

WARRINGGAH matters



SUMMER DAZE

New Beachfront at Dee Why

Warringah residents and holidaymakers can look forward to a spectacular holiday season at Dee Why beach and reserve with the beachfront development completed for the start of summer.

More than \$560,000 in Section 94 funds was invested in the \$1.3million upgrade of the area including the construction of:

- › viewing platform
- › retaining wall
- › promenade
- › pathways
- › access stairs
- › fencing
- › handrails
- › seating
- › landscaping
- › shade planting
- › raised grassed areas
- › restoration of heritage items

Section 94 funds are contributions collected from developers for councils to provide new or expanded community facilities. All NSW councils may levy contributions for facilities, infrastructure and services to meet increased demands created by new developments.

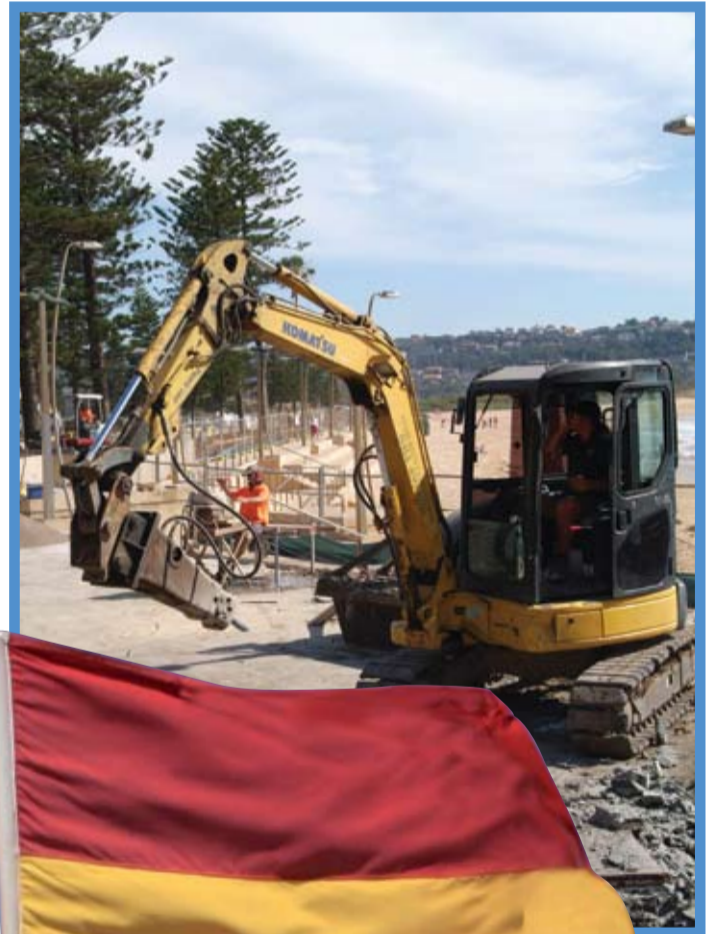
Other recent projects funded by Section 94 funds in Warringah include the Gardens beachfront reserve at Ocean Street, Narrabeen, and the Manly Vale Skate Park.

Community consultation saw many residents and businesses involved with the concept plan and Warringah Council's Administrator Dick Persson described the Dee Why beachfront as a triumph for the local community.

"This site is living proof of the importance of protecting coastline and maintaining public access to foreshore while at the same time preserving the local heritage and charm associated with the village atmosphere," said Mr Persson.

"Residents will recall how the plan saw the existing palm grove removed due to environmental and safety concerns. In its place sits a timber viewing platform and a wonderful new promenade with entry paths from Howard and Oaks Avenues plus a new footpath leading onto the foreshore from the playground area.

"I congratulate the many people who have contributed vision, enthusiasm and dedication to this project. The Dee Why beachfront will be completed just in time for summer so I urge everyone to head to the beach and take advantage of this wonderful new public space," Mr Persson said.



Surf's up at Narrabeen

North Narrabeen will be the international centre of attention for surfers this summer with the Billabong World Junior Championships taking place at one of our favourite beaches.

Between December 31 and January 8 the best surfers under the age of 21 will battle it out on the waves for the chance to be named a world champion. Laurie Towner, pictured above, will be competing in the event for Australia, so make sure you head to the beach to cheer him on.

For more information go to www.billabong.com.au

Swap the Sand for Laps

If you want to cool off this summer without heading to the beach why not consider a visit to the Warringah Aquatic Centre.

The kids can splash about in the toddlers wading pool or show off their skills on the diving board and you can do a few laps in the outdoor or indoor pools.

The centre is open weekdays 6am-9pm and on the weekend 7am-6pm at Aquatic Drive (off Allambie Road), Frenchs Forest.

