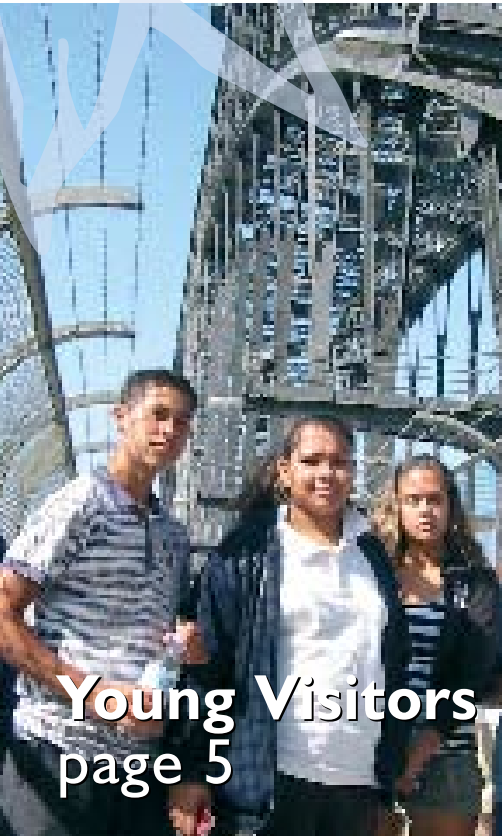


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Main cover photo: A new family of swans at Manly Dam under the watchful eye of Council's Rangers.



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“Have your **SAY**”

In our Summer edition of Warringah Matters we encouraged readers to take part in an online survey about the newsletter. Thank you to the many people who took the time to share their views - some of your comments are below.

What you like most about Warringah Matters

- Being kept in touch with that is happening in my shire
- Excellent information to keep you up to date and interested in Council matters, not just the infighting that you read about in the papers. Bright and breezy format too.
- Good to get information about what's happening in the community.
- Keeps you up to date with what the Council is doing, what's on and what's going on in Warringah.

What you like least about Warringah Matters

- Too big a format – I'd like smaller pages.
- The size – too big and awkward.
- The local library not mentioned enough.
- Too large to hold easily.

Other comments

- Can we have some of our own feedback published?
- Make it smaller maybe like a magazine.
- Perhaps a section on volunteers and volunteer work.
- Perhaps a feature on local artists.

As you can see, we have taken your comments on board and have changed the format of the newsletter to a smaller size. We hope you like it. We have also included a number of stories at your suggestion.

Please feel free to make further suggestions for stories you would like to read or general comments on the newsletter to council@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Warringah Council has a new website
www.warringah.nsw.gov.au
Visit the site and let us know what you think

Warringah welcomes new **GENERAL MANAGER**



Council's New General Manager **Mr Rik Hart** visited Warringah on Australia Day to take in the local celebrations and familiarise himself with the area before starting in his new position on March 15. He was pleased to see the great support for the community breakfasts at Dee Why, Forestville and Narrabeen with almost 30,000 people joining in the celebrations.

Warringah Council Administrator Dick Persson announced the appointment of Mr Hart earlier this year after an extensive recruitment process with more than 20 applicants from Australia and New Zealand for the General Manager position.

Mr Hart has moved to NSW from New Zealand where he has been the Chief Executive of Hutt City Council for the past six years. Hutt City Council is the eighth largest council in New Zealand and has won a number of best practice awards under Mr Hart's leadership.

Mr Hart has previously worked in Australia as the CEO of the Department of State Development in Victoria, formerly the Department of Business and Employment, Department of Sports, Arts and Tourism and Multimedia Victoria. He has extensive experience in the public and private sectors and has signed a five-year contract with Warringah Council.

Warringah's Ripple Water Festival

At a time when Australia is in the grip of a '1 in 100 year drought' water has never been more precious. While we are all working hard to be more water-wise we come to realise just how much we have taken this resource for granted.

For residents of Sydney's northern beaches we also have a strong cultural connection to water and Warringah Council is celebrating this with a new festival '**Ripple - A Cultural Celebration of Water in Warringah**'.

