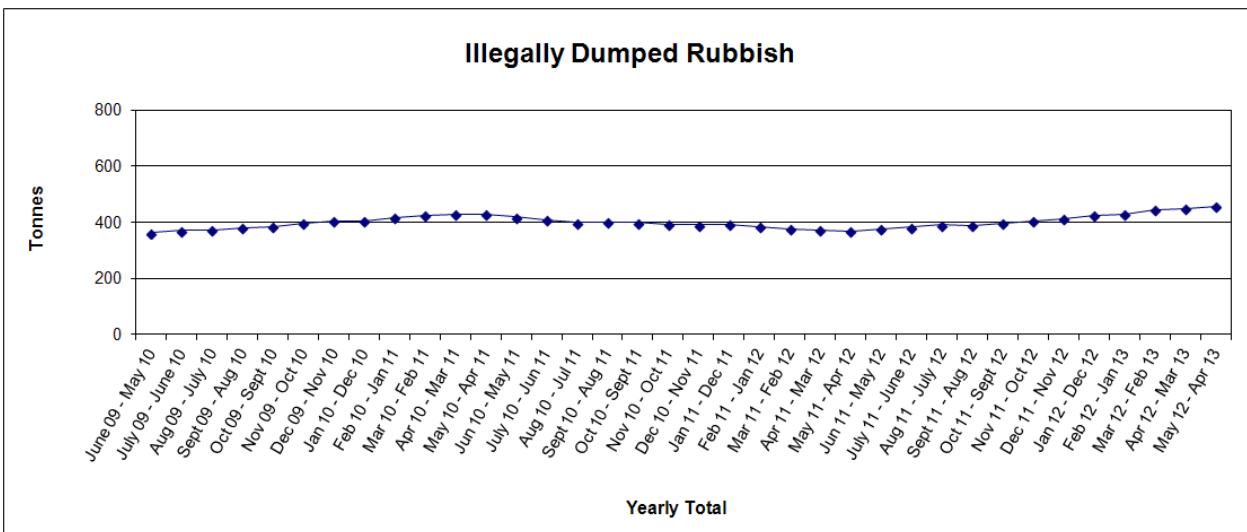
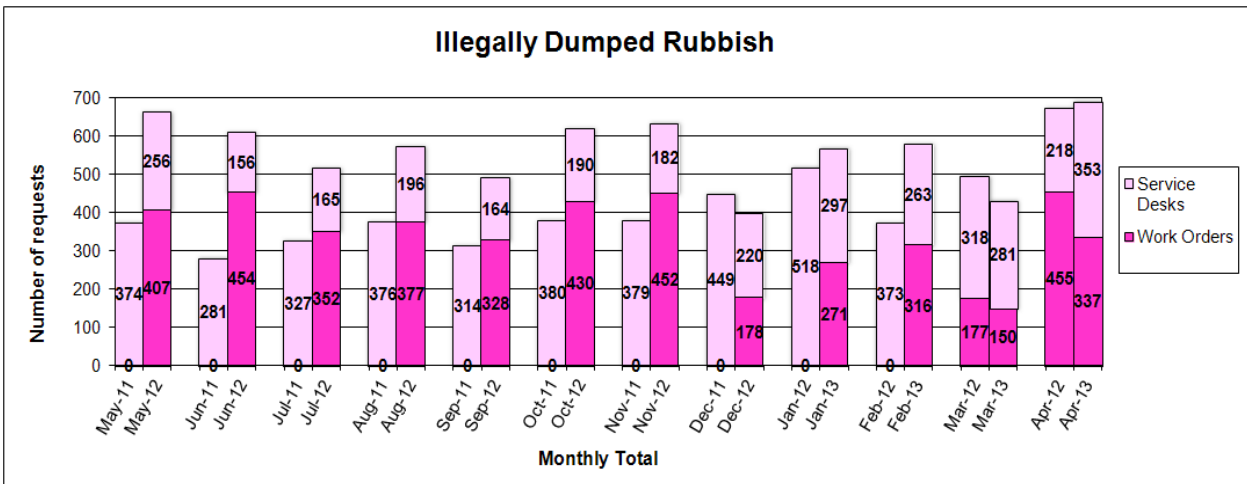


