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Media Release



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MEDIA RELEASE

1 October 2013

Sustaining Our City – Have your say about continuing the environmental levy

Randwick City Council is proposing to continue the existing environmental levy which has been funding Randwick's highly successful Sustaining Our City program for almost 10 years.

Sustaining Our City has delivered projects across Randwick City including upgrades to the Coastal Walkway in Maroubra, La Perouse and Clovelly, solar panels on community buildings, storm water harvesting in local parks and the annual the Eco-living Fair.

An environmental levy of 6 per cent of total rates was first approved by Council in 2004 and due to its success and ongoing community support it was extended in 2009.

The environmental levy is due to expire in June 2014 and Council is seeking feedback on whether it should continue for another five years.

The increased cost to ratepayers of continuing the levy is quite small as the levy is already being paid. An 'average ratepayer' (with land valued at \$589,500) is currently paying \$84.25 per annum (or 23c per day) towards the levy. If the environmental levy is continued, the average ratepayer would pay an average of \$93.73 per year (26c per day) over the next five years.

If approved, the environmental levy will collect \$20.37 million over five years to be spent on projects such as innovative technologies to save water and energy, completion of future stages of the Coastal Walkway, protection of our coast, and pedestrian and cycleway upgrades.

Randwick Mayor Scott Nash said: "Our residents have really embraced these initiatives. Protecting our local environment is something we take very seriously."

Visit www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/sustainingourcity to fill out our survey, participate in an online discussion, and find more information about the existing environmental levy. You can also read more information and fill out our survey at Council's Libraries and Customer Service Centre.

The proposal is on public exhibition from 9 September 2013 to 7 November 2013.

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Randwick eNews



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RANDWICK eNEWS

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Footy finals fever hits Randwick

Randwick City Council is getting behind our local NRL teams as they progress to the preliminary finals in the competition. Look out for the street banners throughout Randwick City cheering on the South Sydney Rabbitohs and Sydney Roosters - Rabbitohs banners are already up and Roosters banners are going up

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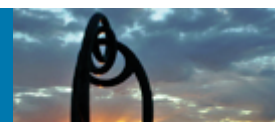
NSW Police beach soccer
tournament

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Official opening of DRLC

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soon. Good luck to both sides in the finals!



Have your say on Sustaining Our City

Council is considering an application to continue the Sustaining Our City environmental levy, which helps to fund important environmental improvements and sustainability initiatives across Randwick City. The levy has been in place for the past 10 years. Visit www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/sustainingourcity for all the facts and to have your say.



Coogee playground reopening tomorrow

Come along to Alby Smith Memorial Playground (corner of Dolphin and Melody Streets Coogee) from 3.30pm tomorrow (Thursday 19 September) and join Mayor Tony Bowen as he officially reopens the playground following a \$190,000 upgrade. There'll be a free afternoon tea, face painting, and a coffee cart for parents. See you there! [\[More\]](#)



'Discover Your Coast' these school holidays

With the school holidays around the corner, local parents can avoid hearing choruses of 'I'm bored' by signing their youngsters up for some fun holiday activities. The Discover Your Coast program runs from 30 September to 3 October and includes a including a range of free and low cost activities. [\[More\]](#)



Garden Awards 2013 winners announced

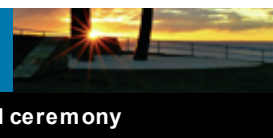
The greatest gardens in Randwick City have been honoured as part of the Garden Awards 2013. The ceremony took place at the Eco-living Fair on Sunday. Helen Hutcherson from Randwick took out first prize for best residential garden, while the best school garden category was won by Maroubra Bay Public School. [\[More\]](#)



Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Randwick City Councillors will elect a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor at an extraordinary Council meeting next Tuesday 24 September. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in the Council

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Bali memorial ceremony

Randwick Environment Park Bushcare

Saturday 21 September, 9am
Randwick Environment Park

PermaBee in the Permaculture Interpretive Garden

Saturday 21 September, 2pm
Randwick Community Centre

Teen holiday activity Dungeons and Dragons Intro and Refresher

Wednesday 25 September, 2pm
Bowen Library, Maroubra

Teen holiday activity: Dungeons and Dragons Epic

Friday 27 September, 10.30am
Bowen Library, Maroubra

Cyberwise workshop: Google demystified

Friday 27 September, 10am
Bowen Library, Maroubra

Coastal bush food walk & talk

Monday September 30, 12.30pm
La Perouse

Catch 'n' cook – sustainable fishing clinic

Monday 30 September, 2.30pm
La Perouse

Gothic Book Club

Monday 30 September, 6.30pm
Bowen Library, Maroubra

Want to join our team?

Randwick City Council is a high-performing Council which values the contributions of its employees.

Applications Developer

Salary: \$95,363-\$104,912

This position will plan, design, develop and implement effective application and web based solutions to support the business, making use of appropriate technology and producing quality computer information systems to enable internal and external customers to interact and communicate on a cost effective basis.

Creche Assistants (Casual)

Salary: \$30.02 gross per hour

This role will be involved in all aspects of the day to day operation and running of the Creche at the Des Renford Leisure Centre including: hands on child care, maintenance and cleaning; enforcing of policies and procedures; and assisting in record keeping.



Chambers, Randwick Town Hall, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick at 6pm. [\[More\]](#)



Boost your brain power

A Memory Information Day will be held at the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum on Saturday 28 September. Drop in any time between 10am and 3pm and chat to staff from the local Dementia Advisory Centre and Alzheimer's Australia NSW about cutting your risk of developing dementia and how to keep your brain healthy. [\[More\]](#)



Road closures this Sunday

More than 35,000 people are expected to participate in this year's Blackmores Sydney Running Festival this Sunday 22 September. As a result, some traffic restrictions will affect Moore Park and Centennial Park from 4am until approximately 1.30pm and some delays on surrounding roads may be experienced. For more information about road closures go to www.livetraffic.com or call 132 701.



