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“Have your **SAY**”

Warringah Council has adopted a Customer Service Charter outlining the standards of customer service you can expect when you 'have your say'. We aim to deliver a wide range of accessible, high quality services to meet your needs and Council hopes that you treat our staff with the same respect and professionalism that they will offer you.

Warringah Council will:

- treat you fairly and with respect
- offer friendly and polite service
- do our best to help and let you know how quickly we can act
- deal with your comments, suggestions and complaints positively
- listen to your views about improving policies and practices
- respect confidentiality

When you visit we will:

- endeavour to attend to you within five minutes of your arrival at the Customer Service Counter
- provide you with a safety induction of the building if you are coming in for an appointment with one of our staff members and show you the location of exits and amenities
- explain if your appointment time is delayed

When you telephone we will:

- endeavour to answer your call to the Customer Service Centre within 30 seconds
- give you our name and welcome you in a polite and courteous manner
- take a message if the person you need to speak to is unavailable and arrange for someone to call you back within 48 hours

When you write we will:

- reply to your letter or email within ten working days
- resolve your enquiry within the ten working days or let you know who is handling the matter and when you can expect a full reply

Feedback

We welcome all comments – compliments and complaints – and will use your feedback to help us improve our services to the community.

☎ 9942 2111 (weekdays 8:30am – 5pm)

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A message from The General Manager



Warringah Council's five year period under administration will shortly come to an end with the return of Councillors in the September elections. Council management and staff have been planning for this change and we have held a series of information sessions for 'A Fresh Start' for people considering running for Council.

A number of people have now indicated that they will nominate as candidates for the election and have commenced their election campaigns. Warringah community members will be closely watching prospective candidates and assessing their views on a range of issues. I urge the community to be active participants in this democratic process and to ensure they are enrolled to vote so they can have their say at the polling booths.

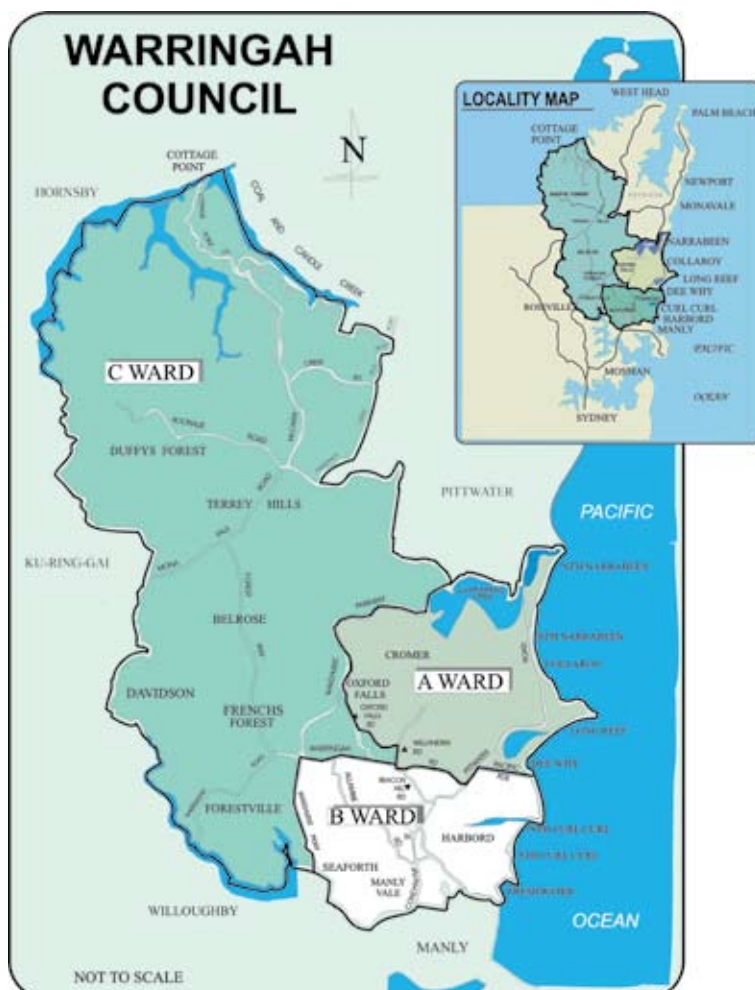
Elections will be held in the Warringah Council local government area on Saturday September 13, 2008, to appoint nine Councillors and a Mayor. All residents in the Warringah local government area who are aged 18 years and over and are enrolled on the residential roll of electors are required to vote in their ward between 8am and 6pm.

