

Protecting Pittwater's Environment

## **Pittwater Natural Heritage Association**

# **Strategic Plan**

Pittwater Natural Heritage Association (PNHA) is a volunteer community organisation and NSW Landcare Group formed in 1994. Our area of interest is focused on catchments of the Pittwater area: the part of Northern Beaches Local Government Area bounded by Barrenjoey in the north, Ku-ring-gai Chase and Garigal National Parks in the west and Narrabeen lagoon in the south.

#### **PNHA's Mission Statement is:**

To promote and facilitate the enhancement and understanding of the natural heritage and ecological systems within the Pittwater area.

#### The PNHA vision is:

An engaged and aware community working to conserve and enhance its natural heritage.

# **PNHA Objectives and Strategies**

#### **Objective 1**

Develop a community that is aware of and actively involved in the stewardship of the Pittwater area's natural heritage, its conservation value and threats to its long-term sustainability.

### **Strategies**

- 1. Ensure communication with the association's members and the wider community is timely and ongoing.
- 2. Raise awareness of the Pittwater environment and issues affecting it through use of media, activities and promotional material.
- 3. Increase community involvement in conservation activities.



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## **Objective 2**

Encourage local and state government to adopt and implement policies, programmes and works which will conserve, sustain and enhance the natural heritage of the Pittwater area.

## **Strategies**

- 1. Ensure that the organisation's views are communicated to authorities prior to policy, programme or major development decisions, and if necessary after decisions are made.
- 2. Promote through our membership positive community actions and partnerships with government.
- 3. Engage with councillors, council staff, state and federal MPs and other organisations to gain adequate resources, including grant funding, for conservation and enhancement of the Pittwater area's natural environment.

#### **Objective 3**

Grow Pittwater Natural Heritage Association as an effective and sustainable environmental organisation.

### **Strategies**

- 1. Plan for succession and demographic changes so that the association can continue its activities.
- 2. Increase the association's membership and members' contribution to the organisation.
- 3. Increase recognition of PNHA's name, reputation and achievements.
- 4. Maintain the association's financial sustainability.