



Waratah Whispers

Waratah Muse

With the world a little crazy right now, and our own politician's shenanigans, it is worth reiterating how lucky we are to live in the one of the best buildings in Sydney! Thank you to all of our residents who contribute to the friendly, warm and caring environment in our community. It is noticed by so many residents, we should feel grateful and protective of our peaceful home. You have all made it so.

UPDATES

Level 9 Tower Foyer Library

You hopefully have noticed the new library in the mailbox area with permanent shelves to accommodate our very popular library exchange. This was built in line with the overall new design elements and colours and provide additional space and an integrated look. Thank you to our Chair, Fred Tuckwell, for his design and carpentry skills to get this done! The increased capacity has allowed us to add many more new books for your enjoyment.

Security Fob update

This has been completed and we thank you all for your cooperation in this procedure. We now have a much more robust system that will provide easier monitoring and tracking for security.

Building Access & Security

Due to the design of the building, there are many different corridors and alternate ways of traversing the building. We have had several requests for additional accesses, however taking into account the privacy and peaceful enjoyment of residents, it is important that access is restricted to the most direct route to any apartment, garage and storage. This approach increases security and minimises traffic and therefore noise to parts of the building other than the most direct route. We appreciate your understanding of this policy.

Building Façade inspections

We have just appointed a specialist façade inspection and engineering company to commence a review of the exterior of our building as the next step in our agreed building capital investment strategy. Over the next month there may be abseilers working on the building, so don't be alarmed. Our staff will be advising you when your areas will be affected to minimise surprise at someone hanging in front of your balcony or window!

Fire alarm

There was an alarm a few weeks back which was caused by the heat detector activating in the laundry of one of our apartments. This was very unusual as these heat detectors are generally very reliable. The offending detector has been check by our fire experts.

This raises a very important reminder: **When a fire alarm goes off the process is to evacuate the building immediately.** If there is a false alarm or it is simply a test, we now have speakers on each floor that will announce that this is only a test, or false alarm. For your safety, please ensure you know where your fire exit is, and leave the building immediately when you hear the alarm.

Also a reminder if you do happen to burn something on the stove please do not open your entry door as that will trigger the smoke alarm in the corridor and cause the Fire Brigade to attend potentially incurring a fee over \$1,700. Instead please just open balcony doors and fan the smoke out.

Rollers on sliding glass doors (external)

If you are having issues with your doors being hard to open, please let us know. These are considered 'Common Property' and will be repaired by the Strata (not you). Notify Reception and they will inspect and organise any repairs.

Pool Cleaning Times Changed

Following suggestions from several residents the pool cleaning time has been changed to accommodate a more convenient use of the pool the morning. The pool now is closed for cleaning 12:30 to 2:00pm Monday to Friday. Short Term Holiday Letting (STHL)

The Government has still not announced any changes to STHL, so in the meantime our building continues to disallow short term letting (or AirBnB) to ensure a peaceful and secure living for our residents. If you are aware of or suspicious of any breaches please advise our staff at Reception.

Special Events

Congratulations to Susan & Peter Timmins on their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

Participation in the City of Sydney food scraps recycling trial

Several residents have requested that we participate in this trial. The Committee is in the process of accepting an invitation from the City of Sydney Council to participate. We will advise further as details become available.

"That's just RUBBISH!"

Ok.... There's a lot of that going around but seriously, please do follow our Rubbish Protocols to ensure all of us enjoy a clean and smelly-free life! Simple rules:

- Make sure the rubbish bags that you put down the garbage chute are tied shut, to not leak enroute to the garbage rooms, and are small enough to fit easily into the access door. Overloading will block the chute.
- When you take larger bags down to level 2 garbage room, make sure they don't leak in the lifts! If they do, please wipe it up.
- Recycle – boxes should be broken down flat to allow for maximum capacity in the bins, and please do not put rubbish in the recycle bins.
- Household goods for collection must be booked for pickup through Reception. Only then can you bring it down to Level 2 Garbage room on the Sunday night before the Monday pick up by Council.

It's time for a bit of fun! – April Social Gathering

Please join us on 28th April at 4:00pm for our next informal social gathering, before winter settles in! As usual, BYO drinks plus a plate of finger food to share. Same place (Level 9 external courtyard)!

Have a great month!

Your Strata Committee