



SHOROC

Shore Regional Organisation of Councils

*Incorporating Manly, Mosman,
Pittwater & Warringah Councils*

ANNUAL REPORT

SHOROC acknowledges the ongoing support of State and Federal members of parliament in advocating improved infrastructure and services for our region.

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Message from Chair



'It is important for all elected members to understand the responsibilities and advocacy role of SHOROC.'

This past year has been a challenging period for the organisation and particularly for me as Chair and first time representative on the SHOROC Executive Committee. I have appreciated the ongoing support from all Committee members.

It has been a very busy year for the organisation as demonstrated in the diverse range of projects presented in this report.

As experienced during 2005, the Metropolitan Strategy has required considerable resources both from an advocacy and operational perspective. I have represented the organisation at regular meetings of the combined LGA/ROCs Presidents in consultation with the Minister for Planning, the Director General and/or senior staff from the Department of Planning. SHOROC has also hosted a number of forums within the region for elected members to keep them informed of the progress of Subregional Plans and the new LEP template.

We advocated strongly for the status quo to be retained and for Mosman to be included as part of the North East Subregion. However, we were unsuccessful and Mosman is considered part of the Inner North for Subregional Planning purposes. Similarly, we have continued to lobby for Planning Reform Funds to undertake a regional employment study and I am still hopeful of gaining support for this project in the future.

The organisation is moving towards incorporation and we believe the establishment of a separate entity will strengthen our advocacy role in the future.

The Executive Committee has relied on advice from our senior technical officers in adopting a regional position in respect of the State Government's dwellings and jobs targets. We have appreciated the ongoing contribution from staff in this process.

I would also like to acknowledge the support I have received from the Executive Director, Margie Brown, and the Secretariat, which provides the important link between the Executive and working groups in achieving project outcomes.

As I believe it is very important for all elected members to have a better understanding of the responsibilities and the advocacy role of the organisation, I extend an invitation to members to attend a future regional workshop to familiarise themselves with the SHOROC priorities. In this way, they will also become active participants in this exciting regional initiative.

I wish to acknowledge the ongoing support of member councils, including the valuable input from their staff who are involved in working groups, and for the provision of excellent venues and catering in support of meetings and workshops throughout the year.

I am very pleased with the achievements of the organisation over the past year and look forward to success in 2007.

D. M. Wilton

**Councillor Denise Wilton
Mayor of Mosman
CHAIR**



Executive Committee



CR DENISE WILTON

*Mayor of Mosman
SHOROC Chair*

Mayor Wilton has been a Councillor at Mosman since 1999 and has worked to initiate, consult, inform and lobby for community issues such as access; traffic and safety measures; balancing heritage conservation with resident needs and opposing over development.

Cr Wilton was voted Mayor of Mosman in 2005 and re-elected in September 2006. She is the current Chair of SHOROC.

Cr Wilton's profession is teaching with particular experience in special education and in teaching Aboriginal students.

She has a strong commitment to SHOROC and the work accomplished through the organisation to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all residents of the region.



MR VIV MAY

General Manager Mosman

Born and still residing in the SHOROC region with his family, Viv May has held the position of General Manager at Mosman Council since 1993. He has spent his entire working life in local government at Mosman, principally in administrative positions, being promoted to the position of Town Clerk in July 1986. He was awarded the Public Service Medal in the 1999 Australia Day Honours List.

Viv has made a number of overseas study tours and has attended IIMC, ICMA, SOLACE and IULA Congresses. He is an advocate of voluntary local government structural reform and market-driven delivery of services. He has presented a number of papers to major conferences on these issues, as well as on the topic of 'doing more with less' through partnerships with the private sector.



MR DICK PERSSON AM

Warringah Administrator

Dick Persson was appointed as Administrator of Warringah Council in July 2003, following its dismissal by the State Government. He has held a wide range of senior executive public sector positions over the last 20 years, including Deputy Director General NSW Department of Housing;

Director National Housing Policy Review; Director General QLD Department of Housing, Local Government and Planning; Director General QLD Department of Health; and Director General NSW Department of Public Works and Services. He is Chairman of Health Quest and was recently selected to Chair the newly established NSW Health Procurement Advisory Panel.

On Australia Day 2006 Dick was awarded an AM and appointed a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia being recognised for service to the community.



MR STEPHEN BLACKADDER

General Manager Warringah

Stephen Blackadder has been General Manager of Warringah Council since 2002. He has a passionate commitment to local government and describes his role as "helping people to achieve their aspirations - whether they be staff, colleagues or local community members".

Stephen has been employed in local government since 1972 and held the position of General Manager for the past 18 years. He has made a significant contribution to local government reform through his membership of government committees and professional associations.

Stephen has been a Fellow of the LGMA since 1993 and a member of ICMA since 1987.

Executive Committee



CR DR PETER MACDONALD

Mayor of Manly

Dr Peter Macdonald migrated to Australia from Scotland in 1972 and conducted a general practice in Manly for 25 years; entered local politics in 1987 in response to growing concerns about inappropriate development and environmental degradation.

