



Above: Artist's impression from the Masterplan of a new-look town square in Howard Avenue. Top: Warringah Council Administrator Dick Persson.

## Dee Why Masterplan – THE NEXT STEPS

In a frank interview, Warringah Council Administrator Dick Persson outlines the progress and obstacles to changing the face of Warringah's 'ugly duckling' – Dee Why CBD.

**Q.** The Masterplan was launched in a blaze of publicity a year ago but a year down the track many would say it's still the same old Dee Why. What's happening with the Plan?

I'd agree that it's still the same old Dee Why. I agree also with a couple of letter-writers to *The Manly Daily* that what is currently being built on, for example, the site of the old Woolworths building is an eyesore. Believe me, under Dee Why's current planning controls there's potentially plenty more of this kind of building to come.

That's why it's so important we get these controls changed and I'm pleased to say we're making progress on that. The first step is rezoning the Howard Avenue car park. The next step is to develop a new local environmental plan for Dee Why's CBD which is also underway.

**Q.** You're on record as saying that the Masterplan's success depends on private landholders selling their sites to commercial interests. Is that going ahead?

I don't believe that I said the Masterplan's success depends on it. What I am saying is that if private landholders sell their sites off to a developer who's interested in amalgamating them as a whole, the outcomes of the Masterplan can happen a lot more quickly.

Again, I can't over-emphasise the importance of new planning controls for Dee Why. Then larger commercial interests can come forward and put in competitive bids for privately held sites. Once one goes, other owners will see the benefits and sell.

**Q.** Why is the Howard Avenue car park such an important part of the Masterplan?

Under the current controls, private landholders have been handed very big benefits - which is why it's difficult to persuade them to sell. New planning controls will offer much better quality open space and amenities. Under the Masterplan the area near the Spotlight building will be turned into a town square with outdoor dining and shopping. The size of Walter Gors Park will be doubled. But to achieve these two things, a new home has to be found for the library and the community groups in the Council-owned offices in Howard Avenue, which is why the car park site is so critical.

Frankly, the Council can no longer afford to have such a valuable site purely and simply as a car park. We have to look at maximising its potential so that a new town square and library can be built.

**Q.** St. Kevin's Church parishioners say they will be disadvantaged if the car park is developed.

How will you make sure this doesn't happen?

I think the Church had valid concerns about the proximity of a building on the car park site next to it and the Government Architect has come up with a solution to that. I also think we can reassure them on their other main concern - parking availability for events such as funerals and weddings.

I'm open to having further discussions with the Church and I can understand that people don't like change. However I also believe we can't allow the very great benefits of the Masterplan to remain tied up in the interests of a single community group. If we can't come to an agreement we'll have to proceed anyway.

**Q.** Why does the Masterplan give more development to Dee Why when it's over-developed already?

This is a common furphy that's put around by opponents of the Masterplan. The Plan doesn't give Dee Why any more development than will be allowed now under the current planning controls. What it does is rearrange the same amount of development in a different way so that better outcomes for the public are achieved, such as a new library, a town square and bigger parks.

**Q.** What part of the Masterplan is going to happen first and when?

I'd expect a clearer picture of timeframes to emerge in the next 12 months. If the private sector hasn't made a move by then the Council will go ahead with our plans for the Howard Avenue and Post Office sites.

If you'd like more information about the Dee Why Masterplan, contact the Council on 9942 2111 or at [council@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@warringah.nsw.gov.au)

### In our first edition:

Welcome to the first issue of *Warringah Matters*, delivered to your home every three months. *Warringah Matters* is all about news, views and issues that concern you as a resident of Warringah.

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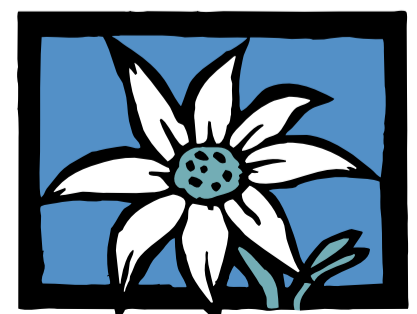
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Warringah Council



# from the GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to the first issue of *Warringah Matters* which will be distributed quarterly to all residents of Warringah. In this summer edition we highlight the achievements of last financial year in a summary of the annual report. This is an important scorecard for the community to judge us by and to measure whether changes at the Council are having a positive effect.

The Internal Ombudsman has also produced an independent report on the Council's activities which can be viewed on our website [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au).

*Warringah Matters* is the result of surveys and discussions with our community; you told us that you wanted a regular means of keeping up to date with what we're doing, but you also told us that a newsletter should give you the opportunity to express your views. We will do that through a regular feature inviting community leaders to speak on a topic of interest to Warringah residents and by asking your opinion on various issues. Turn to page five to find out what you had to say in this issue!

