

## **4.0 PREPARING THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT**

### **4.1 The Planning Process**

The planning process for this Plan of Management is based on a number of principles. These are:

- Using community values as a basis for management;
- Adopting a consultative approach, incorporating input from stakeholders including Council officers, government authorities and the local community to ensure the plan reflects the visions and values of all;
- Providing site specific analysis where applicable to add value;
- Providing practical recommendations which are achievable in the short term;
- Incorporating the Masterplans; and
- Incorporating the findings of other studies.

The process undertaken to prepare this Plan of Management follows the guidelines as set out in the handbook, “Succeeding with Plans of Management - *A Guide to the Local Government Act and Crown Lands Act*” (DLWC & Manidis Roberts, 1996).

### **4.2 Community Consultation**

Warringah Council actively seeks the involvement of the community in the preparation of its plans of management to ensure the plans address community desires, values and needs and to ensure they comply with the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Amendment (Community Land Management) Act 1998. The main advantages of involving the community in the process are that it:

- Creates a sense of ownership;
- Taps into the large amount of local knowledge about the site; and
- Advises and keeps the community informed.

The consultative methods used during the development of this Plan of Management were as follows:

- Community consultation with the general community and interest groups such as surf life saving clubs;
- Consultation with Council staff and Service Units;
- Consultation with the Department of Land and Water Conservation;
- Regular briefings to the Surf Club Liaison Committee of Council; and
- Regular briefings to the Warringah Coastal Management Committee.

The consultation process resulted in the identification of long-term values for the area, along with current issues. The values are detailed in Section 5.3 of this Plan whilst the issues are summarised at the top of the Actions tables. Appendix 4 provides further detail in relation to the consultation undertaken during the preparation of this Plan of Management. A copy of the Community Issues Discussion Paper is also found in the Appendix 4. It is important to note that this is a *review* of an existing Plan of Management prepared in 1998. For the original Plan of Management there was an extensive consultation process that is documented in that plan.