Dr Macdonald served as a local councillor for 12 years as part of a progressive resident action group. In 1991, was elected as the Independent MP for Manly in the NSW Parliament and retired in 1999. Between 1999 and 2003, he has devoted his time to humanitarian medical work in Iran, East Timor and Papua New Guinea; in 2001 he formed a new aid organization, Australian Doctors International (ADI), which is currently deploying health personnel and services to the Fly River area of PNG.

He is currently the Chairperson of Australian Doctors International.

In March 2004, Dr Macdonald was elected Mayor of Manly in a popular, direct election. As Mayor, his particular concerns focus on the environment, on local infrastructure, on improving amenity and on long term planning for the region.



MR HENRY WONG

General Manager Manly

Henry Wong was appointed the General Manager of Manly in December 2002. While he is new to the Northern Beaches, Henry has had a long term involvement with this region through the former Northern Sydney Regional Economic Development Organisation.

Henry comes to the region with a strong background in and commitment to local government and is a long standing supporter of voluntary Regional Organisations of Councils (ROCs). He was on the Executive of two ROCs prior to arriving at Manly.

Henry holds qualifications in engineering, management and law.



CR ALEX MCTAGGART MP

Mayor of Pittwater Member for Pittwater

Alex McTaggart has lived in Pittwater all his life. Married with three grown daughters and now a grandson, he is a keen surfer and swimmer. Alex has a background in accountancy and formal qualifications in teaching and horticulture.

Alex was first elected to Pittwater Council in 1999 and has served as Mayor since September 2005. In November 2005 he was elected as the Independent Member for Pittwater. He is also an active member of the Avalon Lions Club.

Alex has a strong track record in community service and community consultation. His main focus is community empowerment through the formation of grass roots action groups and working parties. He is passionate about working with the community in order to facilitate and foster the community's desire to help itself.



