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The Resident ⁰¹⁰

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Dear Resident

Re: Little Bay Beach – Detailed Site Investigation commencing Monday 26 April 2021

I am writing to update you about the upcoming works to undertake a detailed site investigation of Little Bay Beach.

In our letter of 16 December 2020, we advised that bonded asbestos had been found in August 2020 and that Council had taken immediate and ongoing steps to ensure the beach remains safe for all users. These steps include the engagement of independent expert consultants and asbestos removalists who continue to undertake bi-weekly inspections of the beach, monitor air quality and detect and remove visible material. You can find the inspection clearance certificates and air monitoring reports on our dedicated project page: www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/littlebayworks.

We have also installed signage at key access locations to alert the public to the presence of asbestos and provide advice about how to enjoy the beach in safety.

Importantly, the Interim Human Health Risk Assessment undertaken by external accredited assessors has confirmed the beach does not pose an unacceptable risk to health and safety during normal use.

Upcoming works

As advised in our previous letter, a detailed site investigation is required so that we can better understand the location, source and extent of any materials containing asbestos at or near the beach. The works program for the detailed site inspection has been carefully planned by Council and our external expert consultants and we have scheduled the inspection to allow residents and visitors to have access to the beach throughout the April school holiday period.

To allow the detailed site investigation to be carried out safely and as quickly and efficiently as possible, the beach will be closed to public access on weekdays for up to two weeks from **Monday 26 April 2021** and will reopen on weekends.

Every effort will be made to complete the works as soon as possible however, the two-week program is required to provide contingency for potential delays that may result from poor weather or large seas. As indicated, regardless of the duration of the works program, the beach will reopen over the weekends. Council will post notifications via our website, social media and the regular project updates to advise the community when the beach has reopened.

The works will be undertaken by our expert consultants, RMA Group and Trinitas Group, and will include excavation of around 45 test pits to collect soil samples. Safety fencing to enclose the works site and updated signage will also be installed. The attached site map sets out the location

of the works. No public access will be permitted to the beach or water in the area indicated on the map.

A five-tonne excavator will be used to dig the test pits. Test pits will be backfilled at the end of each day.

Hours of work

The proposed hours of work are 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, weather permitting. Work will not be undertaken on weekends.

Public health, safety and amenity

A site supervisor will be employed during work hours to oversee the safe delivery of works activities, including the movement of the excavator to and from site. Appropriate asbestos controls will be implemented throughout the works, including the use of a water cart to ensure the removal of potential contamination from the excavator before it leaves site each evening.

Outside the closure of the beach, we do not anticipate the works to impact site neighbours or the broader community. Council and our contractors will continue to work with stakeholders to ensure the work is undertaken in a way that minimises impacts, including noise, dust and vibration.

Next steps

The collected soil samples will be sent to an accredited laboratory for analysis. The test results will help us understand what is located underground and will inform finalisation of the Human Health Risk Assessment report and any immediate actions that may be required and potential plans for the long-term management of the beach.

When available, the outcome report will be published on Council's website.

Keeping the community informed

Council is committed to keeping the community informed and we will continue to provide updates via the project page and email. If you would like to find out more, subscribe for email updates or download the Interim Human Health Risk Assessment Report, clearance certificates and air monitoring reports, please visit www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/littlebayworks.

Public health and safety and mitigating impacts on the environment remain our top priorities. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we undertake these important works.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions are attached however, should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9093 6729.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment: Works site map and Frequently Asked Questions



Frequently Asked Questions

When will Little Bay Beach be closed?

The beach will be closed to the public for up to two weeks from 26 April 2021. While all steps will be taken to reopen the beach as soon as possible, the two-week program provides contingency for adverse weather or swell conditions that may delay the works.

Can I access the beach outside the proposed hours of work?

For safety reasons, the beach will remain closed to public access from Monday to Friday, while the works are in progress. The beach will reopen for the weekends and will be safe for public access.

Are there currently any safety issues?

The type of bonded asbestos identified on Little Bay Beach is considered low risk however, beach users are advised not to touch or pick up suspect material. Independent accredited assessors have also confirmed that there is currently no unacceptable risk to human health from normal use of the beach.

Ongoing visual and air monitoring confirm that Council's asbestos management activities are keeping the beach safe for general use.

Why does the beach have to be closed for so long?

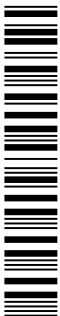
The works program for the detailed site inspection is the result of careful planning by Council and our external experts. While every effort will be made to complete the works and re-open the beach as soon as possible, the program provides contingency for potential delays that may result from poor weather or swell conditions.

Is it safe to access the beach on weekends?

Council understands the importance of Little Bay Beach to residents and visitors and we have carefully planned the detailed site inspection to allow us to safely reopen the beach over the weekends. The beach will be reinstated back to its original condition before the beach reopens, to ensure it is safe for general use over the weekends.

How is safety being ensured while the works are taking place?

A range of measures are being implemented to ensure the safety of contractors and the community. These include a site supervisor during work hours, the installation of signage and



safety fencing around the site and the implementation of appropriate asbestos management measures including air monitoring.

Will there be impacts on site neighbours?

Given the nature and location of the works, Council does not anticipate that there will be any impacts to site neighbours.

What are the hours of work?

The proposed hours of work are 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, weather permitting. Work will not be undertaken on weekends.

Will the works impact the beach and surrounds?

Safeguarding the environment is a top priority and the works program has been carefully designed to minimise any impacts to Little Bay Beach and surrounding areas.

The beach will be 'made good' at the end of each work day, including backfilling test pits.

What will happen to the Aboriginal midden onsite?

Council is collaborating with the La Perouse Aboriginal Local Land Council to ensure any works activities within the vicinity of the midden are appropriately undertaken.

What is being done to keep the community and other beach users informed?

- Letters were sent to around 3,500 local households and businesses on 16 December 2020, and again in April 2021.
- Updated information is being posted to the dedicated project page and to the Little Bay Beach webpage.
- Initial signage was installed in early December 2020 and updated in April 2021.
- VMS signage has been installed on approach to Little Bay.
- Ongoing updates are also being provided via Council's e-newsletter, social media and email notifications to subscribers.
- Visits to nearby businesses are being undertaken in April 2021.

How can I find out more and provide feedback?

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