

## **Extract from Mayor's Message 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2007**

### **Community input sought on Kurnell Peninsula**

At its last meeting for 2007, an important proposal for residential development on the Kurnell Peninsula adjacent to Wanda Beach was considered by council. The residential zoning would replace the existing zoning which currently permits a range of industrial, commercial and tourism uses.

I feel it is important to bring this to the community's attention as this is the first time that a package of this kind has been put together where the community will receive such a significant benefit in addition to more land.

Major land owners, Australand and Breen Holdings, have sought the rezonings and council has been negotiating with the companies to secure a number of benefits for the community should they go ahead. These include an additional 47 hectares of space being handed back to the community as well as 10 fully developed playing fields, parking and amenities.

Australand has completed the bulk earthworks phase of the approved industrial subdivision and is nearing completion of the reconstruction of its frontage to Captain Cook Drive, Kurnell.

As part of this industrial subdivision the community is set to receive 42 hectares of open space. The additional 47 hectares that has been proposed in the rezoning would take the total to 89 hectares of land being given back to the community.

With the increasing demand for playing fields in Sutherland Shire the 10 playing fields will be of significant benefit. The proposal as it stands will also create a continuous green link between Botany Bay and Bate Bay, which promises to deliver a number of environmental benefits.

Council staff are now undertaking due diligence studies to identify any potential environmental, technical or practical constraints associated with the playing fields proposals. It is not expected that the Minister will put the proposal on exhibition until 2008, however at that time I encourage all residents and community groups to examine it and provide their feedback.

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