

Former Premier, Bob Carr commends Council's cultural hub

Guest speaker and former Premier of NSW, Bob Carr spoke at our tribute to Andrea Stretton Writers and Readers event last week. The event was very well attended by Andrea's admirers. Mr Carr spoke about the importance of reading the works of influential authors and commended the Council for its commitment to providing cultural development in the community and moving beyond providing the local government basic services. Special thanks go to Bob Carr, Brian Johns, Prof. Ross Steele from Woollahra Library Friends and Andrea's family for making the event a success. Visit the events section of our website for upcoming activities and summer holiday fun.

Australian Council of Local Government

On behalf of residents, yesterday I attended the Australian Council of Local Government Meeting at Parliament House in Canberra to meet the Prime Minister and other representatives of local governments. The aim of the inaugural meeting was to develop a new partnership between federal and local governments and a number of key issues were discussed including: adapting to our changing local environments; working towards more efficient and sustainable local government; improving wellbeing in our communities and partnering to improve housing affordability.

The meeting was an important step towards federal and local governments working together to help improve the quality of life in our communities.

Have your say - Marinas

Woollahra Council has received two new development applications from Addenbrooke, one for the redevelopment of the Rose Bay Marina, and the other for the redevelopment of the Point Piper Marina.

Residents are invited to make a submission within the public exhibition period from 20 November – 19 December. All submissions received during this period will be considered as part of Council's assessment.

The development applications can be viewed at our Customer Service Centre, Double Bay Central Library or at the Department of Planning's Information Centre, 23 – 33 Bridge St, Sydney.

Local Writers' Word Festival

This Saturday, join the Local Writers' Word Festival at Woollahra Council, from 11am – 3pm. Highlights include a seminar on crime writing fiction from Sydney Bauer, selected local writers discussing their work and performing readings, plus book sales and signings. Tickets cost \$10, \$7 for Woollahra Library Friends, from the Library. For more information call Janet de Bres on 9391 7100.

Carols on the Bay - Free family concert

Woollahra Council is proud to yet again support the annual *Carols on the Bay* a free community carols concert hosted by the Royal Australian Navy at HMAS Watson. This is always a popular event for families and we are pleased to continue our long standing relationship with HMAS Watson.

This free event will be held on Saturday 6 December and you are invited to bring a picnic rug and enjoy the concert overlooking the spectacular views across Sydney Harbour. Gates open at 4pm, local schools will perform from 5pm and the Royal Australian Navy Band will start at 6pm. For more information visit our website. I look forward to seeing you there.

Free Coastal Walk

In celebration of Coastcare Week, join our free Coastal Cliff Walk from Christison Park to Gap Park on Sunday 7 December, 9am – 11am. Join the walk and learn about the issues that affect our coast as well as the cultural and natural heritage of the area.

The one-way walk is an easy grade with some steps along the way. Not suitable for wheelchair access. Meet at Christison Grandstand at 9am. Morning tea will be provided. Bookings are essential. Please call Rudi Adlmayer on 0423 020 648.

National Young Performers Award

The 2008 MBS National Young Performer Final, hosted by 2MBS-FM 102.5 Sydney's Fine Music Station, brings together young musicians from all over Australia to compete for an exceptional Award. The winner's prize is a once in a lifetime opportunity enabling overseas exposure and study. The Awards will be held at the Independent Theatre, North Sydney on Saturday 22 November from 2pm. Tickets start from \$22. For bookings call 9955 6580.