

Section:	MAYORAL MINUTE	21 November 2006
Item:	<b>05.023/06    ANGOURIE NATIONAL SURFING RESERVE</b>	

### REPORT SUMMARY

This report proposes Council support the dedication of Angourie Beach as a National Surfing Reserve.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Support the dedication of Angourie Beach as a National Surfing Reserve
2. Provide a dedication plaque to be installed at the cost of an Angourie Group or residents collaboratively
3. Support the suggested plaque wording
4. Participate in a dedication ceremony at a suitable time.

### BACKGROUND

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2006 Cllr MacKenzie and the Mayor met with the Founder/Chairman and representatives of Natural Surfing Sites and Reserves Reference Group and a number of Angourie residents and prominent local surfers to discuss creation of Angourie Surfing Recreation Reserve.

“Angourie residents and Ratepayers Association have been for a number of years carrying out historical research with the view to applying for heritage listing for Angourie environs.

In response to enquiries from National Surfing Sites National Reference Group during 2005 regarding community interest in nominating Angourie as a surfing Recreation Reserve, communication was established to develop such a proposal.

The motivation was that if this nomination could assist in recognising the special cultural and environmental significance of Angourie, it could help to protect Angourie and/or possibly assist with a heritage application.”

Bells Beach in Victoria was the first such Reserve to be created in 1973. A copy of the Victorian Government Gazettal at the time is attached. Maroubra Beach was assessed and dedicated in 2005. A copy of the Maroubra Beach site assessment is attached. Up to 23 sites across Australia’s 10,685 beaches are targeted for dedication in due course.

### ISSUES

National Surfing Reserves Founder, Mr Brad Farmer, has suggested wording for a plaque at a suitable Angourie location to dedicate Angourie as a National Surfing Reserve. Such suggested wording (subject to review) is attached and describes the aims and purpose of the dedication, namely to recognise Angourie as a site of

cultural and historical significance in Australian surfing culture. Angourie Beach assessment and dedication process would be undertaken by the National Reference Group.

I support the proposal primarily on the basis of the appropriateness of recognising and formally dedicating Angourie for all Australians, as part of the nation's iconic surfing culture, which would aim to emphasise the value and integrity of natural coastline recreational resources.

Council's support would be welcome and appreciated through adoption of the recommendation as a worthy initiative that will acknowledge Angourie as an integral part of Australia's long history of association with surfing, raise awareness of our surfing culture and the coastal environment.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs would be associated with mounting and formation of the curtilage. It is suggested that Angourie residents or an Angourie Group be required to be responsible for such activity with Council to only provide an appropriate dedication plaque.

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