



Funding THE FUTURE

How the Council is trying to save a billion dollars worth of assets

Confirmation that the Council needs over \$7 million a year to maintain and renew its assets was one of the findings of a report presented at the 28 February meeting.

The annual \$7 million bill for assets and infrastructure is one of several funding 'black holes' identified by the organisation through a new 10-year financial strategy presented at the meeting.

The financial strategy – along with an asset management plan – are two of the projects of the Warringah Transition Plan developed by the Council's Administrator Dick Persson.

Warringah's assets include nearly 500 kilometres of roadway, 53 bridges, 250 public buildings, 315 kilometres of stormwater drainage as well as 760 reserves and sports-fields. Others include beaches, rock pools, footpaths and countless pieces of public land ranging from nature strips to bushland.

A glance at Warringah's 2004-2005 annual report shows that in common with other Councils, the condition of public assets is lagging far behind maintenance and renewal costs.

According to the report, only around 4% of public buildings and 13% of roads were in 'excellent' condition. Nearly 50% of buildings and 27% of roads just managed a 'fair' rating.

These results are in line with the recent findings of an independent report prepared by for Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government, established by the Local Government & Shires Association. This shows that NSW Councils own \$50 billion worth of assets, but have a fraction of that amount to spend on maintaining and replacing them. The report says the situation is "akin to a family that doesn't make sufficient provision for replacing worn-out parts, let alone saving enough to buy a new car when it reaches the end of its economic life". In other words, repairing the car is more expensive than replacing it – a potentially nightmare situation for local government.

The financial strategy, prepared by the Council and independent consultants, will be on public exhibition for comment in March. It can be viewed on the Council's website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

According to Dick Persson, "the financial strategy highlights a major structural defect in the Council's current budget for asset management."

"It also highlights that we will have a significant and steady decline in the quality of our assets unless we do something about it now."

"One potential source of income is an infrastructure levy, similar to what we already have in place to fund environmental protection. But I want this whole issue to go out for community consultation before any decisions are locked in."

Mr. Persson said an infrastructure levy would add around \$60 a year to the average residential rates bill and bring in around \$3.4 million annually.

"This still falls short of what we need but it would ensure those infrastructure needs that are most urgent get seen to far more quickly than is now possible."

Mr. Persson added that the results of a recent community satisfaction survey conducted late last showed local residents were unhappy with the condition of local infrastructure such as roads and footpaths. "They also want new facilities such as bike paths, which we can't currently plan for adequately."

The Council will begin consulting Warringah's ratepayers on the infrastructure levy in March, with a submission planned to go to the NSW Minister for Local Government by the end of June this year.



A never-ending repair bill - the Council is struggling to maintain the condition of its assets



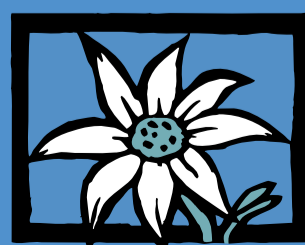
Above: First Council Chambers at Narrabeen pictured in 1911.

1906 - 2006

Warringah Council turns 100

Council officially turns 100 on Tuesday 7 March 2006 and the community together with the Council are planning plenty of events to celebrate. Turn to the centre page spread to find out more and how you can become involved.

One of the more interesting projects is to interview and record the collective memories of centenarians who are long-time Warringah locals. This oral history project is being coordinated by the Local Studies team at Dee Why Library. If you are a resident who has reached 100 not out, or you have a family member aged 100+ who would be interested in taking part, please get in touch with Tina Graham at the Library on 9942 2610.



Warringah Council





from the ADMINISTRATOR

This year is of special significance for the Warringah community as we celebrate 100 years of Warringah Council. For me, the two most challenging projects we will be trying to progress this year are the new preferred site for netball at Belrose and the redevelopment of Dee Why's town centre.

When I started as Administrator I developed the Warringah Transition Plan. This included around 30 strategies designed to improve our governance over many of our core functions.

One of the projects was the development of a long-term financial strategy. We have been operating on too short a timeframe for too long. This has led to the under-funding of some key activities, including asset management.

We have over a billion dollars in community owned assets, including roads, buildings, drainage and bridges. To overcome this under-funding the plan proposes the introduction of an infrastructure levy along the lines of what Pittwater Council has had in place for some years.

The lead story in this issue of Warringah Matters paints a pretty bleak picture of the condition of our assets. Unless we plan for their long-term renewal now this will get worse. In the next two months we'll be canvassing your views on the levy and whether you'll be prepared to pay an average of \$60 a year extra to ensure these valuable assets are properly looked after.

