

Precinct resolution

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MEETING DATE: 21 October 2024 **FILE:** F2004/08046

ACTIONED TO: Roman Wereszczynski, Manager Health Building and Regulatory Services

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **Resolution 20/24**

Resolution

Resolution 20/24: Coogee Precinct requests in light of recent outflow of raw sewage could RCC:
(a) close the beach at first indication of sewage pollution and continue to notify the public via the loudspeaker until dissipation of sewage
(b) update the electronic signage accordingly and
(c) Improve temporary warning signage by Sydney Water during times of actual sewage overflow at entrance of the stormwater drain to ensure it is visible and not affected by wind and other elements.

Council response

There are existing practices already in place relating to a sewer overflow into the stormwater system.

When sewer overflows from Sydney Water's sewer network, Sydney Water is the lead agency involved in the investigation and notification to council if the overflow is deemed a pollution incident. Sydney Water installs signs and tests the receiving water to monitor the extent of pollution.

Based on the information received by council, we then undertake an assessment on whether to close the beach.

Currently our electronic signage are static signs that provide relevant information about beach conditions. They are not configured to provide specific or variable messaging.

In the event of a beach closure, our lifeguards would erect hand-written signage and patrol the beach advising beach goers accordingly. The lifeguards determine the most appropriate methods for informing the public. Please note that the public loudspeaker has limited range based on weather conditions.

Council contact

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29 January 2025

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NUMBER:** Resolution 21/24

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Resolution 21/24: Coogee Precinct requests in light of recent Beachwatch information showing that pollution at Coogee is now greater than at Malabar, RCC work with NSW Government and Sydney Water to address the situation.

Council response

Thank you for highlighting this important issue of water quality at Coogee Beach. We understand the concern regarding the apparent increase in pollution levels at Coogee, given the overall 'poor' result in the NSW Beachwatch 2023/2024 report, and we share your commitment to ensuring that Coogee remains a clean and safe environment for the community.

Whilst these results are disappointing, it is also evident that the NSW Beachwatch water quality results for 2024, to-date, show that Coogee beach has undergone microbial testing for Enterococci cfu/100mL (which measures the presence of bacteria in water) a total of 50 times. Of those water quality tests, Coogee beach performed:

- **Very good:** 39 times
- **Good:** 7 times
- **Fair:** 2 times
- **Poor:** 2 times

These results demonstrate that while Coogee Beach generally maintains a high standard of water quality, there have been a small number of instances that require attention (most likely after a rainfall event).

For more information you can view all the data on the NSW Beachwatch website:

<https://www.beachwatch.nsw.gov.au/waterMonitoring/waterQualityData>

Randwick City Council is committed to addressing water quality and improving consistency through collaboration with NSW Government and Sydney Water.

Council will continue to collaborate with the NSW Government and Sydney Water, including the Coogee Beach Stormwater Quality Working Group meetings. We will work closely with these key stakeholders to mitigate water pollution and implement effective solutions that will help reduce pollution levels and improve water quality at Coogee.

Council contact

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Manager Health Building and Regulatory Service

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**RESOLUTION
NUMBER:** **Resolution 22/24**

Resolution

Resolution 22/24: Coogee Precinct asks RCC to improve permanent signage to indicate possible pollution at entrance of stormwater drain onto Coogee Beach. Suggest to include a larger sign probably with a pictorial warning.

Council response

The is an existing large sign on the rock cliff face at the outlet of the stormwater drain at the northern end of Coogee Beach.

The sign is a yellow warning sign with pictograms and clear messaging that it is not suitable to swim in the water.

We have assessed the existing sign and concluded that it is located prominently and visible from over 40m away.

On this basis, we do not support installing a larger sign.

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ACTIONED TO: Joshua Hay, Manager Communications

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **Resolution 23/24**

Resolution

Resolution 23/24: Coogee Precinct requests RCC to keep them apprised of information regarding the composition of ‘the black balls’, their origin and of any health and safety issues caused by this pollution.

Council response

Thank you to the Coogee Precinct for your resolution. The tar balls pollution incident caused considerable concern amongst the wider community. Randwick Council has been working closely with the NSW EPA and the lead agency Transport for NSW Maritime who are now handling the investigation.

At this stage we do not have any further information about the status of the investigation or the potential origin of the pollution.

We will keep Coogee Precinct informed as best we can.

Mayor Dylan Parker tabled a comprehensive [Mayoral Minute](#) at the Council meeting on 22 October that includes a useful summary and chronology of events that might be helpful for the Precinct.

Council contact

Mr Joshua Hay
Manager Communications

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**RESOLUTION
NUMBER:** **Resolution 24/24**

Resolution

Resolution 24/24: Further signage is need along the [Coogee Beach] promenade as problems are still being encountered with cyclists. This is particularly evident now with increased pedestrians in the “daylight saving” evenings.

Council response

I apologise for the delayed reply.

In relation to control of cyclists, this issue is occurring at many locations across the LGA. It is noted that the Promenade is a pedestrian area and cyclists should not be riding along the promenade.

Signs are not required to enforce this prohibited activity. However, it is recognised that specific signage would assist to educate the community and to help with enforcement.

We have determined to install vinyl stickers on the pavement prohibiting the riding of cycles on the promenade. This type of signage will allow more signs to be placed and avoid visual clutter along this iconic coastline.

The design and ordering of the signs will be scheduled to be undertaken in the next 6 weeks.

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Manager Technical Services
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ACTIONED TO: Mark Bush, Manager Waste, Cleansing and Public Safety

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER:** Resolution 25/24

Resolution

Resolution 25/24: RCC be asked to provide extra bin(s) near shower exit at North end of beach on weekends and / or increase the emptying of the bins which are continually overflowing.

Council response

I am writing to inform you that council has investigated this matter, and the following actions have been implemented.

Staff have set up a permanent location for a white bag and fitting, and during peak periods, they also make use of a loose bin (photos attached). The preferred option is the white bag and fitting due to its ease of transport to the pickup points, as opposed to navigating the loose bin through the sand.

Additionally, staff have been instructed to monitor the area more frequently.



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**RESOLUTION
NUMBER:** Resolution 26/24

Resolution

Resolution 26/24: RCC review the recent plantings of a variety of Coastal Banksia which have leaves with sharp serrated edges (instead of the conventional smooth); especially problematic in picnic areas e.g. Dunningham Reserve.

Council response

The saplings of *Banksia integrifolia* (Coast Banksia) have serrated leaves. When the plant matures after a few years the leaves become entire and smooth out. *Banksia serrata* (Old man Banksia) also have serrated leaves but not enough to pose a health risk to humans.

The plantings in Dunningham Reserve are largely clustered in defined garden beds and therefore are not a hazard or hindrance for any reserve users. Any leaves which may drop onto grassed areas are mown within a short period and removed.

The Banksia species chosen for Dunningham Reserve are highly adapted for coastal cliffs, headlands, beaches and bays due to their adaptive features such as leaf shape and structure. They grow quickly therefore providing canopy and shade in around 5-10 years.

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ACTIONED TO: Frank Ko, Manager Development Assessments

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER:** **Resolution 27/24**

Resolution

Resolution 27/24: DA985/2024: Members expressed their objection to the application for 22 serviced apartments and 6 parking spaces. This development will not increase the permanent housing supply in the area.

Council response

The subject DA was lodged on 18 October 2024 and is currently on public exhibition till 14 November 2024. Council Officers are currently undertaking preliminary review of the application and will ensure the concerns raised by the Coogee Precinct and other community members are comprehensively addressed in the assessment report.

Council contact

Frank Ko

Manager Development Assessment
25 October 2024