



Brookvale in the 1950s

1906 - 2006



living spaces

OUR AIMS

Outdoor Living

Safe and well maintained public spaces that reflect community needs

Defining development

Socially and environmentally responsible urban development

Easy access

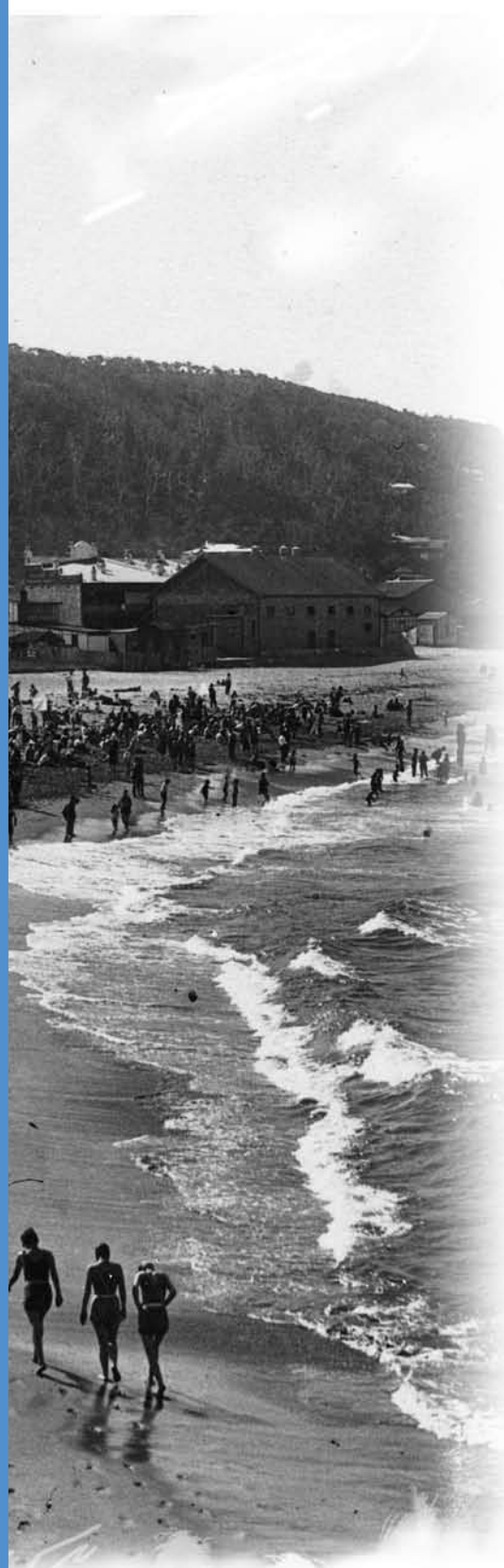
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Beach Services

Warringah's nine beaches over 14km of coastline from Freshwater to North Narrabeen are popular sites for residents and visitors alike. The water quality at these beaches was 100% compliant with health regulations and safe for swimming this year. Council services cover a range of issues on our beaches to ensure the safety of our community in one of its favourite outdoor spaces.

Our Beach Services team managed and patrolled Warringah's beaches seven days a week from September to April. On weekends and public holidays the team worked in partnership with volunteers from local surf life saving clubs. Throughout the season more than 2.5 million people visited our beaches with lifeguards undertaking 922 rescues and administering 5,407 first aid treatments. Council lifeguards also dealt with 3,776 breaches of regulations in regards to litter, dogs and anti-social behaviour on beaches and beach reserves.

Warringah Council donated \$62,120 towards local surf life saving clubs to assist their ongoing support to the community and our partnership with the Manly Warringah Credit Union will see the purchase of rescue equipment over the next two years.

Beach Safety

Warringah's Beach Awareness and Safety Education Program (BASE) delivered water safety messages to primary school students and adults from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. A total of 6,000 people undertook the program this year with Council lifeguards in the classroom and on the beach.

Young drama students were again involved in the Beach Theatre Project at Freshwater Beach performing a mime to promote safety messages.

In response to an increase in theft from cars in beach car parks an awareness campaign was launched by Council in partnership with Police in October 2005. Signage at 'hotspot' car parks reminded people not to leave their valuables unattended.

