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SPRING into Jazz

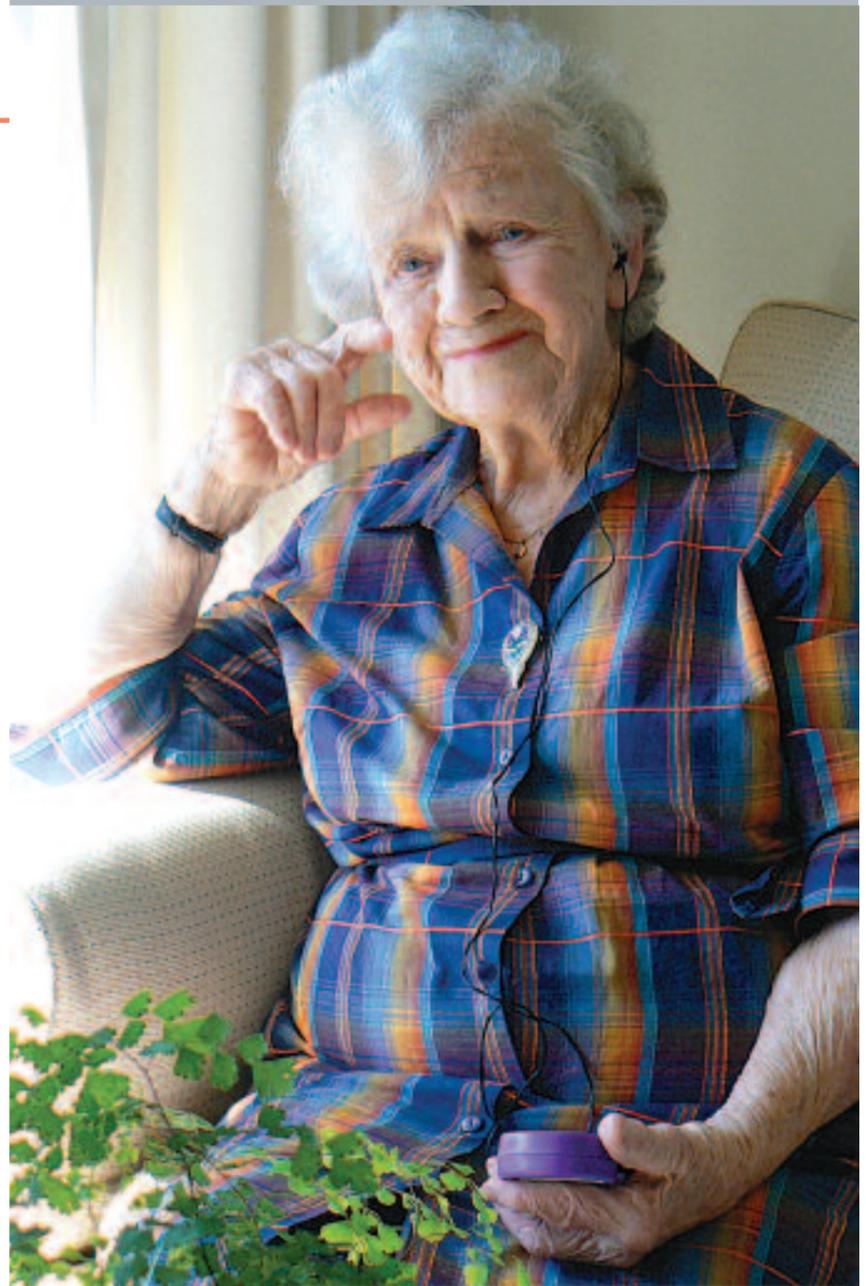
During Spring residents and visitors can enjoy a series of outdoor jazz concerts in North Sydney's parks. The Spring into Jazz series gets underway at one of North Sydney's newest parks, the former BP Parklands site at Waverton, on Sunday 10 September. There will be five concerts in all.

Council's Events Manager Jennie Devlin said the popularity of outdoor concerts in the CBD had led to the Council extending the concept to parkland areas. "It's a great way for families to welcome in the warmer weather on weekends with a picnic and some easy listening."

The Spring into Jazz concept also stems from a long-term vision for the cultural and community life of North Sydney contained in the Council's strategic plan *2020 Vision*, which was adopted earlier this year. *2020 Vision* highlights the need to connect the community through cultural events staged in North Sydney's larger parks.

"Spring into Jazz is inspired by similar events in European cities, where people come together to enjoy cultural activities in a relaxed outdoor setting," said North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery. "It's also a way of showcasing our magnificent parks to visitors."

The Spring into Jazz concert series will also incorporate other community events. The concert at Milson Park on 23 September will feature jazz in the park, plus an open day by the Sydney Flying Squadron to welcome the opening of the sailing season. For an admission fee of \$15 per person (or a special concession and family rate), the Squadron will provide two ferries – one with a jazz band on board – to see the start of the 18 footers race, along with other activities such as all-day entry to their clubhouse and restaurant at Milson Park, wine tasting and a monster seafood raffle.