3. Domestic Garbage, Clean-Up, Garden Waste & Recycling per Capita



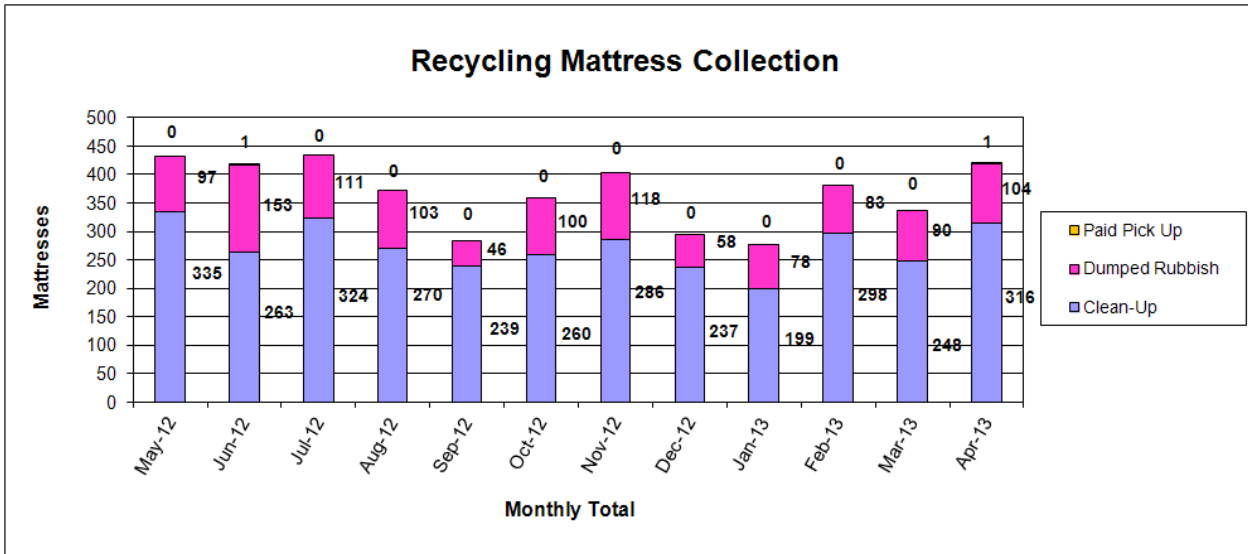
4. Illegally Dumped Rubbish

During the month of April 2013, Waverley Council collected 37.43 tonnes of illegally dumped rubbish. Council received 353 dumped rubbish Service Desk requests (reactive), 167 work order requests (proactive) and 170 illegal dumps were collected by Public Place Cleansing (proactive) during their scheduled services.

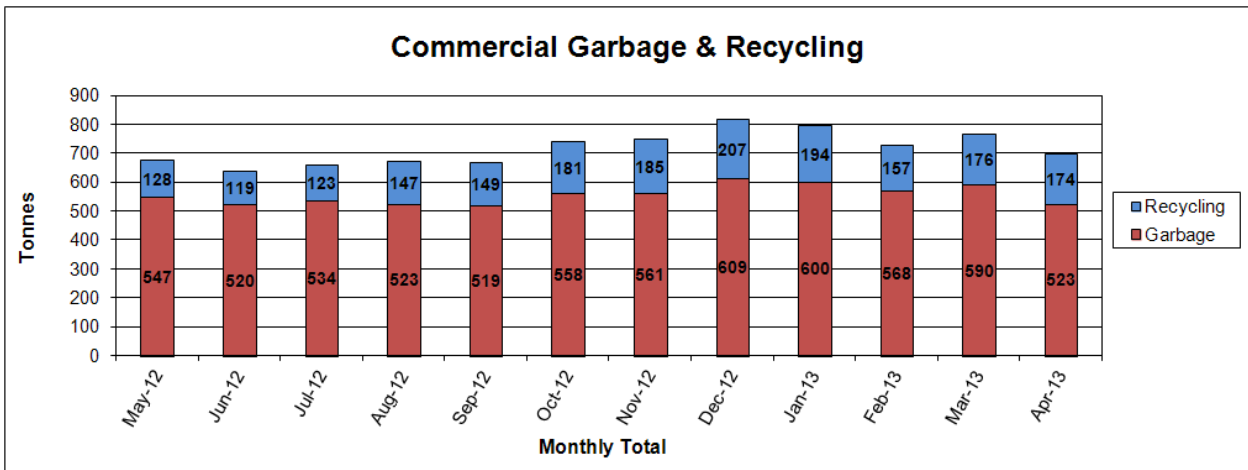


5. Mattresses

During the month of April 2013, 421 mattresses were collected and recycled by Mission Australia and Land Savers. As each mattress equates to 0.7m³, Waverley diverted 294.7m³ of materials from landfill.

