



NEW Northern Beaches Hospital ANNOUNCED

Frenchs Forest has been announced by NSW Health as the site for the new northern beaches hospital – ending a five-year wait for a decision on where to build it.

In essence, the new hospital will be an acute care specialist facility at the intersection of Warringah Road and Wakehurst Parkway. According to NSW Health, the hospital will include:

- > An emergency department
- > An intensive care unit
- > Maternity services
- > Paediatrics
- > Medical and surgical services
- > Advanced diagnostic facilities.

The NSW Minister for Health John Hatzistergos said the decision would allow health service planners to develop fully a clinical services plan for the new hospital and decide which complementary services would be offered at Mona Vale Hospital.

“The full extent of services at Mona Vale will be decided through this detailed planning process,” said the Minister.

Although Warringah Council will not assess the development application for the hospital, Administrator Dick Persson said the Council would “encourage NSW Health to involve us in all aspects of its design and planning.”

“The hospital development will be handled by the State Government, but we would expect to be asked to comment on the plans and traffic management for the area”, Mr. Persson said.

“The Minister is on the record as saying that planning for the new hospital should be complete by the end of 2007, with construction to start after that. As a result, one of the first tasks for the Council is to review existing planning controls to make sure they match the needs of such a major employment generator.”

“Any potential rezoning of land around the site will be for the support services and businesses that will be needed for such a large regional hospital”, said Mr. Persson.

Mr. Persson added it was too early to say what lasting effect the announcement of the new hospital would have on land values in the Frenchs Forest area.

“For some residents it will certainly mean their homes will be acquired to allow the hospital and associated infrastructure such as roads to be built. For others it may mean the value of their property will change because of rezoning.”

“Other benefits will be a potential upgrade to the road network linking the hospital to the rest of the northern beaches. This means improvements to major roads such as Warringah Road and Wakehurst Parkway.”

Mr. Persson said the Council's senior strategic planners would be meeting with NSW Health and Department of Planning representatives in the coming months to work out a timeframe for any new planning controls to be developed.

[Turn to Have Your Say on page 5 to find out what some of Warringah's residents think of the hospital announcement.](#)

COUNCIL'S Management Plan and Budget

What we have planned for Warringah between now and 2009.

The Council exhibited its draft Management Plan for 2006-2009 and the proposed budget for the 2006-2007 financial year for public comment in May. Both these key plans are being driven by the 10-year strategic plan developed last year with Warringah's residents - known as Living Warringah - which will decide outcomes and service delivery up to 2016.

For residents the focus will be on capital works programs and infrastructure. Turn to Page 5 to find out what it will mean in real terms for Warringah.



Warringah Council



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Above top: An artist's impression of the new hospital. Below: The Council will set aside \$4 million in 2006 - 2007 to reach the goal of a \$10 million regional netball centre.

from the GENERAL MANAGER

In my message for this edition of Warringah Matters, I want to talk about why we have invested so much time in getting our long-term vision for the future of Warringah right. The details of what we will be doing over the next three years on your behalf are outlined on page 5. It may surprise some of you to see how far local government has moved away from the 'roads, rates, rubbish' mantra of 50 years ago. Your local Council is responsible for just about every service that affects you directly as residents – and many that don't.

It's our responsibility to look after those services and assets that are delivered to residents now and in the years to come. We have to plan responsibly and in the case of our infrastructure, the investment we make in it now will have repercussions for decades to come. That's why we have spent a great deal of time preparing a 10-year strategic financial plan that incorporates an infrastructure levy. It's fair to say that no-one likes paying more in rates, but the levy will be essential to fund the future protection and renewal of our assets. In short, the future of our buildings, roads, footpaths, drainage – to name just a few of Warringah's assets – depends on it.

I encourage you to read about the new assets the Council is delivering - the skate park at Manly Vale, the upgrade of Glen Street Theatre and improvements to Dee Why beachfront. Through projects such as these residents see the true benefits of local government – providing services and facilities that the public want. For my part, I am proud to be leading the organisation that will deliver these benefits to the people of Warringah in the years to come.