Senior Building Surveyor (Fire Safety and Essential Services)

Salary: \$47,332-\$52,079

This position will effectively and efficiently implement Council's Essential Services (Fire Safety) Program in accordance with relevant legislation, policies and procedures, and in a professional and customer focused manner.

Tender and Contracts Analyst

Salary: \$73,388-\$80,723

This role will participate in the management of Council's tendering and quotation processes, including the drafting of tender specifications, requests for quotations, tender evaluation plans and reports to Council.

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Roads and footpaths upgrade in full swing

Getting around in Randwick City is set to get even easier – whether you're walking, in a wheelchair or pushing a pram around. Local roads and footpaths are currently being upgraded, built or refurbished as part of Council's \$1.7 million footpath

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Sydney's
**WHITE
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works program and \$3.25 million roads upgrade program. See our website for more details about upgrades in your suburb. [\[More\]](#)



Have your say on Sustaining Our City

It's your last chance to have your say on whether Council's Sustaining Our City levy, which helps to fund important environmental improvements and sustainability initiatives across Randwick City, should continue. Visit our website to find out more and share your thoughts. [\[More\]](#)



Lifeguards keeping us safe

Thanks to Randwick City Council lifeguards Pat Falzon and Ewan Sorley for their efforts last Thursday. A 24-year-old woman collapsed at the north end of the beach and when Lifeguards arrived on the scene, she wasn't breathing and had no pulse. Their quick actions (involving CPR and a defibrillator) led to a happy ending. Nice one fellas. [\[More\]](#)



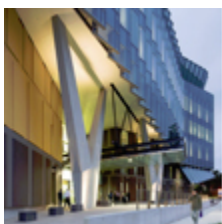
Heffron Park, Maroubra amenities building underway

We're constructing a new \$1.15 million amenities building at Heffron Park in Maroubra as part of Council's Buildings for our Community program. The new building will include toilets, change rooms, and storage. Work is expected to be complete by February 2014. [\[More\]](#)



Happy Halloween!

For everyone trick-or-treating this Thursday, here are some simple steps you can take to make sure your kids are safe: Walk safely, make sure children are properly supervised and carry a torch or lamp. If you're giving out treats, put a light or decorations on your home and if you're driving please slow down! [\[More\]](#)



Architecture on Show – final talk of the year!

Join renowned architects Richard Francis-Jones and Joe Agius as they present their prize-winning research buildings, Tyree Energy Technologies and Neura, from this year's Randwick Urban Design Awards. The talk will be held on 6 November. 6pm



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WALK



Sydney's White Ribbon Walk

Spooky Science Fair

Thursday 31 October, 4pm
Bowen Library, Maroubra

Little Spark! Discovery Club

Monday 4 November, 10.30am
Malabar Community Library

Understanding depression and suicide prevention information session

Wednesday 6 November, 7pm
Margaret Martin Library, Randwick

The Next Chapter Art Group

Thursday 7 November, 10.30am
Margaret Martin Library, Randwick

The Knit-in Group

Friday 8 November, 12.30pm
Margaret Martin Library, Randwick

South Maroubra Art Show

Friday 8 November to Sunday 10 November
Corner Malabar Road and Meagher Avenue,
South Maroubra

University Preparation Program Information Evening

Monday 11 November, 6pm
Bowen Library, Maroubra

Want to join our team?

Randwick City Council is a high-performing Council which values the contributions of its employees.

Coordinator Integrated Planning and Reporting

Salary: \$95,363-\$104,912

The role will actively contribute to the organisation-wide corporate improvement approach by undertaking strategic business planning and meeting legislative requirements.

Information Officer

Salary: \$54,320-\$59,697

We're seeking an IT savvy individual with excellent communication skills to join our Information Management team and be

responsible for the efficient flow of information through Council.

Ranger (Seasonal)

Salary: Up to \$69,764 pa pro-rata

We're seeking an experienced Ranger to join the team for the busy summer period. If you have previous experience in a regulatory environment

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The team will be held on 5 November, 9pm
at Tyree Building, UNSW. [\[More\]](#)



Orica Botany mercury review

The Environmental Protection Authority has appointed an independent company to conduct a review of potential mercury contamination around the Orica plant in the Port Botany Industrial complex. Got any information? Email

IndependentMercury@cdmsmith.com or
phone 8918 8800 by 5 November. [\[More\]](#)

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proven experience in a regulatory environment
and strong customer service and conflict
resolution skills, we'd like to hear from you.

WHS, Risk and Welfare Officer

Salary: \$69,636-\$76,610

This role will undertake a variety of activities
within WHSRW including managing Workers
Compensation claims, RTW management,
systems improvements, safety training
functions, site inspections, risk assessments and
projects, audits and investigations.

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Have your say on Coogee Beach amenities

We're investigating design options for the toilets, change rooms and bus shelter located on Arden Street at Coogee Beach. Do you use the facilities? What do you think is good or could be improved? Your feedback will provide valuable information to

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help us plan future works to the site so that these facilities continue to meet the needs of the community into the future. [More]



Where's Randwick City's best beach?

Share your photos and stories about the best summer beaches in Randwick City on our Facebook page and connect with thousands of other local residents. We regularly post information about the local area, great places to visit and quirky things you may not know! [More]



Are you playing renovation roulette?