This second edition of our newsletter is the first for 2006 and I welcome your feedback on what you would like to see more of (or less of!) in future editions. Your comments can be forwarded to me at council@warringah.nsw.gov.au or to 9942 2422.

Dick Persson AM

NEWS in brief

New market at Narrabeen

Narrabeen has a new market in Berry Reserve called the Narrabeen Village Market. The market – featuring jewellery, fine art, designer homewares, exotic imports and high quality produce – runs every third Sunday of the month between 9am and 4pm. Markets coming up in the next three months are on Sunday 19 March, Sunday 16 April and Sunday 21 May. For full details visit www.blueskymarkets.com.au

New park planned for Manly Vale

Warringah and Manly Councils will work together to create a new park at the eastern end of Campbell Parade, Manly Vale. The site is currently owned by Manly Council and the Federal and NSW Governments. The land will be handed over to Warringah Council in 2006 after work is undertaken by Manly Council to prepare the site for public use. Work is expected to begin around mid-year.

Temporary closure of Warringah Aquatic Centre

The Council's swim centre in Frenchs Forest will close temporarily during the first week of the Easter school holidays for major repairs by Energy Australia to an electrical sub-station, plus an upgrade to the Aquatic Centre's telephone system. Existing bookings for classes during this time will be either reimbursed or rearranged to suit customers. For all enquiries please call Warringah Aquatic Centre on 9451 8000 or email to aquaticcentre@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Get rid of garden waste – free!

Kimbriki Waste Centre off Mona Vale Road in Terrey Hills now accepts up to 200 kilograms of garden waste free of charge from Warringah, Mosman, Manly and Pittwater residents. The waste is converted into low-cost mulches and composts that are sold to the public through the Centre. For guidelines on how to transport your waste visit www.kimbriki.com or ring Kimbriki on 9486 3512.

Discobility

Discobility – a dance party for teenagers with a disability – returns to YoYos Youth Centre at Frenchs Forest on Friday 19 May, following the success of two dances held last year. The dance kicks off at 7pm and goes through till 10pm. All teenagers between 12 and 18 with a disability are welcome, along with their carers if they have high support needs. Family and friends are also welcome to attend. YoYos Youth Centre is located inside Forestway Shopping Centre at the corner of Forest Way and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest. Tickets are \$5 each and can be bought at the door on the night (carers are admitted free), which also buys a voucher for a drink and a packet of chips. For full details contact the Council's Youth Services team on 9942 2680 or email them at youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Chamber Chat

In this edition we hear from Narrabeen Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber provides workshops to its members on Crime Prevention, Staff Management, OH&S etc. as well as networking opportunities for businesses. The Chamber also works with Council to improve streetscape and community facilities.

This year we have gained a major new sponsor, the Hotel Sands which will open shortly. The Hotel is supporting the Chamber in its quest to bring local business people together.

The Chamber is keen to expand its member base with business-owners who want to work together to improve the Narrabeen commercial sector. As the voice of business in the community, the Narrabeen Lakes Chamber of Commerce works on the 'team' philosophy of Together Everyone Achieves More.

For membership details contact 0401 975 196 or secretary@narrabeenchamber.org Or visit our website at www.narrabeenchamber.org



Community survey RESULTS

Results are in from a survey of 600 Warringah residents carried out in October 2005 by an independent research company. The survey was to measure satisfaction levels with Council facilities and services.

On the positive side, 78% of respondents were satisfied with Council's performance over the last 12 months. Satisfaction levels were highest with the lifeguards, garbage & recycling services, libraries and Kimbriki Waste and Recycling Centre. 63% thought Council staff carried out their duties professionally and 67% were happy with access to Council information.

Residents were less happy with the state of footpaths, bike facilities, traffic management, car parking, tree controls and the condition of local roads. Only 48% thought that the Council communicated honestly with them and under half (43%) said their submissions to the Council were dealt with in an open and honest way.

A high percentage of respondents to each of the questions – 15% or more - were undecided, possibly because they have had no recent dealings with Council.

On purely local issues, there was strong support for Manly and Pittwater to share the cost of a new netball facility (78%) and banning smoking in public places (76%). Support was not as strong for a new hospital being built in Warringah to replace the Manly hospital (58%) and for a name change from Harbord to Freshwater (50%), (although the question on the name change was only asked of Harbord residents).

The survey results will be used to help decide priorities for the Council's new Strategic Plan, Living Warringah, which was adopted in November last year following 18 months of work with the community. Living Warringah sets out the goals for the Council to achieve on behalf of Warringah for the next 10-15 years.