Stephen Blackadder

General Manager, Warringah Council



Stephen Blackadder (right) pictured with Alan Shaw, Gary Douglas and Angelo Azara from the Project Services team.

NEWS in brief

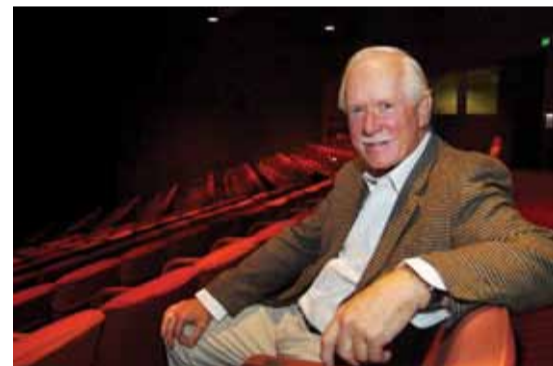
New chairs at the Theatre

Patrons at Glen Street Theatre will experience a new level of comfort in 2007 with upgraded seating and carpets in the auditorium. The new seating and carpets have been made possible with the assistance of a \$75,000 grant from the NSW Department of the Arts and will be finished in time for the 2007 subscription season.

Former international businessman and noted supporter of the arts Grahame Campbell has been appointed as Chair of the Glen Street Theatre Advisory Committee. Mr. Campbell is the former Managing Director of CMPS&F Limited, one of Australia's largest engineering companies. In 1995 he was awarded Australian Exporter of the Year and is currently a Director of Worley Parsons Limited and Iluka Resources.

Mr. Campbell said he was delighted to be appointed as Chair of the Advisory Committee. "The Committee will play a leading role in setting future directions and it's an exciting time to be part of the Theatre."

Grahame Campbell



Temporary closure at Aquatic Centre

Warringah Aquatic Centre will be temporarily closed between 24 and 30 June 2006 and not early July as previously stated in Warringah Matters. The closure is to allow an upgrade of the Centre's electrical switchboard and a nearby sub-station. Centre Manager Gary Penfold said the planned upgrade had been brought forward to minimise disruption to users. "The June period is one of our quietest times and best to carry out this essential work," he said. For all enquiries contact the Centre on 9451 8000.

Smoke alarms compulsory for all homes from 1 May

The NSW Fire Brigade has issued a plea to homeowners in Warringah to make sure they have a smoke alarm fitted in their home before winter. Under new laws passed by the State Government all homes in New South Wales must be fitted with at least one smoke alarm from 1 May 2006. For more information contact the Smoke Alarms Helpline on 1300 858 812 or visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Council carries out energy and water audits

Water and energy use is being audited by the Council in a bid to reduce both over the coming year. The audit will measure high volume users such as the Warringah Aquatic Centre, sportsfields and public toilets. "We've already installed items such as spring-loaded taps in many of our buildings but now we have to look harder at other ways of saving water and power," said the Council's General Manager Stephen Blackadder. "One of the things we are progressively doing is watering reserves through bore water. We started with David Thomas Reserve and this will be extended to other high profile sportsfields and reserves in the coming year."

To cut power use and heat water Mr. Blackadder said that solar panels had been installed at the Aquatic Centre and Dee Why Library and these would also be extended to other Council buildings.



DEE WHY beachfront gets a FACELIFT

The palms will go, but in their place will be environmentally sensitive trees and shrubs and an overall design for the Dee Why beach foreshore that is the brainchild of renowned landscape architect Bruce Mackenzie.

A detailed masterplan for Dee Why beachfront was prepared by Mr. Mackenzie and adopted by the Council last year, after being publicly exhibited and assessed by the Council's Independent Hearing & Assessment Panel (IHAP).

The plan will see the existing palm grove removed due to environmental and safety concerns. In its place will be a timber viewing platform and a new north-south promenade with entry paths from Howard and Oaks Avenue, plus a new footpath leading onto the foreshore from the playground area.

New seating will also feature prominently and grassed areas will be renewed, along with mass planting of native shrubs and low trees to provide shade.