As summer is approaching, we also highlight events and activities that you and your family can enjoy from December through to the end of February - many of which are free - in our What's On calendar.

Few Councils can boast they have a professional theatre on their own doorstep. When you see the calibre of the program planned for 2006 at Glen Street Theatre I think you will agree that we are very fortunate to have this facility.

I hope you will enjoy this first issue of *Warringah Matters* and if you have any views on what you would like to see in future editions, please contact me personally (see back page for contact details).

Stephen Blackadder

## NEWS in brief

### Better traffic flow planned for Brookvale

The Council will carry out a major traffic management study for the Brookvale area, following concerns by businesses in the area over parking and traffic flow. The study began in November 2005 with a survey of business-owners and the results will be reported to Council early in 2006. For all enquiries about the traffic study contact the Traffic Engineer on 9942 2300 or at [council@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@warringah.nsw.gov.au)

### New vegetation bin lids to be fitted

Warringah's vegetation collection bins are getting a facelift – all bins are being fitted free-of-charge with new lime green lids from December through to February 2006. "We're standardising the lids so everyone knows which bin is for green waste," said the Council's Waste Services Manager Tony Walmsley. For all enquiries contact the Council on 9942 2111.

### Naming competition for Ocean Street Reserve

The Council is looking for a new name for the redeveloped foreshore reserve at Ocean Street, Narrabeen. Residents are being invited to send their suggestions to the Council by the end of the year to be in the running for two season tickets to Glen Street Theatre. The winning entry will be announced in the March issue of *Warringah Matters*. All entries should be submitted to Marketing & Communications at [council@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@warringah.nsw.gov.au) by 31 December 2005.

### Make the switch to Green Power

Warringah Council and the NSW Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS) have joined forces to promote the use of green power to Warringah residents. Green power is electricity generated by renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power. Environmental Service Manager Dennis Corbett said that the Council's support for green power was part of a comprehensive campaign to reduce greenhouse gases. Contact your electricity supplier to make the switch, or call 1300 852 688 for details of other green power accredited retailers.

### Narrabeen says no to plastic bags

Narrabeen Chamber of Commerce are saying no to plastic and giving away reusable shopping bags to Chamber members in the Narrabeen retail area to distribute to shoppers. "Ideally we want to make Narrabeen a plastic-bag-free shopping centre", said Chamber coordinator Jane Simmonds. The Council produced 2000 bags featuring the Chamber's new logo – the famous Narrabeen pelican. For more details contact the Chamber of Commerce on 0414 843 013.

### Warringah's demographics online

Interactive web pages highlighting the social, demographic and geographic features of Warringah will shortly become available on the Council's website. The Warringah Community Profile provides a social and demographic overview of Warringah in a suburb-by-suburb breakdown, plus the option of comparing aspects of Warringah's population with other areas or with the same area for different Census periods. Visit [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) at the end of December to view the Warringah Community Profile.

## Chamber Chat

The first of a regular segment devoted to local business groups. This issue we hear from Warringah Chamber of Commerce based in Dee Why.

Warringah Chamber of Commerce was created in 1998 and draws its membership from a broad range of local businesses and industries, from high profile corporations through to home-based businesses. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the business and

commercial life of the area. The Chamber meets monthly and meetings include Business Breakfasts with guest speakers. We also host Networking After Hours where we meet at a member's premises for drinks and nibbles. We're currently working with the Council on a Christmas lighting competition for Dee Why's CBD to encourage businesses to take pride in the area.

For more information visit our website on [www.warringahchamber.com.au](http://www.warringahchamber.com.au) or phone the Chamber on 0402 819 031.

# Glen Street Theatre 2006 SEASON

Next year Glen Street will mark its 21st birthday and to celebrate its coming of age, the Theatre's 2006 season has something for every drama-lover.

Jonathan Biggins of the Sydney Theatre Company's Wharf Revue team will front their new production *Stuff All Happens* which co-stars Drew Forsythe, Genevieve Lemon and Phillip Scott. The Wharf Revue is Sydney's most popular annual dose of razor-sharp satire. This show will contain all new material, so politicians of all persuasions beware!

The second play in the season is the Ensemble Theatre production of the charming and funny new play *Six Dance Lessons In Six Weeks* starring Nancye Hayes (*42nd Street*, *Chicago* and *Guys and Dolls*) and Todd McKenney (*The Boy From Oz* and *Dancing With The Stars*).

Third is William Yang's superb show *Shadows* which has been performed in the Sydney, Adelaide and Perth Festivals and also in Norway to great critical acclaim. The play weaves deceptively simple storytelling with images and music about which the West Australian wrote: "*Shadows is the kind of art that will leave haunting and beautiful images in your mind for days.*"

The fourth play in the 2006 season is the Sydney Theatre Company's production of *Doubt* - winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and four Tony Awards including Best Play. This is a compelling new American play about a Catholic teaching nun who harbours doubts about the local parish priest's relationship with an altar boy.

