

Date: Thursday, 29 April 2010
To: letters@manlydaily.com.au
Subject: Letter re Grants Opening

I write to express my concern in the manner in which the Manly Daily reported the Infrastructure Grants “six months delay in official rock pool opening” (MD 29 April 2010). It must be emphasised that what has been achieved through the grants with the refurbishment of Dee Why Rock Pool, works at Warringah Aquatic Centre and our Libraries is great for our community.

I attended the Ceremony with two people I have the utmost respect for due to their outstanding dedication to our community over many decades, Mrs Isa Wye MBE OAM – President, DY Ladies’ Amateur Swimming Club and Mr Kevin O’Brien – President, DY Mens’ Amateur Swimming Club. DY Ladies Amateur Swimming Club is the oldest Ladies’ Swimming Club in Australia, founded in 1922. The rock pool has not had any major work undertaken since it was opened over four decades ago.

Isa is now in her 50th year as President of the Club and Kevin has been involved in the Mens’ Club since the early 1980s. It was a delight to see Maxine McKew officiate at the Ceremony and give so much praise and acknowledgement to these hard working volunteers as well as recognise the need for more Government funding on the northern beaches.

Dee Why Rock pool is one of the most used rock pools in the Warringah Council area by people of all ages and backgrounds. I am thankful for the money that has gone to ensuring its refurbishment facilitating excellent recreational facilities for our community.

Yours sincerely
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Warringah Councillor