Administrator Dick Persson said he had requested the upgrade to help manage the large numbers of visitors and improve the ambience of the area. "The beachfront is one of our most popular destinations and a major part of its attraction is the relationship between the restaurants along the foreshore and the open space of the beachfront."

"This upgrade will both improve access to the area and comfort levels for visitors."

Below: A computer modelled image of how the skate park will look when finished and landscaping for the site at the corner of Condamine Street and Campbell Parade, Manly Vale.



Inline skaters and skateboarders will soon have a custom-built skate park designed by young skaters and built by the Council in Miller Reserve, Manly Vale.

"Have your SAY"

With much of the past debate on northern beaches health services focussed on Mona Vale, we thought it was time to find out what some Warringah residents think about having a new hospital at Frenchs Forest.

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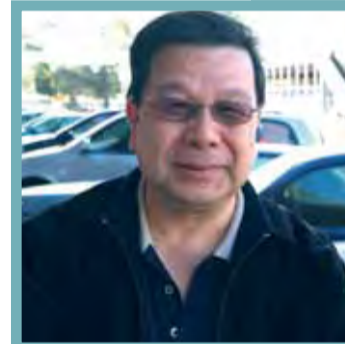
BETTY



PETER



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"I think it's a great thing if it goes ahead, but Warriewood would have been a better compromise for those people that have to travel from Palm Beach.

Until I know what the new hospital is like I would still take my kids to Royal North Shore, because they have a good reputation."

**Sylvia
Frenchs Forest**

"I think it's a disgrace and an absolute travesty. There is too much traffic in the area and it will be too far for those people at Palm Beach. The two hospitals we already have are adequate – all they need is upgrading."

**Betty
Forestville**

"I think it's a good idea. There are lots of people living in this area and the closest hospital is Manly or Mona Vale. If someone is having a heart attack it would be good to have a hospital nearby."

**Peter
Frenchs Forest**

"It will be very handy to have a hospital close by."

**Frank
Belrose**



New skate park – AT MILLER RESERVE, MANLY VALE

Work has already begun on the skate park and landscaping to be planted around it. The site for the skate park is the south-eastern corner of Miller Reserve at the intersection of Campbell Parade and Condamine Street.

The Council's Project Manager Larry Lockyer said the skate park was on track to be finished by July. "The design for the park came from young skaters and is modelled on the most advanced design for inline skaters and skateboarders."

"The advantage for other park users is that the site will benefit from new landscaping to screen it from the road."

The NSW Government is supporting the project with a grant of \$15,000 from the Department of Tourism, Sport & Recreation.

For enquiries about the skate park contact Larry Lockyer on 9942 2385 during business hours.

Breathing life INTO LIVING WARRINGAH

Over \$4 million dedicated to new projects during 2006-2007 is the highlight of the Council's budget that - if the community approves - will be adopted in June.

The budget and draft Management Plan publicly exhibited during May will usher in a new era of service delivery through Living Warringah, the Council's overall strategic plan that will guide the organisation for the next ten years up to 2016.

Living Warringah is based on four broad themes – Living Spaces (outdoor spaces, transport, infrastructure and development); Living Environment (waterways, environmental diversity and sustainability); Living Communities (community networks and arts and culture) and Living Enterprises (economic development).

So what does all this mean for Warringah residents? Administrator Dick Persson said that capital works programs and asset renewal would be the key features of the new budget.

"We've listened to what residents have told us they want and in the new financial year practical outcomes are what you can expect to see."

Mr. Persson said that some projects would depend on the approval of the Minister for Local Government for a proposed infrastructure levy, which if approved would come into effect from 1 July 2006. For residential ratepayers the levy would mean an additional \$60 a year on average in additional rates.

"We consulted ratepayers about the levy during March and April and as part of the public exhibition of the draft Management Plan in May."