Major sections of dune fencing were replaced at Narrabeen, Dee Why and Long Reef Beaches and bush generation works at Narrabeen, Long Reef, Dee Why, Curl Curl and Freshwater dunes will ensure the future of these areas for generations to come.

Collaroy Beach in 1928

Open Space

Warringah Council was awarded an Open Space Management Award from Parks and Leisure Australia for the revitalisation of Brookvale Park to make it a family friendly picnic and play area.

'The Gardens' beachfront reserve at Ocean Street, Narrabeen, was transformed into a regional park with a shared pathway for pedestrians, cyclists and skaters. The project also included a new viewing platform, picnic and play areas, public art installations, regenerated dunes and garden beds with 45,000 native plants.

These two projects are examples of the work undertaken by Council during the year to improve and expand public and open spaces for the community. Other key highlights included:

- › Construction of a new skateboard facility at Manly Vale
- › Site works for a new park in Howard Avenue, Dee Why
- › Replacement of the seawall at South Curl Curl
- › Demolition of six properties and creation of additional open space and parks

A three-year program of capital works was established this year and a ten-year forward plan is now under development.

Reserves and Sportsfields

A new sporting facilities program was announced this year to establish a five-year capital program to improve many of our sporting facilities with a budget allocation of \$250,000 set aside each year.

Maintenance activities on reserves and sportsfields this year included:

- › 50 hectares of sportsfield decompaction to improve playing surfaces and reduce the risk of injury to users
- › \$150,000 turf replacement program for sportsfields
- › 100% grass coverage to Brookvale Oval throughout the NRL season
- › General maintenance and mowing for 500 reserves sites
- › Sportsfield maintenance and mowing at 54 sportsfield sites
- › Sportsfields grass replacement program
- › Playground inspection and maintenance to 179 playgrounds
- › Park furniture maintenance
- › Sportsfield linemarking
- › Landscape maintenance

Council's Reserves and Sportsfields maintenance team also responded to 1,431 customer work requests in addition to planned maintenance activities this year.



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Defining Development

Planning Policy

Warringah Council is committed to socially and environmentally responsible urban development. To help achieve this we reviewed the Warringah Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2000 and, in consultation with the community, made a number of amendments to strengthen the provisions within the LEP and improve its technical operation. These amendments were adopted in September 2005 and resulted in the rezoning of a number of parcels of land to provide for limited extensions to existing medium density areas and to incorporate a review of land reserved for the purposes of public open space.

During the year Council commenced processing or continued to process amendments to Warringah LEP 2000 in the following areas:

- › Removal of the 'Unique Development Sites' provisions
- › Rezoning of the surplus NSW Government land, known as the Belrose Road Corridor, for urban purpose
- › Alignment of provisions within Warringah LEP 2000 in relation to 'seniors living' and 'rainwater tanks' with State Environmental Planning Policies
- › Creation of a new locality for the Dee Why Town Centre
- › Amendment of various anomalies throughout the local government area

Heritage

The LEP amendment 'Outstanding heritage items and heritage anomalies' was gazetted in February 2006.

This amendment expanded the list of heritage items contained in Warringah LEP 2000 and corrected anomalies in the heritage provisions.

Warringah Council established a panel of heritage experts in 2004/05 and the Heritage Advisory Panel has continued to meet during the year to consider heritage matters that arise from development assessments.

Metropolitan Strategy

In December 2005 the NSW Government released its Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney which divides the Sydney metropolitan area into ten subregions for the purposes of implementing the directions of strategy at the local government level. Warringah, together with Manly and Pittwater form the North East Subregion.

The Metropolitan Strategy establishes a new dwellings target of 17,300 and employment capacity target of 16,000 for the subregion to be delivered by 2031. Since December 2005 the Department of Planning has directed a process to develop the North East Subregional Strategy as a tool for delivering the targets and planning directions of the Metropolitan Strategy.



Brookvale Beach (Curl Curl Beach) in 1918

Development Applications

The number of development applications (DAs) remained steady throughout the year and a new DAs Online service was launched in July 2005 to allow applicants and the community to track the progress of any development application in Warringah.