To enrol to vote or check if you are enrolled to vote visit the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) website www.elections.nsw.gov.au, phone them on 1 300 135 736 or pick up an enrolment form from your local post office.

Pre-polling will also be available from September 1 to 12 between 8.30am and 5pm at Unit 1-3, 117 Old Pittwater Road, Brookvale. Alternatively you can submit a postal vote by September 8, 2008.

If you are not a resident but own or lease a property in Warringah, you can apply to have your name included on the roll of non-residential owners of rateable land or the roll of occupiers and rate paying leasees. For application forms go to www.warringah.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Governance Team Leader on 9942 2444. Forms must be submitted by August 4, 2008.

Rik Hart





Tree Talk

Warringah residents are fortunate to live amongst a landscape dominated by bush and trees. A green environment helps neutralise the effects of greenhouse gases as well as providing habitat for local wildlife.

In recent months, Council rangers have been busy investigating a spate of illegal tree loppings from private properties. In some cases whole trees were removed while in others a large portion of the trees were pruned.

The management of trees on private properties is covered by the Warringah Tree Preservation Order (TPO). The aim of the TPO is to preserve tree canopy cover and maintain Warringah's green bush environment. Residents may prune dead wood and up to ten per cent of foliage of any tree each calendar year without Council permission, however this does not include reducing the height of a tree through tree lopping.



For removal of trees over five metres, a Development Application for Tree Removal and Tree Pruning must be completed. There are some species of trees that do not require permission to be pruned or removed, for example noxious weeds such as privet. A detailed list of exempt trees as well as a Tree Replacement Guide can be found on our website www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

Breaches of the TPO can incur on the spot fines of \$600 per tree to prosecution through the courts.

Planting Advice

Before planting tree seedlings on your property consider the following:

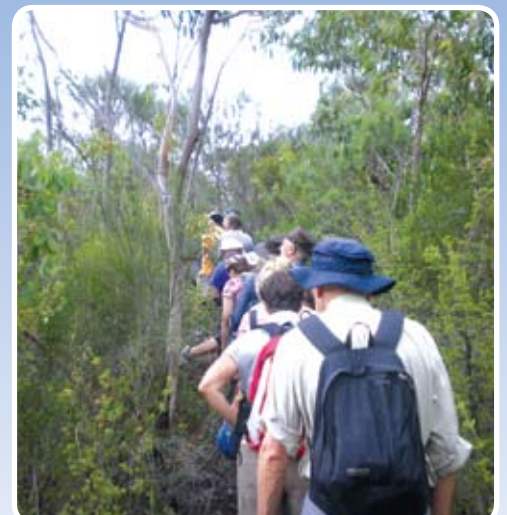
- determine the height and canopy of tree when fully grown
- allow room for root growth (at least twice the height of the tree)
- don't plant large trees close together
- large trees should be planted at least three metres from buildings
- take into account any overhead powerlines, underground pipes, drain walls, solar access
- consider the potential impacts of your planting on neighbours

Chasing Waterfalls

Warringah has a wide diversity of natural environment ranging from our well visited beaches and lagoons to the less frequented bushland, escarpments, creeks and waterfalls. Every month Warringah Council and Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment hold bushwalks in Warringah for residents and visitors to get up close and personal with our natural environment. Walks include:

- Oxford Falls to Deep Creek Traverse (pictured on the cover)
- Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Discovery Walks
- Spotlight Animal Night Walks
- Bird Watching Walks and
- Wildflower in Bloom walks

For more details call 9942 2111 or visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au



Dee Why Town Centre News

The revitalisation of the Dee Why Town Centre has moved a step closer with Warringah Council adopting LEP amendments that permit development to transform Dee Why from an older style local shopping centre to a modern regional centre. The LEP amendments have now been referred to the NSW Minister for Planning for his approval. The new State Government Metropolitan Strategy changes the nature of Dee Why and the amendments to the LEP will allow the area to realise this vision of 'a major shopping and business centre serving the immediate subregional residential population'.

The Multiplex/Vumbaca proposal and Council's proposal for the Howard/Oaks Avenue carpark site include large open spaces, a mix of residential, retail and commercial uses with substantial streetscape improvements and underground parking. Following extensive community consultation and independent urban design advice the height of the Multiplex/Vumbaca buildings was reduced from the original proposal to now be 18 and 17 storeys.

Features of the Town Centre proposals include:

- The creation of a 2,250 sq/m north facing public plaza
- The generation of capital to allow the provision of a new and expanded library along with a new community centre and facilities for the community services currently operating out of houses in Howard Avenue
- The doubling of the size of Walter Gors Park
- Large increase in the number of public parking spaces
- Bus layover on Pittwater Road
- New traffic arrangements to improve unacceptable delays

This proposed LEP has been forwarded to the NSW Minister for Planning, along with all the information gathered during the consultation process. It will now be up to the Minister to decide whether to accept the recommendation or not.



