

# DISTRICT PARK DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

## Community Engagement Report

FINAL REPORT

6 AUGUST 2015



WARRINGAH COUNCIL

---

DISTRICT PARK  
DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

---

FINAL REPORT

6 AUGUST 2015

Parkland Planners

ABN: 33 114 513 647

PO Box 41  
FRESHWATER NSW 2096

tel: (02) 9938 1925  
mob: 0411 191 866

[sandy@parklandplanners.com.au](mailto:sandy@parklandplanners.com.au)

[www.parklandplanners.com.au](http://www.parklandplanners.com.au)

**DIRECTOR:**  
**Sandy Hoy**

# CONTENTS

|   |    |
|---|----|
| EXECUTIVE SUMMARY .....                               | I  |
| 1 INTRODUCTION .....                                  | 1  |
| 1.1 Background .....                                  | 1  |
| 1.2 Aims of community engagement.....                 | 1  |
| 1.3 Purpose of this report .....                      | 1  |
| 1.4 Opportunities to comment.....                     | 2  |
| 1.5 Contents of this report .....                     | 2  |
| 2 OUTCOMES OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT .....              | 3  |
| 2.1 Sources of feedback .....                         | 3  |
| 2.2 Submissions received and Council's response ..... | 3  |
| 2.3 Vibrant Community .....                           | 5  |
| 2.4 Recreation and Lifestyle .....                    | 8  |
| 2.5 Healthy Environment .....                         | 14 |
| 2.6 Connected Transport .....                         | 17 |
| 2.7 Other issues .....                                | 19 |
| 3 CONCLUSION.....                                     | 21 |
| REFERENCES .....                                      | 23 |

## Figures

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Figure 1 Draft Landscape Concept Plan ..... | 4 |
|---|---|

## Tables

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Table 1 Sources of feedback.....   | 3  |
| Table 2 Feedback received about Vibrant Community actions and Council response .....     | 5  |
| Table 3 Feedback received about Recreation and Lifestyle actions and Council response .. | 8  |
| Table 4 Feedback received about Healthy Environment actions and Council response .....   | 14 |
| Table 5 Feedback received about Connected Transport actions and Council response .....   | 17 |

## Appendices

|   |   |
|---|---|
| A | Community engagement for District Park Plan of Management |
| B | Community feedback on Draft Plan of Management            |

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## Warringah Council

### Parks Reserves and Foreshores

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Christine Deaner | Senior Recreational Service Planner, Project Manager |
| Michael Keelan   | Group Manager, Parks Reserves and Foreshores         |
| Damian Ham       | Manager Recreation Management                        |
| Linda Batchelor  | Administration Officer                               |

### Marketing and Communications

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Kate Lewis  | Community Engagement and Research Manager |
| Lindy Riese | Community Engagement Officer              |



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Introduction

Warringah Council have engaged the community regarding the future of District Park since 2013, through a Discussion Paper for District Park (December 2013) and a Strategic Directions Paper for District Park (June 2014). Community feedback on both papers, and the Northern Beaches Regional Golf Study (2014) and District Park Clubhouse Feasibility Study (2015) informed the preparation of the Draft Plan of Management for District Park. This report should be read in the context of the extensive engagement undertaken by Warringah Council with external and internal stakeholders and the general community, and the research studies (refer to Appendix A).

Warringah Council resolved on 26 May 2015 to place the Draft Plan of Management for District Park on public exhibition for comment in June-July 2015. Council placed the Draft Plan of Management for District Park and a draft Landscape Concept Plan on public exhibition between Wednesday 3 June and 14 July 2015 to:

- ☐ obtain community feedback on the Draft Plan of Management for District Park.
- ☐ satisfy the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Lands Act 1989* for public exhibition of draft Plans of Management for community and Crown land.
- ☐ ensure the outcomes of community feedback are considered by Council when preparing and adopting the final Plan of Management for District Park where appropriate.

Information about the Draft Plan of Management for District Park and associated community engagement and research is available on Council's website at <http://yoursaywarringah.com.au/districtparkpom>.

## Opportunities for community engagement

Warringah Council promoted and facilitated several opportunities to comment throughout the period of community engagement. The opportunities included the 'Your Say warringah' Home Page, a letter mailed out, direct communication with key external stakeholder group and three community drop-in sessions.

## Outcomes of community engagement

Nearly 200 written submissions were made by the community in response to the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management and the draft Landscape Concept Plan for District Park. Sources of feedback were online survey on Your Say Warringah (119 or 63%), email (40 or 21%), hard copy feedback form (28 or 15%), and letters (2 or 1%).

## Support for proposals in Draft Plan of Management

Support for most of the proposed actions in the Draft Plan of Management and draft Landscape Concept Plan was positive.

Aspects of the Draft Plan of Management which were supported most are:

- ☐ Separate clubhouse and amenities for users of Nolan Reserve (33 responses)
- ☐ Provide cricket nets/training facilities (13)
- ☐ A combined sports, recreation and community club (10)
- ☐ The sports and community club should be for multiple sports (10)

- ☐ Proposed new walking/cycling tracks - generally, and in Nolan Reserve, Miller Reserve, David Thomas Reserve, and in Warringah Golf Course north (10)
- ☐ The clubhouse should be located close to the golf course (9)

Linking David Thomas Reserve to Bates Avenue via the Bates Avenue steps was supported in a petition with 100 signatures, and by 2 other submissions. However, this land is Crown land and is outside the boundary of District Park.

## Opposition to proposals in Draft Plan of Management

Aspects of the Draft Plan of Management which were most opposed or not supported are:

- ☐ reducing the number of bowling greens at North Manly Bowling to one (30 responses)
- ☐ the proposed shared walking/cycling track in the southern section of the golf course (9)

## Other comments

- ☐ Add bushland (Crown land) around the Mermaid Pool to District Park (18)
- ☐ The sports and community club should not contain poker machines (13)
- ☐ Address flooding and drainage throughout District Park (13)
- ☐ The long-term lease of the combined sports, recreation and community building should be to Warringah Golf Club (11)

## Conclusion

The submissions received during the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management for District Park were wide ranging, and addressed numerous proposed actions set out in the Draft Plan of Management.

It is recommended that Warringah Council consider the content of the submissions outlined above, and make any appropriate changes to the final Plan of Management for District Park to be adopted by Council.

# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

Warringah Council resolved, in part, on 11 December 2012 to:

*Give priority to commencing the review of the District Park Plan of Management (as listed in the 2012 Strategic Community Plan), and ensure it is brought back to Council for adoption no later than December 2015.*

The review of the District Park Plan of Management has involved comprehensive engagement with the community, local residents and key stakeholder groups, and detailed research including the:

- ☐ District Park Discussion Paper (2013)
- ☐ Northern Beaches Regional Golf Study (2014)
- ☐ District Park Strategic Directions Paper (2014)
- ☐ District Park Clubhouse Feasibility Study (2015) - a working group comprising key stakeholder groups was established to assist Council with this study.

Appendix A details the extensive community engagement and research regarding District Park that Council has undertaken between 2013 and 2015. This report should be read in the context of this extensive engagement and research.

This engagement and research has informed the Draft District Park Plan of Management and the Draft Landscape Concept Plan.

Warringah Council resolved on 26 May 2015 to place the Draft Plan of Management for District Park on public exhibition for comment in June-July 2015. A Draft Landscape Concept Plan accompanied the Draft Plan of Management to show the proposed spatial changes.

Information about the draft District Park Plan of Management and associated research is available on Council's website at <http://yoursaywarringah.com.au/districtparkpom>

## 1.2 Aims of community engagement

The aims of community engagement are to:

- ☐ obtain community feedback on the Draft Plan of Management for District Park.
- ☐ satisfy the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Lands Act 1989* for public exhibition of draft Plans of Management for community and Crown land.
- ☐ ensure the outcomes of community feedback are considered by Council when preparing and adopting the final Plan of Management for District Park where appropriate.

## 1.3 Purpose of this report

This report summarises and outlines in detail the outcomes of the community engagement regarding the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management for District Park in June-July 2015.

## 1.4 Opportunities to comment

The public exhibition period of 42 days commenced on Wednesday 3 June and concluded on 14 July 2015. This is consistent with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Crown Lands Act 1989* for the period of public exhibition for Draft Plans of Management for community and Crown land respectively. A Draft Plan of Management for community land is required to be on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days, with a further 14 days for receipt of public submissions. A Draft Plan of Management for Crown land is required to be on public exhibition for 28 days.

Warringah Council promoted and facilitated several opportunities to comment throughout the period of community engagement. Such opportunities included:

- ☐ information included in the Warringah Update advertisement in the *Manly Daily* on Saturday 6 June 2015.
- ☐ 'Your Say Warringah' Home Page including an online feedback form, the Draft Plan of Management, preliminary Landscape Concept Plan, and details of community drop-in sessions.
- ☐ temporary signs installed around District Park.
- ☐ hard copies of the Draft Plan of Management and preliminary Landscape Concept Plan available at the Civic Centre and Council libraries.
- ☐ a letter mailed out to over 5,000 local residents in the area surrounding District Park.
- ☐ direct communication with key external stakeholder groups.
- ☐ three Community drop in sessions:
  - Saturday 13 June 9.30-11.30am at North Manly Bowling Club - over 20 people attended
  - Monday 22 June 6-8pm at Warringah Golf Club - over 50 people attended
  - Wednesday 24 June 6-8pm at the Calabria Club – approximately 15 people attended.

## 1.5 Contents of this report

The remainder of this report sets out the outcomes of the community engagement.

Appendix A lists community engagement and research studies undertaken by Warringah Council regarding District Park from 2013 to 2015.

Appendix B contains detailed comments from the community engagement regarding the public exhibition of the Draft District Park Plan of Management and Draft Landscape Concept Plan.



## 2 OUTCOMES OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### 2.1 Sources of feedback

Nearly 200 written submissions were made by the community in response to the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management and the draft Landscape Concept Plan for District Park. Table 1 sets out the sources of feedback received.

Table 1 Sources of feedback

| Method  | No. responses | % of responses |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Online survey on Your Say Warringah<br>(1,110 visits, 647 documents downloaded) | 119           | 63%            |
| Emails  | 40            | 21%            |
| Hard copy feedback forms  | 28            | 15%            |
| Letters   | 2             | 1%             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>189</b>    | <b>100%</b>    |

Groups which made a submission included:

- ☐ Warringah Golf Club
- ☐ North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club
- ☐ Manly Vale Football Club.

It is understood that support was being sought by people who want amenities at the southern end of Nolan Reserve to sign a petition on [www.change.org](http://www.change.org). However a petition was not received by Council by the closing date for public submissions. In any case formal submissions about amenities at the southern end of Nolan Reserve were made by some people, and this issue will be addressed in the final Plan of Management.

### 2.2 Submissions received and Council's response

The submissions received from the public exhibition are set out in Tables 2 to 5 below according to the actions in the Action Plan in the Draft Plan of Management. More detail about the broad views expressed below is in Appendix B.

Council's response to the content of the submissions is also included in Tables 2 to 5.

Actions for which submissions were received which were not listed in the Draft Plan of Management are in **bold type** in Tables 2 to 5.

The Draft Landscape Concept Plan which accompanied the Draft Plan of Management for District Park is shown in Figure 1 for reference.

Figure 1 Draft Landscape Concept Plan





## 2.3 Vibrant Community

**Table 2 Feedback received about Vibrant Community actions and Council response**

| Opportunity   | Actions in Plan of Management   | Submissions  | Council response  |
|---|---|--|---|
| <b>Combined sports, recreation and community club building</b>      | Implement a process to develop a central recreation club on the site of the current North Manly Bowling Club to include activities on WRC site (bowling, golf and other recreational activities). | Support a combined sports and community club (15)<br>Oppose a combined sports and community club (1)<br>Support proposed location of clubhouse at North Manly Bowling Club (6)<br>Support new clubhouse located close to the golf course (9)<br>Oppose proposed location (2)   | It is planned to further develop the concept for a sports and community club facility in a location zone close to the corner of Pittwater and Kentwell Roads, which is currently occupied by the North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club. This location was supported by the Clubhouse Feasibility Study 2015.  |
|   |   | Alternative locations:<br><i>Retain current location of golf clubhouse (1)</i><br><i>Support golf clubhouse on the golf course (5)</i><br><i>Support clubhouse on bowling green no. 4 (3)</i><br><i>Support clubhouse on western side of the bowling club (3)</i><br><i>Support clubhouse at Warringah Recreation Centre (2)</i> | Reasons for preferring the location zone close to the corner of Pittwater and Kentwell Roads, currently occupied by the North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club, include that it:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- is centrally located within District Park.</li> <li>- is easily accessible from frequent bus services operating along Pittwater Road and Condamine Street.</li> <li>- Takes advantage of and supports the existing shared paths running past the site.</li> <li>- Takes advantage of the traffic signals at the Pittwater Road/Kentwell Road and Condamine Street/Kentwell Road intersections which provide for safe controlled vehicle access as well as pedestrian crossing movements.</li> <li>- is large enough to incorporate appropriate environmental set-backs, formal parking,</li> <li>- a registered club is permitted under the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011.</li> </ul> |
| The Warringah Recreation Centre site is not a preferred location as |   |  |   |

| Opportunity  | Actions in Plan of Management  | Submissions | Council response  |
|--|--|-------------|---|
|  |  |             | <p>there is limited area to locate required car parking and environmental set-backs. If the proposed club building was built on the Warringah Recreation Centre site, the sports courts would need to be replaced elsewhere at significant cost.</p> <p>The revised action is:<br/> <b>Investigate and develop a sports and community club facility in proximity to the current North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club.</b></p>  |
| <b>Funding of sports, recreation and community club</b>  | <p>Uncertainty of funding (3)<br/> Council contribution (3)<br/> Council should provide the car park (5)<br/> Golf club contribution (1)</p> <p>Oppose poker machines (13)<br/> Support poker machines (1)</p>   |             | <p>Council resolved at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 4 August 2015:</p> <p><i>"That during the tender process arising from the District Park Plan of Management, tenderers who are entities holding poker machines licenses are aware of Council's concerns towards poker machines, reflecting wider community values towards the increase of problem gambling."</i></p> <p>It is expected that council will further develop the concept based on the findings of the Clubhouse Feasibility Study. Further, it is envisaged that a specification will be developed and approved for tendering.</p> |
| <b>Design of sports, recreation and community club</b>   | <p>The design of the new sports, recreation and community club should incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Storage (2)</li> <li>- Club house, display area, change rooms, canteens, clubroom, medical facilities, secure storage and sheltered viewing area (2)</li> <li>- Minimum height of 2 storeys (1)</li> </ul> |             | <p>It is envisaged that the new facility will include features such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cafe and lounge/bistro</li> <li>- Multi-purpose rooms</li> <li>- Lawn bowling facilities</li> <li>- Outdoor terraces for passive recreation</li> <li>- Amenities</li> <li>- Vehicle and bicycle parking</li> </ul> <p>Storage and medical facilities such as a first aid room can be considered in the new building.</p>   |
| DISTRICT PARK DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT: FINAL<br>PARKLAND PLANNERS |  |             | 6   |

| Opportunity  | Actions in Plan of Management  | Submissions  | Council response   |
|--|--|--|--|
|  | Make changes to the golf course configuration if required to accommodate the new recreation clubhouse. | Concern by Warringah Golf Club (1)<br><br>Optimism about golf course configuration (2) | As stated in the Clubhouse Feasibility Study 2015, some re-configuration of the current golf course layout will be required to provide easy access to the 1 <sup>st</sup> tee from the 18 <sup>th</sup> green (and if possible also from the 9 <sup>th</sup> green and to the 10 <sup>th</sup> tee) from the sports and community club facility.   |
| <b>Safety</b>  | Separate playing fields and creeks/bush at David Thomas Reserve.                                       | Support fencing of southern David Thomas Reserve (1)                                   | Noted, for consideration   |
| <b>Cultural heritage items</b>   | Investigate the significance of heritage items which are not listed in WLEP 2011.                      | The Bicentennial Avenue of Trees should be mentioned (1)                               | <p>The 'Bicentennial Avenue of Trees' in Passmore Reserve is not heritage listed. However, it is acknowledged that they may be of local heritage significance to District Park. They may be a significant landscape feature which should be retained, rather than an item of local heritage significance.</p> <p>The revised action is:<br/> <b>Investigate the significance of heritage items which are not listed in Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011, including the Bicentennial Avenue of Trees in Passmore Reserve.</b></p> <p>Following on from this action, a new action is:<br/> <b>Maintain the tree protection zones of mature fig trees along Campbell Parade.</b></p> |
| DISTRICT PARK DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT: FINAL<br>PARKLAND PLANNERS |  |  | 7  |

## 2.4 Recreation and Lifestyle

**Table 3 Feedback received about Recreation and Lifestyle actions and Council response**

| Opportunity                |  | Actions  |  | Submissions   |  | Council response  |  |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>18-hole golf course</b> |  | Review the lease of Warringah Golf Course including:   |  | Support retaining 18 hole golf course (3)<br>Oppose 18-hole golf course (2)   |  | Community response to the District Park Discussion Paper in 2013 showed strong community support for retaining the 18 hole Warringah Golf Course. The Northern Beaches Regional Golf Study 2014 identified benefits of retaining the 18 hole Warringah Golf Course. The Clubhouse Feasibility Study 2015 identified that a new combined clubhouse could improve the sustainability of the 18-hole golf course.  |  |
|                            |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- extending the lease period until this Plan of Management has been adopted and a sports, recreation and community club has been constructed</li> <li>- revising the lease area to accommodate safe walking tracks and crossing points</li> <li>- appropriate environmental management practices</li> </ul> |  | Support long term lease to the Warringah Golf Club (11)   |  | The lease of Warringah Golf Course by Warringah Golf Club is expected to continue until the proposed new sports and community club facility concept is determined.  |  |
|                            |  | Subject to construction of the proposed sports/ community clubhouse: combine operations of the golf club and sports club where possible.   |  | Support a multi-sport club (10)<br>Support amalgamation of golf and bowling clubs (7)<br>Neutral (4)<br>Oppose amalgamation of golf and bowling clubs (4)<br>Oppose involvement of Manly Warringah Leagues Club (3) |  | <p>The Clubhouse Feasibility Study 2015 was commissioned to investigate the feasibility of a new facility to accommodate bowls and golf (and potentially other sports) with a view to improving the sustainability of both sports in District Park.</p> <p>The management model of the proposed new facility will not be known until a successful tenderer for the new sports, recreation and community club facility is determined.</p> <p>Arrangements between the North Manly Bowling Club and Manly Warringah Leagues Club and amalgamation of the Warringah Golf Club and North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club are matters for these organisations. These are not matters for Council's consideration. These Clubs are however bound to meet the conditions of their lease arrangements with Council. The Council</p> |  |



| Opportunity  | Actions   | Submissions   | Council response  |
|--|---|---|---|
|  | Assess opportunities to upgrade warm-up nets to a fully enclosed "Birdie Cage" design, and possible relocation closer to existing practice facilities and pro shop. | Support in principle (1)  | <p>does have an interest in and responsibility for the current and future use of the land on which the golf course and bowling club is located.</p> <p>The revised action is:<br/><b>Consider the operational requirements of the golf course and lawn bowling facilities in the concept.</b></p> <p>Noted.</p> |
| <b>Sports field configuration</b>  | Review configuration of sporting fields in consultation with existing and potential user groups.  | Support more fields or no loss of sporting fields (3)                             | There are no plans to reduce the number of sports fields on each of the four sportsgrounds in District Park. Rather the plan is to review the configuration of fields to maximise the space available. This would be undertaken in consultation with existing and potential user groups.                        |
|  | <b>Synthetic sports fields</b><br><b>Synthetic hockey field</b>   | Support synthetic sporting fields (2)<br>Support synthetic hockey field (1)       | The sports fields at District Park are not ideal for the construction of synthetic sports fields due to their proximity to riparian lands, creek and lagoon environments, and flooding.   |
| <b>Amenities / facilities at sporting fields</b>   | Strategy: Ensure amenities meet the needs of sporting and other park users  | Support upgrade of amenities (1)  | Noted.  |
|  | Liaise with Manly Vale Football Club regarding proposed first-floor addition to the building at David Thomas Reserve.   | Support proposed first-floor addition to the building at David Thomas Reserve (1) | Noted.  |
|  | Demolish the middle and south amenities buildings in Nolan Reserve at the end of their useful life.   | Query regarding timeframe for demolition of buildings at Nolan (1)                | It is planned to demolish the existing amenities buildings in Nolan Reserve as soon as practicable and to design and construct new amenities at the southern end of Nolan Reserve.  |
| DISTRICT PARK DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT: FINAL<br>PARKLAND PLANNERS |   |   |   |
|  |   |   | 9   |

| Opportunity                        | Actions   | Submissions   | Council response   |
|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
|                                    | Assess and design new amenities to cater for the needs of users of Nolan Reserve.   | Support for separate clubhouse and facilities for users of Nolan Reserve (33)   | Funding is included in the current CAPEX capital works budget for 2016/17 and 2017/18 to design and construct new amenities at the southern end of Nolan Reserve.<br><br>The revised action is:<br><b>Design and construct new amenities at the southern end of Nolan Reserve to cater for the needs of users of Nolan Reserve.</b>                                      |
|                                    | <b>Improve Miller amenities block</b>   | Support improving Miller Reserve amenities block (2)  | For consideration. There are no current plans to improve the Miller Reserve amenities. Higher priorities in District Park include the new sports and community club facility, and a new amenities building at the southern end of Nolan Reserve.   |
| <b>Lighting of sporting fields</b> | Strategy: Provide lighting of sporting fields which allows safe use of fields, and provides flexibility in use with minimal impact on surrounding land uses | Support lighting of sporting fields (1)   | Noted.   |
|                                    | Upgrade lighting in Nolan Reserve to 100 lux to enable football competition.  | Support if drainage addressed (1)   | There is limited opportunity to improve drainage in Nolan Reserve because District Park is in a flood zone. However the flooding in Nolan Reserve does not preclude upgrading lighting in Nolan Reserve.   |
|                                    | Optimise sports field lighting at Nolan, Miller and David Thomas Reserves to required sport standards and current best practice. agree                      | Support sports field lighting generally (1)<br>Oppose sports field lighting generally (1)<br><br>Support upgrade of Nolan lighting to 200 lux for night cricket (2)<br>Oppose lighting in Nolan (1) | Noted. Consideration of any new or upgraded sports field lighting will include comprehensive community engagement, particularly with nearby residents.<br><br>The current lighting of Nolan Reserve is 50 lux which is the Australian Standard for football training. Council plans to consider upgrading lighting to Nolan Reserve to 100 lux for football competition. |
|                                    |   |   | With regard to the provision of 200 lux lighting in Nolan Reserve for evening cricket competition, the preference is to locate this level of   |



| Opportunity                                     | Actions  | Submissions   | Council response  |
|---|--|---|---|
|   |  |   | lighting in a sportsground which is not located so close to residential areas.  |
|   | <b>Lighting of Passmore Reserve</b>  | Support lighting of Passmore Reserve (1)  | Consideration of any new or upgraded sports field lighting will include comprehensive community engagement, particularly with nearby residents.   |
| <b>Multi-purpose sports training facilities</b> | Include new practice facilities for cricket and other sports in the master plan for Nolan Reserve.   | Support cricket nets / indoor training facilities (13)                                      | Noted, however the proposed training facilities are outdoor facilities.<br><br>The revised action is:<br><b>Include new practice facilities for cricket and other sports in Nolan Reserve.</b>  |
|   | <b>Synthetic athletics training/ long jump facilities</b>  | Support synthetic athletics training/long jump facilities (1)                               | It is not planned to provide athletics facilities in District Park. Council is currently investigating upgrading the athletics facilities at the Lionel Watts Sportsground.   |
| <b>Additional futsal courts</b>                 | Support provision of additional futsal/multi-use synthetic courts at locations which could include Warringah Recreation Centre and the Calabria Club.  | Support additional futsal courts (1)  | Noted.<br><br>The revised action is:<br><b>Support provision of additional futsal/multi-use synthetic courts at locations which could include Warringah Recreation Centre and the Calabria Bowling Sports and Social Club.</b>                                    |
| <b>Sports courts</b>                            | Identify suitable locations for multi-purpose sports courts catering for informal netball, basketball and other court sports at locations which could include Warringah Recreation Centre and Nolan Reserve. | Support half-court basketball court (1)   | Noted.  |
|   | Investigate the feasibility of additional squash courts.   | Support increase in number of squash courts (3)<br><br>Oppose increase in squash courts (1) | There will be an investigation of upgraded and additional courts for sports such as futsal, basketball, netball, squash and beach volleyball at locations such as the Warringah Recreation Centre, Nolan Reserve and the Calabria Bowling Sports and Social Club. |
| <b>Beach volleyball</b>                         | Investigate possible suitable locations for beach volleyball courts  | Support beach volleyball courts (3)   | There will be an investigation of upgraded and additional courts for sports such as futsal, basketball, netball, squash and beach   |

| Opportunity                           | Actions  | Submissions  | Council response  |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>courts</b>                         | in District Park. Such locations may include adjacent to the proposed sports community club building, Warringah Recreation Centre, or the Calabria Club. |  | volleyball at locations such as the Warringah Recreation Centre, Nolan Reserve and the Calabria Bowling Sports and Social Club.<br><br>The revised action is:<br><b>Investigate possible suitable locations for beach volleyball courts in District Park. Such locations may include adjacent to the proposed sport and community club facility, Warringah Recreation Centre, or the Calabria Bowling Sports and Social Club.</b> |
| <b>Bowling greens</b>                 | Rationalise space for lawn bowls in District Park within existing lease areas according to demand for bowling and alternative uses.                      | Oppose reducing the number of bowling greens to one (30)           | There will be further investigation to determine a viable number of bowling greens in District Park.  |
| <b>Small-bore rifle range</b>         | Manage the small-bore rifle range at its current location, subject to agreement by the small-bore rifle club to rehabilitate the site.                   | Oppose small-bore rifle club in current location (2)               | Noted.  |
| <b>Picnic and barbecue facilities</b> | Identify suitable locations to provide additional picnic and barbecue facilities in District Park.   | Support picnic and barbecue facilities in David Thomas Reserve (2) | Noted.  |
| <b>Children's playground</b>          | <b>Children's playground elsewhere in District Park</b>  | Support children's playground elsewhere in District Park (2)       | The Council's Open Space Strategy 2015 has investigated the future requirements for playgrounds in Warringah. The Strategy does not support an additional new playground in District Park.  |
| <b>Skate park</b>                     | Modify the skate facility to cater for a range of skill levels.  | Support expanded skate park (1)                                    | Noted.<br><br>The revised action is:<br><b>Modify the skate facility in Miller Reserve to cater for all ages and skill levels.</b>  |
| <b>Indoor/ outdoor action sports</b>  | Engage with the community about developing an indoor/ outdoor action sports facility for youth   | Support BMX track in Millers (1)                                   | Noted.  |

| Opportunity                      | Actions   | Submissions  | Council response   |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>facility</b>                  | (including a bicycle dirt jump facility) in District Park.  |  |  |
| <b>Outdoor fitness equipment</b> | Provide outdoor fitness equipment in District Park, particularly at locations adjacent to pathways.<br><br>Investigate a suitable location(s) for parkour in District Park. | Support outdoor fitness equipment (3)                            | Noted.   |
| <b>Camping</b>                   | <b>Erect signs to discourage camping in Nolan Reserve</b>   | Support clear signage to discourage camping in Nolan Reserve (1) | It is planned to review all signage in District Park. As part of this review consideration will be given to the appropriate signage required to discourage camping throughout District Park. |

## 2.5 Healthy Environment

**Table 4** Feedback received about Healthy Environment actions and Council response

| Opportunity                     |  | Actions   | Submissions  | Council response  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Environmental protection</b> | <b>Fauna habitat / wildlife corridors</b>  | Recognise the east-west habitat corridor from Manly Dam along Manly Creek to Manly Lagoon in the next review of the Warringah Local Habitat Strategy. | Support environmental protection in general (2)<br><br>Support habitat corridors (5) | The draft Plan of Management provides for a wide range of uses, and includes a number of environmental considerations.<br><br>Agreed, an action within the Draft Plan of Management is to recognise the east-west habitat corridor from Manly Dam along Manly Creek to Manly Lagoon in the next review of the Warringah Local Habitat Strategy.   |
|                                 | <b>Add bushland around the Mermaid Pool to District Park</b>   |   | Support adding bushland around the Mermaid Pool to District Park (18)                | The management of these parcels has been raised and discussed at the Manly Lagoon Catchment Coordinating Committee on a number of occasions in 2012, 2014 and 2015.<br>In response, Warringah Council considered the management arrangements for these parcels at the meeting of 24 July 2012, and resolved to not seek care, control and management, but rather to seek authorisation from Crown Lands to undertake environmental management on two of these parcels, which includes Mermaid Pool. The bushland areas requested for inclusion are under the care and control of Crown Land.<br>Further, it is noted that these parcels are under Aboriginal Land Claim.<br>Warringah Council will consider the zoning of these parcels during the next review of the Warringah Local Environmental Plan. |
| <b>Riparian zones</b>           | Maintain and enhance riparian corridors through establishing appropriate riparian buffers, bush regeneration, weed control and improved operational activities such as turf maintenance regimes. |   | Support maintenance and enhancement of riparian corridors (4)                        | The Draft Plan of Management seeks to strike a balance between environmental protection and recreational uses, and a proposal for widening of the riparian corridors must take sports fields into consideration. Enhancement of the riparian corridors is considered in the Natural Areas Asset Plan.   |

| Opportunity  | Actions   | Submissions   | Council response  |
|--|---|---|---|
|  | Undertake identified creek and riparian restoration works in accordance with current best practice and relevant regional and local strategies and priorities.               | Support creek restoration in general (1)                    | Thankyou for the support.   |
|  | Investigate the feasibility of restoring the piped section of Manly Creek on Warringah Golf Course to an open creek with riparian vegetation and satisfactory fish passage. | Support restoring the piped section of Manly Creek (3)      | This action will be considered within the Natural Areas Asset Plan.   |
|  | In consultation with the lessee, investigate removal or modification of the dam on Manly Creek downstream of Condamine Street.  | Oppose removal of dam on Manly Creek (1)                    | The potential impact on water extraction will be considered along with potential environmental benefits such as improved fish passage in the Natural Areas Asset Plan.  |
| Water quality  |   | Support better water quality in creeks (3)                  | The majority of comments relate to water quality in Manly Lagoon. The water quality and ecological health of Manly Lagoon is higher than many people realise, as reported in Warringah Council's Lagoon Health Report Card 2013/14 <a href="http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/general-information/lagoons/lagoonreportcard2014online.pdf">www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/general-information/lagoons/lagoonreportcard2014online.pdf</a> |
|  | Investigate the feasibility of installing additional SQIDs in key locations in the Manly and Brookvale Creeks catchment.  | Support more effective pollution trap in Nolan Reserve (1)  | This request will be considered in the Stormwater Asset Management Plan.  |
| Contamination  | Manage contamination issues appropriately as they arise.  | Recognise potential contamination risk in Nolan Reserve (2) | Noted, all contamination issues will be handled appropriately as they arise.  |
| Bush regeneration  | Continue strategic bush regeneration activities in District Park.   | Support bush regeneration in Nolan Reserve (1)              | This request will be considered within the Natural Areas Asset Plan.  |
| DISTRICT PARK DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT: FINAL<br>PARKLAND PLANNERS |   |   |   |
| 15   |   |   |   |



| Opportunity             |  | Actions |  | Submissions   | Council response  |
|-------------------------|--|---------|--|---|---|
| <b>Energy and water</b> | Include requirements in lease agreements for lessees to prepare environmental management plans which address the use and management of water and energy as required. |         |  | Support requirement of lessees for environmental management (1) | Noted, an action within the draft Plan of Management is to include requirements in lease agreements for lessees to prepare environmental management plans.  |
|                         | <b>Sustainable watering of golf course</b>   |         |  | Support sustainable watering of golf course                     | Warringah Golf Club has a licence from the Office of Water for harvesting water from the dam to water the golf course, and that Warringah Golf Club may consider an application for a similar licence to extract water from Manly Lagoon.<br><br>An action in the Draft Plan of Management is to incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) into the design of all future facilities, landscaping and vehicle parking areas. |
| <b>Bushfire</b>         | Continue to co-ordinate bushfire risk management activities in accordance with the Warringah Pittwater Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2010.                           |         | Support maintenance of understorey in David Thomas Reserve to reduce fire risk (1)   |   | This request will be considered within the Natural Areas Asset Plan, and in accordance with the Warringah Pittwater Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2010.   |
| <b>Flooding</b>         | Implement actions identified in the revision of the Manly Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Plan.  |         | Support addressing flooding and drainage (6)<br>Support addressing drainage in Nolan Reserve (5)<br>Support addressing drainage in Miller Reserve (1)<br>Support addressing drainage in Passmore Reserve (1) |   | It is recognised that a large proportion of District Park is located in a known floodplain. Actions to address flood risk will be undertaken as identified in the Manly Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Plan.   |



## 2.6 Connected Transport

**Table 5 Feedback received about Connected Transport actions and Council response**

| Opportunity                                   |  | Actions  |  | Submissions  |  | Council response |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|------------------|--|
| <b>Traffic and parking</b>                    |  |  |  | Support further consideration of traffic and parking issues (1)  |  | Noted.           |  |
| <b>Vehicle access</b>                         | <b>Vehicle access points</b>   | Support more vehicle access points (1)                               |  | Vehicle access points to District Park, such as to the new sports and community club facility, will be addressed in detailed site design.  |  |                  |  |
| <b>Vehicle parking areas</b>                  | Investigate opportunities to upgrade and reconfigure vehicle parking throughout District Park where demand warrants. | Support upgrade of vehicle parking (2)                               |  | Upgrade of vehicle parking areas will be addressed in detailed site design.  |  |                  |  |
|   | Provide adequate car parking spaces to cater for users of the new sports community club building.                    | Support more parking at the new sports community club building (1)   |  | Noted.   |  |                  |  |
|   |  | Oppose more parking at the new sports community club building (1)    |  | The revised action is:<br><b>Provide adequate car parking spaces to cater for users of the new sports and community club facility.</b>   |  |                  |  |
|   | <b>Safety of parking along Kentwell Road</b>   | Support increasing the safety of people parking on Kentwell Road (2) |  | Noted.   |  |                  |  |
|   | <b>Parking for people with disabilities</b>  | Support parking for people with disabilities (1)                     |  | Noted.   |  |                  |  |
| <b>Improve-ments to walking/cycling paths</b> | Implement improvements to walking/cycling paths in District Park identified in the Warringham Bike Plan.             | Support improvements to walking/ cycling paths (1)                   |  | Improvements to walking and cycling paths are included in the Warringham Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan 2011 and the Warringham Bike Plan 2011, both of which are currently under review. |  |                  |  |
|   | Investigate lighting upgrades along walking/cycling paths.   | Oppose shared walking/ cycling paths (1)                             |  | Noted.   |  |                  |  |
|   | Investigate walking/cycling/ golf buggy access over waterways.   | Support lighting of pathways (2)                                     |  | Noted.   |  |                  |  |
|   |  | Support improvement of bridges over creek in golf course (1)         |  | Noted.   |  |                  |  |

| Opportunity  | Actions   | Submissions   | Council response  |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>New walking and cycling tracks in District Park</b> | Implement new walking/ cycling tracks in District Park identified in the Warringah Bike Plan.       | Support new walking/cycling tracks (4)  | Noted.  |
|  | Investigate new perimeter shared walking/cycling tracks in Nolan, Miller and David Thomas Reserves. | Oppose proposed shared tracks (2)   | There has been a review of the new proposed shared tracks in Nolan, Miller and David Thomas Reserves. The proposed tracks are shown on the Landscape Concept Plan.  |
|  |   | Support proposed shared tracks in Nolan Reserve (2)                           |   |
|  |   | Oppose proposed shared tracks in Nolan Reserve (1)                            | Proposed shared tracks which were deleted from the Landscape Concept Plan for safety and space reasons are:<br>- Warringah Golf Course (south-west)<br>- Miller Reserve (north)<br>- David Thomas Reserve (north) |
|  |   | Support proposed shared tracks in Millers Reserve (2)                         |   |
|  |   | Oppose proposed shared tracks in Miller Reserve (3)                           |   |
|  |   | Support proposed shared tracks in David Thomas Reserve (1)                    |   |
|  |   | Oppose proposed shared tracks in David Thomas Reserve (2)                     |   |
|  |   | Oppose proposed shared tracks in golf course (south) (9)                      |   |
|  |   | Support proposed shared tracks in golf course (north) (1)                     |   |
|  |   | Support proposed shared tracks between golf course and proposed clubhouse (1) |   |
|  |   |   |   |

| Opportunity                                       |  | Actions |  | Submissions  |  | Council response   |  |
|---|--|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Pedestrian crossing of internal roads</b>      | Investigate the feasibility of relocating the fence and providing a pedestrian access path along the southern side of Kentwell Road. |         |  | Oppose pedestrian paths on both sides of Kentwell Road (1)   |  | Noted, for consideration.  |  |
|   | Consider shared path link under Condamine Street between Miller Reserve and Warringah Golf Course.                                   |         |  | Oppose shared path link under Condamine Street (4)   |  | The shared path link under Condamine Street has been deleted from the Plan of Management and Landscape Concept Plan. The proposed paths in Miller Reserve and south-west Warringah Golf Course were removed from consideration and therefore there would be no formal pedestrian links to the link under Condamine Street.                       |  |
| <b>Walking / cycling links to adjoining areas</b> | Investigate the feasibility of linking David Thomas Reserve with Manly Dam via the Mermaid Pool.                                     |         |  | Support linking David Thomas Reserve with Manly Dam via the Mermaid Pool (2)   |  | Not supported.<br>The land parcel that connects David Thomas Reserve with Manly Dam via the Mermaid Pool is under the care and control of the Crown. Warringah Council considered the management arrangements for this parcel at its meeting of 24 July 2012. Council resolved to not seek care, control and management of this parcel.          |  |
|   | Investigate opportunities to link David Thomas Reserve to Bates Avenue in Allambie Heights via the Bates Avenue steps.               |         |  | Support linking David Thomas Reserve to Bates Avenue (100 signature petition + 2)<br>Oppose linking David Thomas Reserve to Bates Avenue for privacy reasons (1) |  | Not supported.<br>The land parcel which connects Bates Avenue to District Park is under the care and control of the Crown and is under Aboriginal Land Claim. Warringah Council considered the management arrangements for this parcel at its meeting of 24 July 2012. Council resolved to not seek care, control and management of this parcel. |  |
|   | Implement other walking / cycling tracks between District Park and adjoining areas identified in the Warringah Bike Plan.            |         |  | Support walking/cycling tracks to Manly Dam and Manly (2)  |  | Noted, however such links are outside the scope of this Plan of Management.  |  |

## 2.7 Other issues

Other issues raised in the submissions are listed below.

| Topic                           | Submission   | Council response  |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Smoking</b>                  | Nowhere in this plan did I see any mention of smoking. Council already has a no smoking policy in place in regards to their sporting facilities but not once have I ever seen a ranger out enforcing them (2 people) | Smoking at sporting facilities is referred to in the Draft Plan of Management in the planning and management context of Council's policies which include the Smoke-free Public Places Policy. |
| <b>Residential development</b>  | Land bounded by Kentwell Road, Smith Avenue, Old Pittwater Road and Condamine Street should be rezoned to cater for medium density development.  | This land is outside the boundary of District Park and the scope of this Plan of Management.  |
| <b>Naming of Miller Reserve</b> | I note that "Millers Reserve" is incorrectly referred to as Miller Reserve throughout the District Park Draft Plan of Management. Could this please be rectified in the Final Plan of Management?                    | Miller Reserve is the correct name.   |

## 3 CONCLUSION

The submissions received during the public exhibition of the Draft Plan of Management for District Park were wide ranging, and addressed numerous aspects of the Draft Plan of Management.

It is recommended that Warringah Council consider the content of the submissions outlined above, and make any appropriate changes to the final Plan of Management for District Park to be adopted by Council.

This page is left blank intentionally



## REFERENCES

Golf Business Advisory Services (2015) *District Park Clubhouse Feasibility Study*.

JBAS (2014) *Regional Golf Study*. Prepared for Warringah Council, April.

This page is left blank intentionally

# APPENDIX A

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR DISTRICT PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

| Dates                  | Stage   | Engagement  | Outputs  |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>Dec 2012</b>        | Council resolves to review current Plan of Management for District Park and to prepare new Plan of Management by Dec 2015 | -   | Report to Council. Council resolution on 11 December 2012  |
| <b>Feb-May 2013</b>    | Research background information, issues and opportunities   | Park User Survey<br>Council staff   | Benchmark Park User Satisfaction Survey (Integrated Open Space Services, 2013)   |
| <b>May – Nov 13</b>    | Prepare Discussion Paper  | Council staff<br>Recreation and Open Space Strategic Reference Group  | District Park Discussion Paper Nov 2013  |
| <b>Nov 13</b>          | Council endorses the process for review of District Park Plan of Management 2002  | Council meeting   | Report to Council<br>Council resolution to approve public exhibition on 26 November 2013   |
| <b>Nov 13 – Mar 14</b> | Community and stakeholder engagement on Discussion Paper  | Signage installed in the park<br>Letterbox drop of local residents and businesses<br>Council website: Your Say Warringah project page, online feedback form, interactive map<br>Advertisements in the <i>Manly Daily</i><br>Media release<br>Posters and hard copies at Warringah Golf Club, North Manly Bowling Club, Boronia Hall Childcare Centre, Manly Vale Calabria Club, and Warringah Recreation Centre<br>Community drop-in sessions at North Manly Bowling Club 22 Feb, Calabria Club 26 Feb, Boronia Hall Childcare Centre 8 Mar, Warringah Golf Club 10 Mar<br>One-on-one meetings with key external stakeholders including current lessees | Community attendance at drop-in sessions<br>251 written submissions, 75 online submissions<br>District Park Discussion Paper Submissions<br>Report June 2014 |
| <b>to April 14</b>     | Prepare Regional Golf Study   | Warringah Golf Club<br>Other golf clubs in Warringah and adjoining LGAs<br>Golf NSW, Golf Australia   | Regional Golf Study, (JBAS, April 2014)  |
| <b>Mar – Jun 14</b>    | Prepare District Park Draft Strategic Directions Paper  | -   | District Park Draft Strategic Directions Paper June 2014   |
| <b>Jun 14</b>          | Report to Council to place Draft  | Council meeting   | Council resolution to approve public   |

| Dates                    | Stage  | Engagement  | Outputs   |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|
|                          | Strategic Directions Paper on public exhibition                        |   | exhibition 24 June 2014   |
| <b>July – Nov 14</b>     | Community and stakeholder engagement on Strategic Directions Paper     | 110 people attended community drop-in sessions at Calabria Club (16 Jul), North Manly Bowling Club (26 Jul), Warringah Golf Club (28 Jul)<br>Council website: Your Say Warringah project page, online feedback form<br>Email, mail  | 30 written submissions<br>District Park Strategic Directions Paper: Submissions Report, November 2014 |
| <b>Nov 14 – March 15</b> | Prepare sports club feasibility study                                  | Working Group comprising key external stakeholders and current lessees  | District Park Feasibility Study (Golf Business Advisory Services, March 2015)                         |
| <b>Nov 14 – April 15</b> | Prepare Draft Plan of Management for District Park                     | Feedback from Council staff   | Draft Plan of Management for District Park  |
| <b>March-April 15</b>    | Prepare Landscape Concept Plan   | Consultation meeting with key external stakeholders including current lessees and major hirers  | Landscape Concept Plan for District Park  |
| <b>May 15</b>            | Strategic Reference Groups   | Inform the Open Space and Recreation and Environmental Conservation and Overall Sustainability Strategic Reference Groups   | Feedback  |
| <b>May 15</b>            | Council resolve to place Draft Plan of Management on public exhibition | Council meeting   | Report to Council<br>Council resolution to approve public exhibition 26 May                           |
| <b>May-July 15</b>       | Community and stakeholder engagement on Draft Plan of Management       | Warringah Update advertisement in the <i>Manly Daily</i> on Saturday 6 June.<br>‘Your Say Warringah’ Home Page including an online feedback form, the Draft Plan of Management, preliminary Landscape Concept Plan, and details of community drop-in sessions.<br>Temporary signs installed around District Park.<br>Hard copies of the Draft Plan of Management and preliminary Landscape Concept Plan available at the Civic Centre and Council libraries.<br>Letter mailed out to over 5,000 local residents in the area surrounding District Park.<br>Direct communication with key external stakeholder groups.<br>Three community drop in sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Saturday 13 June 9.30-11.30am at North Manly Bowling Club (more than 20 people)</li> <li>- Monday 22 June 6-8pm at Warringah Golf Club (more than 50 people)</li> <li>- Wednesday 24 June 6-8pm at the Calabria Club (approximately 15 people).</li> </ul> | Community Engagement Report   |
| <b>July-Aug 15</b>       | Consider submissions and prepare final Plan of Management              | -   | Plan of Management for District Park 2015   |
| <b>August 15</b>         | Council adoption of Plan of Management                                 | Council meeting   | Council resolution to adopt Plan of Management  |



## B COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The content of submissions received from the public exhibition of the District Park Plan of Management is set out below.

### General comments

Overall the Plan of Management for District Park would be world class, with the community involved in healthy outdoor activities with people involved in positive and healthy pursuits and would benefit all the community.

### Vibrant community

#### Combined sports and community club

The comments in relation to the proposed sports and community club are outlined below.

##### Support a combined sports and community club (15)

- Warringah Golf Club continue to support the concept of the proposed community based sports club and we remain committed in our endeavour to utilising our member funds to facilitate the proposal.
- North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club supports the concept of a multi-purpose sport and recreation facility with a clubhouse, administration areas, café, bistro, bar and gaming facilities for NMBRC and golf, tennis, football and other interested groups. Anecdotal evidence suggests that a number of local clubs are seeking clubhouse facilities and centralised location will provide good synergies with a range of sport and recreational users in the area. This would provide a modern sports centre with improved facilities and amenities, which is commensurate with the visual and environmental capacity of the land.
- The concept of a sporting and social facility is good.
- Combining sports clubs could be very successful and profitable if done effectively. Leaving the golf course as 18 holes with a combined club house would be ideal.
- I think it is a great idea for the community, the position of it and how much it is needed.
- The proposal to unify sport in the area with a central club house facility. Currently there are too many sports with their own headquarters in the area.
- I fully support the establishment of a multi-use sports community facility (proposed for replacement of North Manly Bowling Club) that caters to sports community needs - e.g. local club meeting facilities, availability midweek for meetings and drinks, casual drinks capability after training/games - having regard to state of post training/match sports attire (as distinct from formal dress regulations imposed by some clubs).
- A new community clubhouse and club amalgamation is to be supported.
- I support a new community hub.
- I fully support the multi-use clubhouse.
- A new club facility seems to be trying to please as many people as possible.



- Any new clubhouse should be available to be used by multiple groups as a community based outlet.
- The area has real potential to become the hub of sports and leisure for the northern beaches; a club house and a higher standard of pitches would result in the different levels of clubs coming together bring the community closer together. Plus a source of income would be added as at present the amount of pubs that have agreements with each team after the game this expenditure could be centralised into the club house assisting in the running costs.
- In principle I see no problem in having a joint usage sports club.
- Support the establishment of a multi-use sports community facility proposed for the replacement of the North Manly Bowling Club.

**Oppose a combined sports and community club (1)**

- There are concerns that an updated club will see an increase in crime in the area from 'undesirables' and then with the updated club will come more pollution in the form of rubbish, noise and light and increased traffic.

**Location**

- There needs to be more discussion as to where the new club house will be built.
- A properly positioned club house would benefit both members and social players.

**Support proposed location clubhouse at North Manly Bowling Club (6)**

- Firm proposal for relocation of golf club with easy course access and ample off street parking.
- As a golf club member I support the concept of relocating the club house to the proposed site.
- The proposal to develop the North Manly Bowling Club site as a central point makes a lot of sense because the club takes up a lot of land with diminishing membership.
- A clubhouse built close to the current foot print of the bowling club would be ideal.
- The proposed location is generally ideal however there seems to be no mention of direct access to the course itself.
- The community is best served by collaboration between North Manly Bowling Club and the Warringah Golf Club on the site of the bowling club. Combining their facilities there to service both clubs and the adjacent sporting fields.

**Support new clubhouse located close to the golf course (9)**

- New club positioning needs to be as close to the golf course as possible to maximise social use.
- The new club house needs to be as close as possible to the golf course to maximise the use by the club and social players.
- The sporting club house should be located as close to the golf course as possible to facilitate use by social users of the course and to maximise turnover.
- A new club house should be positioned closer to the golf course.
- Golf clubhouse is further away from the golf course than it is now.
- The main problem with the current membership of the golf club is the lack of proximity to the golf course. I am not sure the new, proposed location is any better, and it is still disconnected with the course by the trees lining Brookvale Creek.
- The new building should be as close to the golf course as possible, the course itself should remain 18 holes.
- I would prefer that the club house be positioned as close as possible to the golf course.
- Warringah Golf Club has successfully run and developed the course for 78 years. The new clubhouse should be located as close as possible to the golf course to maximise social player use. The club is greatly disadvantaged at present due to players not being able to access the clubhouse.

**Oppose proposed location of the clubhouse (2)**

- As a member of WGC there are concerns about the placement of the clubhouse.
- District Park already has limited land for public open space. Sale of the land where the golf clubhouse currently sits and car parking area would mean an increase use of the park resulting in overlapping use of facilities potentially resulting in conflict.

**Retain current location of golf clubhouse (1)**

- The Golf Club has been intact for 78 years and should be allowed to remain with improvements to the clubhouse with improved parking and accessibility.

***Golf clubhouse on the golf course (5)***

- I will like the golf club house to be located somewhere on the golf course and that the course will remain an 18 hole course.
- Preference for a WGC clubhouse on the golf course.
- The best place to rebuild the golf club is over the existing pro-shop. However this will be on Council's land and if the club is to put up their money to do so this we will need some guarantee from the Council that they will not take it over without satisfactory compensation. Would it not be preferable to allow us to do this and continue running the golf course and for the council to build a clubhouse for the other parties involved on the existing North Manly Bowling Club site which is close proximity to the bowling, football fields, tennis etc? This way you would have a sporting club where all could attend. It would also be so much easier to manage these clubs without the golf club being involved as the sports involved are more closely related. Trying to manage bowling, football, tennis etc with golf included will be a very difficult task and very hard to please everyone or anyone.
- Might you consider restructuring the present pro-shop and amenities building or built a new club house on or next to the work shop area.
- The location may be better if it was closer to the pro-shop and lockers.

***Clubhouse on bowling green no. 4 (3)***

- I am excited by the prospect of having the club house closer to the course and while I see this as achieving higher revenue through increased patronage I am not sure the proposed location is the best possible location. Given its proximity to Pittwater Road I am not sure that it is the safest location especially for children. I think a better location would be to build on bowling green number 4 as it would be more centrally located to Nolan Reserve and the golf course which will benefit the safety of children and their families alike.
- On the southern perimeter of Nolan.
- We support the new buildings in the park but suggest they are positioned at the end of the extended car park as this would be closer to the centre of the park.

***Clubhouse on western side of the bowling club (3)***

- Warringah Golf Club: we acknowledge there are many complex issues to be considered in relation to the location of the proposed community based sports club. In consultation with Council we have previously expressed our views to ensure the best financial outcome and amenity for the proposal. The financial outlay to achieve the end aim will be considerable, and failure to achieve the correct outcome will have both short and long term implications. The Landscape Concept Plan positions the proposed club on the eastern side of the bowling club site, which is the further most point from the golf course and that in our view will considerable disadvantage the proposed club in its ability to achieve the financial projections by GBAS. The proposed location is not conducive to a better connection between the golf course and the new sport community club building. It is generally accepted that the golf course play should start and finish at the clubhouse. While we understand that Council may take the view that the positioning of the proposed club should accommodate the broader community, we do not support the view that the current positioning is the only site that achieves that aim, and we are disappointed that the GBAS study precluded a consideration of our views in relation to the connectivity of the course to the proposed club. We urge Council to reconsider the positioning of the proposed club, or at minimum ensure that the Draft Plan of Management allows sufficient latitude for this matter to be influenced by any successful tenderer. Notwithstanding that tender process will be required in relation to the construction of the proposed club, it is in the interest of any tenderer that the club is given the best opportunity to capture the available patronage, as to do otherwise may in our view result in the outcome of the tender process being compromised. As an alternate to the current positioning, we ask Council to consider a reversal between the proposed building and bowling green, with the effect that the proposed club is closer to the golf course, which will assist in mitigating some of our concerns in being able, in due course, to formulate a tender. We also believe that the alternate could offer a safer environment and a better connection to Nolan Reserve users.
- The proposed site for the new club house on the eastern side of the bowling club is the further- most point from the golf course which may disadvantage golfers and the financial prospects of the golf club. There are also concerns that changes to the course design may need to be changed to give it better access to the new clubhouse and pro-shop. We suggest that the new clubhouse be moved to the western side of the bowling club to better locate it to the golf course. Also traffic flow would increase and be a nightmare.



- Even if the lease were to be increased the trading of the clubhouse would pay for increased lease. More people play on WGC than any other course in the Southern Hemisphere. I am aware that stakeholders are considering a sat (?) of sports club which has merit but my preference would still be a golf club on the golf course.

**Clubhouse at Warringah Recreation Centre (2)**

- The new club house should be placed at the tennis centre, the bowling club turned into a reception centre and the southern bowling greens should be made into car parks.
- Put the proposed Sports Community Club building where the WRC currently stands. The golf club house will then be in the right place for users without pedestrians crossing a busy road. Put the Warringah Recreation Club (WRC) onto the Nolan Reserve side of Kentwell Road where the sporting users (futsal/basketball/tennis/squash/bike users) will be in one place and do not have to cross the road to use the connection of Nolan's and Passmore.

**Clubs involved**

**Support amalgamation of golf and bowling clubs (7)**

- North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club is seeking to secure long term tenure on the site and extension of their lease in a new club merged with Manly Leagues Club and Warringah Golf Club. North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club is currently in the process of an amalgamation with Manly Leagues Club. Warringah Golf Club has been invited to join in a three-club merger but has not accepted as yet (14 July 2015).
- I support the amalgamation of the golf and bowls club.
- I support amalgamation of the golf and bowling club.
- The amalgamation of golf and bowling clubs should be supported.
- I would like to see the Golf Club combined with the Bowling Club to serve the needs of the local community.
- I would prefer that a new clubhouse be built to house both golfers and bowlers.
- The community is best served by collaboration between North Manly Bowling Club and the Warringah Golf Club on the site of the bowling club. Combining their facilities there to service both clubs and the adjacent sporting fields.

**Support a multi-sport club (10)**

- A country club would be great, including; golf, tennis, bowling etc this is very feasible.
- The District Park Plan of Management has always referred to an amalgamated Warringah Golf Club and Bowling Club running a new sports club. This new club should be a community based outlet. Warringah Golf Club is committed to a community based club servicing the needs of golf, bowls and all park users.
- District Park Plan of Management has always referred to an amalgamated golf and bowling club. This is ideal to as to keep the new sports club as a community based outlet. WGC is committed to a community based club servicing the needs of golf, bowls and all park users.
- The new community club should make reference to both golf and bowls or the clubs risk losing their identity in a multi-purpose facility.
- The amalgamation of golf and bowls has always been the desired option. As a member of WGC I would support a plan for a community based club serving golf, bowls, cricket, football and other park users. Social golf is a major financial benefit to WGC.
- By constructing a community club house this would allow Mackellar Girls High and other schools who are regular users of Nolan Reserve to have their activities enhanced by them being able to use these facilities e.g. first aid, conference, canteen, change rooms, parking. Sports workshops, pre-season and during school holidays could use the facility as a centre for their activities too. It would also benefit community groups such as Manly Lagoon-Friends of the Bush and also passive users of the park.
- I agree that it needs to continue to be used by soccer and cricket.
- As a representative of the Manly Warringah Football Association, the North Manly Bowling Club's existence and survival is also paramount. The MWFA supports the establishment of a multi-use sports community facility (proposed for replacement of North Manly Bowling Club) that caters to community needs - e.g. local club meeting facilities, availability midweek for meetings and drinks, casual drinks capability after training/games - having regard to state of post training/match sports attire (as distinct from formal dress regulations imposed by some clubs).
- Relating to Nolan Reserve- the upgrade of community club and its facilities.

- There are good aspects of the plan including the provision of meeting rooms for the sporting groups of the area in a gambling free atmosphere

**Neutral (4)**

- What is happening with the amalgamation with the golf club?
- I haven't yet heard what I consider to be satisfactory reason for amalgamation (between the bowling club and golf club).
- The sports clubs need to be consulted more.
- If the golf club is to be heavily involved financially why hasn't there been more consultation with the golf club?

**Oppose amalgamation of golf and bowling clubs (4)**

- The bowling club doesn't seem to be very interested in the community based on my experiences.
- There are concerns that the development will become cold and clinical, not a place to be around and enjoy but a place to do what needs to be done and get out quickly.
- I have concerns that the golf club is not mentioned in the key proposal action and changes document. It is as though the golf club is not considered as a separate entity.
- I am not convinced that the North Manly Bowling Club and Warringah Golf Club should merge. The buildings are said to be aging and therefore must be modernised to attract patronage. The external area of the bowling club along Pittwater/Kentwell Road corner was basically unchanged since the 1950's- with just a small low fence around it- and had a definite old-fashion charm. Why not carefully enhance this to attract patronage? Bigger and newer is not necessarily better.

**Oppose involvement of Manly Warringah Leagues Club (3)**

- No Warringah Leagues Club
- I will strenuously fight against any development that involves Manly Leagues Club
- Manly Leagues Club should not be involved with our Warringah Golf Club.

**Funding / Council contribution**

***Uncertainty of funding (3)***

- Overall the proposal makes sense but where is the money coming from?
- A new sports club building would be a multi-million dollar project and the money spent on the project would divert funding from other community uses. The source of the funding is also not specified.
- The forecast profit figures were absolute fantasy. No indication of what Warringah Council fiscal contribution would be to a new building, everyone has been informed the figure is zero.

