

# We must save our wallabies

**John Hungerford would like to raise the awareness of Northern beaches residents regarding the plight of a colony of Agile wallabies that lives between Trinity Beach and Trinity Park.**

This colony has been resident for many years and would be familiar to those residents who frequently pass the vacant land on the northern side of Reed Road (opposite Holy Cross School).

Regrettably, the wallaby population on the Northern Beaches has been decimated over the years with the increased development and diminishing habitat.

This particular colony has also been affected significantly by the commencement of the Bluewater Development.

The works and noise from heavy machinery below Earl Hill has forced the wallabies to seek refuge on the vacant land to escape noise.

During the early morning and in the evening, they move to forage and unfortunately, all too often become road fatalities.

"Over the past two weeks, I have personally documented 6 fatalities

in the area bounded by Trinity Beach Rd, Cook Hwy and Reed Rd. These incidents included both adult and juvenile animals. If this rate of kill continues, the colony will be wiped out," he said.

The Bluewater Developers have been co-operative and a couple of residents have met with the Project Manager to discuss ways of preserving habitat and providing corridors for wallabies and other unique wildlife species in the area to sustain the populations.

We would like to see more community involvement in preserving these animals and their habitat. It is also important for all residents to be aware of the presence of wallabies in this area and to exercise caution when driving.

We must all work together to ensure that these animals are preserved for many years to come.

They are a feature on the Beaches for both residents and tourists and we must do everything possible to assist with their plight.

*If anyone would like to assist with this project, please contact John Hungerford on 4055 6024.*

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