



Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report – November 2022

Proposal for additional permanent volleyball courts Manly Beach (Stage 1 of 1)

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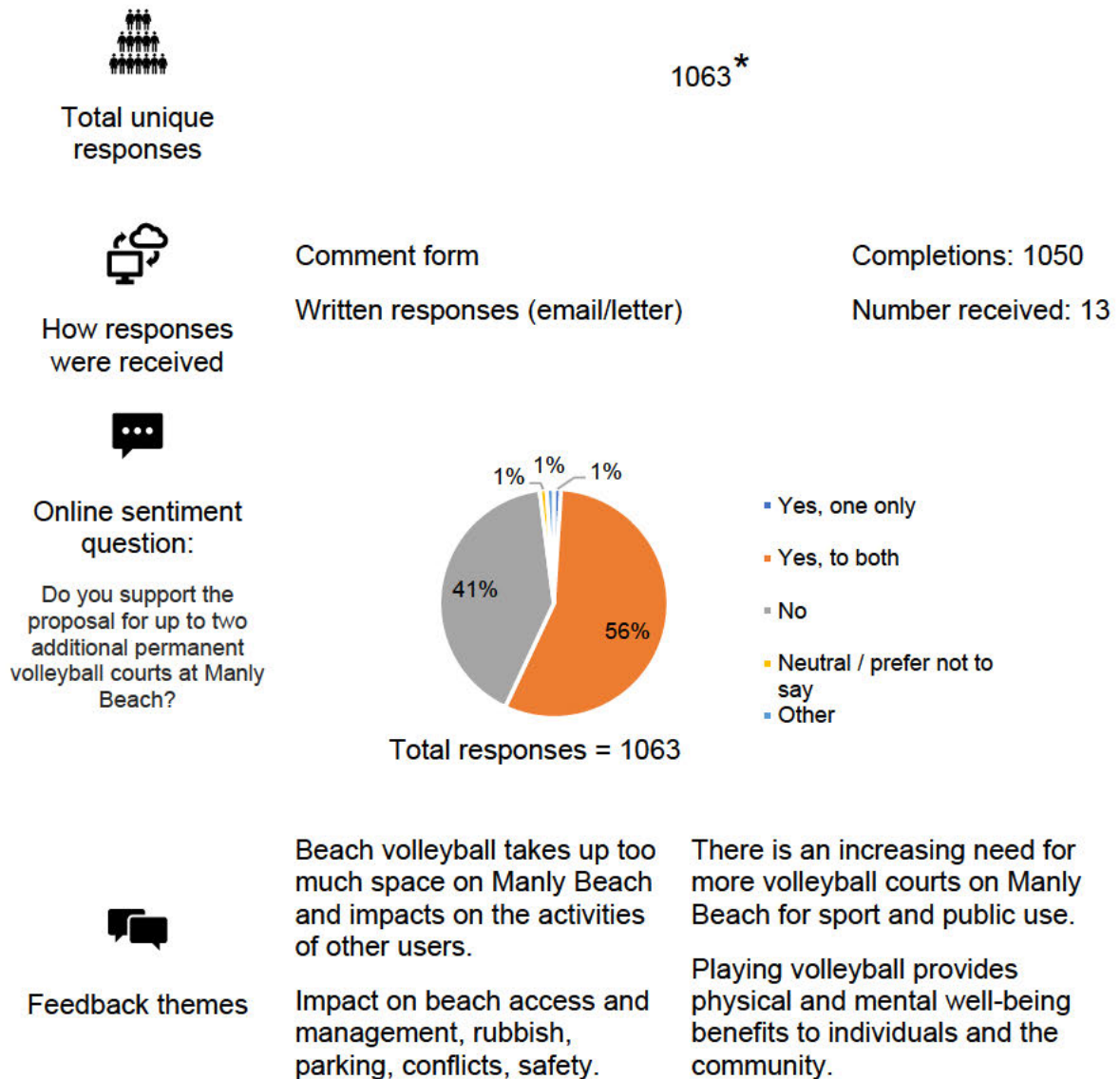
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1. Summary

In response to a request from the Northern Beaches Volleyball Association (NBVA) Council publicly exhibited a plan to install up to two additional permanent courts on Manly Beach between the northern most permanent court and the stairs opposite Carlton Street (see map at Appendix 2). The exhibition period was from Wednesday 18 May 2022 to Sunday 19 June 2022.

During the exhibition period 1063 responses were collected - 1050 unique submissions (excluding duplicates) through a Your Say page online comment form and 13 unique submissions via email / letter. 56% of responses were supportive of two additional courts in the proposed location, 41% were not supportive of any additional courts in the proposed location, 1% supportive of one additional court in the proposed location, 1% neutral / prefer not to say, 1% other. See Appendix 1 for the verbatim comments.





1.1. Key outcomes



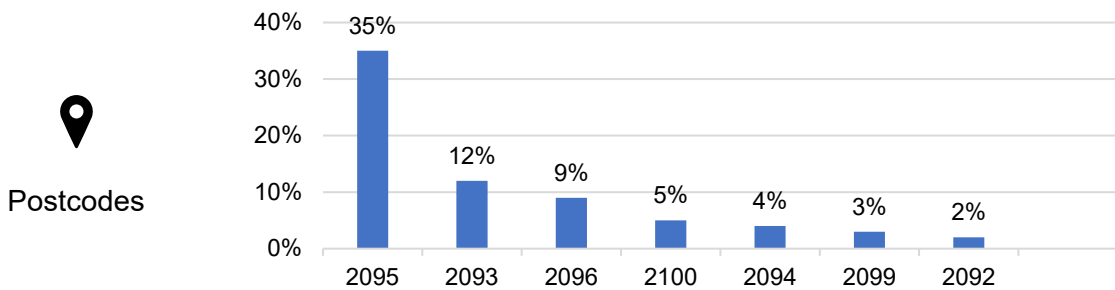
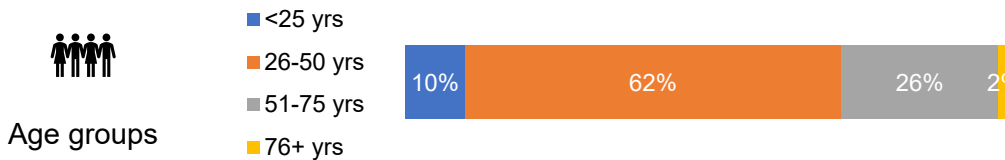
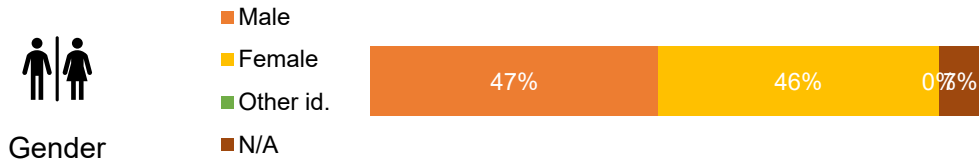
Consider other beach locations.

