

what's on



Warringah Council



Music in March

Join us for free concerts every Sunday in March

Ted Jackson Reserve, Dee Why Beach
Sunday 6, 13, 20, 27 March, 2-5pm



Northern Composure

Northern Beaches premier band competition

YOYOs Youth Centre, Forestway Shopping Centre, Frenchs Forest

Heats: Friday 11, 18, 25 March
7.30-11.30pm

yoyogigs.info



Hilltop to Headland

Join us for our free environmental series

Ranger Stacey with the Taronga Zoomobile

Ted Jackson Reserve, Dee Why Beach
Sunday 10 April, 10am-noon

Professor Tim Flannery

Dee Why RSL, 932 Pittwater Rd, Dee Why
Thursday 9 June, 7-9pm



See what's going on in your own backyard...

warringah.nsw.gov.au



Warringah Council Newsletter

WARRINGAH matters



A message from The Mayor



As we enter the final quarter of the financial year, we will continue delivering major projects and services as outlined in our Strategic Community Plan (SCP). The SCP focuses Council efforts to protect and enhance our natural environment; promote cultural diversity and community wellbeing; create safe and well maintained public spaces and urban development;

and ensure our organisation is efficient and effective.

In alignment with the SCP, Council is working with the community for a better Warringah, including major work programs at The Strand Dee Why, Collaroy Access Tourism Precinct and Brookvale Oval, an exciting Hilltop to Headland series, energy saving initiatives for Council facilities, Plans of Management for Manly Dam and Narrabeen Lagoon... just to name a few.

There is the constant challenge of balancing growth and development to ensure it is sustainable and meets the community's needs. This is clearly demonstrated with the recent State Government proposal for Frenchs Forest as a Site of State Significance.

As our population grows, so does our need for housing and jobs. Accommodation situated close to centres of employment will relieve a great deal of pressure from our already choked roads. While we acknowledge growth is inevitable, I remain opposed to the proposal for

Frenchs Forest unless the State Government commits to adequate infrastructure and transport links before any rezoning.

I am delighted to see the State Government supported Council and community opinion and refused the controversial plan to build a giant resort-style seniors living development at Oxford Falls. I campaigned hard against this and will campaign with the community against any rezoning of land at Frenchs Forest.

Warringah Council has been working with business and the community on a number of initiatives to promote commerce and industry in the local area including the Warringah Economic Development Plan.

You can read about this and more in this edition of Warringah Matters.

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Seniors Program

Celebrating NSW Seniors Week – Live Life

Back to BASiCs – Being Active Staying Independent and Carefree

20 March – 11 April



ANZAC Day Dawn Services

Manly Warringah War Memorial Park

Kings St, Manly Vale, 5am

Oxford Falls Peace Park

Wakehurst Pkwy/Dreadnought Rd, Oxford Falls, 6am

25 April



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Glen Street Theatre
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Turns by Reg Livermore

There's singing, dancing, comedy, mystery and fun-and-games aplenty in this richly entertaining and whimsical comedy starring Nancye Hayes and Reg Livermore.

15 – 26 March

Tickets \$32 – \$63

Fees and charges apply

BOOKINGS 9975 1455 or glenstreet.com.au

For your chance to WIN 2 free tickets to the opening night performance and after party with the cast on Wednesday 16 March, valued at \$126, simply tell us in 25 words or less why you'd like to see **Turns**.

Email your entry to rsvp@glenstreet.com.au by Friday 11 March. Winners will be notified by email.

For more information visit warringah.nsw.gov.au

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

Hilltop to Headland 2011 – Be Inspired

Warringah Council has launched its annual "Hilltop to Headland" free environmental series with an exciting line up of speakers.

The "Hilltop to Headland" lecture series provides a great opportunity for the community to find out more about local and global environmental issues and solutions.

Our first presenter was celebrity chef and food author Ed Halmagyi who gave practical advice and inspiration on sustainable living, including how to source locally grown food, and how to grow your own kitchen garden.

In April Ranger Stacey and the Taronga Zoomobile present bushland and biodiversity in a very outdoor and hands-on setting for the whole family. Warringah is home to an amazing array of plants and animals, many of which are endangered and everybody can help protect them by being environmentally responsible. Learn how to get involved

by taking care of your backyard and Warringah's bushland.

In June Tim Flannery and Professor Bruce Thom will talk about climate change and Warringah's coastline. Professor Flannery was so popular last year the lecture booked out in days. Once again residents will have the opportunity to gain a greater understanding about the science of climate change and how this will specifically affect the Warringah community, with an emphasis on coastal management.

Bookings on 9942 2111.



Mayor Regan and Tim Flannery

Feral animal control

Feral rabbit populations are currently increasing across the Sydney-North region, and in response to growing community concern and environmental damage, 15 local authorities will be carrying out feral rabbit control program in the region in March.