November is Asbestos Awareness Month. One in three Australian homes contains asbestos building materials and those built or renovated before the mid-80s are most likely to contain asbestos. Visit the Asbestos Awareness website for more information. [More]



Randwick's got busking talent – and a \$500 cash prize

The Lexington Busking Competition is Randwick City Council's annual competition and is on November 23. The competition is open to all ages and to solo and group performers who can entertain a family-friendly audience on the street. Register now. [More]



Help us make you a great new website

We're building a new Randwick City Council website and we need your help to get the structure right. Every good website has a simple and logical navigation structure to help users find information fast. Take our two-minute survey to give us important information. [More]

Zoe Carides headlines free



play reading at Bowen Library

Award-winning actress, writer, and filmmaker, Zoe Carides stars in Tarantula, a provocative work from Australian playwright Alana Valentine. With cello accompaniment from Richard Mills, the play explores the life of infamous actress and courtesan Lola Montez. [More]

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The Ladies' Pool Bushcare

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Bowen Library, Maroubra

Recycling Tour to Chullora Resource Recovery Park

Thursday 14 November, 10.30am
Materials Recovery Facility at Chullora
Resource Recovery Park

Tea, poetry and politics: 'The Petrov Poems' by Lesley Lebkowicz

Sunday 17 November, 2pm
Margaret Martin Library, Randwick

Totally Random Book Club

Monday 18 November, 4pm
Bowen Library, Maroubra

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Coordinator Learning and Development

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Build on the existing talent management strategy and make your impact on organisational leadership development.

Health and Building Compliance Officer

Salary: \$73,388-\$80,723

This role effectively implements Council's

regulatory environmental, building, development control and public health functions and services complying with relevant legislation and with a focus on quality customer service

Information Officer

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We need an IT savvy individual with excellent

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Last chance to have your say on Sustaining Our City

Council's six per cent Sustaining Our City levy helps to fund important environmental improvements and sustainability projects like upgrades to the Coastal Walkway in Maroubra, La Perouse and Clovelly. We want to know your thoughts on whether the levy should continue or not. [\[More\]](#)

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Volunteer in the Permaculture Interpretive Garden

Join permaculture horticulturalist Emma Daniel and help plant out, weed, harvest and maintain the compost. The garden is an edible landscaped public park that is also used as a training venue for Randwick Council's Living Smart and Organic Gardening courses. [\[More\]](#)

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RANDWICK NEWS



A huge thank you to the many thousands of people who turned out on Sunday to make our ninth Eco-living Fair a spectacular success! The biggest celebration of all things green and sustainable, our Eco-living Fair has raised the bar pretty high both in terms of valuing and appreciating our environment, and in getting our community together for a great day out.

Highlights this year included Lady Sings It Better who rocked the main stage, free valet parking for bikes, scrumptious treats from the food trucks – a new addition this year – raw food and composting workshops and lots of tips on saving water and energy around your home and living more sustainably. We also had giveaways including a flashy commuter bicycle worth over \$600, and vegetable box subscriptions. Council's Community Nursery came to the party too, giving away more than 3,000 native plants.

We remember

With the coming of spring, our thoughts turn to a sad anniversary our community marks each year – 12 October, the date of the tragic Bali bombings in 2002 in which 88 Australians perished, many of them members of our own eastern beaches community.

This year, as we do each year, we will gather together on 12 October at the Bali Memorial at Dolphins Point overlooking Coogee Beach, to pay tribute to lives lost, and comfort family and friends who still grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Vale Nancy Hillier

I was saddened to learn last week of the death of Botany resident and tireless environmental campaigner Nancy Hillier OAM. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time; and she will long be remembered as champion for our local area, and an inspiring woman.

Councillor Tony Bowen
Mayor of Randwick

 @randwickmayor

What's On

Memory Information Day - Celebrating Carers Week

Chat with staff from the Dementia Advisory Service and Alzheimer's Australia at the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum at 2 Brodie Avenue, Little Bay. Saturday 28 September 2013 between 10am to 3pm.

No bookings required. For all enquiries contact Frida Kitas on 9399 0972.

Playground opening

Celebrate the reopening of the Alby Smith Memorial Playground! Thursday 19 September from 3.30pm; corner of Melody and Dolphin Streets, Coogee. Phone 1300 722 542 for more information.

Randwick and Coogee Amateur Swimming Club

It's time to get wet! The Club swims at Wylie's Baths every Saturday from October to March. To register, call Annette Moran on 0417 169 970.

Des Renford Leisure Centre

The weight is almost over! Come along and check out the brand new Des Renford Leisure Centre, Robey Street Maroubra on Monday 7 October. All welcome; free access to the centre facility.



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Administrative Centre
30 Frances Street
Randwick NSW 2031

Development Applications

On exhibition

KENSINGTON

DA/576/2013, **52 LENTHALL ST:** Alterations to the existing dwelling including two storey addition at rear, double carport to front of the dwelling, swimming pool to rear, landscaping and associated works (Heritage Conservation Area).

LITTLE BAY

DA/574/2013, **SHOP 6/2-8 PINE AVE:** Fit-out and use of the existing premises as a restaurant including new signage with hours of operation Monday to Saturday 7am to 11pm and Sunday 7am to 10pm (Heritage Conservation Area).

MAROUBRA

DA/580/2013, **206-210 MAROUBRA RD:** Demolition of existing structures, site amalgamation and construction of an eight (8) storey mixed-use building. Development comprises a ground floor retail tenancy and 23 residential units above, communal rooftop terrace areas, parking for 27 vehicles over basement, ground and first floor levels, associated site works including removal of a tree and landscaping works.

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DA/544/2011/D, **40 EARL ST:** Section 96 modification of the approved development by relocating the stairs externally with privacy screen, deleting pergola and changing the size of the openings on the east elevation. Original consent: Alterations and additions to the existing semi detached dwelling including new detached garage at the rear of the site (Heritage conservation Area). >> DA/590/2013, **185 DARLEY RD:** Alterations and two storey addition to the rear of the existing dwelling house including roof terrace (Heritage Conservation Area).

The above applications are on exhibition until **Wednesday 2 October 2013.**

You may inspect the applications and make written submissions to Council within the specified period. Information about the application process and making submissions is available on Council's website. If you object to an application, the reasons for the objection must be included. Council will not acknowledge the receipt of any submissions. If you or an associate has made a reportable political donation or gift within the period of two years before the making of a submission, you must disclose these details in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008. All public submissions on proposed developments will be considered in each Assessment Report prepared by Council. Summaries of submissions, names and addresses of people making submissions may be included in the Assessment Report. Submissions are kept on file and may be accessed by other members of the public under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

Determined

Randwick Council has issued the following development consents and complying development certificates.