The fondly remembered star of the ABC TV series *GP*, distinguished actor Michael Craig stars next in the Dylan Thomas classic play *Under Milk Wood*. The play recently toured through Victoria and the Sunday Herald Sun wrote: "*This is magical writing performed by a perfect cast...Sure to be one of this year's theatrical highlights.*"

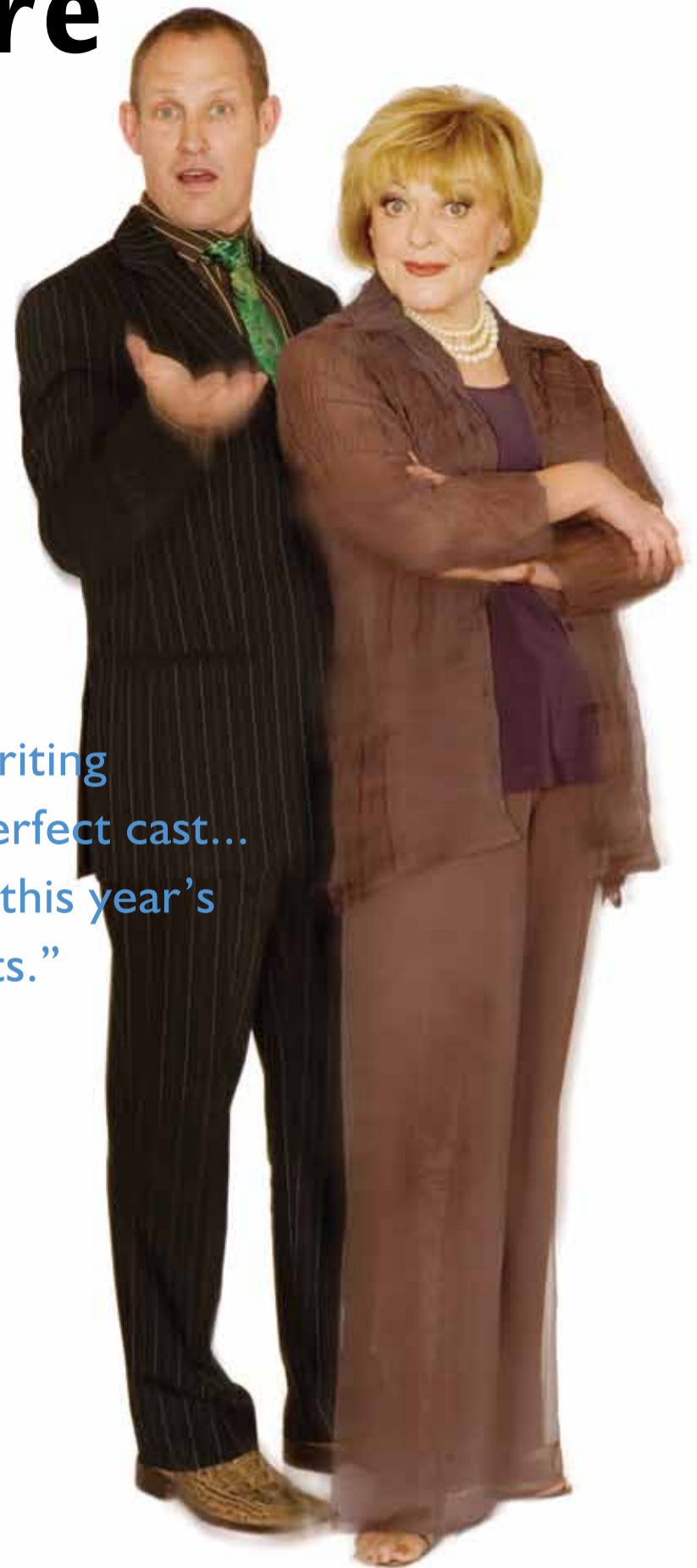
Next is a refreshing new circus troupe from Montreal Canada, *The 7 Fingers*. The show is funny, poetic and even outrageous, starring seven circus artists who have performed in some of the worlds finest circuses including Cirque de Soleil.

**"This is magical writing performed by a perfect cast... Sure to be one of this year's theatrical highlights."**

Queensland Theatre Company's Artistic Director Michael Gow flew in from Brisbane especially to speak at the season launch about the 20th anniversary production of his play *Away* which he is directing. The play is now an Australian classic and has been on the HSC syllabus for many years.

The final two productions in the 2006 season are from the Bell Shakespeare Company - John Bell's wife Anna Volska will direct *The Merchant of Venice*, followed by Herman Melville's classic *Moby Dick*, adapted and performed by John Bell. Glen Street Theatre has the exclusive season of this production in 2006.

