



Waratah Whispers

Greetings All Residents and Owners

COVID 19

Congratulations again for the co-operation and good spirit shown through difficult times over the last 12 months. The pandemic is now more controlled, and many of the restrictions that have challenged us all have or will soon lift. However social distancing, hand washing, and mask wearing in crowds have become part of everyday living and seem sensible ongoing precautions as we move to better times.

The first residents in our community who are in Category 1B have received vaccine shots in the last week. You can access the Eligibility Checker at

<https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility>

and can navigate from that site to a list of practices in or near the 2011 postcode where bookings can be made.

We know that unprecedented times have tested everyone's patience and fortitude, but a plea to all in our community for respect and civility in our dealings with others particularly staff and contractors. Regrettably on several occasions recently unnecessary and inappropriate words and challenging behaviours have caused offence to those who play such a vital role in keeping Waratah humming along. Please be respectful. Thank you.

Engagement of Strata Manager

At an extraordinary general meeting on 5 March, owners voted to engage Strata Sense as strata managers for the next three years, commencing on 1 April. The decision, following discussion at the Annual General Meeting in November, came after testing the market to locate a firm with an established record willing to work with the Strata Committee and T&M Services who continue to be responsible through the Building Manager for maintenance of the building and provision of concierge services. Contact details for Strata Sense will be sent out shortly.

Rubbish and Waste Crisis

Your urgent co-operation is required:

We are all environmentalists these days but our ambition to play our part in reducing landfill and recycling what can be used again has run ahead of the capacity to do so in an efficient and effective manner.

The recycle bins on Level 2 have been filled to overflowing for some time now, but City of Sydney Council will not remove our recycle bins unless residents stop including items that should be in the rubbish bin. Last week the collectors refused to take our recycling bins because they contained non-recyclable content.

Summary of what goes where is below and full Council rules regarding recycling are the attachment.

YELLOW BINS [re-cycling]:

Please note NO plastic bags, soft plastic packaging, tissues, aluminium foil tablet cards, cotton buds, glass [other than bottles], crockery & polystyrene. Flatten all boxes emptying contents [particularly beer bottles]. If the bin is full, close lid and do not place items on top

RED BINS [general rubbish]:

All the above + soiled or general rubbish must be placed in the RED bins.

Food scraps recycling trial

While we need to get our act together on the yellow bin we can be proud of Waratah's participation in the council food scraps recycling trial. Thirty four per cent of apartments in the complex are registered as part of the trial and new participants are welcome. Lets aim for 100%.

Contact Council today to join and receive your kitchen caddy, bin liners and info sheet. Click on this link ..

<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/waste-recycling-services/food-scrap-in-your-building>

NCAT proceedings

The Owners Corporation is opposing two applications to the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal by an owner that concern disputes about responsibility for and conditions attached to repairs and maintenance of parts of the unit. Both matters are scheduled for hearing in late April.

Electric Vehicle Charging

In December we installed our first electric vehicle charging point to Level 1 and connected our first vehicle. Rollout to other garage levels will be dependent on demand. Any owner or resident who is interested in this facility should contact our Building Manager Kay to discuss.

*Best wishes to you, your family and friends from members
of the Strata Committee.*

Recycling

Please familiarise yourself with City of Sydney Council rules.

The Council cannot take the bin if it contains unacceptable items-this includes plastic bags that you use to carry items to the garbage room- if the lid can't close, or there is material outside the bin unless bundled and booked as a separate pick up through the front desk.

What belongs in the yellow lid bin

- aluminium and steel tins and cans
- aerosol cans – these need to be empty
- aluminium foil – scrunch into a tennis size ball before it goes in
- glass bottles and jars – separate metal lids and place small ones in an empty tin
- plastic soft-drink and water bottles
- plastic food containers, tubs, trays and fruit punnets (**if you can scrunch your plastic into a ball easily, it can't go into the yellow lid bin.**)
- juice and milk bottles
- plastic containers for laundry liquid and powder, shampoo, conditioner, hand and body wash
- newspapers, magazines and advertising materials – please remove plastic wrapping before adding to the bin
- egg cartons
- envelopes – even those with clear plastic windows
- cardboard boxes including empty pizza boxes – remove any food scraps before putting them in the yellow lid bin.

What doesn't belong in the yellow lid bin

- Plastic bags and soft plastics such as bread bags, biscuit and confectionery packets, frozen food, rice and pasta bags
- Polystyrene such as meat trays and foam packaging
- Light globes, mirrors and window glass
- Crockery, drinking glasses and Pyrex
- Sharps and syringes
- Nappies
- Tissue paper and napkins
- Mixed materials – this means items that combine cardboard, metal, plastic, or foil. For example, waxed cardboard containers such as milk cartons, coffee cups or ice cream containers. Or juice tetra packs, coffee and hot chocolate containers – which usually have a cardboard body, metal base, and foil lining.

Thank you for your co-operation.