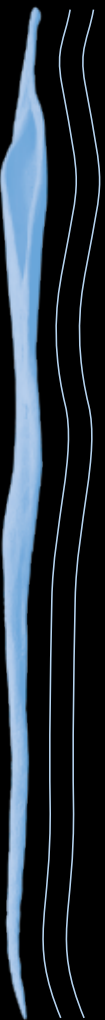
The water festival will celebrate remembered and treasured water from our beaches to our bushland. Warringah Council has developed a series of events, activities and projects in March to May that draw on themes relating to water. We hope to support greater understanding and appreciation of the value of water in our community from an educational and cultural perspective.

It will be an opportunity to value the history of significant sites such as Manly Dam and our own personal connections with our beaches or the Warringah Aquatic Centre for example.

The festival will be launched on March 21 at a Hilltop to Headland lecture and highlights of the festival will include:

- Saturday 31 March - Manly Dam will be aglow with colourful lanterns created by school children from the Dam catchment area and seniors in the community to celebrate aquatic life in the Dam
- Saturday 21 April - Dive-In Movie Night at Warringah Aquatic Centre where you can watch 'Happy Feet' from your li-lo in the pool
- Sound Waves - a series of four free Sunday concerts at Dee Why Beach from March to April

For more information about Ripple - A Cultural Celebration of Water in Warringah visit our website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au



Live Life!

Seniors Week in Warringah

A quarter of Warringah's population qualify as seniors and Council's program for the **2007 Seniors Week** will certainly give you plenty of opportunity to celebrate this year's theme and 'Live Life!' NSW Seniors Week is March 11-18 but Warringah Council will have almost a month of special activities for seniors between March 14 and April 5. Our Back to BASIC's Program will focus on 'Being Active - Staying Independent and Carefree' encouraging seniors to break out and try something different. With close to 50 different events and activities to choose from it won't be difficult to find something new to try.

The Seniors Week program in Warringah covers activities in nine categories.

- **Fit & Fabulous** including gym activities for seniors, pilates, tai chi and coastal walks.
- **Having a Ball** including croquet, Lifeball and tennis.



- **Fun in the Water** including fishing, kayaking and aquaerobics.
- **Happy & Healthy** including CHEERS luncheon, men's health and fitness expo, earth-friendly cooking classes and stress management for carers.
- **Brain Food** including authors in the library, book lovers club, bridge, creative writing classes, computer pals and mahjong.
- **Art & Crafty** including an art expo, embroidery classes, lantern making and lapidary.
- **For Consideration** including information sessions on accommodation needs, reconciliation, reverse mortgages and science and technology.
- **Pure Entertainment** including a cruise for carers and matinees at Glen Street Theatre.
- **Helpful Hints** including information sessions on memory loss, refresher driving courses and a safety fun show.



diary dates

Lunch with Granny

Tuesday 20 March

Newport Arms Hotel

Retired Sydney Morning Herald Editor for Column 8 (formerly the Granny column), George Richards, will be the guest speaker at a lunch organised by the three national seniors groups on the peninsula. For more information call 9984 9309.

Afternoon Tea at the WAC

Friday 23 March

Warringah Aquatic Centre

Enjoy an afternoon tea and chat with WAC staff or participate in a special deep water aerobics class. For more information call 9451 8000.

Life is a Beach

Wednesday 28 March

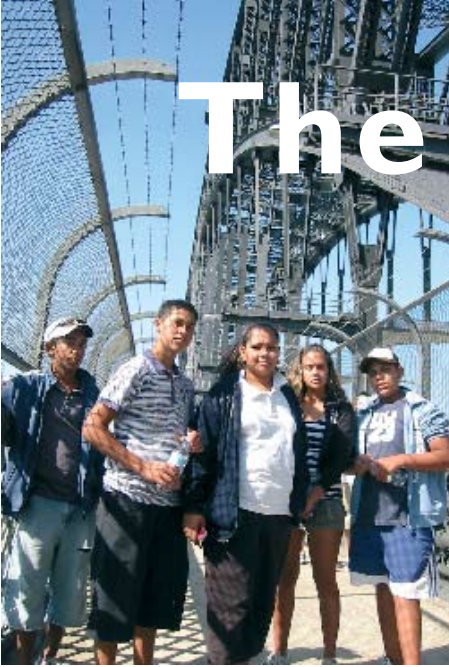
Freshwater Life Saving Club

Learn all you need to know about our coastline from Warringah Council's Beach Services in an informative and entertaining talk. For more information call 9942 2354.