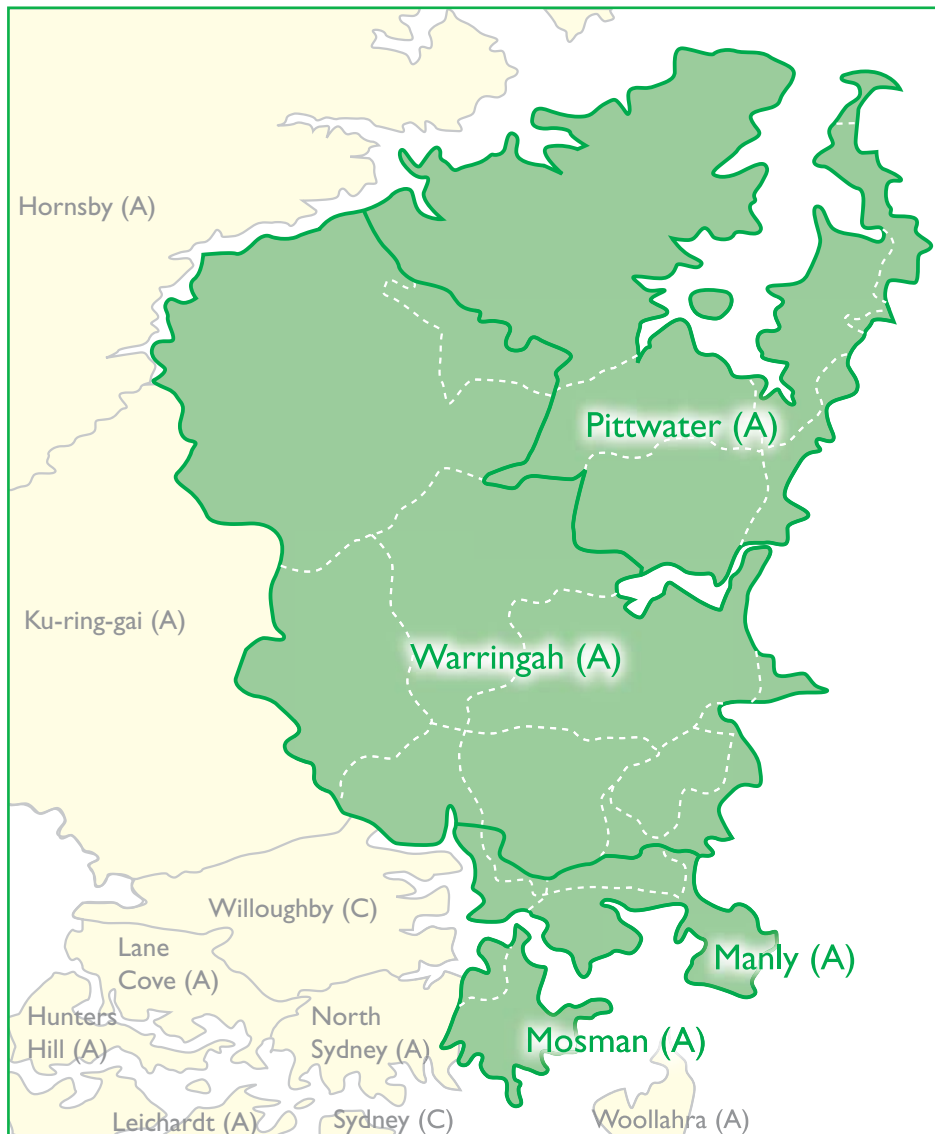
MR MARK FERGUSON

General Manager Pittwater

Mark Ferguson has served as the General Manager of Pittwater Council for the past year. Prior to this he was General Manager at Coffs Harbour City Council from September 1998 until August 2005. He has worked in Local Government for the past 28 years.

Mark's academic qualifications include an Executive Masters in Business Administration at the University of Technology Sydney, a Business Degree (with Majors in Economics and Local Government Management) and an Associate Diploma in Local Government Administration. He has led several multi-million dollar projects in his career including sewerage re-use, alternate solid waste technology, town centre upgrades, road network strategies, biodiversity strategies and the development of sustainable communities. Much of his work has focused upon building upon social capital within the community. Another aspect of leadership is aimed at continuous improvement within the organization. Under his guidance councils have gained state, national and international recognition.

Mark is married with two grown-up children. His wife, Virginia, is a Primary School teacher.



THE ORGANISATION

The Shore Regional Organisation of Councils is a cooperative group of councils on Sydney's Northern Beaches representing Mosman, Manly, Pittwater and Warringah Councils.

VISION

A strong cooperative group of Councils taking a leading role on issues of regional significance.

MISSION

To value the individuality of member Councils while cooperating to achieve a better deal for the community through networking, resource sharing and lobbying.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Cooperation and Resource Sharing** – improving the quality and efficiency of local government service delivery in the SHOROC region.
- 2. Advocacy** – effectively representing the social, economic, cultural and environmental interests of local communities.
- 3. Sustainable Growth** – managing growth that protects the environmental and lifestyle values of residents, supported by investment in infrastructure and jobs creation.
- 4. Organisational Development** – developing a credible and cost effective organisation.

REGIONAL PROFILE

The SHOROC region comprises the four local government areas of Mosman, Manly, Warringah and Pittwater. These four Councils represent over 240,000 residents, the majority living in the Warringah area. The region covers an area of 288 square kilometres and is bordered on three sides by water.

The region has major transport shortcomings in comparison with other parts of Sydney as there is no rail system and the region relies exclusively on three road corridors connecting it to the rest of Sydney. Buses and ferry services provide the only means of public transport and there is still a reliance on private vehicle use to access many areas.

The majority of residents (154,600) are aged 18 to 64 years and approximately 25% of the population (62,500) was born overseas. The unemployment rate in SHOROC region was lower than the Sydney Statistical Division in 2001 (3.4% compared to 6.1%). The increasing cost of housing is expected to impact on the availability of lower paid but 'key' workers in the region. The lack of affordable housing for lower paid workers, plus the difficulty of access from outside the area may result in increased demand for modestly paid workers particularly in retail, child-care and nursing to name a few.

The SHOROC region hosts half of Sydney's coastal beaches, National Parks, Narrabeen Lake and iconic attractions including the Pittwater, Palm Beach, Manly Corso and Taronga Zoo. The natural beauty of the area is enjoyed by residents and increasing numbers of overseas, interstate and day visitors.



Strategic Workshop Attendees
March 2006

(Back Row L to R) Facilitator Russell Galt, AECGroup, John Carmichael, Jennie Minifie, Chris Barnett, Viv May, Jim Hunter, Kay Clarke, Stephen Blackadder, Lindsay Dyce, Chris Hunt. (Centre Row L to R) Niki Atwell, Mark Ferguson, Sophie Kijjas, , Max Glyde, Henry Wong, Sue Francis, Beth Lawson, Margie Brown. (Front Row L to R) Gary Thomson, Ross Fleming, Anthony Hewton, Mark Jones, Mark Eriksson. Photo by Andrea Dawson.



Yet another year has ended, with a diversity of projects having been completed and many new projects commenced and achieving key milestones. These projects are presented and discussed briefly in the following pages for your information.

This year we welcomed Andrea Dawson as our new Administrative Project Officer providing an additional project coordination resource. However, we acknowledge that we could not achieve project outcomes without the support and technical input from the very experienced council staff involved in our working groups.

In response to an Executive Committee request to achieve greater economies of scale and cost savings, we convened a meeting of General Managers and their senior executive staff (pictured left) representing all member Councils at the Westpac Conference Centre Ingleside on 1st March 2006 to consider the strategic direction of our regional organisation. While acknowledging our achievements, the attendees focused on the benefits and opportunities of working together as a community of councils. This workshop was the first stage of establishing our regional priorities and identifying the key issues including Employment & Economic Development, Resource Sharing and Joint Servicing Opportunities, and the need to address matters relating to Community Well-Being.