Stanton Home Library customer, Mrs Marie Berry, was one of the first to trial a new type of talking book. She wrote to North Sydney News "I quickly became confident in using this light, compact, easily-handled purveyor of stories."

For more information about this innovative technology please turn to page 4.

SPRING INTO JAZZ

concerts will be held at the following locations and times:

Sunday 10 September

2pm-4pm BP Parklands, Larkin Street, Waverton

Sunday 17 September

2pm-4pm Berry Island (presented by the Sydney Jazz Club)

Saturday 23 September

1pm-5pm Milson Park, Kirribilli

Sunday 1 October

2pm-4pm St Thomas' Rest Park, West Street, Crows Nest

Sunday 8 October

2pm-4pm Cremorne Reserve, Cremorne

In the event of wet weather on the day, phone 9936 8585 for recorded information on whether the concert will take place. For more details about the Spring into Jazz series contact Jennie Devlin on 9936 8585 or visit the Council website at www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

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FROM THE MAYOR



When human resources people talk about job satisfaction they sometimes refer to hygiene factors. They're the things that make people dissatisfied with their jobs, such as poor pay or working conditions. The interesting thing about 'hygiene factors' is that while getting them wrong makes people dissatisfied, getting them right doesn't automatically equate with satisfaction. At best, hygiene factors make people neutral – actual job satisfaction comes from other things such as autonomy and achieving goals.

I think this theory applies equally well to local government. Our hygiene factors are services such as street cleaning, roads, waste and parking. If Council doesn't do these things well, then chances are you'll feel grumpy about your neighbourhood. But our getting them right, doesn't necessarily make people happy.

So what does create community satisfaction? Well natural beauty helps – and North Sydney is blessed with an abundance of that. But you only have to see the happiness and fierce pride of residents in areas with less natural beauty to know that it isn't just about a harbour view.

Good communities have that intangible X factor - community spirit. We find it in neighbourhoods where people enjoy each other's company and work together towards common goals. Community spirit crops up in all sorts of places – on the sidelines of an under 10s soccer match, at the opening of an art exhibition and among the volunteers with their sleeves rolled up weeding a bushland reserve.

Council knows that good community involves more than roads and waste services and so we support a myriad of activities that build community spirit. Some are formal Council programs, others are resident-led and inspired. You'll find examples on each page of this newsletter.

If you haven't experienced North Sydney's amazing community spirit, I urge you to participate in some of the activities included here. You may find yourself thinking about your community in a whole new way.

Genia McCaffery
Genia McCaffery
Mayor

SIX NEW PARKS created in rail corridor

Under a landmark leasing agreement between North Sydney Council and Railcorp, six areas of the North Sydney railway corridor stretching from Wollstonecraft to North Sydney are being gradually transformed into parkland. Local residents have been closely involved in the project, helping to design their own area of park and deciding what plants are to be used in the landscaping.

Six areas of railway land have been leased in Carlyle Lane, Wollstonecraft; Russell Street, Wollstonecraft; Union Street and Commodore Crescent, North Sydney; Lithgow Street, Crows Nest; Gas Works Road, Wollstonecraft and a section of Smoothery Park in Wollstonecraft.

Surveys were sent to neighbouring properties to canvas opinions on how each park should be designed. Heavy remedial work such as clearing rubble will be undertaken by the Council and then working bees organised for local residents to plant native shrubs and trees and spread mulch.

One of the biggest areas of land – the Lithgow Street site – is around 1750 square metres and the majority of adjoining residents have expressed keen interest in taking part in the planting days.

If you would like to get involved, contact Gaye Smallwood in the Council's Bushland team on 9936 8228.



JESSIE'S MESSAGE hits the streets

Council's poster competition to promote green power attracted more than 200 entries from primary and high schools across North Sydney. The winning entry was by Jessie Raupach (pictured) from the North Sydney Demonstration School, who won both the Year 3/4 category and the overall competition. Jessie won a digital camera for herself and one for her school.

Jessie's poster now adorns one of Council's garbage compactors, spreading the green power message across Sydney. Other winners included students from Neutral Bay Public, St Mary's School, North Sydney Girls High, Wenona Junior School and Council's Vacation Care.

For more information about Green Power call 1300 852 688 or visit www.greenpower.nsw.gov.au

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RESTORING A RELIC of the sea at Balls Head

An eclectic band of volunteers are dedicating their time to restoring a piece of Australia's maritime heritage – the MV Cape Don, moored off Balls Head at Waverton.