For more details or to subscribe contact the Glen Street Theatre box office on 9975 1455 or visit [www.glenstreet.com.au](http://www.glenstreet.com.au)



**Above: Todd McKenney and Nancye Hayes will star in the charming and funny new play from the Ensemble Theatre, *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks***

## Connexions in Time

An innovative photography project bringing together young people from Warringah and its sister-city Brewarrina was exhibited in October this year. *Connexions in Time* included 4000 photos taken by young people aged from 12 to 20 years old, seven from Brewarrina and nine from Warringah. The Warringah group attended weekly digital photography workshops and those in Brewarrina went to weekend workshops, all run by a professional photographer. Both groups were then encouraged to document their daily lives featuring friends and family. Out of the 4000 submitted, 80 were chosen for exhibition.

The photographs reflect common issues but also the real differences between the lives of young people on the northern beaches and the outback. The project was funded by the Federal Government and supported by Warringah Council and Brewarrina Shire Council. Thanks to a \$3000 sponsorship from Country Energy, organisers were able to tour the exhibition to Brewarrina in November.



**Above: Photo by Adam Smith from Warringah of young footballers in Brewarrina.**

**Left: Photo by Rachel Parker from Brewarrina of action at one of Warringah's skateboarding ramps.**

# 2004 - 2005

## The year in review

### A summary of the annual report

#### Administrator's comment

This summary of the 2004-2005 annual report shows at a glance just how prolific and wide-reaching the services provided by Warringah Council are, covering everything from beach safety, protection for the environment and childcare.

There are a number of achievements worth mentioning. One of these is the convening of the Narrabeen Lagoon Summit, which brought together everyone with an interest in this waterway to discuss its future. To everyone's credit, we were able to secure a unanimous agreement for careful dredging of the Lagoon. This came about after consideration of the facts presented by a range of experts – which illustrates how important it is to deal in the facts when making far-reaching decisions for the Warringah community.

Manly Dam received a funding boost during the year, after I decided to pledge \$1.5 million over the next three years to its protection. Of this amount, \$950,000 has been set aside for bush regeneration, \$150,000 to educate local residents on ways to look after this important waterway and \$400,000 to protect water quality.

Another achievement was the opening of the new foreshore park at Ocean Street, Narrabeen. This \$1.4 million project was fully funded by developer contributions, known as Section 94 funds. The park combines public art, a viewing platform and cycleways as well as providing much-needed protection from the eroding effects of winds and waves through the planting of \$45,000 worth of native plants.

We still have a lot to do as an organisation but I'm confident that the reforms within the Council are making a genuine difference to our focus on customer service. If you are interested in obtaining a full copy of the annual report, it can be downloaded from our website at [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) or is available free of charge by phoning 9942 2111.

The Council's new Strategic Plan – Living Warringah – was developed with residents from across Warringah. The Plan will guide the Council's long-range decision-making until 2020.

The Dee Why Masterplan was launched in September 2004. The Masterplan will create two new parks, a new library and a town square in the heart of Dee Why. Over 80% of the Warringah community gave the Plan the thumbs-up.

The number of outstanding development applications dropped from 713 in June 2004 to 530 in June 2005. Development applications lodged during 2004-2005 decreased by 19% from the previous year - 1695 compared with 2093.

#### Open government

The Council received two requests to view files under Freedom of Information legislation during 2004-2005 and 460 requests to view files. Any member of the public can view files – to make an appointment contact the Council on 9942 2111.

Since February 2005, all Council meetings at Dee Why have been webcast live over the internet. Log onto [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) and follow the prompts to view meetings. The Council also introduced a new initiative called 'Taking Council to the Community'. Three Council meetings were held at Terrey Hills, Forestville and Brookvale.

Developer funding – known as Section 94 funds - was spent on purchasing property located in what's known as the 'wave impact zone' in Collaroy/Narrabeen. The property purchased for \$2.18 million – 1 Waterloo Street, Narrabeen – lies within the zone that predicts which properties are likely to be damaged in a 100-year storm event. The property will be turned into parkland or converted to another public use.

Seven playgrounds were upgraded during 2004-2005, again using Section 94 funds. The Council also formed a community committee to advise it on where playgrounds should be built in the future.

The Council employed an in-house legal team of three staff with the aim of reducing legal costs. During 2004-2005 the Council managed 19 appeals regarding planning matters in the courts, compared with 31 in 2003-2004.

The Narrabeen Lagoon Summit was held in April 2005 bringing together anglers, community and environmental groups, recreational users, State Government authorities and Pittwater Council. The Hon. Bob Debus, NSW Minister for the Environment, opened the Summit. Agreement was reached at the Summit for limited dredging of the Lagoon.