For details of the Seniors Week program of activities in Warringah visit our website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au or call our Aged Services Team on 9942 2563.

You can also visit the NSW Seniors Week website at www.nswseniorsweek.com.au

The Youth of Today



Youth Exchange

Six young people and two youth workers from Brewarrina came to Warringah in January as part of Council's ongoing sister city program with the small town. The teenagers took in the delights of the big smoke including the Sydney Harbour Bridge as well as learning to surf and scuba dive on the northern beaches. The annual youth exchange has been running since 2000 and a group of students from Warringah will travel to Brewarrina later in the year to learn more about life in the outback.



Young Bands

Eighteen local bands will strut their stuff in the heats of the **Northern Composure Bands Competition** during March in the lead up to National Youth Week. You can catch the best local young talent at YOYO's Youth Centre, Frenchs Forest, on the first three Fridays in March between 7.30 and 11.30pm with the final on Friday 30 March at Cromer Community Centre. This competition is a great opportunity for young bands to get experience and exposure in front of a live audience. For more information call 9942 2401 or go to www.yoyosgigs.info

Young Artist

Cromer resident and young Indigenous artist Jessica Birk has been commissioned by Council to oversee the public art at **Mooramba Park** on the corner of Mooramba and Redman Roads in Dee Why. The reclaimed public space is being upgraded with a new fenced playground, seating and a landscaped garden.

Ms Birk held workshops with community members and students from Dee Why Primary School to paint designs onto shaped clay tiles for footpaths at the park and she has also created the soft fall landings using imagery inspired by her Indigenous heritage. "The design revolves around symbolism and colour schemes associated with our coastal environment as well as incorporating references to the local rock engraving art which aims to pay homage and respect to the Guringai ancestors whose traditional homelands Warringah occupies," she said.



Mooramba Magic by Jessica Birk



MORE GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY *...than you ever imagined*

If you haven't visited your library for some time you might be very surprised at what's on offer.

An exciting program of workshops, children's services, events and local studies exhibitions will take place at Dee Why, Forestville, Belrose and Warringah Mall Libraries during 2007. Our libraries offer a wide range of books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and internet services and many programs have expanded to support the growing needs of our community.

Children's Services

Your local library offers a range of services and collections to cater for all ages and interests and is a great place to visit for both learning and recreation. The collections include printed, audio and visual materials created specifically for children and young people.

Preschool Storytime is a free activity for 3-5 year olds to enhance children's social, educational and verbal skills by incorporating stories, singing, action rhymes and craft. Special Preschool Storytime themes this year include Grandparents, Easter, People with Disabilities, Fairies and Dragons, Dressing Up, Dinosaurs, Pets, a Teddy Bears

Picnic in the Park, Going to School and Christmas. Bookings are essential. Storytime sessions can also be arranged for visiting preschool classes, school classes or other community groups.

BIBs (Babies Into Books) is a free eight-week program for babies 6-18 months to share the joy of stories, songs and rhymes. It incorporates simple books read aloud, singing and action rhymes, musical instruments, playtime and activities as well as a range of interactive learning principles which help enhance a child's development. BIBs is held at Warringah Mall and Dee Why libraries and bookings are essential.

School vacation programs are conducted at each library with educational workshops and craft activities for 5-12 year olds. In January we enjoyed the experience of Crocodile Encounters getting up close with lizards, turtles, snakes and crocodiles. The April program will focus on a celebration of water. Bookings are essential and will open on Monday 19 March.

The Summer Reading Kids Club is always a great success with 'passports' awarded for children reading a book from each continent. This program ends with a pool party at the Warringah Aquatic Centre.

During **Library and Information Week** (21-27 May) we will be celebrating with workshops for students aged 10 years and over. Bookings are essential and will open on Monday 30 April. Contact your local library for times and dates and further information during May.

Library Services

Local Studies has an in depth and unique collection of historical and current resources on the history, geography and environment of Warringah with books, reports and environmental studies, maps, oral histories, local newspapers and photographs available for research in the Dee Why Library. The Library also holds a collection of family history records and experienced volunteers are available each Friday morning to assist you in your own family history research. Bookings are essential for this popular service.

