

Subject: Dee Why boat shed

Re Warringah Council staff's proposed take-over of the surf rescue boat storage shed at Dee Why beach.

Warringah Council staff rely on a plan written over a decade ago in 2002 to take-over the building which Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club (DYSLSC) still need to use. There has been no vote of this current elected Council or the previous Council to allow this.

It is misleading for the Council staff spokesperson to state the building has not been leased for a number of years. The building has never been leased by Warringah Council. DYSLSC has used it for time immemorial to store the Rubber Ducky and other rescue equipment.

There is a lot of chest beating lately that Warringah Council is the strongest financial Council in NSW. Why then are there continuous moves to take over local businesses such as the Bob Giltinan Tennis Centre, the Long Reef Surf Rescue Building, Long Reef Surf Life Saving Clubhouse, Narrabeen Beach Surf Life Saving Club and install cafes, function centres and restaurants? More concerning, if Council is in such good shape, why does it seek to increase rates, sell off public assets such as the Oaks Avenue Car Park and in the last term reduce community services?

I do not think rate-payers' support kicking out community organisations from community facilities so Warringah Council can make money. I am also pretty sure that small businesses, which are struggling in such tough economic times don't wish to be competing for business with their local Council.

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