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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **The future of The Strand, Dee Why Beach**

Warringah Councillor, Vincent De Luca is delighted with the results of the recent community consultation on the future of The Strand, Dee Why Beach.

Cr De Luca, upon the election of the new Council in September 2009 called for community consultation on future options regarding The Strand, Dee Why Beach and what should be done in the future with regard to community recreation, traffic and parking management.

"I am thrilled that residents have taken the time to have their say on what they want for the future of The Strand, which is one of Warringah's jewels in the Crown" Cr De Luca said.

"A number of submissions were received suggesting the complete closing of The Strand. Many residents have approached me both prior to my election and since, suggesting part of or all of The Strand should be closed to enable greater recreation, alfresco dining and a family friendly atmosphere.

"It is clear to me that The Strand has become a cultural hub of the northern beaches with people coming from far and wide to enjoy the restaurants and beautiful beach. There have been problems however, with hoons racing down the street and pedestrian safety. These issues must immediately be addressed. We need to do something to further enhance this great area for our community.

"If any part of The Strand is closed, consideration must be given to how we will accommodate parking as it will result in the loss of car parking spaces. Council may also consider a trial of closing part or all of The Strand, perhaps for a 12 month period or various forms of closure such as on weekends only. There are many options that can be considered and I look forward to receiving Council Staff's Report in February when Council resumes.

Cr De Luca also proposed last year that the Reserve at Dee Why Beach be named "The Ted Jackson Reserve" in honour of the late Shire President, Mr Edward Jackson BEM OAM who dedicated his life to Dee Why. Council unanimously adopted Cr De Luca's proposal which is now before the Geographical Names Board for consideration.

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