***Council contribution (3)***

- How much is council providing for the development?
- Given the proposed location of the new club house what is Council going to invest financially?
- Given that the new development is going to be on council land, how much funding is council prepared to invest in the project?

***Council should provide the carpark (5)***

- Warringah Golf Club: The feasibility study includes costings in relation to the provision of parking, which we assume will be available to all park users. We encourage Council to consider whether it should or would provide funding for that matter.
- Is Council going to be contributing anything towards the new club by way of a car park?
- Warringah Council to provide/ assist with parking.
- I would like council to contribute to the establishment of a car park.
- Will the council be contributing to the new club by the way of a car park?

***Golf club contribution (1)***

- Warringah Golf Club: The proposed club must be given the best opportunity to attract and retain ongoing patronage, which should to a significant degree come from the golf course consumer base. The capital cost (which is in addition to the operating cost) of continuing to present the golf course in a safe and sustainable environment that is attractive to its customer support base is considerable. We acknowledge the support of the Landscape Concept Plan in its endeavour to "provide an ongoing source of income to support the recreational opportunities in the park" for not only the course but the park generally. Should we be the

successful tenderer, we will be providing extensive capital to the project and as directors we have an obligation to our members to ensure that our funds are put to the best use possible. The feasibility study by GBAS suggests that the proposed club would support \$5 million debt funding. The development will be on public leasehold land and will predominantly rely on cash flow funding. As a consequence, it is unlikely that financing will be supported by traditional lenders security and for it to be consummated it will rely predominantly on equity funding, or contribution by Council. Our research also suggest that the forecast profitability of the proposed club is optimistic in that it potentially outperforms any other like facility that we can identify.

## **Poker machines**

### **Oppose poker machines (13)**

- Manly Warringah Leagues Club should be kept off District Park because there are already enough poker machines at the golf club and bowls club.
- Cap the number of poker machines in the new club to keep it as a place where sports people and other users of the precinct take their children.
- Poker machines should be restricted if children are going to be involved.
- Poker machines should also be limited in the new community club house.
- I will strenuously fight against any development that results in any increase in poker machines, one of the major scourges of pain and suffering in our community today. We have plenty of poker machine dens on the north beaches and we do not need one more.
- Limited poker machines because of junior membership.
- I would not like to see a monstrosity club dependant on poker machines. I prefer the friendly atmosphere of a club not a gaming place. I know that the revenue is needed from gaming machines but perhaps a limit or some other restriction could be placed on the number allowed.
- any sporting club does not need to have banks of poker machines.
- Poker machines should be limited.
- To keep the proposed facility community based and friendly is it imperative that poker machines/ gambling activities be limited. There are ample opportunities throughout the community for people who wish to gamble can do so they do not require more opportunities at what should be a sports/social club.
- The possibility of increasing the number of poker machines from 20 to over 150 is not acceptable as it would not fit with the community/youth outcomes that council is seeking.
- Amalgamation with Manly Leagues club is not a community minded option. What interest would they have in bowls unless it involved poker machines?
- Intending to bring in a third party, Manly Leagues Club who will bring with them over 200 poker machines.

### **Support poker machines (1)**

- Poker machines in the new club should be allowed to assist with offsetting expenses of the new social club.

## **Design**

- Warringah Golf Club: we are able to offer suggestions in relation to the design of a building in the alternate location and associated course infrastructure that would provide a more efficient use of the site limitations, which we would provide to Council for consideration if Council were open to considering the matter.

### **Height**

- The club house should be a minimum of 2 storeys.

### **Size**

- I question the size of the clubhouse. It seems unlikely that these clubs would need to extend their facilities in the future.

### **Interior (2)**

- The plan needs to include in the proposed facilities: a club house facility that allows clubs to have a 'home' and include opportunities to display their heritage and success items. This was a dismal failure at the St Matthews farm upgrade. Let's not repeat that missed opportunity.



- Including change rooms, canteens, clubroom, medical facilities, secure storage and sheltered viewing area

#### **Storage (2)**

- The facility should provide enough storage spaces for all user groups, an outcome that was poorly managed at the St Matthews Farm upgrade.
- Cricket is very popular and strong in the area. The club house should be large enough to accommodate cricket gear.

#### **Construction**

- The height of the fill used to raise the building site should be raised to 3.4m which is completely contrary to the Warringah Council requirements for development within the flood affected land. It would also be my preference for old fill material to be removed and replaced to due to the contamination risk of the fill coming from the Manly Gas Works in the 1950s. I do understand that this would be costly and prohibitive.

#### **Long-term lease to the Warringah Golf Club (11)**

- A long term lease should be afforded to the Golf Club.
- I expect the club to be granted a long term lease and cheap lease in return for us selling our major asset.
- For the golf club to be considered a major contributor then it would be expected that club receive a long term lease.
- The golf club should be provided with a long term lease along with Council providing some like of car parking facilities.
- A long lease be available to the golf club, 50-100 years.
- A long term lease.
- To provide a club house suitable for all sporting clubs a long term lease would be essential.
- Any new clubhouse should also come with a long term lease to the club. WGC has a proven record of management in providing excellent amenities for members and social golfers both male and female. Unlike some sporting clubs WGC is financially sound.
- I am not sure of the feasibility of the construction of the new club house which is likely to be \$7 million including GST which may not be reached if the number of bowlers is reduced due to the lack of greens. The golf club would need to be given a very long lease to help compensate this.
- I believe the combined club should be given the maximum lease available so they can feel comfortable in supporting this facility.
- No inducement to the golf club for a long lease. Why should the golf club move from freehold land (owned by members) to a leased premises which they have to pay the major part of the building costs, do not own, pay lease fees and be further away from the golf course.

| Opportunity   | Actions   | Comments  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Combined sports, recreation and community club buildings</b> | Implement a process to develop a central recreation club on the site of the current North Manly Bowling Club to include activities on WRC site (bowling, golf and other recreational activities). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warringah Golf Club: the financial modelling provided to support the proposal does not include the Warringah Recreation Centre and Council have expressed the view that WRC may be retained by it. If that is the case Council may wish to consider wording more appropriate to its intentions.</li> </ul> <p>Refer to comments above about location of the combined sports, recreation and community club</p>   |
|   | Make changes to the golf course configuration if required to accommodate the new recreation clubhouse   | <p><b>Concern by Warringah Golf Club (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warringah Golf Club: while we assume this matter [reconfiguration of the golf course] has received consideration by Council or their advisors, it is not evident how this matter will be addressed and at what cost. We have concerns as to the reconfiguration that may be required to the golf course to give it effective connection to the proposed club and the relocation of, or acceptable utilisation of the current maintenance facility and buggy store/pro shop. Clearly the current position of the maintenance facility is not complimentary to the presentation of the new club, and the current buggy store/pro shop and storage facilities are not compatible with the key principle of ensuring patronage of the proposed club. These matters are not insignificant and need to be given considered attention, as they not only go to the issue of patronage; they have considerable associated cost issues. Figure 5 of the Landscape Concept Plan highlight several issues, or modifications to the course, however it does not address the key issues of a course that is, or should be, adapted to the proposed club.</li> </ul> <p><b>Optimism about golf course configuration (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I would expect Council to use its planning discretion to allow a redesign of the club with the first tee and the 18<sup>th</sup> hole being located conveniently near the new clubhouse.</li> <li>- I am sure that the course could be reconfigured to accommodate a new club house however the parking arrangements currently available at the bowling club would not be sufficient in the event of amalgamation.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Safety</b>   | <b>Separate playing fields and creeks/bush at David Thomas Reserve</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I would like to see a full high rise mesh fence around the perimeter of David Thomas field on the south side to secure the park users safety from the creek and to ensure cricket balls and football are not constantly lost into the bush and water.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Cultural heritage items</b>                                  | Investigate the significance of heritage items which are not listed in WLEP 2011.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Bicentennial Avenue of Trees should be mentioned.</li> </ul>   |

## Recreation and lifestyle

| Opportunity                       | Actions  | Comments  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Sport</b>                      |  |   |
| <b>18-hole golf course</b>        | <p>Review the lease of Warringah Golf Course including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- extending the lease period until this Plan of Management has been adopted and a sports club has been constructed</li> <li>- revising the lease area to accommodate safe walking tracks and crossing points</li> <li>- appropriate environmental management practices</li> </ul> | <p><b>Support retaining 18 hole golf course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I support maintaining the current 18 hole golf course.</li> <li>- Golf course should remain 18 holes.</li> <li>- In this era of an aging population and obesity, I feel it is very important to encourage the youth and elderly to be out exercising in the fresh air. Golf is the perfect outlet for this especially in such a friendly club like Warringah.</li> </ul> <p><b>Oppose 18-hole golf course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I would like to see more of the existing golf course land reallocated to other sports and activities.</li> <li>- Over half the area of District Park is devoted to a single sport, golf. This area can't be used for anything else. I don't play golf, my children don't play golf, and very few of my friends play golf. Since the golf course opened 80 odd years ago, surely the needs of the community (now with a much wider choice of sports, higher density housing, and less and less open space), have evolved. If the golf course was reduced in size (e.g. retaining only the links north of Kentwell) District Park could rival Centennial Park as a leisure destination with running and bike tracks, numerous picnic areas, cafes and of course additional playing fields. The perfect scenario would be to have a tunnel for Condamine Street so that Millers Reserve could be joined to the new parklands (which was the southern side of the golf course), creating an incredible, joined, expansive leisure space that could be used by a much wider spectrum of people.</li> </ul> |
|                                   | Subject to construction of the proposed sports/ community club-house: combine operations of the golf club and sports club where possible.  | Refer to comments above   |
|                                   | Assess opportunities to upgrade warm-up nets to a fully enclosed "Birdie Cage" design, and possible relocation closer to existing practice facilities and pro shop.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warringah Golf Club: whilst supported in principle, the suggested location reinforces the retention of the existing pro shop facilities. That suggestion is contrary to achieving the best financial outcome for the proposed club in that it implies a golf start and finish far removed from the proposed club.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Sports field configuration</b> | Review configuration of sporting fields in consultation with existing and potential user groups.   | <p><b>Support more fields or no loss of sporting fields (3)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Plan of Management is taking too much of our fields.</li> <li>- I do not see in the current plan and strongly believe a reconfiguration of how the soccer pitches are oriented, and elevation of the whole of Nolan Reserve should be considered as part of the plan. Too many matches are washed out during the winter soccer season for all ages.</li> <li>- Manly Vale Football Club's home ground is David Thomas Reserve. It is imperative that this reserve be</li> </ul>  |

| Opportunity                                      | Actions   | Comments   |
|--|---|--|
|  |   | preserved for continued football use given our financial, historical and community ties with this park.  |
| <b>Synthetic sports fields</b>                   |   | <b>Support synthetic sporting fields (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Based on the last few years of playing soccer at David Thomas, Miller and Passmore I'd like to recommend that some all-weather fields be installed at all or some of the grounds as Narrabeen has. I understand that the weather can be unpredictable, but based on the last few years we've all lost games because of field closures and make up games have become hard to organise if played at all. As we all pay our fees I think it's fair that we get a good crack at a full season. I understand the need to close the fields, but it still doesn't solve the problem of cancelled games.</li> <li>- An all weather pitch would be a good idea.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Amenities / facilities at sporting fields</b> | Strategy: Ensure amenities meet the needs of sporting and other park users  | <b>Support upgrade of amenities (1)</b><br>I do like the general upgrade of facilities throughout the sporting fields including toilets, change rooms, canteens throughout the District Park.  |
|  | Liaise with Manly Vale Football Club regarding proposed first-floor addition to the building at David Thomas Reserve. | <b>Support proposed first-floor addition to the building at David Thomas Reserve (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manly Vale FC remains committed to planning for, and eventually building an additional level on David Thomas Reserve amenities block that will cater for club and community, social meeting, kitchenette, storage and other basic club needs.</li> </ul>   |
|  | Demolish the middle and south amenities buildings in Nolan Reserve at the end of their useful life.                   | <b>Query regarding timeframe for demolition of buildings at Nolan (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The current buildings at Nolan will be demolished at the end of their useful life. How long will this be? And are all these buildings being used/open now? (Toilets near footbridge).</li> </ul>  |
|  | Assess and design new amenities to cater for the needs of users of Nolan Reserve.                                     | <b>Support for separate clubhouse and facilities for users of Nolan Reserve (33)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A multi-use clubhouse including change rooms, clubroom, and medical facilities, secure storage and sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's.</li> <li>- There is a lot of assessing, design and investigating to be done with regards to improving Nolan Reserve (apart from demolishing old buildings and considering barbecue facilities) when I feel that what's been put forward is a necessity for those grounds along with addressing the idea of a much-needed clubhouse.</li> <li>- Nolan Reserve is one of the most used parks in Warringah. At present it suffers from a drastic lack of basic amenities for sporting and recreational users. In the plan of management for District Park it is vital that Warringah Council include proper amenities for sporting and recreational user groups for this fantastic space. Such a Club House should include as a minimum: male, female and disabled toilets; change rooms; canteen facilities; lockable storage facilities; a 'Club Room'; sheltered viewing areas; and medical room.</li> <li>- This facility would be a great benefit to the entire community and to the many thousands of people who use Nolan's on a weekly basis. It should be dedicated and separate to the proposed club on the current site of the bowling club, and ideally situated on the Southern</li> </ul> |



| Opportunity | Actions | Comments   |
|-------------|---------|--|
|             |         | <p>perimeter of Nolan's (at the site of the existing toilet block and netball courts).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Please ensure there is a club house serving the many sports codes that use Nolan's.</li> <li>- It seems to be non-committal concerning a dedicated multi use club house for Nolan's Reserve including toilets, change rooms, canteen, storage facilities and club room. There has to be provision for a dedicated multi use club house for Nolan Reserve.</li> <li>- On the provision that sports users on Nolan's Reserve are sufficiently catered for by the provision of a dedicated club house with appropriate facilities.</li> <li>- It is vital that there is a dedicated club house servicing sports teams on Nolan's Reserve.</li> <li>- Please ensure that there is adequate provision for sports teams using Nolan's in the form of a dedicated club house.</li> <li>- There seems to be no plan for a clubhouse at Nolan's Reserve. This would be a great asset for junior cricket players in creating a more social atmosphere for families.</li> <li>- There has to be a club house, canteen, storage and toilets built at the eastern end of Nolans,</li> <li>- A multi-use clubhouse including change rooms, clubroom, and medical facilities, secure storage and sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's. It is great to see initiatives that go towards improving facilities which will be of long term benefit to the health of residents.</li> <li>- There are at least 5 dedicated fields for football plus 3 smaller junior fields and no amenities at Nolan. The kids have to go into the bush which obviously isn't safe. There needs to be a multi-use clubhouse including change rooms, canteen, clubroom, medical facility, secure storage and sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's Reserve. It would be used in summer and winter by cricket and soccer. Finally soccer remains the largest user of Nolan Reserve; it is very dismissive of council to not have considered a multiuse club house.</li> <li>- I believe we need a multi-purpose clubhouse including change rooms, canteen, clubrooms, medical facilities, sure storage and sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's. The club house should have male and female toilets, disabled toilets/change rooms, canteen facilities, lockable storage facilities, a club room and medical room.</li> <li>- Greater emphasis placed on significant sporting facilities such as multi-purpose clubhouse tailored to cricket's needs and outdoor cricket nets in light of the increasing use by and demand from players of the country's national sport. Future population growth and greater residential density indicates that the demand on existing sporting facilities will only grow and that current planned or proposed facilities such as those put forward in the Plan of Management need to take this into account in more forward looking manner.</li> <li>- Nolan's is my soccer home ground and the lack of facilities make game day every difficult. Bathroom runs are 100s of metres away and setting and packing down nets and not being able to store them on site difficult. Further, supporters would value canteen facilities.</li> <li>- Nolan's needs a dedicated canteen, change rooms, under cover area for soccer players. Such a big area but</li> </ul> |



| Opportunity | Actions | Comments   |
|-------------|---------|--|
|             |         | <p>the facilities need improving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A multi-use clubhouse including change rooms, clubroom, and medical facilities, secure storage and sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's.</li> <li>- More facilities on Nolan Reserve which is such a large usable space with various sporting teams and community recreation able to participate at once. A multi-use clubhouse including change rooms, clubroom, and medical facilities, secure storage and sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's.</li> <li>- To support many needs that use Nolan's reserve we need a multi use clubhouse including change rooms, canteen, clubroom, medical facility, secure storage and sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's.</li> <li>- The area is used by many and varying groups and members of the community and the current facilities are inadequate. The plan is important for the continued improvement of the area and community based facilities.</li> <li>- A proper multi-use clubhouse with modern facilities of toilets, change rooms, canteen, storage and viewing covered area.</li> <li>- We believe it would be beneficial to have a club house with canteen facilities and plenty of storage space that would serve all sporting codes that uses the fields.</li> <li>- I play football there in winter the facilities on Nolan's reserve are non-existent. Football is the most participated sport on the Northern beaches and it's only fair the facilities reflect the needs of the community.</li> <li>- Setting up a good sized clubhouse with grandstand style seating and decent change room facilities and storage is the way to go.</li> <li>- As a regular user of Nolan's as a local sport team participant and general public I currently feel the grounds are under supplied with amenities and sports club facilities for the local clubs and community. I feel Nolan's would greatly benefit from a multi use clubhouse including change rooms, canteen, club room, medical facilities, storage etc. on the south perimeter.</li> <li>- There needs to be an action to deliver further facilities on Nolan's for existing sporting clubs in the region. What's needed is a multi use clubhouse including change rooms, canteen, club room, medical facilities, secure storage and a sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's.</li> <li>- Harbord Seaside United Soccer Club requires a multi use clubhouse including change rooms, canteen, club room, medical facilities, secure storage and a sheltered viewing area on the southern perimeter of Nolan's.</li> <li>- Nolan's Reserve is in dire need of improvements to the amenities and infrastructure particularly in the southern perimeter. Each weekend throughout the year hundreds of players use Nolan's reserve for a range of sporting activities and yet for the most part the amenities associated with this reserve are embarrassingly poor. Opposition teams are frequently shocked at the lack of the most basic facilities. The sporting groups that use the southern part of the reserve part of Nolan's reserve at the very least, need a clubhouse with toilets, changing rooms and a canteen. A canteen will allow these groups an opportunity to increase revenue and be self sustaining while at the same time appear professional</li> </ul> |

| Opportunity                 | Actions                                | Comments   |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
|                             |  | <p>and subsequently attract more members whilst increasing their engagement in the running of the club. A clubhouse could be shared by several groups operating in different seasons but it is imperative that they have a social meeting space to increase the feeling of group cohesion and community. I believe that such a clubhouse needs to be distinct from any large more commercial venture, such as the golf club to retain a more community, grass-roots sentiment that is the cornerstone of these sporting groups. I believe there are enough users of this area to warrant such facilities but I also understand the lack of funding in this regard. This could potentially be a concept that might benefit from PPP and one which should be explored in this regard through a multi-user working party. I realise there are some planning issues (floodplain, riparian area setback requirements etc) but I am sure these could be overcome with Council's input and possibly private funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I support the whole initiative however I don't believe there is enough in the plan to support the needs of the local cricketing community. The local cricket associations have been crying out for a clubhouse/ storage area. Cricket on the northern beaches is growing (more junior teams than previous years) plus there are new 20/20 tournaments, and senior cricket is extremely popular with MWCA park cricket, Warringah Shires and Manly Grade. The cricket facilities in this area very much play a poor cousin to other areas. This is very obviously when representatives teams travel to play other teams in Sydney. I strongly urge council to build a club house/ storage area for cricket or a shared clubhouse facility.</li> <li>- I am not sure if enough consideration has been given to the upgrade to allow for use by cricket players during summer. There seems to be consideration given to the upgrade of what is currently there, however would like to see more consideration given to the cricket community. I would like to ensure that consideration has been given to allow for a clubhouse and ensure there is enough storage space for all user groups.</li> <li>- There needs to be adequate facilities for cricket users at the eastern end of Nolan's reserve. A clubhouse and cricket nets would be a proper investment of rates, given the lack of existing facilities. There is too much emphasis for looking after other sports (rugby league) while cricket is ignored.</li> <li>- I would support the creation of a new clubhouse facility on the grounds, with enough storage space for all user groups.</li> </ul> |
|                             | <b>Improve Miller amenities block</b>  | <p><b>Support improving Miller Reserve amenities block (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I see no other improvements for Miller Reserve amenities block which has already flooded 3 times this year with sewage and rain water overflow.</li> <li>- Improve the amenities block at Miller which floods in heavy rain</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Lighting of sporting</b> | Strategy: Provide lighting of sporting | <p><b>Support (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I do like the general upgrade of facilities throughout the</li> </ul>   |

| Opportunity                                     | Actions  | Comments  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>fields</b>                                   | fields which allows safe use of fields, and provides flexibility in use with minimal impact on surrounding land uses             | sporting fields including lighting throughout the District Park.  |
|   | Upgrade lighting in Nolan Reserve to 100 lux to enable football competition.   | <b>Support if drainage addressed (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Upgrading the lux on Nolan's is a waste of time if the drainage is not fixed as the ground becomes unusable in winter for training and playing in sustained rain. If the drainage is sorted and the lux is indeed raised to 100 lux for night time games then the facilities need to be improved with change rooms, canteen, clubroom, medical facilities, secure storage and sheltered viewing areas.</li> </ul>   |
|   | Optimise sports field lighting at Nolan, Miller and David Thomas Reserves to required sport standards and current best practice. | <b>Support sports field lighting generally (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More lighting for night sports</li> </ul> <b>Oppose sports field lighting generally (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Express concern about lighting issues in the park or sports grounds as highlighted in the Plan of Management. 24m high light towers already have a significant visual impact.</li> </ul> <b>Support upgrade of Nolan lighting to 200 lux for night cricket (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Night time cricket at Nolans should also be available with the accessibility of 200 lux lighting.</li> <li>- I believe more focus needs to be given to more cricket infrastructure i.e. adequate lighting facilities. Also note that 20/20 cricket is becoming increasingly popular which should be able to be played at night.</li> </ul> <b>Oppose lighting in Nolan (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trees along Riverview Parade should be planted to increase privacy to residents and reduce light pollution.</li> </ul>   |
|   | <b>Lighting of Passmore Reserve</b>  | <b>Support lighting of Passmore Reserve (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Passmore Reserve should have 100 lux lighting on the entire area.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Multi-purpose sports training facilities</b> | Include new practice facilities for cricket and other sports in the masterplan for Nolan Reserve.                                | <b>Support cricket nets / indoor training facilities (13)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More needs to be done for cricket. I have lived here for 13 years and cricket nets are not in this area even though there is heaps of space.</li> <li>- Cricket is very popular and strong in the area. We need top quality practice facilities as well. I suggest a practice net area with 6 pitches. They would be a great training area for local clubs and schools.</li> <li>- Multiple cricket nets built adjacent to the new club house facility as this is a major cricket location.</li> <li>- Practice cricket nets at the eastern end of Nolan.</li> <li>- Setting up 6-10 cricket nets on the old and decrepit netball courts is the way to go. Nolan Reserve is the home of cricket on the northern beaches and having no nets there is a big shame.</li> <li>- Cricket is a growing sport in our area. As a region we are achieving considerable success in regional competitions in cricket however the Manly area is lacking in training facilities. The District Park upgrade is the perfect opportunity to help out a sport that is well supported and</li> </ul> |



| Opportunity  | Actions  | Comments   |
|--|--|--|
|  |  | <p>enjoyed by many of our young residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More focus needs to be given to more cricket infrastructure i.e. clubhouses, practice facilities, indoor training facilities. In this whole precinct there are not practice facilities.</li> <li>- There needs to be much greater focus on cricket facilities, both for juniors and seniors. There is a very strong and growing player interest and facilities are lacking, particularly for training. More nets are needed and there are no indoor cricket facilities on the northern beaches or anywhere close. Given the area covered by the Plan, there is a great opportunity to make provision for a large indoor cricket facility that could be leased out.</li> <li>- I support the whole initiative however there is not enough in the plan to support the needs of the local cricketing community. Cricket on the northern beaches is growing (more junior teams than previous years) plus there are new 20/20 tournaments, and senior cricket is extremely popular with MWCA park cricket, Warringah Shires and Manly Grade. The cricket facilities in this area very much play a poor cousin to other areas. This is very obvious when representative teams travel to play other teams in Sydney. I applaud the initiative to create practice nets in Nolans.</li> <li>- I am not sure if enough consideration has been given to the upgrade to allow for use by cricket players during summer. There seems to be consideration given to the upgrade of what is currently there, however would like to see more consideration given to the cricket community. Ensure that consideration has been given to cricket nets installed adjacent to the new club house facility.</li> <li>- There needs to be adequate facilities for cricket users at the eastern end of Nolan's reserve. There are no facilities to train with due to a lack of nets meaning we have to use school nets at their whim. These nets are unsafe with a collapsing wire cage; water logging and falls are regular. A clubhouse and cricket nets would be a proper investment of rates, given the lack of existing facilities. There is too much emphasis for looking after other sports (rugby league) while cricket is ignored.</li> <li>- I would support multiple cricket nets adjacent to the new clubhouse facility.</li> <li>- Most residents in North Manly live on steep blocks, where 'backyard cricket' is not possible. Even though Nolan Reserve has several astro-turf cricket pitches, it is not easy to play unless you have a team to field the ball. Cricket nets on Nolan Reserve would allow residents to play cricket with 2-3 people. They could also be used for soccer and baseball training.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Synthetic hockey field</b>                            | <b>Support synthetic hockey field (1)</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Northern Beaches lack a quality hockey facility with many young players leaving the area to play the sport on turf fields. A first class facility would enhance the sport and provide a facility we currently do not have.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Synthetic athletics training/long jump facilities</b> | <b>Support synthetic athletics training/long jump facilities (1)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would be great to add two or three lanes (if possible) tartan strip of approximately 12m on Nolan Reserve allowing for athletics training. Possible long jump? Alternate location for this at Passmore, could be placed alongside the outer edge.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Additional</b>  | <b>Support provision of</b>  | <b>Support additional futsal courts (1)</b>  |

| Opportunity          | Actions  | Comments  |
|----------------------|--|---|
| <b>futsal courts</b> | additional futsal/multi-use synthetic courts at locations which could include Warringah Recreation Centre and the Calabria Club.   | - Include facilities like futsal.   |
| <b>Sports courts</b> | Identify suitable locations for multi-purpose sports courts catering for informal netball, basketball and other court sports at locations which could include Warringah Recreation Centre and Nolan Reserve. | <b>Support half-court basketball court (1)</b><br>- A basketball half court should be located in Nolan Reserve.   |
|                      | Investigate the feasibility of additional squash courts.   | <b>Support increase in number of squash courts (3)</b><br>- A squash centre with only 3 courts limits the range of activities that can be offered including competitions. I would recommend a maximum of 10 courts to help aid with current trends of group training. Modern court design uses prefabricated techniques which deliver consistent quality at economical cost; they can be designed with moveable walls allowing for flexible use of facilities. Given the lack of squash facilities in greater Sydney a proper investigation should be carried out to investigate whether it is feasible to incorporate new courts into the existing design. This should also incorporate a show court which could host tournaments.<br>- There are only 3 courts which have seen better days. The floors are bowed and water runs down the walls during rain, short circuiting the electrics. The only thing holding squash back in Australia, especially Sydney, is the lack of quality facilities. Land prices have led to the closure and sale of many clubs especially those in Dee Why, Fairlight, Mosman, Allambie Heights and Frenchs Forest. You have a facility that, with an upgrade, could tap into the large latent market.<br>- The lack of (squash) courts and the condition of the facility is hurting the growth of the sport in the area. There are many players are engaging to squash, many new players coming into the sport due to the quick energetic exercise it is. With a modern squash court facility having moveable walls it enables doubles play, a group fitness/multisport indoor area at a significant lower cost to the previous bricks and render type facility. With the lack of squash facilities in the area and lower northern beaches a new modern facility will create renewed vibrancy to the gram and create indoor facility for more activities all year round. I would recommend a new facility either incorporating the existing courts and club house or a brand new facility close by. |
|                      |  | <b>Oppose increase in squash courts (1)</b><br>- An increase in squash courts isn't viable due to the unsuccessful nature of the current courts.  |
| <b>Beach</b>         | Investigate possible   | <b>Support beach volleyball courts (3)</b>  |



| Opportunity              | Actions   | Comments   |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| <b>volleyball courts</b> | suitable locations for beach volleyball courts in District Park. Such locations may include adjacent to the proposed sports community club building, Warringah Recreation Centre, or the Calabria Club. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beach volleyball needs more courts.</li> <li>- Include beach volleyball courts to the multipurpose recreation facility. In winter it is incredibly hard to find training time around a full time work load as only 2 courts have lights. With social leagues and tournaments on I imagine it's tricky for groups to find a free court to play on. Additional courts would help with this problem. Manly beach volleyball skill level is high, additional facilities will help attract more players to the area and support us in our development.</li> <li>- Include facilities like beach volleyball.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Bowling greens</b>    | Rationalise space for lawn bowls in District Park within existing lease areas according to demand for bowling and alternative uses.   | <p><b>Oppose reducing the number of bowling greens to one (30)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club (NMBRC) seek the retention of a minimum of 2 bowling greens. The draft Memorandum of Understanding with Manly Leagues Club allows for the retention of two bowling greens, being natural, synthetic or both on the current NMBRC site. NMBRC currently requires a minimum of 2 greens to accommodate the needs of its 140 bowling members. This number is expected to increase with an amalgamation with Manly Leagues and a portion of their 16,000 members taking up the sport of lawn bowls. Currently the men's bowling club participates in interclub pennants from February to May. The ladies bowling club hosts several tournaments each year and regular Saturday social bowls require a minimum of 2 bowling greens. Natural bowling greens need to close for 6 weeks every year to allow for regular maintenance, and by having 2 greens allows for 1 green to be in play whilst the other is out. There is a trend of increasing life expectancy and an aging population, together with increasing awareness of the health benefits of physical activity. This creates the need for the provision of activities and facilities for older people and the sport of lawn bowls can meet this need. Bowls has experienced an increase in people with disabilities participating in the sport. We have members playing bowls that are recovering from stroke, heart attack and cancer that benefit from the physical activity and social interaction that bowls provides.</li> <li>- Warringah Golf Club: while the GBAS model envisages one bowling green, the feedback from bowling club members is that the proposal is unworkable and has the potential to alienate that club's member base. That outcome will compromise the financial performance of the proposed club.</li> <li>- The bowling green would not be able to operate with only one green.</li> <li>- Reducing the bowling club from 3 greens to 1 green would make the bowling club not worth belonging to, players would leave and join another club which would have provision for meaningful competition amongst a viable number of bowling members. Would it be possible to stage construction to allow for at least one green to remain open?</li> <li>- I would like to see the bowling greens at the North Manly Bowling Club retained as they are very well used facility by both bowlers and futsal players.</li> <li>- 2 bowling greens are required for a club, one to be played on and one that requires maintenance. A synthetic green is not an option. Players would leave the</li> </ul> |

| Opportunity | Actions | Comments   |
|-------------|---------|--|
|             |         | <p>club to go to others that have real greens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To limit the bowling club to a single green would also be of no advantage to them for membership or adequate enough for them to provide location competition with other district clubs.</li> <li>- Without more than one bowling green, competitions will be limited and the greens will not have an opportunity to rest. We need to encourage our future generations to continue with this tradition and by limited the greens we are not allowed this sport to be demonstrated at its best.</li> <li>- Because no bowling club can survive with less than 3 greens, 2.5 greens minimum to hold competitions and carnivals to be a viable proposition. The lead officers of Royal NSNBA (men's) and NSWBA (women's) executives have not been appointed.</li> <li>- I am concerned that changes to the bowling club will change the community atmosphere at the club resulting in permanent damage to lawn bowls throughout the northern beaches.</li> <li>- The bowling club cannot function with only one green. We would be unable to continue our representative play (pennants), social and community activities (barefoot/jack attack/ friendship days). Each green needs to be re-furnished annually which takes 6-8 weeks.</li> <li>- I am concerned about the demise of yet another bowling club. North Manly Bowling Club is very active club hosting a number of very popular events such as the green horn competition, open to call local bowling clubs. They have a strong committee and have worked very hard to make a success of their club.</li> <li>- Bowling clubs are not just a sporting venue. The support given by your fellow club members in times of sickness or sadness, and the joy shared when the good times roll is very special. In the last twelve months Dee Why RSL Bowling Club had its doors closed. The players have gone to other clubs but the club itself is sadly missed. I hope, as I am sure everyone in the Manly Warringah District does, that North Manly retains their three greens.</li> <li>- My main interest would be the bowling club which provides an excellent service to the community. The bowling club should have a minimum of 2 bowling greens, 1 green would not be viable and the club would lose numbers and eventually fold.</li> <li>- It should be noted that in relation to the North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club, retention of only 1 green would mean the demise of the bowling club activities. At least two greens are required for operation, remembering there are 2 clubs, men's and women's.</li> <li>- I do not support the long draft plan as the reductions in bowling greens from 4 to 1 as a minimum of 2 greens are required to run a club. As there are actually 2 clubs (men's and women's) which wish to participate on the same days which would not be possible with only 1 green.</li> <li>- The plan of management is taking too much of the bowling club.</li> <li>- By reducing the number of greens this would restrict club growth that will likely increase with a new a central club facility. This would also reduce the competitive advantage that this club has over others.</li> <li>- I don't believe the bowling club can survive with one green.</li> <li>- Should the council remodel the clubs premises and only</li> </ul> |

| Opportunity | Actions | Comments  |
|-------------|---------|---|
|             |         | <p>leave one green it would not be possible for us to participate in mixed bowls as the men's club generally uses all the green for their competitions when they are on. It would mean that many members would leave the club to see the availability of a larger club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Should the council go ahead with their plans to only maintain one green it will mean the end of missed social bowls on Saturday afternoons as there will only be enough rinks for male bowlers to compete their intra and interclub competitions? There will be no room for women's and mixed bowling on those days and many will leave the club if they cannot get a game. It would appear that North Manly Bowling Club will bear the brunt of the physical redevelopment of the area.</li> <li>- Restricting the club to one green would be detrimental to a club trying to compete in Pennant matches for both ladies and men and would make it impossible to stage Carnivals and to cater for the local players. The ladies, in particular, are going to be penalised under the one rink situation. We need to provide a scene where the community and especially the older ladies and men can keep fit and healthy and enjoy a social life as well.</li> <li>- North Manly is a very active club in providing greens for district competitions, where 2 or more greens are required. They also host many carnivals and competitions which the entire district enjoy attending. It would be a great loss; not only to North Manly, but to all of us in the bowling community should this decision take effect. Manly local clubs are being forced to close in recent times and the district finds it increasingly difficult to find venues for competitions. One more loss will be putting the burden on the few remaining 3 club greens.</li> <li>- North Manly Bowling Club will not survive on one artificial green. The existing bowling club should be retained and refurbished as a reception centre with 2 greens.</li> <li>- The bowling club cannot function with only one green. At the very least two greens would be needed although three would be ideal. Bowls is a game that can be enjoyed by all age groups, and for seniors it is also a social occasion as well as a form of exercise. We have over the years Mackellar Girls and other schools participate in lawn bowls as part of their sports programme. Also we have the young barefoot bowlers using our greens regularly for fun and exercise. To encourage shorter games in summer we introduced a Twilight Bowls game once a week and combine a social event by sitting down to dinner together.</li> <li>- Council needs to reconsider the reduction of green space from 4 greens to 1. 3 greens should remain if any loss is required. As our population continues to grow so will the popularity of lawn bowls. If the bowling club were to lose greens it would affect all users of the club but especially social players and the ladies side of the club.</li> <li>- If the bowling club is to be reduced to one green it would be the destruction of the club that brings so much joy and is a healthy outlet for so many, not just registered bowlers including the aged and disabled. I have heard of the financial situation of the club which makes us more vulnerable but I fail to see how we are in such a situation when so many people drink and dine and participate in raffles.</li> <li>- By building a club house on the current site of the</li> </ul> |



| Opportunity                                  | Actions  | Comments   |
|--|--|--|
|  |  | <p>bowling club there would be a reduction in greens. The smaller size and function of the club would be compromised with a larger facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Given the project will also limit the bowling club one green it is anticipated that this will affect membership and thus the financial viability of the club.</li> <li>- The draft plan of management includes works to North Manly Bowling Club which currently runs some live musical events which I feel should continue. North Manly club should continue to have bowling facilities and function space so that the worthwhile community events and entertainment can continue.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Small-bore rifle range</b>                | Manage the small-bore rifle range at its current location, subject to agreement by the small-bore rifle club to rehabilitate the site.                   | <p><b>Oppose small-bore rifle club in current location (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The lease of the Small Bore Rifle Club in Manly Vale should be terminated within the near future and a more appropriate location found. The location of this facility within the riparian zone and right beside the lagoon is totally inappropriate.</li> <li>- The small bore rifle range is not an appropriate use of land adjacent to Manly Creek.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Picnic and barbecue facilities</b>        | Identify suitable locations to provide additional picnic and barbecue facilities in District Park.   | <p><b>Support picnic and barbecue facilities in David Thomas Reserve (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manly Vale FC understands that the current consideration is that any additional barbecue/picnic facilities wouldn't impinge on locations of the locations of the football fields and they would most likely be considered for non-pitch areas directly adjacent to the David Thomas Reserve car park. More detail is required to ensure they don't impinge on current play/spectating and vehicle thoroughfares.</li> <li>- Manly Vale Football Club understands the requirement for barbecue/picnic facilities at David Thomas Reserve as long as they do not interfere with current playing or spectating land or for vehicle access.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Children's playground</b>                 | <b>Children's playground elsewhere in District Park</b>  | <p><b>Support children's playground elsewhere in District Park (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently David Thomas and Millers Reserve are mostly used for sporting club activities during the week after school and on weekends. There is very little available which would entice young families to utilise the park. A children's playground would help utilise the space more than it is currently.</li> <li>- A children's park would be a good idea</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Skate park</b>                            | Modify the skate facility to cater for a range of skill levels.  | <p><b>Support expanded skate park (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently David Thomas and Millers Reserve are mostly used for sporting club activities during the week after school and on weekends. There is very little available which would entice young families to utilise the park. An expanded skate park would help utilise the space more than it is currently.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Indoor/outdoor action sports facility</b> | Engage with the community about developing an indoor/outdoor action sports facility for youth (including a bicycle dirt jump facility) in District Park. | <p><b>Support BMX track in Millers (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A BMX track at Millers next to the skate park was included in previous plans but appears to be taken out of this plan. This would be a good addition to the park as people, especially teenagers, find it difficult to get up to Terrey Hills.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Outdoor</b>                               | Provide outdoor  | <b>Support outdoor fitness equipment (3)</b>   |

| Opportunity              | Actions  | Comments  |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| <b>fitness equipment</b> | <p>fitness equipment in District Park, particularly at locations adjacent to pathways.</p> <p>Investigate a suitable location(s) for parkour in District Park.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I would like to see Manly Creek at the northern of Miller Reserve filled in with culverts and the area used for permanent exercise equipment.</li> <li>- Relating to Nolan Reserve- the proposed physical exercise stations.</li> <li>- There is a lack of free chin-up bars in Manly/ Warringah in general. It would be great to have one located on Nolan Reserve. A basic gym that encourages the community to exercise outdoors for free.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Camping</b>           | <b>Erect signs to discourage camping in Nolan Reserve</b>  | <p><b>Support clear signage to discourage camping in Nolan Reserve (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There needs to be clearer signage at Nolan's to address the issue of overnight/ short term campers in the park. With increased development I would like to see council address this problem.</li> </ul>   |



## Healthy Environment

| Opportunity                               | Actions   | Comments   |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Environmental protection</b>           |   | <b>Support environmental protection in general (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection and enhancement of the environmental zone.</li> <li>- The principle for District Park states "District Park is generally intended to be used for active sport, informal and passive recreation, social and cultural events and preservation of natural areas" however this is not being implemented by the plan. The preservation of natural areas will only be addressed when it is most essential elements are acknowledged, valued and integrated into the parkland management plan.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Fauna habitat / wildlife corridors</b> | Recognise the east-west habitat corridor from Manly Dam along Manly Creek to Manly Lagoon in the next review of the Warringah Local Habitat Strategy. | <b>Support habitat corridors (5)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I support the recognition of the east-west habitat corridor along Manly Creek to Manly Dam.</li> <li>- Council has not given due consideration to expanding wildlife corridors to Manly Dam, they have acknowledged the need for strategies to enhance the wildlife corridor.</li> <li>- I would like to see more consideration given to enhancing the wildlife corridors and protecting the riparian waterways.</li> <li>- Warringah Council has produced an excellent blueprint for the future of Manly Creek. To sacrifice them for an impersonal recreation centre would devalue the great community ambiance and ethos of District Park.</li> <li>- Other areas adjoining District Park could be considered as linkages including District Park. The reason for this is we need to protect each one and every tree for our health and wellbeing generally and also so kids and adults alike have places to play and enjoy. We need to get better at enhancing and reworking the built areas we already do use and learn to live smaller abodes.</li> </ul>  |
|   | <b>Add bushland around the Mermaid Pool to District Park</b>  | <b>Support adding bushland around the Mermaid Pool to District Park (18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whilst the Plan promotes environmental protection in theory I am not sure this will be followed up in reality. The most biodiverse, remnant bushland areas around Mermaid Pool are not protected by incorporation into District Park. The Crown land surrounding Mermaid Pool is not protected inside any reserve and some parcels are even zoned "residential". These parcels should be incorporated into the adjoining District Park to create a fully protected wildlife corridor down to Manly Lagoon. A fantastic environment opportunity is being missed by Warringah Council here to protect high-quality bushland by being included as a wilder, upstream region of District Park.</li> <li>- To include bushland currently adjoining the District Park for a better managed area. Areas currently looked after by Warringah Friends of the Bush, Mermaids Pool has not been mentioned to formalise this area despite Councils past commitment to do so.</li> <li>- More consideration should be given to enhancing the waterways small amount of remaining bushland. I would like the undeveloped Crown land adjacent Mermaid Pool appropriately zoned either RE1 or E2 and be protected in perpetuity by inside the reserve boundaries.</li> </ul> |

| Opportunity | Actions | Comments  |
|-------------|---------|---|
|             |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I am very concerned that the bushland surrounds of Mermaid Pool have not been included. This has been a Friend of the Bush regeneration site for over 12 years and desperately needs council's protection.</li> <li>- Mermaid Pool should be added to the protected parkland as it forms a wildlife corridor to Manly Lagoon and is otherwise unprotected from potential development as it lies outside the perimeter of the Manly Warringah Memorial Park.</li> <li>- Council should incorporate Mermaid Pool at the upper reaches into the Plan of Management as it would offer the continuity of protection and security that Mermaid Pool deserves after decades of commitment in restoring this iconic water feature. Wildlife corridors play an important role in habitat continuity and the sustainability of our precious wildlife species, an important function in minimising species extinction. It is vital to District Park's vision and enduring sustainability that the most stringent environmental and ecological practices are embodied and complied with throughout all plans of management.</li> <li>- Warringah Council needs to acquire the land around the Mermaid Pool and rezone it E2. The greater width of this riparian zone the more effective it will be in restoring the water quality. Bushland should also be preserved and restored which aids the mental health of people around it.</li> <li>- I would like the surrounding bushland of the Mermaid Pool to be saved as a wildlife corridor. We have been working on the Mermaid Pool for 10 years and it seems like it is still not safe.</li> <li>- The Draft Plan overlooked opportunities to enhance wildlife corridors through inclusion of readily available undeveloped Crown Land adjacent to Mermaid Pool. This land is currently not protected inside the reserve and some of these parcels of bushland were perhaps inadvertently zoned "residential" during the process of translating the WLEP2000 into the standard WLEP2011 template.</li> <li>- I would like to see Mermaid Pool and its surrounds be incorporated into the Plan of Management as it would offer the continuity of protection and security Mermaid Pool deserves after the decades of commitment in restoring its iconic naturally occurring water feature.</li> <li>- The Plan of Management must put in place strategies to enhance connectivity through the remaining bushland corridor and protect the waterways as a sanctuary for native fish and waterbirds. The plan has overlooked opportunities to enhance these corridors through inclusion of readily available undeveloped Crown land. It is recommended that as part of the action plan strategies to enhance the wildlife corridor down to Manly Dam, Council incorporate these Crown lands adjacent to and surrounding the Mermaid Pools into the District Park boundaries, thus formally recognising these areas as a wildlife corridor.</li> <li>- All human efforts to preserve the natural areas are nothing in comparison to the beneficial effects delivered by the bushland areas in the higher lying areas of the catchment and in particular of bushland directly to the west of David Thomas Reserve. These bushland areas must be added to District Park now if the objective to</li> </ul> |

| Opportunity | Actions | Comments   |
|-------------|---------|--|
|             |         | <p>preserve the natural areas is to carry any credence. The survival of the wildlife corridor requires the addition of those bushland parcels will provide a treasure box.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The plan doesn't provide sufficient protection to Mermaid Pool. This is a significant local environmental asset with a rich history. The community has worked hard to restore it to its original condition and it deserves the highest protection.</li> <li>- The surrounds of Mermaid Pool have not been looked at the strengthen protection. 'This area of bushland has the highest biodiversity value of all creeks leading into Manly Lagoon. The Dept of Lands has already indicated that they would be happy to transfer this land to Council jurisdiction without charge. This would help secure this unique riparian zone and protect a wonderful feature of District Park.</li> <li>- It seems that Warringah Council's primary focus is on building and construction- and virtually the whole Plan of Management is centred on this "pro-development" aspect. The community entreatments to expand the boundaries of District Park to encompass parcels of crown bushland on the western perimeter seems to have not registered at all. I still think there is a great opportunity to enhance the sporting values of the park whilst doing more to appreciate and conserve the unique natural aspects. I would love to "stranded" parcels of crown land bordering the park to be properly zoned for conservation purposes and encompassed into the Park. This would then create a wonderful opportunity to formalise a wildlife corridor from Manly Warringah War Memorial Park to Manly Lagoon. There are only oblique references to this in the Draft District Park Plan of Management. Councils "vision" seems to be use the park as an "integrated precinct" whilst not paying due regard to the wildlife corridor vision.</li> <li>- The Mermaid Pool should be included in the adjoining District Park as an essential part of a wildlife corridor down to Manly Lagoon. Many people from the local community have worked hard over many years to restore the pool and Manly Creek down to Condamine Street, removing weeds from both the water and land. This has resulted in a much more enjoyable and accessible walking route from Manly Dam right down to Queenscliff Lagoon and beach. But what is just as important is a continuous corridor for wildlife, and this will be possible if the Mermaid Pool is included in the District Park.</li> <li>- I notice that Mermaid pool has been included in the District Park which is good but the surrounding bushland has not. How is the council going aid volunteers in regenerating/ protecting this significant place?</li> <li>- Mermaid Pool and its surrounds need to be protected. Some of this land is zoned residential which is outrageous. This area must be extended for protection into the district park where a wildlife corridor is desperately needed. This is the perfect area to have connectivity for wildlife. The Mermaid pool is very important to most local residents and the work and eco maintenance put into this wonderful site is commendable. To think that crown land isn't preserved for the betterment of the community and merely sold off to developers is unacceptable.</li> </ul> |



| Opportunity           | Actions  | Comments   |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| <b>Riparian zones</b> | Maintain and enhance riparian corridors through establishing appropriate riparian buffers, bush regeneration, weed control and improved operational activities such as turf maintenance regimes. | <b>Support maintenance and enhancement of riparian corridors (4)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most of the land at District Park is categorised as sports ground. The opportunity for tree planting and walking trails is then restricted to riparian corridors. The planting of trees would enhance the recreational amenity of the park for pedestrians and sports spectators.</li> <li>- An increase in connectivity from the riparian zone around the Mermaid Pool to the Manly Dam is needed as Manly Lagoon is one of the most polluted lagoons in the Sydney catchment area.</li> <li>- The planting within the riparian zone must be done with endemic species. The sentence needs correction as Australian species are all but not endemic. To further state to "whatever is suitable" is allowing for directed and planned destruction.</li> <li>- Bushcare workers are doing good work in extending and maintaining the riparian zone. It is too narrow and needs to be extended were possible for the benefits to be more effective.</li> </ul>   |
|                       | Undertake identified creek and riparian restoration works in accordance with current best practice and relevant regional and local strategies and priorities.                                    | <b>Support creek restoration in general (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I like the potential improvement to restoration of the creeks.</li> </ul>   |
|                       | Investigate the feasibility of restoring the piped section of Manly Creek on Warringah Golf Course to an open creek with riparian vegetation and satisfactory fish passage.                      | <b>Support restoring the piped section of Manly Creek (3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warringah Golf Club: we support the restoration of the piped sections of the course to the original open creek format, however such matters are beyond the capital available to the lessee and would need to be embraced by Council.</li> <li>- I support restoring piped sections of Manly Creek to natural waterways. The consideration of replacing concrete culverts and channels with natural waterways should be acted on.</li> <li>- Manly Creek across the course in the southern section. There is little or no native vegetation along much of the creek and in some places there are bare earth banks. The removal of the piped section is a positive action. Effective planting along the length of the creek that comply with EPA recommendations for riparian zones in golf courses are essential to improve the environment and water quality entering the catchment and Manly Lagoon. A long term plan needs to be produced so that vegetation and rehabilitation works can be co-ordinated.</li> </ul> |
|                       | In consultation with the lessee, investigate removal or modification of the dam on Manly Creek downstream of Condamine Street.   | <b>Oppose removal of dam on Manly Creek (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Removing the dam on Manly Creek downstream from Condamine Street will mean that stormwater harvesting will not be possible. Surely it is equally important to slow down the flow of water as well as make best use of the storm water by storing it and using it in droughts, as well as to remove water-borne pollution?</li> </ul>  |



| Opportunity              | Actions  | Comments   |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Water quality</b>     |  | <b>Support better water quality in creeks (3)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council should be more involved in the capital requirements of upgrades. It should take a lead in cleaning up the waterways.</li> <li>- The creek between Nolan Reserve and Passmore Reserve has been an eyesore for years. Whatever needs to be done to coordinate management of the creek between different bodies is essential. It is a disgrace that no one has ever successfully coordinated and improved the creek. The water is so stagnant; it has not moved for years, yet every entity involved points the finger at another entity and achieves nothing. It is time to pull it together Warringah Council.</li> <li>- Manly Lagoon needs to be further rehabilitated.</li> </ul> |
|                          | Investigate the feasibility of installing additional SQIDs in key locations in the Manly and Brookvale Creeks catchment.   | <b>Support more effective pollution trap in Nolan Reserve (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A more effective pollution trap should be installed along Nolan's Reserve.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Contamination</b>     | Manage contamination issues appropriately as they arise.   | <b>Recognise potential contamination risk in Nolan Reserve (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is potential contamination risk in Nolan Reserve due to the landfill being used to raise the level of the North Manly Bowling Club which was sourced from coke waste from Manly Gas Works.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Bush regeneration</b> | Continue strategic bush regeneration activities in District Park.  | <b>Support bush regeneration in Nolan Reserve (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nolan Reserve needs bush regeneration added.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Energy and water</b>  | Include requirements in lease agreements for lessees to prepare environmental management plans which address the use and management of water and energy as required. | <b>Support requirement of lessees for environmental management (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The leases of Warringah Golf Club and Calabria Club Manly Vale should ensure good housekeeping and environmental factors should be specifically included in their lease agreements.</li> </ul>   |
|                          | <b>Watering of golf course</b>   | <b>Support sustainable watering of golf course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warringah Golf Club: in our submission to the Discussion Paper we encouraged Council to incorporate a visionary water management strategy that had regard to climate change vulnerabilities and the possible effect on the part of District Park that encompasses Nolans, Passmore and the golf course. In response the Draft Plan of Management canvases removal of the sole water source available to the golf course to irrigate and maintain its 18 holes without consideration of a solution to the parks future water needs. We suggested that Council give consideration</li> </ul>   |

| Opportunity     | Actions  | Comments   |
|-----------------|--|--|
|                 |  | <p>to utilising the inlet of water that borders Passmore, the Augusta unit complex and the golf course 14<sup>th</sup> fairway for use by all bordering facilities. We suggest that such an approach would remedy the stagnation that currently occurs at the inlet. It would provide a significant water source for the entire precinct and would improve the District Park amenity without any detriment to the environment. The dam referred to is the sole water source available to the golf course to maintain its 18 holes. The loss of one green due to lack of water is a cost factor in excess of \$50,000. Nowhere in the Draft Plan of Management is consideration given to providing a sustainable water source for the whole of District Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council needs to give better consideration of the water requirements of the golf course. The club is concerned that changes to water ways will affect the ability of the club to irrigate and maintain an 18 hole course. Council should consider utilising the inlet of water that borders Passmore, the Augusta unit complex and the 14<sup>th</sup> fairway of the course. This option would provide a significant water source of the entire precinct and would improve the amenity of District Park without any detriment to the environment.</li> <li>- The council should look at harvesting storm water from the creeks running through the course as have other courses at Long Reef, Northbridge, North Ryde and Roseville.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Bushfire</b> | Continue to co-ordinate bushfire risk management activities in accordance with the Warringah Pittwater Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2010. | <p><b>Support maintenance of understorey in David Thomas Reserve to reduce fire risk (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I would also like to see the under shrub of David Thomas park being regularly maintained kept to ensure fire safety and general safety of park users and ensure balls can be retrieved safely.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Flooding</b> | Implement actions identified in the revision of the Manly Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Plan.  | <p><b>Support addressing flooding and drainage (6)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continue to experience flooding. Desperately need the last remaining open space to assist with the drainage of flood waters.</li> <li>- Flooding is also an issue in the park. Maybe there should be some gradual improvements for protection of works.</li> <li>- Water management needs to be a big focus as the grounds are affected by a little bit of rain.</li> <li>- No increase in the risk of flooding e.g. no synthetic or cement surfaces for sports fields etc – the grass surface capture rain and potential Manly Dam water release excess.</li> <li>- No further hard surfaces.</li> <li>- We are also concerned about development affecting flooding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support addressing drainage in Nolan Reserve (5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are there any investigations into solving the drainage problem at Nolan Reserve?</li> <li>- If the surface at Nolan's reserve is increased it would overcome some of the water issues after heavy rain.</li> <li>- More improvements to the drainage on Nolans Reserve and its surrounds should be carried out.</li> </ul>  |

| Opportunity | Actions | Comments  |
|-------------|---------|---|
|             |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any improvement in the drainage at Nolan's Reserve should be looked at.</li> <li>- Council should also address the poor quality drainage servicing Nolan's, there needs to be a long term plan to improve the irrigation.</li> </ul> |
|             |         | <p><b>Support addressing drainage in Miller Reserve (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improve drainage from Miller car park.</li> </ul>  |
|             |         | <p><b>Support addressing drainage in Passmore Reserve (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any improvement in the drainage at Passmore Reserve should be looked at.</li> </ul>  |