Volleyball has minimal impact on other use.

Limit built structures on Manly Beach.

<p>How we engaged</p>  <p>Have Your Say: visitation stats</p>	<p>Visitors: 2,205</p>	<p>Visits: 2,766</p>	<p>Average time onsite: 2 mins 1 sec</p>
<p>Print media and collateral</p> 	<p>Peninsula Living</p> <p>Northern Beaches Review</p> <p>Letterbox drop: Postcode 2095 Manly</p> <p>Site signs used: At Manly Beach near the volleyball courts</p>		<p>Distribution: 57,000</p> <p>Distribution: 65,000</p> <p>Distribution: 400</p> <p>Number of signs: 4</p>
<p>Electronic direct mail (EDM)</p> 	<p>Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 editions</p> <p>Council (weekly) e-News: 1 edition</p> <p>Stakeholder email: 8</p>		<p>Distribution: 23,000 subscribers</p> <p>Distribution: 180,000 subscribers</p> <p>Stakeholder email: 8</p>
<p>Key stakeholder engagement</p> 	<p>Stakeholder Meetings: (internal with Beach Management, Environmental Compliance and external with North Steyne SLSC, Manly SLSC, Queenscliff SLSC (phone), SLS Sydney Northern Beaches (phone))</p>		<p>Stakeholder group meetings:</p> <p>2 internal</p> <p>4 external</p>

1.2. Who responded



2. Background

Beach volleyball is a popular activity on Manly Beach played socially for fun and competitively for sport using permanent and temporary courts.

For over twenty years, Council has permitted permanent volleyball courts (the courts) to be located on Manly Beach. Currently there are eight permanent courts on the sand between Steinton Street and Raglan Street (Appendix 2). The posts and nets stay up at all times unless removed for matters such as beach maintenance, beach conditions and surf lifesaving, surfing and other events.

The public and the Northern Beaches Volleyball Association (NBVA) are the main users of the permanent volleyball courts on Manly Beach. The NBVA is a non-profit organisation formed in 1989, based at Manly Beach. The NBVA use these courts for training during the week (morning and afternoon) and some weekends (morning) and competitions and events on weekends (currently up to 14 weekends all day).

Due to the lack of permanent courts the NBVA also use the beach area adjacent to the existing courts (between Carlton Street and Raglan Street) for temporary courts on competition days to accommodate for the number of teams and players.

The NBVA have requested that Council consider installing additional permanent volleyball courts on Manly Beach to meet the increasing demand for more courts for their training,

competitions and events and for the public. The NBVA propose that any new courts would be made available to the public when not used by the NBVA.

In response to the NBVA's request Council publicly exhibited a proposal to install up to two additional permanent courts on the beach between the northern most permanent court and the stairs opposite Carlton Street (Appendix 2). This proposed location has been used by the NBVA to play volleyball with temporary courts for many years.

It was important to understand community views on the proposal prior to considering their proposal.

3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities
- provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way
- identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge, and values

4. Engagement approach

A plan to install up to two additional permanent volleyball courts at Manly Beach was publicly exhibited on Council's Have Your Say Online Hub from 18 May to 19 June 2022.

This engagement consisted of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute and respond.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Matrix (2017).

A project page was established on Council's Your Say online platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was primarily promoted through Council's regular email newsletter (EDM) channels, local media publications, site signs and resident notification letters. Contact was made with key stakeholders including; Manly Beach Running Club, Northern Beaches Volleyball Association, Beachvolleyball.com.au, Manly Surf School, North Steyne Board riders Club, Manly Malibu Board riders Club and Northern Beaches Surf Lifesaving Branch (and clubs via the branch), Queenscliff, North Steyne and Manly Surf Life Saving Clubs.

An aerial map was provided on the Your Say page to identify the current and proposed court locations (Appendix 2).

Feedback was captured through an online comment form embedded onto the have your say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents if they supported the plan for up to two additional courts. Respondents also had an option to nominate whether they supported one or both courts. An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Email and written comments were also invited.

5. Findings

During the exhibition period 1063 responses were collected - 1050 unique submissions (excluding duplicates) through the Your Say page online comment form and 13 unique

submissions via email / letter. 56% of responses were supportive of two additional courts in the proposed location, 41% were not supportive of any additional courts in the proposed location, 1% supportive of one additional court in the proposed location, 1% neutral / prefer not to say, 1% other.

Key stakeholder feedback includes:

- North Steyne Surf Lifesaving Club –raised concerns that the proposed additional courts may impact on the club’s patrolling area and activities such as nippers. Also, the increasing use of the beach by the public for ball sports with temporary nets impacts the club’s activities including occasionally blocking access to their building.
- Manly Surf Lifesaving Club - raised no objection to the proposed additional courts.
- Queenscliff Surf Lifesaving Club - raised no objection to the proposed additional courts.
- The North Steyne and Manly Malibu Board Riders - raised concerns about the amount of temporary and permanent volleyball courts on Manly Beach and the space this activity takes up as well as the impact on their use of the beach and other beach use.

