

SHOROC INCORPORATION

SHOROC is now an Incorporated Association. Full story over page.

JOINT ACTIVITIES

SHOROC is currently progressing a number of regional initiatives, including:

Tregear Sportsfields Report

Councils, seeking to sustainably develop and maintain our regional sportsfields, agreed to commission Consultants Thompson Tregear Pty Ltd to undertake a review of our sportsfields management processes. The Tregear Report has been finalised and we are in the process of presenting the recommendations to Councils for consideration.

W.H.O. Redesignation as a Safe Community

The SHOROC Safe Community Steering Committee is preparing an application for redesignation as a World Health Organisation (W.H.O.) Safe Community. We look forward to celebrating our success and our achievements as a safe community in late November 2006.

Regional Audit of Contracts

The Procurement Management Group is undertaking an audit of contracts to identify future opportunities for joint purchasing and servicing, to improve efficiencies and generate cost savings.

Northern Sydney Transport and Land Use Plan

SHOROC is working with NSROC to develop a Transport and Land Use Plan in the lead up to the March 2007 State Election. Manly is coordinating a regional public transport 'wish list' which will inform this process.



(L to R) Stephen Blackadder, Warringah General Manager; Geoff Mullins, Chairman Pittwater Business Limited and new Chair of Sydney's North 2030 initiative; Roy Green, Dean Macquarie Graduate School of Management; Mark Ferguson, Pittwater General Manager and Viv May, Mosman General Manager.

PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY AND JOBS GROWTH

While the State Government has established dwellings and jobs targets for regions across the Sydney metropolitan area, there has been little discussion about where the jobs will come from. Government has a key role to play in supporting regional economic development by providing the infrastructure and social cohesion; however, industry and educational institutions, including Macquarie University and TAFE Northern Sydney Institute, will need to support the regional effort if we are committed to making a difference.

These issues were the topic of discussion at our General Managers Advisory Committee meeting in early September, which welcomed the new Chair of the SN2030 initiative, Geoff Mullins, and Roy Green, Dean of the Macquarie Graduate School of Management. Mr Mullins acknowledged the importance for SN2030 to demonstrate industry and key government agency support if it is to succeed. Mr Green, newly appointed to the SN2030 Steering Committee, discussed his involvement in the development of the Irish Technology Corridor and the opportunities within the Northern Sydney region.

The SN2030 Steering Committee has undertaken to develop a business plan, which will be presented to the joint SHOROC/NSROC General Managers Advisory Group before the end of the year. In the meantime, individual Councils may be approached for their direct input to the business planning process.

Subregional Planning



L to R: SHOROC Chair, Mosman Mayor Denise Wilton, welcomed Department of Planning representatives, Gail Connelly and her team to a workshop organised to inform elected members on the progress of Subregional Plans. The forum was hosted by Pittwater Council at the Narrabeen Environment Centre..



L to R: Pittwater General Manager Mark Ferguson addresses Gail Connelly, Director Metropolitan Strategy, on the need for funds to undertake a regional employment study.

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For some time the notion of incorporation of SHOROC has been considered as a necessary step to allow the organisation to develop a greater public face and to strengthen its advocacy power. Southern Sydney ROC and Northern Sydney ROC have already incorporated. WSROC has been a Company Limited by Guarantee since 1991.

Member councils unanimously endorsed the new Constitution and, subsequently, SHOROC became an Incorporated Association on 19 September 2006. Incorporation will enable SHOROC to create a legal entity that is separate from Councils, become a more effective lobbying vehicle for its members, enter into and enforce contracts, and apply for funding in its own right.

METROPOLITAN STRATEGY DWELLINGS AND JOBS TARGETS

For Metropolitan Strategy planning purposes the Department of Planning has divided the Northern Sydney region into three Subregions, or groupings of local government areas, as follows:

North East Subregion:

Manly, Warringah and Pittwater

Inner North Subregion:

Mosman, North Sydney, Willoughby, Lane Cove, Hunters Hill, Ryde

North Subregion:

Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai

SHOROC advocated to retain the status quo of SHOROC member councils in the North East region, however, we were unsuccessful. Therefore, for Subregional planning purposes, Mosman is considered part of the Inner North region.