The **Literacy Resource** collection of books, tapes and videos helps people learning to read, write and understand English at Dee Why and Warringah Mall libraries. This is useful for students of English as a Second Language, literacy students, and literacy tutors.

The **Housebound Collection** is a free home library service for residents who are unable to access our branch libraries in person. Our **multicultural resources** include newspapers and magazines in various community languages and libraries regularly receive a selection of titles in 33 different languages from the State Library of NSW.

We also offer **resources for people with special needs** with a collection for people with vision and hearing impairment such as large print books and talking books. The Dee Why Library has JAWS software (screen reader) and the libraries at Belrose and Forestville have magnifiers for visually impaired community members.

Surfing the net

The Library catalogue is now available at www.wls.nsw.gov.au where you can check if the Library holds a title you would like to borrow. Over the next year this site will continue to grow with additional information about services and resources. It will be a gateway to other databases and collections and will allow members to view their own record of what they have on loan and will have the capacity to renew loans online.

library times

Dee Why

725 Pittwater Road
Dee Why 2099
Ph: 9942 2449
Mon-Fri 10am-9pm
Sat 10am-4pm
Sun 2-5pm

Warringah Mall

Shop 650, Level 2
Warringah Mall
Brookvale 2100
Ph: 9942 7999
Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat 9am-5pm
Thurs 9am-9pm
Sun 10am-4pm

Belrose

Glenrose Place
Belrose 2085
Ph: 9452 3211
Mon-Tue 10am-7pm
Wed-Fri 10am-5pm
Sat 10am-1pm
Sun 2-5pm

Forestville

6 Darley Street
Forestville 2087
Ph: 9452 5706
Mon-Thur 10am-6pm
Fri 10am-5pm
Sat 10am-1pm

Volunteering in

When National Volunteer Week comes around in May you might want to consider how you can play a role in your local community as a volunteer. There are many opportunities for you to join various organisations and volunteer your time or expertise to the community. Warringah Council involves community members in a number of volunteering activities including bush regeneration and assisting seniors.

Warringah

Friends of the Bush



Council's biggest volunteering network is **'Warringah's Friends of the Bush'** which was formed in 1991 to support the growing number of community members becoming involved in regenerating bushland reserves. There are around 300 volunteers at over 40 sites dedicated to regenerating local bushland reserves throughout Warringah including groups such as:

- Friends of Curl Curl Lagoon
- Friends of Dee Why Lagoon
- Heron Place Bushcare Group
- Mermaid Pool
- Long Reef 'Reefcare'
- Manly Dam
- Terrey Hills Oval Bushcare

Volunteers are provided with technical advice, information, tools and Indigenous plants to assist with bush regeneration.

A 12 month calendar of bushcare workshops and activities gives volunteers the opportunity to hone their skills.

Most of the volunteer groups are supervised by Council or contracted bush regenerators.

To find out how you can get involved call 9942 2439.

Seniors Secure at Home Project

Council's newest volunteer program aims to create confidence among older residents about feeling secure at home. Launched in February, the project is funded by Warringah Council and a grant from the Crime Prevention Division of the NSW Attorney General's Department.

Trained volunteers conduct a free security audit of older residents' homes and assist by engraving their valuables. A local community organisation then installs selected security devices at a basic cost. A second aspect of the project is a series of monthly public meetings at which the local Crime Prevention Officer discusses improved home security and staff from a hardware facility demonstrate how to select and install appropriate security devices. Information factsheets are available at the meetings as well as on the Council website. We are currently looking for additional active, older residents as volunteers for this project. For more information call 9942 2686.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - May 14-20

For more information about volunteering opportunities in general you can visit www.volunteeringaustralia.org

You can also contact the Northern Beaches Community Services - Volunteer Recruitment Service on 9931 7777 or go to www.nbns.com.au