At their meeting on 16 February 2006, the Executive endorsed the move towards incorporation of our organisation in order to develop a greater public profile and to strengthen our advocacy power. Other metropolitan ROCs have already become incorporated and we hope to achieve similar status in the coming weeks.

May I take this opportunity to thank our Chair, Mosman Mayor Cr Denise Wilton, and members of the Executive Committee for their ongoing support. Operationally, we work very closely with our General Managers and we thank them for their encouragement and professionalism. Andrea and I look forward to continuing our work with the Executive and member Councils in advocating for our region and progressing important initiatives in 2007.

'Focus on key strategic projects with 'passion and courage' and with a renewed commitment to working cooperatively.'

Margie Brown
Executive Director



SHOROC welcomed Andrea Dawson as our new Administrative Project Officer in November 2005.

METROPOLITAN STRATEGY

Combined LGA/ROC Presidents Meetings

The Metropolitan ROCs and LGA Presidents have been advocating on behalf of local government, with a particular focus on the State Government's dwellings and jobs targets, and in relation to Subregional and LEP planning matters.

The SHOROC Chair and Executive have continued to lobby for improved infrastructure and services, and funding for a regional employment study.

The organisation has represented the region at meetings with the Minister, Director General and senior representatives of the Department of Planning Metropolitan Strategy Team, throughout the year.

These regular meetings have strengthened our partnership with the LGA, other Metro ROCs and the Department of Planning.



Department of Planning Subregional Planning Briefings and Workshops

The SHOROC Metro Strategy working group members attended Department of Planning briefings and workshops in order to progress the Subregional Plans during December 2005 and March, April and May 2006.

LGA Metro Strategy Conference

The Local Government Association hosted a Metropolitan Strategy Conference for all Councils at Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council on Thursday 20 April 2006. The newly appointed Director General, Mr Sam Haddad attended this forum with his Director Metropolitan Strategy, Ms Gail Connelly. All member councils were represented at this forum.

Regional Briefings for Elected Members

SHOROC hosted a number of briefings for elected members to keep them informed of the Metropolitan Strategy process and other key regional initiatives. These forums were held on:

- Tuesday 29 November 2005 at Warringah Council Chambers, and
- Wednesday 28 June 2006 at the CEC Narrabeen, hosted by Pittwater Council. Refer photographs under:



SHOROC Chair, Mosman Mayor Denise Wilton welcomes Gail Connelly and DoP staff to the regional forum for elected members in June 2006.

SHOROC Employment Study

Following completion of our 2005 Regional Inventory in response to the Metropolitan Strategy, staff advised the Executive and individual Councils that we could not endorse the State Government's jobs target for the SHOROC region because there were too many gaps in available economic data. Subsequently, SHOROC requested Planning Reform Funding to undertake a regional employment study.

We have continued to advocate the need for a regional employment study in order to understand our commercial capacity and to consider where the jobs will come from.

Our Metro Strategy working group has developed a project brief in consultation with the Department of Planning. We have been advised in a number of very public forums that the SHOROC brief will inform a similar study for the other Metropolitan subregions and that PRF support would be available for ROCs and Councils to undertake the necessary studies that will underpin the Subregional Plans and development of new LEPs.



Mark Ferguson discusses the need and importance of an Employment Study for the region.

GOVERNMENT SUBMISSIONS

SHOROC is asked to comment on a range of issues affecting the region. During the year we have forwarded submissions in response to the Metropolitan Strategy, Transport, and to the Independent Inquiry into the Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government (the Local Government Inquiry).

TRANSPORT MATTERS

The SHOROC region has major transport shortcomings in comparison with other parts of the greater Sydney Region. It has no rail system and relies exclusively on three major road corridors linking the peninsula with the rest of Sydney. These corridors and their connections have a long history of capacity problems resulting in traffic delays and congestion, especially during the peak period.

SHOROC has continued to work with the State agencies and transport providers to improve the range of transport options, efficiency and choice available and in doing so reduce the reliance on private vehicles. We are continuing to work closely with our neighbouring Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) in this regard.

Regional Transport Coordinator

In association with other Metropolitan ROCs, SHOROC advocated for the appointment of regional transport coordinators. Representations to the Ministry of Transport (MoT) resulted in the appointment of two coordinators for the whole Sydney region. Subsequently, SHOROC and NSROC were approached by MoT to contribute jointly (on the basis of matching dollar contribution from MoT) towards the creation of another position, based at the MoT Parramatta Office, which would focus solely on accessible transport issues in the Northern Sydney region. However, as MoT was not in a position to extend the scope of this position to include integrated local transport, SHOROC and NSROC both declined this offer.

Accessible Transport

SHOROC lobbied the Ministry of Transport for support in relation to the threat of cancellation of a number of flexible transport services in the Manly, Warringah and Pittwater region. This resulted in the scheduling of a meeting between MoT and Pittwater Council staff to consider the options.