Table 1: Thematic Summary of Comments Received

Key Theme	What We Heard (Summary)	Council’s response
Beach volleyball takes up too much space on Manly Beach and impacts on the activities of other users.	<p>1. A large, disproportionate area of beach is already allocated exclusively to one user group, impacting on use of the beach by the public and groups such as surf lifesaving and board riding clubs. More permanent volleyball courts mean even less space and more inconvenience for the public, families, clubs, nippers. Manly Beach is busy enough.</p> <p>2. The use of temporary courts with nets to play ball sports is increasing all over Manly Beach. These courts use a lot of space and displace other use and impacts surf lifesaving activities and public enjoyment of the beach. Requests for better management of ball sports on Manly Beach.</p>	<p>1. The proposal for additional permanent courts is not supported.</p> <p>The current permanent volleyball courts are not for the exclusive use of the NBVA. These courts are available to the public when not booked through Council (including NBVA).</p> <p>2. Council is going to monitor the impact of ball sports over summer with a view to assess if further regulation of ball sports is required.</p>
There is an increasing need for more volleyball courts on Manly Beach for sport and public use	<p>3. NBVA and other respondents have indicated there is an increasing need for more volleyball courts on Manly Beach.</p> <p>4. Beach volleyball is iconic to Manly Beach and attracts visitors.</p>	<p>3. In addition to the feedback from the NBVA, Council’s lifeguards have observed an increase in the use of the permanent volleyball courts and an increase in the use of temporary courts for volleyball and other ball sports at Manly Beach.</p> <p>4. There is no proposal to remove volleyball from Manly Beach.</p>
Playing volleyball provides physical and	<p>5. Access to volleyball courts at Manly Beach provides opportunities to participate in a healthy, active, social lifestyle.</p>	<p>5. and 6. Noted</p>

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mental well-being benefits to individuals and the community	6. Playing beach volleyball provides physical and mental well-being benefits.	
Impact on beach access and management, rubbish, parking, conflicts, safety	7. The new courts; will restrict access to the beach from the nearby playground, may impact the safe operation of the beach flags, patrols and surf lifesaving activities, will increase the demand for parking, lead to more rubbish and more conflicts with other users and nearby residents.	7. The proposal for additional permanent courts is not supported.
Volleyball has minimal impact on other use.	8. There is sufficient space on Manly Beach for other beach use. The area proposed for new permanent courts is rarely used except for volleyball using temporary equipment.	8. The proposal for additional permanent courts is not supported.
Consider other beach locations	9. A range of alternate beach locations were suggested.	9. Council is not considering permanent volleyball courts on other beaches at this time.
Limit built structures on Manly Beach	10. Limit built structures on Manly Beach. It is important not to block views and not to impact on public amenity of the beach.	10. The proposal for additional permanent courts is not supported.

Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

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Verbatim comments collected through Your Say page
The people who use the beach volleyball courts leave a lot of rubbish on the sand. This is a consistent problem that will only get worse with more courts attracting more people.
This is a great initiative. That area of the beach is hardly used apart from people putting up portable beach volleyball courts anyway so this will make it easier for the entire community to use the space instead of only those people with their own volleyball nets. It's great to have a beach space where people are encouraged to be active and stay fit. Most people just use the area between the corso and south steyne surf club for sunbathing to be closer to the flags and the area is usually marked as dangerous currents so it's better not to have sunbathers in that area anyway. It's also good to see that the proposal is to have the courts available for use by the not for profit volleyball association and the public, and not the for profit company that operates on some of the courts as well as there is stiff competition to use the courts anyway, and adding courts for the beach volleyball school to use wouldn't make sense.
I don't believe that additional public beach space should be permanently allocated to one sport. The beach is a public area which should remain so for the broader benefit of all. I also have concerns of the possible negative impact the additional space may have in surf life saving activities. This encompasses patrol, competition and junior SLS (nippers).
Covers too much beach
Exclusive use of even more space by only one small group will further reduce already crowded space on busy days while existing courts often remain unused often (whoie at the same time still blocking the space for others' use).
On summer days the volleyball courts already take up a very large portion of the beach, making it inaccessible for other beach users. Adding two more courts would exacerbate this problem.
Beach is a shared resource for many sports and activities. Permanent volleyball courts obstruct this for others, including nippers, lifesaving clubs and other similar activities. We already have a significant beach space dedicated to volleyball.

*Personal details and inappropriate language have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been corrected. No opinion or offence may be caused.

More permanent courts make no sense, they already have a significant portion of the beach as it is. Nippers at North Steyne, recreation at North Steyne, Surf competitions, Nippers State competitions every year are very important community, not for profit activities that would be stymied if this goes ahead.

Please do not allow permanent courts in the proposed area

Beach volleyball is great for the Manly's community and businesses. Courts provide a great meeting points for players and not, providing a plaza-like feeling for the community.

More than often people using the courts when finish to play gather at local business for food or entertainment providing great input for the economy.

The sport is growing and at the moment, the permanent courts are always busy at peak times (early morning and lunch times during the week and the entire day during the weekend) and the community has to resort to portable courts with sometimes no space for them.

Two additional court will definitely help to define the space for beach volleyball player and help reduce the amount of portable courts across the beach.

There is not enough information to make an informed decision. The area highlighted looks larger than two courts, there is no mention as to time of use, temporary courts and the area taken up exclusively for one beach group. How do they propose to work with surfing groups, beach goers, the flagged bathing area, surf clubs and the broader community?? There is no information or apparent consultation.

There are eight courts now and that is sufficient .
There is also a need to limit pop up courts.

would love to play a casual game of volleyball with friends after work sometimes. Maybe Manly rate payers could have priority every now and then- just a suggestion!

Concerns:

1. Already significant occupation of beach space. both in area and beach esthetics.
2. Court space does not represent complete occupation space. You should consider also surrounding area as part of the area occupied due to wayward balls and outside of court play. Competitions also block beach access.
3. Beach depth has narrowed in recent years and limits other users between courts and waters edge. This has become more limiting when you consider point 2 above.
4. Rather than expanding volleyball at Manly, has other beaches like Freshwater etc been considered now that the entire northern beaches coast is under one council.

