

## 'Affordable homes' for the future

The dark underside of an overpriced housing crisis is visible in Sutherland Shire, with homeless people still sleeping rough in suburban reserves, the national park, or wherever they can.

They are camping in plain view of Council sporting fields in Sutherland, in bushland just a short stroll from Woronora River.

Turning a blind eye is easier than finding effective solutions by our Federal, State and Council politicians.

It starts with a tent or a tarpaulin hidden among trees for a few nights. When it becomes permanent, the homeless don't worry about concealment – they set up, get moved on rarely, and return later if that happens: an endless cycle of poverty on the fringes of affluence.

Common causes are mental illness, social dysfunction, family conflict, or a run of bad luck. Hostels are run by charities, social benefits are available, but free camping leaves more to spend on other things.

### [ADVERTISEMENT]

*No-frills home sites are growing in the new 'Parkside Estate' at Sutherland, sponsored by your Council in lovely bushland just a stroll to the beach at Woronora River.*

*Tents and other "moveable dwellings" are permissible by Sutherland Shire Council, and promoted by the NSW Government to reduce costs on the Sydney market.*

*Formal Council approval is not necessary yet. Don't wait to reserve your:*

*--Affordable home site with bush views in a fabulous holiday setting, by a quiet cemetery.*

*--Prime seating for sports fans at three adjacent ovals to watch the kids play (see photo).*

*--Handy to a modern Council toilet block -- or when it is padlocked on most days, the discrete bushman's alternative (careful where you tread!).*

*--Get in quick for the best concrete pad for your swag. Resident numbers have doubled recently, and the word is getting round.*

*--Top location just a short stroll to bus and train links, and local shops.*

*--Recycled flower arrangements are available at no cost from nearby (photo).*

*--Council tool lockers are on-site for all-weather storage of clothing and personal items.*

*--No rent, no rates, no worries.*

*--Ring 9710 0333 to reserve your spot with the General Manager, and beat the rush. Or contact your local councillor or MP.*

### *Draft flyer leaked from Sutherland Shire Council.*



Website 23 July 2019.

**LOCAL HOMELESS CRISIS.** The dark underside of an overpriced housing crisis continues in Sutherland Shire, with homeless people still sleeping rough in suburban sports fields in bushland near Woronora River. Turning a blind eye is easier than effective solutions by our MPs and Council. 23 July 2019

**SLIPPERY DIP FOR A FOOTPATH.** Broadband contractors who ruined a steep footpath in Woronora have been sent back three times to fix it, after first leaving it covered in slippery clay which concealed the bitumen which they had damaged. An NBN representative promised to have the contractors restore the path in Prices Circuit promptly after repeated complaints by our community group (see photos). 21 July 2019

**PARK WANTED, NOT 'LEGOLAND'.** A new riverside park at Woronora has been urged by Council acquisition, instead of developer plans for a cheap new housing estate dubbed 'Legoland', with 50 two-storey fibro cabins closely packed. Formal objections have condemned them as "ugly... illegal". 9 May 2019

**Library book sale.** The annual book sale at Sutherland Library will be held on the weekend of 17-19 May, featuring a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books and DVDs. Hours vary : Friday 9am-830pm; Sat 9am-330pm; Sun 11am-430pm. At 30 Belmont St, Sutherland. Details at <http://www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Community/Library/Services/Books-Reading/Annual-Library-Book-Sale>

**E-Waste recycling,** this weekend 27/28 April 2019. Recycle your old computers, phones etc to stop reusable waste ending up as landfill: Miranda (click for details).

**ACID OOZE FROM VAN-PARK PLAN.** Sulfuric acid could be released into Woronora River soon from chemicals in soil beneath the new housing estate proposed for the old caravan park. A report advised that if foundations cut into any acid-sulfate soils (ASS), they would react "aggressively" with water and oxygen to generate sulfuric acid, commonly found in car batteries. Fishing, swimming and boating would be dramatically affected by acid attack. 20 April 2019

**GREAT WALL OF FIBRO:** What they wanted to hide from you. This unofficial montage is a small fraction of the 180metre wall of overdevelopment planned along