



# Welcome

SHOROC is pleased to present the first edition of our Newsletter.

We will use this opportunity to showcase our achievements and inform you of our work in progress.

Four issues will be produced each year and we will continue to profile regional issues, our projects and our people, allowing for broader information sharing and discussion.

In this edition we're launching our new SHOROC logo, created by Renelt Belic Design, Mona Vale. The four elements of the design depict our coastal location, our bushland, the urban environment and our strong sense of community.

We welcome your comments on the content and ideas for future editions. Please forward to SHOROC at: [secretariat@shoroc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:secretariat@shoroc.nsw.gov.au).



Pictured above Front L to R: Cr Peter Macdonald, Mayor of Manly; Cr Lynne Czinner, Mayor of Pittwater; Cr Shirley Jenkins, Mayor of Mosman; Back L to R: Mr Dick Persson, Warringah Administrator and Mr Ken Kanofski, CEO Waste Service NSW.

## Signing of Waste Service Agreement

Waste Service NSW and the four SHOROC councils - Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah - have completed a ten-year waste treatment agreement for the disposal of domestic putrescible waste at the Waste Service NSW facility at Belrose. This provides some surety for Councils in disposing of approximately 55,000 tonnes of household putrescible waste collected in the SHOROC region each year.

In the longer term, SHOROC is looking towards the introduction of an environmentally sustainable Alternative Waste Technology (AWT) treatment process within the region.

SHOROC is evaluating a number of operations and representatives recently toured the Global Renewables UR-3R treatment plant at Eastern Creek and facilities in New Zealand, including an operation in Wellington which is managed by Living Earth Green Waste Composting and a Vertical Composting Unit (VCU) in Auckland.

SHOROC recognises that burying putrescible waste in landfills is no longer an appropriate long-term solution and, building on the excellent work that Kimbriki has undertaken, wishes to maximise the benefits in terms of processing, recycling and reuse of recovered resources.

### STOP PRESS

#### Angus Gordon Resigns

Pittwater General Manager Angus Gordon has announced his resignation. He is leaving for health reasons and has negotiated to end his contract on May 1 after nine years service to Pittwater Council.



During this time Angus has made a valuable contribution to the work of SHOROC, as a member of the Executive Committee and in recent times as the champion of our Planning Portfolio. His ability to make things happen and to influence the goings on in the corridors of power will be missed.

We wish Angus and his family best wishes for the future and hope the SHOROC community remains part of that.



## Launch of the Smoke Free Councils Campaign at the commencement of Summer 2005



Pictured L to R: Cr Andrew Brown, Deputy-Mayor of Mosman; Cr Barbara Aird, Manly; Cr Lynne Czinner, Mayor of Pittwater; Mr Dick Person, Warringah Administrator; Dr Andrew Penman, CEO Cancer Council of NSW; Cr Shirley Jenkins, Mayor of Mosman; and Cr Dr Peter Macdonald, Mayor of Manly.

Since the launch of the Smoke Free Zones campaign, Councils have adopted various strategies to ban smoking in specific areas within each local government area. Our professional officers working group will be meeting soon to discuss the progress of this campaign.

### SHOROC Cycleways Mapping Project

The Transport working group is considering a proposal to map our existing cycleways so that we can identify gaps in our regional network. This information will be used to inform residents of the preferred cycle routes connecting home to regional transport nodes, commercial centres and attractions.



### SHOROC Chair Term Extended

**Councillor Dr Peter Macdonald (Mayor of Manly)** will continue in his role as SHOROC Chair during 2005. The work he commenced last year in strengthening partnerships with key government and community leaders will continue to be an important focus for SHOROC during the coming months. Cr Macdonald previously served three terms on Manly Council and was Deputy Mayor from 1995 to 1996 and also represented Manly in the NSW State Parliament for eight years.

Dr Macdonald has recently spent time working as a doctor in Iran, East Timor and Papua New Guinea and operates a general practice in Manly.

## IN BRIEF...

### SHOROC Health Services Planning

Dr Stephen Christley, CEO Northern Sydney Central Coast Health, has been invited to our next Executive Committee Meeting to discuss how local government can have meaningful input into future planning for the delivery of health services in this region.

### Metro Strategy Update

During February the DIPNR Metro Strategy team presented the progress of the Strategy development to the SHOROC Executive Committee and Senior Professional Planners.

At the request of the Executive, the Metro Team will return to our region on Tuesday evening 15 March 2005 to present to a broader audience including our elected members. Invitations will be forwarded in early March 2005.

### SHOROC Regional Planning Strategy

From all the Metro Strategy discussions over the past few months, what is emerging is the need for SHOROC to develop a 'Regional Planning Strategy' which recognises the differences between our four Councils, identifies the potential for future development (residential, industrial and commercial), and considers infrastructure as a constraint to further development.

# SHOROC TRANSPORT POLICY



The SHOROC region has major transport shortcomings in comparison with other parts of the Greater Metropolitan Region. It is physically separated by topographical constraints and waterways, has no rail transport system and relies exclusively on just three major gateways linking the region to other parts of Sydney.

The three main access points are the Spit Bridge, Roseville Bridge and Mona Vale Road. The Spit and Roseville Bridge routes, and to a lesser extent Mona Vale Road, have a long history of capacity problems resulting in traffic delays and congestion, particularly during the peak period.

The region also has a growing population of over 270,000 with a strong sense of community and identity associated with the beach, coastal waterways and the bush. It is imperative that any future transport system does not negatively impact on the area's unique character.

The SHOROC Transport Policy was developed in consultation with the State agencies and transport providers to ensure an encompassing vision for the future provision of transport infrastructure and services in the SHOROC region.

