

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Plan of Management provides the framework for managing the coastal open space of Warringah. Warringah's beaches and adjoining reserves play a vital role in the life of the community. Coastal open space provides areas for both passive and active recreation, as well as being of high nature and heritage conservation value. Warringah's coast consists of Community Land and Crown Lands. Council has two key advisory committees that assist Council in managing the coast. These are the Warringah Coastal Management Committee and the Surf Club Liaison Committee.

This Plan of Management aims to satisfy the requirements of both the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998, as well as the Crown Lands Act 1989. The Plan takes a values-based approach to land planning and management, identifying the coast's key values, role and purpose so that these assets may be protected and enhanced. Issues for the coast have also been identified, however it is recognised that issues will change over time. The values identified for Warringah's coastal open space should be carefully considered in managing the beaches and adjacent reserves as values are potentially far longer lasting.

As part of the process of preparing this Plan of Management, extensive community consultation has been carried out. Public workshops, meetings with key stakeholders, and regular presentations to the two Advisory Committees mentioned above were conducted. In addition liaison with relevant the Department of Land and Water Conservation staff has been carried out during the preparation of this Plan of Management. This consultation process has identified a number of values for the coast which fall into the broad categories of:

- Natural Environment
- Recreation
- Education
- Aesthetics
- Social
- Heritage
- Access

The values and subsequent issues have been addressed by a series of management actions within the Actions Table. A set of core objectives, as determined by the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998, have also been addressed within the Actions Plan and shown in the Appendices

It is recognised that a number of supporting plans have been developed, or are currently being developed, in respect to Warringah's coastal open space. The other plans provide more detailed information in relation to vegetation management, coastal processes and urban design. This Plan of Management, in combination with these plans, will provide direction and management recommendations for the coastal open space of Warringah. This Plan of Management is however the governing plan, recommendations of the other plans must not be in conflict with the recommendations of this Plan of Management.

Four Master Plans Warringah's for coast and adjacent reserves have been prepared, see Master Plans 1 to 4. The Master Plans are based on the values and the key management actions identified for Warringah's coastal open space. The Master Plans identify the physical locations of the proposed actions along the coast. The Master Plans also reference a series of Concept Plans that have been prepared that provide greater detail on specific actions Council is proposing.