CHIFLEY

DA/456/2013, **65 MACQUARIE ST:** Installation of a shade sail structure within an existing child care centre >> DA/594/2011/B, **39 WARBURTON ST:** Section 96 modification of the approved development by increase in

height of building and decks, alteration to windows, revision to landscaping and drainage.

CLOVELLY

DA/449/2013, **35 BURNIE ST:** Alterations and new attic addition to the existing dwelling house.

COOGEE

DA/954/2009/A, **64 MELODY ST:** Section 96 modification of the approved development consent by relocating garage and associated driveway to southern side boundary, changes to the ground floor addition, extension of the rear ground floor deck, changes to roof, relocation of outdoor shower and changes to the front and rear landscaped areas and front fence design.

KENSINGTON

DA/380/2013, **42 MILROY AVE:** Demolition of existing garage, alterations and additions to the existing dwelling including new first floor, new garage to side of the dwelling, swimming pool and cabana with cellar to rear and associated works (Heritage Conservation Area) >> DA/673/2012/B, **49 BORONIA ST:** Section 96 application to modify condition 12 of the consent relating to consolidation of the allotments (Heritage Item).

KINGSFORD

DA/381/2013/A, **343 ANZAC PDE:** Section 96 application to modify condition 25 due to minor error.

MAROUBRA

DA/243/2013, **385 MAROUBRA RD:** Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including new first floor >> DA/504/2012, **47 BOND ST:** Alterations to the existing multi-unit residential building including additional floor resulting in 6 units over 3 levels with semi-basement and ground level carparking for 8 vehicles (SEPP1 objections to floor space ratio, landscape area and height controls).

PHILLIP BAY

DA/402/2013, **4 CANARA AVE:** Alterations and first floor addition to the existing dwelling house.

RANDWICK

DA/386/2013, **111 OBERON ST:** Alterations to existing dwelling including first floor addition at rear, extension of existing garage with terrace above, swimming pool to rear, landscaping and associated works >> DA/423/2013, **9/3 ALBERT ST:** Installation of air conditioning unit on second floor balcony of unit 9 and addition of glass panels to top of existing balustrade on deck >> DA/465/2013, **9/122 CARRINGTON RD:** Internal works to Unit 9 including removal of portion of 2 load-bearing walls to create larger living area >> DA/82/2013/A, **85 DARLEY RD:** Section 96 modification to the approved development by altering the floor level of bathroom and relocation of a door to ensuite, new concrete path along western boundary and provide opaque glass to staircase window (Heritage Conservation Area).

The validity of development consents shall not be questioned except in legal proceedings commenced within 3 months of the date of this Notice. The consents can be viewed free of charge, at Council's Customer Service Centre during business hours or from Council's website.

Have your say

Sustaining Our City

We want to hear your views about whether to continue an existing 6 per cent environmental levy which funds Randwick's Sustaining Our City program. Sustaining Our City has been successfully delivering environmental improvements and sustainability initiatives across Randwick City for 10 years.

From 9 September to 1 November, 2013 visit **www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/sustainingourcity** to fill out our survey and find out more about the continuation of the environmental levy to support important environmental programs.

You can also get more information and complete our survey at our Libraries and Customer Service Centre.

Upcoming Precinct meetings

Maroubra Beach Precinct

Monday 23 September, 7:30pm
Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club
Marine Parade, Maroubra Beach

Extraordinary Council meeting

Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Tuesday 24 September at 7pm

Randwick Town Hall, corner of Frances and Avoca Streets Randwick

Bowen Library
669-673 Anzac Parade
Maroubra NSW 2035

Margaret Martin Library
Level 1, Royal Randwick
Shopping Centre, Randwick

Malabar Library
1203 Anzac Parade
Matraville NSW 2036



I believe that our residents deserve to have a say in the future of Randwick City. I also believe that by involving residents in Council's projects and plans, we get better outcomes. After all, local residents know their local streets, parks and beaches better than anybody.

As a council, we're committed to genuine community consultation. We're committed to listening to your views and we're committed to using your feedback to make Randwick City an even better place to live and work. We have a policy that makes community consultation an integral part of the way we do business.

For many years, we've used a dedicated community consultation website www.yoursayrandwick.com.au to get your feedback and ideas on Council's proposed projects and plans. Our major consultation projects are run through this website where you can participate and have your say. We read and consider everything that we receive through that website.

Most recently, we asked for comments on the proposed extension of the Sustaining Our City environmental levy which has helped fund things like the Coastal Walkway, solar panels, stormwater harvesting and the Eco-living Fair. Almost 7,000 responses have been received both online and through printed surveys. We're still going through the responses and a report and the survey results will go to a Council meeting next month.

We also run face-to-face meetings through our community-run precinct system. We have 12 local precincts and each holds meetings most months. You are welcome to attend your local precinct meeting and discuss any local matters or concerns, and Council will respond.

And we also use new technology to speak with everyone. We have active Facebook and Twitter followers and the myRandwick app where you can report problems or track DAs. Our Randwick eNews, published every Wednesday, is nearing 10,000 subscribers! Each week it's jam-packed with the latest works, events and consultations. You can sign up by going to www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/enews.

As Mayor, it's great to see a community so passionate about their local area. Thank you for your ongoing feedback on our activities. Your comments are really important and are helping shape the future of your City.

Councillor Scott Nash
Mayor of Randwick

 @randwickmayor

What's On

Cyberwise Workshop Before Basics

Friday 22 November, 10am-11.30am, Bowen Library, Maroubra

A 90 minute practice session for those with little or no previous experience with computers.

Never Too Much Information! Bettina Arndt on the unmentionables: the sex topics we still don't talk about

Wednesday 27 November, 7pm-8pm, Margaret Martin Library, Randwick

One of Australia's first sex therapists is back talking about - you guessed it - sex! Arndt, an international best-selling author presents these often embarrassing topics with humour and sensitivity.