Your satisfaction with our service in 2005



Lifeguards
Garbage & recycling services
Libraries
Kimbriki Waste & Recycling Centre
Professionalism of Council staff



Footpaths
Bike facilities
Traffic management
Car parking
Council's honesty
Tree controls
Condition of roads

For more information about the survey results, contact the Council's Strategy and Policy team on 9942 2111. The June edition of Warringah Matters will give more details on how the Council will go about meeting the challenges set by Living Warringah.

Spotlight

ON WARRINGAH'S COMMUNITY CENTRES

If you've ever searched for an affordable place to hold your child's birthday party or a low-cost venue for a meeting or wedding, then hiring one of Warringah's community centres may be the answer.

Just about every suburb in Warringah has a community centre. In total there are 23 centres ranging from simple halls to state-of-the-art facilities such as the new Forestville Arts and Community Centre in Darley Street. Most have catering facilities such as restaurant-standard kitchens and parking close by. No matter what your event, we are sure to have a venue that meets your needs.

Community centres also have a wide range of classes and activities on offer. From playgroups to Pilates, art and craft classes to indoor soccer, the centres have something for everyone.

If you'd like to find out what's happening at a community centre near you, visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/communitycentres. To hire one of the centres contact 9913 3231 or 9452 1065 or email us at communitycentrebookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au



Above: Adult art class; below, a children's party in full swing.

A new home for netball – IS THE SEARCH FINALLY OVER?

Community angst over finding a new location for northern beaches netball has eased with the announcement late in December that Belrose is now the preferred site.

Several months of negotiations with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) have resulted in an agreement that 10 hectares of land off Ralston Avenue will be given to the Council once a land claim is finalised. The site is part of a larger area of around 140 hectares currently owned by the State Government that will pass into MLALC ownership.

Administrator Dick Persson said that the site was now the preferred option for several reasons. "It's level, is relatively isolated and doesn't require a lot of work to clean up the site, unlike some other areas we have looked at."

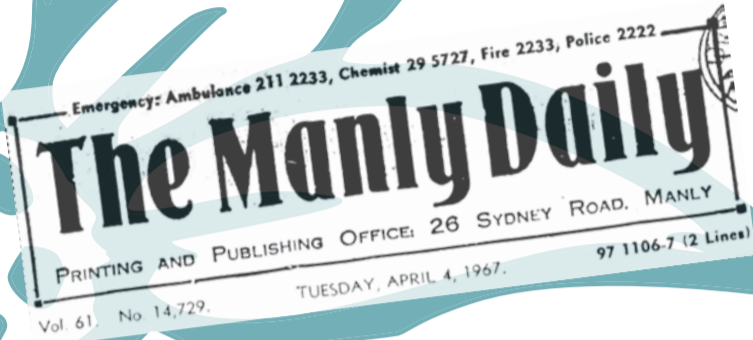
Mr. Persson said the land would need to be rezoned and this would take around 12 months to complete. "Residents living in the Belrose area will have the opportunity to make their views known during the rezoning process."



Above: The current home for netball at Curl Curl will be handed over to other sports such as soccer and cricket with part of the site set aside for parkland.

Warringah turns 100

1906 - 2006



In common with another local institution - The Manly Daily - Warringah Council commemorates its 100th birthday this year.

The Council's official birth-date is Tuesday 7 March 1906, when it was first formed as 'Warringah Shire Council' as a rural outpost of Sydney. Under the then Shires Act, ratepayers with properties worth at least five pounds could vote for up to nine Councillors for a three-year term. To give an idea of how isolated the northern beaches were then – and how easy it was to get elected! - the 1911 Census counted 2,823 people living in 700 households.

The first Council got off to a shaky start, being temporarily installed until proper elections on 24 November 1906. The temporary Shire President was a colourful character called George Brock, about whom a lot more is known than the first elected President, George Hews. George Brock started life as a lowly draper but then was lucky enough to inherit £10,000 – a small fortune in those days. He bought up land in Mona Vale and set about building an enormous mansion complete with polo grounds, artificial lakes, a racecourse and a clubhouse. The locals quickly named it 'Brock's Folly'.

Undeterred, George borrowed another £15,000 on the promise that the Government would extend a tramline through to Newport. His vision was to have holidaymakers stay on his enormous estate. Sadly the promised railway never materialised – and the northern beaches are still waiting for one!

The Council first met in Narrabeen Progress Hall on 14 June 1906, moving meetings for the next 60 years to the Shire Hall in Brookvale from 1912. In 1971 work began on a new civic centre in Dee Why, inspired by Sulman Prize-winning architect Edwards, Madigan & Torzillo. The building was eventually completed in 1972 and the Council has been there since 1973.