For more information call 9451 8000 or go to www.warringahaquatic.com.au

Remember to swim
between the flags
and only swim at
patrolled beaches





from the GENERAL MANAGER

Welcome to the summer edition of Warringah Matters and the last Warringah Council resident newsletter for 2006. I hope you have enjoyed receiving the newsletters throughout the year, and they have kept you updated on Council and community events. Warringah Matters will continue to bring you news about Warringah Council and the community in 2007 and we want to make it an even better publication. So, please take some time to let us know what you think and how it can be improved for you. I invite you to complete a survey on our website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au under the Comment section.

On the website you will also find copies of three important reports highlighting how the activities of Council and community have impacted on our lives this year. Summaries of *Warringah Council's 2005-06 Annual Report* and the *State of the Environment Report* are provided in this edition of Warringah Matters, but we did not have room for the third – the *State of Warringah Report*.

The State of Warringah Report provides a snapshot of our quality of life based on statistical data from a variety of sources. The report measures trends across all aspects of Warringah residents' lives and helps to shape our future planning for services in the area.

Some 26 indicators are assessed in the report across three themes of sustainability including environmental, economic and social considerations. The report measures a wide range of issues such as housing, employment, transport, education, income, safety, waste and water quality to name but a few. It is an extremely important report, and I urge you to take a look on our website as it provides a valuable insight into life in Warringah.

Have a great Christmas with friends and family and an even better new year.

Stephen Blackadder
General Manager, Warringah Council

NEWS in brief

Fire Season Starts

Fire restrictions are now in place and Warringah Council can let you know if your property has been classified as bush fire prone. The Rural Fire Service (RFS) offers the following tips for residents to protect property from bushfires:

Around your house:

- › clear gutters of leaf litter – it catches fire easily and the roof is susceptible to fire
- › remove flammable items such as woodpile, paper, boxes, crates, hanging baskets and wooden garden furniture
- › ensure vents into the roof and floor space are screened with fine wire mesh so there is less chance for hot embers to enter
- › direct the relief valves on LPG tanks away from the house

Around your garden:

- › clear away ground fuels by removing long dry grass, dead leaves, branches and thick undergrowth (ask the RFS about a free Hazard Reduction Certificate)
- › take a trip to the tip with garden and general rubbish that could catch fire
- › prune low tree branches two metres from the ground and separate tree crowns
- › prepare firebreaks - a well watered lawn can act as a firebreak but check water restrictions

For more information on preparing your property go to the Rural Fire Service website www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or call your local RFS Fire Control Centre on 9450 3000.