Here are the projects that residents can expect to see come to life over the next year:

- > Completion of the Coastal Walk at North Curl Curl, Long Reef, Collaroy and McKillop Park, Harbord - \$725,000
- > Levelling the surface of Frank Grey Reserve, Harbord plus an irrigation system - \$1.49 million
- > Funds set aside for construction during 2007-2008 of the new regional netball centre - \$4 million
- > Renewal of pavements - \$780,000
- > Renewal of footpaths - \$250,000
- > Renewal of car park surfaces - \$155,000
- > Renewal of stormwater pipes and pits - \$480,000
- > Renewal of public buildings - \$1.2 million
- > Improvements to Harbord Shopping Village - \$250,000
- > Dee Why beachfront upgrade - \$368,000
- > Upgrade the walking trail and signage at Jamieson Park at Narrabeen - \$130,000
- > Rainwater storage tanks at Warringah Aquatic Centre for topping up pool water - \$110,000
- > Glen Street Theatre upgrade and water re-use project - \$300,000
- > Building improvements to Long Reef Surf Club (Council contribution) - \$250,000
- > Improved signage for suburbs, public buildings, car parks, beaches and reserves - \$50,000
- > A database of local businesses - \$20,000

The Council will also plan ahead for new services and facilities over the next three years:

- > New Warringah Local Environmental Plan (due for completion in 2009) - no additional funds needed
- > Water and energy savings plans - \$22,000
- > Risk analysis for Council assets - \$50,000
- > Asset register and condition audit - \$380,000
- > Local habitat strategy identifying native animal corridors and suitable vegetation - \$25,000
- > Detailed designs for improvements to Forestville Oval, JJ Melbourne Reserve at Terrey Hills and Reub Hudson Oval at Curl Curl - \$300,000
- > Street tree master plan for improved planting of street trees - \$50,000*
- > A cultural strategy focussing on the arts - \$50,000
- > Forward planning for better recreational use of Narrabeen Lagoon - \$100,000

* funded by developer contributions (Section 94 funds)

Giving your view

WHERE DOES IT END UP AT COUNCIL?

One of the findings of the survey conducted late last year measuring satisfaction levels with Warringah Council was that residents gave a low score for the Council's community consultation process.

Part of the problem might be, as General Manager Stephen Blackadder explains, that people "don't understand the consultation process or what happens to their comments after the Council receives them".

"Local government legislation requires all Councils to consult widely with the community over just about anything that will affect them in a significant way", Mr. Blackadder says.

"What we have to get better at doing is explaining how residents' comments affect our decision-making."

In the case of development applications – arguably the type of consultation that generates the most heat - nearby property owners are notified by mail, and for some types of development a prominent notice is displayed on the affected property seeking written comments. Development applications can be advertised in the Council's weekly advertisement in the Saturday edition of The Manly Daily with a deadline for comments and on the Council's website. Depending on the scale of the application the Council may seek comments from the wider community through leaflets or letters.

Every written comment received is noted in the assessment report. The Council will also advise those who write in that their comment has been received.

If the application is a complex one it may be referred to the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel, an independent panel of experts set up in 2003 to assess these kinds of applications. "If this happens we notify everyone who's written in so they can attend the meeting and we also let them know what the decision is afterwards", says General Manager Stephen Blackadder.

"What we focus on before making a decision are relevant planning controls, plus issues ranging from social and environmental impacts such as traffic and noise, through to the quality of the design and the suitability of the site for development".

However, Mr. Blackadder sounded a note of caution on comments about development applications. "Negative comments have to be relevant and factual. Under the law we can't refuse an application just because some people don't like it."

Although development applications attract the greatest input in terms of comments from residents, the Council also consults the community on many other matters, ranging from where to put a new public toilet through to getting opinions on its long-term vision for Warringah.

"In the case of our Strategic Plan Living Warringah, which will steer the organisation through to 2016, this took 18 months of meetings, workshops and discussion groups with residents," said Mr. Blackadder.

"The result is a vision based on priorities that our community want, such as encouraging local business growth."

Mr. Blackadder said that every Council staff member had access to a consultation 'toolkit' and policy to help guide them when seeking the community's views.

"In most cases, a decision on an issue will be made after consultation has taken place. We outline how we've consulted people and whether any comments have been received. Our policy requires Council staff to let people who submit comments know of any decisions that have been made and the reasons for those decisions."