New Road for Glen Street

New Director

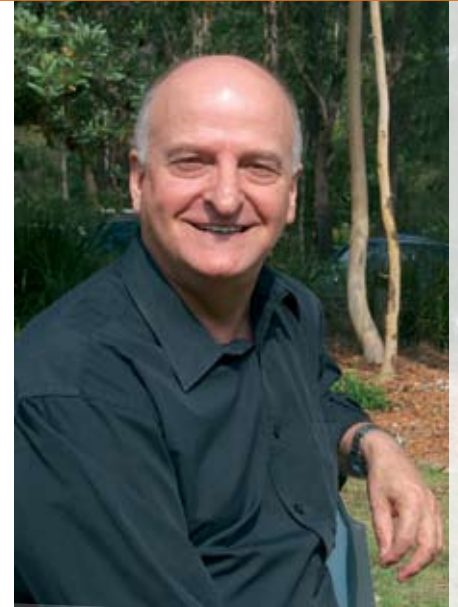
Audiences can expect a strong commitment to the local community with new and exciting programs under the helm of new Glen Street Theatre Director Rob Robertson. The newly appointed director is a highly experienced theatre administrator and technical director who has enjoyed a diverse career in the arts in major venues in London, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide throughout his 30 year career.

Mr Robertson has come to Warringah from the Adelaide Festival Centre and is impressed Glen Street has the fifth largest subscriber base in Australia. "That puts it ahead of many other major performing arts companies in the nation," he said.

"The really exciting prospect for me is to be able to lead the development of new initiatives and events that will generate real benefits for the Warringah community

"My initial focus will be working with the Glen Street Advisory Committee to continue to source the best performing arts product from around the country for 2008 and build upon the excellent season that our patrons will enjoy this year.

"My vision is for our outstanding annual season of subscription plays to be augmented with a wide range of new and exciting programs and projects that builds on our engagement with different community sectors in the Warringah area.



"I want our theatre building to be used as a real community resource where people of all ages in the community feel that there is a program or activity happening in and around the theatre that holds real value for them. I also want to build on our existing excellent reputation and generate even more interest in our theatre offerings," Mr Robertson said.

New Theatre

With the assistance of Warringah Council and Arts NSW, Glen Street Theatre has had a complete makeover with 400 new seats and fresh carpet installed in the main auditorium and foyer. The refurbishments include extensions to the hearing loop, hand rails in the auditorium, repainting of the walls and ceiling and new wheelchair accessible seating areas. The new additions will provide extra comfort to audience members and increase accessibility to patrons with special needs.

New Donations

Glen Street has launched a seat endowment campaign to assist in raising funds for the refurbishment of the theatre and the development of new programs. More than 50 seats have already been purchased and will be acknowledged on seat plaques. In February the theatre joined forces with the Australian Business Arts Foundation ABAF to launch their Glen Street Natives donor program to support the upgrade of theatre facilities. Tax-deductible donations are acknowledged on the Glen Street Natives donor board in the theatre foyer. The title of the program reflects the local flora of the area and the theatre gardens with four levels of support - Eucalyptus, Banksia, Acacia and Gumnut.

Glen Street Theatre is located in Belrose at the corner of Glen Street and Blackbutts Roads.

For more details on its box office program, phone **9975 1455** or visit **www.glenstreet.com.au**

Expo

Environment



Warringah Council's **World Environment Day Expo** is back by popular demand on Sunday May 27, building on the success of last year's inaugural event which attracted more than 10,000 people. This is the biggest environmental event on Council's calendar so bring your family and friends to learn more about sustainable living and how to reduce your impact on the environment.

More than 50 businesses and service providers will be on hand showcasing environmentally friendly products and services such as organic skin care and baby products, recycled jewellery, sustainable house design and chemical-free cleaning. Organic food and drink will be on sale and roving performers and musicians will keep you entertained. Children will love the opportunity to see native animals like bats, echidnas, snakes, frogs and lizards.

The Community Expo is free and will start at 9am at James Meehan Reserve beside Dee Why Beach. A Youth Expo will also be held on May 23 and 24 so local students can participate in interactive workshops. For all enquiries about the expo or to be involved as an environmental exhibitor contact Council's Environmental Education Team on 9942 2351 or visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au



RSL CLUB

Community partner

Hilltop to Headland

Council's **Hilltop to Headland** environmental lecture and workshop series runs from February until November 2007 and covers a wide range of local and global environmental issues. The free series of community talks and workshops is now in its eleventh year with environmental experts delivering lectures, workshops and screenings.