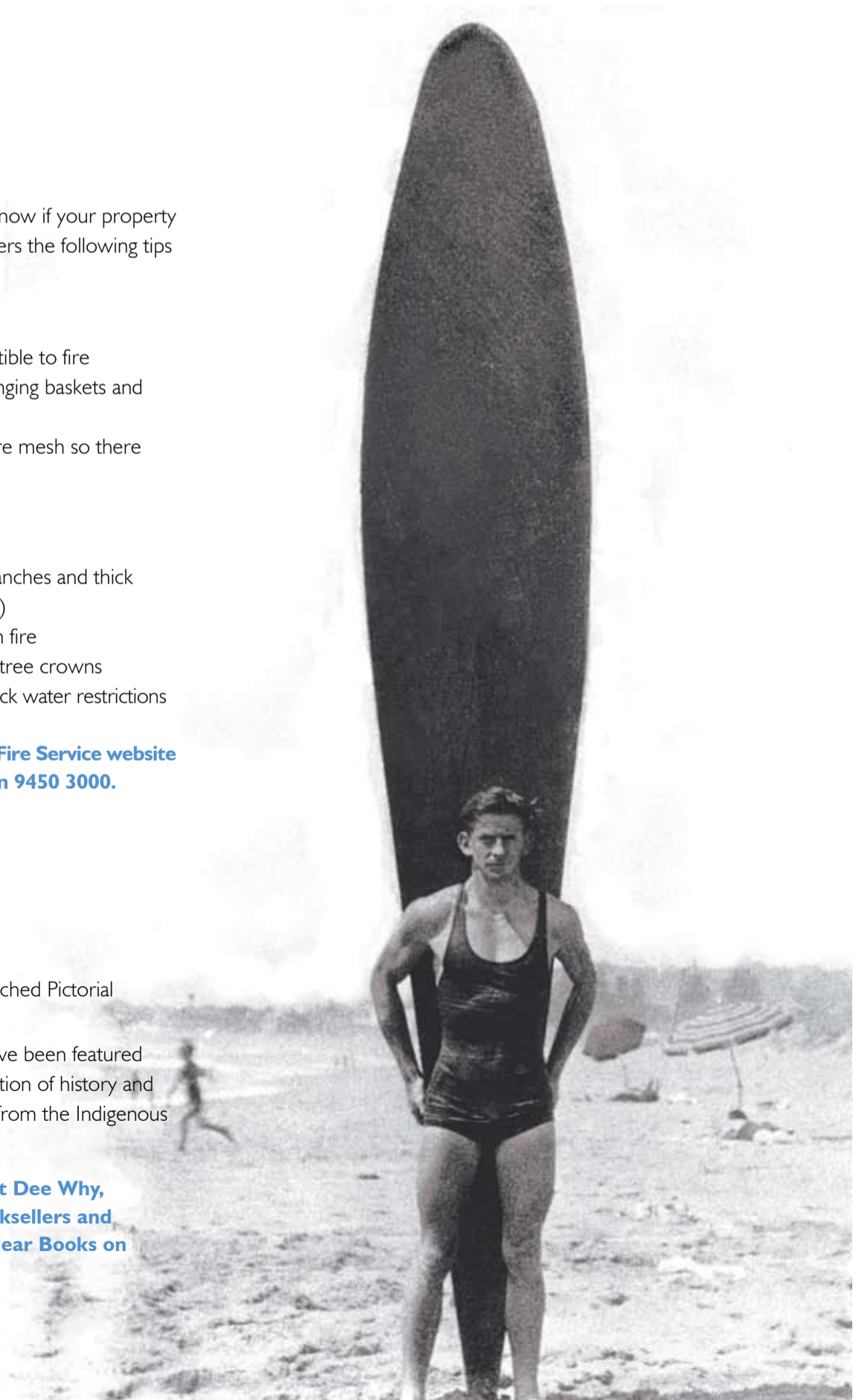
Pictorial History Warringah

As part of our centenary celebrations Warringah Council recently launched Pictorial History Warringah in conjunction with Kingsclear Books.

The book contains a delightful collection of photos, some of which have been featured in this newsletter over the past year. It also includes a wonderful selection of history and photographs and is the first book to capture the history of Warringah from the Indigenous Australians and new settlers through to today.

Pictorial History Warringah is available through our libraries at Dee Why, Warringah Mall, Belrose and Forestville as well as all good booksellers and newsagents for \$25. You can also order a copy through Kingsclear Books on 9557 4367.

A South Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club Member in 1948.



Community Centres

If you are looking for a private meeting space, somewhere to party, somewhere to relax and unwind or a place you can get a team together and work up a sweat, Warringah's Community Centres can cater for you.

With 24 Community Centres in 16 suburbs one can be found just five minutes away from most residents. There are more than 150 rooms ranging from small meeting spaces to full size basketball courts and hiring fees start from as little as \$2.80 per hour.

Warringah's Community Centres are affordable, easily accessible, well maintained and fully equipped with modern kitchens, lockable storage and ample parking.

Community members regularly hire the centres for anything from aerobics and mothers clubs to 21sts, weddings and sporting activities. Whether you have a one off event or are looking for a regular venue Warringah's Community Centres are the ideal location.

If you would like to speak with one of Council's friendly booking staff please call 9913 3231 (eastern area) or 9452 1065 (western area) during business hours.

You can investigate the best location for your next event by taking a virtual tour of the facilities on hand at the community centres and even place a booking enquiry online at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/communitycentres.



Above: Kindergym at Beacon Hill Memorial Hall. Right: students attend a watercolour and mixed media class at Tramshed Arts and Community Centre.



Fun in the Sun VACATION CARE

Warringah Council operates a number of Vacation Care programs during the school holidays. These programs are based at several Community Centres including Allambie Heights School Community Centre, Beacon Hill Memorial Hall, Cromer Community Centre, Forestville Youth Centre, and Curl Curl Youth and Community Centre during public school holidays.

Vacation Care is a recreationally focused form of care during school holidays for children aged five to 12 years attending primary school.

The children are provided with variety of art, craft, cooking and sporting activities throughout the day.

They also go out on bus excursions twice a week. The centres will be open from 7.30am to 5.30pm on the following dates:

- › Cromer on December 2 and January 2-29
- › Allambie and Forestville January 8-25
- › Beacon Hill and Harbord January 2-25

Further information on the Summer School Holiday program can be accessed on Council's website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au or call 9942 2312.

“Have your SAY”

ALAN AND GREG



ANNA AND MARK



BARBARA



Were you aware that there is a no smoking policy on Warringah's beaches? What do you think about the policy?

“We knew that there was a move towards it but didn't know it was in yet. If people wouldn't leave their cigarette butts in the sand it wouldn't be so bad. Its great to have it banned.”

Alan Collaroy Plateau | Greg Manly

“Yes, I'm aware of the policy and we think it's great. Anna doesn't like finding dirty butts in the sand.”