Warringah dropped 'Shire' from its title in 1993 when the new Local Government Act was passed. The Act meant all Councils had to be more business-like in their activities – Shire Clerks became General Managers and Shire Presidents became Mayors.

Warringah has had its share of controversy, having been dismissed three times since the 1960s and making it - like its first leader George Brock – one of Sydney's more colourful Councils. This hasn't stopped the birthday celebrations though, with a community committee formed to oversee a packed program of events – see opposite page.

The Council's website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au will also be updated regularly throughout 2006 on Centenary happenings.

HOMES

SEAFORTH \$72,500

GLORIOUS WATER VIEWS

Impressive brick home on large block with room for pool or tennis court. 6 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, spacious entertaining areas and sun deck. A truly fine family home.

BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS \$78,500

FORTY BASKETS BEACH

Splashed across 190 degrees of level landscaped gardens, comprises 4 double bedrooms, 2 lounges, sunroom, 2 bathrooms, wall to wall carpets, wrap around sun decks, suit swimming pool. Exquisite decor throughout. Ring Sole Agents.

BALGOWLAH \$42,500

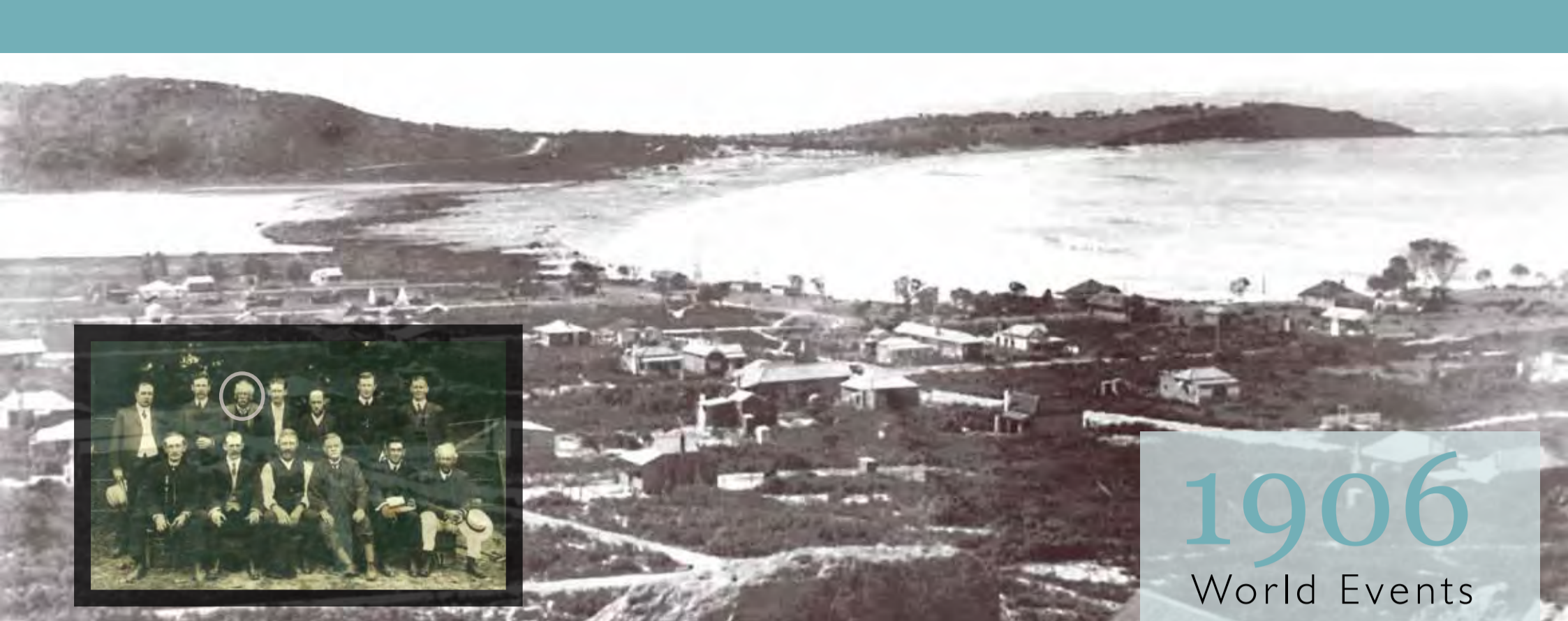
SPECIAL

Delightful sunny brick bungalow. 4 bedrooms, lounge, separate dining room. Central location, feature fireplace, eat-in kitchen, barbecue area, garage, carpets, drapes, exquisite decor throughout, sun decks. A beautiful home designed for gracious living.