The Council's library at Dee Why launched a Summer Reading Club in the 2004 summer holidays, attracting over 100 children. During 2004-2005 the Council's library service added nearly 15,500 new books to its collection. A new computer system was put in place that will soon allow borrowers to reserve and renew borrowed items online.

In 2004 the Council's Customer Service Centre at Dee Why was completely rebuilt at a cost of \$85,000 to include a meeting room, children's play equipment and computer access. In October 2004 the Council presented 20 community groups with \$300,000 worth of funding through its community grants scheme. Environmental grants between \$1350 and \$2500 were also distributed to 20 Warringah schools during the year. For details on applications for 2006 community and environmental grant funding contact the Council on 9942 2111.

## New services and programs in 2004-2005

'Cheers' offered seniors lunch in local restaurants prepared by nutritionists plus advice on healthy eating. In late 2004 over 450 seniors were surveyed to analyse future service needs. A seniors walking group for Italian speakers was launched in February 2005.

The Council and the Give Anything Prevent Suicide (GAPS) organisation held a workshop on youth suicide bringing together health experts, parents and children. A mural painting project to prevent graffiti was organised at Cromer Park in cooperation with the Manly-Warringah Soccer Association and Cromer High School. The IMPAKT project was launched by the Council and local police to educate parents and children on the dangers of under-age drinking.

Two new online services were developed during 2004-2005. DAs Online allows members of the public to track the progress of development applications lodged with the Council. Waste Online allows residents to check details of waste collection services. Visit [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) to log onto either service.

## Warringah's culture and heritage

The Guringai Festival marked Warringah's Aboriginal heritage with the Journey of Healing short film festival, guided walks, art exhibitions and feature films. For the fourth year running, the Pasifika Festival highlighted the contribution of the Pacific Islander people with a beachside concert in December 2004 attended by 3000 people.

The Council did more to protect heritage during 2004-2005, requiring planning advice from the Aboriginal Heritage Manager for development applications near Warringah's 463 Aboriginal sites and publishing a leaflet for owners of heritage properties that was short-listed for an award by the Planning Institute of Australia.

## Did you know?

Warringah's lifeguards rescued 1039 and administered first aid to 3664 of the 2 million visitors to our beaches. Over 6300 people were taught water safety by Council lifeguards. Warringah – along with Pittwater and Manly Councils – adopted a no-smoking policy for all Warringah beaches, meaning smoking on the beach is now prohibited.

## Major projects in 2004-2005

Ocean Street Reserve at Narrabeen was transformed into a regional park with BBQ and picnic areas, an outdoor entertainment space, cycleway, viewing platform, new car park and public art at a cost of \$1.4 million – all funded through Section 94 contributions from developers. The Council is now running a competition for Warringah residents to come up with a new name for the park – see page 2 for details.

A new park next to Brookvale Oval was built during 2004-2005 at a cost of \$464,250. The park features new play equipment, seating, picnic areas and a restored heritage bandstand. A tree-planting ceremony with residents and students from nearby schools took place in April 2005.

\$1.5 million over three years was pledged to protect Manly Dam in a new program called 'Keeping Our Dam Alive.' During 2004-2005 \$125,000 was spent on water quality, weed control, bush regeneration and community education. This year's dawn service was held at the Dam to commemorate Anzac Day with the agreement of service clubs and the Manly Dam Trust. This moving ceremony will be now be regular highlight of Anzac Day.

For a full copy of Warringah Council's Annual Report 2004-2005 visit [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) or contact the Council on 9942 2111 to request a free copy to be mailed to you.



# 2004-2005

## Financials at a glance

2004 - 2005 operating statement summary

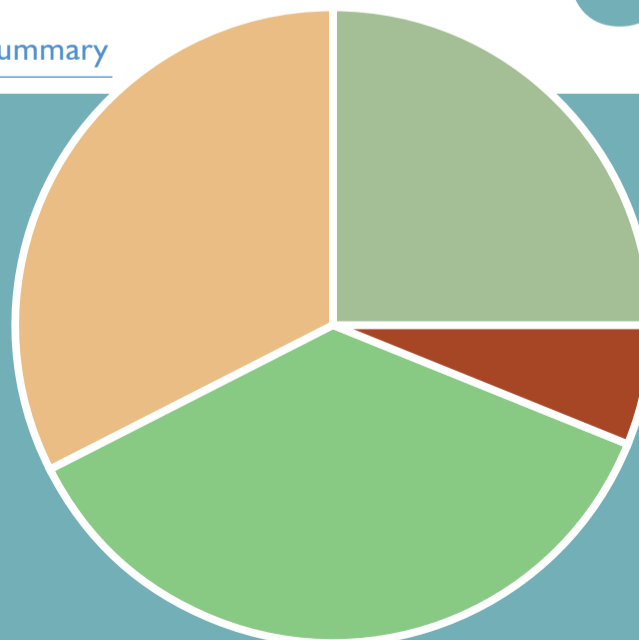
During 2004-2005 the Council achieved an operating surplus of \$10.061 million.