Mark and Anna Narooma

“Yes, sure I did. I think it's pretty good - it's horrible to see butts being buried in the sand.”

Barbara Curl Curl



SMOKING PROHIBITED

No smoking on Warringah Beaches. On the spot fines of \$110 for smoking and \$200 for littering apply.

WIN \$100

Survey Prize

Warringah Council would like to hear your views about this newsletter – go to the Comment section of our website www.warringah.nsw.gov.au to complete the survey and go into the draw for a \$100 Warringah Mall voucher.

2005 - 2006

The year in review



People in Warringah 2005-2006

- › 2.5 million people visited Warringah's nine beaches
- › 922 people were rescued by Surf Life Savers
- › 694,030 people visited Warringah's libraries
- › 942 people took part in Citizenship Ceremonies at Council
- › 363,136 people visited Warringah Aquatic Centre
- › 62,845 people attended Glen Street Theatre
- › 2,251 children attended Council's Vacation Care programs
- › 192,791 people called Council's Customer Service Centre

A summary of the Annual Report

Warringah Council celebrated its centenary this year with a number of special events starting with a civic reception on March 7, 2006, to mark the 100th anniversary of the proclamation of Warringah Shire as a local government authority. A committee of community members, led by Nan Bosler, worked tirelessly throughout the year to organise a range of celebratory activities and events.

While this was an important year for reflecting on Council's role in the community over the past century it was also a time to look to the future. A number of plans with a long-term focus were adopted this year to give direction to Council services over the coming years. The most significant of these was our strategic plan for 2006-2016 - *Living Warringah* – adopted in late 2005 after comprehensive consultation with the community.

Living Warringah will guide Council's direction for the next decade and beyond. It is being implemented through Council's key planning documents such as the Management Plan for 2006-2009 with a key focus on renewing and replacing assets and infrastructure over the next three years. A Long Term Financial Strategy was also adopted during the year to link Council's financial planning to our strategic planning over a ten year period.

Warringah Council's 2005-2006 Annual Report outlines the wide range of activities undertaken and services provided throughout the financial year. The summary provided here is a small snapshot of the work that we do for the community and for the environment.

It is always rewarding to hear from our residents that we are doing this well and the results of the 2005 Community Satisfaction Survey were pleasing. The satisfaction rating for Council's overall performance was 78% well up on the 59% rating in the 2002 survey. This high satisfaction rating is one of our true highlights of 2005-2006.

Dick Persson AM
Warringah Council Administrator
If you are interested in obtaining a full copy of the Annual Report it can be downloaded from our website at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au or is available free of charge by phoning 9942 2111.

LIVING COMMUNITIES

A Place for All

Warringah Council offered a range of services, events and activities throughout the year to help build a vibrant and culturally rich community. Some of these activities included:

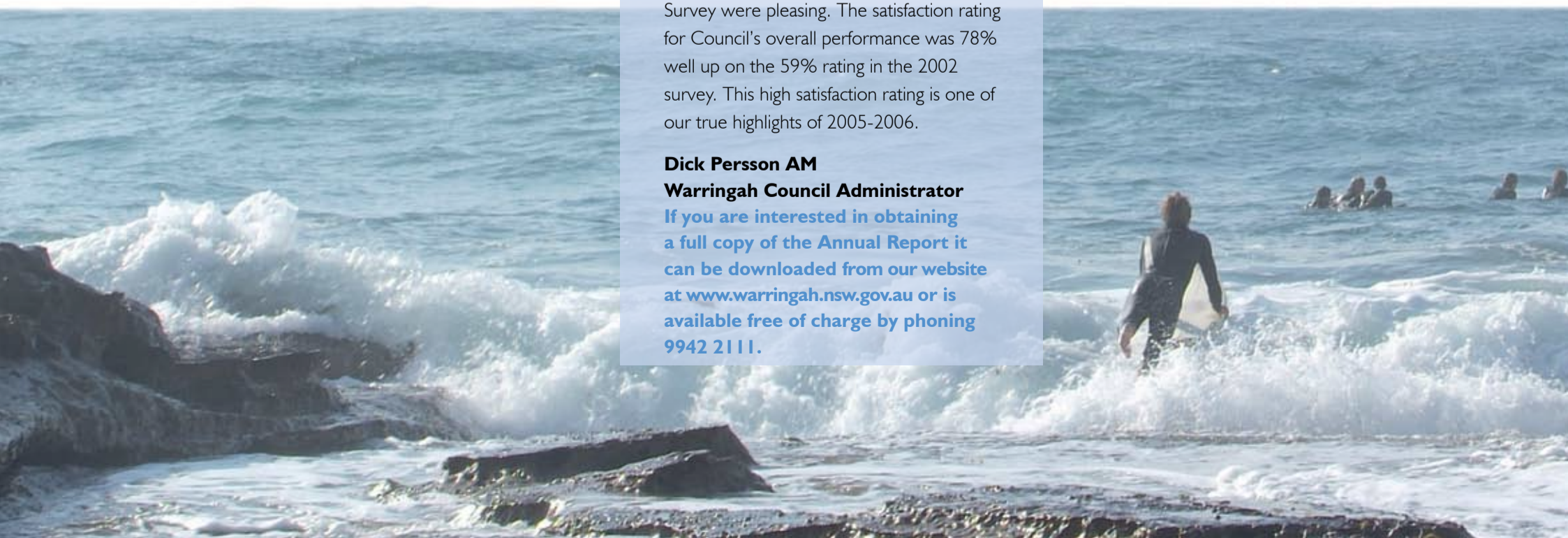
- › Guringai Festival celebrating Aboriginal Culture and Heritage
- › Seniors Photographic Exhibition
- › Citizenship Ceremonies
- › Remembrance Day Ceremony
- › Australia Day celebrations
- › International Day of People with a Disability celebrations
- › Graffiti project for young artists
- › Brewarrina Youth Exchange