For more information about how Warringah Council consults its community visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au and type in community consultation in the keyword search, or phone the Council's Customer Service Centre (02) 9942 2111.



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Warringah's WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Expo

There's something for everyone at the World Environment Day Expo to be held on Saturday 24 June at James Meehan Reserve Dee Why between 9am and 3pm. Admission to the Expo is free and the event is sponsored by community partner Dee Why RSL Club.

More than 50 businesses and service providers will be on hand to show the public all kinds of environmentally-friendly products and services, ranging from organic skin care and baby products through to waterless car washing, hybrid vehicles, sustainable house design and chemical-free cleaning products.

There will also be workshops on composting, creating your own reusable shopping bags and worm farms, plus a chance to meet and greet live native animals including bats, echidnas, snakes, frogs and lizards.

Free environmental show bags packed full of goodies such as energy efficient light globes and triple-A rated showerheads will be given out while stocks last. There are also competitions with prizes including a Solahart hotwater system valued at \$5000, a 2000 litre Halgan rainwater tank, Warringah Mall gift vouchers, a Dee Why RSL dinner for four, hampers filled with organic foods and lots more!

Roving entertainment including circus troupes with an environmental theme and Aboriginal dancers will entertain visitors to the Expo. There will be plenty of food and drinks stalls as well as seating and covered areas in case of rain.

For all enquiries about the Expo contact the Council's Environmental Education Team on 9942 2351 or visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

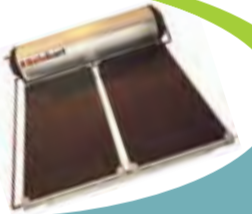
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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY EXPO
24 JUNE 2006



Left: A Grey-headed flying-fox,
photo by F. Myers

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Snappy Slogans FROM SENIORS

During Seniors Week in March we asked Warringah's older residents to come up with snappy environmental slogans. Here are the winning entries:

CATEGORY 1: REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS
Winner: John Moran of Dee Why
Slogan: Bag on board

CATEGORY 2: OVERPACKAGED GOODS
Winner: Ann Villefromoy of Harbord
Slogan: Less is best

CATEGORY 3: RECYCLING PROPERLY
Winner: Cecile Carter of Dee Why
Slogan: Sort to suit the bin

Well done and thanks to all who entered!

\$52,000 in eco-grants TO WARRINGAH SCHOOLS

Warringah Council has awarded 23 local schools over \$52,000 in funding through its 2006 Eco Schools Grant Program. The eco-grants program is in its ninth year and this year grants are being awarded for the first time to pre-schools.

Thanks to the grants, the schools will be able to install rainwater tanks, recycled plastic playground furniture, native and veggie gardens, to name just a few of the eco-projects funded by the Council.

Application forms for the 2007 round of funding will be available from July. Contact the Council's Environmental Education team on 9942 2370 for more information.
If your school is in Warringah and hasn't applied for a grant yet, why not let them know?



The Council's new-look Waste Education trailer which teaches Warringah's shoppers and schoolchildren all about the benefits of recycling through competitions and interactive displays. Look out for it at a shopping centre near you!

Coming up at GLEN STREET THEATRE

The Sydney Theatre Company's multi-award winning production of *Doubt* is on from 31 May to 10 June, direct from a highly successful season at the Sydney Opera House. Set in a large Catholic school in the 1960s, the play focuses on one of the nuns in the school who begins to harbour doubts about the parish priest and his closeness to altar boys. Is she unjustly persecuting him? This play won four Tony Awards in New York and the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

The beautifully written classic Welsh play *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas is playing from 11 to 22 July. Michael Craig, best remembered for his leading role in ABC-TV's series *GP*, heads a distinguished cast.

From 25 July to 5 August, Glen Street Theatre plays host to *The 7 Fingers*, a refreshingly new circus troupe originating from Quebec in Canada. Described as "one of the most brilliant shows of the decade" (*Arts de la Piste*, France), it features seven highly skilled circus artists performing acts that are funny, poetic, sexy and outrageous. Not to be missed!