Ministry of Transport Stakeholder Forum

On 5 June 2006, SHOROC representatives provided comment at a regional stakeholder forum for bus regions 7, 8, 12 and 14—the Northern Sydney region, arranged by MoT to consider the Bus Reform Strategy and how it would affect bus services in our region.

Regional Economic Development

The region is represented by the SHOROC Executive Director on the GROW (Area Consultative Committee) Northern Sydney team. From time to time Council staff also attend these meetings to address their needs.

SHOROC is also a member of the Sydney's North 2030 Steering Committee and we are providing direct input to the new organisation's business planning process.

Education and Workplace Skills Development

By Ministerial appointment, the Executive Director has continued to represent Local Government on the TAFE NSW—Northern Sydney Institute Advisory Council, attending quarterly Advisory Council meetings and other relevant duties as requested.

Through the SN2030 initiative SHOROC is working with representatives of TAFE Northern Sydney Institute, Macquarie University and key industry in developing a regional plan for sustainable industry growth, supported by education and skills development and jobs growth.



SHOROC PRIUS

Warringah introduced the first hybrid vehicle to Council's fleet, which is great for the environment as the Toyota Prius combines a 1.5-litre petrol engine and powerful electric motors.

The SHOROC Executive Director Margie Brown was willing to take up the challenge and adopt a PRIUS, and continues to praise the car's performance and fuel cost savings.

Its hybrid electric-petrol system allows it to use up to 50 per cent less petrol than an equivalent sized conventional car and emit about half the carbon dioxide. Fuel consumption is just 4.4 litres per 100km.

The Procurement Management Group will be reviewing the make up of current fleet stock in the coming year.

Joint Activities

KIMBRIKI

The Kimbriki Recycling and Waste Disposal Centre was established in 1974 replacing the landfill that previously operated. To date in excess of 1.6 million tonnes of material has been recycled at Kimbriki. This reportedly represents a recovery rate of approximately 75 percent and far outstrips the performance of all other landfill operations with recycling facilities in Australia.

Kimbriki's core business is centred on the receipt of 'waste' materials (including recycling and disposal of this material) and delivery of waste education initiatives.

Kimbriki Joint Services Committee

Kimbriki is currently operated and managed by a Joint Services Committee (JSC) comprising elected representatives of Warringah, Manly, Mosman and Pittwater Councils. It is an unincorporated joint venture with Warringah Council being the legal entity through which the business is conducted. Warringah Council owns the site on which the business is based. The current JSC deed between the four Councils expires on 1 January 2007 and it is intended to replace this structure with a privatised corporation jointly owned by the four councils.

Future of Kimbriki

In 2002 the SHOROC Councils agreed to move to a separate entity for the operation of Kimbriki and a long term lease of the site by Warringah Council to the business. Currently, legal advice is being provided to the SHOROC Councils regarding the new entity to operate from 2 January 2007.

In the spirit of cooperation, Councils are currently negotiating with Warringah Council to ensure that the unique recycling facility of Kimbriki will continue to benefit SHOROC residents.

Current Projects

In association with WSN, SHOROC is undertaking an evaluation of the Kimbriki and Belrose sites for the future development of an Alternate Waste Technology (AWT) facility within the region.

We are awaiting completion of a number of reports in order to finalise this evaluation.

As there are long term benefits in reducing the resource content from the domestic garbage bin, the JSC has endorsed the need for a regional waste audit and a project brief has been prepared, Mosman Council being the lead agency for this initiative.

2005 Minister's Award for Excellence

Kimbriki has a highly skilled workforce providing the full range of management, operational and administrative functions required to operate an independent business.

In 2005, the Kimbriki Recycling & Waste Disposal Centre was the Sydney Winner of the 2005 Minister's Award for Excellence for Employers of New Apprentices.

Representatives of Kimbriki management and staff (pictured right) accepted the award on behalf of Warringah Council and Kimbriki operational partners Manly, Mosman and Pittwater Councils.

Operations Manager Peter Stephenson said that as waste management has become increasingly complex, job and skill requirements at Kimbriki have changed to meet demand.

In collaboration with Gordon Institute of TAFE in Geelong, Victoria, 16 operational staff commenced a two-year Certificate III in Asset Maintenance (Waste Management). In doing so, Kimbriki has shown how training can contribute to business viability and has created a training blueprint for waste management sites nationally.



L to R: Derek Hennessey (DEC), Maxine Quick Kimbriki Compliance Officer, Nicholas Boddy, Keith Simpson, Peter Duffy Kimbriki Manager, and Steven Love.

STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT

All councils are required to produce an annual State of the Environment (SoE) Report. In recognition that councils within the same region are faced with many common issues, a number of ROC's (NSROC and WSROC) have begun producing regional SoE Reports to assist in providing a better basis for holistic decision-making and the pooling of limited resources to deliver more efficient and effective management of these issues.