Feral rabbits are a declared pest and are responsible for major environmental damage, including the destruction of native vegetation, sportsfields, reserves, urban lawns and gardens and erosion.

According to Industry & Investment NSW, feral rabbits currently cost Australia over \$200 million in damage each year. Australia has been engaged in feral rabbit

control programs since the 1920s and it has been found that the control of feral animal populations in urban areas is most effective when carried out in a coordinated manner.

The RSPCA recommends pet rabbits are desexed and vaccinated against RHD virus and these are available from vets.

Pet rabbits should be contained in a secure cage or hutch and away from feral rabbit populations. If you are no longer able to care for your pet rabbit, please find it a good home. Do not dump it, as pets that mix with feral populations further increase their numbers.

The feral animal program also includes the control of foxes, which are twice as

likely to live in urban areas as agricultural areas. Foxes are a major threat to the survival of Australian wildlife including the Southern Brown Bandicoot, Long-nosed Bandicoot, Swamp Wallaby, Ringtail Possum and Little Penguin.



Feral rabbits

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DID YOU KNOW? A snapshot of Warringah Council in a year 2009/2010

Council receives **190,000** enquiries a year

\$152.65m delivery of services and operations

\$30.58m construction of new, and renewal of existing public buildings and facilities

23 suburbs

Population **144,092**

Local government area **152.55 km²**

300,000 visitors to the Warringah Aquatic Centre

2,000 children cared for by Children's Services

126 professional shows at Glen Street Theatre

5,000 children performing on stage at Glen Street Theatre

2.3m m² grass maintained

17,300 m² graffiti removed

Community property managed

46 community buildings

10 surf life saving clubs

48 sporting sites

67 amenity buildings

204 leases & licences

8 rural fire service sites

5 swimming clubs

15,000 stormwater pits

440km stormwater pipes

490km roads maintained

TOP 3 Ranger requests

3,418 dogs

1,368 dumped rubbish

882 dumped vehicles

1.2m library items borrowed

4.2m bins collected

2.4m visitors to 9 beaches

2,258 DAs processed

740 reserves

163 playgrounds

127 individual sportsfields

4 libraries

CREATING OUR FUTURE

Help Plan Dee Why Town Centre

Council is keen to hear ideas from the community on the future vision for the Dee Why Town Centre. Under the NSW Government's recently released Metropolitan Plan for Sydney 2036, Brookvale-Dee Why will remain the major centre for the region with the focus on retail and residential development for Dee Why.

As a major centre for the northern beaches, Council wants maximum input and participation from the community. An online forum is available at yoursaywarringah.com.au encouraging people to discuss what is important to them about Dee Why, issues and potential solutions for the centre. We want to hear what people like about Dee Why, features they would like to see in an ideal town centre, the types

of community and cultural facilities and open space needed and what kinds of services and businesses would work best for the area.

The employment target for Brookvale-Dee Why is an additional 5,000 jobs by 2036, and in terms of housing, the State Government is intending that at least 80 per cent of new homes are located within the walking catchments of centres with good public transport.



Dee Why Town Centre

Economic Initiatives

A Warringah Economic Development Plan is currently being prepared and will be completed by mid year.

This is the first strategic economic development plan for Warringah and it will be linked to other key regional and NSW State Plans, such as SHOROC – Shaping Our Future and the NSW Metropolitan Strategy. It will refer to issues such as: employment generation opportunities, leveraging assistance programs and incentive packages, encouraging sustainable growth to strengthen competitiveness, branding and marketing and investment attraction.

Chamber businesses have assisted the business community engagement process for the Plan, either through participating in the recent focus groups to generate ideas, or one-on-one discussions.

Some key areas of interest identified by business stakeholders include:

- Need for more online business information, data and advice to help grow business
- Support for best practice planning and approval processes to work and live locally
- Branding and marketing opportunities for business centres to drive commerce
- Developing a highly skilled, adaptable and educated local workforce
- Advocacy support for improved local transport access and infrastructure

The online community engagement forum on economic development is still live on Council's website. We encourage further business input which is a great opportunity to give views, suggestions and ideas for the LGA. Visit yoursaywarringah.com.au.

Collaroy Access Tourism Precinct

Council recently exhibited two concept options for the Accessibility Tourism Precinct project at Collaroy. Over \$3.5 million over three years has been allocated to the project.

The precinct, which includes the commercial strip along Pittwater Road, Collaroy Beach Reserve and rockpools and the Surf Life Saving Club building, already offers unique opportunities for visitors with disabilities. The proposal for the Collaroy Accessibility Tourism Precinct is to upgrade infrastructure within the precinct to create an exceptional level of accessibility and attractions which will increase its appeal as a holiday destination for the community – particularly for the elderly and people with a disability. The infrastructure upgrade will include transport, shops, beach, rockpools, picnic area and playground facilities.

The results of the community feedback will be presented to Council in March 2011 and will further help to define the scope and funding requirements of the project.



Collaroy Beach

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