There are currently a lot of fixed volleyball courts and several temporary courts that get installed all weekend.

Enough of the beach is already designated to volleyball and I do not agree with adding any additional courts. This will reduce the available beach area for all other users and nippers clubs.

There are already a number of permanent volleyball courts on the beach. When these were approved by Manly Council, it was on the basis that there would be no additional courts.

The area proposed for the new courts has been used for surf and board riding carnivals from time to time. Also during the summer holiday season, when conditions require it, the North Steyne Surf Life Saving flags are set up in this area. All of these activities would be hampered by the existence of permanent volleyball courts.

Of more importance is the general amenity provided by this segment of the beach for residents and visitors. The establishment of more volleyball courts would severely degrade this amenity.

The beach is a community resource for all to share. Currently there appears to be 8 permanent courts and at any given time, most particularly the weekends, there can be up to another 8 temporary courts erected. While I applaud the community fitness aspects of learning to play beach volleyball I note that the usable sand area has shrunk significantly this year and a very significant percentage of this available beach is already taken up by beach volleyball courts. In my view we should be ensuring that there is sufficient space away from the flagged swimming areas for other activities including, but not limited to, beach tennis, football, frisbee and other pursuits.

I am concerned that it might reduce the space for the kids to do other activities on the beach such as nippers

The courts take up a lot of room on the beach for a relatively small number of people. I could support temporary non-permanent courts over winter but for the rest of the year, the existing courts surely represent a fair share of the beach for the numbers using the space.

The North Steyne nippers need the room. We need more Lifesaver training on our beaches, not more volleyball,

This one sport is being given far too much exclusive use of a beach that should be open to ALL.

As a parent of North Steyne Surf club Nippers program, I believe the additional Volleyball Courts to be an oversupply for this particular sport....Free beach space for Surf Club members and indeed residents and visitors to beautiful Manly beach front, should be preserved...Your sincerely [REDACTED]

The proposal appears to suggest that the permanent volleyball courts will be close to North Steyne SLSC. As a member of the club and a nippers parent I am concerned that the courts will hinder the ability of NS SLSC to run the fantastic nippers programme that it currently does and which is an integral and much loved part of the Manly beach community and a vital programme to establish a love and respect for lifesaving and the sea which is needed to encourage the next generation of Surf lifesavers - some of the most important people on the whole NSW coast.

Permanent courts (of which there are already a significant number on the beach) would prevent the area from being used for anything else and (even as a volleyball player) it seems unnecessary to erect additional ones on this stretch of beach.

I object to the proposal and have outlined my reasons in the attachment and what I believe may be some alternatives.
I would like Council to remember the beach is for everyone not just a small minority.
Please consider the local, general public and ratepayer.
They should come first

Two permanent volleyball courts are restricted it from all of us to use the beach. This will restrict the beach space that family/nipper activities can occur. Direct access from the Children's promenade playground to the beach will be compromised.
From Nippers perspective the Increased Footprint will:

Restrict the area available to run Sunday Nippers south of the club.
Prevent Nipper Board Training in large surf from being relocated to a safer section to the south of Club.
Unrestricted locations of Pop-Up Volleyball Courts along our beach could interfere with Sunday Nippers.
Impact the ability to host Nipper Carnivals will be restricted as sprint tracks will be unable to be set up south of Club (e.g. State Champs).
Impact the ability to conduct patrols to the south of the Club which may restrict flags to be erected at North Steyne. If flags can't go up, we would then be unable at Sunday Nippers to conduct any water activities.

There are already a large number of permanent courts available for volleyball players. The beach is accessible for everyone and this would greatly restrict the prime beach area that is available for all to use for a variety of sport and recreation activities.

I have the following concerns as a Manly resident and member of North Steyne SLSC:

- Fact that Council is prepared to give one sport exclusive use of 25 % of the beach and restrict it from others to use.
- This will restrict the beach space that family activities can occur.
- Direct access from the children's promenade playground to the beach will be compromised.

From Nippers perspective the increased footprint will:

- Restrict the area available to run Sunday Nippers south of the club.
- Prevent Nipper board training in large surf from being relocated to a safer section to the south of club.
- Unrestricted locations of pop-up volleyball courts along our beach could interfere with Sunday Nippers.
- Impact the ability to host Nipper carnivals will be restricted as sprint tracks will be unable to be set up south of the club (e.g. State Champs).
- Impact the ability to conduct patrols to the south of the Club which may restrict flags to be erected at North Steyne. If flags can't go up, we would then be unable at Sunday Nippers to conduct any water activities.

It is unclear why the courts need to be concentrated at this location at this beach. To grant the request would be to prefer the interests of one user group at the expense of all others (particularly having regard to the safety points listed above).

The history of proposals and approvals for this group should be reviewed in the context of this latest proposal.

<p>There are too many courts as well. Find another beach. It's ugly. Stop flogging Manly beach enough is enough.</p>
<p>Please only allow one new court if you have too. There are plenty already erected and already causes blockages on the pathway above.</p>
<p>It can be hard enough to find space for families when the beach is busy. There should not be more of the beach blocked off for exclusive volleyball use. It is not only the area where the court is that becomes inaccessible for the public but a significant area around the courts due to the likelihood of being hit by a ball or sand, as well as equipment taking up more room.</p> <p>Also, as a North Steyne SLSC Nippers parent, the courts would further reduce access to safe areas when the water is hazardous.</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to this proposal.</p>
<p>This area is already used by Nippers at North Steyne</p>
<p>I support all the reasons outlined by Bernie Burrows. Namely that this proposal if accepted will :</p> <p>Restrict the area available to run Sunday Nippers south of the club. Prevent Nipper Board Training in large surf from being relocated to a safer section to the south of Club. Unrestricted locations of Pop-Up Volleyball Courts along our beach could interfere with Sunday Nippers. Impact the ability to host Nipper Carnivals will be restricted as sprint tracks will be unable to be set up south of Club (e.g. State Champs). Impact the ability to conduct patrols to the south of the Club which may restrict flags to be erected at North Steyne. If flags can't go up, we would then be unable at Sunday Nippers to conduct any water activities.</p>
<p>It will restrict prime beach space for families.</p> <p>They already have enough beach space.</p> <p>Not reasonable to dedicate this much public beach space for one sport.</p> <p>Will negatively impact options for nipper activities and patrol activities & possibly limit where flags can be positioned south of the club.</p>
<p>Safety. Prams, children on the beach.</p>
<p>Too much space will be taken up by these courts. Space that I think would be better left for everyone to enjoy.</p>
<p>The current volleyball courts takes up quiet a bit space at the moment. With the additional pop up volleyball nets and beach tennis nets, that affects the space for residents and other beach users. The beach should be largely available for beach goers and residents and not taken up by permanent volleyball structures which only service a small portion of beach users.</p>
<p>Love to see the courts we have being used BUT don't want more.</p>