SHOROC members have endorsed a project brief to consider how they can work together to produce a regional SoE Report.

REGIONAL CYCLEWAYS MAPPING

It is clear that throughout the Northern Beaches region of Sydney, walking and cycling has become more popular; not only for recreational purposes but also as a viable mode for work, social, shopping, business and other personal trips. The SHOROC region's rich recreational assets make the area a popular cycling destination.



On road - Exclusive bicycle lane, Griffin Road, Curl Curl, Warringah

The bicycle planning undertaken by each of the SHOROC member Councils has been brought together in this project to assess and recommend ways to develop a seamless network of SHOROC regional cycleway routes.



On road - Utilising existing low traffic roads, North Head, Manly

The final report provides confirmation of existing and proposed regionally significant cycleway routes, including the identification of existing network gaps and opportunities; a list of infrastructure works that enables the Councils to fill in these gaps; a better ability for each SHOROC Council to prioritise cycleway planning and construction; and guidance on how to best support the regional network through signage, information and cycling promotion.

Councils have been active in improving cycling facilities in the region. The expansion of the region's Park and Ride facilities at Newport Beach, Warriewood and Collaroy Beach has also provided cycling parking facilities to enable cyclists to link to public transport services at these locations.

This Report will be used to cost future infrastructure needs and should give councils an advantage when applying for funding support for implementation

LGMA MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE MARCH 2006

Team SHOROC members were 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.

On Challenge day the teams had to act as a Senior Management Team for the mythical City of Tavish and effectively take charge of a complex local government organisation.

Each year the Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) holds a National Management Challenge, a competitive event that is a professional and team development program for emerging local government leaders. This year 126 teams from Perth to Auckland competed to represent their councils in the National Challenge in Perth later this year.

Thanks must go to the team's mentor Jane Broadbere, one of Mosman's representatives from last year's Challenge, for her excellent guidance in the lead up to the competition.

The Challenge aims to develop skills including leadership, collaborative decision making, delegation, and effective work under the pressure of tight deadlines. Performing well as a team involves recognition of all team members' skills.

Undoubtedly, the pre-Challenge lunch hosted by the SHOROC Chair, Mayor Denise Wilton at Mosman, provided the energy to sustain team members throughout their ordeal!



L to R: Sarah Edwardes (Mosman), Craig Sawyer (Warringah), Ray Cook (Manly), Lyndall Pickering (Mosman), Nick Ives (Pittwater), and Jennifer Pang (Pittwater).

SAFE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The Shore Regional Organisation of Councils in partnership with Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Services, have worked in collaboration with other key agencies to achieve a safer community. All parties have made a commitment to share knowledge and resources and adopt a 'best practice' approach to ensure long term, sustainable programs addressing safety issues in the region.

The SHOROC Safe Communities Program was established in 1995. The aim of the Program was to work within the World Health Organisation (WHO) Safe Community model to reduce the incidence of injury and enhance community safety in the Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah local government areas. SHOROC achieved WHO accreditation status in 1999.

In May 2006, the SHOROC Councils agreed to apply for redesignation as a Safe Community, to reflect their commitment to continue working within the indicators of the WHO Safe Communities model.

The SHOROC Safe Community Steering Committee is working towards preparation of the application to meet the October 2006 deadline, with a proposed redesignation Ceremony and celebration of our achievements scheduled in November 2006.

'Safe Party Tips' Reprint

The Safe Party Tips booklet which was developed for distribution to school leavers in the lead up to the 2005 end of year celebrations, was reprinted in February 2006 to meet demand for copies.

We have continued to receive very positive feedback. The information can also be accessed online via the SHOROC and individual Councils website, and more recently on the NSW Police website.



SHOROC Executive Members (L to R) Dick Persson AM, Warringah Administrator, Mosman Mayor Denise Wilton, Pittwater Mayor Alex McTaggart MP, and Manly Mayor, Dr Peter Macdonald, showcase the Safe Party Tips booklet..

SAFE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Child Safety Program

Established in 1997, the Child Safety Group lead by Pittwater with support from member Councils, continues to provide information to parents and carers of young children to ensure children are kept safe from harm.

Councils are assisted by child safety stakeholders including the Paediatric Unit of the local hospital, Health Promotion, Family Day Care, and a Children with Disabilities representative.

The initial five year program has addressed falls and drowning in and near the home, resulting in a five-year Water Safety Plan for the region, and included free resuscitation courses in partnership with St John's Ambulance Australia. Royal Life Saving Australia distributed thousands of educational resources.

Six Child Safety Calendars have been produced and distributed between 1999-2004.

Grant funding has enabled the sustainability of the Child Safety Program.

The Safe Communities Water Safety Project received a 'High Commendation' at the NSW Water Safety Awards presentation in April 2006. The Group also received \$2,500 from the NSW Safe Communities Small Grants Funding Scheme to implement further education strategies.

SHOROC acknowledges the efforts of the Child Safety Group and their achievements.