The Edible Balcony by Indira Naidoo

Saturday 30 November, 11am-12pm, Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay

Join TV broadcaster Indira Naidoo for an exclusive gardening workshop and discover how you can create a thriving edible garden in pots on your balcony, windowsill or terrace.



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COOGEE

DA/750/2013, **9-11 BADEN ST:** Demolition of existing residential flat building and construction of new 4 storey residential flat building containing 7 units, basement car parking for 10 vehicles, landscaping, strata subdivision and associated works (Variation to floor space ratio control).

KENSINGTON

DA/754/2013, **1 LENTHALL ST:** Two level addition comprising of new kitchen, family room and office to rear of existing dwelling (Heritage Conservation Area).

RANDWICK

DA/738/2013, **7 STEWART ST:** Alterations and additions to existing dwelling including new first floor, construction of double hard stand car park space with roller door accessed from Nancye Street, alterations to front fence, deck adjacent to side boundary, landscaping and associated works (Heritage Conservation Area).

MAROUBRA

DA/743/2013, **216-218 MAROUBRA RD:** Alterations and additions to the existing residential care building fronting Green Street including installation of new ventilation louvres, new exit and step at basement level, internal reconfiguration, new entry awning fronting Green Street, new landscaping works with fence/gates at ground level, partial enclosure of the existing covered walkway at first floor level for new offices and store room, and upgrade to the pedestrian bridge connecting the two buildings, and installation of new skylights.

SOUTH COOGEE

DA/742/2013, **244 MALABAR RD:** Alterations and additions to the existing residential care building fronting Gregory Street, including internal reconfiguration, new shade structure over the existing courtyard on the south-western side of the building, installation on new air conditioning units on garage roof, external facades and balconies for each room, creation of ambulance access including widening of the bridge entrance from Gregory Street, new covered entry awning to the building, new illuminated signage and letter box fronting Gregory Street, and associated landscaping works.

The above applications are on exhibition until
Wednesday 11 December 2013.

You may inspect the applications and make written submissions to Council within the specified period. Information about the application process and making submissions is available on Council's website. If you object to an application, the reasons for the objection must be included. Council will not acknowledge the receipt of any submissions. If you or an associate has made a reportable political donation or gift within the period of two years before the making of a submission, you must disclose these details in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment (Political Donations) Act 2008. All public submissions on proposed developments will be considered in each Assessment Report prepared by Council. Summaries of submissions, names and addresses of people making submissions may be included in the Assessment Report. Submissions are kept on file and may be accessed by other members of the public under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.

Determined

Randwick Council has issued the following development consents and complying development certificates.

COOGEE

DA/333/2013, **180-196 COOGEE BAY RD:** Addition of hand carwash and self-serve pet wash station to upper parking level at Coogee Bay shopping Centre with associated signage >>DA/660/2013, **307 ALISON RD:** Alterations and additions to the existing

dwelling house including enclosure of existing rear terrace, infill existing windows, and install new louvres and new glazing to existing windows at front façade.

KENSINGTON

DA/662/2013, **14 COTTENHAM AVE:** Alterations and first floor addition to the existing dwelling >> DA/665/2013, **56 MILROY AVE:** Construction of a new underground storage cellar below the carport area (Heritage Conservation Area).

MALABAR

DA/100/2013/A, **88 VICTORIA ST:** Section 96 modification of the flood level referred in condition 39 of the consent Original Consent: Demolition of the existing garage and construction of a new double garage fronting Victoria Lane >> DA/372/2013/A, **35 AUSTRAL ST:** Section 96 modification of the approved development by reduction in size of the first floor balcony and amend condition 2 . Original consent: Alterations and first floor addition to the existing dwelling house >> DA/545/2013, **50 VICTORIA ST:** Alterations and additions to the existing dwelling house including new fence on front boundary and part of north-western side boundary.

MAROUBRA

DA/466/2013, **48 WALSH AVE:** Alterations and additions to the existing dwelling house including a new first floor addition, a garage on the northern side of the dwelling, a new in-ground swimming pool and a new front boundary fence >> DA/572/2013, **126 BOYCE RD:** Alterations and rear addition to the existing health consulting rooms>>DA/577/2013, **22 CHICHESTER ST:** Alterations and additions to the existing dwelling including new first floor, carport to front of the dwelling and associated works >> DA/579/2013, **40 WHITE AVE:** First floor rear addition to previously approved development on existing dwelling and balconies at rear on ground floor and on northern side at first floor level.

PHILLIP BAY

DA/492/2013, **1-19 KOOROOERA AVE:** Demolition of all sheds on the Chinese Market Gardens (Heritage Item).

RANDWICK

DA/563/2013, **10 HODGSON ST:** Alterations and first floor addition to the existing semi-detached dwelling house (Heritage Conservation Area) >> DA/618/2012, **53 HENDY AVE:** Installation of retractable awning to front of existing dwelling and operable pergola to rear.

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Upcoming Precinct Meetings

Clovelly Precinct

Monday 2 December at 7:30pm
Clovelly Senior Citizens Centre,
40-42A Arden Street, Clovelly

La Perouse Precinct

Monday 2 December at 7:00pm
Prince Henry Centre, Cnr Pine Avenue
& Coast Hospital Road, Little Bay

Randwick Precinct

Wednesday, 4 December at 7:30pm
Malabar Room, Randwick Town Hall
Avoca Street, Randwick

Maroubra Central

Thursday, 5 December at 7:00pm
First Floor, Bowen Library
669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra Junction

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RANDWICK NEWS



When I was re-elected as Mayor of Randwick in September this year, I made it a priority to preserve Council's position as a leader in environmental initiatives.

Like many in our community, I'm passionate about our local environment. I believe it's one of our greatest assets and I'm proud that Council spends a lot of time, and resources, on protecting - and improving - our environment.