Some 1,704 DAs were received in 2005/06 in comparison with 1695 in 2004/05. The number of DAs awaiting a decision at 30 June 2006 was 413, compared with 530 at the end of the 2005 financial year.

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The new online service has improved the transparency of the assessment process and allows better interaction between Council and applicants.

The DAs Online service on the website had an average of more than 8,000 hits each month this year.

IHAP

Warringah Council established an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) in 2003 to ensure independence and transparency in the assessment of contentious development applications. The Panel consists of community members and a range of suitably qualified people with expertise in law, town planning, environment, architecture and urban design.

Council also hosted an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel Joint Best Practice Workshop with Sutherland, Liverpool and Fairfield Councils in August 2005.

Mediation

Council's mediation program has been streamlined this year. Matters are no longer mediated between parties to a mutual position only to be refused or approved on technical planning grounds. Now, only disputes involving individual neighbourhood amenity are sent to mediation and this has led to a significant reduction in the number mediated.

In 2005/06 there were four mediations completed compared to 15 in the previous year. This does not include mediations rejected by applicants or deemed invalid by staff.

Dee Why Town Centre

In March 2006 Council commenced work to prepare a Public Domain Improvements Plan for the Dee Why Town Centre. This builds on the work of the Government Architect's Office by developing a greater level of detail for the design, quantification and costing of the public infrastructure and amenities that are required to enhance the town centre and to facilitate the realisation of Council's vision for Dee Why.

Developer Contributions

During 2005/06 Council developed a new plan under Section 94A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act which simplifies and adds flexibility to the collection, administration and expenditure of developer contributions. The new plan will commence in the coming year and these funds will contribute to new and expanded community facilities and open space.

Over \$2.4million in developer contributions was received from approved development applications this year. More than \$6.5 million of Section 94 funds were invested in capital development projects this year and a further \$7.9million contributed to key land acquisitions for public open space and library resources.

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Easy Access and Sharing Assets

Easy Access

Working with the community and other government agencies, Warringah Council aims to create safe, convenient and accessible transport options for the local area. Council encourages cycling, walking and public transport to reduce reliance on private vehicles.

During the year some 45 traffic calming devices were installed in the Warringah area, 3.8km of roads re-sealed with new asphalt and 1.2km of new footpaths constructed. Some 5,000m² of brick paving and streetscape improvements were completed on Pittwater Road and Dee Why Parade in Dee Why.

Easy access is a particular issue of concern for our disabled residents and visitors. Council supports the initiatives of business and community groups with the annual Access Awards to acknowledge efforts that help improve access for the community. Work commenced this year to assist people with disabilities to be able to access Council Chambers. A wheelchair accessible ramp, wheelchair seating area, tactile indicators to assist people with visual impairments and a hearing loop are features which now enable all members of the community to participate in Council meetings and other ceremonies and events in Council Chambers.

