

9 Future Directions

The NSW Local Government Amendment (Planning and Reporting) Bill 2009 was ascended on 1 October 2009.

As a result of the new legislation a more integrated and holistic planning and reporting framework has been established for councils in NSW. This framework includes a:

- Ten year Community Strategic Plan (visionary document)
- Four year Delivery Program (sets out measures to achieve goals in Community Strategic Plan)
- Annual Operational Plan and Budget (outlines actions to achieve the Delivery Program and Community Strategic Plan).



Kimbriki – Be the Change. Source: Mosman Council.

The implementation of the new planning and reporting requirements will be phased in over three years from 2010 to 2012. Mosman, Warringah and Pittwater Councils are among the first group of councils to implement these changes in 2010, with Manly Council to implement the new system in 2011.

Councils are aiming to integrate sustainability reporting into the new planning system, and therefore this Report will be the last Regional SHOROC SoE Report in this format. From 2010/11 the SHOROC member Councils will integrate SoE reporting into their own individual annual reporting process and community strategic plan review, with regional sustainability reporting being undertaken by Councils and SHOROC based on the Shaping Our Future Strategy and the 'health of the region' indicators.