The State Government has set dwellings and jobs targets to be achieved over the next 25 years (to 2031) for each subregion as follows:

North East:

Dwellings	17,300
Jobs	16,000

Inner North:

Dwellings:	30,000
Jobs:	54,000

North:

Dwellings:	21,000
Jobs:	8,000

In response to the Metropolitan Strategy process, SHOROC undertook a regional inventory in 2005 to consider the impact of the State

Government's dwellings and employment capacity targets upon our region. The inventory was inconclusive in relation to future employment generation (jobs creation) because of data gaps in available information. However, we considered the DoP 17,300 dwellings target for the North East Subregion and believe this is achievable over the next 25 years, contingent upon the timely provision of appropriate infrastructure and jobs growth.

SHOROC has continued to communicate the status of the Subregional Planning process to its Executive Committee and elected members. In this regard, we have held a number of regional forums to keep elected members and senior staff informed.

EMPLOYMENT STUDY

SHOROC has advised the Department that we cannot endorse the employment capacity targets (i.e. 16,000 new jobs in the North East over the next 25 years) until we complete our regional employment study. We have continued to advocate the need for a focussed study that will provide information necessary to understand our commercial capacity and where the jobs will come from.

We have developed a project brief in collaboration with the Metro Strategy team and have been asked to re-apply for Department funding in October 2006.

SHOROC has continued to advocate on behalf of all metropolitan ROCs for the need for us to consider employment opportunities at a local and regional level. In this regard, we have appreciated the continued lobbying for government support by individual Councils and elected members from time to time.

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MAJOR CENTRE

Part of the Metropolitan Strategy definition of a Major Centre is:

“The main shopping centre for a district, with a full scale shopping mall, council offices, taller offices and residential buildings, and central community facilities.”

These centres are mostly located on the heavy rail transport network and serviced by local bus networks. The only exceptions are Castle Hill and Dee Why. The new Strategic Bus Corridors will also service these centres. For those not on the heavy rail network, improving public transport is a high priority.”

In this regard SHOROC has expressed concern that the Department of Planning may have changed its position in identifying Dee Why/Brookvale as a major centre as recommended in the Metropolitan Strategy.

We have advised the Minister and the Department that if they will not accept Dee Why/Brookvale as a major centre, we require that Dee Why is identified as the Major Centre for the North East, with Brookvale as the ‘specialised employment centre’ supported by Warringah Mall as the retail focal point.

EXHIBITION

Throughout the Metropolitan Strategy process, SHOROC has convened a number of workshops for elected members to be briefed by Department of Planning staff. This has also provided opportunities for their direct input. Professional staff has also reported on a regular basis back to their respective Councils, which has ensured the individual concerns of member Councils have been tabled at meetings with the Department. However, we cannot stress strongly enough that ownership of the Subregional Plans remains with the Department.

At the combined LGA/ROC Presidents meeting with the Department of Planning Director General, Mr Sam Haddad, on Thursday 28 September, SHOROC requested that the Department presents the draft Subregional plan to elected members prior to launch for public exhibition and comment.

Other Metropolitan ROCs supported this request.

Ms Norma Shankie-Williams, Acting Director Metropolitan Strategy, advised that the Department will finalise and exhibit the North East, and probably the North and South West Plans, prior to December 2006.

We were advised that public consultation will be carried out as a departmental exercise.

It is important to note that the Subregional Plans have been developed by the Department of Planning and, while Councils have been consulted in this process, they have not had sign-off on the draft document. The ROCs and individual Councils will have the same opportunity as others to respond to the draft Plan during the Exhibition period.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

SHOROC acknowledges the continuing efforts of our Metro Strategy team members, lead by Pittwater General Manager Mark Ferguson, to represent the interests of our region.