The proportion of income from rates decreased from 61.036% in 2003-2004 to 60.148% in 2004-2005.

Income from fees and charges increased from \$21,032 in 2003-2004 to \$21,195 in 2004-2005. EFTPOS transactions increased by 11.62% while internet and phone payments for rates decreased by 0.65%.

New fees and charges were introduced on a sliding scale for all forms of development.

All Council's current fees and charges can be viewed at [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au)



Current Assets 4,152,845	Current Liabilities 38,737,000
Income 04-05 101,785,000	Expenditure 04-05 90,368,000

Top to Bottom:  
Warringah's lifeguards on duty at Dee Why Beach, ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Manly Dam, Water Demons at Ocean Street Reserve Opening, (photo Water Demon courtesy of Alan Gannaway.)

# The State of Warringah's Environment 2004 - 2005



Students testing water quality at Dee Why Lagoon.

Each year the Council prepares a State of the Environment Report, outlining the condition of Warringah's environment and what the Council and community have done to help protect it. The full Report is available free-of-charge from the Council's Customer Service Centre or can be viewed online at [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au)  
**The Report is published here as a summary.**

## Warringah's environment in 2004-2005 – at a glance

- 60% of Warringah covered by vegetation
- 914 recorded native plants
- 19 species of nationally significant plants under threat
- 56 species of nationally significant animals under threat
- 3 vegetation communities under threat ie. groups of various plants occurring naturally
- Feral cat, fox and rabbit populations decreased during 2004-2005 in most Council reserves
- 527 trees lost on public land
- 1958 trees approved for removal on private land
- 52 kilometres of creeks, four coastal lagoons, 14 kilometres of beaches
- Over 2 million visitors to our beaches between October 2004 and April 2005
- Warringah's beaches achieved 100% compliance with State Government water quality guidelines
- Freshwater Beach won 7 Awards in the Keep Australia Beautiful Clean Beach Challenge
- Warringah's water consumption declined by 6.9%
- 32,655 tonnes of waste was recycled and 29,237 tonnes sent to landfill
- 1242 vehicles were illegally dumped in Warringah during 2004-2005
- Only 1.7% of days during 2004-2005 breached national air quality standards
- 15,429 registered dogs in Warringah, an increase of 1500 from the previous year
- 1984 complaints were received about barking dogs, an increase of 26%
- 35-40 other noise complaints each month – air conditioners, parties, alarms and traffic are the biggest culprits
- 1695 development applications were lodged, 19% fewer than last year
- 463 Aboriginal sites officially recorded
- 13 sites or buildings of regional or State heritage significance
- 15 heritage sites or buildings of local heritage significance
- One heritage conservation area in Warringah
- 36% of heritage items under Council management

## Pressures on our environment

- land clearing
- population increases
- bushfires
- incorrect waste disposal
- reduced availability of landfill
- feral animals
- litter
- development
- illegal dumping of rubbish & vehicles
- illegal tree removal
- plastic bags
- lack of tree replacement
- car exhausts
- beach and shoreline erosion
- wood-smoke
- sewage overflows and stormwater runoff
- industrial processes
- increased hard surfaces
- greenhouse gas emissions
- animal waste
- noise pollution
- flooding
- medium density housing
- sediment
- increasing property values
- nutrients from gardens and industrial estates
- decreasing non-urban lands
- algal blooms
- illegal land uses
- vandalism
- natural deterioration
- tourism
- rezoning



Above: A feral fox captured through Council's Pest Species Abatement Program

## What we did for the environment during 2004-2005

- 102 trees replanted on public land
- 8830 native plants planted by 362 Friends of the Bush volunteers
- 4600 hours of bush regeneration work by Council in parks and reserves
- \$1.5 million committed to saving Manly Dam and surrounding bushland between 2005-2008
- Historic stakeholder Summit in March 2005 agrees to limited dredging of Narrabeen Lagoon
- Council saves 68,000 litres each day through the Every Drop Counts Program
- 16,093 litres of pollutants and sediment cleared from 107 water quality devices
- Water quality at 20 sites monitored by 10 Streamwatch groups
- New water quality monitoring program developed by the Council
- A new waste and recycling contract reduced the domestic waste charge to ratepayers
- Garbage truck movements reduced through new split collection trucks
- 4700 tonnes of resources recovered from 28,000 tonnes of waste at Kimbriki Waste & Recycling Centre
- Waste Online on the Council's website allows residents to check all waste information online
- 500 tonnes of greenhouse gases saved at Warringah Aquatic Centre through energy efficient heat pumps, lighting and a solar heating system
- Solar panels installed at Forestville Library & Community Arts Centre
- An air quality education program for medium to small industrial businesses completed and shortlisted for a local government award
- New system for noise complaints introduced by Warringah and Pittwater Councils and local police
- Anti-barking collars for Warringah residents available to buy or rent through the Council
- World Environment Youth Expo Day held in early 2005 attracted over 1500 primary school students
- Bushland Plans of Management prepared for all bushland areas
- Native plant and animal life catalogued through the Council's Natural Area Surveys

