

Bays Port Community Newsletter

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Welcome to the Summer edition of the Bays Port Community Newsletter.

Shore Power Construction underway

We're excited to share that construction is now well underway on the Shore Power system at White Bay Cruise Terminal.

Right now, crews are busy building a combined trench along the wharf. It's about 2 metres wide and 1.6 metres deep, and it'll carry both the energy chain and high-voltage electrical cables that connect ships to onshore power while they're docked.

What's an energy chain?

It's a smart mechanical system that safely guides power cables from the land-based power supply to the ship. It includes things like tracks, brackets, tow arms and crane rails, all designed to make cable deployment safe and flexible.

Because cruise ships come in all shapes and sizes, the system needs to be adaptable. That's why the energy chain will run the full 248 metres down the wharf to support the cables.



Upcoming works

Work has started on construction of the seawater cooling pit. Designed to reduce energy consumption and operational noise, the system will use seawater from White Bay to cool electrical equipment via a closed loop heat exchange. Works include trenching, sheet piling, and the staged installation of pump and filter pits below the tidal zone, with divers assisting in underwater excavation.

Timing of the works

As we head into the summer cruise season, construction will be mostly scheduled on non-cruise ship days to minimise disruption.

We'll keep you posted with more updates as construction continues. Thanks for your support as we work towards a more sustainable future for Sydney's working harbour.



Meet the Shore Power Team at the Balmain Festival

Sunday 30 November 2025, 11am–5pm
Darling Street, Balmain

Port Authority is excited to be part of this year's Balmain Festival, and we'd love for you to stop by our stall to meet the team, ask questions, and learn more about the Shore Power project.

We're also teaming up with Reverse Garbage to bring to life a fun, hands-on art activity for families. Come along and get creative while learning about marine litter and how it affects our local waterways. It's a great way to turn trash into treasure and spark conversations about sustainability.



Air Quality Monitoring

Air quality monitoring data, tracking sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter, are now available through a live dashboard on the Port Authority website. With the recent installation of upgraded monitors at Glebe Island and Grafton Street in Balmain, residents can access real-time data and observe local air quality trends over time. To learn more visit portauthoritynsw.com.au/air-quality

Robert Street Clean Up

Port Authority has been carrying out regular clean-up activities along Robert Street in Rozelle, between Buchanan Street and the former Western entrance gate, to help maintain a safe and tidy environment. We're working closely with Inner West Council to prevent future illegal dumping, with new signage and increased patrols now in place. Residents are encouraged to support these efforts by keeping the area clean and reporting any issues.



Makers and Shakers Christmas Market

The next Sydney Market is happening on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 December 2025, right here at the White Bay Cruise Terminal. This festive edition will feature over 140 incredible makers.

For the local community walkers and cyclists can go through the gates at the entrance on Robert St and follow the shared path to the terminal. There is also a free shuttle which will collect market goers from the Robert St bus stop (near Crescent Avenue). Drivers must enter via James Craig Road.

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