The MV Cape Don was originally built in 1963 as a coastal freighter and was one of the last vessels to service manned lighthouses along the eastern seaboard. Mothballed in the late 1980s, the ship was impounded by the State Government and left to languish at Balls Head where she seemed destined for the scrapheap. Enter the MV Cape Don Society, a group of maritime enthusiasts who bought the ship in 2003 and immediately set about restoring it.

North Sydney Council is helping the Society with its restoration work by providing ship to shore power connections and other assistance. The Council hopes that ultimately the ship will become a floating maritime museum, as part of the overall plans for the Coal Loader site at Balls Head.

In the meantime work continues on restoring the Cape Don, with the Society keen to hear from volunteers with trade skills such as carpentry or boiler-making, or from donors who'd like to see the work continue. "She really is a wonderful ship, with the sort of graceful lines and features such as teak fittings that you just don't see in most modern vessels," said Society President Derek Emerson-Elliott.



You can find out more about the MV Cape Don by visiting the Society's website at www.mvcapedonsociety.org.au or by contacting the Shipkeeper Tim Elderton on 0429 140 654. The volunteers have regular working bees at weekends – check out the *What's On* calendar on page 8 for dates coming up.

Native garden at SCECGS

Our Native Havens program supports residents and groups to establish a garden that will provide habitat for native fauna. SCECGS Redlands joined the program and established a native garden.

This report is by Year 4 student Reiko Makita (pictured third from left in centre row)

Since February 2004 I've been a member of my school's Environmental Science Group. We wanted to plant some native plants in the school grounds as a project, but before we started we needed to decide what plants to grow, what kinds of animals we wanted to come to our plants, where each plant would grow well and how tall it would grow. We also had to plan where we should plant, measure and map the area, and get the plants!

We took lots of time and voted on most of the decisions. North Sydney Council gave us advice and donated most of our plants. Towards the end of 2004 we entered North Sydney Council's Garden Competition for the Best Children's Garden. The competition judge came to see how we work and make decisions and took a photo of us and the garden.

Half-way through 2005 we got a message that we won the Best Children's Garden Award and got a trophy. It was great! Later that year we applied for one of the North Sydney Council's Eco-schools Grants for other improvements to our native garden and also our veggie patch behind the canteen. We ended up getting a \$1500 grant!

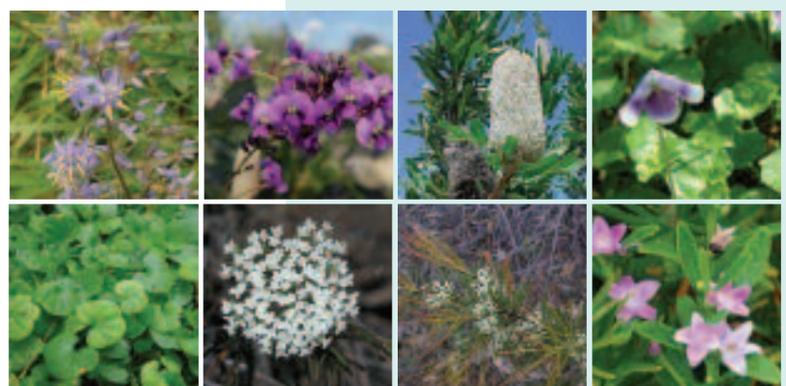
When school started this year, we put down some mulch on the path to keep it clear of weeds and keep the ground moist. We put some chicken poo down first because the bark mulch takes nutrients out of the ground. My friend Emelia brought in some logs so we could outline our path and hold the bark in.

Now, it looks wonderful and we have enjoyed looking after our lovely friends, 'the plants'. I'm looking forward to seeing our garden next year.



Native Plants in the Redlands Garden

Top row L-R: Flax Lily (*Dianella caerulea*); Hardenbergia (*Hardenbergia violacea*); Old Man Banksia (*Banksia serrata*); Native Violet (*Viola hederanacea*); **Bottom row L-R:** Tom Thumb (*Dichondra repens*); Native Parsnip (*Platysace lanceolata*); Bushy Needlebush (*Hakea sericea*); Crowea (*Crowea saligna*).



Bringing people together at our

Where in North Sydney can you get a nutritious hot meal, learn a new craft, hold a party, get legal advice and buy fresh produce or fabulous jewellery? A community centre probably isn't the first place that springs to mind. But yes, you can do all that and more at one of North Sydney's nine community centres.



Community centres provide key support services in most Council areas, but increasingly they are widening their traditional service role, from childcare and meals to elderly residents, to include more entrepreneurial activities such as running successful art and craft markets.

As Martin Ellis, Council's Director of Community and Library Services, explains, the changes are a response to people's increasing longing for a sense of community. "Many people lead such busy fragmented lives, but there is still that hankering for a communal place where they can come together and share something, whether it's a hot meal, learning a hobby or wandering through an art and craft market."