## Connected transport

| Opportunity                  | Actions  | Comments   |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Traffic and parking</b>   |  | <b>Support further consideration of traffic and parking issues (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I feel that your draft plan did not properly represent the issues with traffic resulting from activities at the various sports fields and the resulting parking chaos. Thus I do not believe the council's plan properly deals with what will continue to be traffic/ parking issues. I would like to see a more detailed and concerted effort by council to deal with the traffic/parking issues that constantly disrupt the flow of local traffic through these sporting fields. It would be ideal if traffic/parking could be situated to make use of the club after sporting activities easy and hassle free.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Vehicle access</b>        | <b>Vehicle access points</b>   | <b>Support more vehicle access points (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The park also needs more access points given the traffic and speed of cars along Pittwater Road. Traffic lights are needed opposite Wakefield Street, or the speed limit on Pittwater Road needs to be reduced.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Vehicle parking areas</b> | Investigate opportunities to upgrade and reconfigure vehicle parking throughout District Park where demand warrants. | <b>Support upgrade of vehicle parking (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I do like the general upgrade of facilities throughout the sporting fields including marked parking throughout the District Park.</li> <li>The extensive parking problems at Miller and David Thomas Reserves have not been addressed properly in the plan. On a Saturday morning there is mayhem and there were even 2 physical altercations at those parking areas twice that I witnessed last year. Instead there is an idea to add more congestion with a dirt bike track.</li> </ul>   |
|                              | Provide adequate car parking spaces to cater for users of the new sports community club building.                    | <b>Support more parking at the new sports community club building (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An improved facility will lead to more traffic and increased pressure on the current car parks. The best solution is to extend the car park from the western end of Nolan Reserve down the bridge towards Passmore Reserve as it is closer to the proposed buildings to be redeveloped or built and has no housing at the western end of Nolan Reserve. This should be made of porous materials to aid with drainage.</li> </ul>  |
|                              |  | <b>Oppose more parking at the new sports community club building (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There needs to be an increase in site parking or the proposed sports community club building grounds eating into the oval space? This is not needed when the long parking length currently available can be upgraded and marked better.</li> </ul>   |
|                              | <b>Safety of parking along Kentwell Road</b>   | <b>Support increasing safety of people parking on Kentwell Road (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club parking along Kentwell Road is dangerous due to the increase of golfers crossing the road especially at peak hour.</li> <li>I have concerns regarding parking especially along Kentwell Road which is dangerous given the limited room between cars and traffic for golfers to unload their gear.</li> </ul>   |
|                              | <b>Parking for people with disabilities</b>  | <b>Support parking for people with disabilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There needs to be more consideration for the aging population including parking spaces for the disabled.</li> </ul>   |



| Opportunity  | Actions  | Comments   |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Improvements to walking/ cycling paths</b>          | Implement improvements to walking/ cycling paths in District Park identified in the Warringah Bike Plan. | <b>Support improvements to walking/ cycling paths (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A walking/cycling path would be good in the plans</li> </ul> <b>Oppose shared walking/ cycling paths (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I urge Council to consider separate pathways for bike users and walkers. It is very unfair for elderly or less mobile people to have to dodge bicycle riders as they walk around Passmore Reserve.</li> </ul>   |
|  | Investigate lighting upgrades along walking/cycling paths.   | <b>Support lighting of pathways (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The addition of pedestrian lighting on the pathway in Nolan's is ideal as at present it is very dark.</li> <li>- I like the potential improvement to pathways, lighting.</li> </ul>   |
|  | Investigate walking/cycling/ golf buggy access over waterways.   | <b>Support improvement of bridges over creek in golf course (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Plan of Management mentions the poor quality of the bridge over Manly Creek at the 6<sup>th</sup> hole but makes no mention of the bridge, also poor quality, at the 9<sup>th</sup> hole.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>New walking and cycling tracks in District Park</b> | Implement new walking/ cycling tracks in District Park identified in the Warringah Bike Plan.            | <b>Support new walking/cycling tracks (4)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cycle lanes and bike parking joining up all the parks with a network of bike paths including a safe crossing/ tunnel under Condamine Street is great. Most users are locally based but hardly any cycle to the parks. This is due to a lack of useful, safe, bike inclusive paths and the lack of bike parking facilities.</li> <li>- There are good aspects of the plan including the bike trails.</li> <li>- Car parking is hard to find on weekends and many users wouldn't need to drive if they could ride bikes.</li> <li>- Shared vehicle/bike areas need to be clearly signposted.</li> </ul>   |
|  | Investigate new perimeter shared walking/cycling tracks in Nolan, Miller and David Thomas Reserves.      | <b>Oppose proposed shared tracks (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are already plenty of walking and bike paths in the area and as such I don't think there needs to be more placed in the park.</li> <li>- The proposed bike track would decimate the existing riparian zone. This track is unnecessary and a waste of funds as the existing roadway is currently working as a shared path. This has worked for the past 20 years without incident.</li> </ul> <b>Support proposed shared tracks in Nolan Reserve (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relating to Nolan Reserve- support the proposed perimeter track for walking/cycling</li> <li>- Extend the Nolans Reserve bike path so that it loops around the Pittwater Road side also (creating a looped pathway with the other side). This would also be a good place to run when the fields are too wet.</li> </ul> <b>Oppose proposed shared tracks in Nolan Reserve (1)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A share path around Nolan is not necessary as there is already one around Passmore Reserve.</li> </ul> <b>Support proposed shared tracks in Millers Reserve (2)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently Millers Reserve is mostly used for sporting club activities during the week after school and on weekends. There is very little available which would entice young families to utilise the park. A bike track would help utilise the space more than it is currently.</li> <li>- I would like to see Manly Creek at the northern of Miller Reserve filled in with culverts which would give more space for the track around the reserve.</li> </ul> <b>Oppose proposed shared tracks in Miller Reserve (3)</b> |

| Opportunity | Actions | Comments   |
|-------------|---------|--|
|             |         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As an extensive user of Miller Reserve for soccer and cricket, I am not pleased with the fact that a path will be placed around the park. There are plenty of walking tracks nearby including Passmore Reserve which is not 500 metres away! I cannot see how this pathway will fit in at the northern end given the current field and cricket pitch set up. I would expect that there would be no change to the dimensions of the fields at Miller Reserve. Please consider that ratepayers pay just once for use of the facilities but sports users are paying 2 or 3 times to use the field! That is, through soccer and cricket fees a portion of which are allocated to field/ground hire. What fees will the path users be paying?</li> <li>- Very concerned that the proposed around Millers will take away space from football fields and will be dangerous for both players and path users.</li> <li>- I would like to see improved fencing along Condamine Street and Miller Reserve, the present fencing is inadequate to isolate park users with one of Warringah's busiest roads. The traffic noise from the road is at most times very high and maybe a walkway along here best located elsewhere.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support proposed shared tracks in David Thomas Reserve (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Currently David Thomas Reserve is mostly used for sporting club activities during the week after school and on weekends. There is very little available which would entice young families to utilise the park. A bike track would help utilise the space more than it is currently.</li> </ul> <p><b>Oppose proposed shared tracks in David Thomas Reserve (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manly Vale FC does not believe that given the very tight configuration of David Thomas Reserve football pitches so close to the reserves edges that a bike track is practical. In places there the reserve perimeter is closer to 1m let alone providing for a 3m wide track.</li> <li>- Given the tight configurations of the fields the club does not support the construction of a share path around the outside of David Thomas Reserve.</li> </ul> <p><b>Oppose proposed shared tracks in golf course (south) (9)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Warringah Golf Club: we support the concept of providing integrated bike track facilities as a general community concept, however the proposed relocation of the fence on the south side of Kentwell Road and the eastern side of Condamine Street have significant practical, cost and safety issues.</li> <li>- The proposal of the share pathway near the existing golf course fairways is dangerous as golf balls often fly into this area.</li> <li>- An integrated bike track adjacent to the course is considered to have safety issues unless it is relocated to the eastern side of Condamine Street.</li> <li>- Also the concept of having a path around the golf course seems to be dangerous to those on it from golf balls.</li> <li>- The proposed shared path on the southern side of Kentwell Road alongside the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway down to Manly Creek with its width, fencing aligning through existing trees, will impede and restrict existing width of fairway. Fencing would be necessary to stop people walking/shortcutting across/ through the course.</li> <li>- I don't think a bike and walking track behind our 10<sup>th</sup> green is a very good idea,</li> </ul> |

| Opportunity                                       | Actions  | Comments   |
|---|--|--|
|   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are a number of share paths shown in the preliminary Landscape Concept Plan, however some of these are located adjacent to the perimeter of the golf course and as such additional fencing would be required to control access of pedestrians through the course. The existing path ways around the course could be updated to become share paths limiting the need to build new paths and associated fencing.</li> <li>- I am also not sure of the share path along the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway; it could create dangerous situations for those walking adjacent to the fairway and if the trees are removed golf balls could fly out onto the road.</li> <li>- While expanding the pedestrian and cycle paths along the southern boundary of the course is admirable, it is also dangerous. The course is almost fully enclosed by a chain wire fence for a reason, golf courses are dangerous places.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support proposed shared tracks in golf course (north) (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pathway on the eastern side of Brookvale Creek alongside Pittwater Road to be included in the plan. Need to improve it, make it more inviting for pedestrians/walkers. Provide signage, make it exit with gates at intersection of Warringah Mall on the southern side with crossing to a traffic island.</li> </ul> <p><b>Support proposed shared tracks between golf course and proposed clubhouse (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A walking/cycling track between the golf course and proposed club house would be ideal.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Pedestrian crossing of internal roads</b>      | Investigate the feasibility of relocating the fence and providing a pedestrian access path along the southern side of Kentwell Road. | <p><b>Oppose pedestrian paths on both sides of Kentwell Road (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I am not sure that there needs to be walking paths on both the north and south side of Kentwell Road, which would limit much needed parking.</li> </ul>  |
|   | Consider shared path link under Condamine Street between Miller Reserve and Warringah Golf Course.                                   | <p><b>Oppose shared path link under Condamine Street (4)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The shared path link under the road should be removed due to safety and anti-social behaviour concerns. Upgrade the pedestrian link along Manly Lagoon (existing) and continue it to cross Condamine Street at Kentwell Road.</li> <li>- The underpass under Condamine Street will lead to nowhere at enormous expense. Two sets of lights are nearby.</li> <li>- The suggested path link under Condamine Street seems to be an expensive piece of infrastructure leading to a hazardous location, a pathway along a golf course. My car has been hit twice by golf balls coming from this location on the golf course and an injury to a person would be severe.</li> <li>- An underpass from Millers Reserve to the golf course would be at risk of flooding and anti-social behaviour.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Walking / cycling links to adjoining areas</b> | Investigate the feasibility of linking David Thomas Reserve with Manly Dam via the Mermaid Pool.                                     | <p><b>Support linking David Thomas Reserve with Manly Dam via the Mermaid Pool (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider a bike path to Manly Dam. Many families in Freshwater and North Manly are complaining about the lack of bike paths. Connecting Freshwater with Manly Dam via the park would be a great idea.</li> <li>- Would it be possible to make the pedestrian path to the</li> </ul>  |



| Opportunity   | Actions | Comments   |
|---|---------|--|
|   |         | Mermaid Pool from David Thomas Reserve a cycle path?   |
| Investigate opportunities to link David Thomas Reserve to Bates Avenue in Allambie Heights via the Bates Avenue steps.    |         | <p><b>Support linking David Thomas Reserve to Bates Avenue (100 signature petition + 2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 100 signature petition received supporting the pedestrian steps at Bates Avenue, Allambie and the linking of them to David Thomas Reserve via a foot bridge.</li> <li>- I would like to ensure that the steps at the end of Bates Avenue at Allambie are retained and that the proposed bridge over Manly Creek giving access to David Thomas Reserve is constructed.</li> <li>- The bridge access across Manly Creek to David Thomas Reserve via Bates Avenue Steps would be of great benefit to the community. The community worked hard for and supported the building of the steps originally for all community safe access to the reserves. It would be of great disappointment if Council were to reverse its decision after many months of weekends as bush regenerators to ensure our children could continue to enjoy the natural environment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Oppose linking David Thomas Reserve to Bates Avenue (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I do not support the re-opening of the Bates Avenue pedestrian access to David Thomas Reserve. The access way has resulted in a loss of privacy and increase in vandalism and theft to the residents of Bates Avenue. Council's response has to been to plant trees which have turned into a fire hazard at our detriment. Council has advised us that due to the extreme fire risk we need to trim the trees that they planted.</li> </ul> |
| Implement other walking / cycling tracks between District Park and adjoining areas identified in the Warringah Bike Plan. |         | <p><b>Support walking/cycling tracks to Manly Dam and Manly (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We would like you to consider providing a safe path to the centre of Manly that connects into the network to Manly Dam.</li> <li>- I could not see significant attempts to link Manly Vale/ Allambie via District Park to Manly by a long-distance walking/cycleway track and a pedestrian/ cycleway over Condamine Street and Pittwater Road.</li> </ul>   |

### Other issues

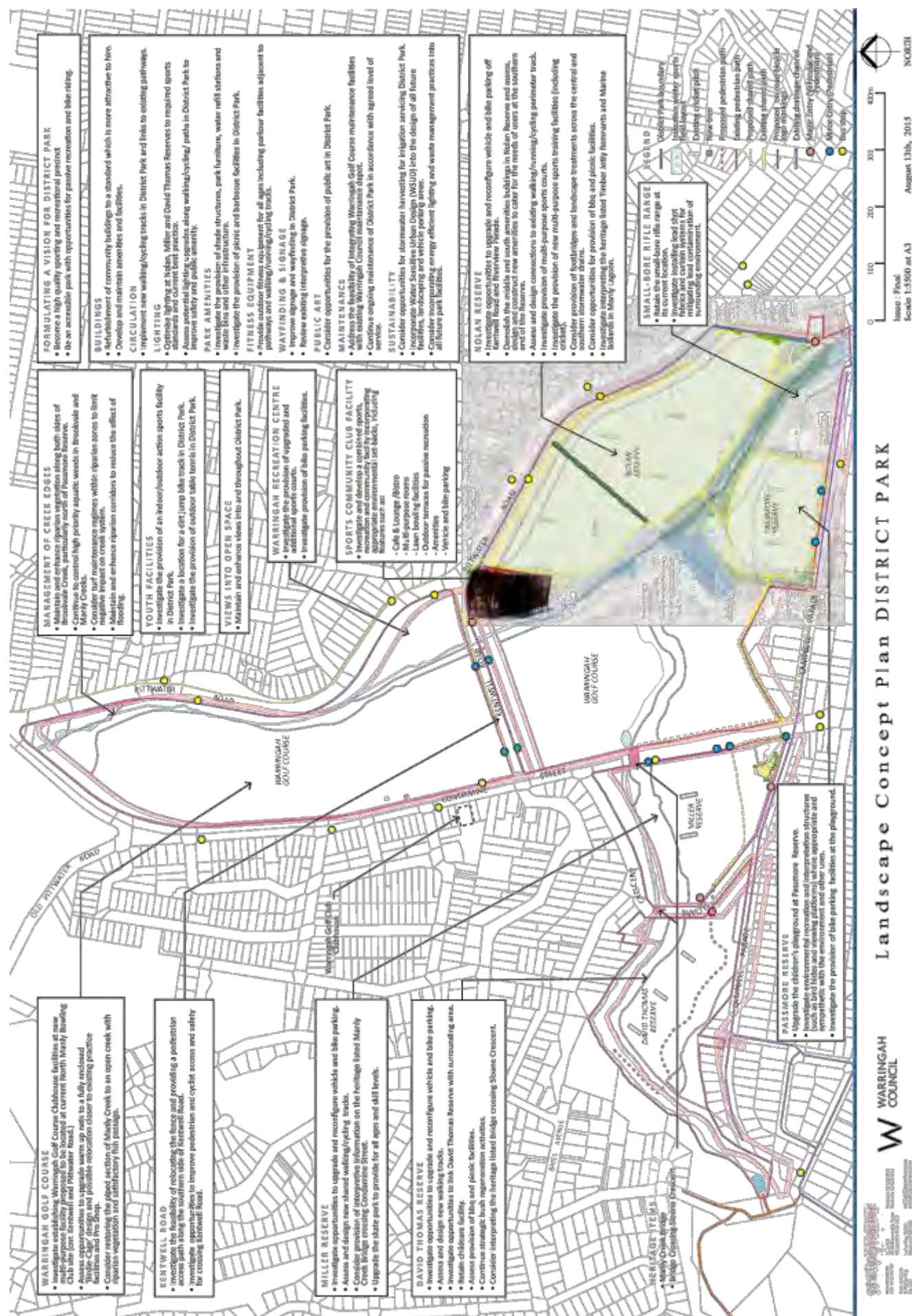
Nowhere in this plan did I see any mention of smoking. Council already has a no smoking policy in place in regards to their sporting facilities but not once have I ever seen a ranger out enforcing them (2 people)

Land bounded by Kentwell Road, Smith Avenue, Old Pittwater Road and Condamine Street should be rezoned to cater for medium density development.

I note that "Millers Reserve" is incorrectly referred to as Miller Reserve throughout the District Park Draft Plan of Management. Could this please be rectified in the Final Plan of Management?



This page is left blank intentionally







## *District Park* PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Final Draft – August 2015

  
WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU

  
WARRINGAH  
COUNCIL

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| <b>1 INTRODUCTION .....</b>   | <b>1</b>  |
| 1.1 What is a Plan of Management? .....                               | 1         |
| 1.2 About District Park .....   | 1         |
| 1.3 Background to preparation of this Plan of Management.....         | 4         |
| 1.4 Changes to District Park since 2002 .....                         | 4         |
| 1.5 Objectives of this Plan of Management.....                        | 5         |
| 1.6 Process of preparing this Plan of Management.....                 | 6         |
| 1.7 Contents of this Plan of Management .....                         | 6         |
| <b>2 DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT PARK.....</b>                            | <b>7</b>  |
| 2.1 History of District Park .....                                    | 7         |
| 2.2 District Park today .....   | 8         |
| <b>3 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT.....</b>                                    | <b>13</b> |
| 3.1 Introduction.....   | 13        |
| 3.2 Trends in open space provision, planning, use and management..... | 13        |
| 3.3 Planning context .....  | 13        |
| 3.4 Values and roles of District Park .....                           | 15        |
| 3.5 Vision for District Park .....                                    | 16        |
| <b>4 ACTION PLAN.....</b>   | <b>17</b> |
| 4.1 Landscape Concept Plan.....                                       | 17        |
| 4.2 Action Plan .....   | 18        |
| <b>5 IMPLEMENTATION.....</b>  | <b>35</b> |
| 5.1 Governance .....  | 35        |
| 5.2 Future uses and developments.....                                 | 35        |
| 5.3 Use agreements .....  | 38        |
| 5.4 Monitoring.....   | 43        |
| 5.5 Reporting .....   | 44        |
| 5.6 Review.....   | 44        |
| <b>6 REFERENCES .....</b>   | <b>45</b> |

## Figures

|  |    |
|--|----|
| FIGURE 1 LOCATION OF DISTRICT PARK.....                  | 2  |
| FIGURE 2 DISTRICT PARK .....                             | 3  |
| FIGURE 3 MAP OF MANLY-WARRINGAH DISTRICT PARK 1936 ..... | 7  |
| FIGURE 4 OWNERSHIP OF LAND IN DISTRICT PARK.....         | 9  |
| FIGURE 5 PLANNING CONTEXT OF DISTRICT PARK .....         | 14 |
| FIGURE 6 LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN FOR DISTRICT PARK.....   | 19 |
| FIGURE 7 LEASED/LICENSED AREAS IN DISTRICT PARK .....    | 39 |
| FIGURE 8 CATEGORISATION OF DISTRICT PARK.....            | 59 |



## Tables

|  |    |
|--|----|
| TABLE 1 IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT PARK 2002-2015.....                     | 4  |
| TABLE 2 STRUCTURE OF THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT .....                       | 6  |
| TABLE 3 VALUES AND ROLES OF DISTRICT PARK .....                          | 15 |
| TABLE 4 EXISTING USE AGREEMENTS .....                                    | 40 |
| TABLE 5 AUTHORISED LEASES, LICENCES AND OTHER ESTATES .....              | 41 |
| TABLE 6 AUTHORISED USES FOR SHORT TERM CASUAL HIRE OF DISTRICT PARK..... | 43 |

## Appendices

|  |    |
|--|----|
| A LAND INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT .....     | 47 |
| B PROCESS OF PREPARING THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT ..... | 50 |
| C HISTORY OF DISTRICT PARK .....                     | 52 |
| D CONDITION OF BUILDINGS IN DISTRICT PARK.....       | 54 |
| E TRENDS IN SPORT AND RECREATION .....               | 56 |
| F PLANNING CONTEXT .....                             | 58 |
| G USE AGREEMENTS .....                               | 66 |

# 1 INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 What is a Plan of Management?

A Plan of Management provides the framework for managing public land. It sets out how public land is intended to be used, managed, maintained and improved.

A Plan of Management for a public open space is usually accompanied by a landscape plan which shows proposed spatial changes.

## 1.2 About District Park

District Park is one of Warringah's most significant open spaces. It is of regional significance because of its size, environmental values of natural bushland and creeks, and the diversity of sporting and other recreational opportunities it offers to the community.

District Park comprises approximately 62 hectares of public open space in Manly Vale and North Manly. The land parcels included in District Park are listed in Appendix A.

The majority of District Park is community land owned by Warringah Council, with the watercourses being Crown land.

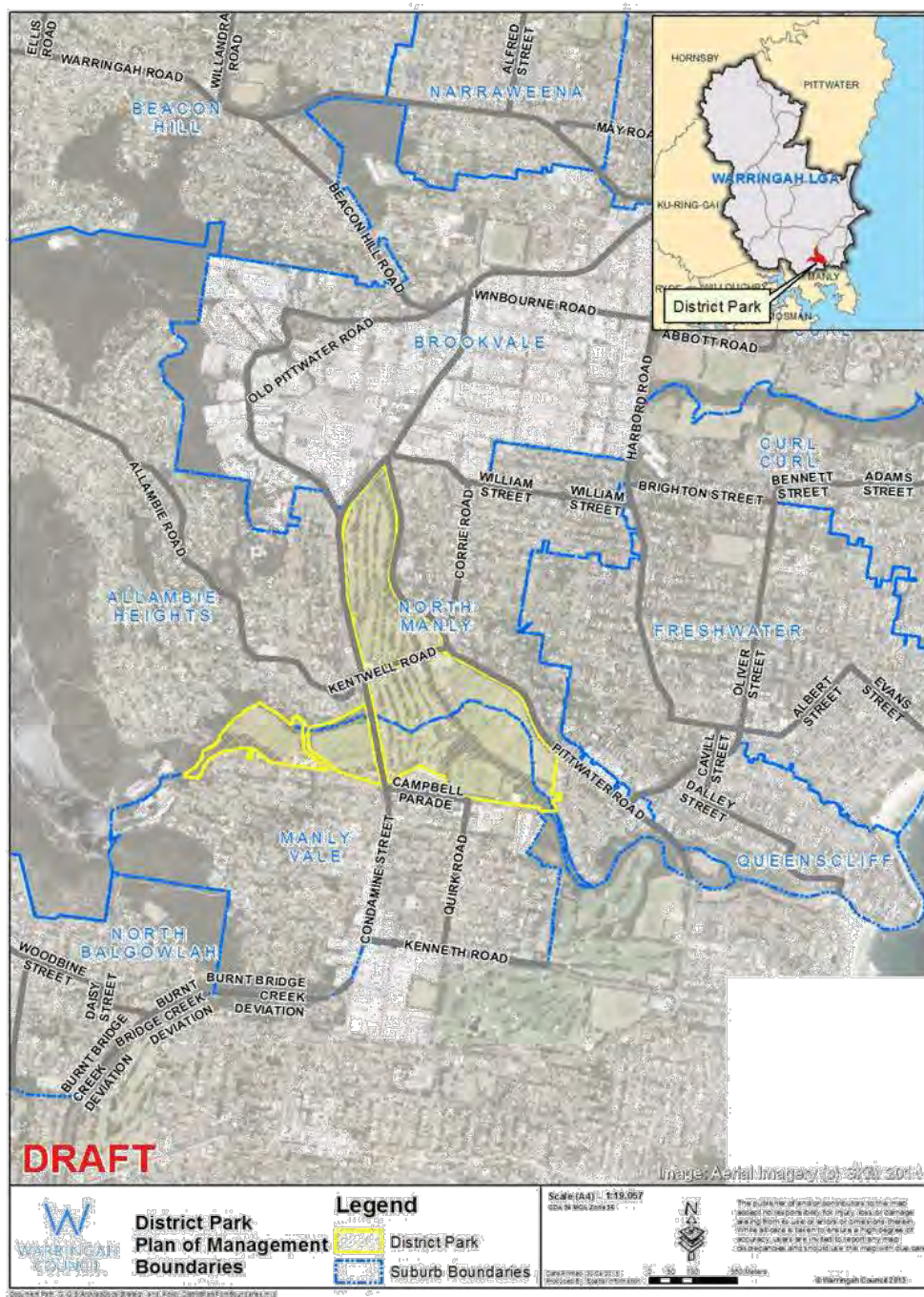
District Park includes extensive areas of open space which are divided by heavily trafficked roads including Condamine Street and Pitwater Road. Key features of District Park include:

- ☐ Four sportsgrounds (David Thomas Reserve, Miller Reserve, Passmore Reserve and Nolan Reserve) with support facilities such as club buildings amenities buildings, flood lighting and car parks.
- ☐ Warringah Golf Course (18 holes)
- ☐ Warringah Recreation Centre (tennis, squash, futsal courts)
- ☐ Manly Small Bore Rifle Club rifle range
- ☐ Christian Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club building
- ☐ North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club and bowling greens
- ☐ Manly Vale Calabria Bowling Sports and Social Club, futsal courts and bowling greens
- ☐ Childcare centre (120 places)
- ☐ Playground and picnic/barbecue facilities
- ☐ Skate park
- ☐ Manly Creek and Brookvale Creek
- ☐ Remnants of natural bushland.

The Park is well used by the Warringah community and visitors for a variety of sporting, recreational and social activities.

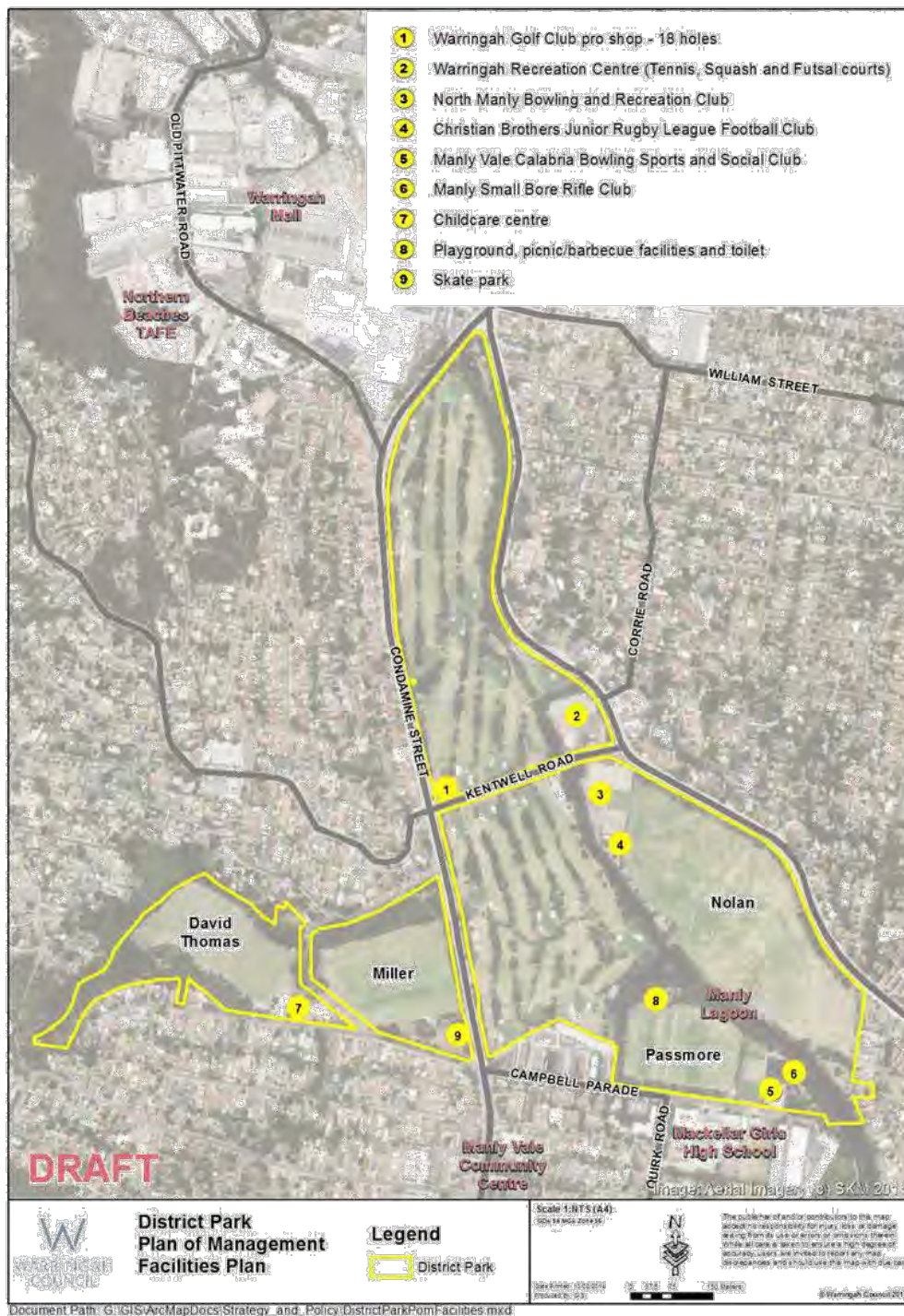
More detail about District Park is in Section 2.

**Figure 1      Location of District Park**





**Figure 2      District Park**





### 1.3 Background to preparation of this Plan of Management

Plans of Management for District Park were adopted by Warringah Council in November 1995 and April 2002. As the current Plan of Management was more than 10 years old, and as several leases of land and facilities in the Park had or were about to expire, Warringah Council took the opportunity to review and update the 2002 District Park Plan of Management. Council resolved, in part, on 11 December 2012 to:

*Give priority to commencing the review of the District Park Plan of Management (as listed in the 2012 Strategic Community Plan), and ensure it is brought back to Council for adoption no later than December 2015.*

This is the third Plan of Management which has been prepared for District Park.

A Plan of Management is required to be prepared for land classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. As District Park also includes Crown land, this Plan also satisfies the requirements of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

### 1.4 Changes to District Park since 2002

Numerous capital and operational improvements have been made to District Park since 2002.

Table 1 Improvements to District Park 2002-2015

| Outcome <sup>1</sup>            | Location   | Improvement  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Vibrant Community</b>        | David Thomas Reserve                               | - New childcare centre established on the site of the former Mackellar Womens Bowling Club   |
| <b>Lifestyle and Recreation</b> | David Thomas Reserve                               | - New amenities building<br>- New sportsfield lighting<br>- New irrigation   |
|                                 | Miller Reserve                                     | - Skate park facility<br>- Graffiti wall<br>- New sportsfield lighting<br>- New accessible amenities   |
|                                 | Nolan Reserve                                      | - New sports field lighting  |
|                                 | Passmore Reserve                                   | - New playground public toilets<br>- Renewed sportsfield public amenities<br>- Graffiti wall   |
|                                 | Small-bore rifle range                             | - Continuation of lease to Manly Small-Bore Rifle Club   |
|                                 | Warringah Golf Course                              | - Continuation of lease to Warringah Golf Club   |
|                                 | Warringah Recreation Centre                        | - Warringah Council assumed management in 2012<br>- Replacement of some tennis courts with futsal courts<br>- Various improvements to buildings and structures |
|                                 | Manly Vale Calabria Bowling Sports and Social Club | - Improvements to clubhouse<br>- Replacement of some bowling greens with futsal courts   |

| Outcome <sup>1</sup>       | Location             | Improvement  |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| <b>Healthy Environment</b> | Whole park           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rationalisation of application of fertiliser, herbicide and pesticide use</li> <li>- Event organisers required to submit a waste management plan with event application as required</li> </ul>  |
|                            | Creeks               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rehabilitation works for Brookvale Creek</li> <li>- Implemented actions of Manly Lagoon Estuary Management Plan 1998</li> <li>- Sediment/gross pollutant racks monitored and maintained every three months and following heavy rain events</li> <li>- Reduction in weeds along creeks</li> </ul>  |
|                            | Remnant bushland     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection of biodiversity and improvements in bushland condition through on-going bush regeneration works</li> <li>- Promotion of community weed disposal practices /dumping of garden refuse</li> <li>- Community involvement in bush regeneration</li> <li>- Management of bush fire hazards in accordance with the Warringah Pittwater Bush Fire Risk Management Plan 2010</li> </ul> |
| <b>Connected Transport</b> | David Thomas Reserve | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New parking spaces for people with disabilities</li> </ul>  |
|                            | Nolan Reserve        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shared walking/cycling path on southern and western sides</li> <li>- Path between Nolan Reserve and Riverview Parade</li> </ul>   |

<sup>1</sup> Outcomes defined in the Warringah Community Strategic Plan 2023

## 1.5 Objectives of this Plan of Management

The objectives of this Plan of Management are to:

- ☐ present a clear, concise, practical and performance-oriented framework for the management of District Park to Council, park users and the community.
- ☐ set out how District Park will be used, improved, maintained and managed into the future.
- ☐ establish a balanced and values-based approach to the management of the Park.
- ☐ provide a flexible framework within which Council can respond to current needs and opportunities, as well as to future directions and pressures as demands on the Park change.
- ☐ reflect the values and expectations of the Warringah and wider community and people who will use and enjoy the Park.
- ☐ meet all relevant legislative requirements, particularly the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Crown Lands Act 1989*.
- ☐ address the recommendations of State, metropolitan, regional and local strategic plans and studies on needs and demands for sporting, recreation and community facilities.
- ☐ be consistent with Warringah's Community Strategic Plan and other strategies, plans and policies.
- ☐ present a landscape concept plan (LCP) which illustrates the actions required to implement proposed physical changes and improvements to the Park.

- ☐ allow for entering into commercial and community use agreements which are consistent with the objectives and principles of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

## 1.6 Process of preparing this Plan of Management

The process of preparing this Plan of Management was based on comprehensive community and stakeholder engagement to:

- ☐ ensure the plan reflects the vision, values, desired uses and concerns of interested people. Feedback from the community and stakeholders has been carefully considered and has formed the actions recommended in this Plan.
- ☐ satisfy the community engagement requirements of relevant legislation.

The process and outputs of preparing this Plan of Management are listed in Appendix B.

## 1.7 Contents of this Plan of Management

This Plan of Management is divided into the following sections, as outlined in Table 2.

**Table 2    Structure of this Plan of Management**

| Section                               | What does it include?  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>1 Introduction</b>                 | Background to the Plan of Management   |
| <b>2 Description of District Park</b> | History, ownership and management, facilities, uses, physical description, maintenance, financial management                       |
| <b>3 Planning context</b>             | State government planning legislation, regional and local planning context   |
| <b>4 Basis for Management</b>         | Values of the community and users, vision, roles, management objectives  |
| <b>5 Action Plan</b>                  | Landscape concept plan, discussion of current issues and options, strategies and actions to resolve issues consistent with values. |
| <b>6 Implementation and review</b>    | Management, permitted future uses and developments, leases and licences, funding, reporting, review                                |

## 2 DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT PARK

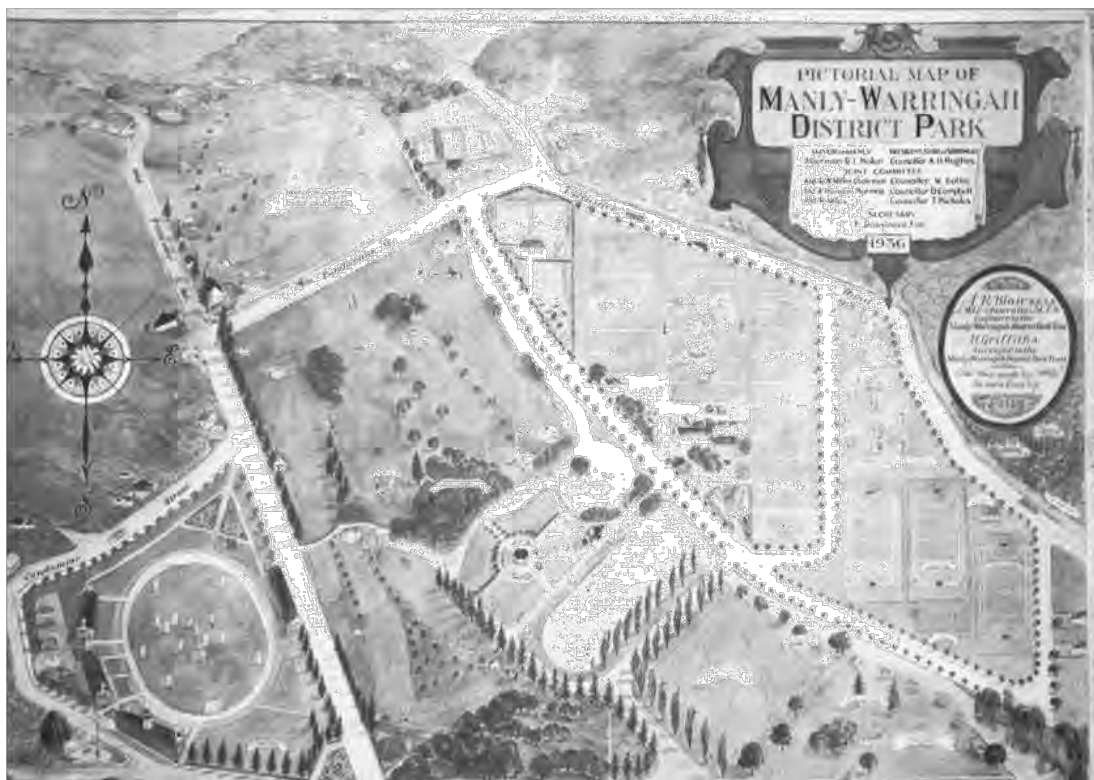
### 2.1 History of District Park

The origin of District Park can be traced back nearly 100 years, as outlined in Appendix C.

The development of District Park is characterised by:

- ☐ co-operation between Manly and Warringah Councils, both of which contributed financially to support the development of the park
- ☐ extensive reclamation, levelling, earthworks, grassing and vegetation plantings since a strategic plan was prepared for the park in 1936 (refer to Figure 3)
- ☐ provision for diverse sporting activities and uses
- ☐ use of community skills in establishing and managing the park.

**Figure 3      Map of Manly-Warringah District Park 1936**





## 2.2 District Park today

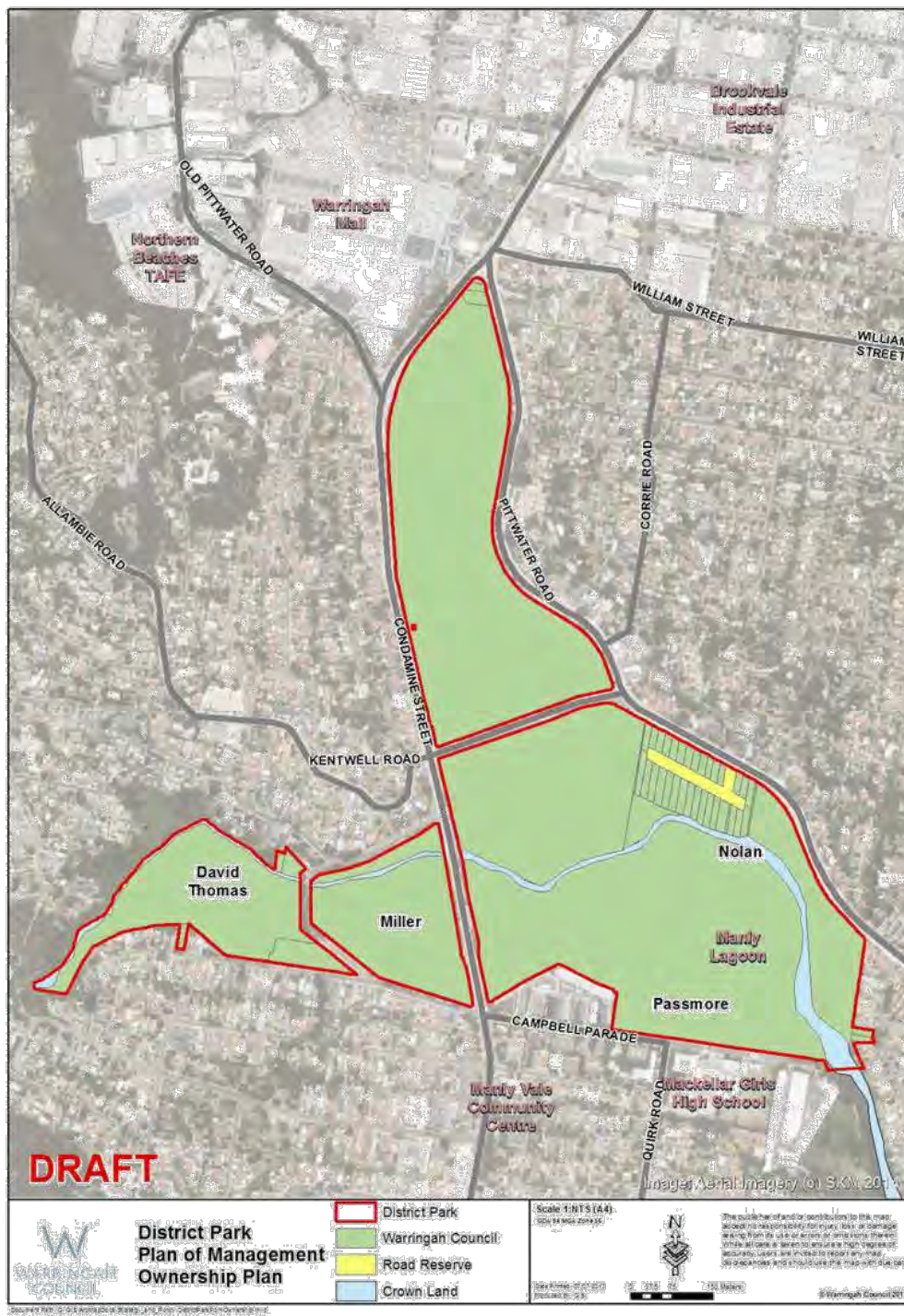
### 2.2.1 Ownership of District Park

Figure 4 and Appendix A show the land parcels included in District Park. Most of District Park is comprised of community land owned by Warringah Council. The original beds of Brookvale and Manly Creeks are Crown land which forms part of Reserve 56146 which is reserved from sale or lease.

A road reserve forms part of Nolan Reserve.

Part of David Thomas Reserve (71/8 Lot 2 DP 819059) does not show any Trusts or Covenants.

**Figure 4      Ownership of land in District Park**



### 2.2.2 District Park at a glance

| Feature                              | Details  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Location</b>                      | Manly Vale and North Manly<br>Bounded by Pittwater Road (partially), Campbell Parade, Condamine Street (partially), and dissected by both Kentwell Road and Sloane Crescent.   |
| <b>Adjacent land uses</b>            | Warringah Mall, Brookvale Industrial Area, and residential to the north<br>Manly Lagoon and residential to the east<br>Manly Warringah War Memorial Park (Manly Dam) to the west<br>Light industrial estates, Mackellar Girls High School, residential apartments and detached dwellings to the south  |
| <b>Area (ha)</b>                     | 62 hectares  |
| <b>Ownership</b>                     | Warringah Council (99%)<br>Crown (1%) – beds of Manly and Brookvale Creeks<br>Watercourses through the park may be either Council-owned or Crown land because the watercourses have moved in relation to lot boundaries over time.   |
| <b>Manager</b>                       | Warringah Council  |
| <b>Community land categorisation</b> | Sportsground, Park, Natural Area – Bushland, Natural Area – Watercourse, General Community Use   |
| <b>Zoning</b>                        | RE1 Public Recreation  |
| <b>Catchment</b>                     | Regional, district, local depending on use / activity  |
| <b>Physical characteristics</b>      | <p>Topography: Level to gently undulating, comprising creek beds, riparian corridors and reclaimed land. Remnant bushland on the steeper slopes on the western and north-western edges of the Park.</p> <p>Geology and soils: North of Manly Creek (Warringah Golf Course north, Nolan Reserve): Warriewood soil landscape – Holocene silty to peaty quartz sand. South of Manly Creek (Passmore, Miller, Warringah Golf Course south and David Thomas Reserve): Lambert soil landscape – Hawkesbury Sandstone consisting mainly of medium to coarse-grained quartz sandstone, with sandy (clay) loam soils (Chapman and Murphy, 1989).</p> <p>Drainage: Manly Creek flows from Manly Dam to the west. Brookvale Creek flows in a pipe under the Brookvale Industrial Area and Warringah Mall to the north, through Warringah Golf Course and into Manly Lagoon. Both creeks join at a sidebay at the junction of Warringah Golf Course, Passmore Reserve and Nolan Reserve. Nolan Reserve has been substantially modified by extensive reclamation and drainage works. All of District Park is subject to flooding.</p>   |
| <b>Flora and fauna</b>               | <p>Vegetation: various native and introduced plant species exist in the park due to the historical land uses and associated disturbance factors. The historic modification of playing fields, vegetation and watercourses has resulted in only small pockets of remnant vegetation remaining in Miller Reserve and David Thomas Reserve.</p> <p>David Thomas Reserve includes the most intact remnant vegetation including Sydney Coastal Dry Sclerophyll Forest - Peppermint-Angophora Forest.</p> <p>Parts of Passmore and Nolan Reserves include two Endangered Ecological Communities (EEC) as listed in the Schedule of EEC of the NSW <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i>. The EECs in District Park are Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains (Reedlands) and regrowth Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest.</p> <p>Fauna: Fauna surveys undertaken within and adjoining District Park have included surveys of wetland birds, bats and fish.</p> <p>One threatened bird species - the Black Bittern (<i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>) - has been recorded in District Park. Local and migratory bird species including Latham's Snipe (<i>Gallinago hardwickii</i>), Striated or Mangrove Heron (<i>Butorides striata</i>), Australasian Grebe (<i>Tachybaptus novaehollandiae</i>), Nankeen Night Heron (<i>Nycticorax caledonicus</i>),</p> |



| Feature  | Details   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
|  | <p>and the Azure Kingfisher (<i>Alcedo azurea</i>) have also been observed in the park. Several common wetland bird species are known to utilise the park for foraging.</p> <p>The Eastern Bent-Wing Bat (<i>Miniopterus schreibersii oceanensis</i>) and Large-Footed Myotis (<i>Myotis adversus</i>) are two threatened microbat species recorded within and adjacent to the park. Both species are known to roost in nearby stormwater infrastructure.</p> <p>An abundance and diversity of fish have been recorded in Manly Lagoon within and adjoining District Park. Strong populations of recreationally important fish species have been recorded in the lagoon including whiting, flathead, bream, and estuary perch.</p> <p>Biodiversity significance: The Draft Warringah Biodiversity Conservation Study (2011) rated the conservation significance of natural areas at District Park as high conservation (areas of Passmore and Nolan Reserves), moderate (areas of David Thomas Reserve), and local (areas of Millers Reserve).</p>  |  |  |
| <b>Access and circulation</b>  | <p>Accessible by walking, cycling, private vehicle, public bus.</p> <p>Network of formal and informal pedestrian pathways and vehicle access.</p> <p>Formal car parks in Nolan Reserve, Passmore Reserve, Miller Reserve, David Thomas Reserve, and at the childcare centre</p>   |  |  |
| <b>Cultural heritage</b>   | <p><b>Aboriginal</b></p> <p>The landscape surrounding District Park is rich in Aboriginal heritage. One registered site is located within District Park, with many more located nearby in the Curl Curl Creek and Manly Dam catchment.</p> <p>All Aboriginal heritage, whether registered or not, is protected by the NSW <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>. Specific Aboriginal cultural heritage legislation is being developed.</p> <p><b>Non-indigenous</b></p> <p>Several heritage items listed in Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage of the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 with local heritage significance are located within the curtilage of District Park, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 'Manly Creek Bridge' (I143) crossing Condamine Street at Manly Vale</li> <li>- 'Bridge' (I88) crossing Sloane Crescent at Manly Vale</li> <li>- 'Timber Jetty Remnants and Marine Bollards' within Manly Lagoon, adjacent to Passmore Reserve.</li> </ul> <p>'Street Trees' (I115), comprising Canary Island Palms and a Cabbage Tree Palm, in Riverview Parade adjacent to District Park, is a landscape heritage item listed in the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011.</p>  |  |  |
| <b>Assets and condition assessment</b>   | <p>Refer to Appendix D for condition of buildings. Condition of other structures and features:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>Nolan Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Flood lighting – excellent</p> <p>Playground – average</p> <p>Shared pathway – excellent</p> <p>Bridges – average to good</p> <p>Retaining walls – very poor or good</p> <p>General infrastructure – average</p> <p><b>Miller Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Irrigation system - good</p> <p>Flood lighting – average</p> <p>Practice hitting/graffiti wall – very good</p> <p>Skate facility – good</p> <p>General infrastructure – excellent</p> <p><b>Passmore Reserve</b></p> </td><td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><b>David Thomas Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Floodlighting – excellent</p> <p>Irrigation - excellent</p> <p>Pathway / concrete paving – excellent</p> <p>General infrastructure – excellent</p> <p><b>Warringah Golf Course</b></p> <p>Greens and surrounds – generally good</p> <p>Tees – wear at some tees</p> <p>Fairways – marginal to poor</p> <p>Bridges – 6<sup>th</sup> tee poor, others reasonable to good</p> <p>Paths – average to good</p> <p>Landscape – shading impacts on turf</p> <p><b>Childcare centre</b></p> </td></tr> </table> | <p><b>Nolan Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Flood lighting – excellent</p> <p>Playground – average</p> <p>Shared pathway – excellent</p> <p>Bridges – average to good</p> <p>Retaining walls – very poor or good</p> <p>General infrastructure – average</p> <p><b>Miller Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Irrigation system - good</p> <p>Flood lighting – average</p> <p>Practice hitting/graffiti wall – very good</p> <p>Skate facility – good</p> <p>General infrastructure – excellent</p> <p><b>Passmore Reserve</b></p> | <p><b>David Thomas Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Floodlighting – excellent</p> <p>Irrigation - excellent</p> <p>Pathway / concrete paving – excellent</p> <p>General infrastructure – excellent</p> <p><b>Warringah Golf Course</b></p> <p>Greens and surrounds – generally good</p> <p>Tees – wear at some tees</p> <p>Fairways – marginal to poor</p> <p>Bridges – 6<sup>th</sup> tee poor, others reasonable to good</p> <p>Paths – average to good</p> <p>Landscape – shading impacts on turf</p> <p><b>Childcare centre</b></p> |
| <p><b>Nolan Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Flood lighting – excellent</p> <p>Playground – average</p> <p>Shared pathway – excellent</p> <p>Bridges – average to good</p> <p>Retaining walls – very poor or good</p> <p>General infrastructure – average</p> <p><b>Miller Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Irrigation system - good</p> <p>Flood lighting – average</p> <p>Practice hitting/graffiti wall – very good</p> <p>Skate facility – good</p> <p>General infrastructure – excellent</p> <p><b>Passmore Reserve</b></p> | <p><b>David Thomas Reserve</b></p> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Floodlighting – excellent</p> <p>Irrigation - excellent</p> <p>Pathway / concrete paving – excellent</p> <p>General infrastructure – excellent</p> <p><b>Warringah Golf Course</b></p> <p>Greens and surrounds – generally good</p> <p>Tees – wear at some tees</p> <p>Fairways – marginal to poor</p> <p>Bridges – 6<sup>th</sup> tee poor, others reasonable to good</p> <p>Paths – average to good</p> <p>Landscape – shading impacts on turf</p> <p><b>Childcare centre</b></p>  |  |  |



| Feature                           | Details  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
|                                   | <div> <p>Sportsground – good</p> <p>Children's playground – average</p> <p>Synthetic turf in playground – excellent</p> <p>Barbecues – poor to good</p> <p>Timber feature wall – good</p> <p>Pathway – excellent</p> <p>Paving – average to excellent</p> <p>Retaining walls – excellent</p> <p>General infrastructure – excellent</p> </div> <div> <p>Rooms – very good</p> <p>Outdoor play areas – good</p> </div>   |
| <b>Uses and activities</b>        | <p>Organised sport: including golf, tennis, squash, futsal, lawn bowls, cricket, soccer, rugby union, rugby league, touch football, running training, small-bore rifle shooting. School sport on weekdays.</p> <p>Informal recreation: include walking, cycling, rollerblading, skateboarding, riding scooters, kite flying, dog exercise, picnics and barbecues, children's play, feeding birds</p> <p>Environmental: volunteer bush regeneration by Warringah Council's Friends of the Bush groups at Mermaid Pool, Warringah Golf Course, and Passmore Reserve. Creek restoration by Warringah Golf Club Creek Care Volunteer Group. Contract bush regeneration works in remnant bushland area along Manly Creek, around David Thomas Reserve, Brookvale Creek and Manly Lagoon.</p>  |
| <b>User groups / stakeholders</b> | <p>Groups: include sporting clubs, schools, regional and state sporting bodies</p> <p>Visitor characteristics: A Park User Survey (2013) found the average distance users travel to the park is 5.2 kilometres, which took an average of 12 minutes. More than one-third of park users visit at least weekly.</p>  |
| <b>Leases/ licenses/ bookings</b> | <p>Leased areas: Warringah Golf Course, part of David Thomas Reserve (G8 Childcare Centre), part of Nolan Reserve (North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club, Christian Bros Junior Rugby League Football Club), part of Passmore Reserve (Manly Vale Calabria Bowling Sports and Social Club, Manly Small Bore Rifle Club)</p> <p>Licensed areas: Warringah Recreation Centre</p> <p>Booking agreement: futsal courts at Warringah Recreation Centre</p> <p>Sportsground hire</p>   |
| <b>Easements</b>                  | There are several easements for services upon District Park  |
| <b>Maintenance</b>                | <p>Two maintenance depot/maintenance facilities are located in the park: on Warringah Golf Course which is managed by Warringah Golf Club, and a Council depot in Nolan Reserve.</p> <p>Maintenance by Council staff and contractors (non-leased areas) and lessees (leased areas)</p> <p>Sports fields: mowing of sports fields and surrounds, seasonal changeover of goalposts, inspections, maintenance (e.g. divoting, minor topdressing), returfing, aeration, fertilising, line marking, cricket wicket resurfacing, lighting audit and maintenance, infrastructure maintenance, general maintenance</p> <p>Buildings: Conditions contained within the leases/licences detail responsibility for maintenance.</p> <p>Playgrounds: inspections and general maintenance</p> <p>Gardens: maintenance</p> <p>Natural areas: professional bush regeneration contractors and Friends of the Bush volunteers.</p> |
| <b>Income and expenditure</b>     | <p>Income: fees from use agreements (leases, licences, booking agreements, and sportsground hire), grants, use of floodlights</p> <p>Expenditure: Maintenance, renovation, capital improvements.</p>   |

## 3 BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT

### 3.1 Introduction

This section describes the wider societal trends, legislative and policy framework applying to District Park. Full versions of the legislation referred to below are on-line at [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au) and [www.austlii.edu.au](http://www.austlii.edu.au). Warringah Council's website is [www.warringah.nsw.gov.au](http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au).

### 3.2 Trends in open space provision, planning, use and management

Factors which influence the provision, planning, use and management of open space in Australia and overseas in the wider context, and within the visitor catchment of District Park, are set out in Appendix E.

These trends include an aging population, informal recreation activities are more popular than sporting activities and increased popularity of 'extreme' sports.

### 3.3 Planning context

Figure 5 outlines the national, state, metropolitan Sydney, regional and local planning context which influences the use, development and management of District Park. Refer to Appendix F for more information about the planning context of District Park.

Figure 5 Planning context of District Park

|   |  |   |   |   |                        |
|---|--|---|---|---|------------------------|
| COMMONWEALTH  | Legislation  |   |   |   |                        |
|   | Disability Discrimination Act 1992<br>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999<br>Work Health and Safety Act 2011   |   | Building Code of Australia<br>Australian Standards: access, playgrounds<br>National physical activity participation data  |   |                        |
|   | NSW  | Legislation   | Plans NSW 2021  | Recreation planning guidelines and data<br>Recreation and Open Space Planning Guidelines for Local Government<br>Physical activity participation data |                        |
|   |  | Local Government Act 1993<br>Crown Lands Act 1989<br>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979<br>State Environmental Planning Policies: (Bushland in Urban Areas, Infrastructure, Coastal Protection)<br>Bushfire Environmental Assessment Code for NSW 2006<br>Catchment Management Authorities Act 2006<br>Water Management Act 2000<br>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997<br>Rural Fires Act 1997 |   |   |                        |
| Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995<br>Waste Minimisation Act 1995<br>Fisheries Management Act 1994<br>Noxious Weeds Act 1993<br>Roads Act 1993<br>Coastal Protection Act 1979<br>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 |  |   |   |   |                        |
|   |  |   |   |   |                        |
| A Plan for Growing Sydney   |  |   |   |   |                        |
| Draft North Subregional Strategy  |  | SHOROC Shaping Our Future   |   |   |                        |
| WARRINGAH   |  |   |   |   |                        |
| Corporate   | Warringah Community Strategic Plan 2023<br>Delivery Program, Operational Plan, Resourcing Strategy   |   |   |   |                        |
| Strategic / specific need   | Land use   |   | Community   |   |                        |
|   | Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011<br>Warringah Development Control Plan 2011<br>Section 94A Development Contributions Plan 2011<br>Warringah Local Planning Strategy 2012-13<br>Draft Housing Strategy |   | Living Well Warringah: Aging Strategy<br>Creative Warringah<br>Social Plan 2010<br>Children's and Family Services Strategy 2006<br>Youth Strategy 2013  |   |                        |
|   | Economic   |   | Graffiti Management Plan<br>Cultural Plan<br>Companion Animals Management Plan  |   |                        |
|   | Asset management   |   | Open Space and Recreation   |   |                        |
|   | Warringah Asset Management Strategy 2013-2023<br>Buildings Asset Management Plan<br>Parks Reserves Foreshores Asset Management Plan<br>Natural Areas Asset Management Plan                                   |   | Recreation Strategy 2009<br>Playground Strategy 2007<br>Sports in Warringah 2004<br>Regional Multiple Use Trail Strategy  |   |                        |
|   |  |   | Transport   |   |                        |
|   |  |   | Sustainable Transport Strategy<br>Bike Plan 2010-2015<br>Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan  |   |                        |
|   | Natural Environment  |   |   |   |                        |
|   | Biodiversity Conservation and Restoration Plan<br>Flood Program 2008-2018<br>Local Habitat Strategy 2007<br>Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006<br>Creek Management Study 2004<br>Natural Area Survey      |   | Manly Lagoon Flood Study 2013<br>Draft Biodiversity Conservation Study 2013<br>Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2012<br>Bush Fire Risk Management Plan 2010, including Warringah Bush Fire Prone Land Map 2010 |   |                        |
|   | Implementation   | Plans of Management   |   | Policies  | Capital works programs |
|   |  | District Park Plan of Management  |   |   |                        |
|   | Supporting studies and papers  | Sports Club Feasibility Study<br>Northern Beaches Regional Golf Strategy<br>District Park Strategic Directions Paper Submissions Report<br>District Park Strategic Directions Paper<br>District Park Discussion Paper Submissions Report<br>District Park Discussion Paper  |   |   |                        |

### 3.4 Values and roles of District Park

Warringah Council takes a values-based approach to the planning and management of District Park. Values may be described as what is important or special about a place. The values and associated roles of District Park are set out below consistent with the outcomes of the Warringah Community Strategic Plan.

**Table 3 Values and roles of District Park**

| Outcome                         | Values of District Park  | Significance | Roles of District Park  |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------|---|
| <b>Vibrant Community</b>        | The Warringah community has a strong sense of ownership of District Park as a place which is available to all of the community to come together for a variety of activities.   | District     | Venue for social clubs, and for community activities<br>Creative space and place  |
| <b>Lifestyle and Recreation</b> | District Park is highly valued by the local community and a wider regional catchment to enjoy a wide range of sporting and informal recreational activities which contribute to a healthy lifestyle and quality of life.<br><br>District Park is the largest concentration of sporting fields in the region. As District Park incorporates numerous adjoining sporting fields, the Park is valued as a place in Manly-Warringah and in northern Sydney where school and other field sporting competitions involving large numbers of players can be held at the one location.  | Regional     | Multi-purpose settings for a diverse range of competitive and informal sporting activities, and for informal recreation |
| <b>Healthy Environment</b>      | District Park is a large, green open space with a mix of trees, bush and grass with creeks flowing through it. The natural and green landscape of District Park is valued by park users and people passing by. It is also a visual contrast to nearby industrial and commercial land uses.<br><br>Park users and neighbours delight in seeing fish, reptiles, birds and mammals in the Park throughout the year.<br><br>Warringah Council community research in 2012 shows the management of waterways and lagoons, and caring for bushland areas, are of very high importance to the Warringah community.<br><br>The conservation significance of areas of the natural areas in District Park has been assessed as high (areas of Passmore and Nolan Reserve), moderate (areas of David Thomas Reserve), and local (areas of Miller Reserve). | State        | Wildlife habitat and corridors<br>Containment of environmental events such as flooding and bushfire.                    |
| <b>Connected Transport</b>      | District Park is highly accessible in a central location, being connected to surrounding areas by intersecting main roads, public transport routes, and bicycle routes and walking paths.  | District     | Part of bicycle route network   |



### 3.5 Vision for District Park

The vision for District Park is:

*District Park will enhance its status as an accessible, multi-purpose and high quality regional sporting, recreation and community precinct in a significant natural setting.*

The vision for District Park is reflected in the Action Plan in Section 4.