For full details on these and all the plays at Glen Street Theatre this year contact the box office on 9975 1455 or visit www.glenstreet.com.au. Check out also details of our Tuesday Morning Melodies, SWOOP Youth Theatre drama classes for kids after school and our regular Literary Lunches.



The weird and wonderful world of *The 7 Fingers* circus troupe from Canada



Barbara Caine, coordinator of the Aboriginal Art Therapy Group with group member Carriette Pangas and her artwork.

Reconciliation THROUGH ART

Members of the Warringah Printmakers Studio at Manly Vale and women from the NSW Health funded Aboriginal Women's Art Therapy Group based in Redfern are working together to create artworks for an exciting exhibition called *Art Connections* during the 2006 Guringai Festival.

The Guringai Festival is an annual event that takes place from 21 May to 9 July as a celebration of indigenous culture in northern Sydney. Nine local Councils including Warringah are involved in putting on a variety of events during the festival.

The two groups worked together for six weeks to create the prints using the practical skills of printmaking including linocut, monotype and photopolymer printing.

"Many of the women come from vastly different backgrounds. Through the creative process of printmaking they have been able to build relationships with each other that might not have otherwise happened," said Peri Tobias from the Printmakers Studio.

The Aboriginal Women's Art Therapy group has been meeting since 2002. "The women members retrace their traditional and spiritual roots through Aboriginal arts and crafts," said Barbara Caine, the group's coordinator.

"The imagery that the women use indicates a close link with the land and its animals – a strong and enduring part of their culture."

Art Connections will be open as part of the 2006 Guringai Festival between 9 – 28 June at Sea La Vie Café in Dee Why. For more details about the exhibition and the Guringai Festival contact Warringah Council's Cultural Services team on 9942 2577.

What's on

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

June 2006

- 1-10 Sydney Theatre Company's *Doubt* at Glen Street Theatre. Bookings 9975 4044 or www.glenstreet.com.au
- 9-28 Guringai Festival celebrating indigenous culture. Connections exhibition by the Aboriginal Art Therapy Group and Warringah Printmakers Studio with artworks on sale. Sea La Vie Restaurant, The Strand, Dee Why 7am-5pm Mon-Thurs; 7am-10pm Sat and Sun. Enquiries 9942 2577
- 13 Cheers, luncheon for seniors – healthy meals prepared by a chef and nutritionist at a local restaurant. Bookings essential 9976 9579
- 13 Car Maintenance for Women – free workshop 6.30pm-8.30pm. Bookings essential 9942 2354
- 20 Warringah Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast with marketing expert Trevor Weeding. Dee Why Hotel 7.30am-9am. Enquiries 0402 819 031 or www.warringahchamber.com.au
- 21 Hilltop to Headland Free Lecture Series. Fossil or Fish – a unique insight into the Coelacanth fish. Presented by marine expert Robin Stubbs. Warringah Council Chambers, Dee Why. For details and bookings 9942 2542
- 25 The Cutler Fun Run around Manly Dam, 2.5kms or 10kms. For details and entries 0403 958 582

July 2006

- 3-14 Warringah Council Vacation Care program at Allambie, Beacon Hill, Cromer, Curl Curl and Forestville. 7.30am-5.30pm weekdays – bookings essential 9942 2111
- 9-28 Guringai Festival event; *Connections* exhibition by the Aboriginal Art Therapy Group from Redfern and the Warringah Printmakers Studio with artworks for sale. Sea La Vie Cafe, The Strand, Dee Why. 7am-5pm Mon-Thurs & Sun; 7am-10pm Fri & Sat.
- 7-16 Warringah Art Exhibition of local and Sydney artists, Manly Vale Community Centre, cnr Lovett and Condamine Streets, Manly Vale, 10am-4pm. Enquiries 9942 2577
- 11-22 *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas at Glen Street Theatre. Bookings 9975 4044 or www.glenstreet.com.au
- 4 Morning Melodies at Glen Street Theatre with Vov Dylan and Orchestra, 11am. Bookings 9975 4044
- 8 Manly District Kennel and Dog Club Show, Frenchs Forest Showground, 8.30am-4.30pm. For details 9452 2626 or www.northernbeachesdogtraining.com.au
- 11 Car Maintenance for Young Drivers – free workshop. Bookings essential 9942 2354
- 12 Narrabeen Chamber of Commerce Christmas in July dinner. For details 0401 975196
- 19 Hilltop to Headland Free Lecture Series - Pacific Islands under threat. Presented by Dr Peter White. Warringah Council Chambers, Dee Why. For details and bookings 9942 2542
- 19 Warringah Chamber of Commerce Networking After Hours for local business people. For details 0402 819 031 or www.warringahchamber.com.au
- 24 World Environment Day Expo 9am-3pm, James Meehan Reserve Dee Why
- 25-31 French Canadian circus troupe *The 7 Fingers* at Glen Street Theatre. Bookings 9975 4044 or www.glenstreet.com.au