Our 'Sustaining Our City' program, funded by the environmental levy, has been in place for 10 years and has helped us deliver many projects, including upgrades to the spectacular Coastal Walkway, the installation of solar panels on community buildings, stormwater reuse, new cycling paths and community and school gardens.

With the levy due to expire in July 2014, we recently went to the local community and directly asked for your views on whether you wanted us to continue the environmental levy. Following four months of extensive community consultation, the overwhelming consensus was this: you wanted to continue the 'Sustaining Our City' program. Almost 7,000 ratepayers completed the survey with a majority supporting the continuation of the levy. Support for continuing individual projects such as stormwater reuse and solar panels was at over 80 per cent.

Last week Council resolved to seek approval to continue the levy and we will now apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). With great timing, the 'Sustaining our City' program was last week also awarded the top honour at the Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards. That award belongs to you – the community – because of your support for these environmental initiatives.

With your continued support, we'll be able to continue protecting and preserving our previous environment.

Councillor Scott Nash
Mayor of Randwick

 @randwickmayor

What's On

Matraville Christmas Carols

Saturday 14 December 5pm to 9pm

Barwon Park, Franklin St, Matraville 0419 204 056 www.matraville.info/

Carols by the sea

Saturday 14 December 5pm to 10pm

Grant Reserve, Coogee, Organised by the combined churches of Coogee, 9349 6719

Coogee Carols

Sunday 15 December 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Coogee Beach, 1300 722 542 www.coogeecarols.com.au

South Maroubra Christmas Show

Monday 23 December 4pm to 9.30pm

South Maroubra Village Green, Cnr of Meagher Ave and Malabar Road
9311 0088 www.walshspharmacy.com.au

Coogee Sparkles - New Year's Eve Fireworks

Tuesday 31 December 9pm - Coogee Beach



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a sense of community

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Photo: Coastal Walkway
Authorised by Ray Brownlee,
General Manager

Development Applications

Determined

Randwick Council has issued the following development consents and complying development certificates.

CLOVELLY

DA/405/2002/C, **48 BURNIE ST:** Section 96 modification of condition 5(b) relating to the internal seating capacity of the restaurant.

COOGEE

DA/548/2013, **156 BROOK ST:** Ground and first floor alterations and additions to the existing garage, alterations to the garage and construction of a new terrace over garage, new pergolas over front terrace, front upper balcony and rear terrace, new front exterior stairs, landscaping and associated works.

KENSINGTON

DA/748/2011/B, **330 ANZAC PDE:** Section 96 modification of the approved development by enclosure of stairwells at roof plant level, plant areas enlarged & screen fences increased in height, amendments to balustrades/fences, enclosure of stairwells with glazing, revised facade treatment, operable screens on north & southern elevations, changes to vertical aluminium fixed louvres, glass balustrades changed to vertical aluminium balustrades (Heritage Conservation Area).

KINGSFORD

DA/314/2011/A, **50 MEEKS ST:** Section 96 modification of approved development by alteration to construction materials, increase in size of outdoor living area at rear and change to roof over outdoor area, internal changes to windows, addition of skylights and whirlybirds to roof, relocation to downpipes
>> DA/444/2013, **130 BOTANY ST:** Demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage with part new southern side boundary wall adjacent to garage, alterations to front entry with privacy screen on boundary, new retaining wall and fence to front, new boundary fence on Sturt Street frontage and extension of rear deck with new pergola.

LITTLE BAY

DA/268/2013/A, **18 MIRRABOOKA CRES:** Section 96 modification of the approved development by increasing the size of the approved outbuilding attached to the rear of an existing garage including external staircase.

MAROUBRA

DA/137/2013/A, **46 PARER ST:** Section 96 modification to the approved development consent to keep floor level for dwelling at RL 20.25 and garage at RL 20.08, delete condition 2(a) and 2(b) relating to privacy screens
>> DA/279/2011/A, **164-168 MARINE PDE:** Section 96 modification to approved development by the deletion of an approved swimming pool for Unit 2
>> DA/677/2013, **27 HANNAN ST:** Demolition of existing garage, construction of new garage to rear of existing dwelling, replacement of previously approved pool with deck and landscaping with associated works
>> DA/783/2010/A, **14A MERMAID AVE:** Section 96 modification of the approved development by increasing the size of the basement area and additional cellar at mezzanine level.

PHILLIP BAY

DA/684/2013, **1543-1547 ANZAC PDE:** Fit out and change of use of existing shop to cafe and outdoor dining with hours of operation being 9am to 5.30pm Wednesday and Thursday, 8am to 5.30pm Friday to Sunday.

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DA/286/2012/A, **47 PEROUSE RD:** Section 96 modification of the approved development by increasing the capacity and adding a picket fence on the perimeter of the footpath dining area.

SOUTH COOGEE

DA/609/2013, **204 MALABAR RD:** Alterations and ground floor addition to the existing dwelling at ground floor level
>> DA/624/2013, **22 COLDSTREAM ST:** Construct a new timber pergola with polycarbonate roof to the rear of the existing dwelling.

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Cleanup Services

Council's cleanup services will not be available from 20 December 2013 to 6 January 2014. Please do not put rubbish on the kerb. Due to the popularity of this service post-Christmas, we recommend you book early by phoning Council or filling out the request form on our website or myRandwick app.

Upcoming Precinct Meetings

Malabar Precinct

Thursday 12 December at 7:30pm
Malabar Memorial Hall (next to Malabar Library)
1203 Anzac Parade, Matraville

Coogee Precinct

Monday 16 December at 7:30pm
Coogee Senior Citizens Hall
97R Brook Street Coogee

Moverly Precinct

Monday 16 December at 7:30pm
South Coogee Bowling Club
Cnr Henning Avenue & Moverly Road,
South Coogee

Have Your Say

Food Waste Trial

Thanks to everyone taking part in the Food Scraps Trial. Feedback is that garbage bins are not as full, with less going to landfill.