North Sydney Council spends more than \$500,000 on its

community centres and their activities each year. This year, the Council also built a lift and renovated facilities at the Kirribilli

Neighbourhood Centre and spent \$2.7 million on a new North Sydney Community Centre building.

The new centre is located at 220 Miller Street, at the rear of Civic Park and has been purpose-built to reflect the range of activities residents now expect from their community centres. The eco-friendly building includes four large activity rooms, an art and craft room and a computer training room.

Classes and hobbies make up one part of the North Sydney Community Centre's activities. Two local markets – the Northside Produce Market and North Sydney Market – are managed and coordinated by Centre staff, many of whom are volunteers. Centre Director Susan Kennett says the markets have really taken off in popularity over the past few years. "The Northside Produce Market in particular is very popular, with the new-found interest people have in fresh food and organic produce."

Another community centre that is taking full advantage of the boom in local markets is the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre. KNC runs two markets at the nearby Broughton Street Tunnel and Bradfield Park in Milsons Point – the Kirribilli Market, a traditional market for everything from produce to clothing, and the new Kirribilli Art & Design Market, which is largely devoted to artisans with artworks, fashion, jewellery and crafts.

Coordinator of the Art & Design Market Bronwyn Clarke said the market attracted around 2000 visitors each month. "The community feedback has been very positive, with people especially commenting on the quality of work on offer."

NEW TECHNOLOGY for talking books

Stanton Library has trialed a new type of talking book – and the technology has been eagerly taken up by vision-impaired readers in North Sydney.

The device, which looks and operates like a remote control, can download four to five books at a time. According to Library Manager Helen Sutherland, there are several advantages to the new system.

"Although talking books are now available on CDs, our vision-impaired readers – particularly our older residents – have difficulty using CDs and prefer to use cassettes.

"This was not ideal from our point of view, because fewer titles are being released on cassette and their maintenance costs are higher.

"The Audio Read Navigator is as easy to use as a tape cassette, but requires far less maintenance and has the added advantage that we can deliver several books on the one device. Another advantage is that we can download the latest bestseller on to all the devices so

that people don't have to wait for a book to be available."

The Australian Macular Foundation donated five Navigators to Stanton and Council purchased a further 10. Unfortunately, at \$500 per unit, the Library is unable to buy as many as they would like.

"Ideally, we'd like to see more libraries take up the device so the purchase price drops. Then we could buy more of them. At the moment we can hardly keep up with the demand."

Helen said while North Sydney residents can borrow a Navigator through the Home Library Service, it is also possible to purchase a unit. Individuals who buy their own Audio Read device can either download books at Stanton Library or take a personal subscription to journals, newspapers and books.

Stanton's home library service delivers Navigators as well as reading material in other formats. To be eligible for the home service, borrowers must be North Sydney residents and have a medical condition that prevents them from visiting the library. For more information, contact Stanton Library on 9936 8400.



COMMUNITY

Despite branching out into markets and offering countless self-improvement classes, North Sydney's community centres haven't forgotten their traditional role of service to the community. Martin Ellis says the centres provide an important meeting place for the elderly, non-English speaking migrants and residents who just need companionship, plus a range of childcare services such as playgroups and vacation care.

"Although all our centres want to provide services for a broad cross-section of the community, they have not lost sight of the special needs of our more vulnerable residents. They also recognise that, no matter how successful someone is, there may be times when they feel isolated and need community support, for example, when someone first retires, has a baby, loses a life partner or migrates to Australia. If they can be a bridge at those critical moments, when people need extra support, then they are doing a good job."

Mayor Genia McCaffery is positive about the future of North Sydney's community centres. "They fill the need for all kinds of community-based care and services in a way that is unique. I can't think of any other organisation that brings so many different people together to share so many different activities."



CENTRES

Coming up at your
community centres

North Sydney Community Centre

11 Nov Showcasing Sustainability Expo & Open Day – 9am-3pm. Tips for your home. Plus the chance to see classes in action and courses on offer at the Centre.

Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre

Creating Wellbeing workshops – Art, sculpture and pottery classes for people recovering from or living with a mental illness, under the direction of guest artists.

11, 25 August and 8 September: Creative Line Animation

15, 22, 29 September, 6, 27 October, 1 December: Potting with Pim

Crows Nest Centre

7 Sept Join our Multicultural Women's Group for a visit to an alpaca farm at Windsor, including a BBQ lunch. \$35 per person.
For bookings phone 9439 5122

14 & 15 Oct Art Exhibition to mark Refugee Week 9am to 5pm by artists from the Art for Humanity group. On Sunday join us at the Crows Nest Fair for entertainment, cakes and a cuppa or just a chat about our services.

