

Environmental Education

The Environmental Education Team ran a range of programs during 2004-2005:

- The Eco School Grants Program provided over \$45,000 in funding to 20 local schools.
- Hilltop to Headland Free Lecture Series held from February to November with topics on water conservation, sustainable living, native wildlife and global warming.
- 2005 Warringah Kids Care Calendar distributed to all 14,000 Warringah primary school students.
- World Environment Day Youth Expo held for the third time in June 2005, attracting over 1500 students.
- Duffys Forest Threatened Species Education Program held in 2005 for Year 3 & 4 primary students, including a free excursion to see a local example of Duffys Forest vegetation.



Coming up in 2005/2006

Over the next twelve months Warringah Council will undertake a range of exciting new programs.

- Introduction of a new water quality monitoring program for Warringah's waterways.
- Improvements to the current stormwater drainage system at Collaroy Beach.
- Improved management of Dee Why Lagoon to reduce weeds around the lagoon.
- Launch of Warringah's Natural Area Survey in September 2005 to record Warringah's flora and fauna.
- A new Wildlife Watch Program for residents and a guide to Warringah's plants and animals.
- Fire Regime Management Plans to be finalised for 11 major bushland reserves.
- 2006 Warringah Kids Care Calendar Competition to be launched in July 2005.
- 10th Anniversary of the Hilltop to Headland free lecture series to be celebrated in 2006.
- World Environment Day Youth Expo to be held in June 2006 for all Warringah primary schools.

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The ESSR at Work

We are fortunate in Warringah to have beautiful beaches, and fantastic areas of bushland and open space. Warringah Council is working with residents to preserve and protect these valuable areas.

This work is funded by your Environment and Stormwater Special Rate (ESSR), which is part of your rates set aside for environment and stormwater projects.

The rate is a yearly levy of 6.9%, or between \$40 to \$55 per year for the average residential ratepayer - about \$1 per week per family.

This leaflet tells you how the ESSR was spent in the 2004-2005 financial year and about projects that are continuing in 2005-2006.



Dick Persson
Administrator Warringah Council



Bushland Management

The Conservation and Land Management Team undertook several projects to protect and conserve our bushland. These include:

- Wildlife surveys in Duffys Forest, with the vulnerable Eastern Pygmy Possum recorded for the first time.
- Fire Regime Management Plans drafted for 11 major bushland reserves.
- Bush regeneration in all sites containing threatened *Grevillea caleyi* plants and endangered Duffys Forest vegetation communities.
- Warringah's Friends of the Bush volunteer program continued with 60 volunteer groups working throughout Warringah.
- Fox baiting carried out in bushland at Manly Dam resulting in noticeable increases in native animals.



Catchment and Stormwater Management



The Catchment Management Team have improved our local waterways by completing several projects:

- Coastal stormwater investigations undertaken at Collaroy Beach.
- Stormwater drainage investigations completed at the Mermaid's Pool, Manly Dam with a design prepared to improve the current drainage system.
- Gross pollutant (litter) traps cleaned at over 50 sites including Greendale and Brookvale Creeks.
- South Creek Flood Study completed, mapping all flood-affected properties in the catchment.
- Draft Floodplain Risk Management Study & Plan for Dee Why & Curl Curl Lagoons completed and placed on public exhibition.
- An environmental study to investigate possible impacts of rehabilitation works at Curl Curl Lagoon.
- Bush regeneration and maintenance programs carried out along Greendale and Brookvale Creeks.