Netball News

Warringah Council will provide 11 additional netball hard courts at John Fisher Park, Curl Curl, as part of a comprehensive improvement plan of the site to ensure its future as the home of netball on the northern beaches. A range of options have been investigated in recent years but no other sites have offered a satisfactory solution to providing a new, centralised netball facility on the northern beaches. The most practical and achievable option at this time is to return to John Fisher Park as the long term home for netball.

Developments and improvements at this site will allow it to remain as the centralised venue for netball on the northern beaches with an additional 11 hard surface courts including seven new courts at John Fisher Park, three hard surface courts on the asphalt parking area at Curl Curl Youth & Community Centre and one all weather court in the Centre.

Further improvements will also be made to enhance John Fisher Park's use as a passive recreation area for local residents and families with new landscaping, tree plantings, picnic tables and barbecues for general community use.



Strategic

Warringah Council recently adopted a Strategic Community Plan following extensive community consultation with residents and ratepayers having their say on the future planning for Warringah.

The plan includes Council's ten year strategic vision for Warringah and the key initiatives, services and capital works planned. This year Council expanded our efforts to get residents and other stakeholders actively involved in commenting on the draft Strategic Community Plan and some of the key initiatives and projects it contains.

A summary brochure and feedback form was distributed to Warringah households and an extensive advertising campaign promoted the exhibition period and the availability of an online feedback survey on Council's website. Some 317 people took the opportunity to make written submissions on the plan.

Anyone who made a written response to the draft Plan was also able to nominate to speak at a Community Plan Hearing in mid June and 13 people came along to Council Chambers to have their say at this forum.

The new Strategic Community Plan integrates Living Warringah and what has previously been referred to as the Management Plan into one document. It provides greater accountability and transparency with clear linkages between long term goals and strategies and the services Council will deliver.

Warringah Council is the first council in NSW to achieve sustainable renewal of its assets at a rate which keeps pace with depreciation. We are well on our way to ensuring the infrastructure we enjoy today is available for future generations of Warringah residents and businesses. From 2008 onwards Council will fully fund the renewal of our roads, stormwater drainage, public buildings, parks and foreshore assets.

Community Plan

The Strategic Community Plan provides for continued improvements to our infrastructure as well as additional support to local residents, community organisations businesses and the environment including:

- A facelift for the Warringah Aquatic Centre with \$5.25million over the next three years to improve disability access
- \$1.7million to level and returf Weldon Oval South Curl Curl
- \$2.6million for improvement works at Freshwater Village
- \$300,000 for a 12 month pilot graffiti program to include private buildings for the first time
- \$100,000 annually for Manly Dam to retain the weed free environment created over the past three years
- \$760,000 over two years for a new e-planning online service

The Strategic Community Plan reflects some specific responses to the community feedback received through Talk of the Town including the graffiti program, creating an urban design function in Council to improve planning of centres and public places, increasing sportsground fees to recover a more equitable share of grounds maintenance and developing further online capacity to improve the accessibility of various building and development services.

Following community consultation a number of changes were made to the Strategic Community Plan in response to public submission. These included:

- Improving Council's approach to kerbside cleanups in Dee Why and suburban centres
- Fast tracking the review of the Warringah Bike Plan
- Greater promotion of youth services and facilities
- Promoting Brookvale Oval as a venue for the community and looking at increasing community use of the site

In the coming financial year Council will conduct a strategic review of the 1998 Warringah Bike Plan including an audit of all completed facilities and establishing priority actions to improve cycling in Warringah. We will also conduct a program to improve kerbside clean up in medium density areas, removing material dumped on the kerb more quickly and not allowing material to accumulate. This will involve a comprehensive community education program.

To view the final Strategic Community Plan visit our website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au



Art Exhibition Open to Visitors

The 2008 Warringah Art Exhibition is being held at a brand new venue this year, and with a high calibre of artwork submitted, the exhibition is one art enthusiasts won't want to miss.

Entries flooded in for the exhibition from our vibrant arts community, including a number of photographs from the 13 to 20 age group who entered our inaugural Youth Photographic Competition. A handful of images from the competition were chosen to be hung at the exhibition.

Winning photographers scored work experience at a professional photographic studio and \$250 cash, while \$4,000 in prize money was split between eight art awards.

