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“Have your SAY”

Were you aware that dogs are not allowed on Warringah beaches, or any Sydney beaches?

What do you think about dogs on beaches?

“Dogs shouldn't be on beaches or if so, only in special parts.”
Louise, Dee Why.



“I think we should be more lenient. I like dogs and they should be allowed on the beach, even though I don't have a dog.”
Adam, Dee Why.



“I think the system works well. You don't see dogs on Dee Why beach which is good when you have small children playing on the beach.”
Niamh, Dee Why.



Dogs are not allowed on any of Warringah's beaches, rock pools or lagoons and there are on-the-spot fines between \$220 and \$330.

You can take your four legged friends to one of our off-the-leash parks:

- Flora and Ritchie Roberts Reserve, Curl Curl
- John Fisher Park (east of Park St), Curl Curl
- Hinkler Park, Queenscliff
- Beverly Job Park, Narrabeen
- Griffith Park, Collaroy
- Frenchs Forest Showground
- Allambie Oval before 7am
- Terrey Hills Oval before 8.30am

A message from The General Manager



The last issue of Warringah Matters arrived in your letterboxes in my first week with Council and I am happy to say that staff and community members have made me feel very welcome since my arrival.

My initial impression is that Council has made significant progress over the past few years in strengthening the governance of the organisation and our relationship with the community. We have a community strategic plan, Living Warringah, and are in a strong financial position to deliver on the aspirations in this document. I hope to build on these achievements in the coming months with your help.

I would like to invite you to an innovative Town Meeting where local issues and services will be prioritised for future planning. This will be your opportunity to help shape the future of your local community and the type and levels of services delivered by Council. Now is the time to start thinking about the direction you want your community and your council to take in the coming years. Come along and join us at what will be the talk of the town where you can make a real contribution to the Warringah way of life.

This will be your chance to put your hand up and contribute in a very meaningful way.

The Town Meeting will be held on September 16 and I hope to see as many people as possible in attendance. I know that Warringah residents are often keen to be involved in consultation processes and I was pleased to see more than 700 people get involved in recent Cultural Plan consultations. This consultation process contributed to the Draft Cultural Plan that is now on exhibition. You can view the plan on our website for more details.

If you would like to be involved with the Warringah Town Meeting please go to our website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au for more information on how to register or call 9942 2176.


Rik Hart

Management Plan and Budget on Exhibition

Playgrounds, sporting facilities and infrastructure are a key focus of Warringah Council's Draft Management Plan 2007-2010 now on exhibition. The Plan details expenditure on works, services and facilities and outlines service planning over the next three years and includes the proposed Budget and Fees and Charges for 2007-2008. The budget continues to focus on improving and renewing our infrastructure, while also providing additional support to community groups, sporting clubs, business, commuters and the environment.

A key initiative of the Management Plan is a commitment of \$1.37million to increase bus shelters across Warringah from 177 to 345 over the next three years.

The Draft Management Plan is on exhibition until Wednesday June 13 at Council's Customer Service Centre, Council libraries or on our website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

Significant budget items for 2007-2008 include:

- \$440,000 for 40 new bus shelters this year
- \$500,000 for new playgrounds and upgrades
- \$500,000 for dredging Narrabeen Lagoon studies
- \$1 million for Harbord Village streetscape
- An additional \$860,870 for infrastructure
- \$750,000 to level and turf Weldon Oval
- \$600,000 for Regional Netball Centre planning
- \$250,000 for disabled access at South Curl Curl beach
- \$220,000 for street trees in commercial centres
- \$110,000 for North Balgowlah Shopping Centre streetscape
- \$100,000 for bores at Forestville Oval and Curl Curl Oval for alternate water supply
- \$750,000 for reducing our carbon emissions
- Extra resources and support for volunteers, volunteer organisations and our bush regeneration program

Pittwater Mayor Alex McTaggart,
former NSW Environment Minister
Bob Debus and Warringah Council
Administrator Dick Persson at
Narrabeen Lagoon.



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Narrabeen Lagoon

A \$2million grant under the State Government's 'City and Country Environment Restoration Program' has been awarded to Warringah and Pittwater Councils for projects to protect the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment.

The Councils will work in partnership with Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment on a series of works and programs to be run over the next three years. These works will protect the catchment of the largest coastal lagoon in the Sydney region.

Narrabeen Lagoon has been an important recreation destination for thousands of people and after decades of substantial urban pressure it is no longer in a pristine state. This new program of works will improve the lagoon and surrounding bushland to save this iconic area for future generations.