Look out for our food waste truck zipping about Randwick streets and find out more by going to
www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/foodscraps

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Media coverage on environmental levy



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“ Executive Summary

October - November 2013

Council calls for feedback on levy

Southern Courier, Sydney, General News

08 Oct 2013

Page 5 - 96 words - ASR AUD 311

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ARE you willing to pay nearly \$470 in levies over five years to fund essential building projects? This is the question **Randwick Council** is now asking its ratepayers. The current environmental levy is due to expire in June 2014 and council is seeking feedback on whether it should continue for another five years.

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Keywords

Council(3),Randwick(1)

46,788 CIRCULATION

Levies never stop

Southern Courier, Sydney, Letters

15 Oct 2013

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I AM a pensioner and can ill-afford all these levies (**Council** calls for feedback on levy, October 8). **Randwick Council** got the last levy up because it let all these things run down, now they want to continue it for another five years. Unfortunately once these levies start they never seem to stop. So my answer is no. I am not willing to keep paying and paying.

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Keywords

City(1),Council(2),Randwick(2)

46,788 CIRCULATION

Eco levies could stay in place MAYORURGES PUBLIC DEBATE

Southern Courier, Sydney, General News, Leesa Smith

15 Oct 2013

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Randwick Mayor Scott Nash said residents had really embraced the initiative. "Protecting our local environment is something we take very seriously," he said.

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Keywords

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46,788 CIRCULATION

Worth while spend

 **Southern Courier, Sydney**, Letters, **Ian Smith**

15 Oct 2013

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WHILE never wishing to part with my hard-earned money unnecessarily I do support expenditure on long life assets that benefit the local community (**Council** calls for feedback on levy). As such I would support the levy. IAN SMITH, **Randwick City**

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Keywords

City(1),Council(1),Randwick(1)

 46,788 CIRCULATION

Levies must stay

 **Southern Courier, Sydney**, Letters

22 Oct 2013

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RANDWICK **Council's** environmental levy needs to continue. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has found that sea levels could rise by 80cm by 2100.

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Keywords

Coogee(1),Council(1),councillor(1),Malabar(1),Maroubra(1),Randwick(2)

 46,788 CIRCULATION

No value for money

 **Southern Courier, Sydney**, Letters

05 Nov 2013

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IN THE same week that many rate payers would have received a letter and survey from **Randwick Council** about extending the environmental levy, I see its contractors are on the foreshore of **Coogee beach** ripping up vast amounts of vegetation and green space to be replaced with yet more concrete for the Lifesaver Memorial at a cost to ratepayers of more than \$600,000.

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Keywords

beach(1),Coastal(1),Coogee(2),Council(1),Randwick(1),Walkway(2)

 46,788 CIRCULATION

Falling golf balls in the way of quest for coastal holy grail

 **Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney**, General News, **Heath Gilmore**

16 Nov 2013

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Obstacles to completing one of the great outdoor walks are errant golf balls, the odd angry **rifle** shot and an 89-year-old woman living in a house her father built. The 23-kilometre stretch of **coastal** walkway from **Coogee** to Port Botany is only half finished.

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Keywords

city(1),coastal(3),Coogee(2),council(5),Headland(2),Malabar(5),mayor(2),Nash(2),Randwick(3),Range(2),rifle(4),Scott(1),shooting(1),Walkway(8)

 233,335 CIRCULATION

Levy not supported

 **Southern Courier, Sydney**, Letters

19 Nov 2013

Page 42 - 55 words - ASR AUD 178

Photo: No - Type: Letter - Size: 20.99 cm² - NSW - Australia - ID: 223796006

I do not agree with the proposed **Randwick** environment levy. It is time **Randwick Council** started to take the business of running the council seriously. They should be streamlining their operations. It is time for the council to start looking after the money provided by the rate payers.

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Keywords

Council(3),Randwick(2)

 46,788 CIRCULATION

Coastal walk to receive a \$260,000 spruce-up

 **Southern Courier, Sydney**, General News

19 Nov 2013

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ANUPGRADEonthe **Coastal** Walkway at South **Maroubra** will provide a link between **Maroubra** and South **Maroubra** Surf Clubs. Work has begun on the upgrade which will include a new iGOM recycled plastic boardwalk, fencing works and installation of boardwalk ramps down to the **beach**.

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Keywords

beach(2),city(2),Coastal(4),Coogee(1),Council(1),Cr(1),Headland(1),Malabar(2),Maroubra(3),Mayor(2),Nash(3),Randwick(2),Scott(1),walkway(4)

 46,788 CIRCULATION



Council calls for feedback on levy

ARE you willing to pay nearly \$470 in levies over five years to fund essential building projects? This is the question Randwick Council is now asking its ratepayers.

The current environmental levy is due to expire in June 2014 and council is seeking feedback on whether it should continue for another five years.

An 'average ratepayer' (land valued at \$589,500) currently pays an extra \$84.25 per annum towards the levy. If it continued, the average ratepayer would pay an average \$93.73 extra a year for the next five years.

What do you think? Email news@southerncourier.com.au



Levies never stop

I AM a pensioner and can ill-afford all these levies (Council calls for feedback on levy, October 8). Randwick Council got the last levy up because it let all these things run down, now they want to continue it for another five years. Unfortunately once these levies start they never seem to stop. So my answer is no. I am not willing to keep paying and paying.

BOB, Randwick City



Eco levies could stay in place

MAYOR URGES PUBLIC DEBATE

Leesa Smith

RANDWICK ratepayers are being asked to fork out an average of \$468 in environmental levies over the next five years.

Randwick Council is calling for residents to continue their funding of the Sustaining Our City program which has been running for almost a decade.

An environmental levy of 6 per cent of total rates was approved by the council in 2004 and because of its success and continued community support it was extended in 2009.

The levy is due to expire in June 2014, and if it continues the average ratepayer (with land valued at \$589,500) would pay \$93.73 per year (26c per day) over the next five years.

