

# Media Release

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## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR LAKE ILLAWARRA AUTHORITY BOARD**

Nominations are being sought from community members interested in joining the board of the Lake Illawarra Authority.

“The Authority has been extremely effective over its 22-year life in achieving tangible improvements to the health of the lake,” Crown Lands general manager, Graham Harding, said.

“Since the Authority has completed the new entrance to the lake there have been wonderful improvements in water quality.

“The lake is once again playing an important part in the local tourism economy.

“The next two years will be important for developing new recreational and tourism facilities on the edge of the lake.

“The current five community representatives will complete their two-year term on the board on 31 August 2011.

“It is vital that the Authority is well informed of community expectations through the new board.

“Apart from developing new parklands and restoring important ecological areas on the foreshores of the lake, the Authority also maintains many existing parks on the perimeter of the lake,” Mr Harding said.

“The challenge is to maintain these areas to accommodate the environmental and social amenity requirements of the Illawarra community.”

A public information session is being held at 6pm on Tuesday, 26 July at the Illawarra Yacht Club on Northcliffe Drive, Warrawong.

The session will provide valuable information on the roles and responsibilities of the Authority’s community members and outline the Authority’s upcoming works.

“Previous community members have been invaluable in setting the direction of the Authority and I trust there will be strong interest from those in the community wishing to make a real contribution to the management of the lake,” Mr Harding said.

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