7 Nov Melbourne Cup Lunch. Lunch between 12.15pm and 1.30pm, followed by afternoon tea while you watch the race! Lunch - \$22 pp, afternoon tea \$6 pp. For bookings phone 9439 5122

McMahons Point Community Centre

Every Friday from 15 Sept, 10am-12pm. Current affairs discussion group. To book contact 9929 0729

Every Thursday from 14 Sept, 2pm-4pm. Learn the beautiful art of Chinese calligraphy. To book contact 9411 8501

North Sydney's community centres at a glance

- Crows Nest Centre, 2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest. 9439 5122 or www.crowsnestcentre.com Offers services mainly for residents with a disability, new migrants, seniors and carers.
- Forsyth Park Community Centre, Forsyth Park, Montpelier St, Neutral Bay 9936 8200. Childcare and playgroups, plus rooms for hire.
- Kendall Community Centre, Green Park, Warwick Ave, Cammeray 9936 8200. Childcare and playgroups, plus rooms for hire
- Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre 16-18 Fitzroy St Kirribilli 9922 4428 or www.kncsydney.org Classes, childcare, counselling services plus two local markets.
- McMahons Point Community Centre, 165 Blues Point Rd, Blues Point. Activities include film appreciation evenings, rooms for hire, childcare and University of the Third Age courses.
- Neutral Bay Community Centre, 190-192 Military Rd, Neutral Bay 9953 6447 or www.geocities.com/nbaycom Activities mainly aimed at seniors, plus rooms for hire.
- North Sydney Community Centre, 220 Miller St, North Sydney 9922 2299 or www.northsydneycentre.com.au Activities include adult education and workshops, childcare, music and movement for preschoolers, art and craft workshops, rooms for hire, plus two local markets.
- Planet X Youth Centre, Music Shell, St Leonards Park, Miller St, North Sydney. 9959 5537. Activities include photography, video filming, pool tables, computing plus short-term referral and counselling services.
- Primrose Park Art & Craft Centre, Matora Lane, Primrose Park (off Young Street) Cremorne or www.primrose-park.com.au Art and craft activities including bookbinding, papermaking, mixed media, calligraphy, photography and exhibitions.

For more information about hiring a community centre visit www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/community or phone 9936 8200.

COUNCIL & PRECINCTS work together on review

The Council and precinct committees have joined forces to undertake a review of the precinct model to see if improvements can be made. The review comes as a result of falling attendances at precinct meetings and fewer residents coming forward to participate in the committees.

Mayor Genia McCaffery said the review was timely as 26 years had passed since the precinct committee structure in North Sydney was first set up.

"When the precincts were first introduced, people didn't have the time pressures that they do now. We believe part of the reason participation is falling away is the lack of free time for voluntary work and the review should come up with suggestions for managing this.

"North Sydney Council values and is committed to open government. We know that consultation produces the best results for our community so we want to hear how we can make it easier for you to participate."

The review is being carried out by an independent consultant with specialist skills in community participation. It will involve all stakeholders with an active interest in precincts - including councillors, residents, committee office-bearers and council staff - through a series of focus groups.

The review's findings and recommendations are due for completion by the end of October, after which they will be reported to Council.

meet the neighbours at HAYBERRY'S GIANT GARAGE SALE

Hayberry Precinct is organising a Giant Sale and Recycling Day on Saturday 14 October to encourage the spirit of good neighbourliness and introduce residents to the precinct committee.

Organiser and Precinct Chair Jane Greenop (pictured) said the committee came up with the idea as a way to promote the Hayberry precinct, which covers Falcon, West and Alexander Streets in Crows Nest, along with Pacific Highway up to the Union Hotel, plus Miller and Ridge Streets in North Sydney. "We have a mixed group of residents living in the area, some of whom are in units and some living in detached homes," said Jane. "We wanted to bring them together and this is an ideal way to do it."



The Giant Sale will run from 7.30am to 1pm and will be followed by a community BBQ at Civic Park for all those taking part. North Sydney Council is funding the cost of advertising the Giant Sale, which means residents can enter the sale for free. "The local schools are also getting behind it, with the Grandstand Kindergarten at North Sydney Oval having an Open Day," Jane said.

Residents within the Hayberry Precinct who want to register their interest should contact Jane Greenop on 0405 445 239. Details of the sale are also available on the precinct website at www.hayberry.org

HAYES STREET PARTY the success continues...

The incredible success and growing popularity of the Hayes Precinct Street Party continues. The sixth Hayes Street Party will be held on Sunday, 5 November, from 2pm to 7pm.

The Hayes Street Party program this year will again be filled with free entertainment of live music and performances including belly dancing, traditional Laotian dancing, flamenco and modern dance demonstrations, as well as presentations by local artistic identities. There will be food, drink, face painting, a jumping castle and a miniature animal farm for the kids, friendly people and loads of fun for the family.

Organised by the Hayes Precinct with assistance and support from local residents, Council and businesses, this is a celebration of the local area and its community and is based around the Hayes Street Ferry area and encompassing the Hayes and Kurraba Precincts. Hayes Street south of Lower Wycombe Road will be closed from 1pm.