This is a public beach space not a sporting facility. Get a warehouse with sand. The beach is crowded enough in summer without the loss of more sand for people to enjoy.

At high tide the water usually comes up as high as the current volley ball courts leaving little room to walk along the beach. With more courts there will be even less sand to walk along at high tide which is unacceptable as walking along the beach is one of the most important things the beach goers love to do. With ugly man made structures blocking access to the sand is not what Manly beach is about. I and many others will be very disappointed and angry if more permanent courts are put on the beach. It is a beach after all and not a sports field or volley ball court.

As a local resident/beach runner/member of North Steyne SLSC I think the volleyballers take up too much of the beach now, with permanent and pop-up courts! They're also less than courteous to others using the beach, unless you're saving there ball/s from the water... There is always rubbish left in the corridor between the courts and the seawall, as well as unattended sand rakes, that are extremely hazardous in the early hours of the morning.

Some other points:

- Fact that Council is prepared to give one sport exclusive use of 25 % of the World's Best beach and restrict it from all of us to use.
- This will restrict the beach space that family activities can occur.
- Direct access from the Children's promenade playground to the beach will be compromised.
- Restrict the area available to run Sunday Nippers south of the club.
- Prevent Nipper Board Training in large surf from being relocated to a safer section to the south of Club.
- Unrestricted locations of Pop-Up Volleyball Courts along our beach could interfere with Sunday Nippers.
- Impact the ability to host Nipper Carnivals will be restricted as sprint tracks will be unable to be set up south of Club (e.g. State Champs).
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To much beach dedicated to a small number of users. This is public space.

There are already a number of volleyball courts on the beach. The beach should be an area for all communities and not som largely taken over by one sporting group. Two further permeenant courts will significantly alter the free space for families to use the beach. it will also impact other sports' ability to use the beach, the nippers and SLSC which use this area of the beach for nipper training and importantly for carnivals will have their area significantly reduced. Nipper squads and surf life saving are a core part of the beach and anything which impacts them will have significant effects on those children involved with the club and the ability of the club to give a patrolled area of the beach for locals to swim safely. further to this it cuts the ease of access from the promenade and children's play area to the beach. I am firmly against the proposal and feel it is a non-equitable and unfair use of a public beach area.

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There are already lots of volleyball courts on the beach area. The beach is for everyone, not just the volleyball players.

Six is more than enough as players take up room running from the court when playing.

During the summer, the courts fill up really quickly and it's hard to acquire one. Two more would be really useful.

Why should any faculty take part of one of our iconic landmarks. Leave it for all the community to enjoy. They already have way too much space and the pop ups should be controlled also. Don't get me wrong I love VB but the beach is for no association to own.

As a parent of a child who attends North Steyne Nippers and a regular visitor to Manly Beach, I oppose the proposal for additional volleyball courts as this will limit the beach availability for other activities, including Nippers, and access for the general public to one of Sydney's iconic beaches for activities other than volleyball

I feel the existing number of courts is sufficient for that activity, leaving room for the many other beach activities that people like to enjoy. It is vital that we avoid ending up with overcrowding of this pristine environment.

The beach is a beach and should be enjoyed by people who take pleasure from what the beach has to offer that is swim, surf, bogey board, exercise and sunbake.

Parking will become impossible so the people who want to visit the beach to enjoy the beach itself eg swim and sunbake wont be able to as they wont be able to park.

I definitely dont want any more volleyball courts on Manly beach.

I strongly object to having more permanent volleyball courts at Manly beach because:

1. The beach should be available to people who genuinely want to use the beach that is swim and sunbake. In summertime most of the beach from Queenscliff to South Steyne is crowded with sunbakers. Adding 2 more volley ball courts will mean that there will be less space / sand for people to sunbake therefore all other areas would become even more crowded for sunbaking making.
2. there will be less parking available for people who genuinely want to enjoy the beach that is swim and sunbake. This is extremely unfair on the genuine beach goers. Parking is already impossible and adding more volley ball courts with people coming to practice and with no intention of using the beach itself will make parking an absolute nightmare.
3. I live opposite the current volley ball courts and it is quite noisy. Adding more courts will make the noise extremely bad and it will be unpleasant to sit on my balcony and enjoy the beach view - which is what the beach is all about.
4. Volleyball has no connection to the beach in any way. It is not surfing, swimming, walking, sunbaking, kayaking, stand up paddle board or bogey boarding. Volley ball is a game that can be played in numerous other locations than a beach. The activities I have listed above can only be done at the beach.
5. alot of the surf schools use the sand where the proposed courts will go to show students how to stand etc on their boards. With volley ball courts there this will mean that they will have to use the sunbaking areas of the beach. Meaning less sunbaking areas for people who want to sunbake. Surf lessons are part of a beach and its culture. Volleyball courts are not part of a beach life or its culture.
6. We already have enough permanent courts. After all Manly beach is a beach and NOT a sports field or a volleyball court.
7. What benefits do the residents of Manly get ? None. All I can think of is negative outcomes. I am a rate payer and Ive lived in Manly for 24 years. It hope you listen to the residents and rate payers and do NOT put any more permanent courts in.
8. When tourists come to Manly they want to see an amazing beach not a beach filled with volleyball courts.
9. Manly beach is an iconic beach and Manly is a huge tourist decision. Therefore a beach should look like a beach and not a volley ball court. The tourists will laugh at the beach if its filled with volley ball courts and think we have ruined a beautiful natural beach.
10. There should be nothing permanent on the beach. It is a natural wonder and shoudnt be covered with man made structures.
11. Im assuming they will cause sand erosion too.
12. the beach isnt big enough for more space to be taken up by more courts.