Beach Theatre

Following the excellent pilot project conducted by Manly Council in 2003/04, the Beach Theatre program was expanded in 2005/06. This is a mime production developed to include three short scenarios presenting Beach Safety messages addressing "Swim between the Flags", "Sun Protection" and "Protecting your Valuables". These messages are 'acted out' through live theatre on the beach during the busy Christmas/New Year holiday period, aimed at maximum audience numbers. During the program actors address the WRONG way of doing things, followed by the RIGHT way.

SPORTSFIELDS MANAGEMENT

In late 2005, the SHOROC member Councils, seeking to sustainably develop, maintain and manage our regional sportsfields, agreed to commission Consultants Thompson Tregear Pty Ltd to undertake a review of our sportsfields management processes.

Consultation during this analysis was restricted to participating Councils working groups, SHOROC Executive and preliminary discussions with members of the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union Executive Committee.

The Tregear Report is now being finalised and the recommendations will be presented to the Executive at the earliest opportunity.

It should be noted that there is considerable interest in the progress of this initiative from other Metropolitan ROCs and individual Councils.



Boondah Reserve, Pittwater LGA



Tanya Park, Manly LGA



Top dressing Allan Border Oval, Mosman LGA



Cromer Park, Warringah LGA

REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

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Stage One (Profile) and Stage Two (Altas) are now completed and our regional demographics profile is easily accessible from the SHOROC website (www.shoroc.nsw.gov.au). Residents are also able to access information relevant to their LGA from individual Council sites.

Under the SHOROC arrangement, each participating member council (Warringah, Pittwater and Mosman) has its own website as well, this is linked to the SHOROC website, thus providing:

- access to regional information from one location
- support for regional analysis and benchmarking
- support for regional advocacy
- network of skilled users

id's products are already used by 70 local government clients throughout Australia, providing opportunities for local and interstate comparisons.

The Final Stage (the development of Forecast tool) has begun and requires more detailed input from individual Councils working closely with id. staff to achieve their desired outcome.

CYCLONE LARRY APPEAL

SHOROC member staff contributed to an appeal to assist Council employees in the cyclone devastated region. The Councils considered this was one small way of demonstrating our support within the local government 'family'.

Individual Councils managed their own appeals, one requesting a gold coin donation and others organising a morning tea or lunch barbecue.

A letter of acknowledgement was received from Cairns City Council Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Farmer, advising that the SHOROC donation would be set aside to support those Council employees most affected by the cyclone.



STREET LIGHTING

Warringah and Mosman residents will benefit by their councils participation in the Street Lighting Improvement (SLI) Program initiated by SSROC. The Premier announced that about 42,000 streetlights will be replaced with energy-efficient alternatives in a deal with 29 councils in Sydney and the Hunter region.

The \$4.2 million grant announcement came as a dispute continues between Energy Australia and councils over the cost and standard of streetlighting.

The grant will greatly accelerate the deployment of energy efficient street lighting technologies over the next four years and deliver energy, greenhouse and financial benefits.

The SHOROC street lighting working group is continuing to monitor the issues and opportunities in relation to these matters.

TAFE NORTHERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2005

SHOROC sponsored the 2005 Northern Sydney Institute Community Services and Health Student of the Year Award which was won by a student from the Northern Beaches campus.

Warringah General Manager Stephen Blackadder attended the awards presentation in December 2005 with Margie Brown, who assisted Andrew Cappie-Wood, the Director-General for Education & Training and Managing Director of TAFE NSW, in presenting the Certificate of Achievement and prize cheque to Ms Karen Jordan.

SHOROC is continuing to foster closer partnerships with the educational and industry sectors in our region.



Excellence Awards Presentation L to R: Andrew Cappie-Wood, Director-General Education and Training, and Managing Director of TAFE NSW; Award winner Karen Jordan; and SHOROC Executive Director, Margie Brown.

MEULABOH PARTNERSHIP

SHOROC Councils, in association with Skyjuice, sponsored the first showcase water treatment plant in Meulaboh, Bandeh Aceh, benefiting 250 children.

In supporting this initiative and assisting the ongoing efforts of the AID4 program in Indonesia, the SHOROC Executive wanted to achieve tangible results and demonstrate to the community that by working together locally we can make a difference.



(Above) Skyjuice Founder Rhett Butler demonstrates the water treatment technology for SHOROC delegation Mayor Alex McTaggart MP and Mosman Mayor Denise Wilton



Water Treatment Plant in use at the Meulaboh school in December 2005.

KEY WORKER STUDY

For some time now there has been anecdotal evidence of labour shortages in a number of key industries in the SHOROC region. Many of the industries reporting shortages, such as teaching, emergency services, nursing and childcare, are in the low and mid range in terms of pay scales, though all provide services essential to the maintenance of a viable community infrastructure.

Coupled to this has been growing evidence that an important contributor to these shortages has been the decline in the area's stocks of affordable housing. Put simply, people earning low and middle incomes can no longer afford to live in the SHOROC region. This has implications for both the diversity and cohesiveness of our communities, and for the long-term viability of its economy.