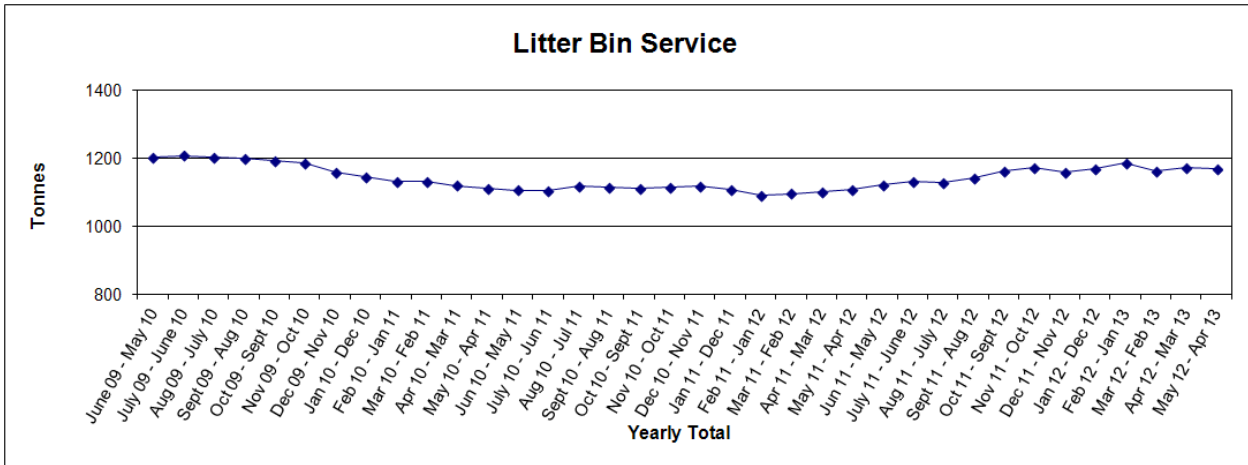


6. Commercial Garbage & Recycling

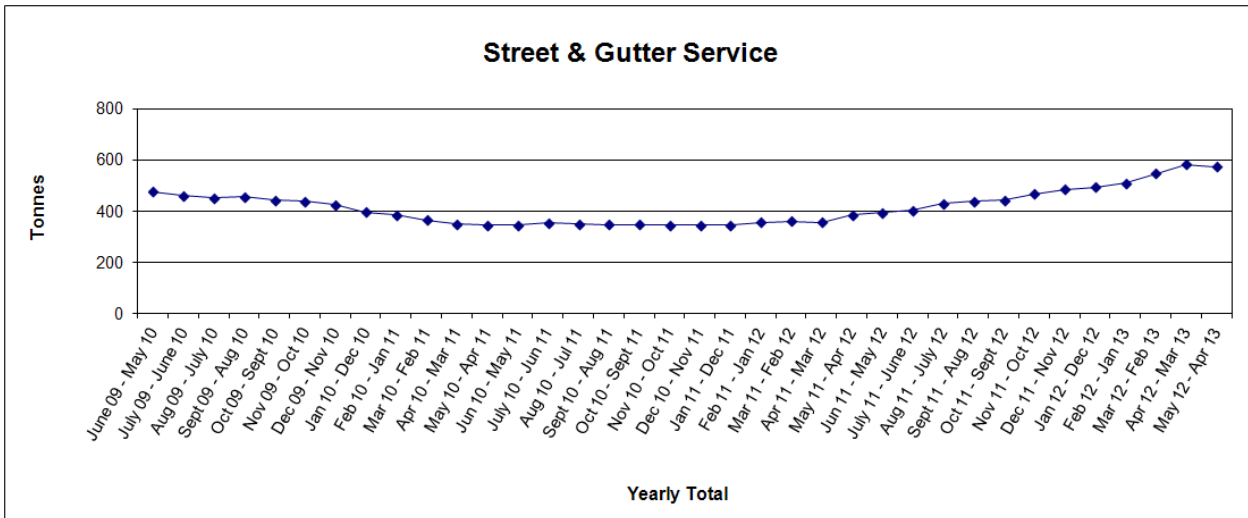


7. Public Place Cleansing

During the month of April 2013, 84.65 tonnes of litter bin waste was collected.