August 2006

- 1-5 French Canadian circus troupe *The 7 Fingers* at Glen Street Theatre. Bookings 9975 4044 or www.glenstreet.com.au
- 13 Oxford Falls Peace Park Anniversary; music and dance performances by various cultural groups. Cnr Dreadnought Road and Wakehurst Parkway, Oxford Falls. For details 9942 2577.
- 15-26 Queensland Theatre Company's *Away* at Glen Street Theatre. Bookings 9975 4044 or www.glenstreet.com.au
- 16 Hilltop to Headland Free Lecture Series. It's all in the weather – natural disasters in Sydney's north. Presented by Peter Mitchell. Warringah Council Chambers, Dee Why. For details and bookings 9942 2542
- 22 Morning Melodies at Glen Street Theatre with Toni Lamond 11am Bookings 9975 4044
- 23 Warringah Chamber of Commerce AGM at Dee Why RSL. For details 0402 819 031 or www.warringahchamber.com.au
- 25-27 Oxfam Trailwalker 24 hour fundraising walk from Hunters Hill to Frenchs Forest. To register 8204 3917
- 27 Narrabeen Chamber of Commerce Ocean Street Festival. For details 0401 975 196

If you have a community event you'd like to advertise in our What's On calendar contact **Warringah Matters** at council@warringah.nsw.gov.au Our next calendar runs between September and November; our content deadline is 1 August 2006.

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Council meetings

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

To report flooding

9942 2383

To report storm damage

SES (State Emergency Service) 132 500

To report potholes or blocked stormwater drains

9942 2111

Wet weather sports-field hotline (24 hours)

9981 2099

WIRES (Wildlife Information & Rescue Service)

8977 3333

To hire a community centre

communitycentrebookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Vacation Care

July school holiday arts, crafts, sports and excursion programs for 5-12 year olds. To book phone 9942 2312 or 9942 2576

Meals-on-Wheels

Service for the elderly/housebound: 9970 8399

Library home delivery

Service for the elderly/housebound: 9942 2449

Libraries in Warringah

Dee Why 9942 2449
Belrose 9452 3211
Forestville 9452 5706
Warringah Mall 9942 7999
Booklovers Club Narrabeen 9913 8030
Terrey Hills Community Library 9450 2216
Harbord Community Library 9905 4824

Community transport

For seniors/residents with a disability: 9971 5110
Other services for residents with a disability: 9942 2449

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 for full details of all Council services and activities.



World Environment Day Expo

Saturday 24 June 9am-4pm James Meehan Reserve, Dee Why – free admission

Everything you want to know about the environment all in one spot! The Expo includes live entertainment, environmentally-friendly businesses showcasing everything from organic wine through to chemical free cleaners, native plant giveaways, free environmental show bags, live native animals, interactive workshops on organic cooking, creating reusable shopping bags and worm farms, plus food and drink stalls. For all enquiries contact the Council's environmental education team on 9942 2351.

Guringai Festival

Founded in 2001, the Guringai Festival aims to raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in northern Sydney and their culture. 2006 marks the sixth consecutive year the Guringai Festival has been run. The Festival runs from 21 May to 9 July and has activities for everyone to get involved in ranging from the Art Connections exhibition opening on 9 June to the Ku-ring-gai National Park guided walk and BBQ on 6 July. For full details visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au or contact 9942 2577.