Warringah:

David Kerr and Kathryn Fadeev

Pittwater:

Lindsay Dyce and Caroline Kades

Manly:

Jennie Minifie and Connie Lau

Mosman:

John Carmichael, Kelly Lynch and Jacquelyne Jeffrey



An exiting youth film festival was expanded in the SHOROC area this year.

Now in its fourth year, the **24/7 Youth Film Festival** project originated in the Manly/Pittwater area but this year has been expanded to include Mosman and Warringah council areas.

With over 500 young people participating in the 2005 event, 24/7 won the NSW Local Government Cultural Award for leadership in cultural programs and projects.

The Festival aims to encourage all young people aged 12-24 to express and explore their culture through the art of film. Young people receive training in a series of free film workshops and then compete in groups to make a 7-minute film within a 24-hour period. The films are screened at suitable venues in Mosman, Dee Why and Manly, culminating in a screening at Warriewood's Grand Theatre where the 10 finalist films are viewed and judged by film industry professionals.

We congratulate all staff involved in the organisation and delivery of this inspirational event for young people.

Congratulations to the 2006 winners and runners-up and, importantly, all participants in this years 24/7 Film Festival.

Celebrating Achievements



Pictured left to right are Sarah Edwardes (Mosman), Craig Sawyer (Warringah), Ray Cook (Manly), Lyndall Pickering (Mosman), Nick Ives (Pittwater), and Jennifer Pang (Pittwater).

TEAM SHOROC STEPS UP TO THE LGMA CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Team SHOROC members who are the third placegetters in the NSW Regional Finals of the LGMA Challenge 2006; Marrickville 1st and Blue Mountains 2nd. Team SHOROC comprising Lyndall Pickering & Sarah Edwardes from Mosman, Craig Sawyer from Warringah, Ray Cook from Manly and Nick Ives and Jennifer Pang from Pittwater, competed in Wollongong on 21 March against teams from all over NSW in the NSW Regional Finals.

Congratulations also to the team's mentor Jane Broadbere, one of Mosman's representatives from last year's Challenge. Jane provided excellent guidance in the lead up to the competition ensuring a cohesive team approach to problem solving.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2006

- 4 Procurement Management Meeting 12-1.30pm, Warringah
- 11 **GMAC** Meeting, 8am Manly
- 25 **SHOROC AGM**, 1pm Mosman
- 28-1 Nov LGSA NSW Annual Conference

November 2006

- 5 **GMAC** Meeting, 8am Mosman
- 24 White Ribbon Day Breakfast
- 27 Celebration W.H.O. Safe Community Redesignation



L to R: Andrew Cappie-Wood, Director General Education and Training, presents the International Student of the Year Award to Line Risnes (accepted by her Teacher in her absence), assisted by Margie Brown on behalf of SHOROC.

TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney Institute Excellence Awards

SHOROC was pleased to support the TAFE Excellence Awards for 2006. Warringah General Manager, Stephen Blackadder, and SHOROC Executive Director, Margie Brown, joined with other key organisations, industry and our community partners at Ryde College in celebrating the outstanding achievements of TAFE graduates.

We are continuing to work closely with TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney Institute. The demands of enterprise and the community expect TAFE students to have higher technical skills and knowledge, to be better communicators, more responsive, more flexible, and to have a greater range of customer related skills. The challenge for our region is to ensure that the skills and knowledge of graduates will meet the demands of the workplace today and in the future.

NSW Department of Planning 'PLANNING REFORM FUNDING'

The 2006-07 round of funding is aimed at further supporting local councils prepare new LEPs and to assist in implementing metropolitan and regional strategy planning projects.

New LEPs using the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 will need to implement State and regional planning objectives, such as outlined in the Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney or other draft regional strategies, and be based on sound local planning strategies.

Closing date for applications is 6 October 2006.

Program criteria and Application can be downloaded at: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/planning_reforms.



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