Northern beaches real estate prices, circa 1973



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1906 - 2006



1906

World Events

Main picture: Dee Why and Long Reef 1915. Inset: Some of Warringah Shire's 1909 councillors, with elected Shire President George Hews circled.

- Explosion in a French coalmine kills over 1000
- The Rolls Royce company is registered in England
- SOS became the international signal for distress
- Theodore Roosevelt wins the Nobel Peace Prize for ending the Russo-Japanese War

Centenary Events

MARCH-MAY 2006

All these events have been nominated by the Warringah community as Centenary events. If you have an event celebrating Warringah's Centenary between June and October that you'd like featured in our next edition of Warringah Matters contact the Council on 9942 2111 or at council@warringah.nsw.gov.au

March 2006

- 4 "Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures" book promotion. Christian Science Reading Room, Dee Why. Enquiries 9997 4015
- 11 "Celebrate Warringah" Community Day, including Jazz bands, Dee Why Beach Reserve. Enquiries 9942 2577.
- 30 "Seniors Celebrating Friendship" photographic exhibition. Warringah Council Civic Centre, Enquiries 9942 2563
- 30 100% Warringah Guided Tour for Seniors. Council's premier facilities and beauty spots, 1 – 4pm. Enquiries 9942 2563
- 31 Car Maintenance Course for Seniors. Warringah Council's Cromer Depot, 10am – 12pm. Enquiries 9942 2447

April 2006

- 1 - 7 "100 Years of Warringah Council" photographic exhibition, Warringah Council Civic Centre Enquiries 9942 2610
- 1 - 9 National Youth Week. Contact Warringah Council Youth Services for information on activities. Ph: 9942 2401
- 3 Mah Jong Social Day. Forestville Seniors Hall. Enquiries 9451 6898.
- 4 "Aging Disgracefully", a writing workshop for seniors. Narrabeen Tramshed, 10am – 4pm. Enquiries 9942 2563
- 6 "100 Years of Warringah Council" Toastmasters Evening. Forestville RSL Club, 7 – 9.30pm. Enquiries 9451 5864
- 6 "100% Seniors" variety concert. Dee Why RSL Club, 11am – 1.30pm. Enquiries 9942 2560
- 7 100% Recyclable Workshop for Seniors – using recycled materials to create usable articles. Enquiries 9942 2563
- 8 2006 International Speech Contest, Toastmasters Warringah Mall. Enquiries 9938 6069.
- 8 Outdoor Movie Night with BBQ and facepainting, 6 – 9pm. St Peters Anglican Church, Manly Vale. Enquiries 0407 009 335
- 8 A Cappella Extravaganza! Featuring the Northern Beaches Chorus, Star of the Sea Theatre, Stella Maris College, 2.30pm and 8pm. Enquiries 9451 6881
- 9 "Travellers Trophy" Heron Sailing Races. From 10am, Narrabeen Lakes. Enquiries 9999 0987
- 11 100% Walking for Seniors – a walk and talk at Narrabeen Lagoon. 10am – 11.30am. Enquiries 9942 2563
- 12 Seniors Refresher Driver Course. Forest Seniors Centre, 10am – 12pm. Enquiries 9942 2447
- 25 Anzac Day Memorial Service. 4.30am, Manly Dam. Enquiries Manly Dam Trust 9939 6398 (ah)
- 29 Market Stall, 8.30am – midday. Warringah Neighbourhood Centre, enquiries 9982 5500.
- 29 25th Annual Meccano Modellers Exhibition. 9 – 5pm, Frenchs Forest Baptist Church. Enquiries 9451 8807

May 2006

- 6 Centenary Clan Night, 8 – 11.30pm, Collaroy Masonic Hall. Warringah Scottish Society. Enquiries 9981 1673
- 17 Multicultural Food & Cultural Day, Beacon Hill Primary School. Enquiries 9451 6328
- 21 Guringai Festival Launch. Indigenous performances and music, sunset at Dee Why Beach. Enquiries 9942 2672
- 27 Safe Seat Saturday – free restraint checks on car seats, booster and baby capsules. Dee Why Library Car Park. Enquiries 9942 2447
- 27 Viennese Night, 8pm, Austrian Club, Frenchs Forest. Enquiries 9452 3304
- 31 National Seniors Northern Beaches Picnic, 12 noon, Manly Dam. Enquiries 9972 9228

Photo left inset: Councillor William Hew's wife stands in front of their home built in 1890. The house stood on the corner of Bantry Road and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest. Left: The Maclean family at the entrance of what is now the Warringah Mall site off Old Pittwater Road, circa 1918.