# 2006 will be a memorable year for Warringah!

By Nan Bosler,

Chair of the Warringah Centenary Community Committee



Tuesday 7 March 2006 marks the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of Warringah Shire as a local government authority. I'm delighted to be asked to chair the organising committee for Centenary of Warringah activities. This committee, representing a wide range of community interests, is already working as a team with Council staff to ensure that an exciting program is developed. Our aim is to see activities that will be inclusive of all interests and locations and reflect the spirit of Warringah.

Residents of Warringah are already having their say, with various ideas being suggested. These will be considered as we plan a memorable program and during the next few months there will be opportunities for residents to contribute to various projects. For example, during the Centenary year we will be looking for residents and organisations that have reached the magic centenary mark. I have lived at Collaroy Plateau for more than 50 years and that's only half a century!

Other ideas are being considered include a Centenary Picnic, a pictorial history of Warringah, sporting activities, walks and projects involving our fascinating and beautiful environment.

Close your eyes for a moment and travel back in time; what was Warringah like when you first moved here? Just imagine how it would have been if you had lived here when Warringah Shire was created in 1906! Let's make 2006 a memorable year as we share a calendar of events that celebrate the community of Warringah.

For more information about Warringah's Centenary contact the Council's Events and Cultural Services Team on 9942 2111.

## Become a Family Day Carer

Join the happy team at Warringah Family Day Care.  
Small group child care in your own home.

- Earn up to \$1,000 a week
- Run your own business supported by professional staff
- Enjoy the independence and advantages of working from home
- Include your own children in the program
- Be rewarded by supportive relationships within a network of carers
- Have access to a wide variety of training and resources

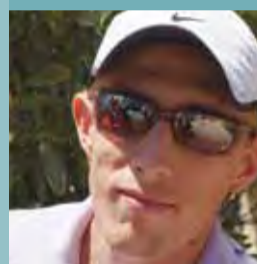
### Interested?

Call the Council on 9942 2122 or visit our friendly coordination team at 16 Sturdee Parade Dee Why Monday to Friday during business hours.



# Have your say

There are some housing estates in Warringah that are now zoned "cat free" next to Ku-ring-gai National Park or significant bushland areas like Manly Dam. We asked residents whether they would consider living in an estate where they weren't allowed to keep a cat.



"I wouldn't mind living in that type of residential area."

**Daniel, Narraweena**



"I think if a resident already owns a cat, particularly an elderly resident, they should be able to keep it regardless of where they live. Once the cat dies and if they're living in one of those estates, then they shouldn't be allowed to get a new one."

**Sue, former resident of Cromer**



"No, I wouldn't live in one. Animals can be beneficial and good for your health, especially for older people."

**Karen, North Curl Curl**



"I think it's a ridiculous suggestion. Council hasn't got the right to make that kind of decision for people. Why shouldn't people be able to keep cats? I wouldn't live there."

**Tony, Cromer**



"I'm totally in favour of cat free residential estates. I don't think people living in zones wrapped around National Parks should be able to keep cats at all. If anything, these zones should be expanded."

**Neil and Jenaya, Frenchs Forest**

# What's on

[www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au)

## December 2005

- Mon – Fri Computer Pals, Tramshed Community Centre, Narrabeen.  
For details <http://users.bigpond.net.au/compals>
- 16 Lunchtime Legends – various sports - Aquatic Reserve, Aquatic Drive Frenchs Forest.  
For bookings 9431 9109
- 19 – 31 School holiday swim programs, Warringah Aquatic Centre, Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest  
For details 9451 8000
- 22 & 23 Warringah Council Vacation Care - school holiday fun for kids – for bookings 9942 2312