Future transport improvements must ensure good levels of access to urban activities in an equitable manner; while protecting and improving the quality of the urban environment.

SHOROC supports an integrated approach to resolving our traffic and transport issues and developing sustainable solutions.

## CALLS FOR INTEGRATED REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLANNING...

DIPNR has requested we draft a 'Partnership Agreement' to guide transport planning in the SHOROC region. This Agreement will also address the need to work with our NSROC neighbour in identifying the transport constraints of the Northern Sydney Region.

With a commitment from the State Government to work with SHOROC, NSROC and the key transport providers in this region, we believe that we can achieve sustainable outcomes by:

### ***Improving the efficiency, attractiveness and relevance of public transport***

- Introduction of express bus services along major transport corridors
- Dedicated bus/transit lanes
- Frequent bus services linking strategic Park'n'Ride facilities
- Improvements to modal change between bus services and ferry services
- Address on time running, comfort and safety issues

### ***Improving efficiency of existing road system***

- Strategic Transport Corridor Management
- Intersection upgrades

### ***Expanding water based transport options***

Transport constraints will impact future development in this region and, through the Partnership Agreement, SHOROC is seeking a commitment from the State Government to work with us in planning and funding priority projects.



## 'Fare Go' for Warriewood Park'n'Ride

**We** applaud this initiative and State Government funding of \$570,000. However, this facility just isn't working because agencies are not communicating with each other!

There are two issues. Firstly, express buses do not commence at the new Park'n'Ride site or at least stop here on their way to and from Mona Vale. Commuters must now use regular services where seats are rarely available for the entire trip, a factor that discourages customers, especially in peak hours. STA have promised to review this if there are sufficient customers; however, they may have difficulty attracting new customers if the service offered is inferior.

Secondly, the cost of a weekly ticket from this site is significantly dearer than from the bus stop about one kilometre away (North Narrabeen) due to a section change. This perpetuates parking problems at the other site, long bus queues and slow boarding.

While the Manager of Mona Vale Depot has requested an administrative adjustment to fares to overcome this problem, he has had no response.

Pittwater Council, in conjunction with the Ministry of Transport, the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Natural Resources and State Transit, officially opened the new Warriewood Park 'n' Ride on 8th December 2004.

The new Warriewood facility is located at Pittwater Park, North Narrabeen, with entry points from Pittwater Road (if traveling south) and Walsh Street. This complements the existing Park 'n' Ride at Kitchener Park, Mona Vale.

# Youth R.I.S.C. Project

Community consultations for the development of Crime Prevention Plans and Social Plans across the SHOROC region revealed that anti-social behaviour, malicious damage (vandalism), drug and alcohol related crime, violence, drink driving and the fear of crime are priority issues in planning for safer communities, particularly with our young people in mind. The contributing factors to these crimes are limited access to late night transport, which is a major issue in addressing the degree of the alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour. There is also limited alternative youth entertainment held on a regular basis in 'safe' venues within the region.

The SHOROC Safe Communities Steering Committee is developing a concept to coordinate youth entertainment linked to late night transport options; and an education component that will provide young people with strategies to reduce their risk of becoming involved in crime or becoming a victim of crime.

We are seeking funding through the National Community Crime Prevention Programme.

## Regional Demographics

The State of the Economy Report: A Working Document, is a compilation of regional statistics and is available for free downloading on the SHOROC website. SHOROC is currently considering purchasing a software product that will improve our understanding of regional demographics and emerging trends

## SHOROC Seeking Increased Numbers of Quality Child Care Places

The subject of child care has become a national issue. In the SHOROC region there is still much to do in meeting needs, particularly in the 0 to 2 year old area; and understanding key industry demand for child care, noting that many employees work outside normal office hours, for example in the essential services areas of health and police, also transport and hospitality. There is also a need to highlight the important role of existing services in the region particularly in Family Day Care and Occasional Child Care.

The SHOROC Child Care Project group, convened by Kay Clarke, Director Community Development, Mosman, is working towards increasing the number of quality child care places in our region. There are some matters that Councils can address quickly, some partnership and administrative matters that need to be managed, and some specific Family Day Care issues that are relevant and can be addressed within the parameters of this project.

Much has already been achieved including the early mapping exercise that resulted in changes to Pittwater Council LEP to include 6A Zones (schools, hospitals etc) as permissible zones for child care centres in the future. Mosman is also reviewing permissible use zones for child care centres within their LEP.

Draft guidelines "How to Set Up a Child Care Centre" written by Danielle Dunford (formerly Pittwater now Mosman Council) have been reviewed and two additional sections, "Who can Operate a Child Care Centre" and "Making Changes to an Existing Child Care Centre", have been incorporated.

**The SHOROC website carries a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Child Care Project and providing detailed information and contacts.**

### SHOROC DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### MARCH

- 1 Child Care Project Working Group Meeting (Mosman)
- 2 Safe Communities Steering Committee Meeting (Pittwater)
- 7 Regional Planning Strategy Workshop (Pittwater)
- 9 Management Committee Meeting (Pittwater)
- 10 JSC Meeting (Mosman)
- 15 DIPNR Metro Strategy Presentation, Warringah Council
- 16 Transport Steering Committee Meeting (Warringah)
- 25-28 Easter Holiday Break

#### APRIL

- 6 Management Committee Meeting (Manly)
- 12 Safe Communities Steering Committee Meeting (Warringah)
- 20 Executive Committee Meeting (Warringah)

#### MAY

- 3 Management Committee Meeting (Mosman)
- 19 Transport Steering Committee Meeting (Warringah)

#### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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