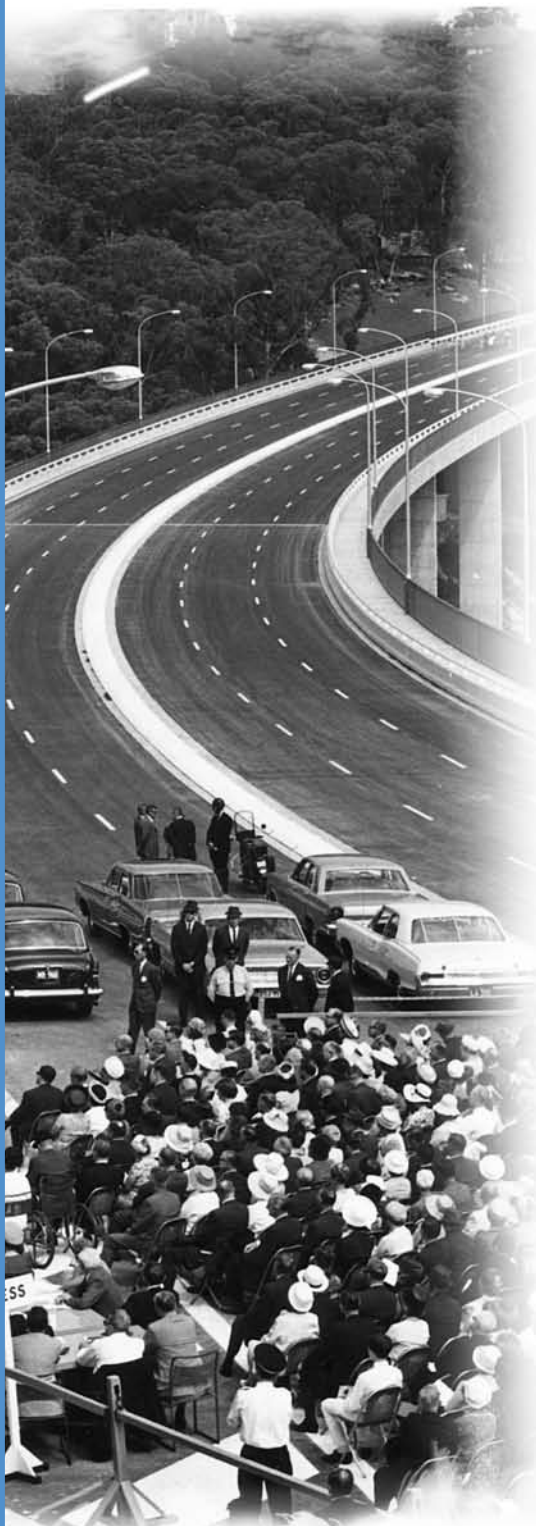
Road Safety

A number of road safety initiatives were undertaken by Warringah Council in partnership with the Roads and Traffic Authority to ensure the community has a greater understanding of safety and access issues in the area.

Our footpaths were stencilled with LOOK signs to remind pedestrians to look out for vehicles and Council actively participated in Motorcycle Awareness Week and Bike Week.

Other activities to support road safety messages included:

- › Northern Beaches Transport Information guide distributed to more than 12,000 people
- › Outside Schools, Know the Rules program with St Luke's Grammar School at Dee Why and Terrey Hills Public School
- › Safe Seat Saturday for correct fitting and adjustment of child restraints
- › Senior Road Safety Calendar
- › Senior Driver Safety Seminar
- › Senior Safety Display
- › Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers Workshops
- › Car Maintenance Workshops



Roseville Bridge Opening in 1966

Sharing Assets

Council makes a concerted effort to maintain public infrastructure that supports sustainable living. During 2005/06 a three-year asset management plan was developed to plan maintenance and future repairs for a wide range of infrastructure:

- › 244 public buildings including 24 Community Centres available for hire
- › 480 km of sealed local road pavement
- › 560 km of kerb and gutter
- › 260 km of footpath
- › 23 car parks
- › 53 road and pedestrian bridges
- › 15,000 stormwater pits
- › 440 km of stormwater pipes, culverts and channels
- › 100 gross pollutant traps
- › 20 stormwater detention basins

Council's facilities maintenance team responded to 2,823 customer work requests in addition to planned maintenance activities during 2005/06. Council's roads and drainage maintenance teams responded to 3,363 maintenance work requests during the same period. Hazard inspections were also carried out at least once in the year on all roads, footpaths, kerbs and guttering and bridges.

Infrastructure program

As well as the construction of new footpaths, streetscape improvements, road re-sealing and installation of traffic calming devices there were a number of significant infrastructure projects undertaken this year including:

- › Water bores installed at eight playing fields for irrigation
- › New toilets and change rooms at Dee Why Baths
- › Stage 5 of Brookvale Park Improvements including multiuse pathway, cricket practice wickets and landscaping
- › Disabled parking and access improvements at 16 locations in Warringah
- › Increased parking for cars with trailers and pedestrian improvements at Fisherman's Beach, Long Reef
- › Warringah Aquatic Centre upgrade of electrical supply including replacement of main switchboard
- › Brookvale Oval installation of lighting to television broadcast standards

Design program

Designs were prepared for a number of Warringah Council projects with a total construction value of \$2.2 million. These design projects included:

- › Jamieson Park multiuse pathway
- › Brookvale Park Stage 5 improvements
- › Brookvale West new local park
- › Jacka Park new playground
- › Council Chambers disabled access
- › Dee Why streetscape improvements
- › Five new footpaths
- › Fisherman's Beach parking
- › Traffic devices at 14 locations



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