The flannel flower over the years



Logo adopted during 1968-1971 by Council



Logo pre -1998



Warringah Council

Current Logo adopted by Council in 1998



1973

Environment

Open or close? NARRABEEN LAGOON'S DILEMMA



This summer saw the debate resurface over whether Narrabeen Lagoon's entrance should be closed or open. Holidaymakers and some local residents grumbled about water quality and the infamous 'pelican itch', while kayakers and other residents enjoyed tranquil conditions with the Lagoon's increased depth. Whatever your view, it's worth remembering that coastal lakes and lagoons such as Narrabeen naturally open and close depending on rainfall, waves and tides.

The reason why the Narrabeen Lagoon entrance tends to close is because sand washed in by incoming tides accumulates in the Lagoon entrance, restricting tidal flow and eventually causing the Lagoon to close. Once natural closure occurs the entrance can remain so for extended periods of time. It might surprise some readers to know for example that the Lagoon was closed for 4 years during the 1924-1928 drought!

Trying to keep everyone happy is a balancing act and Warringah and Pittwater Councils, along with the State Government, are all involved in juggling competing community needs.

Under a 1996 agreement between Pittwater and Warringah, Narrabeen Lagoon is mechanically opened when water levels reach 1.2 metres. This allows a balance between protecting the Lagoon's health and ensuring nearby properties are not flooded. However if the Lagoon is opened at a lower height, there is insufficient water to scour the entrance. The result is the entrance closes naturally very quickly, leading to poorer water quality and an overall deterioration in the Lagoon's health.

One solution is to periodically clear sand from the entrance. Over 40,000 cubic metres of sand area was removed in 2002, and this year the same amount will be cleared. Excavated sand is deposited on Collaroy and Narrabeen Beach to build up sand levels as part of Warringah Council's beach nourishment program.

Down the track, further dredging of sand from the central and western parts of the Lagoon is planned. This comes out of an agreement reached at the Narrabeen Lagoon Summit held in early 2005, which brought together everyone with an interest in the Lagoon.

For more details on how Narrabeen Lagoon is managed, check out the following websites:

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/pdf/Policies/ENV-PL_420.pdf

www.mhl.nsw.gov.au/www/lw_start.html

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/narrabeen_lagoon_plan_2003.htm



Flooding in Warringah

Mapping flood-affected land is high on the Council's list of priorities this year, as part of the State Government's new requirements for managing floodplains across New South Wales.

Flood-affected land means any land that could flood during a 1 in 100 year flood event. Information on flood-affected land is being progressively added to planning documentation held for properties on this land, so that owners will be aware of any flood risk.

Mapping of flood-affected properties is done through a flood study and once a study is completed, a floodplain management plan is prepared to minimize the risk of flooding. The plan can include mitigation works, emergency planning and community education programs.

Flood plans have already been prepared for Manly and Narrabeen Lagoons and South Creek and are being finalized for Frenchs Creek and the Dee Why and Curl Curl Lagoons.

For more information on flood-affected land contact the Council's Catchment Management Team on 9942 2111 or visit our website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/projects

Installing a Rainwater Tank IS NOW EVEN EASIER!

Rainwater tanks are a particularly effective way to save water and money on your water bills. They also help minimise flooding by reducing the amount of stormwater leaving your property. Installing a rainwater tank is now even easier for Warringah residents. A recent amendment to the Council's Local Environment Plan (LEP) means water tanks with a capacity of 10,000 litres or less can now be installed without Council approval, provided they meet a number of requirements covering location, height, noise control and plumbing.

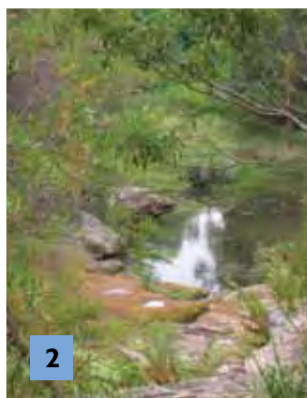
We also have free Water Conservation Kits to give away to all our residents. The 'Don't Waste a Drop' kit outlines the ways you can save water and has heaps of information on rainwater tanks, recycled watering systems, water-wise gardens and sustainable living.

For more information on rainwater tanks or a free kit please contact Council's Environmental Education team on 9942 2370.



Warringah's SECRET SPOTS

Four beautiful and secretive places just waiting to be discovered. Recommended by those who know them.