## 4 ACTION PLAN

### 4.1 Landscape Concept Plan

The Landscape Concept Plan for District Park is in Figure 6. The Landscape Concept Plan shows the location of the spatial works and actions in the following Action Plan which are proposed to be implemented to achieve the objectives and desired outcomes for District Park. More detailed Landscape Masterplans will be prepared for specific areas as required.

Key proposed actions and changes to District Park include:

- ☐ constructing a combined sports, recreation and community facility in Nolan Reserve
- ☐ demolishing the middle and south amenities buildings in Nolan Reserve and assess and design new amenities to cater for the needs of users at the southern end of the Reserve.
- ☐ investigating the provision of upgraded and additional sports courts at Warringah Recreation Centre
- ☐ investigating the provision of an indoor/outdoor action sports facility
- ☐ investigating a location for a dirt jump bike track
- ☐ investigating the provision of outdoor table tennis
- ☐ upgrading the children's playground at Passmore Reserve
- ☐ providing outdoor fitness equipment for all ages, including parkour facilities
- ☐ continuing to maintain and enhance riparian vegetation and bushland
- ☐ implementing new walking and cycling tracks around District Park, and links to existing pathways and adjoining areas.
- ☐ improving signage and way finding around the park

All proposed works in District Park are dependent on the availability of funding. Council has limited funds, and as such may rely on external grants and other sources of funding. It is envisaged that this Plan of Management will be implemented progressively over a ten-year period as funds become available.

Funding for management of and improvements to District Park will be sought from a range of government, Council, corporate and community sources on an ongoing basis.

The benefits of the proposed works include to:

- ☐ provide opportunities for social connection for all users in the park.
- ☐ support the range of recreational opportunities for the general community.
- ☐ provide an ongoing source of income to support the recreational opportunities in the park.
- ☐ improve activation and use of the park.

## 4.2 Action Plan

### 4.2.1 Introduction

The management actions to resolve the management issues (consistent with the community's values) from Section 3 and to implement the Landscape Concept Plan over the next 10 years are presented in the following tables. Headings are explained as follows:

#### Outcome (Community Strategic Plan)

| Performance targets  | Means of assessment   |
|--|---|
| The desired outcome in implementing and achieving the action | How the achievement of the performance target can be measured and assessed. |

| Opportunity   | Background                                    | Objective   | Actions  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Topic heading relating to an opportunity or benefit to the park and the community | Explanatory information about the opportunity | Reflects the strategic direction for District Park, and provides direction for the actions. | A specific task required to realise an opportunity or resolve an issue, consistent with the strategic direction and objective. |

**Figure 6** Landscape Concept Plan for District Park





### 4.2.2 Vibrant community

#### Objective:

**To provide opportunities for social interactions, community support, cultural heritage protection and creative expression in a safe environment**

| Performance targets  | Means of assessment                        |
|--|--|
| Increased use of buildings and spaces by a wider range of groups | Bookings                                   |
| Increased opportunities for public art and creative expression   | Observations, bookings, calendar of events |
| Increased opportunities for community support                    | Use agreements                             |
| Preservation and interpretation of cultural heritage             | Condition assessments, visitor surveys     |
| Increased actual and perceived safety                            | Crime reports, visitor survey              |

| Opportunity   | Background   | Strategies  | Actions  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Health and wellbeing</b>                                     |  |   |  |
| <b>Combined sports, recreation and community club buildings</b> | <p>Several sporting clubs and activities are located in close proximity in District Park.</p> <p>Warringah Golf Club wants to re-locate their off-site clubhouse on to District Park closer to the golf course.</p> <p>Some club buildings in the park are aging, and require repair and updating to encourage use. Some clubs based in the park are struggling financially.</p> <p>A feasibility study to investigate options for a combined sports, recreation and community club building in District Park was commissioned in 2014. The study included possible arrangements between existing clubs, viability of services, management models, and cost-benefit analysis.</p> <p>The final report indicated that the viability of the Warringah Golf Club and North Manly Bowling Club may be enhanced through merging of their operations and facilities in a multi-purpose centre, including with the operations of the Warringah Recreation Centre and a range of other sporting clubs and groups that use District Park. The feasibility study explored a centrally located facility in District Park on the site of the current North Manly Bowling Club. Depending on final design, the building may include café and lounge/bistro, multi-purpose rooms, bowling facilities, outdoor terrace for passive recreation, amenities, and car and bike parking.</p> | <p>Facilitate a multi-purpose, modern sporting and community facility in District Park which consolidates existing clubhouses</p> <p>Facilitate a better connection between the golf course and the new sport community club building</p> | <p>Investigate and develop a sports and community club facility in the zone of the current North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club in Nolan Reserve.</p> <p>Consider the optimal building alignment with the golf course and the optimal number of bowling greens.</p> <p>Make changes to the golf course configuration if required to accommodate the new sports and community club facility.</p> |

| Opportunity                            | Background   | Strategies   | Actions   |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Shared buildings and spaces</b>     | <p>Leases of several community buildings and spaces in District Park have expired, or are on a month-to-month basis, or are due to expire in 2016-17.</p> <p>Current lease agreements for community buildings in the park limit access by other groups to the buildings for a range of activities.</p> <p>There is increasing demand for indoor health and leisure activities in Warringah, such as senior's activities, creative/cultural activities, dance schools, yoga and Pilates, youth activities and entertainment, and children's playgroups/parties.</p>   | <p>Maximise use of community buildings and spaces for a range of shared uses</p>                 | <p>Review lease and licence agreements to allow shared use of buildings in the park.</p> <p>Extend the term of expired leases and licences following review of these agreements.</p> <p>Investigate options for use of buildings for which use agreements are not renewed or extended.</p> <p>Refurbish and adapt community buildings in District Park to a standard which is attractive for health and leisure activities for which there is demand.</p> |
| <b>Public art</b>                      | <p>Graffiti walls are situated in Miller Reserve and Passmore Reserve.</p> <p>Warringah Council's <i>Creative Warringah</i> proposes several goals including creating environments which are welcoming, surprising and good for people; and to integrate public art and creative expressions into places, projects and programs.</p>   | <p>Integrate public art and creative expression into spaces and activities in District Park.</p> | <p>Implement public art in suitable locations in District Park.</p> <p>Consider the goals of <i>Creative Warringah</i> in future projects and programs in District Park.</p>  |
| <b>Safety</b>                          |  |  |   |
| <b>Visitor safety</b>                  | <p>Visitors in District Park feel safe during the day, but only one-third of visitors say they would feel safe to visit the park at night (Park User Survey, 2013)</p>   | <p>Reflect Safety by Design principles in landscaping and park management</p>                    | <p>Place suitable external lighting at amenities buildings, pathways and car parks.</p>   |
| <b>Support and connection</b>          |  |  |   |
| <b>Childcare</b>                       | <p>A private 120-place childcare centre for aged 0 to 5 years operates in the park. The lease expired in 2015, with options to extend the lease until 2025.</p>  | <p>Retain the current childcare centre as required</p>   | <p>Renew the lease for the childcare centre.</p>  |
| <b>Heritage and cultural diversity</b> |  |  |   |
| <b>Cultural heritage items</b>         | <p>Several heritage items listed in Schedule 5 Environmental Heritage of the <i>Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011</i> are located within the curtilage of District Park, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manly Creek Bridge crossing Condamine Street at Manly Vale</li> <li>- Bridge crossing Sloane Crescent at Manly Vale</li> <li>- Timber Jetty Remnants and Marine Bollards in Manly Lagoon, adjacent to Passmore Reserve.</li> </ul> <p>Other valued items in the park include the Bicentennial Avenue of Trees in Miller Reserve, the sandstone wall on the golf course boundary, and the large Port Jackson fig at the southern boundary of the golf course.</p> | <p>Preserve cultural heritage items</p>  | <p>Investigate the significance of heritage items which are not listed in WLEP 2011.</p> <p>Add significant heritage items to WLEP 2011.</p> <p>Maintain cultural heritage items.</p> <p>Provide on-site interpretive information about cultural heritage items</p>   |

### 4.2.3 Recreation and lifestyle

**Objective:**

**To provide safe and fit for purpose facilities, settings and spaces for a diverse range of traditional and emerging sporting, recreation and leisure activities which encourage a healthy lifestyle**

| Performance targets  | Means of assessment   |
|--|---|
| Diverse sporting facilities and spaces which meet the needs of users       | Engagement with user groups                                     |
| Increased use for sport and recreation activities                          | Bookings, visitor counts  |
| Additional opportunities for a range of unstructured recreation activities | Visitor surveys, increase in unstructured recreation facilities |

| Opportunity                       | Background   | Strategies  | Actions  |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Diverse facilities</b>         |  |   |  |
| <b>Sport</b>                      |  |   |  |
| <b>18-hole golf course</b>        | <p>Warringah Golf Course was established in the 1930s.</p> <p>The Regional Golf Course Study and Warringah Golf Club Ltd members supported retaining the 18 hole golf course.</p> <p>The lease of the golf course expires in January 2016. Council intends to extend the lease until 2017.</p> | <p>Facilitate a financially viable golf club and multi-purpose 18-hole golf course</p> <p>Provide for safe community access to and use of the golf course</p> <p>Integrate the golf club use and operations with the proposed sports community club</p> <p>Relocate and/or upgrade golf practice facilities</p> | <p>Review the lease of Warringah Golf Course including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- extending the lease period until this Plan of Management has been adopted and the future of the proposed sports club determined</li> <li>- revising the lease area to accommodate safe walking tracks and crossing points</li> <li>- appropriate environmental management practices</li> </ul> <p>Consider the operational requirements of the golf course and lawn bowling facilities in the concept.</p> <p>Assess opportunities to upgrade warm-up nets to a fully enclosed "Birdie Cage" design, and possible relocation closer to existing practice facilities and pro shop.</p> |
| <b>Sports field configuration</b> | Sporting fields in District Park are used for sports including cricket, touch football, soccer, and rugby league. Changing preferences for participation in sport mean that some emerging sports may require space to play which could be accommodated at District Park.                       | Facilitate use of sporting fields for existing and emerging sports  | Review configuration of sporting fields in consultation with existing and potential user groups.   |
| <b>Amenities / facilities at</b>  | Amenities are located at Nolan Reserve, Passmore Reserve, Miller Reserve and   | Ensure amenities  | Liaise with Manly Vale Football Club and other   |



| Opportunity                                     | Background   | Strategies   | Actions   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <b>sporting fields</b>                          | <p>David Thomas Reserve.</p> <p>Sports amenities buildings (middle and south) in Nolan Reserve are in poor condition and have a remaining useful life of 2 years.</p> <p>Development and maintenance of amenities and facilities at District Park is carried out consistent with Council's Asset Management and other relevant plans.</p>  | meet the needs of sporting and other park users.   | <p>key stakeholder groups regarding proposed first-floor addition to the building at David Thomas Reserve.</p> <p>Demolish the middle and south amenities buildings in Nolan Reserve.</p> <p>Design and construct new amenities at the southern end of Nolan Reserve to cater for the needs of users of Nolan Reserve.</p>  |
| <b>Lighting of sporting fields</b>              | <p>Floodlighting of sporting fields in Miller Reserve and David Thomas Reserve was recently upgraded to 100 lux to meet the Australian Standard for match practice and competition football.</p> <p>Lighting in Nolan Reserve is 50 lux training standard.</p> <p>Consideration of any new or upgraded sports field lighting is to include comprehensive community engagement, particularly with nearby residents.</p> | <p>Provide lighting of sporting fields which allows safe use of fields, and provides flexibility in use with minimal impact on surrounding land uses</p> | <p>Upgrade lighting in Nolan Reserve to 100 lux to enable football competition.</p> <p>Optimise sports field lighting to required sport standards and current best practice.</p>  |
| <b>Shade / shelter at sporting fields</b>       | Shade for spectators at sporting fields is provided by trees. However, shade for spectators is limited at Nolan Reserve.   | Provide shade options at sports fields which don't impede sport or recreation activity.  | Support shade options at sporting fields, including trees and built structures.   |
| <b>Multi-purpose sports training facilities</b> | Cricket users require new practice facilities, which could be combined with practice facilities for other sports.  | Provide multi-purpose sport practice facilities  | Include new practice facilities for cricket and other sports in the masterplan for Nolan Reserve.   |
| <b>Additional futsal courts</b>                 | <p>Futsal courts are located at the Calabria Club and at Warringah Recreation Centre.</p> <p>The Calabria Club propose to convert another bowling green to futsal courts.</p> <p>Council is considering preparing a Warringah-wide futsal demand study.</p>  | Cater for demand for futsal/multi-use synthetic courts   | Support provision of additional futsal/multi-use synthetic courts at locations which could include Warringah Recreation Centre and the Calabria Club.   |
| <b>Sports courts</b>                            | Six tennis courts and three squash courts are located at the Warringah Recreation Centre, which is managed by Warringah Council.   | Provide high quality sports courts in District Park  | <p>Investigate upgrading tennis and squash courts at Warringah Recreation Centre.</p> <p>Identify suitable locations for multi-purpose sports courts catering for informal netball, basketball and other court sports at locations which could include Warringah Recreation Centre and Nolan Reserve.</p> <p>Investigate the feasibility of additional squash courts.</p> |



| Opportunity                           | Background   | Strategies   | Actions   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Beach volleyball courts</b>        | Council has received requests for beach volleyball courts in District Park.  | Provide opportunities to play beach volleyball if and where appropriate.     | Investigate possible suitable locations for beach volleyball courts in District Park. Such locations may include adjacent to the proposed sports community club building, Warringah Recreation Centre, or the Calabria Club.  |
| <b>Bowling greens</b>                 | <p>Lawn bowling greens in District Park are located at the Calabria Club (one synthetic and one unused green) and at North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club (3 greens).</p> <p>The Calabria Club have converted one bowling green to futsal courts, and propose to similarly convert another bowling green to futsal.</p> <p>The North Manly Bowling Club lease expires in January 2016, and the Calabria Club lease expires in 2017.</p> <p>The Regional Golf Study (JBAS, 2014) identified that the playing members of 37 bowling clubs in Northern Sydney has declined by 4% between 2010 and 2012.</p> <p>The Sports Club Feasibility Study recommended a reduction in the number of bowling greens at North Manly Bowling Club from three to one to accommodate the proposed new sports club and associated parking.</p> <p>Council consider a Warringah-wide lawn bowling demand study.</p> | Support lawn bowls if demand exists  | Further investigate to determine a viable, optimal number of bowling greens in District Park.   |
| <b>Small-bore rifle range</b>         | <p>Manly Small Bore Rifle Club uses a range in District Park off Campbell Parade and adjoining Manly Lagoon. Their lease expires at the end of 2016.</p> <p>The club has investigated and planned to implement ways to minimise the impact of their activities on the local environment.</p>   | Support the small bore rifle range while minimising its environmental impact | <p>Manage the small-bore rifle range at its current location, subject to agreement by the small-bore rifle club to rehabilitate the site.</p> <p>Investigate installing lead shot fabrics and curtain systems for mitigating lead contamination of the surrounding environment.</p> |
| <b>Unstructured recreation</b>        |  |  |   |
| <b>Picnic and barbecue facilities</b> | Picnic and barbecue facilities are provided in Passmore Reserve and are well used.   | Provide facilities and settings for picnics and barbecues                    | Identify suitable locations to provide additional picnic and barbecue facilities in District Park.  |
| <b>Children's playground</b>          | The playground in Passmore Reserve generally caters for toddlers and young children to the age of 7 years. It is an enclosed playground with picnic and barbecue tables, children's bike paths, and an adjoining toilet facility.  | Cater for the play needs of young and older children                         | Upgrade the playground in Passmore Reserve to incorporate nature play and equipment for older children.   |
| <b>Skate park</b>                     | The skate park in Miller Reserve is a  | Cater for the  | Modify the skate facility to  |

| Opportunity                                   | Background  | Strategies  | Actions   |
|---|---|---|---|
|   | concrete skate bowl which caters for skaters, scooters and BMX riders of a fairly high ability.   | range of abilities of users of skate parks<br><br>Encourage use of the skate park by non-skaters  | cater for a range of skill levels.<br>Upgrade the skate park and its surrounds in Miller Reserve, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more shade for spectators</li> <li>- more seating for spectators and riders</li> <li>- removing graffiti</li> <li>- providing a water refill station</li> <li>- painting a mural inside the bowl</li> </ul> |
| <b>Bike dirt jump track</b>                   | Children and young people in Warringah have expressed a need for places to ride bikes.<br>In 2011 Warringah Council demolished the "Freedom" dirt bike jumps in Manly Vale for safety reasons, and proposed to replace them with another dirt bike jump track nearby.<br><br>Potential sites for a bike dirt jump track, including Miller Reserve and David Thomas Reserve, were assessed. Miller Reserve was considered more suitable by the concept proponent; however a more suitable location may become available. | Provide opportunities for bike activities   | Engage with the community about the provision and location for a bicycle dirt jump facility in District Park.   |
| <b>Indoor/ outdoor action sports facility</b> | Council recently received a public private partnership concept for an indoor/outdoor action sports facility for youth in Miller Reserve, District Park.   | Provide opportunities for action sports   | Engage with the community about developing an indoor/ outdoor action sports facility for youth in District Park.  |
| <b>Outdoor fitness equipment</b>              | Outdoor fitness equipment is popular with and may be used by children and young people through to seniors.<br><br>Community members showed support for a parkour facility in District Park through the community engagement process.<br><br>Parkour and free-running are new and emerging sport and recreation activities. They cater for all ages and abilities, and the equipment is suitable for active and informal uses.   | Provide opportunities to increase the physical fitness of people of all ages and abilities in District Park<br><br>Integrate facilities and settings for outdoor fitness, parkour, free-running and similar activities in District Park | Provide outdoor fitness equipment for all ages including parkour facilities adjacent to pathways and walking/running/cycling tracks.  |
| <b>Outdoor table tennis</b>                   | Playing table tennis at outdoor tables is becoming increasingly popular in public open space.   | Provide opportunities for informal recreation activities, such as table tennis  | Investigate provision of outdoor table tennis table/s in District Park.   |
| <b>Support services and facilities</b>        |   |   |   |

| Opportunity                                  | Background  | Strategies  | Actions   |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Mobile food and beverage services</b>     | Mobile food and beverage vans offer a valuable service to park users if sport canteens are not operating. | Encourage mobile food/ beverage operations to serve park users.   | Investigate infrastructure and accessibility requirements to support mobile food and beverage outlets at peak times in District Park. |
| <b>Design, maintenance, waste management</b> | Some park users discard plastic drink bottles which are transported to Brookvale and Manly Creeks.        | Encourage use of reusable water bottles by users of District Park | Educate hirers about impacts of discarded plastic drink bottles in the creeks.<br>Provide water refill stations in District Park.     |

#### 4.2.4 Healthy Environment

##### Objective:

**To protect, preserve and enhance the natural environment (land and water) in District Park**

| Performance targets  | Means of assessment                             |
|--|---|
| Strengthened integrity of wildlife corridors               | Canopy cover, aerial photos, vegetation surveys |
| Enhanced riparian corridors                                | Aerial photos, vegetation surveys               |
| Easier fish passage in creeks                              | Fish surveys                                    |
| Improved water quality                                     | Water testing and monitoring                    |
| Decline in abundance of aquatic weeds                      | Surveys   |
| Reduction in use of non-renewable energy and potable water | Baseline and future water and energy audits     |
| Reduction in use of chemicals                              | Water and soil testing                          |
| Increase locally native vegetation in bushland             | Vegetation surveys                              |
| Increase in educational activities                         | Bookings, participant counts                    |

| Opportunity                               | Background   | Strategies   | Actions  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Natural areas</b>                      |  |  |  |
| <b>Fauna habitat / wildlife corridors</b> | A wildlife corridor extends between Manly Warringah War Memorial Park and the lower reaches of Manly Creek to Manly Lagoon.  | Enhance the wildlife corridor between Manly Dam/ Manly Warringah War Memorial Park, Manly Creek and Manly Lagoon.  | Recognise the east-west habitat corridor from Manly Dam along Manly Creek to Manly Lagoon in the next review of the Warringah Local Habitat Strategy.<br><br>Undertake bush regeneration in selected bushland areas in accordance with current best practice and relevant regional and local strategies and priorities.        |
| <b>Riparian zones</b>                     | The Endangered Ecological Communities (EECs) of Swamp Sclerophyll Forest on Coastal Floodplains and Swamp Oak Floodplain Forest which comprise the waterway and wetland areas of Passmore and Nolan Reserves are listed in the Schedule of Endangered Ecological Communities (EEC) of the NSW <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> .<br><br>Friends of the Bush volunteer groups, Council staff, contractors and participants in community tree planting events are revegetating turfed or degraded riparian land in Passmore, Nolan and Miller Reserves. | Protect riparian Endangered Ecological Communities in District Park<br><br>Undertake maintenance of riparian zones taking into account the impact on riparian vegetation and floodplain management | Maintain and enhance riparian corridors through establishing appropriate riparian buffers, bush regeneration, weed control and improved operational activities such as turf maintenance regimes.<br><br>Continue to implement riparian zone management activities in accordance with relevant Council policies and strategies. |



| Opportunity           | Background  | Strategies   | Actions  |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|
|                       | Large sections of Brookvale and Manly Creek are contained in areas leased to sporting groups, particularly Warringah Golf Club. Lessees are responsible for maintaining the riparian zones in their leased area.  | Continue restoration works within habitat corridors and riparian zones with consideration of potential impact to floodplain management   | Undertake identified creek and riparian restoration works in accordance with current best practice and relevant regional and local strategies and priorities.  |
|                       |   | Restore piped sections of Manly Creek to natural waterway where possible   | Investigate the feasibility of restoring the piped section of Manly Creek on Warringah Golf Course to an open creek with riparian vegetation and satisfactory fish passage.  |
|                       |   | Facilitate fish passage in Manly and Brookvale Creeks.   | In consultation with the lessee, investigate removal or modification of the dam on Manly Creek downstream of Condamine Street.   |
| <b>Water quality</b>  | <p>Poor water quality from stormwater and other sources limits recreational use of Brookvale and Manly Creeks.</p> <p>Manly Lagoon often does not meet ANZECC 2000 standards for both primary (e.g. swimming) and secondary (e.g. canoeing) contact recreation, and so is closed for various recreational uses.</p> <p>Five Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices (SQIDs) in the District Park area reduce pollutants entering the waterways. These devices are monitored and maintained approximately every three months and following heavy rain events.</p> <p>Warringah Council is monitoring Phytoplankton, Zooplankton and chlorophyll in Manly Lagoon off Nolan Reserve to assess eutrophication and other ecological conditions.</p> | <p>Improve the quality of water in creeks and waterways.</p> <p>Improve water quality in Brookvale and Manly Creeks suitable for secondary contact recreation.</p> <p>Control pollutants from upstream areas</p> | <p>Continue to monitor and maintain Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices (SQIDs) every three months and following heavy rain events.</p> <p>Continue water quality monitoring and project partnerships with Sydney Water and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Investigate the feasibility of installing additional SQIDs in key locations in the Manly and Brookvale Creeks catchment.</p> |
| <b>Aquatic weeds</b>  | High priority noxious weeds are being removed from Brookvale Creek.   | Manage high priority aquatic weeds in riparian areas   | Continue strategic control of high priority aquatic weeds in Brookvale and Manly Creeks.   |
| <b>Contam-ination</b> | There is potential for contamination of land in District Park due to unknown landfill material and historic uses.   | Minimise the impacts of contamination on the natural environment and use of District Park  | Manage contamination issues appropriately as they arise.   |

| Opportunity               | Background   | Strategies  | Actions   |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Bushland</b>           |  |   |   |
| <b>Bush regeneration</b>  | <p>Bush regeneration is carried out in District Park by Warringah Council's Friends of the Bush groups at Mermaid Pool, Warringah Golf Course, and Passmore Reserve.</p> <p>Contract bush regeneration works are taking place in remnant bushland along Manly Creek, around David Thomas Reserve, Brookvale Creek and Manly Lagoon.</p>  | <p>Restore areas of remnant bushland to enhance wildlife habitat</p> <p>Provide support for re-establishing locally native vegetation</p> | Continue strategic bush regeneration activities in District Park.   |
| <b>Fauna</b>              |  |   |   |
| <b>Threatened species</b> | <p>Threatened microbat species are known to forage within District Park, and roost within nearby stormwater infrastructure.</p> <p>Waterways and riparian vegetation within the park are known foraging habitat for threatened and migratory birds including the Black Bittern.</p> <p>Any developments and activities in District Park which have the potential to modify foraging and roosting habitat must account for potential impacts on threatened bird and bat species.</p>  | Protect and enhance threatened species habitat  | <p>Maintain and enhance existing natural areas within District Park.</p> <p>Ensure future management actions are undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> and <i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>.</p>                               |
| <b>Sustainability</b>     |  |   |   |
| <b>Energy and water</b>   | <p>Council has installed automated and remotely controlled lighting and irrigation systems which have reduced use of energy and water through unauthorised access to playing fields and amenities in District Park. This system has the added advantage of detecting, automatically shutting down and alerting staff to water leaks in the irrigation system, potentially saving thousands of litres of water.</p> <p>Changed maintenance practices have reduced the use of mains water for playing fields in District Park. These changed maintenance practices include increasing use of aeration and of wetting agents to reduce hydrophobic water sheeting and to improve water penetration and retention in the soil; and improving bore water management which has reduced the need for mains water.</p> <p>Warringah Golf Club has a licence from the Office of Water for harvesting water from the dam to water the golf course.</p> | Minimise use of water and energy in District Park   | <p>Include requirements in lease agreements for lessees to prepare environmental management plans which address the use and management of water and energy as required.</p> <p>Incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) into the design of all future facilities, landscaping and vehicle parking areas.</p> |
| <b>Chemical use</b>       | Dangerous chemicals and poisons can leach into the surface or groundwater, and can affect soil, plants and water for a long time. Considering that District Park is highly vegetated, and noting that Manly and Brookvale Creeks traverse the area, and flow immediately into Manly Lagoon, appropriate care should be taken to protect bushland and sensitive receiving water bodies.   | Minimise use of chemicals in District Park  | Include requirements in lease agreements for lessees to prepare environmental management plans which address use and management of pesticides, fertilisers and other chemicals.   |

| Opportunity                               | Background   | Strategies  | Actions  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <b>Waste management</b>                   | Waste management plans are required to be prepared to accompany applications to hold major events in District Park.  | Minimise waste generated from use of District Park                              | Review waste management requirements in future use agreements.   |
| <b>Natural hazards and climate change</b> |  |   |  |
| <b>Bushfire</b>                           | Residential properties and Council assets adjoining David Thomas Reserve have been rated in the Warringah Pittwater Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (2010) as a "high" risk asset.<br><br>Hazard reduction burning works were conducted in David Thomas Reserve in 2012, which alleviated the bush fire risk.   | Manage the impacts of bushfire in District Park                                 | Continue to co-ordinate bushfire risk management activities in accordance with the Warringah Pittwater Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2010.   |
| <b>Flooding</b>                           | All reserves in District Park are flood-prone.<br><br>The entrance to Manly Lagoon, which is jointly managed by Warringah and Manly Councils, is occasionally mechanically opened to reduce the risk of flooding. Manly and Brookvale Creeks, which flow into Manly Lagoon, periodically flood. The two Councils have prepared a Project Agreement for the Joint Management of Routine Maintenance Operations on Manly Lagoon (2012). This agreement aims to ensure that the Councils work together to reduce flood risk while protecting the health of the lagoon, and maintaining infrastructure such as low flow pipes and litter traps.<br><br>The Manly Lagoon Flood Study (2013) identified the existing and future flood behaviour in the Manly Lagoon catchment. The revision of the Manly Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan will evaluate and recommend options to manage flooding within the catchment. | Manage flood risks appropriately  | Implement actions identified in the revision of the Manly Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Plan.  |
| <b>Education and interpretation</b>       |  |   |  |
| <b>Education activities</b>               | Environmental activities such as Friends of the Bush, tree planting days, and school excursions to learn about the environment are provided in natural areas of District Park.<br><br>The Warringah Cultural Plan recommended introducing environmental walks in bushland in Warringah.  | Encourage the community to learn about the natural environment in District Park | Facilitate environmental education and community activities in District Park where appropriate.<br><br>Investigate opportunities to expand community volunteer groups to monitor water quality, biodiversity and to restore riparian and bushland areas. |
| <b>Bird hides and viewing platforms</b>   | The natural areas in District Park provide excellent opportunities to watch local and migratory bird species.  | Improve opportunities to watch birds and other wildlife in District Park        | Investigate environmental interpretation structures (such as bird hides and viewing platforms) where appropriate and which are sympathetic with the environment and other park uses.   |

| Opportunity                 | Background   | Strategies   | Actions   |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Interpretive signage</b> | Some interpretive signs about flora and fauna have been installed along Brookvale Creek. | Provide opportunities for park users to learn about the natural environment in District Park during their visit. | Review existing interpretive signage in District Park.<br>Update or replace signage where required and in accordance with Warringah's signage strategy. |



### 4.2.5 Connected transport

#### Objective:

**To improve access to District Park by public transport and active transport, and access within the park for walking, cycling and universal access**

| Performance targets  | Means of assessment                 |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Increase in users accessing District Park by public transport, walking and cycling | Observations, visitor surveys       |
| Decrease in parking conflicts in local streets                                     | Observations, complaints to Council |
| Increase in walking and cycling links within the park and to adjoining areas       | Length of paths and tracks          |

| Opportunity                  | Background  | Strategies  | Actions   |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Public transport</b>      |   |   |   |
| <b>Public transport</b>      | <p>5% of users of District Park travel to the park by public transport.</p> <p>Numerous bus routes connect District Park with the City and northern beaches along Condamine Street, Manly along Pittwater Road, and Frenchs Forest via Allambie Road.</p>   | <p>Include opportunities to support access to public transport in any future development options for District Park.</p>       | <p>Provide accessible links between bus stops, amenities buildings and other destinations in the park.</p> <p>Produce an information brochure about District Park including modes of transport to the park, location of bus stops and other relevant information.</p> <p>Provide information about public transport options to and from the park to Sydney Buses, Roads and Maritime, and include on the Warringah</p> <p>Include public transport options on the Warringah bike map.</p> |
| <b>Roads and parking</b>     |   |   |   |
| <b>Vehicle access</b>        | <p>77% of park users travel to the park by private motor vehicle.</p> <p>Condamine Street and Pittwater Road are busy roads which are congested in peak hours. The secondary roads of Kentwell Road, Sloane Crescent and Campbell Parade separate areas within the park or adjoin the park.</p> <p>Speed humps control the speed of traffic on Campbell Parade and Sloane Crescent.</p> | <p>Improve opportunities to access District Park by vehicle.</p>  | <p>Provide accessible pathways between car parks and buildings in the Park.</p> <p>Review use of car parking areas in District Park.</p>  |
| <b>Vehicle parking areas</b> | <p>Numerous off-road vehicle parking areas are provided in the park at each sporting complex (David Thomas, Miller, Passmore, and Nolan Reserves) at the child-care centre, the small-bore rifle club, North Manly Bowling Club, Warringah Recreation Centre, and</p>   | <p>Improve opportunities to park vehicles in District Park while minimising encroachment of parking areas on the park and</p> | <p>Investigate opportunities to upgrade and reconfigure vehicle parking throughout District Park where demand warrants.</p>   |

| Opportunity  | Background  | Strategies  | Actions  |
|--|---|---|--|
|  | <p>Warringah Golf Club. Parking is also available on surrounding streets.</p> <p>Parking for park users is adequate at most times, except on Friday evenings for touch football, Saturdays for winter sport, and for school sport carnivals at Nolan Reserve. Lack of parking at peak times causes park users to park in local side streets, inconveniencing residents.</p> <p>Additional parking spaces at the proposed sports community club building will be necessary to reduce parking on local streets. Car parking associated with the new building would be consistent with the requirements of the Warringah Development Control Plan.</p> | <p>conflicts with other park users</p> <p>Ensure adequate vehicle parking associated with any new facilities</p> <p>Promote safety and security for users of car parks</p>                          | <p>Provide adequate car parking spaces to cater for users of the new sports community club building.</p> <p>Review existing lighting of car parks.</p> <p>Provide additional lighting of car parks as required.</p>  |
| <b>Walking and cycling</b>                             |   |   |  |
| <b>Improvements to walking/ cycling paths</b>          | Shared paths for walking and cycling are provided in Passmore Reserve and Nolan Reserve.  | <p>Improve opportunities for walking and cycling in District Park</p> <p>Improve safety and public amenity along shared paths</p>   | <p>Implement improvements to walking/ cycling paths in District Park identified in the Warringah Bike Plan.</p> <p>Install seating along walking and cycling paths.</p> <p>Install water refill stations at appropriate locations along walking/cycling paths.</p> <p>Install dog waste bins at appropriate locations along walking/cycling paths.</p> <p>Investigate lighting upgrades along walking/cycling paths.</p> <p>Investigate walking/cycling/ golf buggy access over waterways.</p> |
| <b>New walking and cycling tracks in District Park</b> | The Park User Survey (2013) found that 15% of park users walk to the park and 3% of park users cycle to the park.   | <p>Improve opportunities to access District Park by walking and cycling.</p> <p>Develop strategic links for pedestrians and cyclists which facilitate activity within and around District Park.</p> | <p>Implement new walking/ cycling tracks in District Park identified in the Warringah Bike Plan.</p> <p>Investigate new perimeter shared walking/cycling tracks in Nolan, Miller and David Thomas Reserves.</p> <p>Consider provision of footbridges and landscape treatments across the central and southern stormwater drains in Nolan Reserve.</p>  |
| <b>Pedestrian crossing of internal roads</b>           | Pedestrian/vehicle conflicts occur on Sloane Crescent between David Thomas and Miller Reserves, and on Kentwell Road.   | <p>Reduce traffic speeds and improve safety of pedestrians crossing adjoining roads</p>   | <p>Investigate the feasibility of relocating the fence and providing a pedestrian access path along the southern side of Kentwell Road.</p> <p>Investigate opportunities to improve pedestrian and cyclist access and safety for crossing Kentwell Road</p>  |

| Opportunity                                       | Background   | Strategies  | Actions   |
|---|--|---|---|
|   |  |   | through provision of traffic calming measures.  |
|   |  | Promote walking and cycling links between reserves within District Park       | Consider shared path link under Condamine Street between Miller Reserve and Warringah Golf Course.  |
| <b>Walking / cycling links to adjoining areas</b> | The community has identified that links from District Park to adjoining natural areas such as Manly Dam and Manly Lagoon are desirable.                                      | Link District Park with adjoining areas                                       | Implement other walking / cycling links between District Park and adjoining areas identified in the revised Warringah Bike and Pedestrian and Mobility Plans. |
| <b>Bike parking</b>                               | There are currently no existing or planned bike parking facilities in District Park (in the Warringah Bike Plan). However, a review of this Bike Plan will commence shortly. | Encourage park users to ride bikes to District Park                           | Provide bike parking facilities at the Passmore Reserve playground, Warringah Recreation Centre, and community and amenities buildings.                       |
| <b>Access for all</b>                             |  |   |   |
| <b>Access for all</b>                             | Access for everyone in District Park has improved in recent years, with accessible parking spaces, pathways and a footbridge being provided.                                 | Ensure universal access to and use of spaces and facilities in District Park. | Conduct an access audit of District Park.<br>Address any issues raised in the Access Audit.   |
| <b>Wayfinding</b>                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>Directional signage</b>                        | The lack of directional signage in the park was identified as an issue in the visitor survey.  | Ensure easy movement around and through District Park.                        | Implement Council's signage strategy.   |

## 5 IMPLEMENTATION

### 5.1 Governance

At present Warringah Council manages District Park. District Park will continue to be managed by Warringah Council.

Council's management of the sporting fields in District Park and the Warringah Recreation Centre will ensure equitable access to facilitate uses which align with community needs. Management of the sporting fields will be consistent with the Sportsground Plan of Management and relevant policies.

Sports fields will be managed with consideration of local amenity, sporting needs, and Council policies and practices.

Council will have oversight of all use agreements. Day-to-day management of leased and licensed areas will be the responsibility of the leaseholder according to the terms of the lease or licence agreement.

### 5.2 Future uses and developments

#### 5.2.1 Permitted uses and developments

##### Introduction

It is not possible to forecast every activity, development or structure that may occur in District Park in the future. New activities, developments and structures may be proposed in response to an application for use of the Park, or because funding or another opportunity becomes available, or to address a need or management issue that may not be evident when preparing this Plan of Management.

##### Principles

District Park is generally intended to be used for active sport, informal and passive recreation, social and cultural events, and preservation of natural areas.

Any use or development that would encroach on the Park's open space should be minimised, unless it can be shown that the proposed use or development is more efficient use of the space and is consistent with the objectives of this Plan of Management.

##### Legislative requirements

Permissible uses and developments in District Park must be in accordance with relevant legislation in force, particularly:

- ☐ categorisation of community land under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.
- ☐ uses for which leases, licences and other estates may be granted on community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.



- ☐ the principles of Crown land management under the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.
- ☐ zoning under the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011.
- ☐ State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007.
- ☐ Commonwealth legislation.

Refer to Appendix F for more information.

### Other considerations

In addition to the legislative considerations outlined above, assessment criteria for proposals for new activities and/or developments should address:

- ☐ the objectives of this Plan of Management (Section 1).
- ☐ the objectives for management of District Park (Sections 3 and 4).
- ☐ community values of the Park (Section 3)
- ☐ community objectives for the Park (Section 3)
- ☐ the future roles of the Park (Section 3)
- ☐ Council plans and policies.

### Specific activities

#### Sporting activities

Seasonal sporting activities would be conducted according to the Sportsground Plan of Management and Conditions of Hire.

#### Performances and events

Warringah Council will encourage performances and events which are aligned with the objectives of this Plan of Management, and other Council plans and policies. The suitability of performances and events in District Park will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

#### Sale and consumption of alcohol

Sale and consumption of alcohol at District Park would be according to the conditions of any current licence issued by the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, and Council processes and requirements.

### 5.2.2 Scale and intensity of use and development

#### Introduction

The scale and intensity of future uses and development in District Park is dependent on the:

- ☐ nature of the approved future uses.
- ☐ Landscape Concept Plan (Section 4.1) and subsequent detailed Masterplans.
- ☐ impact on the condition of the park and assets.
- ☐ impact on adjoining residents.

Any proposal to use buildings, structures and spaces in District Park will be considered on merit and balanced against the need to maintain the amenity of adjoining residents and land uses.

## Buildings and structures

### Express authorisation

This Plan of Management expressly authorises development of new buildings and redevelopment of existing buildings consistent with the scale and intensity of buildings and structures as shown on the Landscape Concept Plan and subsequent detailed Masterplans.

### Design considerations

#### *Building envelopes*

District Park is zoned as RE1 Public Recreation. Therefore no height or building envelope controls relate to the site under WLEP 2011.

#### *Access*

Incorporate any relevant standards to new developments and refurbishment within the Park as per Australian Standard 1428 (Parts 1 – 4) Design for Access and Mobility.

Seating for people with disabilities should comply with the Disability Discrimination Act and the Building Code of Australia.

#### *Sustainable development*

All facilities, infrastructure (new and renewed), and maintenance in District Park will integrate sustainability in terms of energy use, life cycle costs, source material impacts, and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD).

All new buildings and/or refurbishments in District Park are to be developed consistent with Council's Operational Management Standard 'Environmentally Sustainable Design and Management of Council Built Assets'.

## Parkland

Intensity of use of the parkland must be monitored in terms of its impact on the condition of the land and built assets. Corrective action, such as fencing off worn grassed areas, may be implemented if the condition of the park is impacted upon.

## Traffic and parking

The impact of traffic and parking associated with organised sport or events on local residents and businesses will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

## Planting

Species selected for planting in riparian areas in District Park will be endemic to the area or to Australia where possible. Elsewhere in District Park plant species which are appropriate for a highly modified and used park will be used.

Planting will be undertaken on a site-specific basis as required.

## Activities

It is envisaged that activities at District Park which may attract high numbers of people are sporting competitions, and special events. Applications for such activities will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

### 5.2.3 Assessment and approval of permissible uses and developments

#### Community land

Warringham Council must expressly authorise proposed developments on community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*. This authorisation in a Plan of Management gives 'in principle' support for certain activities to proceed to the development assessment stage. However, this Plan does not in itself imply or grant consent for these activities. Any proposed developments which are consistent with this Plan are still subject to development consent processes.

#### Crown land

Clause 49 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* provides for the making of development applications by the owner of the land to which the development application applies, or by any other person with the written consent of the owner of the land. A development application made by a lessee of Crown land may only be made with written consent given by or on behalf of the Crown.

#### Evaluation and approval

All proposed uses, development and building works in this Plan of Management will be assessed if required through a Development and Building Application process consistent with the *Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. This Plan of Management would be an important supporting document for the required development and building applications for the proposed works.

After a Plan of Management is adopted Council may only assess applications for small-scale activities or developments at District Park as it is the land owner. The Warringham Development Assessment Panel will assess any significant development applications which are authorised by this Plan. Any Development Applications, proposed works and major management issues would be advertised widely for information and to invite comment.

Lot 2748 DP 752038 in David Thomas Reserve is included on the Bush Fire Prone Land Map. Any Development Application (DA) on that lot must be accompanied by a Bush Fire Hazard Assessment Report.

### 5.3 Use agreements

Areas in District Park which are leased or licensed are shown in Figure 7. Use agreements which apply to District Park are set out in Table 4.



**Figure 7      Leased/licensed areas in District Park**





**Table 4 Existing use agreements**

| Area of District Park               | Use agreement     | Lessee/ licensee                                   | Permitted activity  | Term                  | Expiry date                          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Warringah Golf Course</b>        | Lease             | Warringah Golf Club                                | Golf course and other recreation activities which includes retail sales | 1 year and 7 months   | 31 January 2016                      |
| <b>Part of David Thomas Reserve</b> | Lease             | G8 Childcare Centre                                | Childcare centre  | 5 years               | 6 October 2019, plus a 5 year option |
| <b>Part of Nolan Reserve</b>        | Lease             | North Manly Bowling and Recreation Club            | Bowling and Recreation Club which includes retail sales                 | 4 years and 10 months | 31 January 2016                      |
| <b>Part of Nolan Reserve</b>        | Lease             | Christian Bros Junior Rugby League Football Club   | Clubhouse and recreation activities which includes retail sales         | Expired lease         | N/A                                  |
| <b>Part of Passmore Reserve</b>     | Lease             | Manly Vale Calabria Bowling Sports and Social Club | Bowling, sports and social club   | 10 years              | 31 March 2017                        |
| <b>Part of Passmore Reserve</b>     | Lease             | Manly Small Bore Rifle Club                        | Small bore rifle range and club house                                   | 5 years               | 31 December 2016                     |
| <b>Warringah Recreation Centre</b>  | Licence           | Luik Holdings Pty Ltd                              | Squash and other recreation activities                                  | 2 years and 10 months | 31 August 2016                       |
| <b>Warringah Recreation Centre</b>  | Licence           | Voyager Tennis Pty Ltd                             | Tennis and other recreation activities which includes retail sales      | 2 years and 10 months | 31 August 2016                       |
| <b>Warringah Recreation Centre</b>  | Booking agreement | Northern Beaches Futsal Association Inc.           | Futsal and other recreation activities                                  | 3 years               | 31 August 2016                       |

This Plan of Management authorises the current leases and licences until the end of their current terms. Prior to the expiry date, each lease or licence agreement will be reviewed, and renewed if appropriate.

### 5.3.3 Authorisation of future leases, licences and other estates

#### Introduction

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that any lease or licence of community land is authorised by a Plan of Management.

Leases, licences and other estates for the use of District Park are permissible under:

- ☐ Sections 46 and 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- ☐ the core objectives for the relevant category of community land.
- ☐ *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

- ☐ the Warringah Local Environmental Plan, and pursuant to development consent if required.
- ☐ this Plan of Management.

Leases will entered into where use of all or part of an area is required due to scale of investment or security or an area is required with terms in accordance with Sections 46 and 47 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Licences are of shorter duration and are for control of all or part of an area.

All permissible uses of community land under lease, licence or another estate listed in Section 46 of the *Local Government Act 1993* are expressly authorised by this Plan.

This Plan of Management particularly authorises the following leases, licences and commercial uses for District Park:

- ☐ leases and licences applying to District Park must provide a multi-user approach to community assets.
- ☐ licences must allow for a broad range of uses.
- ☐ licences for commercial activities would be in keeping with the core objectives for the land and must not reasonably alienate the land.

Leasing, licensing and commercial uses in District Park will be in accordance with the objectives and principles of Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Depending on the nature of the proposed lease, licence and commercial use, Council would develop specific objectives and requirements tailored to the proposal. .

All proposed activities under lease or licence would be subject to Council's conditions, approval processes and booking fees.

## Uses

Under Section 46 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council may lease or licence community land in a Plan of Management for purposes consistent with the categorisation and zoning of the land.

The following leases, licences and other estates are authorised within this Plan of Management and are therefore permissible in District Park.

**Table 5 Authorised leases, licences and other estates**

| Proposed use             | Land to which authorisation applies   | Express authorisation of lease, licence or other estate for:  |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Sports-ground Use</b> | All spaces, buildings and facilities in District Park which may be categorised as Sportsground or General Community Use.  | Sports and related purposes such as events, which may be defined as any sporting, recreational, cultural, educational, promotional, commercial, musical event and/or activities which the park can cater for, providing the core objectives of the Sportsground and General Community Use categories are met. |
| <b>Catering</b>          | Catering facilities within land categorised as Sportsground and General Community Use. This includes the area used to prepare food and the temporary canteens on the grounds. | Food and beverage facilities may serve prepared snacks, packaged and prepared foods, with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages to take away.<br>The food and beverage facilities are to be supportive of the function of District Park.  |

| Proposed use                                   | Land to which authorisation applies  | Express authorisation of lease, licence or other estate for:   |
|--|--|--|
| <b>Combined sports community club building</b> | Land categorised as Sportsground for the use of the new combined sports club | Distribution of alcoholic beverages, restaurant food and entertainment, along with the sale and hire of sports equipment associated with use of the park. Any other activities for which a registered club would be licensed.  |
| <b>Advertising</b>                             | Land categorised as Sportsground and General Community Use.                  | Internal advertising, where it is supportive of the use of the land and not visible from the exterior. Placing advertising material on the ground and buildings providing it is consistent with State Environmental Planning Policy No. 64 – Advertising and Signage (SEPP 64). New signage would be subject to assessment under the provisions of SEPP 64, Warringah Local Environment Plan 2011, and Warringah Development Control Plan. |
| <b>Commercial uses</b>                         | Land categorised as Sportsground, Park and General Community Use.            | Small-scale commercial uses which support the use of District Park for sport, passive recreation, and cultural and social activities, such as bicycle hire and mobile food/beverage vans.<br>Large-scale commercial uses which offer a community benefit and generate income.  |

## Other estates

This Plan of Management authorises Council to grant “an estate” over community land for the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

## Easements

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the granting of easements over land in District Park to provide pipes, conduits or other connections under the ground surface. This is limited to easements which connect premises adjoining community land to an existing water, sewer, drainage or electricity facility of Council or another public utility provider that is situated on community land. Such easements must minimise impacts on the condition and use of the park.

Granting of easements above, on or under the surface of community land or to land that is not community land is not within the authority of this Plan of Management. These easements include, but are not limited to piping to a natural watercourse, piping from a facility on community land to a facility on private land, and private vehicular or pedestrian access.

## Short-term casual hire / temporary licences

All short-term casual hire will be in accordance with the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*. To be considered as casual hire, the use or occupation must not:

- ☐ involve the erection of any building or structure of a permanent nature.
- ☐ continue for more than three consecutive days (in the case of any use or occupation that occurs only once).
- ☐ continue to recur for a period of more than 12 months in the case of uses occurring more than once. Each occurrence must be no more than 3 consecutive days, not including Saturday and Sunday.



Authorisation is granted for short-term casual hire in District Park for the following uses.

**Table 6 Authorised uses for short term casual hire of District Park**

| Proposed use                                   | Land to which authorisation applies                           | Express authorisation of lease, licence or other estate for:   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Sport and events</b>                        | Land categorised as Sportsground, Park, General Community Use | Occasional sporting, recreational, social or educational events. This would include activities such as one-off sporting events and events such as fetes, fairs and cultural, musical or entertainment events.  |
| <b>Other short-term uses of community land</b> | Land categorised as Sportsground, Park, General Community Use | Short term/temporary uses set out in the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> and the <i>Local Government (General) Regulation 2005</i> including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> wedding ceremonies and functions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> playing of a musical instrument or singing for fee or reward.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> delivering a public address or speech</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> markets and / or temporary stalls including food stalls.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> commercial filming and photography.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> corporate functions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> birthday parties and family gatherings.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> other special events/ promotions provided they are on a scale appropriate to the use of a regional park, or to the benefit and enjoyment of the local community.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> emergency purposes, including training, when the need arises.</li> </ul> |

All short-term temporary and casual uses would be subject to council's standard conditions for hire, approval processes, and booking fees. A temporary licence would be issued by council as part of the approval process prior to the park being used for these activities. Organisers of the activity are subject to conditions of hire.

Fees for short term, casual bookings will be in accordance with the fees and charges as published in Warringah Council's *Operating Plan and Budget*.

## Subleases

Where a lease arrangement has been entered into with council for community land, subleasing of the land must be in accordance with the requirements of Section 47C of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Under Clause 119 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*, community land leased by a sporting club may be sub-leased for refreshment kiosks, dances and private parties. Under the same clause, a bowling club may be sub-let to a croquet club.

## 5.4 Monitoring

Implementation of actions in this Plan of Management according to their assigned priorities will be monitored annually through the preparation of annual performance reports, budgets, and capital works programs. It should be recognised however that commencement and completion of the recommended actions in this Plan of Management depends on available Council resources, funding, and Council's priorities in its annual works program. The priority of each action should be reassessed annually to determine if the stated priority is still relevant.



## 5.5 Reporting

Achievement of actions listed in this Plan of Management will be reported using Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. Achievement of major actions will be reported in Warringah Council's Annual Report.

Income, expenditure and achieved actions regarding District Park will be reported to Council after each financial year.

## 5.6 Review

This Plan of Management is intended to be reviewed and updated when required. It should be updated to reflect changing community and council priorities and issues, to take into account changes in grants and funding, legislation or government directions, and to recognise completed actions. Review of this Plan of Management should also take into account the outcomes of periodic reviews of council's strategic and operational plans.

The Action Plan tables have a shorter life and therefore require more frequent reviews and updating. The Action Plan tables should be reviewed and revised when required in accordance with council's budgets, capital works program and changing priorities.

## 6 REFERENCES

- Chapman, G.A. and Murphy, C.L. (1989) *Soil Landscapes of the Sydney Region*.
- ERM (2001a) *Proposed Categorisation of Land at District Park: Report on Public Hearing*. Prepared for Warringah Council, March.
- ERM (2001b) *Proposed Categorisation of Land at District Park: Report on Public Hearing (2)*. Prepared for Warringah Council, July.
- Golf Business Advisory Services (2015) *District Park Clubhouse Feasibility Study*.
- Hajkowicz, S.A., Cook, H., Wilhelmseder, L., Boughen, N. (2013) *The Future of Australian Sport: Megatrends shaping the sports sector over coming decades*.
- Integrated Open Space Services (2013) *Benchmark Park User Satisfaction Survey*.
- JBAS (2014) *Northern Beaches Regional Golf Study*. Prepared for Warringah Council, April.
- NSW Government (2014) *A Plan for Growing Sydney*. December.
- SGL Consulting (2008) *Recreation Needs Study*. Prepared for Warringah Council, February.
- SGL Consulting (2008) *Recreation Needs Study: Key Findings, Strategic Directions and Recommendations*. Prepared for Warringah Council.
- SGL Consulting (2009) *Recreation Needs Study: Open Space and Facilities Provision Review – Technical Paper One*. Prepared for Warringah Council.
- Warringah Council and Integrated Site Design Pty Ltd (1995) *District Park Plan of Management: A significant area plan of management*. Adopted November 1995.
- Warringah Council (2002) *District Park Plan of Management*. Adopted 23 April 2002.
- Warringah Council (2006) *Children and Family Services Strategy*.
- Warringah Council (2007) *Cultural Plan*.
- Warringah Council (2007) *Playground Strategy*.
- Warringah Council (2007) *Sportsgrounds Plan of Management*.
- Warringah Council (2009) *Recreation Strategy 2009*.
- Warringah Council (2011) *Warringah Section 94A Development Contributions Plan*.
- Warringah Council (2011) *Draft Warringah Biodiversity Conservation Study*.
- Warringah Council (2013) *Warringah Council's Youth Strategy 2013-2023*.
- Warringah Council (2014) *Creative Warringah: Warringah Council's strategy for a creative and connected community for all 2014-2020*.
- Warringah Council (undated) *Living Well Warringah: Warringah Council's Ageing Strategy*.
- Warringah Shire Council (1991) *A Brief History of Manly-Warringah District Parks*.