A Council for the People

Warringah Council works to build an open and trusting relationship with the community.

A key initiative introduced in early 2005 was the 'Take Council to the Community' program. During 2005-2006 three council meetings were held at community locations in Brookvale, Harbord and Narrabeen. Local business and community groups were contacted well in advance of the meeting to give them time to identify issues they would like to discuss and on the afternoon of the meeting Council managers and the Administrator travelled to various locations for on-site meetings with the local representatives.

Sharing population data with the community also encouraged informed debate on how Council can best serve the changing needs of the community. In December 2005 we launched the Warringah Council Community Profile and Atlas with results from the 2001, 1996 and 1991 Census available on our website with interactive maps.





OUR VISION: A vibrant community, improving our quality of life by living and working in balance with our special bush and beach environment

LIVING ENVIRONMENT

Protecting Nature

Warringah Council won two Local Government Excellence in Environment Awards this year with the education category for the Business of Air Quality Program and the biodiversity category for Sydney-North Regional Fox Baiting Program.

Warringah's Natural Area Survey identified all known areas containing rare or endangered plants during the year along with areas or habitats of all rare or endangered animals. Residents also noted during the year the return of the Long Nosed Bandicoot to Manly Dam and Dee Why Lagoon after many years of absence and the return of Swamp Wallabies to Manly Dam.

Manly Warringah War Memorial Park (Manly Dam) is the largest individual bushland reserve managed by a local council in the northern beaches and covers 375 hectares. This was the first year of a three-year \$1.5million funded project to support bush regeneration, protect water quality and educate local residents on how to look after the waterway. A survey conducted during the year found 66% of respondents had directly changed their actions around the home a result of the 'Keeping Our Dam Alive' educational program.

Your Backyard at Home and Work

Our aim is for a community that lives in harmony with the environment and takes pride in caring for that environment. A number of educational initiatives were undertaken this year to support the community and their awareness of the local environment.

A World Environment Day Youth Expo in June 2006 attracted 2,500 school students over a period of three days to participate in interactive workshops. More than 10,000 people attended a Community Expo Day at Dee Why's James Meehan Reserve on Saturday 24 June with a range of activities to show the community how they can reduce their impact on the environment.

Recycling rates amongst Warringah residents remained high this year and the Kimbriki Waste & Recycling Centre reached a major milestone of using 1.5 million tonnes of renewable resources from waste deposited at the site.

LIVING SPACES

Outdoor Living

Warringah Council was awarded an Open Space Management Award from Parks and Leisure Australia for the revitalisation of Brookvale Park to make it a family friendly picnic and play area.

A new sporting facilities program was announced this year to establish a five-year capital program to improve many of our sporting facilities with a budget allocation of \$250,000 set aside each year.

'The Gardens' beachfront reserve at Ocean Street, Narrabeen was completed during the year with \$1.4 million from Section 94 funds. These developer contributions helped transform the reserve into a regional park with a shared pathway for pedestrians, cyclists and skaters. The project also included a new viewing platform, picnic and play areas, public art installations, regenerated dunes and garden beds with 45,000 native plants.

Defining Development

Warringah Council is committed to socially and environmentally responsible urban development. To help achieve this we reviewed the Warringah Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2000 and, in consultation with the community, made a number of amendments to strengthen the provisions within the LEP and improve its technical operation. These amendments were adopted in September 2005 and resulted in the rezoning of a number of parcels of land to provide for limited extensions to existing medium density areas and to incorporate a review of land reserved for the purposes of public open space.