In an effort to better understand the affordable housing crisis and its links to labour shortages in the region, the Departments of Housing and Planning, and Manly and Warringah Councils, as part of the Local Government Housing Initiatives Program, commissioned a study to examine the issues in detail. The results were presented to a regional gathering of SHOROC elected members and executive staff by Dr Peter Phibbs on 29 November 2005.

TRANSPORT & LAND USE PLAN

SHOROC and NSROC agreed to work together to improve the efficiency of existing transport and roads infrastructure in the Northern Sydney region. We subsequently held a joint workshop on 31 May 2006 to consider the need for a Northern Sydney Transport and Land Use Plan.

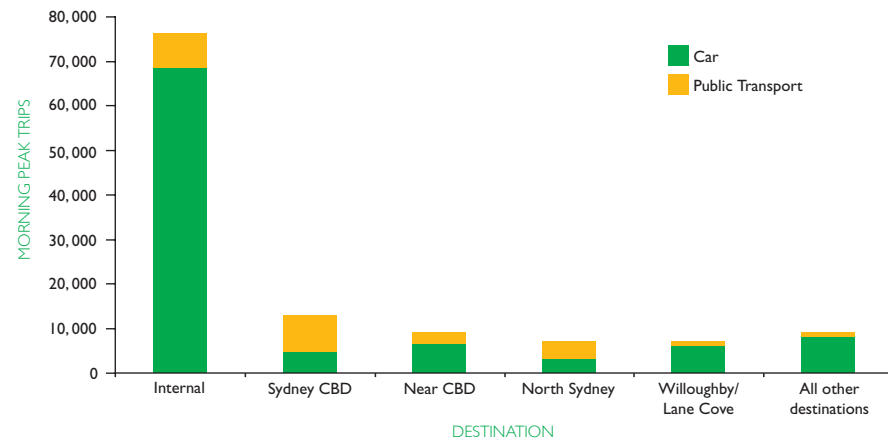
The outcome of that workshop was a report to the General Managers with the recommendation that the two ROCs continue to work together to document the transport and land use issues and solutions tied to the subregional planning process.

This Plan should be completed by December 2006 and used as an effective lobbying tool in the lead up to the March 2007 State Election.

As part of this process, SHOROC will facilitate a workshop for elected members to provide an opportunity for their participation and input.

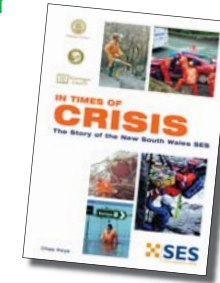


The following graph demonstrates that car travel is predominantly internal to the region, suggesting scope for public transport to improve its overall share.



COUNCILS CELEBRATE SES'S CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY

Pittwater, Warringah and Manly Councils contributed as Bronze partners in the production of 'In Times of Crisis: The Story of the New South Wales SES' in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the State Emergency Services in 2005.



The book was launched in November 2005 and traces the SES's evolution and its struggles for resources and community recognition.

SHOROC members were pleased to acknowledge their strong links to the SES and to thank the many community volunteers who work selflessly to help those in need.

POLICE AREA COMMANDS

In the spirit of regional cooperation, the SHOROC Executive met with the newly appointed Dee Why Police Area Commander, Superintendent Doreen Cruikshank, Superintendent Belinda Nolan (North Sydney) and Acting Superintendent Phillip Fogel (Manly) at their meeting on 19 April 2006. This was an informal discussion relating to ongoing emergency services planning and education.

The Executive acknowledged the important role of the NSW Police and the strong regional partnership that exists between the key agencies on the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC).

COMMUNITY OF COUNCILS

SHOROC exists because it makes good sense for councils to work together. Our success is a tribute to the experienced staff who contribute as members of our working groups and are enthusiastic and supportive of the regional effort.

The following is a statement as reflected in the financial records of Warringah Council.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

INCOME	\$
Warringah Council Contribution	69,550.00
Manly Council Contribution	50,650.00
Mosman Council Contribution	41,500.00
Pittwater Council Contribution	53,800.00
Private Care Use Scheme recovery	4,451.20
Contribution by The Registered Clubs of Australia	1,640.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR 05/06 ON AN ACCRUAL BASIS	221,591.20
Transfer from Reserve	125,695.00
Transfer to SHOROC Reserve	(45,705.64)
TOTAL INCOME FOR 05/06 ON AN ACCRUAL BASIS	301,580.56
EXPENDITURE	
Salaries and On-costs	84,711.90
Contractor and Consultancy Costs	29,246.02
Donations – Sky Juice Foundation	12,000.00
Warringah Council Administration, Fleet and Other	43,667.77
Capital Contribution for Seaforth Oval	120,000.00
Other Expenses	11,389.77
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	301,615.46
DEFICIT FOR 05/06	(34.90)



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