# APPENDICES

## A LAND INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

| Register Number | Lot  | Section | Deposited Plan | Address  | Category   |
|-----------------|------|---------|----------------|--|--|
| 69/1A           | 2741 |         | 752038         | Lot 2741/9999 Condamine Street<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093      | General Community Use,<br>Natural Area Watercourse |
| 69/1B           | 2740 |         | 752038         | Lot 752038/9999 Condamine<br>Street<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093 | General Community Use                              |
| 69/1C           | 2747 |         | 752038         | Lot 5747/9999 Condamine Street<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093      | General Community Use                              |
| 71/1            | 2742 |         | 752038         | Lot 2742/9999 Condamine Street<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093      | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/2            | 3    | 3       | 5875           | Lot 3/ Sloane Crescent<br>ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100        | Park   |
| 71/3A           | 1    |         | 449244         | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Sportsground                                       |
| 71/3B           | 25   |         | 664878         | Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100                     | Sportsground                                       |
| 71/5A           | 2    |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5B           | 3    |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5C           | 4    |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5D           | 5    |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5E           | 6    |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5F           | 7    |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5G           | 8    |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5H           | 9    |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5I           | 10   |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5J           | 11   |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |
| 71/5K           | 12   |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100       | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground          |



| Register Number | Lot | Section | Deposited Plan | Address  | Category                                  |
|-----------------|-----|---------|----------------|--|---|
| 71/5L           | 13  |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground |
| 71/5M           | 14  |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground |
| 71/5N           | 15  |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground |
| 71/5O           | 28  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5P           | 27  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5Q           | 26  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5R           | 24  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5S           | 23  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5T           | 22  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5W           | 21  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5X           | 20  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5Y           | 19  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/5Z           | 18  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/6            | 12  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground |
| 71/8            | 2   |         | 819059         | Lot 2/ Cornwell Road<br>ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100    | Park                                      |
| 71/9A           | 17  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/9B           | 16  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/9C           | 15  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/9D           | 14  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/9E           | 13  | A       | 5857           | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Sportsground                              |
| 71/9F           | 1   |         | 723586         | Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100               | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground |
| 71/9G           | 1   |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100 | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground |

| Register Number | Lot  | Section | Deposited Plan | Address  | Category  |
|-----------------|------|---------|----------------|--|---|
| 71/9H           | 16   |         | 1125336        | Nolan Reserve Pittwater Road<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100           | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground   |
| 72/6A           | 87   |         | 12578          | Lot 87/9996 Riverview Parade<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100           | General Community Use   |
| 72/6B           | 88   |         | 12578          | Lot 87/9996 Riverview Parade<br>NORTH MANLY NSW 2100           | General Community Use   |
| 72/7            | 2762 |         | 752038         | Lot 3/ Campbell Parade<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093                  | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Sportsground   |
| 76/1            | 2748 |         | 752038         | David Thomas Reserve<br>Campbell Parade<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093 | General Community Use,<br>Natural Area Bushland,<br>Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Park, Sportsground |
| 76/2            | 10   |         | 27009          | Lot 10/9999 Campbell Parade<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093             | Natural Area Bushland   |
| 77/1            | 2744 |         | 752038         | Lot 2744/9999 Condamine Street<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093          | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Park, Sportsground   |
| 77/1A           | 2743 |         | 752038         | Campbell Parade<br>MANLY VALE NSW 2093                         | Natural Area Watercourse,<br>Park, Sportsground   |

## B PROCESS OF PREPARING THIS PLAN OF MANAGE- MENT

| Dates                  | Stage  | Engagement  | Outputs  |
|------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Dec 2012</b>        | Council resolves to review current Plan of Management for District Park and to prepare a new Plan of Management by December 2015 | -   | Report to Council.<br>Council resolution on 11 December 2012   |
| <b>Feb-May 2013</b>    | Research background information, issues and opportunities  | Park User Survey<br>council staff   | Benchmark Park User Satisfaction Survey (Integrated Open Space Services, 2013)   |
| <b>May – Nov 13</b>    | Prepare Discussion Paper   | Council staff<br>Recreation and Open Space Strategic Reference Group  | District Park Discussion Paper<br>Nov 2013   |
| <b>Nov 13</b>          | Council endorses the process for review of District Park Plan of Management 2002   | Council meeting   | Report to Council<br>Council resolution to approve public exhibition on 26 November 2013   |
| <b>Nov 13 – Mar 14</b> | Community and stakeholder engagement on Discussion Paper   | Signage installed in the park<br>Letterbox drop of local residents and businesses<br>Council website: Your Say Warringah project page, online feedback form, interactive map<br>Advertisements in the <i>Manly Daily</i><br>Media release<br>Posters and hard copies at Warringah Golf Club, North Manly Bowling Club, Boronia Hall Childcare Centre, Manly Vale Calabria Club, and Warringah Recreation Centre<br>Community drop-in sessions at North Manly Bowling Club 22 Feb 2014, Calabria Club 26 Feb 2014, Boronia Hall Childcare Centre 8 Mar 2014, Warringah Golf Club 10 Mar 2014<br>One-on-one meetings with key external stakeholders including current lessees | Community attendance at drop-in sessions<br>251 written submissions, 75 online submissions<br>District Park Discussion Paper Submissions<br>Report June 2014 |
| <b>to April 14</b>     | Prepare Regional Golf Study  | Warringah Golf Club<br>Other golf clubs in Warringah and adjoining LGAs<br>Golf NSW, Golf Australia   | Regional Golf Study, (JBAS, April 2014)  |
| <b>Mar – Jun 14</b>    | Prepare District Park Draft Strategic Directions Paper   | -   | District Park Draft Strategic Directions Paper June 2014   |
| <b>Jun 14</b>          | Report to Council to place Draft Strategic   | Council meeting   | Council resolution to approve public exhibition 24 June  |



| Dates                    | Stage  | Engagement   | Outputs  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
|                          | Directions Paper on public exhibition                                  |  | 2014   |
| <b>July – Nov 14</b>     | Community and stakeholder engagement on Strategic Directions Paper     | 110 people attended community drop-in sessions at Calabria Club (16 Jul), North Manly Bowling Club (26 Jul), Warringah Golf Club (28 Jul)<br>Council website: Your Say Warringah project page, online feedback form<br>Email, mail | 30 written submissions<br>District Park Strategic Directions Paper:<br>Submissions Report, November 2014 |
| <b>Nov 14 – March 15</b> | Prepare sports club feasibility study                                  | Working Group comprising key external stakeholders and current lessees   | District Park Feasibility Study (Golf Business Advisory Services, March 2015)                            |
| <b>Nov 14 – April 15</b> | Prepare Draft Plan of Management for District Park                     | Feedback from council staff  | Draft Plan of Management for District Park   |
| <b>March-April 15</b>    | Prepare Landscape Concept Plan   | Consultation meeting with key external stakeholders including current lessees and major hirers   | Landscape Concept Plan for District Park   |
| <b>May 15</b>            | Strategic Reference Groups   | Inform the Open Space and Recreation and Environmental Conservation and Overall Sustainability Strategic Reference Groups  | Feedback   |
| <b>May 15</b>            | Council resolve to place Draft Plan of Management on public exhibition | Council meeting  | Report to Council<br>Council resolution to approve public exhibition 26 May                              |
| <b>May-July 15</b>       | Community and stakeholder engagement on Draft Plan of Management       | Public notice in local newspapers<br>Community drop-in sessions at locations in or adjacent to the park<br>Council website: Your Say Warringah project page, online feedback form<br>Email, mail                                   | Submissions Report   |
| <b>July 15</b>           | Consider submissions and prepare final Plan of Management              | -  | Plan of Management for District Park 2015  |
| <b>August 15</b>         | Adoption of Plan of Management by Warringah Council                    | Council meeting  | Council resolution to adopt Plan of Management 25 August   |



## C HISTORY OF DISTRICT PARK

| Year  | Event   |
|-------|---|
| 1919  | The Brookvale Progress Association first proposed the concept of a district park to Manly Municipal Council, Warringah Shire Council, and the Lands Department.   |
| 1922  | Warringah Council prepared a report suggesting the resumption of 170 acres of land to establish the District Parks. Warringah and Manly Councils could not afford the £25,000 cost, and the Department of Lands refused a request for funding.  |
| 1925  | The Manly Warringah District Parks Joint Committee was established. In 1 December Warringah and Manly Councils decided to enter into a formal agreement to apply for the resumption and share the costs equally.  |
| 1920s | The original area of the District Parks was used for Chinese market gardens, Keating's Dairy in the present Miller Reserve, and private estates.<br>District Park was planned as a regional recreation space.   |
| 1928  | Land for District Park was resumed at a cost of approximately £19,000 which was shared between Warringah Shire and Manly Municipal Councils. The Department of Lands agreed to resume the land on 25 October.<br>The project was controversial in the community due to the expense of draining and filling the area, and that its location meant that Manly ratepayers would benefit most.  |
| 1930  | The North Manly Progress Association proposed to the Manly and Warringah District Parks Trust Joint Committee that a temporary 9-hole golf course be constructed on the northern section of the park. The committee called for designs for a layout of the park to cater for golf, cricket, football and other sports and for the general beautification of the area.   |
| 1933  | An offer was made to lease the northern section of District Parks for a golf course. The Department of Lands objected as the land had been resumed for public recreation purposes, and the project fell through.  |
| 1934  | The Department of Lands appointed a public trust comprising 3 Warringah councillors and 3 Manly aldermen on 8 June.<br>Warringah Shire Council approved a lease over 71 acres to permit building an 18-hole golf course in two stages.  |
| 1935  | The first stage of Warringah Golf Course, comprising 9 holes north of Kentwell Road, was opened in December.  |
| 1936  | The Manly Warringah District Golf Club was established.<br>James Emery showed elements of a vision for District Park on a pictorial map of Manly Warringah District Park, which was presented to the Hon. E.S. Spooner MLA, Minister for Works. Refer to Figure 3. Emery's map showed a cricket oval with grandstands and ornamental gardens on the now Miller Reserve, a green forest in the centre of the golf course, a band rotunda with formal gardens, duck ponds and a lake for sailing boats, a picnic ground with shelter sheds and kiosk, baseball and hockey fields, and a children's playground in Nolan Reserve.<br>Elements of the vision which were realised in later years are a public golf course, tennis courts, and North Manly Bowling Club. |
| 1938  | Funding was obtained from a State government grant and a Joint Council Development Loan for extensive development of the parks, including initial drainage, reclamation, grading, grassing and earthworks for the North Manly Bowling Club. A little later the tennis courts and clubhouse/ residence at the corner of Kentwell and Pittwater Roads were constructed.<br>Warringah Golf Club bought land on Condamine Street at North Manly for £88 for a clubhouse.  |
| 1939  | Warringah Golf Course was completed to 18-holes and the clubhouse was opened in June. A dairy was located near the 10 <sup>th</sup> green of the golf course. Chinese market gardens were situated south of the creek, and golfers had to play around fences between the market gardens and the golf course.  |
| 1940  | The clubhouse on the current Warringah Recreation Centre site was built.  |
| 1941  | The Manly Small Bore Rifle Club was established on the present site.  |
| 1947  | Approval was granted to lease the North Manly bowling green site at £1 per year for 20 years for a public bowling green and club premises.  |
| 1951  | 15.5 acres of land west of Sloane Crescent comprising the late Dr David Thomas' estate was purchased by the Lands Department, Warringah Council and Manly Council for £1,200 and  |

| Year          | Event  |
|---------------|--|
|               | added to the parks.  |
| <b>1953</b>   | On 1 September Manly and Warringah Councils formalised an agreement for control of District Parks which included War Memorial Park at Manly Dam, Warringah Golf Course, and Nolan, Miller, Passmore and David Thomas Reserves. The latter reserves were named after people who played prominent roles in establishing District Park. |
| <b>1954</b>   | Warringah Golf Club took over the lease of the golf course.  |
| <b>1956</b>   | Mackellar Womens Bowling Club established its premises in Miller Reserve.  |
| <b>1956-7</b> | Manly Vale Bowling Club was constructed.   |
| <b>1960</b>   | After local residents opposed use of parklands for private use, a concrete court formerly used for basketball was leased to a private individual for construction of a roller rink.  |
| <b>1964</b>   | Warringah Shire Council attempted to serve notices to Asian lessees to quit their market gardens which formed part of the District Parks.<br>The Manly Warringah Sporting Union was formed to control the fair distribution of grounds and lights on behalf of the District Parks Joint Committee.                                   |
| <b>1965</b>   | Sports amenities were constructed at Miller Reserve and Nolan Reserve.   |
| <b>1966</b>   | The Minister for Local Government determined that Passmore Reserve be developed for playing fields on the former market gardens.   |
| <b>1968</b>   | A night practice range was established on the golf course.   |
| <b>1977</b>   | The night golf practice range closed because it was unprofitable.  |
| <b>1988</b>   | Port Jackson fig trees were planted in Nolan and Passmore Reserves to mark the Australian Bicentennial celebrations and to enhance the parklands for future generations.   |
| <b>1990</b>   | A substantial drainage program in Nolan Reserve was completed.   |
| <b>1991</b>   | The Manly Warringah District Parks Joint Committee was dissolved on 1 January. Both Councils agreed in May that Manly Council would relinquish claims to any lands in the District Park.   |
| <b>1994</b>   | Sports amenities were constructed at north Nolan Reserve.  |
| <b>1995</b>   | The first Plan of Management for District Park was prepared.   |
| <b>1998</b>   | Warringah Council resolved to rezone and sell the former Mackellar Womens Bowling Club for eight housing blocks.   |
| <b>2000</b>   | The playground in Passmore Reserve was constructed.  |
| <b>2002</b>   | The second Plan of Management for District Park was adopted by Warringah Council on 23 April.  |
| <b>2005</b>   | A childcare centre was opened on the site of the former Mackellar Womens Bowling Club.   |
| <b>2011</b>   | Amenities were constructed at Passmore Reserve.  |
| <b>2012</b>   | Warringah Recreation Centre was established.   |

*Source: Warringah Shire Council (1991)*



## D CONDITION OF BUILDINGS IN DISTRICT PARK

| Building   | Year constructed | Condition | Remaining useful life (years) |
|--|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| <b>David Thomas Reserve</b>                          |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00011- Sports amenities                           | 2009             | 1         | 83                            |
| <b>Manly Small Bore Rifle Club</b>                   |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00160 - Building                                  | 1941             | 1         | 47                            |
| <b>Manly Vale Bowling Club</b>                       |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00156 - Manly Vale Bowling Club and futsal courts | 1956             | 2         | 27                            |
| BUI00157 – Storage Shed                              | 1956             | 2         | 23                            |
| <b>Miller Reserve</b>                                |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00127 – Miller Reserve Sports amenities           | 1965             | 2         | 34                            |
| <b>Nolan Reserve</b>                                 |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00139 - Works storage shed                        | 1960             | 1         | 61                            |
| BUI00140 - Sports amenities (north)                  | 1994             | 1         | 61                            |
| BUI00153 - Sports amenities (middle)                 | 1965             | 4         | 2                             |
| BUI00167 - Sports amenities (south)                  | 1965             | 4         | 2                             |
| <b>North Manly Bowling Club</b>                      |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00137 - Main building                             | 1957             | 2         | 34                            |
| BUI00138 – Storage shed                              | 1957             | 1         | 61                            |
| <b>Passmore Reserve</b>                              |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00323 - Playground amenities North                | 2011             | 1         | 52                            |
| BUI00098 - Sport amenities                           | 2011             | 1         | 83                            |
| <b>Sloane Crescent Long Day Care Centre</b>          |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00124 - Garage                                    | 2005             | 1         | 61                            |
| <b>Warringah Golf Club</b>                           |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00132 - Vehicle shelter                           | 1977             | 2         | 25                            |
| BUI00134 - Greenkeepers shed                         | 1970             | 2         | 24                            |
| BUI00128 - Pro shop                                  | 1988             | 1         | 61                            |
| <b>Warringah Recreation Centre</b>                   |                  |           |                               |
| BUI00136 - Main clubhouse                            | 1940             | 2         | 49                            |
| BUI00304 – Squash Courts                             | 1975             | 2         | 50                            |

Source: Warringah Council

<sup>1</sup> Asset condition is measured using the International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM)). 1 – 5 rating system below.

#### Condition Assessment Rating

| Level | Condition | Description                                    |
|-------|-----------|--|
| 1     | Excellent | No work required (normal maintenance)          |
| 2     | Good      | Only minor maintenance work required           |
| 3     | Average   | Maintenance work required                      |
| 4     | Poor      | Renewal required                               |
| 5     | Very Poor | Urgent renewal / upgrading required / Disposal |



## E TRENDS IN SPORT AND RECREATION

| Trend   | Implications  |
|---|---|
| <b>Social change</b>  |   |
| <p>Population increase</p> <p>Increasing life expectancy and aging population</p> <p>Reduced leisure time due to work/study</p> <p>Shift towards apartment living</p> <p>Concern about safety in public spaces</p> <p>Concern about sun exposure</p> <p>Increasing awareness of the health benefits of physical activity</p>  | <p>Increased demand for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- public open space and recreation opportunities</li> <li>- activities and facilities for older people</li> <li>- longer and flexible opening times</li> <li>- shade and shelter</li> <li>- range of recreational activities including casual use for bootcamps and personal trainers</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Sport and recreation activity participation changes</b>  |   |
| <p>Informal recreation activities are more popular than sporting activities (national participation surveys)</p> <p>Greater diversity of sporting codes.</p> <p>Increasing popularity and participation in shorter and faster versions of sports – Twenty-20 cricket, FAST4 tennis.</p> <p>Modified playing surfaces and sports for children – In2Cricket, Hot Shots tennis, small-sided football, Jack Attack lawn bowls.</p> <p>Shift from competitive team sport to individual fitness and social sport.</p> <p>Growth in indoor sports and recreation.</p> <p>Culturally diverse preferences for recreation activities, such as outdoor table tennis.</p> <p>Increasing popularity of "extreme" sports such as skateboarding, BMX riding and rollerblading.</p> <p>Increasing take up of digital technology and doing 'work' in public spaces</p> | <p>Provision of informal recreation facilities and settings</p> <p>Adaptable sporting facilities</p> <p>Multi-purpose sporting facilities</p> <p>Changes in sport scheduling</p> <p>Line marking and surfaces for children's sport</p> <p>Provision for indoor sport and recreation activities, new/emerging activities, and extreme sports.</p> <p>"Pay as You Play"</p> <p>Increasing demand for access to Wi-Fi for internet access and fitness tracking</p> |
| <b>Changes in frequency of participation in sport and recreation activities</b>   |   |
| <p>Decline in participation in sport in general by young women (national participation surveys)</p> <p>Increasing participation by women and girls in traditional male sport such as football, rugby league and union, and AFL (national surveys)</p> <p>Decrease in involvement of children, adolescents and young adults in physical activity (national participation surveys)</p> <p>Higher participation in seniors and masters sports, such as tennis, swimming (national participation surveys)</p> <p>Increase in people with disabilities participating in sport.</p>   | <p>Casual use (personal fitness trainers, boot camps)</p> <p>Concerns about obesity</p> <p>Physical education and participation programs</p>  |

The “megatrends” in sport in Australia (Hajkowicz, et. al. 2013) which also influences participation in sport and delivery of sporting facilities in Warringah are:

| Megatrend                           | Description  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>A Perfect Fit</b>                | <p>Individualised sport and fitness activities are on the rise.</p> <p>People are fitting sport into their increasingly busy and time-fragmented lifestyles to achieve personal health objectives.</p> <p>Participation rates in aerobics, running, walking, and gym membership have risen sharply in the past decade, while participation rates in many organised team sports has held constant or declined.</p> <p>People are increasingly opting to go for a run with headphones and a music player when the opportunity arises, rather than commit to a regular organised sporting competition.</p> <p>Australians are becoming more health conscious.</p> <p>We are increasingly playing sport to get fit, rather than getting fit to play sport.</p>           |
| <b>From extreme to mainstream</b>   | <p>Rise of lifestyle, adventure and alternative sports which are particularly popular with younger generations. These sports typically involve complex, advanced skills and have some element of inherent danger and/or thrill seeking. They are also characterised by a strong lifestyle element and participants often obtain cultural self-identity and self-expression through these sports. These sports are likely to attract participants through generational change and greater awareness through online content and social media.</p> <p>Sports such as BMX cycling have recently been added to the Olympic Games program. International associations for skateboarding and rock climbing are pushing for these sports to be included in the Olympics.</p> |
| <b>More than sport</b>              | <p>Sport can help achieve the objectives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– mental and physical health – reduction in rising rates of obesity and chronic illness in children and adults.</li> <li>– reduction in crime.</li> <li>– social development and inclusion of marginalised groups.</li> <li>– international co-operation through building bridges to other countries, and achieving overseas aid, peace, development and foreign policy objectives.</li> </ul> <p>These broader benefits of sport are being increasingly recognised by governments, business and communities.</p>  |
| <b>Everybody's Game</b>             | <p>Australia faces an aging population, which will change the types of sports we play and how we play them. Australians are embracing sports into their old age. Sports of the future will need to cater for seniors to retain strong participation rates.</p> <p>Sports will also have to cater for the changing cultural makeup of Australia. Our society has, and will continue to, become highly multicultural. Different cultures have different sporting preferences and recreation habits. Sporting organisations will be challenged with capturing the interest and involvement of diverse cultures.</p>   |
| <b>New Wealth, New Talent</b>       | <p>Growth in population and income throughout Asia will create tougher competition and new opportunities for Australia on the sports field and in sports business. Asian countries are investing heavily in sports capabilities, and especially in China, have rapidly improved their recent performance at the Olympic Games. As disposable incomes grow, the populations of Asian countries are becoming more interested in sport. This may create new markets for sports television, tourism, equipment, services and events.</p>   |
| <b>Tracksuits to Business Suits</b> | <p>Market forces are likely to exert greater pressure on sport in the future. In some sports elite athletes have had considerable pay rises and large sponsorship deals. Sports with higher salaries may draw athletes away from sports with lower salaries.</p> <p>Loosely organised community sport associations are likely to be replaced by organisations with corporate structures and more formal governance systems due to market pressures.</p> <p>The cost of participating in sport is also rising, which is a participation barrier to many people.</p>   |

## F PLANNING CONTEXT

### F.1 Commonwealth legislation

#### Telecommunications Act 1997

The Commonwealth *Telecommunications Act 1997* provides for telecommunication carriers to install 'low-impact' telecommunications structures without seeking local government planning approval.

### F.2 State government legislation

The *Local Government Act 1993*, *Crown Lands Act 1989*, *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* and *Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011* influence the use and management of District Park.

#### Local Government Act 1993

##### Contents

Requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993* for the contents of a Plan of Management, and where they can be found in this Plan, are listed below.

| Requirement of the Local Government Act   | How this plan satisfies the Act |
|---|---------------------------------|
| A description of the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land as at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management | Section 2                       |
| A description of the use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at the date of adoption of the Plan of Management.                       | Section 2                       |
| Categorisation of community land  | Appendix F                      |
| Core objectives for management of the land  | Appendix F                      |
| The purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be permitted to be used.  | Sections 3, 5                   |
| The purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise.                              | Sections 3, 5                   |
| A description of the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development.  | Section 5                       |
| Authorisation of leases, licences or other estates over community land.   | Section 5                       |
| Performance targets.  | Section 4                       |
| A means for assessing achievement of objectives and performance targets.  | Section 4                       |

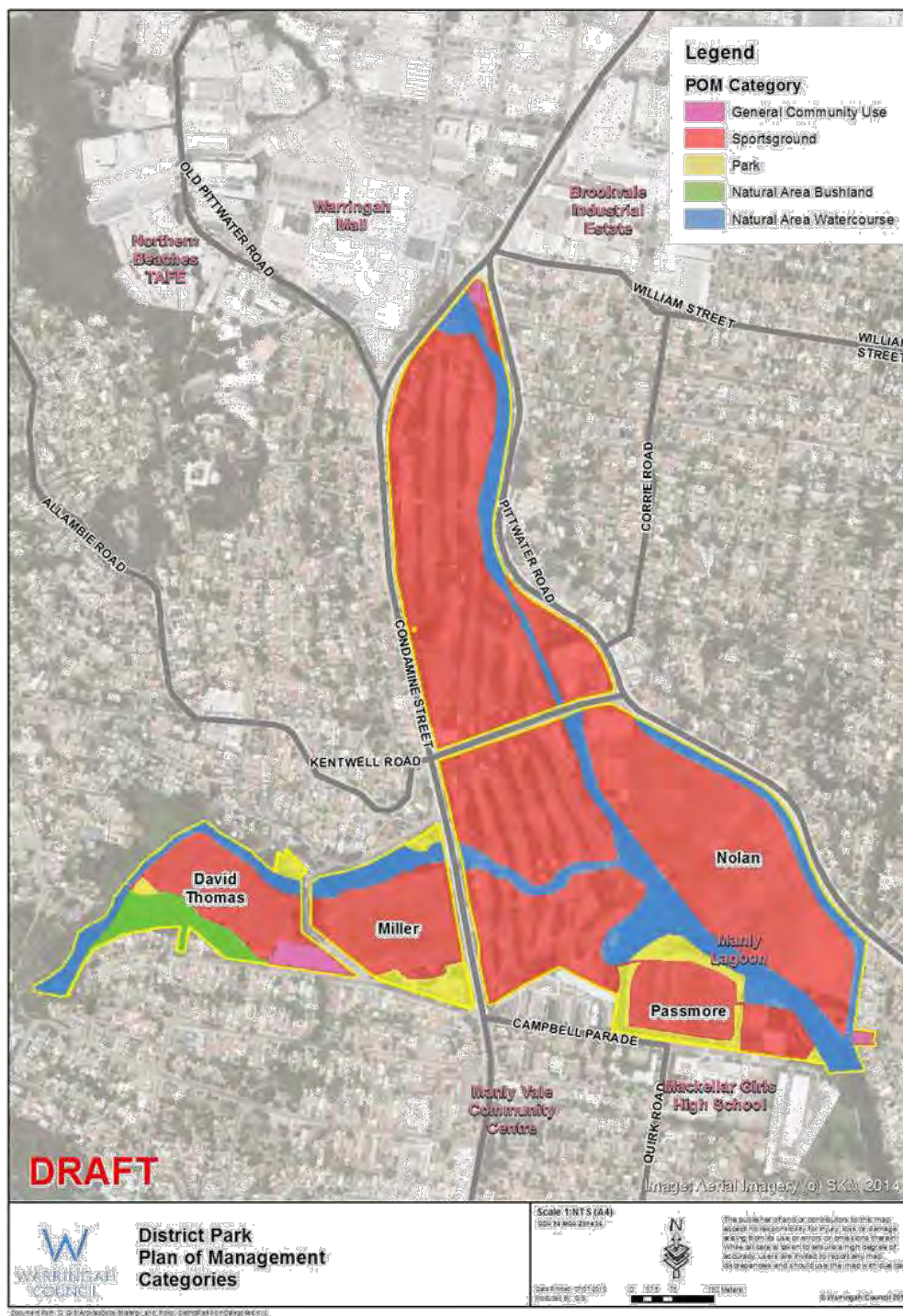
##### Categorisation of and core objectives for community land

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that a Plan of Management is prepared for Council-owned land which is classified as community land under the Act.

The categorisation of District Park as shown below is consistent with the guidelines and core objectives of each category outlined in the Act.



**Figure 8      Categorisation of District Park**





**Guidelines and core objectives for community land categories**

| Category  | Guidelines  | Core objectives  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Sports-ground</b>  | Land should be categorised as a sportsground under section 36 (4) of the Act if the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games.</li> <li>- ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Park</b>   | Land which is, or proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, and for uses which are mainly passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities.</li> <li>- provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games.</li> <li>- improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>General Community Use</b>  | Land that may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public.</li> <li>- purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <b>Natural Area</b>   | If the land, whether or not in an undisturbed state, possesses a significant geological feature, geomorphological feature, landform, representative system or other natural feature or attribute that would be sufficient to further categorise the land as bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse or foreshore under section 36(5) of the Act. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as a natural area.</li> <li>- maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting.</li> <li>- provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land.</li> <li>- provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion.</li> <li>- to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i> or the <i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Under Section 36(5) of the Act, Natural Areas are required to be further categorised as bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse or foreshore based on the dominant character of the natural area.</b> |   |  |
| <b>Natural Area – Bushland</b>  | Land that is categorised as a natural area should be further categorised as bushland if the land contains primarily native vegetation and that vegetation:  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land.</li> </ul>  |

| Category                           | Guidelines  | Core objectives  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
|                                    | <p>(a) is the natural vegetation or a remainder of the natural vegetation of the land, or</p> <p>(b) although not the natural vegetation of the land, is still representative of the structure or floristics, or structure and floristics, of the natural vegetation in the locality.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land.</li> <li>- promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion.</li> <li>- restore degraded bushland.</li> <li>- protect existing landforms such drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores.</li> <li>- retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term.</li> <li>- protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Natural Area – Water-course</b> | <p>Land that is categorised as a natural area should be further categorised as a watercourse if the land includes:</p> <p>(a) any stream of water, whether perennial or intermittent, flowing in a natural channel, or in a natural channel that has been artificially improved, or in an artificial channel that has changed the course of the stream of water, and any other stream of water into or from which the stream of water flows, and</p> <p>(b) associated riparian land or vegetation, including land that is protected land for the purposes of the <i>Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act 1948</i> or State protected land identified in an order under section 7 of the <i>Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997</i>.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the in stream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows.</li> <li>- manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability.</li> <li>- restore degraded watercourses.</li> <li>- promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.</li> </ul>  |

### Permissible uses and developments

Under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* uses and developments on land classified as community land must be consistent with the guidelines for categorisation and the core objectives of the relevant category. The guidelines and core objectives for the Natural Area-Bushland, Natural Area-Watercourse, Sportsground, Park, and General Community Use categories which apply to District Park are outlined in Appendix F.

All activities which are consistent with the guidelines for categorisation and which are consistent with the core objectives of categorisation are expressly authorised by this Plan.

### Crown Lands Act 1989

#### Background

District Park includes the beds of Manly and Brookvale Creeks which are Crown land, so this Plan of Management also complies with the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

The objectives of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* in Section 10 and the principles of Crown land management in Section 11 of the Act ensure that Crown land is managed for the benefit of the people of NSW. This Plan of Management has been prepared consistent with the requirements of Part 5 Division 6 – Plans of Management of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

The Crown Lands Division has advised Warringah Council that because the Crown land in District Park is managed by Council that the Plan of Management for District Park is to be prepared and adopted under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The Plan of Management would have no statutory effect on the Crown land, but Crown Lands Division supports Council consulting with the local community and using the Local Government Act framework for preparing Plans of Management to guide management of the Crown land within its area of responsibility.

Crown Lands Division do not anticipate playing a role in preparing or implementing the Plan of Management for District Park unless any recommendations (financial or otherwise) are made which have implications for the Division and/or the Minister.

#### Objectives and principles for Crown land management

The objectives for Crown land management directly relate to the objects of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* (Section 10), and the principles of Crown land management listed in Section 11 of the Act.

The objects of the *Crown Lands Act 1989* are essentially to ensure that Crown land is managed for the benefit of the people of New South Wales.

The principles for Crown land management are to:

- ☐ observe environmental protection principles in relation to the management and administration of Crown land.
- ☐ conserve the natural resources of Crown land (including water, soil, flora, fauna, and scenic quality) wherever possible.
- ☐ encourage public use and enjoyment of appropriate Crown land.
- ☐ encourage multiple use of Crown land, where appropriate.
- ☐ use and manage Crown land in such a way that both the land and its resources are sustained in perpetuity, where appropriate
- ☐ occupy, use, sell, lease, license, or otherwise deal with Crown land in the best interests of the State, consistent with the above principles.

#### Permissible uses and developments

The use and management of Crown land in District Park is determined or influenced by:

- ☐ the objects of the *Crown Lands Act* (Section 10), particularly that Crown lands are managed for the benefit of the people of NSW.
- ☐ the principles of Crown land management (Section 11 of the Act).
- ☐ case law relevant to Crown land.
- ☐ any conditions and provisions in the applicable zoning in Council's Local Environmental Plan.
- ☐ policies applying to Crown land.



## Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011

### Objectives of the RE1 Public Recreation zone

District Park is zoned RE1 Public Recreation under the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011.

The objectives of the RE1 Public Recreation zone are to:

- ☐ enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- ☐ provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.
- ☐ protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.
- ☐ protect, manage and restore public land that is of ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic value.
- ☐ prevent development that could destroy, damage or otherwise have an adverse impact on those values.

### Permitted uses and developments

The Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 sets out in general terms the activities, developments and structures which are permissible with or without development consent, and which are prohibited, within the RE1 Public Recreation zone.

In addition to the permissible uses in the RE1 Public Recreation zone, registered clubs are permitted with consent at Manly Vale Bowling Club and North Manly Bowling Club if the registered club is incidental or ancillary to a recreation facility (indoor), recreation facility (major) or recreation facility (outdoor).

## State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007

### Permissible uses and developments

Division 12 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* provides for development on public reserves which is:

- ☐ permitted without consent on a Crown reserve if the development is to implement an adopted Plan of Management for the land (Clause 65 (2) (d)).
- ☐ for certain purposes by or on behalf of Council without consent on a public reserve under the control of or vested in Council (Clause 65 (3)).
- ☐ exempt from planning consent if it is carried out by or on behalf of a public authority on a Crown public reserve (Clause 66).

## F.2 Local Planning

### Vision for Warringah

Warringah's Community Vision is:



*"A vibrant, caring community, thriving in a unique beach and bush environment, supporting a balance of lifestyle, business and recreation."*

In addition, Warringah's Recreation Vision is:

*"A healthy and active Warringah community that has access to a wide range of appropriate, suitable, sustainable and quality recreation opportunities, both now and in the future."*

### Community outcomes and objectives

The Warringah Community Strategic Plan 2023 contains objectives for the outcomes of a vibrant community, lifestyle and recreation, healthy environment, and connected transport. The objectives for these outcomes, and how the objectives relate to the community's values of District Park, are set out below.

#### Community outcomes and objectives for Warringah

| Outcome                         | Objectives   |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Vibrant Community</b>        | Our community is enhanced in its cultural life, connections and wellbeing – catering for all generations and needs.        | We have the services to promote and deliver health and wellbeing.<br>We are safe and protected at home and in public, and we respect each other and the area.<br>We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong.<br>We value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity.  |
| <b>Lifestyle and Recreation</b> | Our lifestyle is enriched through sport, recreation and outdoor enjoyment in an attractive setting.                        | We have access to a diverse range of recreational facilities that meet the needs of the community and sporting groups.<br>We have access to attractive parks and natural areas that encourage and support a safe healthy lifestyle.<br>We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed.   |
| <b>Healthy Environment</b>      | Our natural environment is healthy and well-protected and we strive for a sustainable future                               | We value the health of our beaches, foreshores and waterways as natural habitats and for our enjoyment.<br>We protect and sustain our diverse bushland as valuable habitats, and provide for a variety of wildlife to thrive and migrate.<br>We strive to live and work more sustainably to reduce our environmental footprint.<br>We effectively plan for and respond to natural hazards and climate change in a sustainable way. |
| <b>Connected Transport</b>      | Our transport connections effectively allow us to get around for living, working and learning within and outside Warringah | We have an interconnected public transport system that is safe, efficient and affordable.<br>We use a well-designed and functioning road network.<br>We can conveniently access parking near transport hubs and close to urban centres.<br>We can safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah.   |

#### Principles for community land management

Warringah Council recognises the need to plan ahead and provide management frameworks to meet the challenges of today and into the future. Council manages community land to create a safe and healthy living environment, thereby influencing the quality of life of residents and visitors to Warringah.

The following principles have been developed to guide Council and the community in the management of community land, to:

- ☐ ensure community consultation involves residents and local environmental groups and to foster community stewardship in the planning and management of community land.
- ☐ maintain and enhance a diverse range of recreational open space and increase opportunities for sport and leisure, ensuring access for all groups and community through an ongoing commitment to planned provision and improvement.
- ☐ plan for a hierarchy of quality, multi-use sporting grounds and facilities to cater for all groups in the community.
- ☐ enhance the provision and quality of non-sporting recreation areas on community land to cater for broader community needs.
- ☐ conserve and enhance the natural environment (including water, soil, flora, fauna, and scenic quality) and rehabilitate degraded areas of community land by basing decisions on sound environmental best practice.
- ☐ ensure the community land is managed, used and dealt with in the best interests of the health and wellbeing of Warringah's residents and visitors.
- ☐ ensure access, equity and a high standard of risk management in the provision, maintenance and management of community land in a cost-effective manner.

The above principles have been taken into account in the preparation of this Plan of Management.

### Council policies

Warringah Council has numerous policies relevant to use and management of District Park. These policies are applied wherever relevant.

# G USE AGREEMENTS

## What are use agreements?

A use agreement may be a lease, licence, other estate or easement.

A lease will be typically required where exclusive use or control of all or part of District Park is desirable for effective management. A lease may also be required due to the scale of investment in facilities, the necessity for security measures, or where the relationship between a major user and facilities in the park justifies such security of tenure.

Licences allow multiple and non-exclusive use of an area. A licence may be required where intermittent or short-term use or control of all or part of District Park is proposed. A number of licences for different users can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest.

## Legislation applying to use agreements

### Community land

The *Local Government Act 1993* allows Council to grant leases, licences or other estates over all or part of community land. Leases and licences are a way of formalising the use of community land. Leases and licences may be held by groups such as sporting clubs and schools, or by private/commercial organisations or people providing facilities and/or services for public use.

In accordance with Section 46A of the *Local Government Act 1993* a Plan of Management for community land is to specify and authorise any purpose for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted over the land during the life of a Plan of Management.

Under Section 46 of the Local Government Act, Council may lease or licence community land in a Plan of Management for purposes consistent with the categorisation and zoning of the land.

The maximum period for leases and licences on community land allowable under the *Local Government Act 1993* is 30 years (with the consent of the Minister for a period over 21 years) for purposes consistent with the categorisation and core objectives of the particular area of community land.

Community land may only be leased or licensed for period of more than 5 years if public notice is given according to the requirements of Sections 47 and 47A of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

### Crown land

The creek beds in District Park are Crown land, and are reserved from sale or lease.

Other leases or licences applying to areas adjoining the creek beds must minimise impacts on the creek beds.

This page is left blank intentionally



A separate volume of background documents is available including:

District Park Discussion Paper (2013)  
District Park Discussion Paper Submissions Report (2013)  
Northern Beaches Regional Golf Study (2014)  
District Park Strategic Directions Paper (2014)  
District Park Strategic Directions Paper Submissions Report  
(2014)  
District Park Clubhouse Feasibility Study (2015)

This page is left blank intentionally

# ANNUAL REPORT

## *2014/15*

▼  
[WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU](http://WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU)

  
WARRINGAH  
COUNCIL

## Table of Contents

|   | <b>Page</b> |                                    | <b>Page</b> |
|---|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>OVERVIEW</b>                         |             | <b>MAJOR PROECTS</b>               |             |
| Mayor's Message                         | 2           | Dee Why Revitalisation             | 58          |
| General Manager's Message               | 4           | Collaroy Accessibility Precinct    | 59          |
| Awards and Recognitions                 | 5           | Northern Beaches Hospital          | 60          |
| Measuring Our Performance               | 6           | Bus Rapid Transit System           | 61          |
| Productivity Savings                    | 7           | Glen Street Cultural Hub           | 62          |
|   |             | Warringah Local Planning Strategy  | 63          |
| <b>SERVICE AREA ACHIEVEMENTS</b>        |             | Narrabeen Lagoon Multi-use Trail   | 64          |
| Certification Services                  | 8           |                                    |             |
| Children's Services                     | 10          | <b>STATUTORY RETURNS</b>           | 65-<br>81   |
| Community Services                      | 12          |                                    |             |
| Compliance Services                     | 17          | <b>ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</b> |             |
| Cultural Events                         | 19          |                                    |             |
| Development Assessment                  | 21          |                                    |             |
| Glen Street Theatre                     | 23          |                                    |             |
| Information and Library Services        | 25          |                                    |             |
| Kimbriki Environmental Solutions<br>P/L | 27          |                                    |             |
| Natural Environment                     | 29          |                                    |             |
| Parks, Reserves and Foreshores          | 35          |                                    |             |
| Roads, Traffic and Waste                | 40          |                                    |             |
| Strategic Planning                      | 45          |                                    |             |
| Warringah Aquatic Centre                | 49          |                                    |             |
| Corporate Support                       | 51          |                                    |             |
| Good Governance                         | 56          |                                    |             |



Annual Report 2014/15

## Overview

### What is the Annual Report

The Annual Report is an opportunity for us to communicate how we have performed over the last financial year against what we said we would do, in a transparent and accountable way.

The Annual Report is the main feedback to our community, stakeholders, councillors and employees. We believe this knowledge of what Council has done and what it plans to do helps to empower our community in the decision-making process and encourages more active participation in creating our future together.

### What do we base our plans on?

What we plan to do each year is based on long-term goals from our community, about how it wants Warringah to be as a place to live, work and play. These goals are captured in our 10-year Community Strategic Plan 2023 (CSP), which was recently developed after extensive consultation with the community and business. This is the first Annual Report on our progress under the new CSP.

The CSP is our key reference for decision-making, its six Community Outcomes each contain objectives the community wishes to be addressed. These aspirations are beyond the role of just local and state government to deliver, they also require business, community organisations and volunteers to be involved to make them a reality.

### More on the CSP

The Delivery Program 2014-2018 is where Council takes ownership of the CSP. It outlines what we will do over the next four years to help achieve the aspirations of the CSP and includes our priorities, actions and funding for each of our 16 key services. The first year of the Delivery Program comprises the annual Operational Plan, and our progress against these actions is reported in the Annual Report at the end of that financial year.

### More on the Delivery Program and Operational Plan

## About Warringah

### About Local Government

Your local Council is the section of government that is closest to the community and knows its needs best. [Read more here](#)

### Welcome to Warringah

The famous bush and the glittering beaches. Warringah is many worlds rolled into one and together we're celebrating the things that make living here wonderful. [Read more here](#)

### Vision and values

Warringah Council is a values-based organisation. These values are the underlying attitudes that consistently affect all of our actions and decisions. [Read more here](#)

### How we govern

The elected Council's primary responsibilities are to represent the interests of the community, provide leadership and good governance, and facilitate communication with the community.

Monthly meetings, chaired by the Mayor, allow the public to see their Council in action. The public can also address Council or submit a question. Councillors debate and vote on a variety of issues affecting Warringah and the local community. [Read more here](#)

### Council's Structure

The General Manager is responsible for day-to-day operations, ensuring they are efficient and effective through innovative leadership, partnerships and outstanding service.

[More on Council's structure can be found here](#)

### Community Engagement

Engaging with our community is a crucial element to our designs and decision-making. With a comprehensive community engagement framework, we consult on policies, projects and even have special reference groups and committees to help deliberate on the best outcomes for our community. [Read more here](#)

Annual Report 2014/15

## Mayor's Message

It has been a blockbuster year with a whole range of notable and outstanding services, developments and achievements delivered to the community.

### Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC)

This year we commenced construction of the new Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC). The PCYC will provide the community with two indoor multi-purpose sports courts, amenities, multi-purpose function rooms, recreation space and a café, all above three levels of modern car parking for residents, commuters and visitors.

The PCYC is the first major activity that brings the Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan to life. The Masterplan also includes expanding and upgrading Walter Gors Park and Redman Road Plaza which will deliver a much needed key green space area for Dee Why. Walter Gors Park will be twice its current size with a playground, cooking areas, water gardens and large grassy areas for picnics. These works start in December.

### Award Winning Narrabeen Lagoon Trail

We finished a number of wonderful recreation facilities for the community this year. After 4.5 years of hard work and negotiation, the spectacular Narrabeen Lagoon Trail was opened to a great response and praise from the community. Thank you!

It's been a long and difficult project, which we got over the line thanks to the passion of locals, the hard work of Council staff, contractors and the help of State and Federal Government funds. The spectacular Trail now enables people to circumnavigate 8.4kms around the lagoon and appreciate endangered ecological communities, aboriginal heritage sites and the heritage-listed ruins. The late Jim Somerville, who drove the vision of the trail, would be amazed with the finished product and we were thankful his family were able to join us for the opening in January.

### Playgrounds and Playing Fields

This year we launched the Collaroy All-abilities Playground at Collaroy Beach, much to the great delight of children and parents alike. This outstanding facility has received visitors from all across Sydney, and we have received great feedback.

We also completed a major upgrade of the Forestville playing fields at Melwood Avenue, Forestville. Synthetic turf was laid on two playing fields with new irrigation and drainage improving the surface further. Now the playing space is equivalent to the size of the SCG. This will provide over 60 hours each field of playing time to the northern beaches community every week. This \$3.5m project offers more opportunities for football, rugby union, AFL, cricket, touch football and Oz-Tag.

It was great to receive national and international acclaim for our recently completed Cromer 1 sportsfields. Three time Asian Cup champions Iran used the venue this year as their home to prepare for AFC Asian Cup. The facility has also been used by A-League teams in a new FFA competition.

And, in addition to our big community projects, we also continue to help build our community at the local level, with community development grants and sporting grants. Last year we delivered 24 Community Development Grants, each worth up to \$5000, and sporting grants worth more than \$210,000.

### Advocating for our Community

While we have been busy building and creating great public spaces for our community, I have continued to work behind the scenes with NSW politicians to improve safety, push for more public transport and improve the ongoing issue of congestion on the northern beaches. We are working to improve the Warringah-Pittwater Rd intersection, congestion on Spit Bridge and Military Rd, deliver a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system and improve public transport between Dee Why and Chatswood. Sadly we lost the battle on the East West BRT.

Many community members have been involved with developing a Draft Precinct Structure Plan for the precinct around the new Northern Beaches Hospital. I enjoyed receiving feedback and finding out the community's needs and concerns at our drop-in sessions, workshops and interactive online platforms. The feedback on our consultation has been extremely positive and I thank everyone who took part.

And we don't forget the importance of services for youth in Warringah. As well as developing more youth spaces and facilities, I continue to work with local youth services and the Premier for continued support for our young people, including the Burdekin Association, Northern Beaches Education Network and Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre as an example.

### Leading the Conversation on Local Government Reform

I have noticed that there is a strong, unified identity on the northern beaches. Members of the community recognise themselves as being from the northern beaches, rather than from any one Council area. We have one NRL team, one local newspaper, and one surf lifesaving, health and police district. As well as economic advantages, a single Northern Beaches council could work with the vast array of State bodies, provide a consistent approach and reduce duplication to provide even more benefits for the whole community.

To this end, this year we submitted a proposal to the State Government that demonstrated our strength and capacity to deliver great services to the community, as well as our capacity to think big and be able to lead the way for change. We want to take control of our own destiny and partner with the State Government on their reform agenda.

### A Vision for Brookvale

Brookvale is a 'strategic centre' of Sydney and this year, we have started to collect feedback from the community, businesses and stakeholders to help build a new vision for the area. Brookvale provides important industrial, commercial, residential, sporting and educational services for the entire region, and the area is continuing to grow and change. Brookvale needs public transport, and we need to ensure we have a shared vision for its growth. A Brookvale vision and masterplan will ensure that there is a coordinated and properly planned future for this centre. The employment opportunities of Brookvale are critical for the entire Northern Beaches.

### Further Developing Art and Culture in Warringah

One of the great things I get to do as Mayor is see the impressive artistic talents of our residents. This year, I had the privilege to open the Warringah Art Prize and the Northern Beaches Youth Drawing Prize. We also held the Youth Street Art Exhibition.

It is really pleasing to see the Warringah Creative Space become the heart of Warringah's creative community. Over the last 12 months the Space was used by 11 studio artists, hosted 60 exhibitions and 10 community talks and events.

I have also been working on the idea of more outdoor markets in Warringah. More markets will help stimulate local economic development and increase tourism. There has been a strong drive from the community for this, and we have been liaising with community members and businesses about what types of markets are best for Warringah and where.

## Annual Report 2014/15

I am excited about what has happened over the past 12 months in Warringah, and look forward to seeing more of our great initiatives come to fruition in the next couple of years.

Annual Report 2014/15

### **General Manager's Message**

We continue to work hard at Warringah to deliver great services and performance to our community. This year, our hard work was recognised by the community as we reached our highest community satisfaction rating yet and our commitment to continuous improvement and business excellence is what keeps us climbing higher and doing better, now and into the future.

#### **A Strong Position to Lead in the Future**

This year the NSW Government announced its 'Fit for the Future' program of local government reform. Together with support from the community, and following years of research, we submitted a very strong proposal to the State Government, detailing how we will remain fit to meet the challenges of the future. The State Government will make a decision in late 2015, and we will be ready to take any further action to ensure our financial sustainability and capacity to deliver services and infrastructure to the community of the northern beaches.

#### **Better Serving our Community**

We continue to provide the best customer service to our community as possible. This year, we received awards and accolades for our great new website, library services and customer service personnel, as well as great events and sustainability initiatives that we delivered.

We have also made it easier to follow Council's numerous plans and progress on our activities. This year, we began publically reporting our capital projects online on a monthly basis. This enables the community to check in on how we are going and how projects are tracking at any time. Our transparency will be further enhanced in the coming year, when all income and expenditure by service including operational projects, will be reported online to the public monthly.

This year we also produced our first paperless Annual Report, our development application processing times continue to be one of the fastest in Sydney and were the first of all NSW councils to submit our Annual Financial Statements.

Our childcare services continue to exceed the National Quality Standard and we have taken the opportunity to expand the service by providing 15 additional spaces per day at the Brookvale centres.

#### **Financial Stability Assured**

Continually we are devising and implementing strategies that constrain costs and improve productivity in everything we do. This year, we have implemented initiatives that have resulted in savings of over \$500,000. These savings have been reinvested directly back into services to the community and other improvement initiatives.

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

Environmental sustainability is important to us and we are working hard to reduce our water consumption and carbon emissions in Warringah. This year, we reviewed our progress toward our emissions targets and we are pleased to report that since beginning our reduction plan in 2009/10, we have reduced our corporate emissions by 16% and community emissions have decreased by 21%. This year, we made further progress toward reducing our emissions by increasing the energy efficiency of Warringah Aquatic Centre and increasing efficiency of plant and transport fleets. We also reduced our water consumption this year by 4.5%, compared to the previous year, thanks to our increased use of rainwater tanks and stormwater harvesting, as well as other improvement initiatives. We have also seen an expansion of rooftop solar in Warringah.

This year we partnered with GoGet, a car share company, to pilot a car share scheme to the Warringah community. Since launching the pilot, membership of the car share system has increased by 26% in Warringah. The pilot will run for another 12 months, and we will review its success in June 2016.

#### **Community Satisfaction**

In 2014/15, the annual Community Survey revealed that 94% of our residents are "very satisfied to somewhat satisfied" with Council overall. This is an increase on previous years, and the figure is well above the Victorian Local Government result of 86%. We work hard to understand the community's main priorities and aspirations and work toward achieving these goals.

#### **Managing Risk**

In April as part of our Incident Management program, we were planning to undertake a mock disaster to test our incident response and check our business continuity and emergency procedures. Instead, the April storm that lashed our shores provided us with a real opportunity to put our Incident Management team to the test. Our organisation showed that we have great resilience and efficiency to deal with such an event. Our Customer Service Team took 680 calls per day during the storm period, our Parks Reserves & Foreshores, Natural Environment and Roads Traffic & Waste teams managed a high volume of requests and worked outdoors in the driving rain and cyclonic winds in coordination with emergency services. Despite all of this, a moving ANZAC Day Dawn Service was held that week at Manly Dam, commemorating the Centenary of ANZAC. Around 5,000 people attended this moving event.

Our Natural Environment team have also been planning for risk and have completed a very complex Coastal Zone Management Plan for Narrabeen, Collaroy and Fishermans Beach. Their comprehensive and cutting edge work received recognition from the NSW Minister for the Environment.

As we look forward to a changing future, I will continue to work closely with Councillors and our community to deliver leading services and infrastructure and ensure the organisation's financial sustainability.



Annual Report 2014/15

### **Awards and recognition**

Council received industry recognition in 13 areas this year alone. These awards and citations recognise Warringah as an industry leader in management, sustainability and service delivery.

#### **Management**

- Winner 'Excellence in Workforce Management Award', Local Government Managers Association
- Winner Bronze 5050 Vision Award for Gender Equity

#### **Services**

- Winner of three 'Awards of Excellence' by Parks and Leisure Australia for Narrabeen Lagoon Trail, Collaroy Accessibility Precinct and Warringah Creative Space
- Finalist 'Excellence in Community Services' for Library Services at the Local Government Managers Association Awards
- Finalist in two categories, 'Best New Event' and 'Best Achievement in Sustainability' for La Lune at the Australian Event Awards
- Finalist at the Australian Road Safety Awards for the 'Distraction' campaign
- Finalist 'Best Marketing and Public Relations Campaign' for Warringah Brand Launch at the Communications Australia Awards

#### **Sustainability**

- Joint Winner of 'Built Environmental Sustainability: Infrastructure Award' for Warringah Creative Space at the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage Green Globe Awards
- Finalist 'Local Government Sustainability', Green Globe Awards
- Winner 'Waste Avoidance and Reuse category' for Warringah Creative Space at the Local Government NSW Excellence in Environment Awards
- Finalist 'Waste Minimisation Award' for Warringah Creative Space at the NSW Sustainable Cities Awards
- Winner 'Communication, Education and Empowerment Award' for Our Oceans our Waste project at the Local Government NSW Excellence in Environment Awards
- Judges Commendation: 'Innovation, NSW Environment Protection Authority Waste Management Award' Sustainable Cities Awards

Annual Report 2014/15

## Measuring our performance

### Progress on projects

Progress against our scheduled projects in 2014/15 was monitored quarterly through the Quarterly Budget and Business Review Statements.

Each project in this report is tagged with a symbol to denote its progress over the year:

 at least 90% of completion target achieved

 less than 90% of completion target achieved

 action has been completed

Overall progress was good with 88% of actions completed or on schedule and 12% behind schedule as at 30 June 2015. This exceeding the target of 85% of actions completed.

Completion of scheduled projects is listed as part of the key service indicators for each key service area. These have no baseline as the number of projects change every year. The results are colour coded for comparison with the target.

### Community survey

It is important to hear how the community thinks we are doing, so 41 results from our Annual Community Survey 2015 are included in our service area reports.

The survey is conducted by a professional market research company. It is a random sample of 600 residents and shows satisfaction levels with individual services and facilities out of a mean score of 5. Green and red shading is used in the Annual Report to show performance against the target. It is based on statistically significant movements in satisfaction score compared to the target. The target is the 2013 survey results.

Overall we performed very well as 98% of survey results were on par with or exceed the target for resident satisfaction with our services. The full report from the Annual Community Survey 2015 is available on Council's website.




### Performance indicators

This is the second annual report against the Community Strategic Plan 2023 and we are highlighting how we perform for the community against a suite of 99 performance indicators. These are made up of 67 key performance indicators and 32 program indicators.

### Key Service Indicators

Council has set targets and monitors results yearly for those outcomes that Council has a high level of control over.

The key service indicators are presented in a report card format with a visual coding for how well we have gone. Each indicator has a baseline, a target and result. The following colour coding of the result shows if progress is consistent with the desired direction of the indicator:

| Direction | Result colour   | Description   |
|-----------|---|---|
| Improved  |  | Indicator which meets or exceeds the target         |
| Stable    |  | Performing above the base line but below the target |
| Decline   |  | Performing below both the base line and target      |

### Program Indicators

Council has less control over the program outcomes. They are influenced by external factors such as demand levels, weather conditions, changes to legislation, or they depend on the contributions of partner organisations.

As there is only two years' worth of data no status is provided on these indicators. A more reliable perspective on progress will be available in 2017 when the cumulative impact will be seen at the end of the 4-year Delivery Program.

### Data 'Not Available'

A small number of indicators have data missing. The term Not Available is included against these indicator with a note detailing when these indicators will be available.

Annual Report 2014/15

**Productivity savings**

We are committed to delivering high quality, value for money service to our community. Our well-established business excellence framework is an effective springboard for cost containment and productivity savings. This year productivity savings of over \$500,000 have been achieved. We have reinvested these savings directly into services to the community and into initiatives that further support our continuous improvement program.

Cost containment initiatives include successfully negotiating better rates on our contracts and identifying expenditure efficiencies. We have achieved better rates on pavement rehabilitation, graffiti removal, cash collection, pool chemicals, truck servicing, cleaning, smartphone selection, pre-employment checks and disposal of waste from gross pollution traps. Savings have also been made by rationalising processes for building certificates and pool applications, weed control programs, summer mowing schedules and selection technique training.

We continually look at our service areas and how we can structure things, do things smarter and more efficiently. A new foam bitumen pavement rehabilitation technique has been used to repair pavement instead the more costly process of reconstructing pavement. A service review of our Procurement area has resulted in savings.

Technology has been used to provide a higher quality services - often at a lower cost. For example, our Lifeguards now spend more time on the sand, thanks to introducing online daily reports using mobile technology instead of the more labour intensive manual reporting.

Our corporate plans and reports are also online, achieving efficiencies and improvements in the quality of Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Reports. We also automated records for managing fire complaints and orders, shifted to online to access legislation and changed to online deliver of business papers to Council Committees.

The savings have allowed us to provide an enhanced library service for housebound and isolated community members via our new mobile library caravan. They have also been reinvested into increasing the frequency of beach cleaning during summer and we have been able to put in more lifeguards at North Curl Curl Rock Pool, Birdwood Park at Narrabeen, North Narrabeen beach and Collaroy beach.

Productivity improvements have also allowed us to spend more on renewing our existing assets and providing new assets. Eliminating the infrastructure backlog and ensuring our assets continue to deliver appropriate levels of service that the community expects is a priority. We continued to maximise the useful economic life of our assets by ensuring every \$1 required to be spent on asset maintenance in 2014/15 was fully undertaken. And for every \$1 our community centres, roads and footpaths depreciated we spent \$1.50 renewing existing building and infrastructure assets which resulted in an improvement in the condition of these assets.

Annual Report 2014/15

## Certification Services



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                 | Objective  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Vibrant Community       | 1.2 We are safe and protected at home and in public, and we respect each other and the area  |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods | 5.3 We offer a variety of housing choice that meets the needs of our community and complements local neighbourhoods and the Warringham lifestyle |

### Continuing Activities

- Issue certificates and approvals (including construction, occupation, strata, compliance and building certificates)
- Conduct principal certifying authority functions
- Building certification

### Budget Spend

Operational \$1.2m

### Service Highlights

#### Fast Facts

##### Certification Services

- Construction certificates - 35 received and 40 determined (addressing a backlog from last year)
- Complying Development Certificates - 10 received and six determined
- Occupation Certificates - 31 issued
- Principal Certifying Authority (PCA) inspections - 85 completed
- Building Certificates - 149 received this year and a total of 190 determined (addressing a backlog from last year)
- Out of hours work permits - 78 issued

##### Swimming Pool Barriers

- Compliance Certificates - 206 applications received
- Inspections - 393 completed
- Notices and Directions - 281 issued
- Penalty Infringement Notices - 16 issued
- Provision of free CPR signs with compliance applications

##### Fire Safety

- Inspections - 124 completed
- Notices and Orders - 206 issued
- Penalty Infringement Notices - 75 issued

### Key Service Indicator Highlights

The indicator for mean processing times is stable and has improved against its baseline.

The indicator for scheduled inspections was achieved above the target.

| Key Service Indicator   | Baseline | Target | Result |
|---|----------|--------|--------|
| Mean processing times for construction, building and strata certificates (days)               | 54       | 20     | 44     |
| Scheduled inspections completed - private certifying authority, pools and boarding houses (%) | 100%     | 90%    | 100%   |

### Program Achievements

#### Program - CERTIFICATION

#### Swimming Pool Barriers



## Annual Report 2014/15

We have been able to significantly reduce turn-around times for pool compliance certificate applications for swimming pool barriers. In the interest of community safety, we have prioritised our swimming pool safety program and appointed a temporary swimming pools inspector.

Council has also been more proactive in ensuring compliance with pool safety regulations to reduce the risk of backyard drowning. This has resulted in more directions and fines being issued this year than last year.

### Building Certificates

The number of applications for Building Certificates in 2014/15 remained steady at 149, which is the same as the previous year. This year, we increased the number of determinations by 27% to 190, which resulted in significant clearance of the backlog of applications from 2013/14 (which was due to industry-wide shortages of appropriately qualified building surveyors).

| Program Indicator                                    | Baseline | Result |
|--|----------|--------|
| Percentage of market share for private certification | 1%       | 1%     |

Council has not been able to compete with the private market salaries offered to building surveyors. There is an industry wide shortage of appropriately qualified building surveyors to fill vacant roles.

Council has established a strong relationship with the Building Professionals Board to look at ways to improve market share and make Council competitive against the private certification market. At present Council's market share is below expectations and unlikely to change unless legislation is amended to ensure a level playing field.

Annual Report 2014/15

## Children's Services



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome           | Objective   |
|-------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community | 1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong |

### Continuing Activities

- Provide high quality long day care, mobile occasional care and family day care
- Recreational, leisure, vacation programs and events for children and their families
- Provide information and referral service for children and their families
- Provide family and community education
- Provide opportunities for increased service participation for families from culturally and linguistically diverse communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Promote service integration and support services to vulnerable families
- Provide policies on-line to increase accessibility

### Budget Spend

Operational \$9.4m  
Capital \$0.3m

### Service Highlights

- 506 children per week (on average) cared for in four long day care centres
- 175 children accessed occasional care during the year
- 397 children per week utilised family day care
- 2,810 children used vacation care over the last 12 months
- 3,888 families received regular information on children's and family services
- 1,321 are on the waiting list to attend the services in the future

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

Children's services continue to comply with the National Quality Framework, which results in high-quality care being provided for families. This satisfaction is reflected in the family survey results which show that more than two thirds of families are happy with the service provided and has further improved on last year.