During the month of April 2013, 45.47 tonnes of street litter was collected.



Mark Wood
Director Public Works & Services

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IB-10 Maintenance and Construction Report

Report dated 27 May 2013 from the Director of Public Works and Services.

Recommended: That this report be received and noted.

The following information is a summary of the activities of the Maintenance and Construction Division of Public Works and Services to from 1 April 2013 to 30 April 2013.


1. Maintenance and Construction Unit

This unit provides trades services to various departments within Council and infrastructure repair and reconstruction. The following information summarises activity by this unit.

Unit	Activity
Maintenance Teams	
Plumbing Service	<p>Clearing of sewer chokes due to Council trees:</p> <p>A total of 33 sewer chokes were cleared by Council's plumbers and by contractors.</p> <p>Bubblers were repaired at Tamarama Park, Barracluff Park, Niblick Street Reserve, Calga Reserve, Varna Park, Marks Park and Bondi Park.</p> <p>Stormwater drains were cleared from Penkivil Street, Birrell Street, St Thomas Street, Oxford Street, Murriverie Street, Rickard Street, Henry Street, Imperial Avenue, Lamrock Avenue, Hewlett Street, Ruthven, Street and Wellington Street.</p> <p>Miscellaneous works included repairs to toilets at Bondi Pavilion, irrigation at Roscoe Reserve and Hugh Bamford Reserve and taps at Bronte Park.</p>
Painting Service	<p>Line marking in Narelle Street, Hall Street, Plowman Street and Penkivil Street.</p> <p>Miscellaneous works include oiling of tables and seats in Eora Reserve, St James Road Reserve and Mill Hill courtyard, Painting playground equipment in O'Donnell Street and a timber sign in Simpson Park.</p>
Carpentry Service	<p>38 traffic signs replaced or repaired.</p> <p>4 street signs were replaced.</p> <p>Miscellaneous works included set up and pull down stage for ANZAC Day ceremony, install boot cleaners at Waverley Oval, repair broken fence palings at Rodney Reserve, removal of exhibition units in Bondi Junction Mall, remove of adhesive from concrete at Dover Heights, repairs to Eruv fence at Ben Buckler Reserve and repairs to copper log fence at Diamond Bay.</p>
Pool Cleaning	<p>Bronte Pool was cleaned on 4th, 10th and 18th April 2013.</p> <p>North Bondi Pool was cleaned on 5th, 11th and 19th April 2013.</p>
Pit Cleaning	<p>A total of 86 pits were cleaned.</p> <p>Total weight collected: 3.4 tonnes.</p>

Unit	Activity
Construction Teams	
Paving Repairs	Paving repairs were carried out at the following locations: Mill Hill Centre and Marks Park.
Footpath Repairs	Footpaths were repaired at the following locations: Hardy Street, Liverpool Street, Bangalla Road, Beaumont Road, Henry Street, Imperial Street, Craig Street, Wonderland Avenue, Bronte Road, Dickson Street, Campbell Parade, Bon Accord Avenue, Kenilworth Street, Oxford Street Mall, Blair Street, Illawong Street, Young Street and Bondi Road.
Concrete Repairs	Total concrete area: 277m ²
Asphalt Repairs	Repairs to potholes, and asphalt footpath were conducted at the following locations: Rawson Street, Blair Street, York Road, Penkivil Street, Murray Street, Henry Street, Wellington Street, Military Road, Spring Street, Burke Street, Grosvenor Lane, Cuthbert Street, Keiran Lane, Mackenzie Street and Pine Lane.
	Total asphalt area: 199m ²
Kerb and Gutter	Kerb and gutter repairs were undertaken in Beaumont Street and Liverpool Street. Total: 22LM
SAMP Footpaths	Footpaths reconstruction works completed at the following locations: Ocean Street, Arnold Street, Bronte Road and Yenda Avenue. Total: 305LM Footpaths under construction at the following locations: Bennett Street, Alexander Street and Gaerloch Avenue. Upcoming footpath works at the following locations: Niblick Street, Brassie Street Military Road and Albion Street.
SAMP Kerb & Gutter	Kerb and gutter reconstruction works completed in the following location: Wolaroi Crescent. Total: 170LM. Kerb and gutter works under construction at the following locations: Bronte Road, Brighton Boulevard. Upcoming kerb and gutter works at the following location: Warners Avenue.
SAMP Roads	Road re-sheeting works completed in Queens Park Road. Total: 375LM.

