

## A message from the Mayor



We are all trying to get on board the war on waste and I've had lots of great feedback on Council's decision last week to provide a free compost bin or worm farm to local residents who'd like one.

According to the EPA, more than a third of the contents of an average red lid garbage bin in NSW is wasted food - around \$3,800 worth for every household. All this food waste is not only a hit to the hip pocket but also the environment, releasing greenhouse gas as it breaks down and contributing to climate change.

We can all shop better and reduce what we throw out but of course there will always be some food waste that we can't avoid. A worm farm on your verandah or a compost bin in your back yard is a relatively easy way to help the environment and make some great fertiliser for your garden.

We are just working through the logistics and we'll be in touch soon to let you know how you can get yours.

If composting is not for you, from 1 July, under our new waste service, new technology will be used which means all food waste in the red lidded garbage bin will be recovered and processed for beneficial re-use.

Make sure you visit Council's website for more information on great waste reduction workshops run all year with plenty of tips on ways to reduce your waste.

Do you recall last year's successful 'Human Library' activity in which real people went 'on loan' to the public as 'human books', sharing their stories about overcoming challenges and stereotypes? Well, to celebrate Refugee Week, Council is hosting another Human Library event.

We are calling for community volunteers with refugee backgrounds who are willing to share their stories to take part. Visit our website to express your interest.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate everyone involved in this year's tremendous Youth Week events. Highlights include the ARTDECKO exhibition of unique skateboard designs on display at the PCYC Dee Why until 17 April, and Manly Art Gallery & Museum's Express Yourself exhibition of HSC visual arts students' works, until 28 April. Such great young talent, make sure you get out and see it.

Have a great weekend.

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# Anzac Day Service

Thursday 25 April

**Dawn Service**  
4.25am Manly War Memorial

**Dawn Service**  
5.30am Manly Dam

**Commemoration Service**  
11am Manly War Memorial



## Council meeting

**Tue 16 Apr, 6pm**  
Council Chambers,  
Dee Why

View the agenda online or at any of our Customer Service Centres.

Requests to address Council or speak at the public forum: complete the online form or call 9942 2427 by Tue 16 Apr, 12pm



## Warringah Aquatic Centre closed for maintenance

**Fri 19 - Sun 28 Apr**

The centre will reopen on Mon 29 Apr.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Have your say

**West Esplanade Heritage Revitalisation Plan**  
Comments close: Sun 14 Apr

**Code of Meeting Practice 2019**  
Submissions close: Sun 14 Apr

**Ingleside Chase Reserve Biobanking Agreement**  
Submissions close: Sun 21 Apr

**Road reserve lease - adjacent to 1 Queens Pde, Newport**  
Submissions close: Sun 21 Apr

**Road reserve closure - adjacent to 250 Whale Beach Rd, Whale Beach**  
Submissions close: Sun 28 Apr

**Community Grants and Partnerships Policy**  
Submissions close: Sun 5 May

**Dee Why Town Centre Development Contributions Plan (draft)**  
Submissions close: Sun 12 May

**Northern Beaches Development Contributions Plan (draft)**  
Submissions close: Sun 12 May

**Outdoor dining licence - 27 Howard Ave, Dee Why**  
Submissions close: Mon 20 May