The achievement of the key initiatives indicator was impacted by delays in delivering one project. The works will be completed in the next financial year.

| Key Service Indicator   | Baseline | Target | Result |
|---|----------|--------|--------|
| Compliance with the National Quality Framework (meets or exceeds standards) | 100%     | 100%   | 100%   |
| Families satisfied with service utilised (percentage)                       | 74%*     | 65%    | 88%    |
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives)                              | -        | 85%    | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)                                | -        | 85%    | 100%   |

\*Baseline data is from 2013/14 as no data is available for the previous year

Warringah also surveys its residents each year on its services. It is a random survey and includes people that don't use Council's childcare services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a mean score out of five (where five is the highest level of satisfaction). Satisfaction with Council's provision of childcare services is significantly higher than the target.

| Annual Community Survey                                  | Target | Result |
|--|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with provision of childcare services | 3.27   | 3.48   |

Annual Report 2014/15

**Program Achievements**

**Program - QUALITY CARE**

Children's Services continually work to ensure that their services are high quality:

**Investing in our staff**

We successfully applied for a professional development grant for staff to increase their knowledge and achieve professional growth which has seen many staff attend a variety of specialised training experiences, including hosting the first conference for Children's Services staff and educators. Vacation care delivered tailored training to staff on caring for children with additional needs.

**Upgrades to Child Care Facilities**





We have upgraded Belrose Children's Centre with staff room renovations as well as a playground makeover. The result is a welcoming and bright environment for the children and staff. Narrabeen Children's Centre had a mini makeover with fresh paint and flooring which has delivered more inviting surroundings. Finally, Dee Why Children's Centre had a paint makeover which created a more appealing entry to the centre.




**Inclusion Support and Community**

We have continued to support families with additional needs or special requirements within the community this year. We provide care for a relatively large number of children with additional needs who attend our long day care, family day care, occasional care or vacation care. At present, 44 children with additional needs or from disadvantaged backgrounds use our services.

We welcome feedback from parents. This year, we extended our annual parent survey to vacation care families after the summer vacation care period. The survey results were positive and one of the key initiatives implemented as a direct result of parent feedback was the introduction of service wide newsletters: "Play Learn Grow" for children under school age and "Play Explore Discover" for school age children. The newsletters were distributed quarterly. In responding to parent survey feedback, we also hosted information events for families such as 'How to Help Your Anxious Child' and 'iLearn - using iPads with children'.

We have also hosted a series of cultural events for children in Warringah, such as National Simultaneous Story time at Warringah Mall and Dee Why libraries.

|   | Capital Works  |
|---|--|
|   | Children's centres - amenities and playground refurbishments                           |
|  | Belrose Children's Centre Building Upgrade   |
|  | Belrose Children's Centre Playground   |
|  | Brookvale Children's Centre - renewal and expansion of existing building and bathrooms |

|   | Key Initiatives   |
|---|---|
|  | Children's Services - maintain compliance with the National Quality Framework             |
|  | Children's Services - deliver Policy, Procedure and Forms available online                |
|  | Children's Services - cater for children from diverse and socio-disadvantaged backgrounds |

| Program Indicator   | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| Number of children enrolled with high inclusion support needs | 16       | 27     |

Annual Report 2014/15

## Community Services



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome             | Objective   |
|---------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community   | 1.2 We are safe and protected at home and in public, and we respect each other and the area<br>1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong<br>1.4 We value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity |
| Connected Transport | 4.1 We have an effective interconnected public transport system that is safe, efficient and affordable  |

### Continuing Activities

- Build community capacity to optimise wellbeing, social inclusion and independence
- Provide client referral service, information sharing, advocacy and a range of activities to support services to our community
- Participate in planning with all levels of government for community service provision
- Provide a professional beach management service across Warringah's nine beaches and deliver safety education
- Manage and promote Council's network of community centres to meet the diverse needs of the community
- Facilitate Council's community development and cultural grants programs
- To integrate culture into the way Council operates

### Budget Spend

Operational    \$6.2m  
Capital        \$0.4m

### Service Highlights

#### Community Centres

It has been another huge year for our Community Centres. Record numbers of visitors, upgrades to several centres, and planning for the redevelopment of the Tramshed Arts and Community Centre.

Following the closure of the Dee Why Bowling Club at North Curl Curl, the site was officially gazetted to Council in October. Minor refurbishment of the building was undertaken in preparation for the numerous community groups being relocated from the Dee Why Senior Citizens Centre.

#### Beach Services

This season turned out to be particularly busy with record numbers of visitors attending our beaches. Our lifeguards performed more than 800 rescues and kept thousands of people safe and happy during the season. There were a few serious incidents and our lifeguards responded with care and diligence and demonstrated compassion for the families.

#### Community Development

In addition to our representation with NSW Government Departments and local agencies, Council is now representing SHOROC on the Mana Allawah Project Management Group. This group was established by NSW Family and Community Services to look into local Aboriginal issues in the Northern Sydney Community.

We hosted a hugely successful workshop - 'How to Write a Winning Grant' for more than 85 participants.

The 'Live Life Get Active' fitness camp at the Warringah Recreation Centre continued to grow in membership - at the end of June we have more than 270 members.

We were very excited about the turn out for our summer skate series: more than 1,400 young people participated in one of our skating sessions held on four Friday evenings throughout January at the Curl Curl Netball Courts. This was a collaborative community event: Skater HQ was contracted by Council to supply the mobile ramps and skate instructors, a DJ and an MC; our library caravan 'Marilyn' provided free Wi-Fi on site; the Northern Beaches Roller Girls provided roller derby demonstrations, selling cupcakes and ice blocks; and the local Scouts put on a fabulous BBQ.

This year, we also launched the much anticipated KALOF Youth App and website. The KALOF Youth App was designed by youth, for youth. It is an online tool that stores youth related information on services, events and activities on the Northern Beaches in one easy to access central online location. This project was funded under the NSW Government Youth Opportunities grant program.

### Fast Facts

- More than 4.2 million people visited our nine beaches in 2014/15
- 220,181 pre-emptive actions, 818 rescues and 3,893 first aid treatments were performed by our Beach Services staff
- 35,990 infringement of beach service regulations (i.e. controlling littering and anti-social behaviour) were acted upon to ensure our beaches



#### Annual Report 2014/15

- remain safe, appealing and a welcoming destination
- Schools, kindergartens and members of Warringah's Culturally and Linguistically Diverse groups participated in the Beach Awareness Program
- 860,992 people attended our Community Centres, this being an increase of over 100,000 on last year (86,044 alone at the Narrabeena Community Centre)
- 1,310 casual functions held in our Community Centres
- \$136,766 was distributed as part of the Community Development and Cultural Grants program
- 9 art exhibitions were held at the Warringah Creative Space, showing the art work of local artists to over 3500 people

#### Key Service Indicator Report Card

The majority of key service indicators were met. The numbers of events, forums, newsletters and Facebook updates continues to increase, expanding our contact with the community. All scheduled key initiatives were delivered. There was a delay in the completion of two capital projects, caused by a variety of external factors including funding delays and changes in priorities of the elected Council. The works will be completed in the next financial year.

| Key Service Indicator                                       | Baseline | Target | Result |
|---|----------|--------|--------|
| Number of events and forums offered to the community        | 16       | 16     | 58     |
| Number of newsletters and facebook updates                  | 15       | 15     | 97     |
| Monthly maintenance schedule completed at community centres | 12       | 12     | 12     |
| Number of community beach safety education sessions         | 4        | 4      | 6      |
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives)              | -        | 85%    | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)                | -        | 85%    | 33%    |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a mean score of five (where five indicates the highest level of satisfaction). The satisfaction with community services and facilities meets all targets, and there is a significant increase in the satisfaction with facilities and services for youth and people with disabilities.

| Annual Community Survey   | Target | Result |
|---|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with facilities and services for older people             | 3.44   | 3.55   |
| Residents satisfied with facilities and services for people with disabilities | 3.39   | 3.53   |
| Residents satisfied with facilities and services for youth                    | 3.04   | 3.23   |
| Residents satisfied with community centres                                    | 2.53   | 3.60   |
| Residents satisfied with provision of lifeguards on the beach                 | 4.40   | 4.47   |

#### Program - BEACH MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY



Warringah's Beach Services Roster has been further refined and additional opportunities were found to improve the utilisation of staff, reduce the administration time of rostering and make better use of technology to improve the speed and quality of our communication and reporting.

These improvements allowed Beach Services to extend patrolling services to the Birdwood Park area at the entrance to the Narrabeen Lagoon for the six week period of the Christmas school holidays as this area was identified by staff as being a very popular place for families to swim. Extended beach patrol coverage was also provided at North Curl Curl rock pool on weekends and public holidays as required.

| Capital Works   |  |
|-----------------|--|
| ✓               | Replacement of beach services equipment  |
| ✓               | Dee Why Beach Viewing Tower              |
| Key Initiatives |  |
| ✓               | Review Beach Services Operational Manual |

Annual Report 2014/15

**Program - SOCIAL INCLUSION AND INDEPENDENCE**



The Draft Multicultural Strategy (Diverse Warringah) was endorsed by Council in late June 2015. Once adopted, the strategy will provide the framework for future service delivery for our culturally and linguistically diverse residents.

**Art and Cultural Services**

The Warringah Creative Space is proving to be a great success. This year over 3,500 people attended the 19 art exhibitions that have displayed the art work of local artists.

The Friends of the Creative Space Advisory Group was formed and now meets on a bimonthly basis. The objective of this group is to advise and steer Council on its Creative Space and other arts projects as well as maintain a link with the local arts community.

**Youth Services**

The Youth Services team provided an extensive mix of activities for young people and their families including regular music events, the annual Northern Composure Band Competition, Youth Week Activities and of course the ever popular Discobillies.

In addition, we hosted a variety of very popular hot topic workshops for young people and parents: Resilient Teens, Empowering Young Minds, Youth Forum, Backchat Workshop and Surviving Year 12 by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Three Cyber Safety Workshops were also conducted.

Our teens learnt new creative skills with the annual 24/7 film festival and the Urban Art Workshops. National Youth Week was celebrated in Warringah with over 1200 young people attending the many activities.

**Aged Services**

We delivered a large array of events and services and partnered with local and regional services to provide the best outcome for the older people of Warringah.

Seniors Week 2015 was launched at the opening of the Red Earth Blue Sea Exhibition. This exhibition included a documentary of seniors from Brewarrina, as well as information and photographs from anthropologist Dr Ruth Fang Latukefu, photographer Mervyn Bishop, singer Col Hardy, the Bush to Beach Program, the Warringah/Bre Youth Exchange and the Manly Warringah Pittwater Aboriginal Support Group. The exhibition also included presenters throughout the week. NITV filmed a segment for their news broadcast, featuring the exhibition and links between Warringah and Brewarrina.

In October Carer's Week was celebrated with a well-earned lunch for 70 people who look after a loved one.









**Disability Services**

International Day of People with a Disability was celebrated with a children's event at the Collaroy All- Abilities Playground followed by a dance for older participants at the Collaroy Hotel Pavilion.

We were successful in obtaining \$18,000 from the Creative Liveable Communities Grants Program. This partnership with our local disability organisation 'Fighting Chance' will allow for support and education around providing employment opportunities for people with disability.

Our Disability Cooking Classes, held at the local TAFE college, saw 12 participants learning cooking skills that will assist them to live more independently.

We continue to work with a broad range of services to provide information and support for people with disability and their carers. This includes producing the comprehensive monthly Disability Services Information newsletter.

| Capital Works   |  |
|---|--|
|  | Bringa Womens Centre - refurbishment of existing building                      |
| Key Initiatives   |  |
|  | Implement the Warringah ageing strategy - 'Living Well Warringah'              |
|  | Implement the Warringah Youth Strategy   |
|  | Develop a youth website and web application                                    |
|  | Participate in the development of the Northern Beaches Regional Youth Strategy |
|  | Assist in the delivery of the Northern Beaches Regional Ageing Strategy        |
|  | Develop a community centre marketing and promotional strategy                  |
|  | Develop a multi-cultural strategy - 'Diverse Warringah'                        |

Annual Report 2014/15

Over 9,500 people attended a range of community events, activities, programs and workshops. This included parent education, carer days, entertainment and social events, arts exhibitions and workshops aimed at providing positive community experiences. Again, this year we held eight separate events for Youth Week rather than just one concert.

| Program Indicator                | Baseline   | Result     |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Increased attendance at programs | over 6,000 | over 9,500 |

**Program - COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**



Our Community Centres provided a range of opportunities that connect people with their local neighbourhood with a good overall usage level.

We have upgraded and improved Brookvale Community Centre, Forestville Youth Centre, North Balgowlah Community Centre and Cromer Community Centre, as well as the newly acquired former Bowling Club, now to be known as North Curl Curl Community Centre.

The annual Forest Community Art Exhibition was again highly successful with 1,000 visitors over the three days show enjoying the creativity of local residents.

|   | Capital Works  |
|---|--|
|  | Tramshed Arts and Community Centre, Narrabeen - building refurbishment to comply with Building Code of Australia |

Four new social gathering places were created this year. The Dee Why RSL Bowling Club was refurbished and was transformed into the North Curl Curl Community Centre. Four Summer Skate Series were held over four Friday evenings in January. The Warringah Creative Space Artist in Residence program commenced focusing on Artist Networking, Education and Creative Development. The Brookvale Community Centre was revitalised.

| Program Indicator  | Baseline | Result |
|--|----------|--------|
| Increase in community gathering places available for socialising | 3*       | 4      |
| Usage of our Community Centres                                   | 47%      | 51%    |

\* Baseline data is from 2013/14 as no data is available for the previous year





**Program - CULTURAL VITALITY AND CREATIVITY**



Council supported two Artists in Residence at the Kimbriki Recycling Centre and eight studio artists had the opportunity of occupying the affordable studios at the Warringah Creative Space. All artists enjoyed the experience of learning, teaching and stretching their artistic boundaries and their creativity and innovation were shared with the community.

The Sister City Youth Exchange saw six Warringah Youth Ambassadors visit Brewarrina in April. Highlights included visiting the Bre Fish Traps, the Old Mission site, fishing on the Barwon River and interacting with the local community.

Community activities and events are celebrated throughout the year and have been highlighted elsewhere in this report.

|   | Key Initiatives  |
|---|--|
|  | Deliver community activities and celebrations                        |
|  | Implement the Cultural Plan - 'Creative Warringah'                   |
|  | Maintain Artist in Residency and Affordable Studio's program of work |
|  | Deliver Sister City event  |

Annual Report 2014/15

Opportunities to participate in cultural activities included Band Nights, Band Competition, Acoustic Nights, Roller Disco, Discobility, Club 567, 24/7 Youth Film Festival, ArtDecko Exhibition and the Artists in Residence Program. Through the Warringah Creative Space Newsletter, 'Warringah Creative News', exhibitions, author talks and creative workshops were also promoted to the community.

| Program Indicator   | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| Increased opportunities to participate in cultural activities | 60*      | 70     |

\* Baseline data is from 2013/14 as no data is available for the previous year



Annual Report 2014/15

## Compliance Services



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community        | 1.1 We have the services to promote and deliver health and wellbeing<br>1.2 We are safe and protected at home and in public, and we respect each other and the area   |
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.3 We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed  |
| Healthy Environment      | 3.2 We protect and sustain our diverse bushland as valuable habitats, and provide for a variety of wildlife to thrive and migrate<br>3.4 We effectively plan for and respond to natural hazards and climate change in a sustainable way                                 |
| Connected Transport      | 4.3 We can conveniently access parking near transport hubs and close to urban centres   |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods  | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business<br>5.3 We offer a variety of housing choice that meets the needs of our community and complements local neighbourhoods and the Warringah lifestyle |

### Continuing Activities

- Investigate and enforce compliance relating to unlawful building works, unlawful land uses, and fire safety and breach of consent
- Implement public safety and health projects, programs, education and complaints investigation (food safety, skin penetration, Legionella prevention, onsite sewage management systems)
- Environmental health education, protection and investigations
- Fire safety compliance for class two to nine buildings
- Development control investigations
- Deployment of rangers to enforce compliance with legislation and investigate complaints within Warringah
- When necessary, issue penalties and commence legal proceedings
- Management and registration of companion animals, and education of dog and cat owners
- Regulation and enforcement of restricted dog breeds and declared dangerous dogs
- Management of abandoned vehicles
- Promote private pool safety barriers and respond to pool safety complaints

### Budget Spend

Operational \$8.5m

### Service Highlights

#### Regulatory Compliance

Regulatory Compliance has continued to respond to community requests for assistance with parking enforcement, dumped rubbish, companion animals, unauthorised works, advertising structures (i.e. advertising on trailers), pollution incidents and various after-hours matters. In addition to customer requests, Rangers are continually patrolling Warringah's public spaces to ensure safety, order and environmental compliance.

#### Environmental Investigations

The Environmental Investigations team responds to community requests relating to public health breaches, unhealthy conditions, pollution incidents (air, noise, water and land), offensive odour, drainage matters, waste-water systems and animal management.

New Local Government Act Approval processes was also launched in 2014/15, to improve regulation of Solid Fuel Heater and management of temporary food stalls.

#### Building Investigations

Building Investigations has continued to respond to community requests relating to unauthorised building work and land uses.

#### Fast Facts:

- 1,031 community requests regarding alleged unauthorised building works and/or land uses; up by more than 35% from 2013/14
- 727 community requests regarding pollution (air, noise, land and water) completed; up by over 20% from last year
- 335 community requests regarding asbestos, septic systems, overgrown vegetation and unhealthy conditions completed; down by 16% from last year
- 208 community requests regarding private drainage issues completed; up by 50% from last year

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

Annual Report 2014/15

Both indicators are stable with similar results to last year. Completion of customer requests is well above the baseline.

| Key Service Indicator                                     | Baseline | Target | Result |
|---|----------|--------|--------|
| Completion of customer requests within agreed time frames | 60%      | 90 %   | 79%    |
| Scheduled inspections completed                           | 100%     | 90 %   | 100 %  |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a mean score out of five. The overall satisfaction levels for compliance services are performing well above the target.

| Annual Community Survey   | Target | Result |
|---|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with management and control of domestic pets  | 3.38   | 3.53   |
| Residents satisfied with environmental protection and enforcement | 3.35   | 3.54   |
| Residents satisfied with hygiene standards of retail food outlets | 3.47   | 3.70   |

Annual Report 2014/15

## Cultural Events



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome           | Objective  |
|-------------------|--|
| Vibrant Community | 1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong<br>1.4 We value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity |

### Continuing Activities

- Coordinate civic events e.g. citizenship ceremonies
- Coordinate landmark events e.g. Australia Day
- Cultural development projects and cross cultural events
- Community festivals
- Exhibitions
- Manage the cultural development grants program

### Budget Spend

Operational \$1.3m

### Service Highlights

#### ANZAC Centenary

On the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli, record size crowds attended a number of events in Warringah. Council's Events Service delivered the annual dawn ceremony at the scenic Manly Dam which attracted over 5,000 people. The combined Murrumbidgee and Warringah Federal Electorate Community Commemoration at Pittwater Park attracted an estimated 10,000 people and was attended by the Governor General, Prime Minister, NSW Premier and Military officials. Council also delivered the Unveiling of the Knitting Girl and Care Package Sculpture at Collaroy Beach and Opening of the new ANZAC Memorial Pathway at Forestville.

#### Fast Facts

Over 900 new citizens from more than 90 different countries were welcomed in ten citizenship ceremonies held throughout 2014/15.

Major events included:

- Brookvale Show
- Christmas by the Beach
- New Year's Family Fireworks
- Australia Day Big Breakfast events at Dee Why Beach, Narrabeen, Warringah Aquatic Centre and Beacon Hill
- Anzac Day Centenary Commemorations
- Warringah Art Exhibition
- Opening of the Narrabeen Lagoon Multi-use Trail

Other community events included:

- Guringai Festival Walk at Manly Dam and Weaving Bridges project
- Local Government Week
- Remembrance Day

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

Cultural Events continues to deliver community activities and celebrations initiatives above the target

| Key Service Indicator                          | Baseline | Target | Result |
|--|----------|--------|--------|
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives) | -        | 85%    | 100%   |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a mean mean score out of five. The overall satisfaction with community events and festivals is significantly above the target.

| Annual Community Survey                                 | Target | Result |
|---|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with community events and festivals | 3.55   | 3.68   |

### Program Achievements

Annual Report 2014/15

**Program - COMMUNITY FESTIVALS**

**Opening Narrabeen Lagoon Multi-Use Trail**

The opening of the 8.4km trail around the foreshore of Narrabeen Lagoon heralded an exciting moment for locals and visitors to Warringah who can now walk and cycle around this stunning natural environment.

**Australia Day**

Australia Day Big Breakfasts took place at Dee Why Beach and James Meehan Reserve (20,000 people attended), Berry Reserve in Narrabeen (5,000 people attended) and the Warringah Aquatic Centre (1,500 people attended).

A special Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony was also held at Glen Street Theatre which was attended by 90 new citizens and over 200 of their family and friends. Activities at the events included rides, live music and community BBQs. More than 400 volunteers took part on the day, and in February Council hosted a thank you ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of our hardworking and dedicated volunteers.

**Brookvale Show**

The Brookvale Show attracted around 10,000 people who enjoyed a packed program including a Flying Pig show, aerial gymnasts, horse jumping competition and animal and nursery displays.

**Christmas and New Year's Eve**

Dee Why celebrated the festive season with markets, roving carol singers, free Santa photos and live stage performances. Over 8,000 people enjoyed the Christmas by the Beach celebrations.

The year came to an end with a spectacular fireworks display that drew a crowd of about 25,000 people from all over Warringah and beyond. People gathered at Dee Why beach and Long Reef Headland to view the amazing fireworks.

**Guringai Festival**

As part of the annual Guringai Festival program, Council staged a number of events including a guided nature walk at Manly Dam and the Weaving Bridges project.

**Warringah Art Exhibition**

The Warringah Art Exhibition attracted over 300 entries with 150 artworks selected for display. The opening night event was attended by over 300 people with \$9,500 prize money awarded to the winners of General, Waste-to-Art and Youth categories. The exhibition attracted over 1,200 visitors throughout the ten days.

**Other activities and celebrations**

- Civic and citizenship ceremonies
- Australia Day Volunteer Thank You Reception
- Collaroy Playground Opening
- Belrose Children's Centre Opening

|   | Key Initiatives                               |
|---|---|
|  | Deliver community activities and celebrations |

The program has performed well against its indicator, and is higher than the baseline (2012/13) reflecting a diverse program of events throughout the year.

| Program Indicator                 | Baseline | Result |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Number of people attending events | 97,850   | 98,500 |



Annual Report 2014/15

## Development Assessment



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                 | Objective   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Liveable Neighbourhoods | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business<br>5.3 We offer a variety of housing choices that meet the needs of our community and complements local neighbourhoods and the Warringah lifestyle |

### Continuing Activities

- Assess development and subdivision applications
- Provide technical advice on development issues
- Provide civil engineering services and advice
- Approve applications and manage the Warringah Development Assessment Panel
- Represent Warringah Council in the Land and Environment Court
- Coordinate mediation service

### Budget Spend

Operational \$5.7m

### Service Highlights

Warringah Council has continued to lead Councils in Sydney for development application processing times during 2014/15, achieving an average of 49 days to assess and determine applications. While this is a slight increase on the baseline (which set a record turnaround time of 35 days), the value of applications lodged has increased dramatically in 2014/15 as has the complexity and number of large applications.

This year's average turnaround time for processing development applications continues to be one of the best in the state. According to Planning NSW, the average time to determine development applications was 70 days across the state's 152 Councils.

### Fast Facts

- Nearly 1,600 development applications were lodged, with a total development value exceeding \$792 million. The number of applications is less than last year but the value has increased from \$515 million
- 98% of development applications were determined under delegated authority by our staff which is an increase from last year of 1%
- More complex and major applications are determined by independent panels such as the Warringah Development Assessment Panel (WDAP) and the NSW Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP), and this is reflected in the increased value of works even though fewer applications were submitted. The number of applications determined by the JRPP has remained consistent with last year. Applications determined by WDAP increased by 30% from 23 to 30 applications.

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

The mean turnaround time for applications determined by independent panels has improved in relation to the baseline. These applications are required extended consideration as they are for more complex projects, such as multi-unit housing and large commercial developments, particularly if Voluntary Planning Agreements are included. Delays may occur as the Independent Panels only meet monthly and may defer a decision for a month.

| Key Service Indicator  | Baseline | Target | Result |
|--|----------|--------|--------|
| Mean turnaround time of development applications determined by independent panels (days) | 167      | 90     | 154    |
| Mean turnaround time of development applications determined under delegation (days)      | 35       | 50     | 49     |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a mean score out of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the benchmark target (2013 survey result). Resident satisfaction with the development assessment process remains stable and meets the target.

| Annual Community Survey                                 | Target | Result |
|---|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with development assessment process | 2.68   | 2.89   |

Annual Report 2014/15

**Program - DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT**

We have refined our on-line application assessment tool 'Assessor' to process applications under the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011. This has allowed us to achieve further consistency in assessments and decision-making. The applicants and the community both benefit from a more cost-effective system that better avoids the cost implications of unnecessary delays. Changes have also been made to the processes relating to the notification of certain types of developments as more people access their development application information from our internet platform.

A number of large developments were considered and approved by the Warringah Development Assessment Panel and Joint Regional Planning Panel this year. Each of these forums provides independent assessment of relatively large and controversial applications. Major applications determined by the WDAP this year were for the Harbord Diggers redevelopment, Glenrose Shopping Centre, Warringah Mall, Saint Augustine's College and the former "Evergreen" tennis centre.

Our team works hard for better development outcomes for the community resulting in improved design, amenity and environmental results. We have upheld these values in the Land and Environment Court, where notable examples of successful determinations include residential flat buildings in Manly Vale and Narrabeen and subdivision of land at Frenchs Forest.

| Program Indicator  | Baseline | Result |
|--|----------|--------|
| Percentage of development appeals where Council's decision is upheld | 100%     | 100%   |

This program indicator relates to those proposals where the applicant takes Council to the Land and Environment Court, usually as Council has refused the application or set strict conditions for approval. Council is performing well in this indicator, showing that the Court has agreed with Council's decisions and thus has a sound approach to dealing with applications and setting conditions for approval.

The following key initiative experienced delays in software development. The project will be completed in 2015/16.

| Key Initiatives   |  |
|---|--|
|  | Deliver online functionality for lodgement of Development Applications |

Annual Report 2014/15

## Glen Street Theatre



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome           | Objective   |
|-------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community | 1.4 We value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity |

### Continuing Activities

- Annual subscription season of professional performing arts
- KidsPlay program
- Present literary lunches
- Management of the venue for use by professional performing art presenters, community groups, schools and corporate users
- Operation of dining, bar and catering services to patrons and users of the theatre

### Budget Spend

Operational \$3.1m  
Capital \$0.6m

### Service Highlights

#### Main Stage

The key highlights for this year have been the productions of Food, The Removalists, Crimson Sky, Absent Friends, The Importance of Being Miriam and Four Seasons in One Night and last but not least The Wharf Revue which never fails to impress audiences.

#### KidsPlay

There have been many key highlights in our children's and family programming arm. These include Wombat Stew, The Gruffalo, Pete the Sheep and the Bugalugs Bum Thief. All these productions were greatly enjoyed by school and general public audiences.

360 All Stars, the circus reinvented, was programmed for teenage and family audiences. It was an excellent production demonstrating physical skill, music, lighting, mixed media and sound effects and while slow to sell the final performances were sold out and the response was overwhelming.

#### Music at the Glen

The ever popular Music at the Glen series saw excellent productions by artists celebrating Dublin to Diamond, Dust of Urugzan, A Song to Singo, Judy: A Life in Song, Simple Dreams, Vov Dylan "Q" Plus String Quintet and Sing! These performances are greatly appreciated by an elderly audience who no longer wish to venture out at night. We have an excellent partnership with Forest Coach Lines who provide transport for the community.

#### Commercial and Community Hirers

The theatre was able to host commercial and community hirers throughout the year including Sydney North Dance Festival which gets bigger each year and has just sold 9,750 tickets over a two week period; the annual Ballet Season plus Stage Artz and Andrew McKinnon Productions. Some minor hirers have also presented works at Glen Street over the year.

The theatre is also used for Citizenship ceremonies, Hilltop to Headland presentations, the Northern Beaches Chorus and small one off commercial events.

#### Minor Asset Renewal

This year saw the establishment and equipping of Behind the Beans café. The café has now been put out to tender with a successful operator being chosen by Council. The theatre and operator will work closely together to enhance the Glen Street experience for patrons.

The auditorium had the house lighting replaced during the year which has greatly enhanced the illumination and safety for our elderly patrons.

We endeavour to keep up to date with modern theatre technology, which is under constant change, to provide the best experience for our patrons and we upgraded our hearing aids, which has also proved popular with our hearing impaired patrons.

### Fast Facts

- 7,500 young people performed on Glen Street's main stage
- 9 professional productions presented
- 2,000 subscribers
- 10 concerts for Music at the Glen
- 3 KidsPlay professional productions presented
- 23 Ballet schools presented end of year concerts

Annual Report 2014/15

- 9,650 tickets sold for Sydney North Dance Festival over two week period

**Key Service Indicator Report Card**

This year Glen Street Theatre has seen an overall increase in the number of tickets sold and in the use of the Theatre by commercial and community hirers and other community activities (referred to here as capacity utilisation). These indicators remain above the baseline and the target.

There has been a decline in the number of subscriptions for Glen Street Theatre. This trend is consistent with the previous year and is consistent with an overall industry trend, in which patrons no longer purchase their tickets as far in advance. Any fall in subscriptions is offset by ongoing growth in ticket sales and Theatre use.

| Key Service Indicator  | Baseline | Target | Result |
|--|----------|--------|--------|
| Utilisation rate of Glen Street Theatre - subscriptions        | 2,410    | 2,500  | 1,800  |
| Utilisation rate of Glen Street Theatre - tickets sold         | 75%      | 80%    | 82%    |
| Utilisation rate of Glen Street Theatre - capacity utilisation | 75%      | 80%    | 90%    |
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives)                 | -        | 85%    | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)                   | -        | 85%    | 100%   |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a score of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the target (2013 survey result). Resident satisfaction with Glen Street Theatre has increased significantly.

| Annual Community Survey                      | Target | Result |
|--|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with Glen Street Theatre | 3.59   | 3.77   |

**Program - CULTURAL HUB**

The revitalisation of Glen Street Theatre will be conducted in two main stages that ultimately will result in the creation of a cultural hub for Belrose.







This year the revitalisation project for Glen Street Theatre has progressed from Stage One to Stage Two. Stage Two involves replacing the existing ageing Belrose Library and incorporates a new state-of-the-art library into the Glen Street Theatre site.

This year, Council resolved to sell the current Belrose Library site and a revised concept plan was developed that includes:

- 650m<sup>2</sup> library located at the front of the Glen St Theatre
- New pathway between Blackbuts Road and Glen Street on the eastern edge of the Glen St Theatre site
- Proposed new outdoor dining area and playground to be fitted out by the café operator (who will be selected on the basis of our tendering process)

The concept plan was exhibited to the community for feedback, and a development application was prepared to proceed with the detailed design and works.

See the Major Projects section of this report for more detail on the Glen Street Cultural Hub.

| Capital Works   |  |
|---|--|
|  | Glen Street Theatre - minor asset renewals                                   |
|  | Replacement of lights - main auditorium                                      |
|  | Glen Street Revitalisation Stage 1   |
|  | Glen Street Revitalisation Stage 2   |
| Key Initiatives   |  |
|  | Develop day to day management plan for operation of Glen Street Cultural Hub |
|  | Promote and engage new audiences with the Glen Street Cultural Hub           |



Annual Report 2014/15

### Information and Library Services



#### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                 | Objective  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Vibrant Community       | 1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong<br>1.4 We value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods | 5.4 We have access to a range of local educational and training opportunities that complements the local economy   |

#### Continuing Activities

- Provide a communal space for study, recreation, research and the exchange of ideas
- Provide free access to recreation, information and educational resources
- Provide collections and resources in a range of formats
- Provide professional assistance in the use of library services and resources
- Deliver programs to market library services and resources, and contribute to the development of literacy within the community
- Deliver tailored services for specific target groups (home library service, people with a disability, community language readers, children, senior school students, and local and family historians)
- Acquire and conserve documentary evidence of the local area

#### Budget Spend

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Operational | \$7.0m |
| Capital     | \$0.5m |

#### Service Highlights

We are continuing to give high priority to resuming our customer notification system which unfortunately had to temporarily be put on hold because of system reliability issues. We plan to bring back an improved service for our customers in the near future.

This year the library launched an exciting new service called 'Your Librarian', in keeping with our purpose of 'Bringing People, Information and Ideas Together' as well as to celebrate Library and Information Week. This service offers tailor-made reading lists for library members who complete an online survey about their reading preferences. We see this online service as an opportunity to reach out to a broader section of our community; people who are time poor, who don't visit the library or are borrowing material for someone else. This web service features profiles of our staff and describes the types of things they enjoy reading along with their favourite books and DVDs. The feedback from our customers has been that these profiles and reading lists provide a great discovery tool.

Work will be commencing in July to deliver the redesign plans for the Dee Why Library entry and counter spaces. The planned changes will provide more seating and reading space, as well as a better service and concierge experience for customers.

Similarly, some work has been undertaken at the Warringah Mall Library foyer area to make it more attractive for customers and showcase the popular DVD selections the library has to offer.

The community were invited to provide their views regarding the proposed new Belrose Library to be housed at Glen Street and integrated with the theatre. Community members were generally supportive of the proposal, but raised some issues and concerns, namely regarding on-site parking, which will be addressed in the upcoming 'Parking and Traffic' study in July 2015. The planning process is progressing to the lodgement of the Development Application - also expected in July 2015. This exciting development will create a cultural hub that will be a tremendous facility when complete in 2017.

The initiative to improve the way library resources are bought and made shelf ready is now in place with a local library supplier, James Bennett, located at Brookvale. James Bennett is part of the world's largest distributor of print, digital and entertainment products. The new service is expected to deliver books, CDs and DVDs for loan to the library shelves faster, cutting down from a three week average when previously managed in-house, to within seven days from purchase.

#### Fast Facts

- 706,091 customer visits during the year, a 1% decrease on 2013/14
- 1,061,220 loans
- 258,754 visits to the library website
- 42,444 eBook loans; up by 58% increase in eLoans from last year

Annual Report 2014/15

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

The library service continued to provide quality service to our customers, exceeding all targets for service delivery. There was a large increase in the number of active library members due to an increase in outreach programs and the service's digital presence, and a large increase in the overall customer satisfaction due to a strong customer focus.

| Key Service Indicator                                      | Baseline | Target | Result |
|--|----------|--------|--------|
| Number of active library members                           | 50,000   | 52,000 | 67,377 |
| Overall satisfaction of library customers with the service | 79%      | 80%    | 89%    |
| Satisfaction of active members with the library selection  | 3.92*    | 3.75   | 3.92   |
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives)             | -        | 85%    | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)               | -        | 85%    | 100%   |

\*Baseline data is from 2013/14 as no data is available for the previous year




Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a mean score out of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the target (2013 survey result). The community's general level of satisfaction with the library service remains stable and meets the target.

| Annual Community Survey                   | Target | Result |
|---|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with library services | 3.98   | 4.01   |

### Program Achievements

Program - **COMMUNITY SPACE AND LEARNING**

Awaiting content

| Capital Works   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
|  | Replacement of books                 |
| Key Initiatives   |                                      |
|  | Finalise the Library Strategic Plan  |
|  | Implement the Library Strategic Plan |

| Program Indicator   | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| Increase in electronic resources available (Total number available) | 5,871    | 10,801 |

Annual Report 2014/15

### Kimbriki Environmental Enterprises Pty Ltd



#### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome             | Objective   |
|---------------------|---|
| Healthy Environment | 3.3 We strive to live and work more sustainably to reduce our environmental footprint |

#### Continuing Activities

- Operate landfill and recycling site areas
- Receive and process dry waste from commercial and domestic customers and sell recycled material
- Offer disposal and recycling options for a wide range of materials
- Provide a range of recovered goods for sale through the Buy Back centre as well as recycled garden and landscaping products
- Continue to expand the reach of educational activities through the EcoHouse and Garden

#### Budget Spend

Operational \$27.7m  
Capital \$1.4m

#### Service Highlights

##### Seeing waste as a resource

This year, Kimbriki achieved a result of 80% of waste coming through the gate being reused, reprocessed or recycled to leave the site as a valued resource. The combination of quality products, reasonable pricing, clever marketing and exceptional customer service underpin these results.

##### Servicing the Community

Over 200,000 customers visited the site over the 363 days that Kimbriki was open to the public, ensuring options for disposal and recycling were readily available to everyone.

##### Protecting our environment

Kimbriki operates to international accredited standards of environmental management. This drives the activities on site to continually improve our environmental management. This year, Kimbriki focused its efforts on:

- Improving water quality through better management of surface water onsite including significant capital works to expand sediment basins
- Reducing erosion during rain by stabilising the ground with vegetation, hard surfaces and temporary structures such as hay bales including significant capital works to seal internal roads
- Identifying and sealing greenhouse gases on our waste slopes combined with the innovative use of "biocovers"
- Expanding our landfill gas capture system
- Installing an aeration system to the vegetation processing area to better manage any odour generation risks

##### Open Day

Kimbriki hosted its first Open Day in November which was attended by more than 500 people. The day featured repeat viewings of Kimbriki's innovative site movie; waste to art workshops for children; planting demonstration and seedling giveaways; a free sausage sizzle; and a petting zoo where children enjoyed getting up close and personal with animals.

##### The EcoHouse and Garden

This facility continued to be very popular, with school workshops booked out months in advance. This year more than 4,500 people took part in workshops or other educational programs. Highlights included: over 100 schools/TAFE group workshops; over 3,000 school students through workshops; 40 adult workshop groups/seminars; and site tours.

##### Fast Facts

- Kimbriki received approximately 289,000 tonnes of waste in 2014/15 and recycled nearly 230,000 tonnes or about 80%
- Of the 289,000 tonnes, nearly 100,000 tonnes was garden waste and 92,500 from construction and demolition works
- Kimbriki receives and shreds approximately 20,000 mattresses annually, recovering about 350 tonnes of steel
- Kimbriki is open for business ten hours a day, 363 days of the year
- On our busiest days leading up to Christmas we service up to 1,500 customers per day, that's 2.5 vehicles per minute!
- Kimbriki's gas system captured and treated 1.8 million cubic metres of landfill gas in 2014/15

#### Key Service Indicator Report Card

Kimbriki continues to divert much of the waste it receives away from landfill to recycling or re-sale, exceeding our target this year by diverting 80% of the material received. The two service indicators of Kimbriki have shown that Kimbriki continues to reach or exceed its targets.

Annual Report 2014/15

| Key Service Indicator   | Baseline | Target | Result |
|---|----------|--------|--------|
| Incoming material diverted to landfill – Kimbriki                         | 79%      | 76%    | 80%    |
| Compliance with licensing and environmental requirements for the facility | 100%     | 100%   | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)                              | -        | 85%    | 100%   |

### Program Achievements

#### Program - SITE IMPROVEMENTS

##### Landfill Cell Development

Kimbriki is carrying out the development of engineered landfill cells including advanced lining and drainage systems. The first of these is currently underway and on track for completion in June 2016.

##### Keeping it clean

To contribute to clean air and water in our surroundings we have continued with upgrades to our leachate treatment system. This addresses broad areas across Kimbriki to collect leachate and the installation of treatment infrastructure to the storage dam. Additional treatment works continue to be developed and will be completed in the next eighteen months.









##### Tackling greenhouse

The landfill gas capture system has been expanded into new areas of the Kimbriki landfill. The system is now capturing and incinerating in excess of 220 cubic metres of landfill gas per hour, reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by some 14,500 tonnes per annum. It also reduces odours from the gas, and in the future the gas may generate electricity for powering the site.

##### Upgrading the Amenities, Fixtures and Equipment

Kimbriki is constructing a new site office to replace the current facilities. The existing buildings and parking arrangements of the site office are aged and struggling to keep pace with the growing visitation numbers and usage. Further, the ongoing growth of the waste processing facility has an identified need for the land, and the land holding the existing site office will be used for significant capital works. The new site office building is scheduled for completion by the end of February 2016.

Kimbriki has purchased a diesel leachate pump as a back-up to the existing electric units to provide protection during power outages. Kimbriki has also installed licence plate recognition hardware and software and renewed site vehicles as required to minimise repair and maintenance costs.

|   | Capital Works                     |
|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Gas capture system                |
|  | Leachate treatment plant          |
|  | Other site fixtures and equipment |
|  | Site access roads                 |
|  | Site office and amenities         |
|  | Landfill cell development         |
|  | Kimbriki - Other                  |
|  | Kimbriki - Vehicles               |



Annual Report 2014/15

## Natural Environment Services



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.2 We have access to attractive parks and natural areas that encourage and support a safe healthy lifestyle   |
| Healthy Environment      | 3.1 We value the health of our beaches, foreshores and waterways as natural habitats and for our enjoyment<br>3.2 We protect and sustain our diverse bushland as valuable habitats, and provide for a variety of wildlife to thrive and migrate<br>3.3 We strive to live and work more sustainably to reduce our environmental footprint.<br>3.4 We effectively plan for and respond to natural hazards and climate change in a sustainable way. |
| Connected Transport      | 4.4 We can safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah   |

### Continuing Activities

- Bush regeneration on council reserves including management of the volunteer Friends of the Bush program
- Coastal management including management of coastal erosion and on ground works including dune maintenance, beach scraping and nourishment.
- Invasive species control
- Creek and lagoon restoration projects
- Stormwater Asset Management activities including gross pollutant trap cleaning, gathering asset condition information and asset maintenance
- Water cycle management including the implementation of water sensitive urban design on public and private properties
- Flood Mitigation activities including preparation of plans and studies; lagoon openings at Curl Curl, Dee Why and Narrabeen Lagoons; Narrabeen Lagoon entrance clearance and release of water at Manly Dam
- Fire Management Access Zone works
- Liaison and partnerships with Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services
- Sustainability education events

### Budget Spend

Operational \$12.4m  
Capital \$6.5m

### Service Highlights

#### Award Winning Narrabeen Lagoon Trail - Completed and Open

The Narrabeen Lagoon Trail has been completed. This year a new 1.2km section of trail, complete with boardwalks and bridges over Middle and South Creek, was opened to the public in February 2015. The new trail section connects the existing trail network and enables community members and visitors to circumnavigate the entire foreshore of Sydney's largest coastal lagoon. The trail provides an outstanding recreational and tourist destination for the region.

For its recreation and sensitive open space qualities, this last section of the trail won the prestigious 2015 Award of Excellence for Leisure and Open Space: Planning from Parks and Leisure Australia.

The initial response to the trail has been exceedingly positive with a 110% increase in community usage after the trail opening.

#### Collaroy Stormwater Outlet

The Collaroy Stormwater Outlet has successfully been upgraded after it was deemed necessary to replace the outermost sections. After consulting with the community and undertaking extensive design investigation, repairs involving the removal of the existing exit distributor, four culvert sections and their supporting piles were undertaken. A new exit distributor, one new culvert section and new piles were then installed, shortening the structure by approximately ten metres. The works were fully completed and operational by February 2015.

#### Warringah's Water Wonderland

2014/15 saw the delivery of one of the biggest Hilltop to Headland events in the program's 18 year history - Warringah's Water Wonderland. Held in January on Dee Why beachfront, the free family event celebrated Warringah's beaches, creeks and lagoons, and attracted an audience of around 5,000 people. Families enjoyed stage entertainment with Ranger Stacy and live sea creature shows, 'Under the Sea' storytelling, marine touch tanks, stalls, music, guided walks and children's activities.

#### Coastal Zone Management

The Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Collaroy-Narrabeen Beach and Fishermans Beach was adopted by Council in October 2014. One of fifteen beaches in NSW declared an erosion 'hot spot', Warringah was required to develop the CZMP for Collaroy-Narrabeen and Fishermans Beaches to outline how they will be managed into the future. Currently awaiting a decision from the NSW Minister for the Environment, Warringah hopes to be

## Annual Report 2014/15

the first NSW Council to receive Ministerial certification.

Additionally, the Coastal Erosion Emergency Action Subplan for Beaches in Warringah was updated and adopted by Council in May 2015 to reflect changes in State government legislation.

### Biodiversity Management

Council acted as a local Project Sponsor in the Australian Government's Green Army Programme, which mobilised a team of 17-24 year olds to undertake bush regeneration for a six month period. This resulted in the weeding and planting of approximately 1,000m<sup>2</sup> of sand dune at Freshwater Beach, while delivering a positive work experience and skill development for the volunteers.

The Friends of the Bush volunteers were responsible for propagating over 10,000 native plants in our community nursery in 2014/15, providing an exceptional resource. With seeds always locally sourced, the tube stock was used in our Bushcare sites, at Citizenship Ceremonies, at community planting days and for special projects for Parks, Reserves and Foreshores. The 225 registered volunteers worked more than 3,500 hours at 31 different sites across Warringah.

### The April East Coast Low

On 20 April 2015, an East Coast Low (ECL) hit the NSW coastline, causing such severe weather on the Peninsula that the Northern Beaches was declared a Natural Disaster Area. Torrential rain, gale force winds and huge seas battered Warringah, testing the emergency response preparations of Council (and other emergency services).

During the event, large seas and strong winds caused erosion at most of Warringah's Beaches. At Collaroy-Narrabeen, the beach retreated by almost 25 metres, exposing some areas of rock that were placed there as emergency coastal protection as far back ago as the 1940s.

As emergency response procedures were put in place, all beaches were immediately and regularly monitored with risks mitigated as necessary. Fortunately, the beach erosion was not so severe as to require emergency works, and coastal engineers deemed it acceptable to let the beach recover naturally. Coastal engineers estimate it takes only ten days to recover for every metre of beach eroded; based on this, in around eight months Collaroy-Narrabeen Beach will have fully recovered naturally.

There was also an impact at Fishermans Beach, where the area in front of the car park experienced some slumping and erosion. A geotechnical engineer has been engaged to identify solutions which will be implemented in early 2015/16.

The ECL also caused the most significant flooding experienced in Warringah for five years. Water spilled over Manly Dam with residents in the Manly Lagoon catchment put on stand-by to evacuate by the NSW State Emergency Service (SES) and Police. Residents in Narrabeen Lagoon were also placed on stand-by for evacuation, but ultimately there were no evacuations necessary.

Warringah's creeks were also impacted, with a number of fallen trees and bank erosion incidents requiring action. This included bank stabilisation works that were undertaken in South Creek.

Perhaps the biggest impact of the storm was on our bushland. Approximately 80 storm-related customer requests were received by Natural Environment in relation to tree damage by the storm. Risk assessments of all our bushland sites were undertaken to mitigate immediate risks and prioritise works. Almost all of these works were completed by the end of the 2014/15 financial year.

### Fast Facts

- 697 Natural Environment customer requests actioned
- 56 sites of active bush regeneration works undertaken, covering 352ha of bushland
- Approximately 20ha of bushland regenerated by 225 registered volunteers who worked more than 3,500 hours at 31 supervised sites
- 2,000 trees planted by approximately 100 people on National Tree Day
- 2,000 plants established at South Creek Reserve as part of the Narrabeen Lagoon Trail
- 17 rabbit culling programs across Warringah
- Two fox threat abatement programs undertaken
- Ten animal traps hired and 14 stray/feral cats trapped
- 10km of high risk pathway inspected and treated for high priority noxious weeds
- Ten nurseries inspected for the sale of noxious weeds
- 45 reactive private property weed inspections undertaken
- 100 properties in Terrey Hills monitored and inspected for high priority noxious weeds
- Green Army participants rehabilitated over 1000m<sup>2</sup> of dunes through bush regeneration and revegetation works at Freshwater, Dee Why and Curl Curl beaches
- Seven hazard reduction burns in 18ha of bushland
- More than 10,000 native plants produced by the Community Nursery
- 1,000 Development Application referrals assessed and 205 certificates (construction and subdivision) and permits (hoarding and authorisation of legal documents) processed
- Around 6,000 people attended community environmental education events and around 1,200 school students participated in environmental education programs
- One Floodplain Risk Management Study and one Floodplain Risk Management Plan adopted by Council
- Coastal Zone Management Plan adopted by Council
- Monitoring program established at 21 creek sites
- Ecological health monitored and reported at seven sites in our four coastal lagoons
- Research partnerships established with Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation, University of New South Wales, University of Western Sydney and NSW Office of Environment and Heritage

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

Natural Environment Services continued to reach high quality outcomes for our customers, meeting or exceeding all targets for key service indicators.

| Key Service Indicator  | Baseline | Target | Result |
|--|----------|--------|--------|
| Volume of materials removed from Gross Pollutant Traps to improve water quality (tonnes) | 811      | 800    | 1,205  |

Annual Report 2014/15

|  |           |                              |        |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|--------|
| Length of stormwater assets, assessed, maintained or improved (meters repaired reactively vs. planned) | 211 / 130 | less reactive / more planned | 57/151 |
| Area of bushland actively managed to reduce threats from invasive species or fire (hectares)           | 381       | 376                          | 376    |
| Participants at events have an increased awareness of how they can live more sustainably (%)           | 78%       | 75%                          | 75%    |
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives)   | -         | 85%                          | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)   | -         | 85%                          | 100%   |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a score of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the target (2013 survey result). The satisfaction scores meet all targets. There is a significant increase in the satisfaction with walking trails and tracks, caring for bush areas and the management of local flooding.

| Annual Community Survey                                      | Target | Result |
|--|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with walking trails and tracks           | 3.37   | 3.61   |
| Residents satisfied with caring for bush areas               | 3.54   | 3.75   |
| Residents satisfied with management of local flooding        | 3.27   | 3.48   |
| Residents satisfied with management of waterways and lagoons | 3.32   | 3.42   |

### Program Achievements

#### Program - NATURAL AREA RECREATION



Council provides access to our natural areas to encourage and support a safe, healthy lifestyle. This was supported through a number of capital projects as well as an ongoing maintenance program of our bushland tracks and trails. Our tracks and trails are designed to minimise impact on our environment while enabling residents and visitors to safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah and appreciate our unique natural environment.

#### Narrabeen Lagoon Trail

The trail network along the foreshores of the northern beaches largest coastal lagoon is now complete. The Narrabeen Lagoon Trail provides an outstanding recreational and tourist destination for the region. This year saw the construction of the trails and boardwalks along the lagoon foreshore, the bridges over Middle Creek and South Creek. This final section of the trail was opened to the public in February 2015. See the Major Projects section of this report for more detail.

#### Narrabeen Lagoon Marker Buoys

After extensive scoping, locations for navigation marker buoys in Narrabeen Lagoon have been finalised and will be installed during the first part of the new financial year. These buoys will assist recreational users such as kayakers, sailors and paddle boarders in avoiding shallow areas, and subsequently help protect important seagrass habitat.

|   | Capital Works                    |
|---|----------------------------------|
|  | Narrabeen Lagoon Multi-use Trail |

Completion of the final section of the Narrabeen Lagoon Trail along the lagoon foreshore and bridges over Middle Creek and South Creek has resulted in a much higher delivery of new track and assets than the target.

| Program Indicator  | Baseline | Result |
|--|----------|--------|
| Length of new track and new assets developed in natural areas (Metres) | 200      | 1,200  |

#### Program - WATERWAYS



Council's Waterways program includes monitoring of Warringah's four lagoons, management of the creek network, and the delivery of a Total Water Cycle Management program.



Annual Report 2014/15

#### Dee Why Lagoon Core Sampling

In collaboration with the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation and the University of New South Wales, core samples from the bed of Dee Why Lagoon have been analysed to assess past and current sedimentation rates. This data illustrates the impact of catchment development and stormwater on the ecological condition of Warringah's lagoons.

Analysis of the core samples, and comparisons with survey data, suggests that sedimentation rates are actually lower than anticipated, which is a positive result.

#### Lagoon Monitoring

Council has been monitoring the condition of Warringah's four coastal lagoons across seven different sites in accordance with State Government guidelines since 2011. The report cards showed overall stability in good estuary conditions in 2013/14, but with some improvement in Curl Curl Lagoon. This is generally because the summer of 2013/14 was not as wet as previous years, meaning less stormwater (carrying sediments, nutrients and rubbish) entered the lagoons. The lagoon monitoring program has been completed for the 2014/15 financial year, with results to be made available once collation is complete during early 2015/16.

#### Warringah Creeks Program

Council teamed up with the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to develop a monitoring program similar to that of the lagoons for 21 creek sites. Monitoring includes water quality, macro invertebrates sampling and stream condition assessment. The creek monitoring program has been completed for the 2014/15 financial year, with results to be made available once collation is complete during early 2015/16.

#### Water Management Policy

The draft Water Management Policy is currently under review and the Sustainability Business Plan, incorporating water cycle management, continues to be prepared.

|   | Key Initiatives  |
|---|------------------|
|  | Water management |

| Program Indicator   | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| Maintain or improve the condition of waterways (average ranking of lagoon health) | Good     | Good   |

#### Program - STORMWATER ASSETS






Effective management of our stormwater assets helped create liveable neighbourhoods and contributed to the health of our waterways. A new Stormwater Assets Management Plan has been completed, and will provide the future management strategy for Council's extensive drainage network of more than 16,000 pits and headwalls, 350km of pipes and culverts, 120km of drainage channels and 140 water quality devices. It will also direct the construction of new stormwater drainage infrastructure for flood mitigation, the maintenance and renewal of existing assets, local flooding investigations, and manage the removal of pollutants from waterways.

During the year a total of 127 cleans of the water quality devices removed 1,205 tonnes of material, resulting in improved stormwater water quality. Approximately 100 customer requests relating to local flooding were actioned and completed.

#### Stormwater Renewal

Council completed a major stormwater improvement project this year, with the replacement of the seaward sections of the Collaroy Stormwater Outlet on Collaroy Beach.

Council also responded to needs that arose during the year for stormwater renewal. About 150 metres of stormwater pipelines/culverts have been relined or replaced at various locations including: Arthur Street, Harbord Road, Ryan Place, Condamine Street and Pittwater Road in Dee Why. A stormwater outlet was also completed at Birdwood Park, together with improved safety fencing at a number of sites.

|   | Capital Works                       |
|---|-------------------------------------|
|  | Collaroy stormwater outlet          |
|  | Planned stormwater renewal program  |
|  | Reactive stormwater renewal program |

|   | Key Initiatives                         |
|---|---|
|  | Review Stormwater Asset Management Plan |



## Annual Report 2014/15

The Stormwater Asset Management Plan is reviewed and updated every four years in accordance with best practice.

| Program Indicator  | Baseline | Result                |
|--|----------|-----------------------|
| Maintain appropriate asset management strategies for stormwater assets | Maintain | Updated and completed |

### Program - NATURAL HAZARD MANAGEMENT



Council undertakes a comprehensive program of natural hazard management planning, mitigation works, warning systems and awareness campaigns to inform the community and respond to natural hazards and climate change. Council also supported the work of the Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Services by commencing a scoping project for upgrades to the Fire Control Centre, as well as commencing development application assessments for the replacement of Duffys Forest Station and upgrading of Davidson Station.


#### Coastal Zone Management

The Coastal Zone Management Plan for Collaroy-Narrabeen Beach and Fishermans Beach was adopted by Council in October 2014, and is awaiting a decision regarding certification from the NSW Minister for the Environment.

The Coastal Erosion Emergency Action Subplan for Beaches in Warringah was updated and adopted by Council in May 2015 to reflect changes in State government legislation.

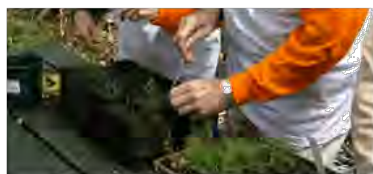
#### Bush Fire Management

To reduce the risk of bush fire, Council undertook risk management activities across 46ha of bushland. This involved clearing bushland near houses for fire management access as well as undertaking seven hazard reduction burns to reduce fuel loads.

|   | Key Initiatives   |
|---|---|
|  | Natural hazard management planning, mitigation works, warning systems and awareness campaigns |

| Program Indicator  | Baseline | Result |
|--|----------|--------|
| Reduced exposure of Warringah's residents to natural hazards (studies conducted) | 3        | 4      |

### Program - BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT



Warringah's biodiversity management program aims to maintain and improve the area and condition of bushland on Council managed reserves. A number of projects and on-going programs protect and sustain our diverse bushland as valuable habitats, and provide for a variety of wildlife to thrive and migrate.

#### Natural Areas Asset Plan



The Natural Areas Asset Plan (NAAP) is in the final stages of development, and when finalised will guide Council on maintaining and improving Warringah's natural assets. The framework for the NAAP has been adopted and data analysis completed, with the final document set to be completed in early 2015/16.

#### Bush Regeneration

Bush regeneration by professional contractors continued in almost 350 hectares of bushland reserves in 2014/15. This included a range of large reserves such as Forestville Park, Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge, JJ Melbourne Hills Memorial Park and Allenby Park, as well as many small reserves. Over \$60,000 in grant funds were also awarded and spent on weed control works at Middle and Oxford Creeks to help improve the Narrabeen Lagoon catchment.

Some 225 Friends of the Bush volunteers worked in excess of 3,500 hours across 31 sites in Warringah. Regenerating 20ha of bushland, their work helped enhance biodiversity, reduce weed species and increase natural regeneration of native species.

Annual Report 2014/15

|   | Key Initiatives                             |
|---|---|
|  | Develop Natural Areas Asset Management Plan |
|  | Biodiversity and bushland management        |

| Program Indicator   | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| Number of programs to reduce invasive animals   | 15       | 43     |
| Maintain or improve the area and condition of bushland on Council managed reserves (Hectares) | 354      | 365    |

**Program - EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY**



Warringah's Education for Sustainability program delivers a number of inspiring educational initiatives to facilitate the uptake of sustainability in our homes, schools and businesses. This year saw completion of the roll out of the Education for Sustainability Strategic Plan 2012/15. The Natural Environment Community Engagement Plan 2015/18 is currently being developed and will commence roll out in 2015/16.

**Hilltop to Headland**

The well-loved 'Hilltop to Headland' program held two large scale events in 2014/15. The first was the highly successful Warringah's Water Wonderland family fair event held on Dee Why Beach front in January. Run as part of the Sydney Coastal Council's Group 'Summerama Program' - which promotes environmental education activities across coastal Sydney during summer - over 5,000 people enjoyed the water-themed live sea creature shows, roving entertainment, stalls, guided walks and children's activities.