<p>2. Capital Works Unit</p>	<p>The following Capital works projects are being managed by this unit.</p>
<p>Waverley Park Amenities Building</p>	<p>The upgrade of the Waverley Park Amenities Building is identified in the Capital Works Program (Misc Buildings).</p> <p>The new building will house male, female and disabled toilets, store rooms and a multipurpose room. Architect Wayne McPhee was appointed in 2008 to develop the concept design and development application plans for the project.</p> <p>A Development Consent for the new Amenities Building was granted subject to conditions in September 2009 as part of the approval for the Waverley Pavilion. The location of the building is in accordance with the Waverley Park Master Plan.</p> <p>At the October 2012 Community, Housing, Environmental Services & Public Works Committee approval was granted to proceed to tender for the construction of a new Amenities Building in Waverley Park.</p> <p>In order to better co-ordinate the detailed design and construction phases of the project, it is proposed that a Design & Construction (D&C) tender be used for this project rather than the traditional approach of having independent contracts for design and construction.</p> <p>Tender documents were prepared and tenders were called. Tenders closed on 22 April 2013. Tenders received exceeded the project budget and discussions with the project sponsor have been undertaken to reduce project scope for possible cost reduction to meet the current budget restraints. The evaluation committee is currently assessing the situation and preparing a report for Council.</p> <p>If the budget issues are resolved then construction is expected to commence in late July 2013 and be completed by November 2013.</p>
<p>Compliance of Bus Stops with Disability Standards</p>	<p>Works are being carried out as part of an ongoing program to upgrade bus stops to comply with the Federal Government's Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport. 144 bus stops are due to be upgraded. Construction works commenced in January 2013 and to date over 110 sites have been completed. Due to inclement weather delays, tactile paving works are due to be finalised by the end of June 2013.</p>

	 <p data-bbox="836 943 1289 976">Curlewis Street Bus Stop Upgrade</p>
<p data-bbox="204 1070 606 1137">Tamarama Kiosk & Services Building</p>	<p data-bbox="643 1095 1485 1227">Tamarama Kiosk and Services Building has been identified in the Capital Works Program for refurbishment and new construction. The key area of construction for the works are summarised as follows:</p> <ul data-bbox="692 1294 1485 1503" style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of the existing amenities and Services Building • Construction of the new Kiosk and Services Building • Demolition of the existing Kiosk building • Construction of the new SLSC Storage building • Other works in and around the existing Council site. <p data-bbox="643 1563 1485 1727">Tender documents were prepared and tenders were called. The evaluation committee assessed the tenders and prepared a report to present to Council. At the March 2013 Council Meeting, approval was granted to enter into a contract with the preferred tenderer, Kane Constructions.</p> <p data-bbox="643 1742 1485 1809">Demolition works commenced in May 2013, with completion scheduled by September 2013.</p>



Tamarama Kiosk Building Demolition

Mark Wood

Director Public Works and Services

Author: Robert Esdaile, Michael McMahon, Mark Leong, Jack Farag

Information Bulletin



June 2013



Bondi Winter Magic July - October 2013



Now in its fourth year, Council is once again working with the Bondi & District Chamber of Commerce to stage Bondi's destination marketing campaign, 'Bondi Winter Magic'.

The campaign will feature a website containing information on all the various events and activities (Bondi the Beautiful Fair on 7 July, Bondi History Walks every Wednesday and Sunday throughout July, Art on the Streets 14 July, Music on the Streets 28 July) as well as promoting art galleries, Tamarama Rock Surfers Theatre, coastal walks, Bondi's cafes, restaurants and bars, markets and fashion.

Bondi Winter Magic lights will go up in the trees in Hall street and along Campbell Parade and the front of the Bondi Pavilion. The campaign will be launched at Ravesis on 1 July.

Bondi The Beautiful Fair - Bondi Park, Sunday 7 July

Bondi the Beautiful Fair is the first event in the Bondi Winter Magic calendar and is a collaboration between Events & Business Development, Environmental Services and Cultural & Community Services divisions.