For all of the reasons Ive listed above I strongly object to having more permanent volleyball courts.

Beaches are free space for all to enjoy. The current permanent courts plus the temporary ones erected spread from south of north Steyne to the corso stairs last weekend.

How about allowing people to do free and unorganised beach activities like a family game of any sport. With little free space as everyone will be compacted only the volley ball players get to enjoy sport on the beach.

<p>An absolute no to more permanent and a no to the temporary nets that the volleyball association erect.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed courts will restrict the area available to run Sunday Nippers south of the club. • Impact the ability to host Nipper Carnivals will be restricted as sprint tracks will be unable to be set up south of Club (e.g. State Champs).
<p>Manly Beach is multi-purpose space and should remain inclusive to all people, whether for sports activities, sun bathing, walking etc. The volleyball courts already have taken some much used space. Nothing prevents them from setting up temporary courts when the need arises, and I have seen this happen. However, to permanently allocate a section of the beach for one sport's exclusive use appears unjustifiable to the vast majority of beach users</p>
<p>As a Manly local and nipper parent whose family loves North Steyne Beach, I have a few concerns: Fact that Council is prepared to give one sport exclusive use of 25 % of the World's Best beach and restrict it from all of us to use. This will restrict the beach space that family activities can occur. Direct access from the Children's promenade playground to the beach will be compromised. From Nippers perspective the Increased Footprint will: Restrict the area available to run Sunday Nippers south of the club. Prevent Nipper Board Training in large surf from being relocated to a safer section to the south of Club. Unrestricted locations of Pop-Up Volleyball Courts along our beach could interfere with Sunday Nippers. Impact the ability to host Nipper Carnivals will be restricted as sprint tracks will be unable to be set up south of Club (e.g. State Champs). Impact the ability to conduct patrols to the south of the Club which may restrict flags to be erected at North Steyne. If flags can't go up, we would then be unable at Sunday Nippers to conduct any water activities.</p>
<p>This will take up more valuable space for those wanting to swim, surf whether than be for leisure, training or lessons</p>
<p>To close to surf club affecting Nippers. Why not further up closer to Queenscliff where the beach is much wider.</p>
<p>There are enough courts using beach space which is meant for all to enjoy. They are an eyesore. Also additional parking spaces will be lost</p>
<p>As Nippers parent and NS Club supporter I understand that more volleyball courts included will reduce considerably the Nippers and members free space,</p>
<p>We regularly use the playground and the kids run straight down to the beach directly in front of this</p>

North Steyne SLSC has been in existence and serving the community for more than 100 years and the club's Nippers are an integral part of the local social fabric and representative of Australian culture, not only shaping the life savers of tomorrow but providing our youth with incredibly vital information and knowledge on how to stay safe on our beaches, how to help protect others on our beaches and also how to protect the beach environment.

Note the following the proposed volleyball courts would have on the North Steyne SLSC:

- Restrict the area available to run Sunday Nippers south of the club.
- Prevent Nipper Board Training in large surf from being relocated to a safer section to the south of Club.
- Unrestricted locations of Pop-Up Volleyball Courts along our beach could interfere with Sunday Nippers.
- Impact the ability to host Nipper Carnivals will be restricted as sprint tracks will be unable to be set up south of Club (e.g. State Champs).

And from the aspect of safety, impact the ability to conduct patrols to the south of the Club which may restrict flags to be erected at North Steyne. If flags can't go up, then people's lives might be at risk.

I urge Northern beaches Council to take all of the above into consideration. Safety first must be paramount.

Thank you.

anything that encourages active participation improves community health. and it is fun.

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It doesn't seem fair to give one sport exclusive use of 25% of the beach

nippers need this space

It will give large exclusive access to one sport which is not fair.

Concern regarding the amount of beach designated to volleyball and it's proximity to N Steyne SLS

Manly (including North Steyne) is a very popular beach for the locals and tourists (over 2 million domestic and international tourists per annum!). This proposal provides one sport exclusive use of the area, and restricts the rest of people to use the area. As a family with a young child, we also avoid the area around the

<p>current volleyball courts to avoid being disturbed by the volleyballs when they were hit outside of the courts.</p>
<p>With the addition of new volleyball places, it will directly impact the North Steyne nippers activities which will be a loss for the community. I strongly believe that the beaches should be an area for families the enjoy the beach and for multiple sports to be exercised. Now, it will look like the beach is only for volleyball.</p>
<p>If this were to go ahead, It would affect families and North Steyne Surf Club. On Sundays, nippers won't be able to be run south of the club, limiting what activities nippers can do. It also means that in the event, it is unsafe infront or north of the club to erect flags, that the beach would have to be closed limiting the amount of people wanting to visit the beach. There are already enough volleyball courts up, and not much beach for those wanting to use it for other activities. It will impact on tourism as people won't want to go to North Steyne to go to the beach, and it will affect parents and children having access to the beach directly from the playground. I believe that there should not be anymore volleyball courts erected on manly Beach for these reasons.</p>
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<p>Loss of space for public use and nippers</p>
<p>Giving people the opportunity to exercise and have fun is essential especially outdoors so with the extra courts provided that would give more people the chance to enjoy the facilities and our beautiful beaches.</p>

The Beach is a precious public space and should not be further reserved for exclusive private uses. There are many legitimate claims that could be made for beach use by other clubs and associations, so the existing courts should be considered a privilege.

