



PITTWATER COUNCIL

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TITLE:	CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV)
STRATEGY:	TOWN AND VILLAGE
BUSINESS UNIT:	COMMUNITY, LIBRARY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
RELEVANT LEGISLATION:	PRIVACY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT 1998, WORKPLACE SURVEILLANCE ACT 2005, SECURITY INDUSTRY ACT 1997
RELATED POLICIES:	NONE

Objectives

The CCTV system currently focuses on providing asset protection to a number of key Council facilities. The CCTV system also monitors some general public domain areas, particularly around Village Park Mona Vale.

The CCTV system contains a number of cameras which are networked to Council offices at both Vuko Place and Boondah Depot. Recordings are taken 24 hours a day, however the camera footage is generally not monitored live.

The objectives of Pittwater Council's CCTV system are as follows:

- To reduce crime levels by deterring potential offenders.
- To reduce fear of crime.
- To assist Police in the detection and prosecution of offenders.
- To help secure a safer environment for those people who live in, work in and visit the areas that are monitored.
- To assist Council in general claims management.

The CCTV system may also be used for intelligence gathering on individuals and locations, in relation to criminal offences.

The CCTV system will operate in accordance with the following key principles:

- *Principle 1*
Pittwater Council's CCTV system will be operated fairly, within applicable law, and only for the purposes for which it is established.
- *Principle 2*
• *The system will be operated with due regard to the privacy and civil liberties of individual members of the public.*
- *Principle 3*
• *The public interest in the operation of the system will be recognised by ensuring the security and integrity of operating procedures.*
- *Principle 4*
• *The public will be provided with clear and easily accessible information in relation to the CCTV system.*
- *Principle 5*
• *Information recorded will not exceed that necessary to fulfil the aims and objectives outlined in this policy.*

Policy Statement

It is recognised that the threat of crime is an important factor impacting on the actual and perceived safety of certain areas in the Pittwater area. The aim of the CCTV system is to reduce the potential for crime in the Pittwater area.

It is recognised that privacy of citizens must be respected and only authorised persons have access to data and images.