The Fair's underlying theme is "reuse and recycling" and will feature information stalls, recycled arts and crafts stalls, demonstrations from our artists in residents, music and entertainment from local schools and entertainers, kids entertainment, organic foods, skate board demonstrations, and a host of other activities.



Waverley Art Prize

The **Waverley Art Prize** competition attracts around 300 entries from artists locally and interstate. Fondly regarded by Eastern Suburbs based artists it has been a stepping stone for eminent contemporary artists such as Janet Lawrence, Wendy Sharpe, Tom Carment and David Fairbairn.

Council is the major supporter of the Waverley Art Prize in partnership with the Waverley Woollahra Art School, the anchor tenant in the Council owned School of Arts building. Council works with the school to promote the prize and hosts the annual exhibition for the last two weeks at Waverley Library. Council is promoting the prize through local media and visual arts networks. A specially designed bookmark has been distributed at the Waverley Library and a new Waverley Art Prize banner will fly on the Syd Einfield drive overpass.

This year's judges are the Archibald Prize 2012 finalist Melissa Egan, Australian Abstract painter Peter Griffen and gallery director Richard Martin of Richard Martin Art Woollahra.

The Opening Night is Thursday 4 July at the School of Arts when the Mayor of Waverley, Cllr Sally Betts will present the art prizes at this popular event. The exhibition at the School of Arts runs until Sunday 14 July 2013. Selected artworks (winners and those highly commended) then move on to be exhibited at the Waverley Library from Thursday 18 July until Friday 2 August 2013.



Mark Bailey
Winner Acrylic Prize 2012

The Waverley Art Prize is acquisitive. Council's sponsorship is the major source of Council's art collection which includes works by Tom Carment, Janet Lawrence, Brian Stratton, Wendy Sharpe, Julian Twigg and Ben Smith.

Resident Theatre Company

Tamarama Rock Surfers (TRS) proudly present David Williamson's groundbreaking Australian play "*The Removalists*". This production will see TRS Artistic Director Leland Kean working closely with Williamson to bring his harrowing, comical and vital Australian classic to the Bondi Pavilion Theatre stage until Saturday 15 June 2013.

The Tamarama Rock Surfers are promoting Saturday matinees of David Williamson's "*The Removalists*" to Seniors in Waverley, with the \$20 Locals Offer when booking online. "*The Removalists*" is recommended for year 11 & 12 English and Drama students and is an HSC Drama prescribed text. It has been attracting excellent reviews.



Following a critically acclaimed debut at Melbourne's La Mama Theatre and an encore season at Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Travis Cotton's "*Robots vs Art*" comedy makes its Sydney debut with Tamarama Rock Surfers at the Bondi Pavilion Theatre from Friday 21 June until Sunday 7 July.

The company welcomes Councillors to their performances. All Councillors receive complimentary tickets for ANY show and are invited to opening nights. Councillors can RSVP their Opening Night tickets to rsvp@rocksurfers.org or call the General Manager, Michael Brown on 9365 0147 or email michael@rocksurfers.org for complimentary tickets for any other night.

The Bondi Pavilion Theatre is open 5 nights a week with the best theatre bar view in Sydney.

Artist in Residence Program

Incoming Artists in Residence Tannya Harricks, Christian Rodriguez and Gretchen Keelty will move into their studios in the Bondi-Waverley School of Arts building in July. During the six month residency, artists will have opportunities to work with the community. The artist in residence program enhances local cultural opportunities to experience contemporary art.



Tannya Harricks Christian Rodriguez Gretchen Keelty

Tannya Harricks is a visual artist and textile designer. Winner of the Mayor's Prize of last year's Waverley Art Prize for her "Australia Day" painting, Tannya's community benefit project is "draw and paw" inspired by the international day of "The Big Draw" held in art galleries. Tannya plans to hold her "Big Draw" in one of Waverley's off-leash parks. She would like to hear from residents in units who have companion dogs and rely on walking the dog to connect with the wider community.



Gretchen Keelty is a Bondi based mural artist. Her community benefit project is to paint murals that lead people to community gardens or public art.

Christian Rodriguez is a Bondi based printmaking, drawing and illustration artist inspired by mapping people and communities in locations. Christian's community benefit project is to etch on top of local maps, the portraits of Waverley people and communities.



