

A.R.BLUETT MEMORIAL AWARD 2009/2010

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WINNER - SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

MAYOR: CR. PHIL BLIGHT
GENERAL MANAGER: JOHN RAYNER
POPULATION: 219,828
AREA: 370 sq. km

CITATION

Sutherland Shire Council is one of the largest local government authorities in NSW and has demonstrated with this submission that it has delivered to the Shire a very wide range of services and facilities while providing strong local leadership in community development. The Trustees were impressed with the Council's Community Strategic Plan and its focus on people, place, nature and governance. The Council has the resources and capabilities to provide an extremely high level of service delivery and at the same time has a commendable level of communication and connection with its many urban and semi-rural population centres.

The Council completed a number of significant capital works projects, finalised an important regional environmental project, embarked on an emerging leaders program for managers, implemented its comprehensive Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy, strengthened its role in economic development and implemented its innovative Ageing Well Strategy. These and many other activities, including its successful community events program, demonstrated that the Council has achieved a very high level of relative progress in 2009/2010.

Specific projects and achievements during the year included:

- Completion of the \$20m Cronulla Central project, incorporating a new library, community hall, CBD offices, car park and commercial offices
- Completion of the \$10m Engadine Community Centre – Stage 1, leveraging land holdings to upgrade community facilities
- \$40m expended on Lucas Heights Regional Sports Facilities and Ridge Golf Course development
- Finalising a Voluntary Planning Agreement which will see 91.3 hectares of open space on Kurnell Peninsular transferred to Council and development of 10 playing fields
- Reconstruction of the Princes Street Cronulla Seawall
- Construction of Engadine Rural Fire Service Station and Woronora Floating Bush Fire Station
- Expanding services at the Council's SSHEd business incubator
- Embarking on an ambitious and progressive organisational change program

The Trustees congratulate the Mayor, Cr Phil Blight, General Manager, John Rayner, Councillors and staff of Sutherland Shire Council on an outstanding achievement in winning the AR Bluett Memorial Award.

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