For more information, please contact Stephen Barbour on 0411 105 760 or email projects@barbourfilms.com.au



President's Message

THE NORTHERN SYDNEY Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) is comprised of seven councils (Hunter's Hill, North Sydney, Willoughby, Ku-ring-gai, Ryde, Hornsby and Lane Cove) in the northern part of Sydney which have voluntarily come together to address regional issues, work co-operatively for the benefit of the region, and advocate on agreed regional positions and priorities.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information about a few of our joint initiatives as part of our undertaking to work strategically as a local government alliance for the benefit of our communities.

NSROC is guided by a Board made up of councillors from each of the seven member councils which meet regularly to discuss matters of regional importance and set regional priorities. The seven member councils also work collectively through NSROC on a range of regional initiatives aimed at improving the way local government does business. All this helps ensure that the region is managed appropriately and sustainably, and that the unique economic, lifestyle and environmental attributes of the region are recognised by all spheres of government.

The Northern Sydney region is home to some of the most beautiful locations in Australia and, at the same time, is a significant contributor to the economy of the nation. As a long term resident



Pat Reilly
Mayor of Willoughby Council
President of NSROC

in this part of the world, I recognise how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful place to live, work and play. Such an important region requires careful management and strong leadership to ensure that the many assets that make the region so attractive and vibrant are managed sustainably for future generations. Councils working together under the NSROC umbrella helps make this happen.




Councils band together to save environment

THE DAMAGE CAUSED by clearing bushland, the destabilisation of water sources, the spread of feral animals and noxious weeds, climate change and general pollution is threatening to destroy the unique natural heritage of northern Sydney.

Providing effective environmental management to such a large and disparate region is challenging. However, the combined councils of northern Sydney work appreciably hard on environmental restoration and improvement.

In addition, every NSW council is required to produce an annual State of the Environment (SOE) report to analyse the health and success of, or need for, specific environmental programs. For the first time in 2005, northern Sydney councils banded together to produce a regional SOE report.

As president of the LGA and Mayor of North Sydney, Genia McCaffery is a great advocate of the regional report, which is incorporated in council management plans.

"Although our region has some of the most beautiful natural environments in Sydney, ongoing population growth with urban consolidation is placing our environmental heritage under unprecedented pressure. A regional strategy to ensure it's not lost or irreparably damaged is critical to its survival. Ecosystems are intrinsically linked and to tackle these issues effectively we need to analyse them at a Catchment level", Cllr McCaffery said.

As well as measuring water and air quality, climate change, flora and fauna protection, pollution levels, traffic, waste management and energy consumption, northern Sydney councils work closely with their communities in their efforts toward environmental sustainability.

At no time in the history of any of the NSROC councils has the challenge of sustainability been more dramatic and compelling. Contact your council today to join in the effort of promoting and improving the region's environmental sustainability.

Sydney's North 2030 – a bold initiative for economic development

HORNSBY, HUNTERS HILL, KU-RING-GAI, LANE COVE, NORTH SYDNEY, RYDE and WILLOUGHBY Councils are working together to create sustainable economic development opportunities in Northern Sydney. As part of this commitment, a cross-section of business, government, education and community leaders came together in March for two days to talk about their vision for the region and develop a strategic plan.

Hornsby Mayor Nick Berman said the forum showed the region was taking responsibility for itself rather than relying on the State Government.

"We are the northern gateway to Sydney, making us ideally placed to play a significant role in investment growth opportunities in the Greater Sydney region. Conveniently located along the

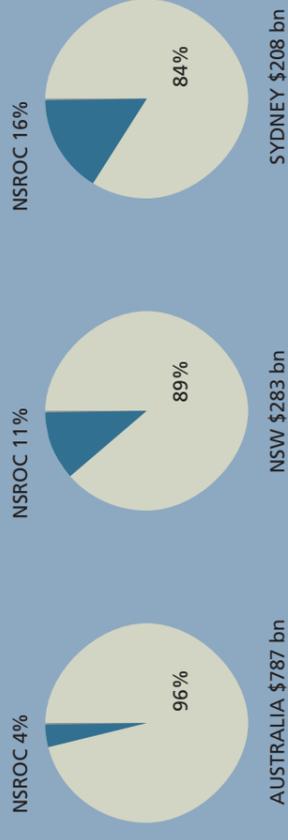
region's key rail and road networks, we can give employers access to a skilled local labour force, as well as workers from across Sydney," he said.