The number of development applications (DAs) remained steady throughout the year and a new DAs Online service was launched in July 2005 to allow applicants and the community to track the progress of any development application in Warringah. Council also hosted an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) – Joint Best Practice Workshop with Sutherland, Liverpool and Fairfield Councils.

Easy Access

Working with the community and other government agencies we aim to create safe, convenient and accessible transport options for the local area. Council encourages cycling, walking and public transport to reduce reliance on private vehicles.

During the year some 45 traffic calming devices were installed in the Warringah area, 3.8km of roads re-sealed with new asphalt and 1.2km of new footpaths constructed. Hazard inspections were carried out on all roads, footpaths, kerbs and bridges. Some 5,000m² of brick paving and streetscape improvements were completed on Pittwater Road and Dee Why Parade in Dee Why.

Easy access is a particular issue of concern for our disabled residents and visitors. Council supports the initiatives of business and community groups with the annual 'Access Awards' to acknowledge efforts that help improve access for the community. We have also addressed this issue in-house with the installation of a wheelchair ramp in Council Chambers.

Sharing Assets

Council makes a concerted effort to maintain public infrastructure that supports sustainable living. During 2005-2006 a three-year asset management plan was developed to plan maintenance and future repairs for a wide range of infrastructure including:

- > 244 public buildings
- > 480km of sealed local road pavement
- > 560km of kerb and gutter
- > 260km of footpath
- > 23 car parks
- > 53 road and pedestrian bridges
- > 15,000 stormwater pits
- > 440km of stormwater pipes, culverts and channels
- > 100 gross pollutant traps
- > 20 stormwater detention basins



Warringah's State of the Environment



Better



Same



Worse

Each year the Council prepares a State of the Environment Report outlining the condition of Warringah's environment and what the Council and community have done to help protect it. The full report is available free-of-charge from Council's Customer Service Centre or can be viewed online at www.warringah.nsw.gov.au.

Warringah Council is committed to sustainability and has developed a number of programs during 2005-2006 that give direction to the Warringah community on sustainability issues.

Warringah's environmental sustainability indicators: A year in review

Beaches



The water quality at all of Warringah's nine beaches was 100% compliant with health regulations and suitable for swimming during the 2005-06 reporting year. This result may indicate a move towards sustainability or it may also be due to the drought reducing the impact of stormwater discharge and sewage overflows.

Urban Forest



The number of trees removed on Council managed land increased by 138 to 665 during this reporting period. Another 420 trees removed by contractors brought the total number of trees removed to 1,085 - more than the number planted during the year, mainly due to the drought. Residents made 3,785 requests to remove street trees near their properties this year.

Air Quality



Over the last five years the percentage of days in eastern Sydney reaching or exceeding 'high' pollutant levels has been steadily decreasing. However, in 2005-06 nine days exceeded pollutant levels with a 'high' reading and this was three more days than the previous reporting period.

Heritage



Some 36% of Warringah's listed heritage sites are either managed or owned by Council and this number has remained static over recent reporting years. Approximately 64% of our listed heritage items are on private properties and Council works closely with residents to ensure the preservation of these sites.

Pest Species



In a third of Warringah's 15 reserves the numbers of pest species decreased during the year and stayed constant in the remaining reserves due to Council's fox, cat and rabbit threat abatement programs. A number of bandicoot, Swamp Wallaby and possum sightings indicated a trend towards sustainability.

Noise



The number of noise complaints about barking dogs decreased by 64% in 2005-06. About 47% of noise complaints received in the Warringah area related to barking dogs and this was significantly less than in the previous year.

Waste



The total amount of waste collected in 2005-06 increased to 62,039 tonnes as the population increased by almost 1,000 residents although the amount of waste collected per person decreased slightly. The proportion of waste being recycled has slightly decreased with 51% recycled and 49% sent to landfill.

What you think of Warringah's environment*

- > 81% of Warringah residents believe it is 'very important' or 'important' to preserve heritage
- > 82% of residents believe Warringah's parks are in 'good' condition
- > 92% of residents are 'highly satisfied' or 'satisfied' with Warringah Council's recycling service
- > 93% of residents believe waste has a 'high' or 'moderate' impact on the environment

* Source - 2005 Community Indicator Survey



Glen Street Theatre 2007 SEASON

There is something for everyone in the 2007 season at Glen Street Theatre.

In February the Bangarra Dance Theatre, Australia's leading Indigenous dance company, will present a beautiful, spiritually moving and truly exciting production titled *Clan*.

Following on the success of this year's sell-out production of *Away* the Queensland Theatre Company returns in March 2007 with the latest hit play from multi-award winning playwright Alan Ayckbourn. Director Michael Gow serves up comedy with a real twist in *Private Fears in Public Places* – a tale of human foibles and everyday life where six very different people converge in a hopeless and hilarious entanglement.