There are already a significant number of courts on the beach and adding further takes up even more of the beach restricting other activities.

The beach is a public asset and should not taken away from the public and given an exclusive use a small minority

Manly beach serves many purposes to various users, including surfers, families, swimmers, sunbathers, people exercising, meditating, doing yoga, frisbee, beach tennis and other ball games. When the tide is high there is limited dry sand left, which pushes beach users closer together. In my opinion, a decent proportion of the beach has already been made available to volleyball courts. Increasing the court space unreasonably reduces the remaining space at Manly for all other beach activities, users and residents. The volleyball courts permanently change the beach space, unlike a towel or umbrella which is gone after use.

Would the proponents consider a less occupied beach, for example Long Reef?

I'm not against beach volleyball, but keen that we maintain the magic that is Manly beach. One of the wonderful aspects of Australian beaches is how natural beauty is protected. A beach with permanent nets in place has already migrated away from its natural and beautiful state.

It's not sustainable to use our public beaches for private organisations, regardless of whether they are for-profit or not. Such use excludes the general public who are not members of the organisation, and as the Association is obviously growing, then they will further dominate the use of our public space. There is no mention of limiting the growth, nor is there any detail on providing transparency to the booking process and ensuring equitable access to everyone. My family and friends greatly enjoy being free to make use of these nets and it would be unacceptable to make that harder for us to do. Take a look at the inaccessible and secretive Manly & Warringah Water Ski Club that has exclusive use of Manly Dam - a disgusting and shameful use of public recreation space with the council gifting a select few 'license to be elite'.

There are too many courts now and they have taken over large parts of the beach already . Enough is enough the beach is for everyone not just them . They can find counts elsewhere .

Since the March 2022 storms, Manly, North Steyne and Queenscliff Beaches lost approx 1.5m depth of sand. This means that ALL of the sand on these beaches is now INTERTIDAL sand (between low and high tides) rather than BEACH sand (above the high tide levels). This means that the current location of the courts is subject to regular tidal highs (with concomitant erosion and loss of posts). Removing the most southerly 3 courts (where erosion is most common) and adding two new northernmost courts will provide a temporary solution and should be considered. The expense involved with sand levelling can no longer be justified. Perhaps a better solution would be to move all of the courts away from Manly to another beach where the erosion has not yet been as severe? Palm Beach or Whale Beach, perhaps?

The volley ball takes to much of the beach space
Not enough room on the beach in summer already !! Don't agree to closing off more for such a small number of users. Also parking problems already - this is likely to worsen the problem. Local businesses such as cafes losing business already as potential patrons cannot park nearby
There would be too much beach area taken up by the volleyball courts.
Your photo shows a low tide / wide sand area. High tide is the issue when it narrows the beach and on occasion beach walking has limited space forcing walkers too close to the courts & stray balls.
Too much of the beach is already set aside for the beach volleyball. The beach is a public resource that should be shared for all to enjoy and not allocated for the use of a select few.
Especially with the recent tide rising it becomes very difficult and unpredictable to prepare for classes with courts side by side, this is why having the additional courts in line would be important for.
By the way, I've just returned to Australia after two years overseas, and one of the key reasons I've chosen to live in Manly is because the NBVA squads. And I'm very sure that for many others this is also a key aspect for living here and any reasonable request to improve the space for the beach sports should be taken into high consideration by the Council.
Thanks in advance! [REDACTED]
This is a disproportionate allocation of the beach to just one sport
I think one more court will be sufficient as after all Manly Beach is for swimming
Good Afternoon, Listen the last time I actively used the volleyball courts was when my groomsmen dressed my up in a tutu, undersized singlet and pink cowboy hat in the summer of 2004 for my bucks party. That been said, I love walking passed the courts and seeing so many people enjoying an active lifestyle. I think they enhance the community atmosphere of Manly. [REDACTED]
Taking more of public space for one group of sport
With the beach tennis and other temporary volley ball courts, the beach is already packed. More courts will benefit a handful of volleyball players and disadvantage the many beach goers looking for somewhere to set up at the beach - away from the risk of being hit with a ball.
good use for the beach and a good facility for all [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Community sports should be supported and the impact on other beach users is minimal.
Need to leave space as intended by nature and allowing for other community movement, non restrictive access or additional permanent fixtures in particular. Leave enough space for wkd visitors from areas not within this lga, as usage should be for all.
The area required for the additional courts is modest compared to the benefits for the community
Beach volleyball is something that defines Manly and its beach. Even on the busiest days, there is still sufficient space for general beach users and the two additional courts.
A significant allocation is already granted to a single sport or community group. Couple of points - The additional demand can be managed with temporary courts that are put up and pulled down on a daily basis, which they currently do and that allows them to use space in winter when there is not the public beach demand and for the space to be free in summer when used by beach goers. Once the permanent courts are up, they are there to stay and don't have flexibility. - Extra beach allocation in addition to the courts needs to be taken into account. For example a zone of another 20m north of the new courts is an area where bathers can not sit give high velocity balls. My son was hit hard by one at the showers in the middle of the courts. Also when erosion is high and or tide the beach to the east of the courts can not be used by bathers. Again the measurement of 'allocated' space to the volleyball courts should 20m either side of the last courts north and south and to the east. As a percentage of the beach that is a hugh allocation. - Manly and bondi are Sydney two big tourist destinations. Once travel come back this summer the beach will be extremely busy again. Very important for council to give enough space to tourists and locals to use the beach for their needs.
Leave the beach available for all to use, not just one sporting interest. Volleyball has already taken up a large area of public space on our fabulous beach. NO MORE.
My son and husband both use these courts and more available would be appreciated.
There are in my opinion sufficient courts as it is. We don't want any more of the beach view blocked by courts. There is more to living at the beach than volleyball. If you continue to extend, there will not be enough available space for other things such as beach cricket, frisbee throwing etc.
The Beach is for all - the area taken up by the existing courts in the image above, is sufficient.
There is already too much beach taken up by volley ball courts, both permanent courts and all the casual courts that keep advancing down the beach.