The Northern Sydney region is a valuable part of the NSW economy. The annual economic output of the region is estimated to amount to about \$32 bn – around 16 per cent of the output for Greater Sydney and 11 per cent of NSW. Jobs in the area are centred on service provision, knowledge industries, property, and business. Retail and wholesale trade, finance and insurance, health and education are important to the economic



NORTHERN SYDNEY COUNCILS are working together to develop a 30-year strategy to meet the region's needs for housing, infrastructure, jobs and commercial activity. The Northern Sydney Sub-Regional Planning Strategy will give councils a region-wide perspective in planning for increased population and development and will help northern Sydney get the right long-term balance of

Economic Contribution of NSROC by Region 2004



base of the NSROC region and are showing sustained employment growth. The workforce in the NSROC region is highly skilled. More than 30 per cent of the population over 15 hold a tertiary level qualification – well ahead of Sydney and the state as a whole.

"NSROC councils have a diverse range of economic activity centres which provide for a wide choice of investment opportunities. All NSROC councils are looking forward to working with other groups to create economic development opportunities throughout Northern Sydney," Nick Berman concluded.

population, dwellings, jobs, transport and community services.

Detailed planning is needed to cater for the expected rises in population across northern Sydney. The region contains sensitive natural areas, ageing infrastructure and established suburbs but is also home to a large part of the economic powerhouse of Sydney known as the global arc of business stretching from the Airport through North Sydney and Chatswood to Macquarie Park.

Estimates show in the next 30 years, the number of people in the northern region will rise by 18 per cent to 601,000; dwellings will rise by 31 per cent; and the number of jobs will increase by 35 per cent. Councils need to work closely with each other and the State Government to plan for this growth and ensure development occurs in an environmentally sustainable way. The strategy which will assist NSROC

in putting forwards its position on the State Government's Metropolitan Strategy, will also guide councils in zoning land and developing new local plans.

Our residents and businesses will be consulted about these plans as they unfold, taking into account how each plan fits into the bigger picture.

- Key issues to be addressed include:
- * Infrastructure development in areas such as roads, public transport, health services, sewage and electricity.
 - * The future of Hornsby, Chatswood, St Leonards and North Sydney as key regional centres
 - * Impacts of transport projects such as the Lane Cove Tunnel, the M2-F3 link, the Parramatta to Chatswood and Rouse Hill to Epping rail links and strategic bus corridors
 - * The role of Macquarie Park as a major new employment and business destination

Northern Sydney Sub-regional Planning Strategy

HORNSBY Mayor Berman Councillor Delegate Felicity Findlay	HUNTERS HILL Mayor Hoopman Councillor Delegate Ross Sherrin	KU-RING-GAI Mayor Malicki Councillor Delegate Ian Cross	LANE COVE Mayor Longbottom Councillor Delegate Rod Judge	NORTH SYDNEY Mayor McCaffery Councillor Delegate Nick Ritten	RYDE Mayor Petch Councillor Delegate Edna Wilde	WILLOUGHBY Mayor Reilly Councillor Delegate Terry Fogarty
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For more information on NSROC go to www.nsroc.org or contact your local council.

WHAT'S ON

In North Sydney in Spring

Arts/Music/Literature

- Sept- Oct Spring into Jazz – a series of outdoor concerts at outdoor locations 9936 8585
- 1-22 Sept Performing Arts Challenge, Crows Nest Performing Arts Centre 9261 8366
- 3-4 Sept Page to Stage Young Dramatists – young people perform plays at the Ensemble Theatre 9344 6543
- 16-24 Sept History Week - visit www.historycouncilnsw.org.au for details of all events 9936 8400
- 17 Sept Playreading *Kid Stakes* Independent Theatre
- 29 Oct Playreading *Same Time Next Year* Independent Theatre 9955 6455
- 11-19 Nov Exhibition of handmade quilts from around the world, Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council Chambers, Miller Street 9936 8187
- 20 Nov – Jan Exhibition of artistic book binding, Stanton Library 9936 8400
- 23 Nov – March Exhibition of Australian quilts *From Mother to Daughter*, Heritage Centre 9936 8400
- 8 Dec North Sydney Community Carols, Civic Park, Miller Street North Sydney 9936 8187

Museums & other places of interest

- Sextons Cottage Museum & St Thomas' Rest Park** Site of the first burial ground on the North Shore 9957 1557
- North Sydney Heritage Centre** A new centre at Stanton Library dedicated to research and collections of North Sydney's early history 9936 8400
- Nutcote** Home of children's author & illustrator May Gibbs, 5 Wallaringa Avenue, Neutral Bay 9953 4453
- Don Bank Museum** The oldest wooden house in North Sydney, 6 Napier Street, North Sydney 9936 8400
- Mary McKillop Place** Tombsite and museum dedicated to the life of Mary McKillop 7 Mount Street, North Sydney 8912 4878 or www.marymckillopplace.org.au