In May, Albury Wodonga's HotHouse Theatre brings us the riotous, madcap British comedy *The Messiah*. Two rather incompetent, over-ambitious amateur actors attempt to produce the ultimate Christmas story with a cast of two, an over-zealous opera singer and very little else.

In July, Wayne Scott Kermond and his team from Exciting Entertainment bring us *Candy Man* - a high energy, sophisticated song and dance experience that brings to life the legend that is Sammy Davis Jr. You'll hear the Sammy Davis classics *Mr Bojangles*, *Bye Bye Black Bird*, *What Kind of Fool*, *Candy Man* and *The Lady Is A Tramp* performed with a live band of eight musicians, a chorus of four fabulous dancers and music from local school choirs.

In August, The Sydney Theatre Company presents, *Ying Tong, A Walk With The Goons*. Roy Smiles' play took the UK by storm last year. Spike Milligan (Geoff Kelso) has been institutionalised. Undeterred, he writes anyway, under his hospital bed sheets, typing incessantly but no civilised member of society can write like this with Catholic and Jewish leprechauns who keep interrupting. And why do they look awfully like his fellow Goons - Peter Sellers (Jonathan Biggins) and Harry Secombe (David James)?

In August, Bell Shakespeare presents *Macbeth* directed by master director John Bell. Driven by an insatiable hunger for power, posterity and certainty, Macbeth and his wife commit a murder and set in motion the inevitable unravelling of their own humanity.

In September, Sydney Theatre Company presents a shrewd new drama *Love Lies Bleeding*. Artist Alex Macklin (Max Cullen) has lived a vigorous and influential life but at 70 he is close to death. His ex-wife and son are keen to help him depart this world. However, his young wife Lia (Paula Arundell) is determined that he be allowed to survive.

In October, Darlinghurst Theatre in association with Whoosh Productions presents *The Memory Of Water*. Voted UK 'Play of the Year' in 2001 and the winner of the Olivier Award for Best New Comedy in 2000, the play is a bittersweet examination of family and memory by one of the UK's hottest new playwrights, Shelagh Stephenson. Reminiscent of *The Big Chill*, *The Memory of Water* reveals how a death in the family uncovers the absurdity of life.

For more details or to subscribe contact the Glen Street Theatre box office on 9975 1455 or visit www.glenstreet.com.au.



Top: A dancer from Bangarra Dance Theatre's production of *Clan*. Above: An image of entertainer Wayne Scott Kermond in *Candy Man*, playing at Glen Street Theatre in July 2007.



Eco Garden - Hidden Treasure at Kimbriki

Many residents will be familiar with the Kimbriki Recycling and Waste Disposal Centre at Terrey Hills but few will have had the pleasure to visit Kimbriki's Eco Garden. The garden is a joint venture between Northern Sydney Waste Board, the SHOROC Councils of Warringah, Manly, Pittwater and Mosman, the Kimbriki Recycling & Waste Disposal Centre, local business and gardening groups.

Established in 1999, the Eco Garden is the perfect place to discover examples of rainwater tanks, mulch and irrigation, worm farms, a pond system and home composting. Whether you live in a unit or town house, everyone can learn how to better manage their garden, green waste and food scraps at home.

Kimbriki and the Eco Garden is located on Kimbriki Road, Terrey Hills (off Mona Vale Road). Tours are available on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. The centre is open seven days, from 7am to 5pm (closed Good Friday and Christmas Day). On Thursdays 1-3pm eco gardener Peter Rutherford is available to answer questions.

For more information visit www.kimbriki.com.au or phone 9486 3512 or 9486 3542. Admission is free.

Wild raspberries grown at Kimbriki's Eco Garden.



What's on

www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

December 2006

- 1- 17 Term 4 classes and activities at Forest Community Arts Centre and Tramshed Arts and Community Centre. Bookings essential. Phone 9452 1065 (western area) or 9913 3231 (eastern area).
- 10, 14 Intro to Eco Gardening - composting, worm farming and amazing facts about soil at Kimbriki Eco Garden, Terrey Hills. Bookings essential. Phone 9486 3542 or email kimbriki@kimbriki.com
- 13 Warringah Chamber of Commerce is holding a Christmas lights competition with drinks and prizes at Dee Why Hotel from 5.30pm. Phone 0402 819 031 for information.
- 15-17 Sydney City Youth Ballet presents *The Polar Express* at Glen Street Theatre. Bookings essential. Phone 9975 1455 or visit www.glenstreet.com.au
- 19 Carols by the Lake - Berry Reserve Narrabeen. Bring a rug and picnic and enjoy Carols by the Lake from 6.45pm. Traditional Carols, Kindi Farm and more. Contact Glenn on 041 9887724 or visit www.link.org.au
- 21 Eco Water Issues - better use of water in your garden, mulch, tanks and irrigation at Kimbriki, Terrey Hills. Bookings essential. Phone 9486 3542 or email kimbriki@kimbriki.com

