

# Artarmon @ Council

## **Corner Tindale and Artarmon Road:**

The development application for the fitout of the church to accommodate the **Artarmon library** was approved at the 7 December Council meeting. The library will be in the front with the rear of the hall being used for community activities which will be booked through Council. The hall will be used for a variety of programs and events including community classes, community meetings, author presentations, study groups, seminars, training etc. Core hours of operation for the hall will be Sunday to Tuesday 9am-5pm, Wednesday to Saturday 9am-9.30pm

**Petitions:** Councillor Coppock has presented two petitions to Council since the last Gazette was published: one on behalf of people objecting to the **24-hour operation of a 7-Eleven shop** in the Artarmon shops and another from concerned residents requesting no change to the current use of **Kids Cottage**.

The Kids Cottage petitioners were concerned about increased traffic and noise if current use was extended. At a Council meeting in late November, Council decided to leave the Kids Cottage hours and activities unchanged after vigorous debate.

**Chatswood Mall:** The refurbishment of Chatswood Mall started in February 2010. The upgrades will see Chatswood Mall rejuvenated (Council's wording) into a vibrant café and retail promenade.

**Garbage bins:** State laws now require that all garbage bin lids are the same colours across the state. Willoughby Council is rolling out new lids for all general waste garbage bins which still have the old dark green lids. (Bins at unit blocks are excluded from this requirement.) The colour of the bin lids will be changing to red. If your general garbage bin lid is still dark green, contact Council on 9777 1000.

The current work in **Artarmon Reserve - the northern stage of the circuit path** - is part of the Artarmon Reserve Master Plan, adopted by Council in 2000. One of the issues for active recreation facilities raised by the community was the need for a circuit path - a new loop to circumnavigate the oval. The current work is funded in Council's 2009/10 Management Plan (Capital Works) - \$30,000 - and is the first stage of the circuit path, which joins the commuter bike path, east of the pavilion and connects to the lower car park. Subject to funding next year, the next stage of the path - along the western side of the oval - will be installed. The path is multi-use and can accommodate bikes, strollers, wheelchairs, roller/in-line skates and skateboards. A similar perimeter path around the main oval was installed at Willoughby Park two years ago and has proven to be very popular with a wide range of park users. ■



## Free wireless internet access

**The Artarmon Library is now a free wireless internet hotspot.**

Whenever the library is open, bring your laptop or your phone, and browse the internet free of charge. If you're new to the area, what a great way to also check out the other services available at our local library in Elizabeth St, just south of Wilkes Ave.