

3. PREPARING THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

3.1 The Planning Process

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

- Using community values as a basis for management;
- Adopting a consultative approach and incorporating input from stakeholders (including Council officers, government authorities, interested parties and the local community) to ensure the Plan reflects, as far as possible, the visions and values of all;
- Providing site specific analysis information;
- Providing practical recommendations;
- Incorporating Master Plans; and
- Incorporating information from any other relevant studies and reports.

3.2 Community Consultation

Warringah Council actively seeks the involvement of the community in the preparation of its plans of management to ensure the plans address community desires, values and needs as well as ensuring that they comply with the Local Government Act 1993. The main advantages of involving the community in the process are that it:

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

Community consultation is a vital component in the preparation of the Plan of Management as well as in the public exhibition/submission period following the release of the Plan. The purpose of community consultation during the development of the Plan is to identify the values attached to Brookvale Park and to provide a forum in which to collect and understand related community issues.

During the preparation of the Plan of Management a three stage process (Figure 5) is used to ensure that the community had a variety of opportunities to be involved in the development of the Plan of Management. This process has assisted in ensuring that all relevant parties have been involved in the various steps along the way.

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

- **Manly Daily Advertisements** in November 2000 – informed and invited people to be involved in the development process for the Plan of Management.

- **Community Surveys** were sent out in November 2000 to Brookvale residents - 41 were received.
- **A Community Workshop** was held in November 2000 - 60 people attended. A report from the independent consultant was received and has been included as Appendix C.
- **Meetings and interviews** were held with relevant groups, including the Brookvale Park Advisory Committee, and individuals. Ten written submissions were received from various groups and individuals.
- **An Issues Discussion Paper** was publicly released in September 2001. The release of the Issues Discussion Paper was advertised in the Manly Daily. There were two versions of this document developed and released, an Executive Summary and the entire Issues Discussion Paper. The Executive Summary has been included as Appendix D.
- **Sports in Warringah** - Survey in June 2001 - 1000 residents across Warringah were asked a variety of questions regarding sporting behaviour and facilities in the Warringah local government area. The last section of the survey was dedicated to Brookvale Park. There was a series of questions in regard to usage and future development of the Park. The results of this survey and the questions asked regarding Brookvale Park have been extracted from the report and included as Appendix A.
- **Solutions Workshops** – Four workshops were held in October 2001 – 32 people attended. The workshops were held with representatives from various stakeholders to discuss possible options and solutions to identified issues. The final report has been included as Appendix E.

Figure 5: Community Consultation Process for Brookvale Park

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR BROOKVALE PARK PLAN OF MANAGEMENT REVIEW