Bushcare

- 24 Oct 7pm-9pm Community plant nursery and eco-garden The Cove Room, Civic Centre, Lane Cove Council, 48 Longueville Road, Lane Cove. RSVP 9911 3579
- 7 Nov 7pm-9pm What frog is that? Hunters Hill Community Centre, 44 Gladesville Road, Hunters Hill. RSVP 9879 9439

Markets

- 2nd Sat every month **North Sydney Markets**, Civic Park, Miller Street North Sydney 9922 2286
- 3rd Sat every month **Northside Produce Market**, Civic Park 9922 2299
- 3rd Sat every month **Crows Nest Markets**, 2 Ernest Place Crows Nest 0412 210 084
- 4th Sat every month **Kirribilli Markets**, Burton Street Tunnel and Bradfield Park Milsons Point 9922 4428
- 2nd Sun every month **Kirribilli Art & Design Markets**, Burton Street Tunnel Milsons Point 9922 4428
- Every Friday starting November 5pm-10pm **Noodle Market**, Civic Park 0412 335 660
- 15 Oct **Crows Nest Fair**, Willoughby Road Crows Nest 9439 8220
- 22 Oct **Neutral Bay Fair**, Rangers Road Neutral Bay 9953 0133

Community Events

- 1 Sept-31 Oct 150 years of Catholic life and worship on the Lower North Shore – exhibition, North Sydney Heritage Centre at Stanton Library 9936 8400
- 10 Oct Refugee Week event, Crows Nest Centre 9439 5122
- 28 Oct North Sydney Children's Festival, Civic Park, Miller Street North Sydney 9936 8187
- 3 Nov Noodle Market returns with opening concert, Civic Park 9936 8187
- 7 Nov Melbourne Cup afternoon tea, Crows Nest Centre 9439 5122
- MV Cape Don working bee for volunteers, Balls Head Waverton 0429 140 654, 16-17 Sept, 30 Sep – 1 Oct, 14-15 Oct, 28-29 Oct, 11- 12 Nov, and 25-26 Nov.
- McMahons Point Film Society Classic Films 9371 7295, 1 Sep, 6 Oct, 3 Nov
- Jazz Club Picnics Berry Island 9798 7294 www.sydnejjazzclub.com 22 Oct, 19 Nov.
- Exhibitions Primrose Park Gallery
- Native Expressions – Tony Sorby 29 Sep – 2 Oct
- Dying for Colour – Primrose Paperworks 21 – 29 Oct
- Impressions of Colour – Sandy Shilansky 18 – 22 Nov

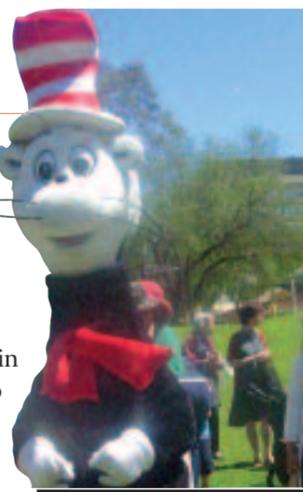
WANTED 19th Century Quilts

The North Sydney Heritage Centre is running an exhibition of historic Australian quilts in November. The curators are interested in information about quilts made on the North Shore before 1950. In particular, they are keen to find information on quilts or related items from the North Shore Pioneer Industrial Exhibition, which was held at St Leonards Public School in Blue Street, North Sydney in 1886. Among the exhibits were a number of patchwork and knitted quilts made by women from the district and displayed in the 'Ladies Court'.

If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Sue Shaw, shasus@northsydney.nsw.gov.au or phone: 9936 8413.

THE CAT comes back

Council's free Children's Festival will be held on Saturday 28 October from 10am to 2pm in Civic Park, adjacent to Stanton Library. The theme this year is Let's Get Active – a Time to Play. Activities include face painting, art and craft, games and sports. The North Sydney Girls' High School Band, All Stars Dancers, the NSW Police Band, Starstruck Karaoke, KICK Performing Arts and special guest The Cat in the Hat will provide the entertainment. Children will be invited to learn some amazing tricks with hoops in the Go Seek Hoopshops. Local community groups are welcome to apply to have a fund-raising stall at the event. For more information phone 9936 8187.



LAST CALL for Garden Competition entries

All finalists in this year's garden competition will go into the draw to win the major prize of a weekend for two at the luxurious Tallawanta Lodge at the foothills of the Brokenback Ranges and two passes to the spectacular Hunter Valley Gardens.

The six award categories are: • Most Beautiful Garden • Most Beautiful Balcony/Courtyard • Most Bush Friendly Garden • Most Beautiful Commercial Garden • The Lex and Ruby Graham Prize for the Most Beautiful Public Area Maintained by Residents • Best Children's Garden

North Sydney Council's 2006 garden competition is open to all residents in the North Sydney local government area – but only until 15 September. Entry forms are available on Council's website www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au and at the Council's Customer Service Centre, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney, Ph: 9936 8100.

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