The \$2million grant will support existing restoration programs by focussing on Middle Creek, Mullet Creek and Nareen Creek which urgently require resources and remediation works.

The catchment management program will support a number of initiatives including:

- Reduced stormwater pollution and improved water quality in the lagoon
- Removal of excess siltation and weed infestation
- Revegetation and stabilisation of creek banks
- Better protection of urban bushland and creeks
- Better protection of habitat for rare and endangered plants and animals
- Creation of natural habitats and walking facilities for passive recreation
- Water quality monitoring
- Educational campaigns about the importance of protecting the area and how to reduce stormwater pollution, urban run off and weed invasion



The Narrabeen Lagoon catchment

SPORTING stories



New Netball Home

Benedict's Quarry in Belrose will be home to a new regional netball venue, ending the long search for a suitable location for this much needed facility. Netball is the largest team participatory sport in Australia and the Manly Warringah Netball Association is in fact the second largest netball association in the world with 4,500 registered players.

The five hectare site in Challenger Drive, Belrose offers potential for a regional netball venue with up to 40 courts. The NSW Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, recently announced that the current use of the site will end early next year so that Council can start evaluating the area and plan for a state of the art facility.

This new site will add six new playing fields across Warringah. It will free up the netball area at John Fisher Park in Curl Curl for other sporting and recreation uses and also allows Nolan's Reserve in Manly Vale to continue to be used for multiple sports and passive recreation. Resolving this impasse also allows us to develop plans for the Crown land at Myoora Road, Terrey Hills, for modern hockey facilities and free up their current grounds for other sports.

SHOROC Sporting Support

Warringah Council is proposing to upgrade facilities at David Thomas Reserve in Manly Vale. A new building with dressing rooms, toilets, equipment storage and a canteen/kitchen has been designed with environmental sustainability in mind. SHOROC (Warringah, Manly, Mosman and Pittwater Councils) has a Sportsground Improvement Fund which collects a levy as part of player registration fees to help provide sporting infrastructure in the region and is providing \$343,000 to jointly fund the project with Warringah Council and the sporting club. The Development Application will be lodged soon and we plan to have the works completed before the next winter season.

Sportsfield Rectification

Warringah ratepayers contribute to a Sportsfield Rectification Fund and a community committee decides how these funds will be allocated each year. The next major project to be funded by this special levy is Weldon Oval in Curl Curl with \$750,000 going towards levelling and returfing the fields.

Wet Weather Hotline - 9981 2099

Warringah Council operates a Sportsfields Wet Weather Hotline that is updated daily or as weather conditions change. Please check with the hotline to see if your sportsfield is open or closed during wet weather.

Saving our Infrastructure

How the infrastructure levy has been spent this year

Last year Warringah Council introduced an infrastructure levy as an additional portion of rates to be used solely for the renewal and replacement of Council owned assets and infrastructure. The new levy is part of our long-term financial strategy for the community's assets and infrastructure that Council has prepared for the next ten years.

With an annual shortfall of \$7million in income to pay for the replacement of ageing infrastructure, the new levy has met about half of the shortfall with the average residential ratepayer contributing and extra \$60 in their annual rates bill. The average commercial ratepayer is paying an annual increase of about \$226.

The 6.5% infrastructure levy raised \$3.7million in 2006-2007 for renewing and replacing assets that are in poor condition or have reached the end of their lifecycle including:

- Roads and transport
- Stormwater drainage
- Parks and recreation
- Buildings
- Foreshore

More than \$880,000 worth of road re-sheeting has been carried out this year and \$210,000 in footpath renewals as well as \$155,000 for car park resurfacing.

About \$180,000 of minor works were completed at Council buildings such as the installation of safety glass at Terrey Hills Children's Centre, renewal of storage at Collaroy Youth and Community Centre and replacement of staging at Glen Street Theatre.

Lighting in the Narabang Way Tunnel in Belrose has been replaced and some \$140,000 in repairs to Warringah Aquatic Centre has renewed fencing, alarms, PA system and a diving board.

The coastal walkway between Dee Why headland and North Curl Curl was enhanced with \$10,000 for renewal of pathways and fencing for residents and visitors while about \$80,000 was spent on returfing some of our 100 sportsfields.

The most prominent example of the levy at work has been the renewal of the Dee Why beachfront with \$285,000 towards the \$1.3million project. About \$560,000 in Section 94 funds from developers also helped expand this community facility.