The exhibition is open **10am-4pm between July 10-20** at **Art Focus Gallery & Studio, 1 Powells Road, Brookvale.**

Thanks to our sponsors: Dymocks Warringah Mall, Action Framing, Camera House, Natural Exposure Photographic Studio, Digital Medium and Sea La Vie.

24/7 Youth Film Festival

With a myriad of top secret clues, bizarre inclusions and flexible formats this years 24/7 Youth Film Festival is set to be the best yet.

Now in its sixth year the 24/7 Youth Film Festival is taking place again between June and September.

The Festival takes its name from the competition element which sees teams of young people aged 12-24 create a seven minute, or shorter, film in just 24 hours!

To assist the budding young filmmakers several short film workshops are being held on August 4, 5, 11 and 12 from 6pm to 8pm at the Warringah Mall Community Rooms. The competition's official launch will take place on Saturday 23 August at 12noon at The Sea Theatre Stella Maris School, Manly. At the launch, teams will be given a presentation and list of things, five of which must appear in the completed film 24 hours later.

Screenings of the heats and final will be held in August and September.

For more information go to www.myspace.com/247youthfilmfestival or contact Council's youth services at youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au or on 9942 2401.



FREE Workshops

Warringah Mall Community Room (above the library near Hoyts), 6-8pm. Bookings essential. Ph 9978 4013 or youth@mosman.nsw.gov.au

4 August - Intro to Short Film

5 August - Acting for Screen

11 August - Editing

12 August - Scriptwriting

Launch

Star of the Sea Theatre
Cnr Collingwood St and Illuka Ave, Stella Maris College

23 August - 12-2pm

Competition

Starts 23 August @ 2pm

Finishes 24 August @ 2pm

Screenings

Sunday 31 August

Monday 1 September

Final & Award Ceremony

Sunday 7 September

2008 Season at Glen Street

Possum Magic

July will see hundreds of young children at Glen Street Theatre enjoying *Possum Magic* the musical as it tours around the country. To help celebrate the 25th anniversary of *Possum Magic* the book, Glen Street Theatre will also be hosting a *Possum Magic* Festival on Saturday August 2.

Children and their parents will be able to enjoy lovely lamingtons, see real possums and join in the fun and games. The free family fun day starts at 10am and ends at 3pm with activities at Glen Street Theatre and nearby Belrose Library. Performances of *Possum Magic* the musical will also be held during the day but check ticket availability beforehand.

Warringah Council's Eco Van will be part of the fun day with lots to see and learn about the environment including plant giveaways. Great entertainment is planned for all the family.

Get ready for a magical day at Glen Street Theatre to celebrate 25 years of *Possum Magic*.



What's On @ Glen Street

Possum Magic – the musical

July 29 – August 1 (school shows)

August 2 – (open to public), 10am and 3pm
Highly acclaimed stage production of Mem Fox's children's classic *Possum Magic*.

Tell Me On A Sunday

August 5 - 16
Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's play charts the course of a young girl brimming with optimism who has just arrived in New York. Starring Jolene Anderson.

Valley Song

August 19 - 30
A touching personal tale from South Africa's greatest playwright, Athol Fugard.

Codgers

September 9 - 20
Eavesdrop on six senior mates as they sweat it out each week at the gym. A touching and funny play.

Music @ the Glen David Scheel

September 23, 11am
In between beautiful piano pieces laugh yourself silly at David's humour.

Glen Street Theatre

cnr Glen St and Blackbutts Rd, Belrose.

Phone 9975 1455 or

visit www.glenstreet.com.au

Going Green

This Warringah Council building powered by



Look out for the new Green Power logos at key Council sites. These logos indicate that the buildings are powered by environmentally friendly 'green power' and include Council's Civic Centre, Glen Street Theatre and libraries at Warringah Mall, Belrose and Dee Why. Changing to green power is just one strategy in Council's commitment to reducing our carbon footprint under our Environmental Sustainability Policy and Water and Energy Savings Action Plans.

Valued Volunteers

Warringah bushcare volunteers donated just over \$200,000 worth of their time last year to help regenerate our local environment. A recent survey by the Sydney Metropolitan Catchment Management Authority found that 554 people from Warringah volunteered in environmental activities during 2007. They contributed 6,820 hours towards bush regeneration, tree planting and growing local native plants in community nurseries.

Over 300 Warringah's Friends of the Bush volunteers met on a regular basis, usually once a month, to carry out bush regeneration and work in the nursery. Another 250 were involved in 'one-off' activities such as tree planting, which included the community and school children. If you would like to get involved in bushcare volunteering visit our website www.warringah.nsw.gov.au or call 9942 2111.