1 Stony Range Reserve Dee Why

Moments away from busy Pittwater Road, the Reserve is lush with wildflowers and boasts a manmade waterfall, gorgeous walks and a quaint hut for hire. Run by volunteers, a gold coin donation gets you entry into one of the prettiest but least known parks in Warringah.

2 The Mermaid Pool, Manly Dam, at the end of King Street Manly Vale

A cascading natural waterfall fringed by native plants, the Mermaid Pool is the stuff of legends. It's said Aboriginal people dared not swim there because of water spirits and in the Depression years locals christened the pool after the homeless young women rumoured to bathe naked in its waters. Whatever the case, the Pool is as mysterious as its name suggests.

3 North Curl Curl Lookout & Walking Track, off Headland Road North Curl Curl

Awesome views of the ocean looking straight over a sheer sandstone drop. When you've got your breath back take a left and walk along the beachside track all the way to Dee Why Headland, where more spectacular views await you.

4 Oxford Falls Peace Park, cnr Wakehurst Parkway & Dreadnought Road Oxford Falls

Large tranquil grounds and an historic timber-decked building once used as a one-room school. Perfect for a garden wedding or outdoor function and with prices starting at less than \$10 an hour to hire, an absolute steal. Visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/communitycentres for a virtual tour.

Photos above left to right; The Mermaid Pool, Stony Range Reserve, North Curl Curl Lookout and the Oxford Falls Peace Park.

Seniors Week

In the words of Mark Twain, "Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt, sing like nobody's listening and live like it's heaven on earth."

In other words, Live Life! This is the theme of Warringah Council's 2006 Seniors Week program. From 2 – 9 April there are many exciting events taking place to celebrate Seniors Week, some of which incorporate our own Centenary.

Look out for the 100% Seniors concert, featuring TV personality Ian Turpie as MC, 1940s singers The War Babies and Collaroy Plateau Public School Choir. See also Celebrating Lasting Friendships, a photographic exhibition of local seniors with their special friends.

We've also got free workshops covering motoring and maintenance, writing and using recycled materials.

For more information on Seniors Week, please see the [What's On Calendar of Centenary Events on page 5](#), visit our website or contact Warringah Council's Aged Services on 9942 2560.

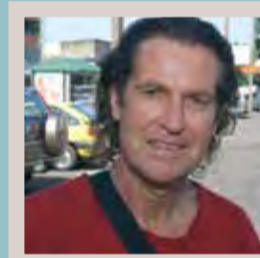


Live Life!

“Have your SAY”

With Warringah's official 100th birthday on Tuesday 7 March, we asked local residents what 100 years of Warringah meant to them.

“Hopefully I can now get a house plan through. I'm about to build a new house.”
Peter Manly Vale



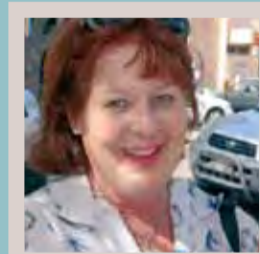
“It's a very nice thing but it doesn't make a difference to me. I'm perfectly happy to participate in any events that are on though.”
Ray North Curl Curl



“I wasn't aware we were turning 100. It's come a long way. I like the beach and the opportunities Warringah offers my kids.”
Sam Beacon Hill



“I wish Pittwater Council hadn't broken away from us. We used to be able to park at Palm Beach with a Warringah parking permit. I've lived here all my life, for 54 years. Having an Administrator here is great, we had so many developers sit on Council in the past. I've seen cottages between Pittwater Road and the beach transformed into development.”
Pam Narraweena



“I wasn't aware of it. I think we've gone backwards with the development but I do love the beaches. I moved my family here from St. George because it was a great place to bring up children. I like the lifestyle. It's got a great holiday atmosphere.”
Shane Dee Why