Council is currently promoting applications for next year's residencies through visual arts industry networks including artshub, NAVA, Creative Foyer and MGNews. Applications for Artist in Residence program will be considered by the Waverley Public Art Committee.

'The Nib': Waverley Library Award for Literature

Following Council's resolution in March authorising arrangements for the 2013 Nib Literary Award to continue, the Guidelines and Nomination Forms have been revised and circulated to a wide range of publishers, literary agents and organisations. The Guidelines have also been posted on the library website.

There was an 'official launch' at the Sydney Writers Festival on 26 May, in association with the Library's annual presentation of Research and Writing, a panel discussion about literary research by Nib winning and shortlisted authors.

Although the closing date for nominations has been set for 12 July, a number of entries have already been received. These include Penny Olsen's *The Life and Art of Neville Henry Cayley* & *Neville William Cayley*, Edwin Barnard's *Capturing Time*; *Panoramas of Old Australia* and Jacqueline Wright's *Red Dirt Talking* which has already won the T.A.G Hungerford Award. The quality of these books augers well for this year's award.

A number of changes to the general running of the award are under consideration. It is anticipated that these will facilitate a stronger engagement with the local community. These include a re-branding of the award to refresh its image for appeal to both the general community and potential partners.

Bondi Pavilion - Seniors concert

The May Seniors Concert at the Bondi Pavilion was a great success with an audience of over 80 attendees from local nursing homes experiencing the lounge-sounds of the Tim MaCartney Trio, who are made up of local musicians.

Bondi Wave Music Industry Conference

The annual music industry conference was held on 17 May in the High Tide Room of the Bondi Pavilion and was a great success with over 200 attendees from the local area and across Sydney. Guest speakers from top music labels, managers, agents, industry media and producers were present and shared their professional and personal experiences of working in the highly competitive music industry. The purpose of the conference is to offer young people the information they need to when making decisions about or pursuing careers in the music industry. The program was diverse and covered all aspects of this for the attendees, so due to this and the number of attendees, we know we had another outstanding success.



Pottery Classes at Bondi Pavilion.

Term 3 of Pottery Enrolments at the Bondi Pavilion were again a sell-out by the end of the first day of bookings opening. The Pottery studios, which house a kiln, pottery wheels and sculpting tools provide classes for school-aged children, adults, seniors and people with a disability with just under 80 people from the local area given the opportunity to engage in arts activities while providing a social forum for people with similar interests. The program also provides work for artists as tutors.



Emma Anna exhibition 6 – 26 May Foyer Gallery @ Waverley Library

During the month of May the library foyer was adorned with Emma Anna's IMAG_NE sculpture piece, along with a scrapbook style exhibition plotting the work's journey since its inception and premiere at Sculpture by the Sea in 2008. As part of the exhibition, Emma gave an artist talk sharing her journey and challenges in creating large scale artworks.



The public also took part in the exhibition by photographing themselves with the work and the files are to be uploaded to the artist and the library's social media profiles. The public were also been given the opportunity to contribute to the exhibition by completing the sentence 'Sometimes I imagine...', and pinning it up as part of the exhibition.

Some of the responses included:

- That I'm riding a Harley Davidson in a polka dot dress
- A world of unity and judgement
- What Jesus' palace looks like and if my sister is an angel
- That the library has a tuckshop like school so we can eat while studying



Upcoming Library events

Forever Fabulous 14 – 27 June

Foyer Gallery @ Waverley Library

For Seniors Week 2013, Waverley Council was proud to recognise seniors in the community who offer exceptional care or support for a family member, neighbour or friend. This display features portraits and stories of these wonderful seniors who contribute to the vibrancy of our community.

Community Milestones: Historic Society Display

14 – 27 June Foyer Gallery @ Waverley Library

In celebration of the National Heritage Trust Festival, the Waverley Historical Society presents an exhibition about the milestones of some of the iconic buildings in the area, including the Bondi Pavilion, Boot Factory and MacNeil Church.

The view from here: Artworks by refugees

15 June - 3 July Atrium Gallery @ Waverley Library

Launch 19 June 11am – 1pm Waverley Library Theatre

Refugees have put their lives and stories on canvas for you to see. The culmination of their efforts is a two-week exhibition at Waverley Library, in partnership with the Jesuit Refugee Services, to coincide with Refugee Week.