The new beachfront now boasts a viewing platform, promenade, access stairs, retaining wall, pathways, fencing, handrails, seating, landscaping, shade planting, raised grassed areas and restored heritage items.

The 2007-2008 budget currently on exhibition outlines an additional \$860,870 that Council will provide for infrastructure renewal and over the following four years an additional \$700,000 a year so that by 2011-2012 renewal works will be keeping pace with asset consumption.

Warringah will be one of only a handful of councils to have developed a fully funded, sustainable infrastructure program that ensures the infrastructure we enjoy will be available to future generations of Warringah residents and businesses.

our assets

Council is responsible for the maintenance of a wide range of public infrastructure including:

- 53 roads and pedestrian bridges
- 480 km of sealed local roads
- 560 km of kerb and gutter
- 260 km of footpath
- 23 car parks
- 15,000 stormwater pits
- 100 gross pollutant traps
- 54 public bathrooms
- 244 public buildings
- 177 bus shelters
- 179 playgrounds
- 740 reserve sites
- 127 sportsfields
- 440 km of stormwater pipes, culverts and channels

Warringah Council manages the local public road network and associated infrastructure including paved footpaths and stormwater drainage. The RTA manages and maintains Pittwater Road, Warringah Road, Forest Way, Wakehurst Parkway, Condamine Street and Mona Vale Road.



Young Warringah

Best Bands

More than 600 people attended the final of the Northern Composure Band Competition on March 30 indicating live music is more popular than ever on the northern beaches. Throughout the intense competition of three weeks of heats, attracting more than 1,500 people, the final saw six bands battling it out at the Cromer Community Centre.

The Judges Choice Award went to Irksome Bliss with 16-year-old guitar player Andy Cleland (pictured) of Beacon Hill also claiming a second prize placing with his other band Bridgemary Kiss. It was the first time in the six years of the competition that anyone has been in two bands competing in the final. In another first, fans and artists were able to enjoy the excitement of the event all over again when Radio Northern Beaches broadcast the Northern Composure final the following evening.



Youth at YOYOs

YOYOs Youth Centre was a popular venue for the Northern Composure Band Competition heats. Located next to the Forest Way Shopping Centre in Frenchs Forest, YOYOs offers young people aged 14 to 17 a safe, appropriate and supervised place of their own where they can obtain information and support on youth issues and socialise with their friends.

A recent open day at YOYOs attracted 80 young people who tried out a number of activities that are regularly provided including spray in sessions, pool, table tennis, PlayStation 2 and break dancing.

For more information about the centre go to www.yoyosgigs.info

New Playgrounds

Warringah Council's budget for next year details \$500,000 for new playgrounds and upgrading existing facilities after a review of our 179 playgrounds for the Playground Strategy. New playgrounds have opened in recent months including Griffith Park on Long Reef headland and Mooramba Road in Dee Why.

Public artwork transformed Mooramba Park into a vibrant and unique community space with an Indigenous theme and a community made feature inlaid in the footpath. More than 60 local primary school students and 200 residents in public art workshops helped to create ceramic fish as part of a Fish Dreaming feature for the playground.



Winter Season at Glen Street

Candy Man July 10-28

Sammy Davis Jr comes to life on stage at the Glen Street Theatre in Candy Man through his career in nightclubs, concert halls on Broadway and in film and television. Wayne Scott Kermond, who recently starred in the national tour of Singin' in the Rain, will perform Sammy Davis Junior classics such as Mr Bojangles, Bye Bye Black Bird, What Kind of Fool, Candy Man and The Lady is a Tramp. Backing vocals will be provided by school choirs from Forest High and Davidson High.

Music at the Glen July 3



Songs of the silver screen's leading ladies travel back to the glamour and style of the 1930s and 40s with this fabulous jazz and cabaret tribute to the Golden Days of Hollywood.

Shalom Andrews will perform songs from old musicals and wartime films of legendary screen actresses including Marilyn Monroe, Rita Hayworth, Ginger Rogers, Peggy Lee and Judy Garland.