What's on

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

March 2006

- Mon – Fri
3, 10, 17 Computer Pals, Tramshed Community Centre, Narrabeen Details www.users.bigpond.net.au/compals
Heats - Northern Composure Band Competition. YOYOS Youth Centre, Frenchs Forest. Enquiries 9942 2401 or youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au
- 4 & 5 Exhibition – North Shore Railway Modellers Association. Forestville Memorial Hall
Enquiries 9451 9414 or 9948 3593
- 5 Clean Up Australia Day. For more information or to register a site visit www.cleanup.com.au or call 1800 282 329
- 5 *Breakfast with the Birds*. Bird watching, followed by free breakfast at Warriewood Wetlands. Enquiries 9970 6905
- 11 Backyard Buddies – Wildlife in your garden. Learn how to protect and encourage wildlife in the garden. Enquiries 9970 6905
- 15 Hilltop to Headland Lecture Series. Reptiles of the northern beaches. Learn all about the reptiles in your backyard. Warringah Council Chambers, Dee Why. Enquiries 9942 2542
- 18 Exhibition – Siamese and Shorthair Pedigree Cats. Forestville Memorial Hall.
Enquiries 9972 7070
- 19 *Breakfast with the Birds*. Bird watching at Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary.
Enquiries 9970 6905
- 19 Narrabeen Village Market, Berry Reserve, Narrabeen. Details www.blueskymarkets.com.au
- 19 Wyvern Music Club – Viennese Songs, 6.30pm, Forestville Uniting Church.
Enquiries 9416 5234
- 22 - 31 *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks*, Glen Street Theatre, limited seats available.
Enquiries 9975 1455
- 31 Final - Northern Composure Band Competition. YOYOS Youth Centre, Frenchs Forest.
Enquiries 9942 2401 or youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au

April 2006

- 1 – 9 National Youth Week. Contact Warringah Council Youth Services for information on activities.
Enquiries 9942 2401 or youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au
- 2 – 9 NSW Seniors Week. For information on local activities call 9942 2560
- 16 Narrabeen Village Market, Berry Reserve, Narrabeen. Details www.blueskymarkets.com.au
- 18 School Holiday Vacation Care & Recreation programs begin. Centre locations Allambie, Beacon Hill, Cromer, Forestville and Harbord. Enquiries Warringah Council Vacation Care on 9942 2312
- 19 Hilltop to Headland Lecture Series. The Earth as a Planet - Discover the amazing world of astrophotography. Warringah Council Chambers, Dee Why. Enquiries 9942 2542

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- 6 Forest Community Arts Centre Enrolment Day, 8.30am – 12.30pm. Forestville Shopping Village.
Enquiries 9452 1065
- 8 Forest Community Arts Centre and Narrabeen Tramshed Arts and Community Centre
Term 2 classes begin. Enquiries 9452 1065 (Forest Community Arts Centre)
and 9913 3231 (Tramshed).
- 9 – 11 *Shadows*, monologue with slide projection by William Yang. Glen Street Theatre
Ph: 9975 1455
- 17 Hilltop to Headland Free Lecture Series. Discover Warringah's Plants and Animals with expert ecologist Peter Smith. Warringah Council Chambers, Dee Why. Enquiries 9942 2542
- 19 Discobility Dance Party for ages 12-18 with special needs. 7 – 10pm, YOYOS Youth Centre, Frenchs Forest. Enquiries 9942 2401 or youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au
- 21 Narrabeen Village Market, Berry Reserve, Narrabeen. Details www.blueskymarkets.com.au
- 27 Siamese Cat Show. Forestville Memorial Hall. Enquiries 9920 0833
- 27 Safe Seat Saturday – free restraint checks on car seats, booster and baby capsules. Dee Why Library Car Park. Enquiries 9942 2447
- 28 Wyvern Music Club – Sydney Conservatorium Jazz, 2.30pm, Forestville Uniting Church.
Enquiries 9416 5234

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 June and August; our content deadline is 15 May 2006.

Anzac Day

Warringah will commemorate Anzac Day on Saturday 25 April this year with two dawn services at Oxford Falls Peace Park and Manly Dam.

The dawn service at the Peace Park, at the corner of Dreadnought Road and Wakehurst Parkway in Oxford Falls begins at 6am. Hosted by the Beacon Hill Rural Fire Brigade, last year's service saw over 800 people remember the fallen as the morning mist rose. This year the service will continue the tradition of book tributes being laid as donations for local schools.

At Manly Dam, located at the end of King Street, Manly Vale, the dawn service will get underway at 5.30am with a traditional piper and bugler. The ceremony will also feature a guard of honour by cadets from T.S Condamine and performances from local choirs. The Manly Warringah War Memorial Regional Park Remembrance Trust were thrilled with last year's attendance of over 1200 people at this moving service and are encouraging all residents to come back again.

For all enquiries about the two services contact the Council's Events and Cultural Services team on 9942 2577 or 9942 2502.

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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 2800

Wet weather sports-field hotline

(24 hours): 9981 2099

Beach pollution update

(Beachwatch): 1800 036 677

WIRES (Wildlife Information & Rescue Service): 8977 3333

To hire a community centre:

communitycentrebookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Vacation Care

Easter 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

Community transport

for seniors or residents with a disability – 9971 5110

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.



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