Cat Concerns

Residents living in the Manly Dam catchment are urging neighbours to lock up their cats at night to protect local wildlife.

This was the clear message from results of a community wildlife survey sent to residents in the catchment area late last year.

More than 250 residents took part in the Manly Dam Community Wildlife Survey and most identified feral and domestic cats as the major risks to our wildlife.

Many native animals, such as ringtail and brush-tailed possums, are nocturnal and are easy prey for cats on their evening jaunt.

The survey also asked residents to identify birds, mammals and reptiles they had seen in their backyards or in areas surrounding Manly Dam.

Eighty per cent of respondents completed the survey in their backyards and the most sighted animals were rainbow lorikeets, Australian magpies, laughing kookaburras, blue tongue lizards, ringtail possums, sulphur-crested cockatoos and brush-tailed possums.

For more comprehensive results of the Manly Dam Community Wildlife Survey visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

What's on

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

Wednesday 16

7pm Hilltop to Headland free talk - Organic Gardening. Warringah Council Chambers.

Thursday 17

10.30am Children's Workshop at Kimbriki Eco Garden. Bookings essential.

10.30am, 11.45am and 2pm Cosmodome: *Earth's Wild Ride*. An IMAX-style 3-D experience for children aged 5 and over. Warringah Mall Library. Tickets \$2. Bookings essential. Call 9942 2449.

Friday 18

3pm Drop-in Activities at YOYOs Youth Centre. Info: youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au or call 9942 2401.

Thursday 24

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Intro to Eco Living and Eco Gardening.

Friday 25

3pm Jam session at YOYOs Youth Centre. Info youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au or call 9942 2401.

7pm Spotlight Walk at Narrabeen Lagoon. Bookings essential. Call 9942 2580.

Saturday 26

10.30am Guided Bushwalk with Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Bookings essential. Call 9942 2580.

Sunday 27

10am National Tree Day Fruit Tree Workshop at Kimbriki. Bookings 9486 3512.

Monday 28

Term 3 courses at North Balgowlah Community Centre, Narrabeen Tramshed Arts and Community Centre, and Forestville Community Centre begin. New courses include arts and crafts, health and exercise, and children's activities. For a copy of the brochure visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au or call 9942 2111.

Friday 1

5.30pm Twilight Party. High school students can celebrate Stephenie Meyer's book *Breaking Dawn*. Dress in vampire/prom outfit. Warringah Mall Library. Bookings 9942 2449.

Thursday 7

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Wormfarming.

Friday 8

7pm Discobility Dance Party at YOYOs Youth Centre. Info youth@warringah.nsw.gov.au or call 9942 2401.

Saturday 9

8.30am Guided Bushwalk with Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Bookings essential. Call 9942 2580.

Thursday 14

10.30am No Dig Gardening Workshop at Kimbriki.

Wednesday 20

7pm Hilltop to Headland free talk - Aboriginal Perspectives. Warringah Council Chambers.

Thursday 21

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Propagation and Pruning. Bookings essential.

Sunday 24

8.45am Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Tag Along Tour. Bookings essential. Call 9913 8031.

Thursday 28

10.30am Eco House Workshop at Kimbriki Office. Bookings essential.

Thursday 4

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Composting. Bookings essential.

Thursday 11

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Eco Water. Bookings essential.

2.30pm History Week Lagoon to the Ocean Walk, Talk and Taste. Free. Berry Reserve carpark, Narrabeen Lagoon. Bookings essential. Email Tina.Graham@wls.nsw.gov.au or call 9942 2449.

Friday 12

7pm Spotlight Walk at Narrabeen Lagoon. Bookings essential. Call 9942 2580.

Saturday 13

9.30am Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Wildflower Walk. Bookings essential. Call 9942 2580.

8am-6pm 2008 Local Government Elections. Warringah voters will vote for nine Councillors and a Mayor. Details visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au.

Wednesday 17

7pm Hilltop to Headland free talk - Threatened Species. Warringah Council Chambers.

Thursday 18

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - No Dig Gardening. Bookings essential.

Sunday 21

8.45am Tag Along Tour with Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Bookings essential. Call 9913 8031.

Thursday 25

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Worms and Wormfarming. Bookings essential.

Saturday 27

1pm Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment Wildflower Walk. Bookings. Call 9942 2580.

Sunday 28

10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - No Dig Gardening. Bookings essential.

Free Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshops

Bookings essential. Call 9486 3512 (Monday to Friday)

Free Hilltop to Headland environment series.

Talks at Warringah Council Civic Centre. For more information call 9942 2111 or visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

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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
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services and activities.



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