Ying Tong - A walk with the Goons August 1-11

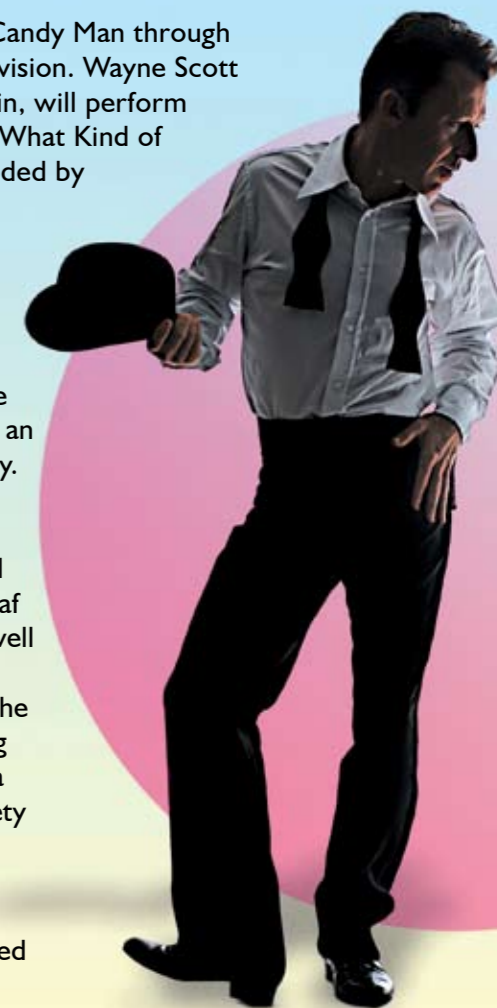
Roy Smiles' play took the UK by storm last year. Inspired by the much-loved style and sounds of The Goon Show he has crafted a work of joy, sadness and ingenuity with Jonathan Biggins in the role of Peter Sellers and Geoff Kelso as Spike Milligan.

Macbeth August 14-25

Linda Cropper and Sean O'Shea star in a powerful production of this classic. The Bell Shakespeare Company will take audiences on an unsettling and compelling journey.

Theatre Captions

Glen Street Theatre has installed a new service which will help deaf or hearing impaired patrons as well as people for whom English is a second language to understand the performance. Theatre captioning is an accurate textual display of a theatre performance in its entirety including actors' dialogue, ad libs, asides, song lyrics, musical descriptions and all other sound effects. The captioning is displayed on one or more screens in the auditorium.



Glen Street Theatre,
cnr Glen St and Blackbutts Rd,
Belrose. Phone **9975 1455** or
visit www.glenstreet.com.au

Guringai Festival

Warringah Council is proud to be supporting the 2007 Guringai Festival from 21 May -15 July. The theme this year is 'Corroboree, Culture, Community'. The festival encompasses councils across the Northern Sydney region and celebrates indigenous culture through exhibitions, talks, bushwalks, storytelling, children's activities, films and dancing.

In June local Aboriginal elders will visit local primary schools and share their fascinating life stories. From July 9-11 Council is running a 'Traditional Indigenous Games Workshop' supported by the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation at Vacation Care Centres with traditional games such as boomerang throwing and animal mimicking. For bookings and enquiries phone 9942 2312.



Guringai Festival

21 May - 15 July 2007
Corroboree, Culture, Community

A Celebration of Aboriginal Culture & Heritage

Council recently adopted an Environmental Sustainability Policy and participates in the Cities for Climate Protection Program. Our ongoing commitment to protecting and supporting our local and global environment was on display at the World Environment Day Expo in late May with tips for the community on sustainable living. You can help reduce your impact on the environment in a number of ways at home and at work.

go GREEN tips

Go Green at Home

Replace lights with compact fluorescent light globes now available for a range of different light fittings. Turn off the lights as much as possible.

Avoid driving and walk, bike, carpool or take public transport wherever possible.

Recycle more with food waste in a worm farm or compost bin. Recycle any paper products, steel and aluminum cans and plastic containers numbered 1,2,3,4,5 or R.

Turn off electronic devices at the powerpoint when not in use. Items on standby still churn up the energy and cost you money. Even when turned off things like hairdryers, mobile phone chargers and televisions use energy.

Use less hot water by installing water saving showerheads, turn your hot water heater thermostat down and wash your clothes in cold water.

Enjoy fresh food and grow your own or shop locally at markets. This will reduce the energy and pollution associated with transporting food.

Avoid packaging and reduce your waste. Take your own shopping bags and buy items that can be repaired.

Plant a tree as a single tree will absorb one tonne of carbon dioxide over its lifetime. Shade provided by trees can also reduce your air conditioning bill by 15%.