The second Hilltop to Headland event, Duffys Forest Day, was held at Glen Street Theatre in March. Delivered specifically for our local primary schools, the event focused on threatened species and bushland conservation with a live native animal show. Over 300 students from seven different schools participated.

**Green Events**

Council ran sustainability education initiatives at nine green events with various themes including National Tree Day, Dogs Big Day Out, Stony Range Spring Festival, Youth Leading the World, Brookvale Show, Australia Day, Seniors Week, Earth Hour and World Environment Day.

**School Education**

Three programs were rolled out to local schools in 2014/15, engaging with almost 900 school students. Two programs were delivered by Warringah Council Environment Officers. The Duffys Forest Defender program for primary students promoted the bushland and biodiversity online resource launched last year, while the Catchment Connectivity program for both primary and secondary students, which focused on catchment health and sustainability. Conducted either as interactive presentations at school or excursions at Manly Dam, approximately 430 students from eight different schools participated.

Council also facilitated environmental education in secondary schools through a coastal program in partnership with the Coastal Environment Centre. Approximately 450 Warringah secondary students participated in programs focusing on catchment health, coastal processes, water quality and environmental management. Participation in the program had over 100% increase from last year.

**Eco News**

Four seasonal editions of Eco News were distributed to more than 700 subscribers in 2014/15, providing inspiring information on all things sustainable.

|   | Key Initiatives                                   |
|---|---|
|  | Implement education for sustainability activities |

The Warringah Environmental Perceptions Survey is conducted every three years. The next result for the uptake of sustainable behaviours by Warringah residents will be reported in 2016/17.

| Program Indicator                                       | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| Uptake of sustainable behaviours by Warringah residents | 53%*     | -      |

\* Baseline data is from 2010

Annual Report 2014/15

## Parks, Reserves and Foreshores



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community        | 1.2 We are safe and protected at home and in public, and we respect each other and the area<br>1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong  |
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.1 We have access to a diverse range of recreational facilities that meet the needs of the community and sporting groups<br>2.2 We have access to attractive parks and natural areas that encourage and support a safe healthy lifestyle<br>2.3 We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods  | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business  |
| Working Together         | 6.3 We participate in effective partnerships and collaborate for now and the future   |

### Continuing Activities

- Provide tactical planning and advice on management of parks, reserves and foreshore assets including street trees
- Provide asset management and maintenance services for parks, reserves and foreshore assets including sports grounds, playgrounds, rock pools and gardens.
- Manage regional recreational facilities including Brookvale Oval, Cromer Park, Manly Dam and Stony Range Botanic Garden
- Tree management
- Manage bookings of parks, reserves and foreshores including filming and photography requests
- Manage Plans of Management relating to parks, reserves and foreshores

### Budget Spend

Operational \$12.8m  
Capital \$8.4m

### Service Highlights

- Parks and Leisure Australia (NSW division) Award for Most Outstanding Playground Development (greater than \$500,000) for Collaroy Beach All-Abilities Playground
- Opening of the All-Abilities playground at Collaroy Beach Playground
- Unveiling and dedication of the Knitting Girl and Care Package sculpture at Collaroy
- Opening and dedication of the ANZAC War Memorial Pathway at Forestville
- More than 46,000 bookings for Parks, Reserves and Foreshores sport and recreation venues and open spaces
- 994 customer requests attended to for sportsfields, reserves and infrastructure
- 3,237 customer requests attended to monitoring/maintenance of street and reserves trees
- 14km of beach shoreline assets managed
- Five ocean rockpools cleaned on a weekly basis in summer and fortnightly in winter
- Bush regeneration activities in more than 50ha at Manly Dam, including along 5km of creek line and 2km of lake foreshore area, supported by local volunteers and Friends of the Bush Program
- More than 104 volunteer days and 4,000 volunteer hours at Stony Range Regional Botanical Garden

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

There has been a general increase in the use of key recreational spaces within Warringah. Parks, Reserves and Foreshores service continues to provide a diverse range of recreational facilities to meet the needs of the community and encourage participation in a healthy, active lifestyle. This year the service met all targets for scheduled capital works. One key initiative was delayed due to receiving insufficient tenders to deliver the project. This delay was later rectified and the project will be delivered in the next year.

| Key Service Indicator                          | Baseline | Target | Result |
|--|----------|--------|--------|
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives) | -        | 85%    | 80%    |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)   | -        | 85%    | 100%   |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a score of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the target (2013 survey result). Satisfaction with parks, reserves and foreshores meets all targets, and there is a significant increase in the satisfaction with the maintenance of rock pools and with walking trails and tracks. Satisfaction with Brookvale Oval remains stable compared to the target.



Annual Report 2014/15

| Annual Community Survey   | Target | Result |
|---|--------|--------|
| Resident satisfaction with Parks and recreation areas (including playgrounds) | 3.68   | 3.71   |
| Resident satisfaction with Sporting fields and amenities                      | 3.56   | 3.61   |
| Resident satisfaction with Brookvale Oval                                     | 3.01   | 3.05   |
| Resident satisfaction with Management of street trees                         | 2.87   | 2.85   |
| Resident satisfaction with Maintenance of beaches and rock pools              | 3.81   | 3.80   |
| Resident satisfaction with Walking trails and tracks                          | 3.37   | 3.35   |

**Program Achievements**

**Program - FORESHORES**



**North Curl Curl Rockpool and Flora and Ritchie Roberts Reserve**

The stairs that provide access to the North Curl Curl Rockpool and the viewing platform have been renewed. The stairs provide safe access to the rockpool. The viewing platform provides uninterrupted panoramic views over Curl Curl Beach and Manly Headland and a view over the Flora and Ritchie Roberts Reserve. Substantial work has been undertaken to rehabilitate the reserve frontage along Carrington Parade.

**Queenscliff Rockpool**

Council completed the renewal of Queenscliff Rockpool. These works ensure the structural integrity of the rockpool for the next 50 years and have improved the layout and functionality of the facility.

**Dee Why Beach Reserve**

The ever popular Dee Why Beach Reserve has had a new irrigation system installed. This system will ensure that Council can maintain this increasingly popular space to the high standard that the community expects.

**North Narrabeen Beach**

Work continues to renew North Narrabeen Beach and its surrounding areas with the installation of a new beach access ramp and minor reserve upgrades. Design work has also been completed for the upgrade of the Birdwood Park car park overlooking Narrabeen Lagoon. Once constructed this upgrade will provide better facilities for the many families who use this space as well as provide a safe and reliable access to the lagoon.

|   | Capital Works   |
|---|---|
| ✓ | North Narrabeen - landscape masterplan development and implementation |
| ✓ | Foreshore renewal program   |
| ✓ | Rockpool improvement program  |
| ✓ | North Curl Curl Rockpool - access                                     |
| ✗ | Parking meter - renewals  |

| Program Indicator                      | Baseline  | Result    |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Annual number of visitors to the beach | 3,040,552 | 4,227,919 |

**Program - PARKS AND RESERVES**



**Collaroy All-Abilities Precinct**

The playground at Collaroy Beach has opened to public acclaim, fast becoming one of the most popular attractions for children of all abilities on the Northern Beaches. The integrity of design and excellence of execution has been reflected in the project receiving the Most Outstanding Playground Development (greater than \$500,000) in the Parks & Leisure Australia (NSW Division) annual awards.

**Knitting Girl and Care Package Sculpture - Collaroy**



## Annual Report 2014/15

Also at Collaroy, the Knitting Girl and Care Package sculpture was commissioned and unveiled to mark the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day. The granite, sandstone and copper sculpture highlights the role the Women's Auxiliary played in World War I. The nearby Wishing Well Monument was also restored. The Knitting Girl and Wishing Well Monument provided the centrepiece to the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day commemorations at Collaroy Beach which culminated in 100 surf boats landing on the beach to reflect the Gallipoli landings.

### ANZAC Memorial Pathway in Forestville

Other works were completed around Warringah to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day including the construction of the ANZAC Memorial Pathway in Forestville, which highlights the major battles in World War I and was opened by Mrs Margie Abbott and Ms Bronwyn Bishop. The terraces at the Manly Dam memorial were also revitalised.

### Berry Reserve Plaza

A new plaza has been constructed at Berry Reserve. The plaza leads people from the shopping village and major bus stop into the park and provides an improved perception of safety. Key inclusions in this work include new fitness equipment to complement the existing half-court basketball court and innovative tree protection measures to protect the 70 year old plane tree.

### Lindrum Road Reserve

Council completed the enhancement of the recently acquired reserve on Lindrum Road in Belrose. Key features of this new park include picnic facilities, shade, a BBQ, a learn to ride track and lush gardens.

### Recreation Planning Research

In 2014/15 the following recreation research and planning was completed: District Park clubhouse feasibility study into a proposed new facility; Draft District Park Plan of Management; and a Playground Review as part of the development of new Integrated Open Space Strategy.

### Stony Range

The Stony Range volunteers ongoing commitment of time, energy and ideas is the key to the success of Stony Range as a vibrant community hub. Volunteer numbers continue to grow and this year they contributed over 4,000 hours towards the development of Stony Range. In partnership with Council the volunteers also successfully hosted over 17 community events including the annual Spring Festival. Council continues to roll out the Stony Range master plan and this year completed path upgrades, a commemorative waterfall viewing area and installed new outdoor furniture. The waterfall viewing area included the creation of 'Jim's Place' to commemorate the life of Jim Somerville who had made a significant contribution to Stony Range and the Warringah Community.

### Manly Dam











The picnic areas, lake, trails, mountain bike track and bushland areas continue to attract large numbers of visitors. Over 77,000 vehicles were counted entering Manly Dam and over 43,000 mountain bike track laps were counted this year. The renewal of the mountain bike track continued this year with three more sections completed. Events such as the annual ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies are attracting more and more numbers. The Manly Warringah War Memorial Park Remembrance Trust contributes significantly to the success of these ceremonies. Extensive bush regeneration was completed on over 50ha of land and along 5km of creek-line and 2km of lake shore line. This work has assisted in restoring natural habitat, improving water quality in the creeks and lake at Manly Dam, and protecting endangered plants. Work was undertaken by professional contractors with support from our Friends of the Bush volunteers.

### Bookings Process for Community

The booking process for community use of Council's open spaces, sportsgrounds, parks, Manly Dam, Stony Range, Brookvale Park and rock pools has been streamlined. Outcomes have included an increase in income and reduction in scheduling conflicts. Communication with users of our sporting venues has been enhanced through more regular contact with associations and clubs.

### Asian Cup 2015

Warringah hosted the Iran National Football Team for their Pre Competition Camp for the AFC Asian Cup Australia 2015.

| Capital Works   |   |
|---|---|
|  | Collaroy Accessibility Precinct - playground and reserve improvements         |
|  | Berry Reserve and Jamieson Park, Narrabeen - upgrades                         |
|  | Walter Gors Reserve Improvements and Dee Why Parade, Dee Why - shared walkway |
|  | Lindrum Reserve, Belrose - park works   |
|  | General infrastructure renewal program  |
|  | Manly Dam and Stony Range renewals  |
|  | Manly Dam - trail renewal   |
| Key Initiatives   |   |
|  | Review District Park Plan of Management                                       |
|  | Enable online bookings for Parks Reserves and Foreshore venues                |
|  | Review Interim Commercial Use Policy  |

Sections of the Narrabeen Trail were closed for seven months while construction of the final sections of the 8.4km circuit was completed. This resulted in less visitors compared to 2012/13. The new trail was opened in February 2015, and is proving to be very popular with walkers and cyclists.

Manly Dam's picnic areas, lake, trails, mountain bike track and bushland areas continue to attract large numbers of visitors. Over 77,000 vehicles were

## Annual Report 2014/15

counted entering Manly Dam, with an additional 43,000 mountain bikes.

| Program Indicator   | Baseline | Result      |
|---|----------|-------------|
| Annual Number of visitors to key recreational spaces: Narrabeen Multi Use Trail | 324,494  | 282,853     |
| Annual Number of visitors to key recreational spaces: Manly Dam                 | 79,700   | Over 77,000 |

### Program - PLAYGROUNDS



Six playgrounds were upgraded to provide enjoyable, inclusive and accessible play equipment and public recreation areas for the community. New playgrounds, providing safe play across a variety of age groups, were installed at:

- FJ Machon Reserve, Allambie Heights
- Cootamundra Reserve, Allambie Heights
- Kurara Reserve, Terrey Hills
- Beverley Job Reserve, Narrabeena
- Peppercorn Park, Frenchs Forest
- Beacon Hill Reserve, Beacon Hill

These playgrounds are popular with parents and children as they provide opportunities to socialise as well as aiding in the physical, social, and emotional development of children.

|   | Capital Works                  |
|---|--------------------------------|
|  | Playground improvement program |

### Program - SPORTS AND RECREATION



#### Forestville Playing Fields

The redevelopment of Forestville Playing Fields is almost complete with the new twin synthetic sportsfields expected to be available for use in July 2015. This is approximately six weeks ahead of schedule. The new facility will be a key recreational hub for the Northern Beaches providing a first class all-weather facility for football, rugby union, cricket, AFL, touch football and many other sports and passive recreation. The northern rugby union field has been reconstructed using surplus material from the synthetic sportsfield construction. Further drainage work will be carried out on this field in spring 2015.

#### Lighting

Lighting has been upgraded at Harbord Park and John Fisher Park Netball Courts to comply with Australian Standards. This will allow for competition to be held at night, easing pressure on other grounds.

#### Skate Facility Aquatic Reserve

Council has completed the renewal of the half pipe at Aquatic Reserve. This popular, safe skate facility and the new deck have received very favourable comment from skaters.

#### Sporting Groups Capital Assistance Grants

Through the Sporting Groups Capital Assistance Grants, Council partners with local groups to improve Warringah's sports facilities and to enhance opportunities for sport and recreation. In 2014/15 the following grant funded projects were completed:

- Manly Warringah District Baseball's sportsfield lighting upgrade at Aquatic Reserve
- Manly Warringah Football Association's upgrade of the amenity building at Cromer Park
- Dee Why Rugby Football Club's upgrade of the amenity building at the James Morgan sports ground
- Manly Warringah Kayak Club's new pathway from Berry Reserve to Narrabeen Lagoon
- Manly Warringah Softball's new seating at the Abbott Road Softball ground
- Manly Warringah Netball Association's upgrade of court lighting at John Fisher Park

| Capital Works |
|---------------|
|---------------|

Annual Report 2014/15

|   |   |
|---|---|
| ✓ | Sports clubs capital assistance program                                   |
| ✓ | Manly Warringah Netball grant for lighting at John Fisher Park, Curl Curl |
| ✓ | Sportsfields - minor rectification works                                  |
| ✓ | Forestville Playing Fields, Forestville - sportsfield rectification       |
| ✓ | Narrabeen Lagoon maintenance of multi-use trail                           |
| ✓ | Sporting club buildings renewal works                                     |

| Key Initiatives |  |
|-----------------|--|
| →               | Review Council's recreational space strategies including Sports in Warringah and Recreation Strategy |

There has been an increase in the recorded use of sportsfields. This increase is partly due to improved data collection techniques since 2012, which has increased our ability to track and record bookings.

| Program Indicator              | Baseline | Result |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Percentage use of Sportsfields | 27%      | 46%    |

**Program - STREET TREES**



In April an east coast low hit Sydney resulting in over 1,000 customer requests relating to fallen trees or branches in the space of five days. Tree Management dealt with all requests ensuring that access for emergency services was not impeded while they dealt with often life threatening situations. Throughout the year, there were 3,237 customer requests dealt with by the Tree Management team. Over 500 trees were planted this year in streets and parks across Warringah with particular focus on Belrose and Warringah Road in Forestville.

| Capital Works |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| ✓             | Street tree replacement |

| Key Initiatives |   |
|-----------------|---|
| ✓               | Review Council's public tree management strategies        |
| ✓               | Develop and implement a street vegetation management plan |

Annual Report 2014/15

## Roads, Traffic and Waste



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Vibrant Community        | 1.1 We have the services to promote and deliver health and wellbeing<br>1.2 We are safe and protected at home and in public, and we respect each other and the area  |
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.3 We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed   |
| Healthy Environment      | 3.3 We strive to live and work more sustainably to reduce our environmental footprint  |
| Connected Transport      | 4.1 We have an effective interconnected public transport system that is safe, efficient and affordable<br>4.2 We use a well-designed and functioning road network<br>4.3 We can conveniently access parking near transport hubs and close to urban centres<br>4.4 We can safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods  | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business   |
| Working Together         | 6.3 We participate in effective partnerships and collaborate for now and the future  |

### Continuing Activities

- Maintain Council's stormwater drainage system
- Manage street lighting through AusGrid
- Collect domestic and commercial waste and recycling
- Public place cleaning and litter picking at shopping centres, roads, beaches and reserves
- Graffiti removal
- Planning and delivery of road related capital works projects (construction of footpaths, road resurfacing, and traffic facilities)
- Maintenance and renewal of road network assets (pavements, kerbs, traffic facilities, bridges, signage, bus shelters, cycleways and footpaths)
- Traffic management on local roads and installation of traffic facilities

### Budget Spend

Operational    \$41.0m  
Capital         \$5.6m

### Service Highlights

The 2014/15 program was delivered to address roads, kerbs and gutters, footpaths, cycleways, traffic facilities, retaining walls, streetscape improvements and carparks. In this program the following outcomes were achieved:

- 8.2km of road resurfaced
- 4,325sqm of carpark resurfaced
- 2,374 potholes repaired
- 874m of kerb and gutter repaired
- 757m of kerb and gutter renewed
- 1.83km of new footpath constructed
- 3,829sqm of footpath renewed
- 2,904sqm of footpath repaired
- 560m of shared paths and 1.2 km of on-road bike route constructed
- 593 responses to calls for assistance after hours were received and actioned
- 360 driveway crossing applications processed and inspected
- 145 items dealt with by the Warringah Traffic Committee

Warringah also works hard to keep our neighbourhoods and public areas clean and inviting as well as helping us to be more sustainable in our waste management. This year:

- 14,288 km of streets were swept including additional sweeping in heavy leaf fall times
- 57m stormwater pipes repaired
- 710 stormwater inlet pits cleaned and 147 repaired
- 27 shopping centres hand cleaned or swept on a daily or weekly basis
- 68 reserves, sportsfields and playgrounds cleaned between one and seven days every week
- 120 tonnes of illegally dumped rubbish, e-waste and mulch were removed from public places and disposed of



#### Annual Report 2014/15

- Approximately 600 street litter bins emptied daily
- 246 bus shelters washed and cleaned monthly
- Approximately 120,000 weekly garbage and recycling collections
- Approximately 100,000 monthly green waste collections
- Approximately 70,000 tonnes of waste collected with over half recycled
- 5,800 graffiti removal jobs totalling 14,800sqm of graffiti removed

#### Key Service Indicator Report Card

The Road Resurfacing Program maintains the condition of our local road network. This is measured by the road pavement condition index that measures parameters such as roughness, cracking and potholes. During the year the index has remained steady indicating that our programs are maintaining the condition of the road network.

Roads, Traffic and Waste service continues to deliver quality service to the community. All scheduled projects were completed. Road maintenance is vital to keeping our roads in good and safe condition and is planned in response to proactive inspections and customer requests. Council exceeded its target with 95% of jobs completed within 90 days.

| Key Service Indicator  | Baseline | Target | Result |
|--|----------|--------|--------|
| Road pavement condition index  | 83%      | >80%   | 82%    |
| Percentage of maintenance requests completed within required time frames | 95%      | 90%    | 95%    |
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives)                           | -        | 85%    | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)                             | -        | 85%    | 100%   |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a score of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the target (2013 survey result). This year there has been a significant increase in the community satisfaction with bike paths, bus shelters, traffic management, household waste collection, cleaning of public areas and cleaning of streets. The satisfaction with all other indicators is stable compared with previous years and meets targets.

| Annual Community Survey                                  | Target | Result |
|--|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with provision of street lighting    | 3.51   | 3.43   |
| Residents satisfied with bike paths                      | 2.62   | 2.90   |
| Residents satisfied with bus shelters                    | 3.15   | 3.28   |
| Residents satisfied with maintenance of local roads      | 3.16   | 3.16   |
| Residents satisfied with footpaths                       | 3.05   | 3.00   |
| Residents satisfied with provision of car parking        | 2.89   | 2.98   |
| Residents satisfied with traffic management              | 2.66   | 2.90   |
| Residents satisfied with household waste collection      | 4.12   | 4.36   |
| Residents satisfied with household bulky items clean ups | 3.79   | 3.84   |
| Residents satisfied with cleaning of public areas        | 3.56   | 3.68   |
| Residents satisfied with cleaning of streets             | 3.41   | 3.57   |

#### Program Achievements

##### Program - FOOTPATHS AND CYCLEWAYS



The construction of new footpaths and cycleways is an important part of improving pedestrian access and ensuring that we can safely and conveniently walk and ride around Warringah. This year, under the Transport for NSW Transport Access Program, grant funding of \$520,000 was received. This grant to fund footpath works was aimed at improving access to transport interchanges in Dee Why and Brookvale. Footpath improvement works completed under this program included:

- Brookvale - Ada Avenue
- Brookvale - Pittwater Road
- Brookvale - Amourin Street
- Brookvale - Grosvenor Place - shared bike and pedestrian
- Collaroy - Pittwater Road

#### Annual Report 2014/15

- Allambie Heights - Orara Road
- Allambie Heights - Fishbourne Road
- North Manly - Corrie Road
- Dee Why - Sturdee Parade
- Dee Why - Moorilla Street - stairs and bike wheel ramp
- Dee Why - Fisher Road - shared bike and pedestrian
- Narraweena - McIntosh Road - shared bike and pedestrian

New footpath was also constructed in Soldiers Avenue, Freshwater with Council funding.

In addition, approximately 3,829sqm of damaged footpath was renewed improving pedestrian safety in a variety of locations including Belrose, Brookvale, Collaroy, Collaroy Plateau, Cromer, Curl Curl, Dee Why, Davidson, Forestville, Frenchs Forest, Freshwater and Wheeler Heights.

The bicycle network was also extended to provide better connectivity and safety for cyclists throughout Warringah. This work included the construction of a 2.5m width pedestrian and bicycle shared path at Gibbs Street, Manly Vale and a 350m section of 2.5m width pedestrian and bicycle shared path along Allambie Road from Sunlea Crescent to Aquatic Drive, Allambie. The paths included bicycle logos, directional signs and advance bicycle warning signs on side streets. In addition, existing kerb access ramps in Allambie Road refuge island near Sunlea Crescent were reconstructed as part of this project.

Bicycle wheeling ramps were installed on stairways at Greycliffe Street, Queenscliff and Moorilla Street, Dee Why allowing cyclists to easily wheel their bikes up and down the stairways.

|   | Capital Works            |
|---|--------------------------|
| ✓ | Footpath renewals        |
| ✓ | Footpath new             |
| ✓ | Bike Plan Implementation |

Warringah continues to add to the network of cycleways and footpaths each year. This can include low cost cyclist logos painted on the road (such as in 2012/13), while subsequent years have focussed on more expensive construction works, retaining walls and adjustments around refuge islands.

| Program Indicator                              | Baseline | Result |
|--|----------|--------|
| Increase in the total length of footpaths (km) | 1.54     | 1.83   |
| Increase in the total length of cycleways (km) | 14.44    | 1.76   |

#### Program - ROADS, TRAFFIC AND STREETSCAPING



Council works hard to ensure that we have a well-designed and functioning local road network. This year, Council used a new pavement rehabilitation technique using foam bitumen stabilisation to rehabilitate the road pavement of Wyadra Avenue from Oliver Street to Hubert Street in Freshwater. This new stabilisation technique replaces the need to undertake a full pavement reconstruction. Where appropriate, this technique will be used on other local roads, creating greater efficiency and allowing more road pavement to be renewed on our road network.

Council undertook the modification of a roundabout layout and resurfacing of the road pavement with high friction asphaltic concrete at the intersection of Allambie Road and Allenby Park Parade, Allambie Heights to improve safety at this section of road.

Over 8.2km of local roads were repaired and resurfaced to maintain the quality of our road network. These works included:

- Beacon Hill - McIntosh Road from Cousins Road to Willandra Road
- Belrose - Glen Street from Pringle Avenue to Merelyn Road
- Belrose - Narabang Way from Minna Close Roundabout to Garigal Road Roundabout
- Belrose - Ralston Avenue from Forest Way to Pringle Avenue
- Brookvale - Old Pittwater Road from Clearview Place to Green Street
- Brookvale - Orchard Road from Pittwater Road to Mitchell Road
- Brookvale - Federal Parade from Alfred Road to Pine Avenue
- Brookvale - Regina Avenue from Federal Parade to Cul-De-Sac
- Collaroy - Hendy Ave from Kent St to Anzac Ave
- Collaroy Plateau - Davis Rd from Anzac Ave to Plateau Rd
- Cromer - Truman Avenue from Maybrook Avenue to Macquarie Street
- Cromer - South Creek Road from Thew Parade to Fisher Road
- Cromer - Wabash Ave (West) from Carrington Avenue to west end
- Davidson - Kambora Avenue from Borgnis Street to Stone Parade

Annual Report 2014/15

- Dee Why - Pacific Parade from Griffin Road to House No. 97 (Wheeler Parade)
- Dee Why - Fisher Road from Holborn Avenue to Ilkai Place
- Forestville - Grace Avenue from Altona Avenue to Fitzpatrick Avenue
- Frenchs Forest - Sorlie Road from Pringle Avenue to Berrinda Place
- Freshwater - The Drive, Dick Street and Seddon Hill Road from Evans Street to Carrington Parade
- Freshwater - Oliver Street from Lawrence Street to Cavill Street
- Narraweena - Ronald Avenue from Waratah Parade to Lascelles Road
- Narraweena - Lascelles Road from Ronald Avenue to Turning Circle (North)
- North Balgowlah - Bangaroo Street from Burnt Creek to St Paul Road
- North Balgowlah - Woodbine Street from Bangaroo Street to Eileen Street
- Terrey Hills - Booralie Road from property No.97 to property No.87

Repair of kerb and gutter was completed in the following streets:








- Allambie Heights - Allambie Road
- Allambie Heights - Allenby Park Parade
- Belrose - Glen St
- Collaroy - David Road
- Cromer - Douglas Place
- Dee Why - Pacific Parade
- Dee Why - Fisher Rd
- Forestville - Lady Davidson Circuit
- Frenchs Forest - Sorlie Road
- Killamey Heights - Londonderry Drive
- North Balgowlah - Bangaroo Street

Rock cutting and slope stability improvement works were completed at Ryan Place, Beacon Hill and St David Avenue, Dee Why.

Carpark repair and resurfacing was completed in Narrabeen Surf Club, Narrabeen; Harbord Park Carpark, Freshwater; Truman Ave Shops Carpark, Cromer; and Sorlie Rd Shops Carpark, Frenchs Forest. The removal of tree roots and repair patching was also completed in Jamieson Carpark, Narrabeen.

The Bus Stop Renewal Program was completed with a total of 25 bus stops and associated accessibility improvements completed throughout Warringah.

Our Road Safety Education Program focused on keeping our community safe on the roads and streets and is funded in partnership with Roads and Maritime Services. Highlights included child restraint checking days, safe driving workshops for senior and learner drivers and a seniors' road safety calendar. A number of safety campaigns were run in relation to drink driving, speed, fatigue, pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle and safety around schools.

| Capital Works   |  |
|---|--|
|  | Dee Why Town Centre - design of new traffic facilities and streetscape |
|  | Road resheeting program  |
|  | Car park renewals  |
|  | Kerb and gutter renewals   |
|  | Bus stop renewals  |
|  | Retaining wall renewals  |
| Key Initiatives   |  |
|  | Road Safety Education Program  |

The length of road resurfacing in 2014/15 was stable compared with 2012/13, though slightly less due to the increasing cost of bitumen. Two significant rehabilitation projects were also completed, as were the remaining works on major roads. This indicator achieved a satisfactory result in line with the Road Asset Management Plan.

The installation of traffic facilities is dependent on available funding. Council this year focused on a range of improvements, with the Traffic Committee reviewing 145 matters relating to improvements in parking and road safety management.

| Program Indicator                      | Baseline | Result |
|--|----------|--------|
| Length of road renewed each year (km)  | 9.3      | 8.2    |
| Number of traffic facilities installed | 4        | 0      |

Annual Report 2014/15

**Program - WASTE AND CLEANSING**



Our Waste Education Team supports us to live and work more sustainably and reduce our environmental footprint. The Waste Education Team won the prestigious Local Government NSW Communication, Education and Empowerment Award for the 'Our Oceans of Waste' campaign. This campaign highlighted the effects of uncontained waste on our marine environment.

A 'Sort it Out' campaign encouraged residents to recycle as much as possible from all rooms in their homes. The campaign, supported by the NSW EPA, included distribution of postcards to all residents and production of two short films about recycling. The campaign will be expanded late in 2015.

Community workshops continued to be popular, particularly 'Do It Yourself' reuse workshop and an 'Up-cycling' workshop with DrumBeats, in which residents were filmed making musical instruments from waste. 'Eco House' worm farming continued to be well attended with ninety seven residents receiving worm farms after attending the workshops at Kimbriki.

There was a strong emphasis on engaging young people. A total of 518 students participated in waste education programs and eleven schools are active in the 'Ready Steady Grow project', an intensive program of growing gardens, composting and recycling food.

A project to improve recovery of construction and demolition waste commenced this year working with developers, builders and private certifiers. Council has produced new guidelines for new Development Applications. The project will continue to help implement builders manage waste to recover as much as possible for recycling and reuse.

A new contract for graffiti removal commenced in 2014, which continues our fight to remove unsightly and illegal graffiti from our streets. This year approximately 5,800 graffiti attacks were removed from our streets. The annual Household Chemical CleanOut attracted 2,643 participants who disposed of over 95 tonnes of household chemicals, keeping them out of our homes and environment.

The landfill at Belrose reached capacity and was finally closed in November 2014, leaving no local landfill or processing facilities for garbage as Kimbriki cannot yet accept putrescible waste. A new contract with SUEZ (formerly Sita Australia) was secured using a waste transfer station at Belrose next to the old landfill. This gives Warringah somewhere local to dispose of garbage until new waste processing facilities come online at Kimbriki. The Waste Team is working closely with Kimbriki to make this happen as soon as possible.

We aim to manage all our community's waste at Kimbriki and recycle as much as possible. This year, 72,296 tonnes of waste was collected with 52% diverted from landfill.

|   | Key Initiatives  |
|---|--|
| → | Waste Education Program  |
| → | Review the domestic waste and recycling service in preparation for the implementation of waste processing facilities at Kimbriki |

The diversion of waste from landfill is a good result for our community. Further gains will be achieved with the introduction of new waste technology at Kimbriki Recycling and Waste Disposal Centre .

| Program Indicator   | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| More than 66% of domestic waste is diverted from landfill | 53%      | 52%    |



Annual Report 2014/15

## Strategic Planning



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community        | 1.4 We value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity   |
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.2 We have access to attractive parks and natural areas that encourage and support a safe healthy lifestyle<br>2.3 We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed  |
| Healthy Environment      | 3.1 We value the health of our beaches, foreshores and waterways as natural habitats and for our enjoyment<br>3.2 We protect and sustain our diverse bushland as valuable habitats, and provide for a variety of wildlife to thrive and migrate<br>3.3 We strive to live and work more sustainably to reduce our environmental footprint.<br>3.4 We effectively plan for and respond to natural hazards and climate change in a sustainable way.  |
| Connected Transport      | 4.1 We have an effective interconnected public transport system that is safe, efficient and affordable<br>4.2 We use a well-designed and functioning road network<br>4.3 We can conveniently access parking near transport hubs and close to urban centres<br>4.4 We can safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah  |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods  | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business<br>5.2 We encourage and support a diversity of businesses that provide a range of services and employment opportunities<br>5.3 We offer a variety of housing choices that meet the needs of our community and complements local neighbourhoods and the Warringah lifestyle<br>5.4 We have access to a range of local educational and training opportunities that complements the local economy |

### Continuing Activities

- Strategic advice on land use planning, including the urban environment and controlling the use and development of land
- Develop strategic land use planning policy position to guide development in Warringah
- Communicate, analyse and respond to NSW government planning initiatives affecting Warringah
- Evaluating planning proposals lodged by external parties
- Strategic advice and support concerning environmental, economic, social and recreational planning
- Demonstrate sustainable living and working through policy, planning, advocacy and an internal sustainability agenda
- Facilitating business networking, capacity-building, recognition, information and advocacy via programmed seminar series
- Asset management planning

### Budget Spend

Operational \$4.0m

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

Council significantly reduced its electricity and gas usage, and is steadily reducing its carbon emissions towards the carbon target set for the year 2020. This is further discussed in the Sustainability Planning Program below.

Other indicators show that Council is doing well in stimulating local business, supporting home sales and managing community assets. The number of businesses entering the Northern Beaches Business awards has significantly increased. The Building and Infrastructure Renewal Ratio indicates that our assets are being renewed and replaced at a good rate above the standard, reflecting our strong commitment to financial sustainability. Four key initiatives were delayed and not delivered in this year. The delays were caused by clarification needed from State Agencies on issues relating to planning, long term transport and road infrastructure for the region.

| Key Service Indicator   | Baseline        | Target          | Result        |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Percentage of businesses satisfied with Council's support of business*        | Not available   | Not available   | Not available |
| Growth in businesses entering the Northern Beaches Business awards            | 253             | 303             | 723           |
| Processing times for Section 149 Certificates (completed within 3 days)       | 96%             | 90%             | 92%           |
| Reduction in organisational carbon emissions (t/CO <sub>2</sub> e: Scope 1+2) | 6,650 (in 2000) | 3,990 (by 2020) | 6,333         |
| Increase organisational renewable energy usage (kW of solar panels)           | 50              | Increase        | 74            |
| Buildings and infrastructure renewal ratio                                    | 183%            | >100%           | 150%          |

Annual Report 2014/15

|  |   |     |     |
|--|---|-----|-----|
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives) | - | 85% | 78% |
|--|---|-----|-----|

\* The result for this indicator is not available at this time.

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a score of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the target (2013 survey result). This year there has been a significant increase in the community satisfaction with our encouragement of local industry and business and our operation in an environmentally sustainable way. Satisfaction with managing residential development has declined. Satisfaction with the remaining indicators is stable compared to the target.

| Annual Community Survey   | Target | Result |
|---|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with management of commercial development                   | 3.13   | 3.09   |
| Residents satisfied with management of residential development                  | 3.09   | 2.85   |
| Residents satisfied with managing the impact of visitors to the area            | 3.39   | 3.41   |
| Residents satisfied with encouragement of local industry and business           | 3.16   | 3.30   |
| Residents satisfied that Council operates in an environmentally sustainable way | 3.50   | 3.63   |

### Program Achievements

#### Program - LAND AND URBAN PLANNING

##### Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct Structure Plan

Work commenced on preparation of the Structure Plan to support the proposed new hospital with community information and workshop sessions. These were well attended and provided significant guidance towards development of the Structure Plan. The Structure Plan preparation was delayed due to further input required from the State Government on transport and road infrastructure required to support any proposed growth.

|   | Key Initiatives   |
|---|---|
|   | Develop Warringah's local planning strategy to achieve the NSW government's housing and jobs targets for Warringah                        |
|  | Work with the NSW government in planning for the new Frenchs Forest Hospital precinct   |
|  | Work with the NSW government to deliver a Structure Plan for the precinct surrounding the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest |
|  | Respond to the development of the new planning act  |
|  | Update of the Warringah Development Control Plan to maintain currency with related planning strategies                                    |
|  | Develop a Section 94A development contributions works program   |
|  | Review bush fire prone land   |
|  | Investigation of land use in Oxford Falls Valley based on directions from the Planning Assessment Commission)                             |
|  | Evaluate planning proposals lodged by external parties  |
|  | Implement the findings of the Council car parks review  |
|  | Amend the planning controls to deliver the Dee Why Town Centre vision   |
|  | Work with the NSW government to investigate the Bus Rapid Transit on the Northern Beaches   |

#### Program - SUSTAINABILITY PLANNING

##### Review of Carbon Emission Targets

Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy includes targets for the reduction of carbon emissions through Council services and operations and, more broadly, across the Warringah Community. Council completed a mid-term review of our progress towards these targets and identified additional actions needed to reach the targets.

Since 2009/10 Council's corporate emissions have declined by 16%. Community emissions have decreased by 21%. These reductions can be attributed to energy efficiency improvements at major assets such as the Warringah Aquatic Centre, energy efficiency improvements for appliances and transport fleets, the expansion of roof-top solar photovoltaic power across Warringah and reduction in the carbon emissions factor for grid-supplied electricity across NSW.

The Review has recommended opportunities and actions to achieve the targets between now and 2020. These include further investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy sources and community-based programs to work with residents and business.

##### Dee Why Car Share Pilot

Council has partnered with GoGet CarShare to pilot a car scheme in Warringah. The pilot commenced in December 2014 and is expected to be completed in June 2016. Council may then decide to promote car sharing in Warringah on a more permanent and wider scale, pending the outcome of

## Annual Report 2014/15

the pilot.

So far, the pilot project has been met with widespread community support. More than 1,600 nearby residents were directly informed of the project and asked for feedback via an online survey. The survey was also advertised to the general public in the Manly Daily. The survey was completed by 109 participants, of whom 91% supported the concept of a car sharing scheme.

There are four car share home locations ("pods") that are being used for the pilot:

- Dee Why Pde (south side) near The Strand (one on-street car park)
- Pacific Pde (south side) near Griffin Rd (one on-street car park)
- Dee Why Library Car park, corner of St David Ave and Pittwater Rd (two off-street car parks)



Since the scheme commenced, membership of car share in Warringah has increased by 26%, and in the first six months of the pilot car bookings per month have more than doubled.

### A More Sustainable Council Fleet

In addition to reducing the size of the fleet and converting to smaller, more fuel efficient vehicles, Council has introduced its first electric vehicle (a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle, or PHEV) as well as two electric bicycles. The aim is to reduce the use of cars for work-related commuting in Dee Why and Cromer as well as promoting sustainable transport options more broadly.

### Northern Beaches Bus Rapid Transit

Council is working with the NSW Government and neighbouring councils in the implementation of a north-south Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) from Mona Vale to Sydney CBD. This includes improvements to pedestrian and cycling links to the three proposed BRT bus stops in Warringah: Narrabeen, Dee Why and Brookvale (Warringah Mall).

|  | Key Initiatives                                     |
|--|---|
|   | Implement the Sustainable Transport Strategy        |
|  | Implement the Environmental Sustainability Strategy |

Our growing population means a bigger demand on our services. This year, water consumption from Council facilities such as sportsfields and buildings declined by 1.6% compared to the baseline.

| Program indicator        | Baseline | Result  |
|--------------------------|----------|---------|
| Organisational water use | 143,302  | 141,046 |

### Program - ASSET PLANNING

Asset Management Plans link corporate strategies with the provision of services and assets. They provide detailed information on the type and number of assets, the level of service an asset provides, and long-term projections of asset maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement costs.

Every four years we are required to conduct an Asset Revaluation of our assets. This year we revalued our assets and completed a major review of our Asset Management Plans for all of our major asset classes. This includes our Buildings, Roads, Stormwater, and Parks, Reserves and Foreshores assets. The review allows us to get a consistent baseline and an up-to-date understanding of the condition and value of all of our assets. We reviewed and documented the way we operate, maintain and renew our assets, and confirmed that our assets are reported at the appropriate level. We completed a robust assessment of our asset values including the Gross Replacement Cost, Annual Depreciation, Fair Value, and the Long Term Financial Plan. These results can be viewed in our Annual Financial Report.

### Program - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

During 2014/15 a number of initiatives were undertaken to support local businesses and encourage economic development. This started with the hosting of a workshop by Council in August on 'Doing Business With Council', which outlined opportunities for local businesses to tender for work at council. Other achievements include the establishment of the Economic Development Community Committee to review and deliver the Economic Development Plan. Warringah Council also signed up to join the NSW Government Small Business Friendly Council Program which develops and share best practice on how councils across NSW can support their local business communities.

Warringah Council was again a major sponsor of the Northern Beaches Local Business Awards, including promotion and selection of the Sustainability Award. This event saw a record number of entries for Warringah businesses and took out the majority of the awards. In June, Warringah Council launched its first LGA wide business survey to understand the key challenges to growing local businesses and seek feedback from the business community on how council can work with them and other stakeholders (State and Federal Government and industry networks) to support local businesses. Over 400 local businesses participated in the survey and its findings will inform preparation of a new Economic Development Plan during 2015/16.

|   | Key Initiatives                           |
|---|---|
|  | Host the Warringah Business Expo          |
|  | Host the Northern Beaches Business Awards |

Annual Report 2014/15

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
|  | Host the Northern Beaches Career expo |
|---|---------------------------------------|

The data for this program indicator will not be available until late 2015.

| Program Indicator                             | Baseline | Result        |
|---|----------|---------------|
| Growing employment opportunities in Warringah | 59,585   | Not Available |



Annual Report 2014/15

### Warringah Aquatic Centre



#### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community        | 1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong                     |
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.1 We have access to a diverse range of recreational facilities that meet the needs of the community and sporting groups |

#### Continuing Activities

- Management of the Aquatic Centre
- Provide learn to swim and elite coaching programs
- Provide water safety programs
- Provide fitness programs

#### Budget Spend

Operational \$4.4m  
Capital \$0.3m

#### Key Service Indicator Report Card

The service indicator on energy consumption has significantly improved, owing to the installation of new, more energy efficient heat pumps. This results in a reduction in the annual energy footprint.

| Key Service Indicator   | Baseline  | Target    | Result    |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Energy Consumption at the Warringah Aquatic Centre (kilowatt hours) | 2,103,561 | 2,100,000 | 1,581,262 |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)                        | -         | 85%       | 100%      |

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a mean score out of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the target (2013 survey result). Satisfaction with the indicator is stable compared to the target.

| Annual Community Survey                           | Target | Result |
|---|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with Warringah Aquatic Centre | 3.51   | 3.61   |

#### Program - RECREATION AND WELLNESS

##### Seniors Programs and Learn to Swim

As part of the 'Active Ageing' program the Aquatic Centre continued to deliver the 'Grey Medallion'. This is a course promoted by the Royal Life Saving Society for seniors to provide basic swimming and resuscitation skills. This proved very successful and two courses attracting 30 participants were delivered by Aquatic Centre instructors with more planned.

Our Learn-to-Swim Program has had strong attendance across all levels over the year. Delivering classes six days per week, the program has had over 50,000 attendances over the year.

##### Inflatable Fun

The need for recreation and fun at the Centre was identified earlier in the year leading to the purchase of an inflatable. In tandem with our diving boards, the inflatable has had kids bouncing across the pool on the first Sunday of each month and additional dates in school holidays.

Our inflatable has also been offered as part of a promotion for birthday parties during the cooler months. Every available weekend has been booked showing further interest in recreation and fun at the Centre.

A hoist has been installed into the Centre to improve access to the pools for people with a disability. The hoist is able to be used across all areas of our pools including the outdoor pool. This will greatly improve access and safety for all users.

Annual Report 2014/15

**Replacement of Heat Pumps**

The heat pumps, which heat the indoor 50 metre pool, needed replacing after 16 years of service. A decision was made to replace the existing heat pumps with more modern and energy efficient versions and the work took place over the Easter period to minimise impact to the community.

| Capital Works   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
|  | Replacement of heat pumps    |
|  | Plant and equipment renewals |

With significant reductions in electricity use, the Centre's carbon footprint is reducing. While there has been a small decline in attendances at the Centre, changes in service delivery are expected to reverse this trend.

| Program Indicator                                    | Baseline | Result  |
|--|----------|---------|
| Reduce carbon footprint (tonnes of carbon emissions) | 2,331    | 1,575   |
| More people are using the Warringah Aquatic Centre   | 340,648  | 311,867 |

Annual Report 2014/15

### Corporate Support Services



#### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                 | Objective  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Vibrant Community       | 1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong  |
| Healthy Environment     | 3.4 We effectively plan for and respond to natural hazards and climate change in a sustainable way   |
| Connected Transport     | 4.3 We can conveniently access parking near transport hubs and close to urban centres<br>4.4 We can safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah  |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business   |
| Working Together        | 6.1 We are effectively represented, can provide our opinion, and contribute to decisions that impact Warringah<br>6.2 We trust our politicians and public officers and they demonstrate leadership, transparency, accountability and deliver value for money services<br>6.3 We participate in effective partnerships and collaborate for now and the future |

#### Continuing Activities

- In-house legal advice and management of legal costs
- Information management and technology
- Records management and information access service
- Customer service
- Procurement
- Media liaison and communication
- Community engagement
- Management of Council's property portfolio, including buildings
- Human resources
- Workplace health, safety and welfare
- Financial management, business support and levying and collection of rates and charges
- Internal auditing
- Facilitation and management of Business Excellence across Council
- Enterprise risk and business continuity management

#### Budget Spend

Operational \$7.4m  
Capital \$10.9m

#### Service Highlights

##### 2014 Government Contact Centre Excellence Award

In recognition for outstanding performance and business excellence culture, Customer Support Services won meritorious award in the 2014 Government Contact Centre Excellence Award. This award is contested by organisations across all levels of government in Australia and New Zealand. The award recognises the approach taken to enhance relationships with our customers with a strong service culture.

##### Australasian Management Challenge

For the fourth consecutive year, Council entered a team in the Local Government Managers Association (LGMA) Australasian Management Challenge. This challenge is designed to help develop our staff and the organisation. The team comprised six staff members from across the organisation and was mentored by the Group Manager for Business Excellence. The topic of the challenge was to consider issues around the "value proposition" of council to attract staff and provide benefits to our community. The team performed well in the NSW competition.

#### Key Service Indicator Report Card

The majority of key service indicators have met or exceeded their target. Warringah also continued to meet all 10 indicators of good financial performance.

While residents have valued the information that Council provides, a recent community engagement review showed that more updates are needed on projects that have been open for public comment. There has also been enormous growth in the community accessing our social media on Facebook, Twitter and Linked In.

## Annual Report 2014/15

Development of the risk register continues, and in 2014/15 Council identified the strategic-level risks. Core/critical business continuity plans were tested; we have identified adequate recovery strategies and staff capability to implement them. Further, a real event occurred this year with the East Coast Low storm in April 2015) which showed Council's strong ability to respond to business disruptions and prioritise effective incident management. All risks have been actively managed and monitored on at least a quarterly basis by the Executive Management Team and the Audit and Risk Committee.

| Key Service Indicator   | Baseline 2012/13 | Target | Result |
|---|------------------|--------|--------|
| Overall customer satisfaction with Customer Service Centre  | 79%              | 75%    | 78%    |
| Property utilisation by the community   | 99%*             | 95%    | 99%    |
| Residents importance rating for website, brochures and newsletters (score from 5)                           | 2.31             | 2.31   | 3.0    |
| Percentage of community engagement projects closed with project completion updates                          | 80%*             | 95%    | 91%    |
| Number of followers on social media   | 750              | 1,500  | 19,722 |
| Service reviews conducted <sup>1</sup>  | 1                | 7      | 8      |
| Risk management - number of high and extreme risks that are not monitored on a quarterly basis <sup>2</sup> | Not available    | 0      | 0      |
| Business continuity - compliance with testing of the recovery capabilities of Council's core services       | 100%             | 100%   | 100%   |
| Work place health and safety - reduction in the number of significant lost time injuries                    | 15*              | 14     | 6      |
| Carbon emissions of Council's light vehicle fleet (g/100km)   | 200              | 180    | 179    |
| Achievement of key financial performance indicators in the Annual Financial Statements                      | 10               | 10     | 10     |
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives)  | -                | 85%    | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (capital works)  | -                | 85%    | 88%    |

\* Baseline data is from 2013/14 as no data is available for the previous year

<sup>1</sup> A new target is set every year

<sup>2</sup> Development of the risk register is ongoing into 2015/16.

Warringah surveys its community each year on its services. The satisfaction outcome is based on a mean score out of five. The aim is to maintain or improve on the target (2013 survey result). There is a significant increase in the community satisfaction with the condition of public toilets.

| Annual Community Survey                              | Target | Result |
|--|--------|--------|
| Residents satisfied with condition of public toilets | 2.64   | 2.80   |

## Program Achievements

### Program - COUNCIL PROPERTY PORTFOLIO








Works undertaken have continued to improve Council's properties with a focus on enhancing the customer experience, improving their accessibility and planning for the future.

The creation of the multi-purpose 'Community Facility and Carpark', fronting onto the Kingsway in Dee Why, is underway. Also known as the PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Club), the building will provide recreational space and a drop-in centre for youth, as well as parking for more than 340 cars. The design incorporates sustainable features such as underfloor insulation, natural ventilation, energy-efficient air conditioning and lighting, water-efficient fittings and has the capacity for future electric car-charging stations.

This year, following the extensive community consultation and development of a design for the PCYC in 2013/14, we received development consent, tendered and awarded a construction contract and commenced work on the site. Significant excavation and structural concrete works were completed from January to June 2015 and works are progressing well to meet the project timeline of completion by mid-2016.

See the Major Projects section of this report for more detail on the Revitalisation of Dee Why.

|   | Capital Works   |
|---|---|
|  | Dee Why Town Centre - Parking and Community Facility                  |
|  | Brookvale Oval - installation of accessible lift and associated works |
|  | Civic Centre - fire safety upgrades                                   |
|  | Operational facilities - renewals                                     |
|  | Acquisition of 30 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why                                |



Annual Report 2014/15

**Program - COMMUNITY BUILDINGS PROGRAM**



Council has 28 community centres that serve as venues for a wide range of activity. We continually look to improve our centres to ensure that they are welcoming and useable spaces for all members of our community. A number of facilities had maintenance attention and improvements this year, including Brookvale Community Centre, Cromer Community Centre and Oxford Falls Peace Park.

There are more than 230 community or public buildings within Warringah and work has continued to ensure that they are clean, accessible and modernised to meet our community's expectations. While the ever-present works of cleaning, painting, improving lighting and replacing tiling continued, a number of specific projects were delivered during the year. These included:

- the renewal of the Narrabeen Lakes public amenities with the addition of a disabled amenities
- the construction of a new modern lifeguard beach viewing tower at Dee Why Beach
- the upgrade of air conditioning at the Rural Fire Services Headquarters in Terrey Hills
- improvements to the entrances and customer interface areas within our libraries

Council opened a new sports facility at St Matthews Farm in February this year. This facility, built with the assistance of funds raised by the CC Strikers Soccer Club, delivers a brand new sports amenities building. The building includes a club room, good sized change rooms, public amenities, ample storage for the users of the fields and a canteen.

As part of the Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan, Council agreed with the owner of 30 Oaks Avenue to acquire the site for the future creation of open space in central Dee Why. This will be developed in Stage 2 of the Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan project and will provide the second half of the "Bow Tie" Park (also known as the "Triangle Park").

Council also established a new policy on the Management of Tennis Centres. Working with all of Council's tennis centres, this new policy enables a clear pathway to better management and has been recognised by Tennis NSW as a best in class approach. This has also allowed for new modern leases to be put in place for all tennis clubs which can help promote participation in tennis within our community.

Other key buildings projects this year included:

- The refurbishment of the Tramshed Arts and Community Centre progressed through design to the submission of the development application
- The Glen Street Cultural Hub - Stage 2 project, which sees the integration of a new library at the front of Glen Street Theatre as well as footpath and paving works at the boundary to Lionel Watts Reserve, progressed through to development application

|   | Capital Works                     |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| ✓ | Community buildings renewal works |

**Program - PUBLIC AMENITY IMPROVEMENTS**



|   | Capital Works  |
|---|--|
| ✓ | St Matthews Farm Reserve, Cromer - upgrade of existing public amenity building                     |
| ✓ | Amenities buildings renewal works  |
| ✓ | Narrabeen Lakes Sailing Club - public amenity improvements   |
| ✗ | Nolans Reserve, North Manly - construction of new amenities to replace existing facilities on site |

**Program - CUSTOMER SUPPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Annual Report 2014/15



**Community engagement**

In the last 12 months we have continued to focus and improve our engagement approaches across Council as this is a key driver of overall satisfaction with Council. This included a full review of our Community Engagement framework that commenced in October 2014. The results of the review and proposed outcomes will be presented to Council in October 2015.

We have continued to enhance our Engagement Hub via the website and Your Say Warringah, including the implementation of an engagement calendar and improved search functionality. In the past year we have created 45 project pages for all new engagement projects. Traffic on the site included more than 143,000 site visits, 243,100 page views and 48,000 documents downloaded. The Community Engagement Email Register has 5,000 members and in the past year 19 email updates were sent.

We continued to develop engagement skills within the business via accredited training, with another 12 project managers completing the International Association Certificate in Public Participation. We also continued to use the Social Pinpoint Mapping tool for the Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct Structure Plan and the Open Space Strategy. More than 1,900 visitors viewed the maps and left more than 270 on-line comments.

**Customer Service Support Centre**

The Customer Service Centre continues to deliver a high quality service to the community and our internal customers. Customer Support Services provided prompt and effective service to the community across a range of convenient contact channels throughout the year.

**Contact Centre Performance**

In 2014/15 we effectively handled more than 200,000 public enquiries: we answered 115,782 calls, handled over 54,000 visits to our service counter, and responded to or referred 37,750 written enquiries (including electronic correspondence). As for service effectiveness against Key Performance Indicators, the centre achieved:

- First contact resolution rate of 99% and same day turnaround, exceeding our target of 90%
- An error rate below 2%, exceeding our target of less than 3%

**Online Request a Service**

We provide a speedy and convenient option for the community to access Council via the online "Request a Service" facility. The popularity of this online option continues to increase and for the 2014/15 financial year, 3,287 requests were initiated online. This is an increase of 11.3% from the previous year. Timely action of these requests by customer service staff remains within one working day turnaround.

**Online Customer Satisfaction Survey**

The online Customer Satisfaction Survey was introduced in December 2011 and continues to attract a 33% participation rate from our customers. Some 2,590 customers responded with feedback and ideas. The overall approval rating remains high at 78%. Customers cite ease of contact. Staff knowledge and timely service as key positive indicators.

|   | Key Initiatives   |
|---|---|
|  | Develop and implement a consistent suite of digital communications tools that work as a platform for an improved community engagement |

Customer Requests via our on-line facility continue to grow as a convenient way for customers to initiate service requests. From modest beginnings in 2012, they now represent almost 10% of total requests.

| Program Indicator                               | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| More service transactions are conducted on-line | 8.34%    | 9.75%  |

**Program - SERVICE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT**

**Better Systems and Technology**

Our investment in technology delivered a number of improvements to keep our systems current and effective. These included renewal of hardware such as personal computers, laptops, servers and network cabling. We also developed a new Intranet for Council staff providing greater functionality, information, knowledge sharing and ease of use.

We continued to invest in mobile technologies to improve service delivery and productivity. This included new online forms that can be accessed by staff from mobile devices to save staff time, removing the need for printing forms and re-entering information. Mobile technology was also deployed to our facilities maintenance contractors, enabling them to receive and update maintenance tasks in the field in real-time.

**More efficient fleet**

Over the last seven years, improvement strategies in managing the light vehicle fleet have reduced our costs. These include reducing fleet numbers, engine size and improving fuel efficiency. These strategies have resulted in savings, enabling Council to maintain the overall fleet costs at the same

Annual Report 2014/15

level, and to reduce the carbon footprint of Council's fleet. This included the commissioning of two electric bikes at Council to reduce vehicle travel between Cromer and the Civic Centre, and five staff downsizing from medium to small vehicles.









**More resilient and accountable**

Several improvements were undertaken to improve our Business Continuity, Enterprise Risk Management and Business Improvement practices.

A number of initiatives were developed to promote continuous improvement practices, specifically in relation to our child protection practices, our approach to incident management, our use of trade service panel contracts, our community information database.

We progressed our planning and maintenance of our Business Continuity framework, and set about undertaking a robust test event. However, at the last minute this test did not proceed because we encountered the significant East Coast Low storm event in April 2015 that caused significant wind, rain and tree damage across the Northern Beaches. This real event allowed us to test our incident management procedures, which were confirmed to perform very well.

We strengthened our risk management practices by formalising our strategic risk register, and embedded this in our Corporate Plan and other strategic documents. We aligned it with the Internal Audit program to ensure that the audits were focused on the most significant risks/issues facing Council.

| Capital Works   |  |
|---|--|
|    | IT infrastructure - new works  |
|    | IT software - new works  |
|    | IT infrastructure - renewals   |
|    | IT software - renewals   |
|    | Heavy plant replacement program  |
|   | Light plant replacement program  |
| Key Initiatives   |  |
|  | Digitisation of Council's paper-based records                                  |
|  | Improve knowledge and effectiveness of Council's organisational core processes |

Council has successfully maintained its self-insurer licence since 2010. This saves an estimated \$1 million in workers compensation insurance premiums for Council each year.

| Program Indicator                                | Baseline | Result |
|--|----------|--------|
| Maintaining self insurers license - Audit passed | Yes      | Yes    |

Annual Report 2014/15

## Good Governance



### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome          | Objective  |
|------------------|--|
| Working Together | 6.1 We are effectively represented, can provide our opinion, and contribute to decisions that impact Warringah<br>6.2 We trust our politicians and public officers and they demonstrate leadership, transparency, accountability and deliver value for money services<br>6.3 We participate in effective partnerships and collaborate for now and the future |

### Continuing Activities

- Corporate planning and reporting
- Council policy development and review
- Elected Council support
- Advice, policy and systems that support good governance
- Manage complaints service
- Implement corruption prevention strategies

### Budget Spend

Operational \$3.9m

### Service Highlights

- 12 council meetings, including 1 extraordinary
- 91 requests to address council
- 285 council resolutions
- 175 ordinary reports
- 30 confidential reports

### Key Service Indicator Report Card

This service is performing well and meeting all targets.

| Key Service Indicator                             | Baseline | Target | Result |
|---|----------|--------|--------|
| Compliance with statutory reporting requirements  | 100%     | 100%   | 100%   |
| Compliance with annual pecuniary interest returns | 99%      | 95%    | 100%   |
| Scheduled projects completed (key initiatives)    | -        | 85%    | 100%   |

### Program Achievements

Program - **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### Promoting Better Practice Review

We continue to strengthen our governance arrangements by reviewing various Council policies. These included the Code of Conduct which now incorporates details regarding Fraud and Corruption, the Conflicts of Interest and Gifts and Benefits Policies. We also developed a new draft Privacy Management Plan.