Highlights of the Autumn program include:

- Eco Renovations Workshop
Saturday March 10
- The Future of Water Lecture
Wednesday March 21
- Amphibians in Danger Lecture
Wednesday April 18
- Building a Frog Pond Workshop
Sunday April 29
- Easy, Natural Cleaning Workshop
Sunday May 6
- Spotless Authors Lecture
Wednesday May 16

All lectures are held at Warringah Council Chambers in Civic Drive, Dee Why. Bookings are essential for all workshops. To obtain a program or make a booking contact Council's Environmental Education Team on 9942 2542 or visit Council's website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au



What's on

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

Friday 2

7.30pm Northern Composure Band Competition Heats @ YOYOS

Sunday 4

Clean-up Australia Day
www.cleanup.com.au
or 1800 282 329

Friday 9

7.30pm Northern Composure Band Competition Heats @ YOYOS

Saturday 10

2pm Hilltop to Headland Workshop - Eco Renovations
6.30pm Road Safety Course – Road Trip
Tips for the Easter Holidays

Tuesday 13

6.30pm Road Safety Course - Car Maintenance Course for Women
7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why

Friday 16

7.30pm Northern Composure Band Competition Heats @ YOYOS

Sunday 18

10am Sustainable House Design Workshop at Coastal Environment Centre.
Bookings 9970 6905

Wednesday 21

7pm Hilltop to Headland Lecture 'The Future of Water'

Thursday 22

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Propagation & Pruning

Sunday 25

1pm Ripple Water Festival - Sound Waves Concert at Dee Why Beach

Tuesday 27

7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why

Friday 30

7.30pm Northern Composure Band Competition Final @ Cromer Community Centre

Saturday 31

4.30pm Ripple Water Festival celebrations for treasured water at Manly Dam. Latern making from 2pm

Sunday 1

1pm Ripple Water Festival – Sound Waves Concert at Dee Why Beach

Tuesday 10

School Holiday Vacation Care & Recreation programs.
Bookings 9942 2312
7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why

Thursday 12

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Intro to Eco Gardening

Sunday 15

1pm Ripple Water Festival - Sound Waves Concert at Dee Why Beach

Wednesday 18

7pm Hilltop to Headland Lecture - Amphibians in Danger

Thursday 19

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Eco Water Issues

Sunday 22

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - No Dig Gardening

Tuesday 24

7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why

Wednesday 25

Anzac Day.
For enquiries about local services phone 9942 2603

Thursday 26

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - No Dig Gardening

Sunday 29

10am Hilltop to Headland Workshop - Building a Frog Pond
1pm Ripple Water Festival - Sound Waves Concert at Dee Why Beach

Sunday 6

10am Hilltop to Headland Workshop - Easy, Natural Cleaning

Tuesday 8

7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why

Thursday 10

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Intro to Eco Gardening

Friday 11

7pm 'Discobility' dance party for young people @ YOYOS

Saturday 12 &

Sunday 13
NSW Cancer Council 'Relay for Life', Northern Harbour, phone 9334 1413.

Tuesday 15

6.30pm Road Safety Course - Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers

Wednesday 16

7pm Hilltop to Headland Lecture - Spotless Authors

Tuesday 22

7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why

Thursday 24

10am Belrose Library's 'biggest morning tea' function
10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Eco House

Sunday 27

9am World Environment Day Community Day, James Meehan Reserve, Dee Why

Sunday 27

9am Bike Trail Maintenance Day at Manly Dam. Bookings 9949 3235
10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Intro to Eco Gardening

Thursday 31

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Propagation & Pruning
7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers

Free Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshops

Bookings essential 9486 3512 (Monday to Friday)

Free Hilltop to Headland environmental series

Bookings essential 9942 2542

Road Safety Courses at Titan Ford Showroom,

Brookvale. Bookings essential 9942 2354

YOYOS Youth Centre activities 9942 2680

or visit www.yoyosgigs.info

Australia Day 2007

Useful contacts

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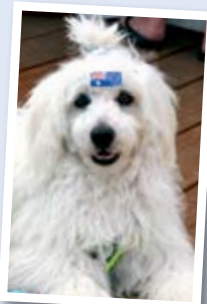
For information and assistance
between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to
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