Go Green at Work

- Buy green stationery and recycled paper
- When you leave the office, switch computers, monitors and lights off
- Email rather than faxing or posting
- Reuse paper and print on both sides
- Purchase appliances such as photocopiers with energy-save buttons
- Install motion detector lights in rooms used infrequently
- Does your workplace have an environmental policy - are they purchasing recycled toilet paper, paper towels and photocopier paper?
- Separate your waste at work
- Try and bring waste free lunches to work and use reusable or recyclable containers
- Walk, bike, carpool or take public transport to work whenever you can



For more information on sustainable living contact Warringah Council on 9942 2111 or see www.warringah.nsw.gov.au. Don't forget to recycle this newsletter, or even better give it to a friend!

What's on

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

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| Wednesday 6 2pm Lifeball for Seniors (Curl Curl) - weekly, excluding school holidays | Wednesday 13 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Garden Experience Day | Sunday 17 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - No Dig Gardening | Wednesday 20 7pm Hilltop to Headland Lecture - Flying Foxes | Thursday 28 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Introduction to Eco Gardening 7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why |
| Thursday 7 10am Lifeball for Seniors (Forestville) - weekly, excluding school holidays 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - No Dig Gardening | Thursday 14 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Eco Water Issues | Monday 18 9.30am Seniors Secure at Home - talk and demonstration at Warringah Mall Community Room. Phone 9942 2686 12noon CHEERS - Cheerful Healthy Eating for Elderly Residents and Seniors luncheon. Bookings 9942 2354 | Tuesday 26 5pm Warringah Art Exhibition entries close. For information and entry forms call 9942 2577 or visit our website | Friday 29 9.30am Guringai Festival - Kanyini film screening at Collaroy Cinema. Bookings 9971 0735 |

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| Monday 2 7.30am School Holiday Vacation Care and Recreation programs. Phone 9942 2312 | Saturday 7 11am Cat enclosure and cat-proof fencing workshop at Bunnings, Belrose. Phone 9942 2715 | Tuesday 17 7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why | Wednesday 25 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Tours and Questions 1.30pm Kimbriki Eco Garden Tours and Questions | Monday 30 Local Government Week to Friday 3 August. Primary school visits to Council. Bookings 9942 2577 7pm A Climate for Change Talk by Asa Wahlquist, rural writer for The Australian. Council Chambers, Dee Why Enquiries 9942 2577 |
| Thursday 5 10.30am and 1.30pm Kimbriki Eco Garden Tours and Questions | Thursday 12 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Propagation and Pruning | Wednesday 18 7pm Hilltop to Headland Lecture - Astrophotography and the Discovery of the Universe | Thursday 26 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Introduction to Eco Gardening | Tuesday 31 7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why |
| Friday 6 10am to 4pm Warringah Art Exhibition opens at Manly Vale Community Centre. Daily to 15 July | Saturday 14 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Introduction to Eco Gardening | Saturday 21 8.30am Forestville Community Arts Centre Enrolment and Meet the Tutors for Term 3 art and craft classes | | |

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| Thursday 2 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - No Dig Gardening | Tuesday 14 7pm Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dee Why | Saturday 18 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - No Dig Gardening | Sunday 26 10am Hilltop to Headland Workshop - Creating a Native Garden, Stony Range | Thursday 30 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Introduction to Eco Gardening |
| Thursday 9 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshop - Water Issues | Wednesday 15 7pm Hilltop to Headland Lecture - Choosing the Right Tree for Your Garden | Wednesday 22 10.30am Kimbriki Eco Garden Tours and Questions 1.30pm Kimbriki Eco Garden Tours and Questions | Tuesday 28 7pm Council Meeting - Council to the Community, Beacon Hill Memorial Centre | |

Free Kimbriki Eco Garden Workshops Bookings essential 9486 3512 (Monday to Friday)

Free Hilltop to Headland environmental series Bookings essential for workshops 9942 2542

Lifeball bookings 9948 9314 (Curl Curl) or 9452 1519 (Forestville)

ripple festival



Ripple - a Cultural Celebration of Water in Warringah proved an enormously popular festival with thousands of residents attending events in March, April and May. Manly Dam was aglow with colourful lanterns created by school children from the Dam catchment area for the Treasured Water Community Event.



Ripple Projections at Dee Why beach saw water based images from Warringah Printmakers Studio projected onto sand with a soundscape from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. The Studio is celebrating 10 years of supporting local artists like Sandra Williams and Rebecca Baird who created these images.

Useful contacts

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Council Meetings

Normally the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 7pm but check calendar inside for special June and July dates. Enquiries 9942 2444

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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