#### Committees



Our four Strategic Reference Groups (SRGs) comprise interested community members who work alongside Councillors and staff in the decision-making process and help shape Council plans, policy and practice. They were actively engaged in providing input into a wide range of Council and State Government initiatives and projects including:

- The Northern Beaches Hospital Precinct Structure Plan
- Dee Why Town Centre including the new Walter Gors Park
- Council's overall sustainability programs
- The new PCYC
- Council's Coastal Zone Management Plan
- The review of the District Park Plan of Management
- Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) Initiative
- Council's Open Space Strategy



## Annual Report 2014/15

Eleven (11) Community Committees were also very busy throughout the year, providing advice in relation to topics including Affordable Housing, Economic Development and Companion Animals.

| Status  | Key Initiatives   |
|---|---|
|  | Prepare the Internal Ombudsman's Annual Report  |
|  | Implement the findings of the Better Practice Review undertaken by the Division of Local Government |

The number of complaints to Council's Internal Ombudsman has reduced by nearly 40%. The Ombudsman Annual Report is available on Council's website.

| Program Indicator   | Baseline | Result |
|---|----------|--------|
| Reduction in the number of complaints to Council's Internal Ombudsman | 106      | 66     |

### Program - CORPORATE PLANNING AND REPORTING

#### Leading the Debate on Local Government Reform

This year the NSW Government announced its 'Fit for the Future' program of local government reform. Under the program, councils in NSW were required to consider the recommendations of the Independent Local Government Review Panel (Panel). For our region the Panel recommended that Manly, Pittwater and Warringah Councils merge to form a single new council.

Warringah sought strong evidence to develop options for our future, exploring research and practice from Australia and beyond; advice and reports from sector leaders; business case studies and community research. As a result, the Panel's recommendation of one Northern Beaches Council was shown to provide the greatest community benefits. Though this was adopted by Council as its preferred option, we consulted the community on five full options in a fair and transparent way, while most Sydney councils limited themselves to two or three options.



Our comprehensive community engagement aimed to reach all residents, and capture feedback that represented our demographic profile of ages and gender. We also received feedback from residents of neighbouring councils. The outcomes were:

- More than 200,000 people reached on social media
- 28,450 visits to Council's dedicated online properties
- 4,228 submissions, surveys and comments received
- More than 1,300 conversations at community stalls
- Northern Beaches Council is the preferred option of 69% of Warringah respondents and 74% of all respondents

In June we submitted a Proposal to the Government to meet its Fit for the Future requirements. This Improvement Proposal demonstrates that Warringah is a strong council that can continue to stand alone if there is no change - it has financial sustainability and the long term capacity to deliver services and infrastructure. We also presented a practical vision and business case for a Northern Beaches Council, how it would unify the region's councils, protect local voice and provide wide-ranging benefits that the community supports.

#### Fast and Effective Planning and Reporting

In 2013 Warringah moved its key plans to an online platform - the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, annual Fees and Charges and Budget. In 2014/15 capital works expenditure and operating expenditure were added for monthly online reporting, allowing the community to see progress of all Council's activities against its strategic plans. This has demanded technical and cultural changes, with Managers using a customised reporting interface every month. As an industry first, our reporting sets the standard for transparency and accountability.

|   | Key Initiatives   |
|---|---|
|  | Develop a four year rolling Delivery Program and Operational Plan |
|  | Respond to the NSW government's local government reform agenda    |

Annual Report 2014/15

## Dee Why Revitalisation

### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community        | 1.1 We have the services to promote and deliver health and wellbeing<br>1.2 We are safe and protected at home and in public, and we respect each other and the area<br>1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong<br>1.4 We value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity                 |
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.1 We have access to a diverse range of recreational facilities that meet the needs of the community and sporting groups<br>2.2 We have access to attractive parks and natural areas that encourage and support a safe healthy lifestyle<br>2.3 We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed   |
| Connected Transport      | 4.2 We use a well-designed and functioning road network<br>4.3 We can conveniently access parking near transport hubs and close to urban centres<br>4.4 We can safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah  |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods  | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business<br>5.2 We encourage and support a diversity of businesses that provide a range of services and employment opportunities<br>5.3 We offer a variety of housing choice that meets the needs of our community and complements local neighbourhoods and the Warringah lifestyle |
| Working Together         | 6.3 We participate in effective partnerships and collaborate for now and the future   |

### Why is this a Major Project?

Dee Why is one of 13 major centres for growth identified by the NSW Government for metropolitan Sydney. The Dee Why Town Centre Masterplan provides the blueprint for transforming Dee Why into the northern beaches' premier commercial and residential district. Council's plans kick-start the renewal by developing facilities and open spaces on Council-owned land to encourage private landowners to improve existing buildings.

A revitalised Dee Why will provide economic growth for business, jobs for locals, greater housing choice and safe places for people of all ages to congregate and celebrate together.

### What has happened over the past 12 months?

The Police Citizen and Youth Centre (PCYC) has progressed from concept design to work commencing on site. Significant excavation was undertaken from January until the end of June 2015. Further, significant structural concrete works have been completed on the site for the lower levels of the car park with works progressing well to meet the project timeline of completion by mid-2016.

The design of the public spaces in Dee Why Town Centre has reached preliminary design stage with the designs for Walter Gors Park and Redman Road Plaza recently released for community engagement. Walter Gors Park has been designed to provide a green heart and much needed open space for the residents and workers of Dee Why, a place that they can play and come together as a community. Key features of Walter Gors include a playground, nature play, water features and picnic/dining facilities. Work is expected to commence on site in February 2016.

Redman Road Plaza has been designed to activate the western side of Dee Why and provide an impetus for economic activity. This key thoroughfare will be converted into an exciting pedestrian plaza that includes hanging gardens, trees, a water feature and seating together with a shared zone for vehicle access to properties.

Work is progressing well on the preliminary design for Oaks Avenue, Howard Avenue, the new link road, Pittwater Road and the associated streetscapes. Negotiations with relevant stakeholders including Roads and Maritime Services and Meriton are ongoing.

### Roads, Traffic and Waste

| Capital Works  |
|--|
|  Dee Why Town Centre - design of new traffic facilities and streetscape |

### Parks, Reserves and Foreshores

| Capital Works   |
|---|
|  Walter Gors Reserve Improvements and Dee Why Parade, Dee Why - shared walkway |

### Corporate Support Services

| Capital Works  |
|--|
|  Dee Why Town Centre - parking and community facility |

### Strategic Planning

| Key Initiatives   |
|---|
|  Amend the planning controls to deliver the Dee Why Town Centre vision |

Annual Report 2014/15

### Collaroy Accessibility Precinct

#### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Vibrant Community        | 1.2 We are safe and protected at home and in public, and we respect each other and the area<br>1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong |
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.2 We have access to attractive parks and natural areas that encourage and support a safe healthy lifestyle<br>2.3 We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed           |
| Connected Transport      | 4.4 We can safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah   |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods  | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business   |

#### Why is this a Major Project?

A masterplan for Collaroy was approved in August 2012 to make the area more attractive, safer and a best practice accessible area for all. It is a great example of partnership in design, with valuable input from the community and disability groups Sargood, Fisher Road School, Cerebral Palsy Alliance, the Disabled Surfers Association of Australia and Vision Australia.

Works that have been completed have improved the safety and accessibility of footpaths and the Collaroy Surf Club building, provided a new beach promenade with lighting, a new car park and reserve upgrades. Council's work to make this precinct fully accessible was recognised in 2012 by the Federal Government, achieving shortlisting as a finalist in the Excellence in Accessible Communities Award.

#### What has happened over the past 12 months?



The Collaroy Beach playground has been completed to popular acclaim. This playground has fast become the most popular destination for children of all abilities on the Northern Beaches. The integrity of the design and excellence of the final outcome was recently recognised by winning the Most Outstanding Playground Development (greater than \$500,000) Award, by Parks and Leisure Australia NSW Division.

In recognition of the centenary of ANZAC Day the Knitting Girl and Care Package sculpture was commissioned and dedicated as a War Memorial. The Knitting Girl symbolises the dedication of the Women's Auxiliary and women generally in supporting the war effort from 1914 to 1918. At the same time the wishing well monument has been restored to its former glory.

The Collaroy stormwater outlet was renewed with the result that the outlet was shortened by 10m and its capacity increased. This project was completed on time and budget despite some very challenging conditions.

Future works include the revitalisation of the northern reserve area through formalising the carpark, extending the promenade and creation of a plaza adjacent that will create a new event and congregation space. Design work will also commence on a new public toilet to be built into the cliff face overlooking the rockpool and access to Beach Road from the park will be designed. The final stage of the accessibility precinct will commence with design work on the renewal of the Collaroy rockpool in 2015/16.

#### Parks, Reserves and Foreshores

|   | Capital Works   |
|---|---|
|  | Collaroy Accessibility Precinct - playground and reserve improvements |
|  | Rockpool Improvement Program  |

Annual Report 2014/15

### Northern Beaches Hospital

#### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                 | Objective   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Vibrant Community       | 1.1 We have the services to promote and deliver health and wellbeing  |
| Connected Transport     | 4.2 We use a well-designed and functioning road network   |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business<br>5.2 We encourage and support a diversity of businesses that provide a range of services and employment opportunities<br>5.3 We offer a variety of housing choice that meets the needs of our community and complements local neighbourhoods and the Warringah lifestyle |

#### Why is this a Major Project?

A new level five hospital will be constructed in Warringah by the NSW Government, at the intersection of Warringah Road and Wakehurst Parkway. It is planned to provide more than 420 beds, an emergency department, mental health, surgical, medical, maternity, paediatric and ambulance services.

The facility will provide for the health needs of our region, create local jobs and economic growth and potentially allow for a specialised health precinct with related health services and industries located close by.

We continue to partner with the NSW Government to deliver the much awaited Northern Beaches Hospital and to investigate the wider health precinct. We also play a strong role in working collaboratively to address existing road congestion issues around the hospital site in Frenchs Forest.

#### What has happened over the past 12 months?



A Northern Beaches Hospital (NBH) Interagency Working group was established this year to help ensure a coordinated approach to the planning of the hospital and surrounding area. Representatives on the Working Group include the state agencies of Planning and Environment (Chair), Roads and Maritime Services and Transport for NSW as well as Council representatives.

The NSW Government received Planning approvals for the hospital proposal and the initial works, which included a Biodiversity Offset Package and the retention of bushland where possible.

Council participated in a series of community 'drop in' sessions with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), attended by approximately 700 community members in April 2014. These were primarily to raise awareness of the state's planned road network upgrades, being undertaken to address the road capacity, arteries and connections around the hospital. We have also been very active with RMS in developing preferred transport network solutions for Frenchs Forest.

Council is moving forward on planning the wider area in a Precinct Planning process. We have completed an open tender process to engage a qualified and experienced consultant to prepare a structure plan for the hospital and surrounding precinct.

#### Strategic Planning

|   | Key Initiatives   |
|---|---|
|  | Work with the NSW government in planning for the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest  |
|  | Work with the NSW government to deliver a Structure Plan for the precinct surrounding the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest |



Annual Report 2014/15

## Bus Rapid Transit System

### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome             | Objective  |
|---------------------|--|
| Connected Transport | 4.1 We have an effective interconnected public transport system that is safe, efficient and affordable<br>4.2 We use a well-designed and functioning road network<br>4.3 We can conveniently access parking near transport hubs and close to urban centres |

### Why is this a Major Project?

Our roads are congested, especially along Pittwater Road, Spit Road and the Warringah Road corridor. Improving access to and from the northern beaches is vital in order to attract and retain businesses, provide local jobs and services, as well as improve the quality of life for residents, workers, and visitors to the region.

Some bus priority measures already operate on the northern beaches' north-south corridor with dedicated bus lanes, transit lanes, and bus priority at traffic signals. The NSW Government is committed to providing a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system to deliver a faster express service through Warringah, between Mona Vale and the Sydney CBD.

### What has happened over the past 12 months?

The NSW Government has committed \$125 million to develop kerbside Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the northern beaches. This will initially focus on the Mona Vale to Sydney CBD corridor. A further \$67 million will fund new bus customer car parking at transport nodes. These additional facilities will provide parking for up to 800 vehicles so more commuters can connect with the BRT route. This year, in support of this project, Transport for NSW provided grant funding to Council of \$520,000 from the Transport Assess Program to fund improved active transport (walking and cycling paths) works around the interchanges in Dee Why and Brookvale.

Footpath improvement works completed under this program included:

- Ada Avenue, Brookvale
- Pittwater Road, Brookvale
- Amourin Street, Brookvale
- Pittwater Road, Collaroy
- Orara Road, Allambie Heights
- Fishbourne Road, Allambie Heights
- Corrie Road, North Manly
- Sturdee Parade, Dee Why
- Moorilla Street, Dee Why – Stairs and bike wheel ramp
- McIntosh Road, Narrabeena – Shared bike and pedestrian
- Fisher Road, Dee Why – Shared bike and pedestrian
- Grosvenor Place, Brookvale – Shared bike and pedestrian

While Council supports this investment, it also continues to advocate for the development of a BRT on the Dee Why to Chatswood corridor including the development of supporting park and ride facilities.

### Strategic Planning

|   | Key Initiatives   |
|---|---|
|  | Work with the NSW Government to investigate the Bus Rapid Transit on the Northern Beaches |

Annual Report 2014/15

### **Glen Street Cultural Hub**

#### **Community Strategic Plan Drivers**

| Outcome                  | Objective  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Vibrant Community        | 1.3 We support and care for all our community members and provide opportunities to connect and belong<br>1.4 We value our heritage and cultural diversity, celebrating together and fostering creativity |
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.3 We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed   |
| Liveable Neighbourhoods  | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business   |
| Working Together         | 6.3 We participate in effective partnerships and collaborate for now and the future  |

#### **Why is this a Major Project?**

We will breathe new life into the Glen Street Theatre and create a high-impact cultural hub that will include a relocated Belrose Library. The cultural hub will feature a 400 seat auditorium, upgraded foyer area and public spaces, new bar and box office areas, a café and a state-of-the-art library. This will create a new centre for the arts on the northern beaches, an active cultural space unique to Sydney. The bush setting of the theatre will also be enhanced thanks to new landscaping which will allow more events to be staged outside.

The services and activities that will flow from these venues will provide more cultural and social activities and experiences for the community. The sale of the library site and adjacent land will fund the redevelopment and at the same time provide an opportunity for revitalisation of the shopping precinct.




#### **What has happened over the past 12 months?**

The creation of a thriving cultural hub for the northern beaches is well underway. The first stage of works, improved lighting, landscaping and the forecourt, was finished in November 2014.

The design concept for Stage Two of the works - which includes a new library, café and improved access to the theatre, gym, library, and sporting facilities - was adopted by Council in March 2015. Community members' views on the design concept were invited during a four week consultation period.

The feedback from the community will inform the final design concept, which will be developed by the architects and submitted as part of the Development Application that is expected to be lodged in July 2015, with the Glen Street Cultural Hub Stage 2 planned for completion in early 2017.

#### **Glen Street Theatre**

| Capital Works   |  |
|---|--|
|  | Glen Street Revitalisation Stage 2   |
| Key Initiatives   |  |
|  | Develop day to day management plan for operation of Glen Street Cultural Hub |
|  | Promote and engage new audiences with the Glen Street Cultural Hub           |

Annual Report 2014/15

## **Warringah Local Planning Strategy**

### **Community Strategic Plan Drivers**

| Outcome                 | Objective   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Liveable Neighbourhoods | 5.1 We have attractive and functional urban and commercial centres that adapt to the needs of residents and business<br>5.2 We encourage and support a diversity of businesses that provide a range of services and employment opportunities<br>5.3 We offer a variety of housing choices that meet the needs of our community and complements local neighbourhoods and the Warringah lifestyle |

#### **Why is this a Major Project?**

The NSW Government's draft Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney 2031 has set new targets for increases to both housing and employment for Sydney. The Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai, Manly, Pittwater and Warringah region needs to contribute 37,000 dwellings and 39,000 new jobs by 2031. Warringah's share of this target is still to be announced. This growth will happen gradually over time, however Council needs to plan for how best to meet the targets.

The Warringah Local Planning Strategy will identify where housing and jobs growth will be concentrated taking into account the needs for infrastructure to support this growth as well as community, social and environmental values that make up the unique character of our suburbs.

#### **What has happened over the past 12 months?**

Council commenced the Warringah Local Planning Strategy project in June 2015 and has completed the initial analysis phase of the project. Council is now in the process of preparing a community engagement plan for the project which will be rolled out in the 2015/16 financial year.

#### **Strategic Planning**

|   | Key Initiatives  |
|---|--|
|  | Develop Warringah's local planning strategy to achieve the NSW Government's housing and jobs targets for Warringah |

Annual Report 2014/15

### Narrabeen Lagoon Multi-use Trail

#### Community Strategic Plan Drivers

| Outcome                  | Objective   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Lifestyle and Recreation | 2.2 We have access to attractive parks and natural areas that encourage and support a safe healthy lifestyle<br>2.3 We have inviting public spaces that are clean, green and well designed  |
| Healthy Environment      | 3.1 We value the health of our beaches, foreshores and waterways as natural habitats and for our enjoyment<br>3.2 We protect and sustain our diverse bushland as valuable habitats, and provide for a variety of wildlife to thrive and migrate |
| Connected Transport      | 4.4 We can safely and conveniently walk or ride around Warringah  |

#### Why is this a Major Project?

Narrabeen Lagoon is the largest and healthiest coastal lagoon in Sydney. With stunning habitats and wildlife, we love to relax here, enjoy the scenery and have fun on the water. The multi-use trail allows access along an iconic 8.4km circuit around the foreshore, while protecting the valuable endangered species in and around the lagoon.

The final section of the trail between Middle Creek Reserve and South Creek Reserve, including two major bridges, was completed and opened to the public in February 2015. Pedestrians and cyclists of all abilities can now enjoy safe and sustainable access around the entire lagoon foreshore.

For its recreation and sensitive open space qualities, this last section of the trail won the prestigious 2015 Award of Excellence for Leisure and Open Space: Planning from Parks and Leisure Australia. This is a fantastic recognition for this regional recreational asset.

#### What has happened over the past 12 months?

Council's site works on the final section of the trail began in late 2013. The completion of this section allowed trail users to completely circumnavigate the lagoon, connecting the earlier works in Middle Creek Reserve with the Jamieson Park trail. Two bridges were constructed across Middle Creek and South Creek, together with 1.2km of boardwalks and pathways around the lagoon foreshore.

Specifically, this section included construction of a 50m bridge over Middle Creek and a 35m bridge over South Creek, as well as approximately 100m of boardwalk along the lagoon foreshore and South Creek Reserve, 200m of wheelchair accessible approach ramps and 650m of concrete on-ground trail with occasional rest stops. Large sandstone boulders form a retaining edge and in low areas elevate the trail. Culverts have been used to maintain hydrological regimes to sensitive vegetation and the bridge abutments required rock armouring to stabilise the creek banks.

The new bridges provide access across the ecologically sensitive Middle and South Creeks, and boardwalks and paths address flooding, water levels, threatened species and accessibility. Construction materials for the bridge were chosen for their strength, durability, cost and low maintenance levels.

Numerous environmental studies were conducted to ensure the environmental impact of the trail was minimised and that the habitat of threatened species such as the Black Bittern and Hairy Pipefish was protected. For example, construction was scheduled to avoid the breeding season of the Black Bittern and sections of the trail utilise low boardwalks to protect the endangered environmental communities, sensitive vegetation, maintain water flows and allow animal movement.

The initial response to the trail has been exceedingly positive with a 110% increase in community usage following the opening of the trail.

Following agreement with the Sydney Academy of Sport, Council commenced building a new boatshed to house the Academy's water craft. This will allow the removal of one of the existing boatsheds, and create a new public reserve near this section of the trail. These works will be completed by September 2015.

#### Parks, Reserves and Foreshores

|   | Capital Works                    |
|---|----------------------------------|
|  | Narrabeen Lagoon Trail - renewal |

#### Natural Environment

|   | Capital Works                    |
|---|----------------------------------|
|  | Narrabeen Lagoon Multi-use Trail |



Annual Report 2014/15

# STATUTORY RETURNS

## *2014/15*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993,  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATION 2005  
AND OTHER STATUTORY INFORMATION

▼  
[WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU](http://WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU)

  
WARRINGAH  
COUNCIL

65

Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993**

### **SECTION 428 (1)**

Performance of Principal Activities in the Management Plan

Our performance against Principal Activities in the Delivery Program 2014-2018 is included in the Annual Report.

### **Section 428 (2) (f)**

Mayor/Councillor Fees & Expenses

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Mayoral fee      | 60,580         |
| Councillors fees | 228,000        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>288,580</b> |

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Amount (not including the Mayoral and Councillors fees referred to above) incurred by Council under this policy for the provision of facilities and payment of expenses for the Mayor and Councillors, during 2014/15 | 92,697.78 |
|---|-----------|

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total overall</b> | <b>381,277.78</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------|

### **Section 428 (4)**

Financial Statements

Our audited Financial Reports for the 2014-2018 financial year is included in the Annual Report.

Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

### VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT

A planning authority that has entered into one or more planning agreements must, while any such planning agreements remain in force, include in its annual report particulars of compliance with, and the effect of the planning agreements during the year to which the report relates.

|                                      | VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT - CROMER   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| VPA ASSOCIATED APPLICATION           | Evergreen Estate Redevelopment at 26 Campbell Avenue, Cromer<br><br>1.4 hectares (84%) of the land will become R2 Low Density Residential. 2800sqm (16%) will be dedicated to Council and be rezoned RE1 Public Recreation. |
| DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC BENEFIT OF VPA | Dedication to Council of 2800sqm of land along the northern boundary fronting the existing creek line.<br><br>This land will be rezoned for public recreation and replanted to form part of the creek line corridor.        |
| OTHER PARTY TO VPA                   | 1. Evergreen Development (Dee Why) Pty Ltd<br>2. Binburra Pty Ltd   |
| STREET ADDRESS                       | 26 Campbell Avenue, Cromer  |
| STATUS                               | Executed on 12 June 2013  |

|                                      | VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT - CROMER   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| VPA ASSOCIATED APPLICATION           | Rezoning Application and associated Development Application No. 2007/1249 – Stage 1 Development Application for a mixed use development on "Site B" of the Dee Why Town Centre  |
| DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC BENEFIT OF VPA | 1. Provision of Town Square Works<br>2. Provision of pedestrian connection and works<br>3. Provision of bus setback works and area on Pittwater Road<br>4. The provision of a monetary contribution for the construction and dedication (by Council) of Church Lane located to the east of the site bordering St Kevin's Church |
| OTHER PARTY TO VPA                   | Karimbla Properties (No. 41) Pty Limited and Meriton Properties Pty Ltd   |
| STREET ADDRESS                       | 9, 11, 15 and 17 Howard Avenue, 14 to 16 and 28 Oaks Avenue, 884, 888 to 890, 892, 894 and 896 Pittwater Road, Dee Why  |
| STATUS                               | Executed on 12 December 2008  |



Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



| VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT – EDGECLIFFE BOULEVARDE |  |
|--|--|
| VPA ASSOCIATED APPLICATION                           | Development Application No 2006/0916 for the subdivision of the land and subdivision works   |
| DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC BENEFIT OF VPA                 | The future development of each lot is limited by primary and secondary building envelopes, design parameters and ancillary site restriction criteria as set out in the VPA |
| OTHER PARTY TO VPA                                   | Nevpot Pty Limited<br>Neville Francis Thompson<br>Peter Russell O'Toole<br>Westpac Banking Corporation   |
| STREET ADDRESS                                       | 43 Edgecliffe Boulevard, Collaroy Plateau  |
| STATUS   | Executed on 16 April 2007  |



Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2005

### CLAUSE 132

Rates and charges written off 2014/15

| WRITTEN OFF 2013/2014            |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Rates abandoned (postponed)      | \$6,274            |
| Interest abandoned (postponed)   | \$3,023            |
| Interest abandoned (other)       | \$2,349            |
| Mandatory pension rebate         | \$1,824,041        |
| Voluntary pension rebate (rates) | \$113,849          |
| Voluntary pension rebate (waste) | \$301,062          |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$2,252,334</b> |

### CLAUSE 217(1)(A)

Overseas Visits by Councillors or Council Staff  
2014/15

1. Acting Business Improvement Manager was a keynote speaker at the Trapeze User Forum in Wellington, New Zealand in March 2015.
2. Group Manager -Roads, Traffic & Waste attended Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand in June 2015.
3. Warringah Projects Manager attended Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand in June 2015.
4. Road Assets Manager attended Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand in June 2015.
5. Works Manager attended Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand in June 2015.
6. Waste Education Officer presented paper on "Oceans of Waste" at the World Environmental Education Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden in June 2015.
7. Waste Education Officer presented paper on "Ready, Set, Grow" at the World Environmental Education Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden in June 2015.

WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU

### CLAUSE 217(1)(A1)

Councillors Facilities and Expenses

| FACILITIES AND EXPENSES   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Dedicated office equipment to Councillors (incl computers)                | \$5,934.53         |
| Communication charges (including phone calls, facsimile and internet)     | \$20,583.02        |
| Seminars and conferences attended by Councillors (incl interstate travel) | \$21,665.28        |
| Councillor training and skills development                                | \$1,173.00         |
| Interstate travel by Councillors while representing Council               | \$0                |
| Overseas visits by Councillors while representing Council                 | \$0                |
| Expenses of spouse, partner, or person accompanying a Councillor          | \$1,466.16         |
| Provision of care for a child or family member of a Councillor            | \$195.00           |
| Other expenses  | \$41,680.79        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$92,697.78</b> |

Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2005**

### **CLAUSE 217(1) (A2)**

Contracts Awarded in 2014/15 for Goods and Services in Excess of \$150,000

| CONTRACTOR   | GOOD AND SERVICES PROVIDED                                    | APPROX. VALUE AS APPROVED BY COUNCIL |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| NSW Civil Constructions, Statewide Civil Pty Ltd, Performance Concrete Services Pty Ltd, Kelbon Project Services Pty Ltd, Stateline Asphalt, Mack Civil Pty Ltd, MSA Civil and Communications. | Civil Infrastructure Works Panel Contract                     | \$2,000,000                          |
| SUEZ Environment (formerly known as SITA Australia Pty Ltd)  | Waste Disposal - Municipal Mixed Solid Waste                  | \$70,000,000                         |
| Silver Raven P/L   | Queenscliff Rockpool Restoration Works Stage 1                | \$572,116                            |
| Laminar Capital Pty Ltd  | Investment Advisory Services                                  | \$172,800                            |
| Ford Civil Contracting Pty Ltd   | Reconstruction Works for Stormwater Outlet at Collaroy Beach  | \$1,737,326                          |
| Ford Civil Contracting Pty Ltd   | Reconstruction Works for Stormwater Outlet at Collaroy Beach  | \$1,737,326                          |
| GHD Pty Ltd<br>Ernest & Young  | Provision of Internal Audit Services                          | \$250,000                            |
| MEGT (Australia)   | Traineeship   | \$700,000                            |
| Lawson Bros Pty Ltd  | Civic Centre Fire Hydrants & Hose Reels Upgrades              | \$351,080                            |
| Sunbather NSW  | Design, Installation and Maintenance - Heat Pumps - Warringah | \$215,949                            |
| APV Valuers and Asset Management   | Valuation Services - 2014/15                                  | \$153,945                            |
| Energy Australia   | Contestable Energy & Street Lightning                         | \$609,000                            |

WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU

Annual Report 2014/15

**STATUTORY RETURNS**



| CONTRACTOR   | GOOD AND SERVICES PROVIDED                                     | APPROX. VALUE A\$<br>APPROVED BY COUNCIL |
|--|--|--|
| RCR Haden Pty Ltd  | Service contract for Air Conditioning                          | \$200,000                                |
| Turf One   | Design, Construction and Maintenance of Synthetic Sportsfields | \$3,500,000                              |
| Prime Constructions  | Dee Why Community Facility and Car Park                        | \$20,471,654                             |
| Musco Lighting Australia Pty Ltd   | Harbord Park Sports Lighting                                   | \$180,000                                |
| Cardno (NSW) Pty Ltd   | Narrabeen Lagoon Flood Plain Risk Management Study and Plan    | \$232,885                                |
| RPS Australia East Pty Ltd, Australian Museum Business Services, Sue Rosen & Associates, Musecape Pty Ltd, City Heritage Pty Ltd, Landarc Pty Ltd, Kate Higgins Heritage Consultant, GML Heritage Pty Ltd. | Warringah Heritage Advisory Panel                              | \$150,000                                |
| Institutorm Pacific Pty Ltd  | Stormwater Conduit Upgrade – Raffa Lane Freshwater             | \$566,388                                |
| Fighting Chance Australia  | Digitisation Phase 5   | \$150,000                                |
| Landscape Solutions Australia Pty Ltd  | Supply and installation of timber substructure, decking        | \$302,186                                |
| Green Horticultural Group  | Forestville Rugby Field Reconstruction                         | \$196,267                                |
| Quayclean Australia Pty Ltd  | Cleaning of Warringah Council Buildings                        | \$800,000                                |
| Ward Civil and Environmental Engineering   | Kimbriki Access Road Enabling Works                            | \$150,000                                |
| James Bennett Pty Limited  | Collections Management   | \$374,000                                |

WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU

Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2005**

### **CLAUSE 217(1) (A3)**

#### **Summary of Legal Proceedings**

During 2014/15 the following expenses were incurred in relation to legal proceedings:

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Proceedings favourably finalised     | \$414,921        |
| Discontinued                         | \$41,292         |
| Proceedings not favourably finalised | \$0              |
| Proceedings not finalised            | \$263,511        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$719,724</b> |

#### **DISCONTINUED**

Warringah ats Withers  
Warringah ats Brooke Withers  
Warringah ats Vigor Master  
Warringah ats South Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club  
Warringah ats Vigor Master  
Warringah ats Modog  
Warringah ats Dhillas Constructions  
Warringah ats Sik  
Warringah ats Fenson  
Warringah ats Cross

Warringah ats Belahouane  
Warringah ats Hughes  
Warringah ats Kersenboom  
Warringah ats Rajguru  
Warringah ats Parker  
Warringah ats Allen  
Warringah ats Grimmond  
Warringah ats Williams

#### **PROCEEDINGS NOT FAVOURABLY FINALISED**

Nil

#### **PROCEEDINGS FAVOURABLY FINALISED**

Warringah ats Pollifrone  
Warringah ats Jason Hones  
Warringah ats 1 MSN Pty Limited  
Warringah ats Aranda Properties  
Warringah ats Pollifrone  
Warringah ats Simpson  
Warringah ats Colletta  
Warringah ats Pollifrone  
Warringah ats Sydney Anglican Schools  
Warringah ats Jones  
Warringah ats Modog  
Warringah ats 822 PRD Pty Ltd  
Warringah ats Sternhell  
Warringah ats Lotus Project Mgt  
Warringah ats 21 Bungan St Pty Ltd  
Warringah ats Goyer  
Warringah ats De Gail  
Warringah ats Jubilee Properties  
Warringah ats O'Donnell  
Warringah ats McDougall

#### **PROCEEDINGS NOT FINALISED**

Warringah ats Candsell  
Warringah ats St Augustines  
Warringah ats Owners of SP 867  
Warringah ats Vigor Master  
Warringah ats Vigor Master  
Warringah ats Joesandra Pty Limited  
Warringah ats Bruce Kelly  
Warringah ats 333 Condamine Street  
Warringah ats Vigor Master  
Warringah ats Nguyen  
Warringah ats Ekblad  
Warringah ats Holman  
Warringah ats USU  
Warringah ats Ma  
Warringah ats Gow.  
Warringah ats Jones  
Warringah ats Schimke  
Warringah ats Mosman Church of England Preparatory School

WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU



Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2005

### CLAUSE 217(1) (A5) Grants and Donations

| 2014/15 GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECIPIENTS                        | AMOUNT      | 2014/15 GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECIPIENTS   | AMOUNT     |
|--|-------------|---|------------|
| Art & Soul Collective Inc                                      | \$2,500     | Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club   | \$6,250    |
| Artability, Northern Beaches Creative Leisure and Learning Inc | \$2,272.73  | Manly Community Centre  | \$4,995    |
| Australian Youth Climate Coalition                             | \$3,000     | Manly Drug Education & Counselling Centre   | \$3,000    |
| Booklovers Club Warringah Inc                                  | \$1,370     | Manly Warringah Choir Inc   | \$2,000    |
| Collaroy Surf Life Saving Club                                 | \$6,250     | Manly Warringah District Baseball Association   | \$80,000   |
| Computer Pals for Seniors Northern Beaches Inc                 | \$1,605     | Manly Warringah Football Association  | \$47,320   |
| Cricket NSW  | \$2,511     | Manly Warringah Pittwater Community Aid Service Inc - CALD grant                      | \$4,456    |
| Cromer Golf Club Ltd   | \$60,215.01 | Manly Warringah Softball Association  | \$5,542.64 |
| Dee Why Rugby Club   | \$22,398    | Narrabeen Beach Surf Life Saving Club   | \$6,250    |
| Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club                                  | \$6,250     | North Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club   | \$6,250    |
| Disabled Alternative Road Travel Service                       | \$1,700     | North Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club   | \$6,250    |
| Disabled Surfers Association of Australia Inc                  | \$3,600     | Northern Beaches Chorus   | \$2,000    |
| Eurofest Cultural and Sporting Association Inc                 | \$4,000     | Northern Beaches Community Services Ltd.  | \$4,000    |
| Fighting Chance Australia                                      | \$23,000    | Northern Beaches Interchange Inc  | \$5,000    |
| Forest Computer Pals for Seniors Inc                           | \$1,200     | Northern Beaches Multiple Birth Club  | \$3,000    |
| Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club                               | \$26,250    | Northern Beaches Orchestra Inc  | \$4,000    |
| Friends of Freshwater Inc                                      | \$5,000     | Northside Enterprise Inc  | \$5,000    |
| Grace City Care Inc  | \$5,000     | Peer Support Foundation Limited - Trading As Peer Support Australia                   | \$4,000    |
| Koori Kids Pty Ltd   | \$450       | Peninsula Senior Citizens Toy Repair Group Inc - Toys for Christmas for Disadvantaged | \$1,200    |
| Leesa Knights  | \$2,500     | Penny Philpott  | \$4,000    |
| Literacy Network Manly Warringah Inc                           | \$5,000     |   |            |

WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU

Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2005

| 2014/15 GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECIPIENTS                             | AMOUNT            |
|---|-------------------|
| Permaculture Sydney North   | \$5,000           |
| Rainbow Club  | \$8,000           |
| Raise Foundation  | \$5,000           |
| Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah                                    | \$2,400           |
| Shackfolk Inc   | \$4,000           |
| South Curl Curl Surf Life Saving Club                               | \$6,250           |
| South Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club                               | \$6,250           |
| St Vincent De Paul Society NSW                                      | \$5,000           |
| Streetwork Inc - KickStart Mentoring Program project                | \$5,000           |
| Sunnyfield Association  | \$5,000           |
| Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Branch                     | \$13,133          |
| Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Services Inc                           | \$2,000           |
| Terrey Hills Community Library                                      | \$20,000          |
| The Link Church Inc   | \$5,000           |
| The Warringah Eisteddfod Inc trading as Northern Beaches Eisteddfod | \$1,500           |
| Tibetan Community of Australia (NSW) Inc                            | \$5,000           |
| Water Skills For Life Inc   | \$810             |
| Willoughby City Council- Constant Companion                         | \$3,300           |
| <b>Total Grants &amp; Donations</b>                                 | <b>493,228.38</b> |

### CLAUSE 217(1) (A6)

External Bodies with Council Delegated Authority

Warringah Development Assessment Panel independently determines major development applications.

### CLAUSE 217(1) (A7)

Council Controlled Companies

#### Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre

Kimbriki Environmental Enterprises Pty Ltd (KEE) operates a recycling and waste disposal centre at Kimbriki Road, Terrey Hills. Warringah Council is the major shareholder in KEE with 51% of shares. The remaining shares are held by Pittwater, Manly and Mosman Councils holding 34.45%, 10.75% and 3.84% of shares respectively.

KEE commenced operation on 1 July 2009 following the necessary authorisations pursuant to sections 358 and 625 of the Local Government Act.

### CLAUSE 217(1) (A8)

Partnerships, Cooperatives and Joint Ventures

#### Warringah Pittwater Rural Fire Committee

Warringah Council has a 50% interest in the assets and liabilities of a joint venture project with Pittwater Council for the provision, control and management of bush fires. The joint venture will continue on a year to year basis until dissolved in accordance with the terms of the deed of agreement. Both Councils have signed a Service Level Agreement with the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Services to cover the provision of these services.

#### Shore Regional Organisation of Councils (SHOROC)

Warringah Council is an equal member of SHOROC along with Manly, Mosman and Pittwater Councils. The SHOROC group develops and delivers regional strategies and initiatives of benefit to the member councils.

Annual Report 2014/15  
**STATUTORY RETURNS**



## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2005**

### **CLAUSE 217(1) (A9)**

#### **Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Activities**

Warringah Council supports the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) as it relates to recruitment, training and staff development programs, performance management, equal access to information about Council policies, procedures and practices, supervision and management of staff, promotion and conditions of employment.

Council has an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan that details the objectives, actions and responsibilities required to ensure that Warringah Council is an equal opportunity employer and that all employees are aware of their rights and responsibilities.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan includes strategies to ensure fair outcomes in all areas of employment with the following focus:

- Promotion of EEO and Diversity Principles
- Maintaining workplaces free from discrimination, harassment and bullying
- Accessible policies and procedures
- Grievance procedures
- Ongoing analysis of employment data

In keeping with the EEO plan, information about Council's EEO policy and grievance procedure is provided to all new employees at corporate induction. In addition, refresher courses (including Code of Conduct) are offered to staff every two years, and Human Resources staff are available to provide advice on grievance resolution at any time.

EEO data is collected on a voluntary basis, to alleviate privacy concerns. Statistics at present are as follows:

- Five staff have indicated they have a long term impairment
- 59 staff with a Non English Speaking Background (NESB) background
- Eight staff have identified as having an Indigenous background.

### **CLAUSE 217 (1) (B) (C)**

#### **Senior Staff Salaries**

Between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015 the following senior staff salaries were paid:

Council has three senior staff as defined by the Local Government Act (General Manager, Deputy General Manager Community and Deputy General Manager Environment). All senior staff are engaged under the standard employment contract issued by the Department of Premier and Cabinet – Office of Local Government and are subject to performance agreements.

The contract term for the General Manager, the Deputy General Manager Community and Deputy General Manager Environment is five years. The all-inclusive remuneration packages that incorporate salary, employer superannuation, performance and higher duties payments and fringe benefits tax for the senior staff for the financial year ending 30 June 2015 were as follows:

|  | GENERAL MANAGER      | SENIOR STAFF         |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Salary component of the package            | \$387,753.74         | \$545,384.74         |
| Bonus, Performance and other payments      | \$ -                 | \$ -                 |
| Council's contribution to superannuation   | \$18,711.42          | \$58,963.32          |
| Non-cash benefits accounted in the package | \$ -                 | \$ 2,519.97          |
| Fringe benefits tax for non-cash benefits  | \$ 14,750.69         | \$ 18,306.29         |
| <b>TOTAL PACKAGE</b>                       | <b>\$ 421,215.85</b> | <b>\$ 625,174.32</b> |



Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2005**

### **CLAUSE 217 1 (F)**

#### **Companion Animals Act and Regulation**

Council's responsibility with impounded animals is to reunite the animal with the owner, where this is impossible suitable animals are rehomed. Council has a commercial arrangement with a local veterinary practice to act as our pound, and reports on the numbers of impounded animals are provided to the Office of Local Government annually in September.

#### **Reporting Dog Attacks to the Department**

Council is required to report attacks to the Office of Local Government, via the Companion Animals register, within 72 hours of being notified of an attack. Last financial year 53 incidents were reported within Warringah.

#### **Expenditure on Companion Animal Management and Activities**

Some \$85,669 was spent on the management of companion animals and related activities last year.

The funds were expended as follows.

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Pound fees            | \$76,015        |
| Advertising/promotion | \$2,995         |
| Material/consumables  | \$6,170         |
| Other                 | \$489           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$85,669</b> |

The Office of Local Government provided \$46,885 funding to Council.

#### **Companion Animal Community Education Programs**

Warringah's 'Dogs Big Day Out' was scheduled for August, however was postponed due to inclement weather.

#### **Strategies Council has in Place to Promote and Assist in the Desexing of Dogs and Cats**

Council promotes the desexing of dogs and cats through its educational activities including the promotion of desexing in publications, such as "Owning a dog in Warringah".

#### **Strategies to Seek Alternatives to Euthanasia for Unclaimed Animals**

Council has a no kill policy at its pound for rehoming animals and has arrangements with the Animal Welfare League, Cat Protection Society and RSPCA to take unclaimed dogs and cats that are suitable for rehoming (i.e. not dangerous).

As a result of the strategies in place no rehoming animals were euthanased this year.

#### **Off-Leash Areas Provided in the Council Area**

Warringah has eight unleashed dog exercise areas with an additional four available at restricted times. This includes a dog swimming area at Curl Curl lagoon. Our aim is to provide accessible options for residents to take their dogs for a walk and let them off the leash safely, while also protecting our natural environment and considering the needs of the wider community. We will continue to review these as required.





## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC (ACCESS) ACT 2009

### BACKGROUND

The Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (*GIPA Act*) became operational on 1 July 2010 and introduced a new "right to information" approach for access to government information.

Council is required to prepare an annual report in accordance with the requirements of section 125 of the *GIPA Act* and clause 7 of the Government Information (Public Access) Regulation (*GIPA Regulation*). This annual report includes statistical information on formal access applications in the form required by *Schedule 2 of the GIPA Regulation*.

#### 1. REVIEW OF PROACTIVE RELEASE PROGRAM

Warringah continually reviews its proactive release program to identify the kinds of information that we make publicly available. This occurs through extensive publication on Council's website or through inspection and/or provision of information in response to a written application.

During the reporting period, this program resulted in the release of information relating to: Council services; events; community issues; planning and development services and environmental matters.

#### 2. NUMBER OF ACCESS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

During the reporting period, Warringah received a total of 22 formal access applications (including withdrawn applications but not invalid applications).

#### 3. NUMBER OF REFUSED APPLICATIONS FOR SCHEDULE 1 INFORMATION

During the reporting period, Warringah did not refuse any formal access application because the information requested was information referred to in Schedule 1 to the *GIPA Act*.

Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC (ACCESS) ACT 2009

### 4. STATISTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESS APPLICATIONS

**TABLE A:**  
Number of Applications by Type of Applicant and Outcome

|   | Access granted in full | Access granted in part | Access refused in full | Information not held | Information already available | Refuse to deal with application | Refuse to confirm / deny whether information is held | Application withdrawn |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Media   | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |
| Members of Parliament                                       | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |
| Private Sector Business                                     | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |
| Not for Profit Organisations or Community Groups            | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |
| Members of the Public (application by legal representative) | 2                      | 5                      | 2                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |
| Members of the Public (other)                               | 6                      | 6                      | 1                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |

Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC (ACCESS) ACT 2009

**TABLE B:**  
Number of Applications by Type of Application and Outcome

|  | Access granted in full | Access granted in part | Access refused in full | Information not held | Information already available | Refuse to deal with application | Refuse to confirm / deny whether information is held | Application withdrawn |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Personal information applications  | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |
| Access applications (other than personal information applications)                     | 7                      | 12                     | 3                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |
| Access applications that are partly personal information applications and partly other | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                    | 0                             | 0                               | 0  | 0                     |

**TABLE C:**  
Invalid Applications

| Reason for invalidity   | Number of applications |
|---|------------------------|
| Application does not comply with formal requirements (Section 41 of the Act)  | 0                      |
| Application is for excluded information of the agency (Section 43 of the Act) | 0                      |
| Application contravenes restraint order (Section 110 of the Act)              | 0                      |
| Total Number of applications received   | 0                      |
| Invalid applications that subsequently became valid applications              | 0                      |

WARRINGAH.NSW.GOV.AU

Annual Report 2014/15  
STATUTORY RETURNS



## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC (ACCESS) ACT 2009

**TABLE D:**  
**Conclusive Presumption of Overriding Public Interest**  
**Against Disclosure: Matters Listed in Schedule 1 to Act**

|  | Number of<br>times<br>consideration<br>used |
|--|---|
| Overriding secrecy laws                                  | 0   |
| Cabinet information                                      | 0   |
| Executive Council information                            | 0   |
| Contempt   | 0   |
| Legal professional privilege                             | 2   |
| Excluded information                                     | 0   |
| Documents affecting law enforcement<br>and public safety | 0   |
| Transport safety   | 0   |
| Adoption   | 0   |
| Care and protection of children                          | 0   |
| Ministerial code of conduct                              | 0   |
| Aboriginal and environmental heritage                    | 0   |

**Table E:**  
**Other Public Interest Considerations Against Disclosure:**  
**Matters Listed in Table to Section 14 of Act**

|   | Number of<br>occasions<br>when<br>application<br>not<br>successful |
|---|--|
| Responsible and effective government                                    | 1  |
| Law enforcement and security  | 0  |
| Individual rights, judicial processes and<br>natural justice            | 7  |
| Business interests of agencies and other<br>persons                     | 1  |
| Environment, culture, economy and<br>general matters                    | 0  |
| Secrecy provisions  | 0  |
| Exempt documents under interstate<br>Freedom of Information legislation | 0  |



Annual Report 2014/15  
**STATUTORY RETURNS**



**GOVERNMENT INFORMATION PUBLIC (ACCESS) ACT 2009**

**TABLE F:**  
**Timelines**

|  | Number of applications |
|--|------------------------|
| Decided within the statutory timeframe (20 days plus any extensions) | 22                     |
| Decided after 35 days (by agreement with applicant)                  | 0                      |
| Not decided within time (deemed refusal)                             | 0                      |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>22</b>              |

**TABLE H:**  
**Applications for Review Under Part 5 of the Act (by Type of Applicant)**

|   | Number of applications for review |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Applications by access applicants   | 3                                 |
| Applications by persons to whom information the subject of access application relates (see section 54 of the Act) | 0                                 |

**TABLE G:**  
**Number of Applications Reviewed Under Part 5 of the Act (by Type of Review and Outcome)**

|  | Decision varied | Decision upheld | Total    |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Internal review  | 0               | 3               | 3        |
| Review by Information Commissioner                               | 1               | 0               | 1        |
| Internal review following recommendation under section 93 of Act | 0               | 1               | 1        |
| Review by ADT  | 0               | 0               | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1</b>        | <b>4</b>        | <b>5</b> |

## Capital Works 2014/15

### Children's Services

| <b>Capital Works</b>   | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Brookvale Childrens Centre (LDC) Renewal and Expansion: Stag | 31,649               | 31,649                              | -  |
| Belrose Children's Centre Building Upgrade                   | 204,181              | 180,746                             | -  |
| Belrose Children's Centre Playground                         | 55,013               | 52,415                              | -  |
| Children's Centres Amenities and Playgrounds                 | 45,157               | 45,000                              | 45,000                                       |

### Community Services

| <b>Capital Works</b>                             | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Dee Why Beach Viewing Tower                      | 21,025               | 22,882                              | -  |
| Tramshed - Toilet, Kitchen, BCA and DDA renewals | 155,460              | 183,331                             | 264,050                                      |
| Bringa Womens Centre Renewal                     | 162,090              | 585,000                             | 175,115                                      |
| Replacement of Beach Services Equipment          | 73,918               | 71,353                              | 66,500                                       |

### Glen Street Theatre

| <b>Capital Works</b>                         | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Glen Street Theatre Revitalisation - Stage 1 | 306,927              | 292,000                             | -  |
| Glen Street Theatre Revitalisation - Stage 2 | 223,382              | 266,890                             | 1,112,347                                    |
| Minor Asset renewal                          | 70,932               | 80,000                              | 80,000                                       |
| Replacement of House Lights Main Auditorium  | 29,100               | 27,800                              | 27,800                                       |

### Information and Library Services

| <b>Capital Works</b> | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Library Bookvote     | 497,026              | 485,090                             | 477,439                                      |

### Kimbriki Environmental Enterprise Pty Ltd

| <b>Capital Works</b>                         | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Kimbriki - Other Site Fixtures and Equipment | 59,642               | 58,806                              | 70,000                                       |
| Kimbriki - Leachate Treatment Plant          | 383,579              | 413,438                             | 500,000                                      |
| Kimbriki - Gas Capture System                | 19,931               | 170,000                             | 245,000                                      |
| Kimbriki - Landfill Cell Develop Area 3B     | 176,717              | 1,170,000                           | 870,000                                      |
| Kimbriki - Office and Amenities              | 254,009              | 897,108                             | 1,200,000                                    |
| Kimbriki - Vehicles                          | 16,224               | 73,015                              | 95,000                                       |
| Kimbriki - Other                             | 58,572               | 70,000                              | 70,000                                       |
| Construction of Kimbriki Road                | 405,260              | 430,000                             | 2,565,000                                    |

### Natural Environment Services

| <b>Capital Works</b>              | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Narrabeen Lagoon (Council Monies) | 3,283,245            | 3,466,141                           | 2,536,898                                    |
| Collaroy Stormwater Outlet        | 1,875,659            | 1,877,630                           | 1,842,630                                    |
| Reactive Stormwater Renewals      | 480,647              | 600,000                             | 600,000                                      |
| Planned Stormwater Renewal        | 839,093              | 1,306,394                           | 2,139,184                                    |
| Oaks Avenue Stormwater Drainage   | 65,372               | 100,000                             | -  |

### Parks, Reserves, and Foreshores

| <b>Capital Works</b>   | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Brookvale Oval - DDA lift                                    | 16,903               | 16,902                              | -  |
| Renewal works-SportingClub Buildings                         | 131,051              | 131,051                             | 65,000                                       |
| Walter Gors Reserve & Shared Walkway Dee Why Pde             | 273,400              | 352,644                             | 175,000                                      |
| Sports Capital Assistance Program                            | 214,492              | 232,080                             | 305,600                                      |
| Berry Reserve and Jameison Park Upgrades                     | 103,539              | 103,539                             | 81,000                                       |
| North Narrabeen - Landscape Masterplan Development and Imple | 43,485               | 50,000                              | 50,000                                       |
| Manly Warringah Netball Lighting                             |                      | 98,770                              |  |

| <b>Capital Works</b>   | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
|  | 117,506              |                                     | 25,000                                       |
| Perentie Rd Reserve Recreation Space                         | 109,636              | 109,649                             | 109,649                                      |
| Forestville Sportsfields - Synthetic Surface and Ancillary W | 1,017,925            | 1,010,500                           | -  |
| Path Construction between Kayak Club & Lagoon, Narrabeen     | 8,695                | 10,000                              | -  |
| Rectification - Minor Renewal                                | 301,141              | 313,431                             | 313,431                                      |
| Parks - Minor Renewals                                       | 624,625              | 635,449                             | 373,945                                      |
| Rectification - Forestville Playing Fields                   | 2,408,191            | 2,420,521                           | 1,000,000                                    |
| Collaroy Disability Project                                  | 1,199,803            | 1,200,000                           | 1,100,000                                    |
| Manly Dam Renewals   | 120,663              | 118,673                             | 108,673                                      |
| Manly Dam Trail Renewal                                      | 139,916              | 152,462                             | 60,000                                       |
| Dee Why Beach Foreshore Renewal                              | 181,994              | 184,219                             | 184,219                                      |
| Street Tree Program  | 49,493               | 54,558                              | 54,558                                       |
| Renewal Playground Improvement Program                       | 428,981              | 424,700                             | 424,700                                      |
| Queenscliff Pool upgrade                                     | 693,723              | 700,623                             | 690,000                                      |
| Narrabeen Lagoon Trail                                       | 108,800              | 105,000                             | 50,000                                       |
| North Curl Curl Pool Access                                  | 120,609              | 121,761                             | 88,000                                       |

### **Roads, Traffic, and Waste**

| <b>Capital Works</b>                                      | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Footpath New  | 690,539              | 544,000                             | -  |
| Bike Plan Implementation                                  | 208,492              | 201,000                             | 200,000                                      |
| Dee Why - Design & Construction - Traffic and Streetscape | 761,389              | 914,608                             | 516,000                                      |
| Car Park Renewal Program                                  | 139,425              | 140,000                             | 140,000                                      |
| Kerb & Gutter Renewal                                     | 115,000              | 115,000                             | 115,000                                      |
| Footpath Renewal  | 401,376              | 408,000                             | 365,000                                      |
| Bus Stop Renewal  | 52,000               | 52,000                              | 52,000                                       |
| Retaining Wall Renewal                                    | 62,669               | 63,000                              | 106,000                                      |
| Road Resheeting Program                                   | 3,122,073            | 3,121,964                           | 2,958,000                                    |



**Warringah Aquatic Centre**

| <b>Capital Works</b>                                   | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| WAC renewal project -pool cleaner, security system etc | 50,342               | 49,000                              | 44,000                                       |
| Replacement of Heat Pumps                              | 258,997              | 281,000                             | 251,000                                      |

**Corporate Support**

| <b>Capital Works</b>   | <b>Actual<br/>\$</b> | <b>Forecast<br/>Year End<br/>\$</b> | <b>Annual<br/>Original<br/>Budget<br/>\$</b> |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Dee Why Town Centre - Kingsway parking & community facility  | 4,413,194            | 5,855,000                           | 10,474,147                                   |
| Acquisition of 30 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why                       | 2,000,060            | 2,000,000                           | -  |
| Public Amenity Improvement Program - Narrabeen Lakes Sailing | 123,858              | 123,858                             | 220,000                                      |
| Nolans Reserve Amenities renewals                            | -                    | 0                                   | 42,206                                       |
| Renewal Works-Amenities Buildings                            | 120,086              | 120,000                             | 120,000                                      |
| Renewal works-Community Buildings                            | 150,744              | 154,883                             | 65,000                                       |
| St Matthews Farm - Public Amenities Renewals                 | 714,214              | 722,243                             | 721,488                                      |
| Civic Centre - BCA and Fire Safety Compliance Works          | 481,554              | 480,000                             | 520,000                                      |
| Renewal - Operational Facilities                             | 104,698              | 100,000                             | 100,000                                      |
| IT Infrastructure - New Works                                | 19,950               | 13,000                              | 82,000                                       |
| IT Software - New Works                                      | 112,255              | 103,735                             | 138,000                                      |
| IT Infrastructure - Renewals                                 | 397,285              | 438,400                             | 400,000                                      |
| IT Software - Renewals                                       | 6,240                | 8,000                               | 165,000                                      |
| Plant Replacement Program                                    | 670,329              | 690,000                             | 680,000                                      |
| Light Fleet Replacement Program                              | 1,622,782            | 1,642,000                           | 1,600,000                                    |

## Delay Projects

| <b>Key Initiative</b>   | <b>Reason for Delay</b>   |
|---|---|
| Children's Services - complete and maintain Policy, Procedure and Forms available online  | Staff are accessing Children's Services Policies online and making use of the search features of the software. The ability for parents to view and comment on policies online has been delayed until later this calendar year when the software issues are due to be resolved. Copies of policies can be created and provided to parents if required. |
| Deliver online functionality for lodgement of development applications  | The first release of the online lodgement solution was provided by the software vendor and testing completed. Testing identified bugs and enhancements requiring further development by the software vendor. The next release of the solution is scheduled for July 2015.   |
| Investigation of land use in Oxford Falls Valley based on directions from the Planning Assessment Commission                              | Council is waiting for Gateway Determination from the Department of Planning and Environment. It is not expected until late 2015  |
| Amend the planning controls to deliver the Dee Why Town Centre vision   | An amended application for Gateway Determination is being prepared for submission to the Department Of Planning and Environment. Following Gateway Determination the proposal will be placed on public exhibition   |
| Host the Warringah Business Expo  | Warringah Chamber of Commerce did not run the event in 2015, so council was unable to participate this year   |
| Implement online bookings for Parks Reserves and Foreshore venues   | This project is delayed due to the ongoing evaluation of the Facilities and Events Booking System options. A trial of the proposed options is planned for August 2015.  |
| Work with the NSW government to deliver a Structure Plan for the precinct surrounding the new Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest | Progress of the draft Hospital Precinct Structure Plan has been delayed to allow for State Agencies to address long term transport and road infrastructure needs for the anticipated growth of the centre.  |

| Capital Works  | Reason for Delay  |
|--|---|
| Tramshed Arts and Community Centre, Narrabeen<br>- building refurbishment                          | <p>The project to refurbish the Tramshed Arts and Community Centre is progressing through the design phase with a Development Application for the works lodged in April 2015 and consent yet to be received.</p> <p>The commencement of works was delayed by the elected Council due to a change in renewal priorities and the project is now scheduled to start construction later in the calendar year.</p> |
| Nolans Reserve, North Manly - construction of new amenities to replace existing facilities on site | Works on the amenities renewals in Nolan`s Reserve will be progressed once the District Park Plan of Management has been completed. This is expected to be in mid to late 2015.   |
| Bringa Womens Centre - refurbishment of existing building  | The commencement of this project was delayed pending confirmation of the Manly Warringah Women`s Resource Centre`s ongoing operation funding. The funding has been confirmed, and the project is scheduled for delivery in 2015/16.   |
| Parking meter - renewals   | The installation of the contactless credit card solution for Council ticket machines has been reforecast to the 2015/16 financial year as the certification of the solution is not expected to be completed until August 2015.  |
| Operational facilities - renewals  | The primary focus of this program of works is a range of minor renewal projects to the Dee Why Library. Toilet refurbishment works have been completed, but works on the reception area are behind schedule due to the non-availability of some key components.   |