Author talk: Amber Road with Boyd Anderson

Thursday 6 June 10:30am - 11:30am

Waverley Library Theatre

Join author Boyd Anderson and learn how his remarkable research and accurate historical detail has combined with conspiracy, romance and suspense to create an epic story to rival *Gone with the Wind*. To book visit www.eventbrite.com.au or call 9386 7777. Includes light morning tea.

Last-Sunday-of-the-month book sale

30 June 1 – 4pm

Waverley Library Foyer

Quality donated and pre-loved library stock. Great bargains for kids and adults.

Mousing Around - Waverley Library Technology Programs Project

The use of computers, tablets and mobile technologies in everyday communications for work and for pleasure is now commonplace. Without an understanding of these technologies people can experience difficulties personally and professionally. Waverley library is set to offer an affordable solution to this problem to the public and up-skilling staff in the process.

This project will train identified staff to deliver a range of public programs in technology. In doing so the project design incorporates opportunities for fellow library staff to increase their technological skills and confidence to answer simple, common customer service requests about technology. Services will be established to answer more complex requests, for example public workshops, in-house online learning and a list of recommended online tutorials. The public programs entitled 'Tech Time' will start 10 July.



Suspended books at the Library's Monster Book Sale

This winter, as the temperature outside drops, FOWL and Waverley Library are very excited to introduce a new community partnership and inspired initiative that will warm the heart and brighten the day of a disadvantaged or homeless member of the community.

The 'Suspended book' program will be running during the library's general book sale - Friday 31 May 11am - 4pm, Saturday 1 June 10am - 2pm, Sunday 2 June 1 - 4pm. Based on an Italian goodwill tradition, of a suspended coffee; where a generous person pre-pays a coffee for someone who can't afford to buy their own. Waverley Library has borrowed the idea and translated it to books. Visitors have the chance to buy some bargain books for themselves, then buy a 'suspended' book or two for the homeless and disadvantaged.

Books will be collected by FOWL and then be distributed through the community by the amazing team at The Footpath Library. Donators are more than welcome to inscribe their book gifts.

5 Day Monster Sale - Wednesday 29 May to Sunday 2 June

Military Books (including military, cars, trains & planes) Wednesday 29 May 4 - 8pm & Thursday 30 May, 10am - 1pm.

General Books (EVERYTHING including fiction, travel, cooking, kids & crafts) Friday 31 May 11am - 4pm, Saturday 1 June 10am - 2pm, Sunday 2 June 1 - 4pm.

Master Chef Mother's Day visit at the Library

Australia's first Master Chef Julie Goodwin proved to be a most gracious and honest speaker when she visited the Library in May to share the secrets behind her time on the popular TV show and tell us all about her new book. The Theatrette was filled with laughter and good old fashioned fun as babies, children, adults and seniors filled the venue to meet Julie and enjoy mini street fair inspired by Julie's new book *Gather*.



So much more than just books!

This May Waverley Library initiated a plan to visit seniors residential groups to showcase our wonderful services and amazing member benefits.

Starting with a visit to the residents at The Astra retirement village in Bondi, the feedback to this initiative has been overwhelming positive.

Many participants are thrilled at the metamorphosis of the Library into a community hub and the wealth of resources available.

As one participant put it, *'I never realised there was so much more than just books, right under our noses!'*

We're changing our look at the Library!

People will notice a few changes at the Library over the coming months... We're moving some of our collection around to make it easier for customers to find what they're looking for.

We recently surveyed a sample of 160 customers to see how they'd like the collection to be presented, and asking if they'd prefer more books presented by theme, like in a book shop, where you might have all the travel, gardening, biographies and so on displayed by genre. An overwhelming 72% of respondents said they would like to see a change like this.

Staff at the Library have been working hard to weed the collection and rearrange the books, and have devised a series of solutions to help patrons navigate around the collection and browse more easily. There'll be improved signage and some of the shelving will be revamped with more face-out displays of books. With new lounge seating areas, more computer stations and upgraded internet access, and some bright new furniture, the Library will be a more open, bright and relaxing space.

The upgrade will happen gradually over the next six months or so to minimise disruption to customers. Brightly coloured signs around the Library alert customers to the changes and staff are on stand-by to answer any queries people may have.



Waverley Library. www.waverley.nsw.gov.au. More than just books.

Recommendation: That the information be received and noted.

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