## January 2006

- Mon – Fri Computer Pals, Tramshed Community Centre, Narrabeen.  
For details <http://users.bigpond.net.au/compals>
- Mon - Fri Mobile Street Skate Days during school holidays.  
For details 9942 2401 or [youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au)
- Mon – Fri School holiday swim programs, Warringah Aquatic Centre. For bookings 9451 8000
- 3 - 30 Recreation programs for kids aged 11-18. Circus skills, skateboarding, music, excursions and lots more – for details & bookings 9942 2312
- 3 - 30 Warringah Council Vacation Care – school holiday fun for kids. For bookings 9942 2312
- 4 Palm Beach – Sands of Time free walk. Explore the Barrenjoey Peninsula.  
For details 9970 6905
- 7 & 29 Long Reef Aquatic Reserve Tour. Discover Long Reef's fascinating marine life.  
Free guided walk - for details 9970 6905
- 11 See the wildlife of Warriewood Wetlands on this free walk. For details 9970 6905
- 15 Narrabeen Headland & Aquatic Reserve Tour - visit Narrabeen's protected wildlife area  
9970 6905
- 16 – 20 Sports Extravaganza for children 8 - 13 years at Warringah Aquatic Centre  
for bookings 9451 8000 or [www.warringahaquatic.com.au](http://www.warringahaquatic.com.au)
- 21 Stony Range Flora Reserve Tour. Dee Why's hidden bushland gem. 9970 6905  
From the Crown to the Sea discover Newport's bushland. 9970 6905
- 26 Australia Day Breakfast Celebrations – Dee Why, Narrabeen & new venue Melwood Oval, Forestville, (replacing Belrose). For full details 9942 2577 or visit [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au)  
Australia Day Ceremony, Governor Phillip Lookout, Warringah Road, Beacon Hill.  
Contact Governor Phillip Lookout Trust for details 0414 523 303

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- 4 Forest Community Arts Centre Term 1 Enrolments. 8.30am – 12.30pm,  
Forestville Shopping Centre Mall, Darley Road, Forestville.
- 15 Hilltop to Headland Free Lecture Series – Living Sustainably - Warringah Council Chambers,  
Dee Why. For details 9970 6905
- 19 How Eco-Friendly is your Family? Free workshop - Avalon Recreation Centre.  
For details 9970 6905
- 25 How Eco-Friendly is your Family? Free workshop - Forest Community Arts Centre,  
Forestville. For details 9970 6905
- 26 *Dreams to Streams* at Manly Dam – free workshops, native plants,  
giveaways, plus discover Manly Dam's Aboriginal heritage. For details 9942 2543

## Australia Day 2006

Celebrate what's great with your local community at the Warringah Australia Day Breakfasts. Between 7am and 10.30am on Thursday 26 January, Dee Why Beach, Narrabeen Lake and new venue Melwood Oval at Forestville will be abuzz with fun activities and entertainment for the whole family, including bush bands, jumping castles, BBQ breakfast and the hotly contested thong throwing competition.

Be part of the excitement and witness the world's longest, most inclusive relay when the Queen's Baton passes through Dee Why on Australia Day morning as part its 180,000 kilometre journey for the lead up to the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

**For more details visit [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au) or contact Council's Events & Cultural Services Team on 9942 2577**

## A summer of weekend family fun for only \$60!

Get fit and have fun with the whole family with Warringah Aquatic Centre's Summer Weekend Family Pass. The Pass gives you free entry for up to five family members\* for three months every Saturday and Sunday - including public holidays - for only \$60! Family passes available from the Centre reception; for all enquiries contact the Warringah Aquatic Centre on 9451 8000.

\*2 adults & 3 children or 1 adult & 4 children

**Aquatic Drive, Frenchs Forest Tel: (02) 9451 8000 [www.warringahaquatic.com.au](http://www.warringahaquatic.com.au)**

## Useful contacts this summer

**General Manager**  
Stephen Blackadder

### Address

Warringah Council, Civic Centre (off Civic Drive)  
725 Pittwater Road Dee Why

### Postal

725 Pittwater Road Dee Why NSW 2099  
DX 9118 Dee Why

### Email

[council@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@warringah.nsw.gov.au)

### Website

[www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au)

### Telephone

9942 2111

### Facsimile

9971 4522

### Council meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesday monthly from 7pm  
9942 2444

### To report a bushfire

9450 3000

### Beach pollution update

1800 036 677 (Beachwatch)

### To report water pollution

Warringah Council's Compliance Team on  
9942 2111 or the EPA Pollution Line  
(24 hours) on 131 555

### Noise complaints

For enquiries about after hour works, air  
conditioners, pool pumps, contact the  
Compliance Team on 9942 2111

### Wet weather sportsfield hotline

9981 2099 (24 hours)

### Vacation Care

School holiday arts, crafts, sports and  
excursion programs for 5-12 year olds  
9942 2312 or 9942 2576

### Installing a backyard pool

Council's Planning & Assessment Services  
on 9942 2111. For a fact sheet on swimming  
pools visit [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/  
notices.htm](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/notices.htm)

### Assistance for the elderly

Council's Aged Services Team on  
9942 2563 or 9942 2560

### SES (State Emergency Service)

132 500

### Council's Business Hours

For information and assistance between  
8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday contact  
Warringah Council's Customer Service  
Centre on 9942 2111.

### Outside Business Hours

For assistance contact the Council's paging  
service on 9942 2111.

Or visit the Council's website any  
time at [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au)  
for full details of all Council services  
and activities.



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