January 2007

- 2-29 Warringah Council Vacation Care program at Allambie, Beacon Hill, Cromer, Curl Curl and Forestville. 7.30am-5.30pm weekdays. Bookings essential. Phone 9942 2312.
- 26 Australia Day Breakfast Celebrations- Dee Why beachfront, Berry Reserve, Narrabeen and Melwood Oval, Forestville, 7-10.30am. Phone 9942 2577 or visit www.warringah.nsw.gov.au for information.
- 26 Australia Day Ceremony, Governor Phillip Lookout, Warringah Road, Beacon Hill, 9-11am. Phone 0414 523 303 for information.
- Guided Eco walks through Warringah's coast, creeks and bushland Phone 9942 2542 for information.
- 13 Stony Range, 4-6pm
- 14 Allenby Park, 10am-12pm
- 21 Long Reef rock platform, 3-5pm
- 28 Manly Dam Sunset Walk, 5-7pm

February 2007

- 1-28 Operation Cat - a subsidised desexing and microchipping program supported by the Cat Protection Society as a door-to-door service. Bookings essential. Phone 9557 1011.
- 4 Building Wildlife Friendly Gardens - Learn how to provide attractive homes in your garden for native birds and animals. 11am to 1pm at Stony Range Botanic Garden, Pittwater Road Dee Why. Phone 9942 2542 for information.
- 5 - 28 Term 1 classes and activities at Forest Community Arts Centre and Tramshed Arts and Community Centre. Bookings essential. Phone 9452 1065 (western area) or 9913 3231 (eastern area).
- 12 Entries close for Warringah Council's Northern Composure Band Competition. Phone 9942 2401 for information.
- 13 Car Maintenance Course for Young Drivers from 6.30-8.30pm at Titan Ford Showroom (entry via Carter Road, Brookvale). Bookings essential. Phone 9942 2354 or email brucem@warringah.nsw.gov.au
- 20 Warringah Chamber of Commerce is holding a business breakfast 'Spotlight on Warringah' 7.30-9am. Phone 0402 819 031 for information.
- 28-4 Bangarra Dance Theatre presents *Clan* at Glen Street Theatre. Bookings essential. Phone 9975 1455 or visit www.glenstreet.com.au (tickets on sale from January 8).

If you have a community event you would like to advertise in our What's On calendar contact Warringah Matters at council@warringah.nsw.gov.au.

Australia Day 2007

Warringah Council will celebrate Australia Day with breakfast BBQs, thong throwing competitions, kids activities and live bands at Berry Reserve Narrabeen, Melwood Oval Forestville and Dee Why beachfront.

You can join in the celebrations between 7am and 10.30am. We will also announce the winners of the annual Australia Day Awards and Outstanding Community Service Awards at a special ceremony on the day.

Governor Philip Lookout Trust at Beacon Hill will be celebrating 32 years of Australia Day Ceremonies between 9am and 11am with guest speakers and entertainment followed by tea and damper.

No Dogs at the Beach

Dog owners are reminded that dogs are not allowed on any of Warringah's beaches, rock pools or lagoons and there are on-the-spot fines of \$165. Instead, take your four legged friend to one of our off-the-leash parks for a frolic with other dogs at these locations:

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

Useful contacts this Summer

General Manager
Stephen Blackadder

Address
Warringah Council, Civic Centre (off Civic Drive)
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725 Pittwater Road Dee Why NSW 2099
DX 9118 Dee Why

Email
council@warringah.nsw.gov.au

Website
www.warringah.nsw.gov.au

Telephone
9942 2111

Facsimile
9971 4522

Council meetings
2nd and 4th Tuesday from 7pm
9942 2444

To report a bushfire
9450 3000

Beach pollution update
1800 036 677 (Beachwatch)

To report water pollution
Warringah Council's Compliance Team on
9942 2111 or the EPA Pollution Line
(24 hours) on 131 555

Noise complaints
For enquiries about after hour works, air
conditioners or pool pumps contact the
Compliance Team on 9942 2111

Wet weather sportsfield hotline
9981 2099 (24 hours)

Vacation Care
School holiday arts, crafts, sports and
excursion programs for 5-12 year olds
9942 2312 or 9942 2576

Assistance for the elderly
Council's Aged Services Team on
9942 2563 or 9942 2560

SES (State Emergency Service)
132 500

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.

Christmas Operating Hours

Warringah Council will close at midday on Friday 22 December and re-open at 8.30am Wednesday 27 December 2006. The Council will also close on New Years Day, Monday 1 January and Australia Day, Friday 26 January 2007.

