



News from the Strata Committee

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PROGRESS WITH NOISY VEHICLES AND CYCLIST/PEDESTRIAN INTERACTIONS

From Julie Elliott, Chair:

I am delighted to be able to announce several significant wins in the on-going challenge of controlling traffic and noise throughout the complex.

I'd like to thank in particular to Robert Dimitrioski, Precinct Security Coordinator with Placemaking NSW with whom I met to discuss your concerns regarding noisy vehicles, speeding delivery e-bikes and cyclist/pedestrian interaction.

Placemaking NSW has moved quickly in response with a range of actions designed to mitigate the disturbance and potential dangers.

Already you may have noticed:

- Convex mirrors installed on PMNSW assets at three intersections/corners.
- 10km speed signs erected along Shared Path.
- 10km shared path decals to be painted along Shared Path.
- CCTV Installed to monitor traffic along pathway.
- Additional Ranger patrols and QR codes at Darling Island with targeted focus on Cyclist/Pedestrian behaviours.

And there is more to come, with speed bumps being placed strategically to slow vehicles.

All these changes have been made by Placemaking at no cost to Darling Island Apartments.



BATTERY AND CHARGING SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY FACT SHEET



LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES, WHAT ARE THEY?

Lithium-ion batteries are found in small portable devices such as phones, laptops and power tools, as well as in larger capacities such as e-bikes, e-scooters and cars.

Lithium-ion batteries contain a massive amount of energy in a relatively small space. When lithium-ion batteries fail, that energy is rapidly released which can create explosions, highly toxic fumes and secondary ignitions even after the flames have been extinguished.

Lithium-ion batteries are the fastest growing fire risk in New South Wales. You can prevent hazards by charging safely, being aware of warning signs, disposing of lithium-ion batteries correctly and knowing what to do if something goes wrong.



Only use chargers that show the Australian Regulatory Compliance Mark Tick.



Charge Safe

For more information visit fire.nsw.gov.au/chargesafe



CHARGE SAFE

- Have working smoke alarms in the rooms where you charge or store your devices.
- Charge batteries on hard surfaces like concrete floors or tiles.
- Don't charge batteries on surfaces like beds, sofas, or carpet.
- E-scooters, e-bikes, and power-tools should be charged in the garage, shed or carport, away from living spaces and exits.
- Charge devices when you are home and do not charge devices while you sleep.
- Once a device has recharged fully, disconnect it from the charger.
- Using a charger with the wrong power output (voltage and current), can cause damage to the battery or overheat it, which can cause a fire.
- Don't charge batteries that have been exposed to heat or extreme temperatures.
- Short-circuiting, battery cell malfunctions or system faults can lead to lithium-ion batteries catching fire.

DISPOSAL

- Lithium-ion batteries cannot be placed into home garbage or recycling bins as they pose a fire risk.
- Small, undamaged batteries (not swollen, punctured, or leaking, etc.) can be safely disposed at a battery recycling drop off point.
- When disposing, tape over battery terminals with clear adhesive tape before placing the battery carefully into a battery recycling collection bin.

WARNING SIGNS

- Don't use and charge batteries that are swelling or bulging, leaking, or overheating.
- Don't use and charge the device if it is cracked, dented, punctured, or crushed.
- If the charger didn't come with the device or battery; don't use it.

IF ON FIRE:

- Evacuate the area and close doors if safe to do so.
- Get out, Stay out and Call Triple Zero (000).
- Seek urgent medical attention if you have been exposed to smoke or vapours.

PLEASE TURN OFF WATER WHEN YOUR APARTMENT IS UNOCCUPIED

In 2019, By-law 27 was introduced because of a very significant incident which resulted in water damage to three apartments. This by-law states that if the apartment is to be unoccupied for two or more days, the water supply should be turned off at the main supply point.

Because of a more recent incident, the current By-law will be amended at the next round of by-law changes, to also require that the Occupier or Owner should maintain insurance to cover damage caused by failure of the water supply infrastructure within the apartment. Many Home Contents insurance policies already provide the appropriate coverage, but you would be advised to check.

Should there be an incident which causes damage as a result of the water supply not being isolated when the apartment is unoccupied, as the Occupier or Owner you may be liable for costs associated with repairs or insurance excesses.

It is very simple to isolate the water supply. There are two valves one for hot and one for cold water where the building supply connects with the apartment's water infrastructure and the supply is metered. This is typically in the laundry.

ISOLATING VALVES ARE UNDER LAUNDRY SINK IN MOST APARTMENTS



Normal ON position with valve handle aligned with hot and cold water pipes

Turn Off by turning each handle 90 degrees clockwise so both are horizontal.

Some historical flooding in DIA has been a result of flexi-hoses leaking. The video at [this link](#), makes interesting and important viewing for you as an occupier or owner.

Our Building Manager is currently arranging a bulk price for an inspection of flexi-hoses in apartments. When an inspection was last done about half the existing flexi-hoses were found to be in need of replacement.

More to come on this matter.

DIA CHRISTMAS PARTY. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

This year's DIA Christmas party will again be held at the Blue Eye Dragon restaurant, on Monday November 18, starting at 6pm.