The average ratepayer now pays \$84.25 per annum (or 23c per day) towards the levy.

If approved, the levy will collect \$20.37 million over five years, to be spent on

HAVE YOUR SAY

- To give your view go to: yoursayrandwick.com.au/sustainingourcity to fill out the survey, participate in an online discussion, and find more information about the existing environmental levy
- You can also read more information and fill out a survey at the council's libraries and customer service centre

water and energy, the extension of the coastal walkway from South Maroubra to Malabar, coastal protection and pedestrian and cycleway upgrades.

Randwick Mayor Scott Nash said residents had really embraced the initiative. "Protecting our local environment is something we take very seriously," he said.

He urged residents to have their say on the levy, which is on public exhibition until November 7.

Do you agree with the



Worthwhile spend

WHILE never wishing to part with my hard-earned money unnecessarily I do support expenditure on long life assets that benefit the local community (Council calls for feedback on levy). As such I would support the levy.

IAN SMITH, Randwick City



Levies must stay

RANDWICK Council's environmental levy needs to continue.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has found that sea levels could rise by 80cm by 2100.

Others are saying Bondi Beach will be narrowed by 45m as a result of climate change.

By how much will iconic Coogee Beach and the recently cleaned up Malabar Beach be reduced? How will surfing be affected at Maroubra Beach and around the world?

There will be an infrastructure cost along with the vanishing metres of sunbaking area.

Higher sea levels mean higher tides and storms breaking against our promenades, walkways, stormwater pipes and grass reserves.

**MURRAY MATSON, Randwick
Greens councillor**



No value for money

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cost to ratepayers of more than \$600,000. Just think how much the Coastal Walkway could have been extended by with an injection of \$600,000! What's more, the extended walkway could have been in honour of the fallen lifesavers – equipped with a plaque and observation deck. What better ways to reflect upon and honour their sacrifice as you gaze out at the water.

LUKE AIKEN, Coogee



Falling golf balls in the way of quest for coastal holy grail

Heath Gilmore

Obstacles to completing one of the great outdoor walks are errant golf balls, the odd angry rifle shot and an 89-year-old woman living in a house her father built.

The 23-kilometre stretch of coastal walkway from Coogee to Port Botany is only half finished. Major impediments exist with the need to traverse four golf courses, bush bash around the Anzac Rifle Range at Malabar, and negotiate dead ends and treacherous cliffs at Lurline Bay.

Randwick mayor Scott Nash wants to spend \$20 million to achieve the holy grail of an uninterrupted walkway, with rate-payers being asked to back an environmental levy to fund it.

"I am determined to complete our section of Sydney's great coastal walk," the Liberal mayor said. "The community wants it for their outdoor recreation.

"But more importantly, it showcases how beautiful our city can be."

For locals and tourists alike, taking the sea air is a Sydney rite of outdoor exultation.

Every day runners and walkers charge or amble from Bondi to Bronte, Manly to North Head or Kurnell to Cronulla. It's an experience that tourism authorities and National Parks and Wildlife Service head Ann King hope to

parlay into an international drawcard. Tourism Australia has identified multi-day walks as the fastest growing area of nature-based tourism in Australia.

"Walking from Barrenjoey to the Royal National Park, which includes Sydney Harbour, is recognised as a national landscape," Ms King said.

Yet the realities of local turf wars challenge this enthusiasm.

At the northern end of the proposed Randwick council walk, the shooting fraternity refuses to vacate the Anzac Rifle Range at Malabar Headland until its landlord, the federal government, finds it a new home.

In July last year, the NSW Rifle Association won a Supreme Court challenge to stop eviction by the then Labor government to create a national park. Association chairman John Fitzgerald said the federal government had breached a 1998 licence agreement by failing to find an alternative site.

"We are happy to move for the walkers and a national park for a new home somewhere in the Sydney basin," he said. "And we have written a letter seeking a meeting with the new minister for finance to discuss this outcome."

Further south, the council has to negotiate safe access for walkers around four courses of the

Randwick, The Coast, St Michael's and NSW golf clubs.

Mr Nash said that the terms of the Crown land leases guaranteed public access.

However, Kieran Semple, The Coast's general manager, said the clubs had concerns that a dedicated walkway would lead to liability claims from walkers injured by golf balls.

"It's a problem already," he said. "The council itself had a surveyor looking over the course and he was hit in the head."

The council, however, has one important person on side.

It has rezoned a South Coogee home for public recreation to allow a future re-routing of the walk directly to Lurline Bay, rather than walkers taking a detour away from the coast back up to Malabar Road.

The 89-year-old owner of the house, which was built by her father in the 1930s, can remain until she is ready to leave. The council will pay market value.

The woman declined to be identified, but said: "I am happy with the current arrangement and support the walkway.

"But I just don't want people knocking on my door, waiting for me to die, so it can go ahead."




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They should be streamlining their operations. It is time for the council to start looking after the money provided by the rate payers. Again, no to the levy.

LUIS, Kingsford



Coastal walk to receive a \$260,000 spruce-up

AN UPGRADE on the Coastal Walkway at South Maroubra will provide a link between Maroubra and South Maroubra Surf Clubs. Work has begun on the up-grade which will include a new 160m recycled plastic boardwalk, fencing works and installation of boardwalk ramps down to the beach.

The \$260,000 project is funded by Randwick City Council's environmental levy.

Randwick Mayor Scott Nash expects the project to be completed next month.

"Local residents and visitors will enjoy the improvements to the coastal walkway and beach access in what's shaping up to be a great summer," Cr Nash said.

"It's my vision that soon the walkway will provide a



Mayor Nash and Brad Rope.

continuous path from one end of our city to the other.

"We're working hard to complete the missing pieces, most notably at South Coogee, Malabar Headland and through the golf courses south of Malabar." The website TripAdvisor has ranked the coastal walkway as the second best attraction behind Sydney Harbour.