The beach's are for all and should not be handed over to any particular group to the exclusion of all others.
Yes it's a good idea and adds to facilities for Northern Beaches residents. 100% support.
Beach is needed for families, surf and surflifesaving areas in summer.
It is so wonderful to allocate space to community sport. A tourist attraction too - passers by enjoy watching people play volleyball. I
Beach space for other sports is required at certain times each year and permanent structures should not impede this ability. Portable Volleyball courts are now better than ever and should be the only way forward.
it would be good for players to have 2 additional courts.
Beaches are for passive recreation and for everyone to enjoy, not for particular interest or commercial groups
It seems to me that even if these are not approved the volleyball players will set up their own courts... as they are doing now, taking more and more beach space for 4 to 6 people at a time. Last weekend there were 6 additional courts. Some by The Corso, some belonging to a Gym, and then 'Beach Tennis' courts also, as well as a surf comp claiming the water. Lucky the Surf Lifesaving clubs were not also vying for beach space!
As owners of property on North Steyne (and hence ratepayers) we are vehemently opposed to any plans to add additional permanent volleyball on Manly Beach. We already suffer regular loss of the beach to surfing competitions (including temporary structures which damage the grass surface) and to consider permanently giving up part of the beach to volleyball players (potentially non rate payers) is ridiculous. Build some courts away from the beach by depositing sand and keep Manly Beach for the use originally intended - swimmers, surfers and sunbathers.
It already has so many courts! It is taking up beautiful beach real estate that the rest of us like to enjoy.
I think the volleyball is already spreading out enough in Summer with additional courts they are putting up. The beach is getting busier and busier every year with more people and now also beach tennis taking over, At least the courts are in an area where there are usually no flags to swim. The challenge with ball sports is that you can't lie near them as you risk getting a ball on your head. At least the volleyball courts are in a good position away from the flags and swimming area and with enough distance to them. But there needs to be space on the beach to just lie and relax without getting a ball on your head or being in a crowd right in front of the flags. The beach should be for recreation for everyone. Regarding the beach tennis, they often put up their nets too close to the flagged area. During summer Queenscliff area by the flags was very crowded and the beach tennis was too close to the area where people lie near the flags and then risking getting hit by the ball.

Just like Volleyball they should only be allowed to place themselves in the middle between South Steyne and Queenscliff so they don't interfere with people wanting to swim and be close to the flags.

Thank you.

They have enough! Plus there is now beach tennis down near Queenscliff in summer !

More people can enjoy this beautiful sport

Volleyball activity on Manly Beach is a pleasure to watch, unobtrusive and promotes a healthy lifestyle

It is great to see so many people involved in an outdoor sport. It is also a good use of public space.

Hogging to much beach.

dont mind more courts.. there is enough space on the beach.

The demand for volleyball is obvious.

As a Manly resident and beach user I would prefer less volleyball courts, however that is selfish given the obvious popularity. (I am not a volleyball player.)

They are also well located in the less desirable area for swimming / sitting on the beach which is good, although the area of the new courts is pushing into more desirable beach.

I do not believe that any more courts than this should be approved as they would encroach into the swimming areas ie where the North Steyne and southern Manly flags are placed.

Finally, I believe that the feedback of the North Steyne Boardriders and Longboard riders should be given considerable weight, as their monthly competitions are likely the most significantly impacted aspect of the current beach use.

It maybe that an agreement not to use one or two courts on their competition day is appropriate. (I am not a member or participant in the surfing competitions.)

The existing courts have taken up a lot of public space for a single sport. We should use the area to promote other sports to add diversity and more users can enjoy.

Why would you not allow this proposal. ! go beach volleyball
There are many courts there already and the beach should be open for all users not just volleyballers
They already take up so much of the beach. Whilst it's a great healthy sport on our beach, they are a visual and physical blocker for accessing the beach. Surely temporary courts can be erected when required?
Manly beach is already a very busy beach. The courts take up a lot of space, and they already have a lot of courts on the beach, so I dont think adding more is very fair for other users of the beach space.
Over the past months the courts have stretched out further towards the front of the Novotel. (Larger spacing between courts). The portable courts are actually erected by the volleyball association. So on most weekends they have anything up to 17 courts. Associates also bring their dogs onto the beach; I thought that was a no go. All these courts make it difficult for locals to enjoy their immediate beach. I personally would like all the courts moved to the Queenscliff end, which is only very sparsely used. I have photos of both the excessive court usage & a pet enjoying the beach if you would like to view either or both. Attached is one of the portable courts in which you can see the association coaches are clearly using.
There is a thriving volleyball community and a severe shortage of court space. Volleyball is a significant part of Manly's local culture and helps make Manly the thriving beach community that it is, drawing visitors from throughout Sydney, hosting competitors from across Australia, and supporting local businesses. Additional courts will allow more people to enjoy the healthy active lifestyle that volleyball in Manly provides.
Portable courts are set up there over summer so two additional permanent courts seems logic. The flags for swimming are generally setup near North Steyne SLS club so there are not many people sunbathing there as the flags are too far.
This is crazy we have enough of the natural beach turned into sports fields! It's a beautiful beach and the courts ruin the look and aesthetics, also get destroyed every time we have big storms which will become more prevalent as we endure climate change
As a resident I am strongly against more of our beach being taken parking is already an issue and it's not natural to have our beautiful beach turned into a sports field!
Please I more we love our beach and think there is more than enough taken already
Great for community
Currently courts are often overcrowded and portable courts are being set up randomly on the beach. Allowing more courts would allow to accomodate the growing community AND regulate the areas allowed.

<p>Beach volleyball is a great entertainment for walker and fitness activity to promote the healthy lifestyle of the Northern Beaches</p>
<p>The area is already loved by too many people. The beach is very narrow at that point and, at weekends, with so many people walking along the pathway it has become very dangerous as its such a high traffic area. The last two weeks bicycles have started using the path as well riding through the crowds. On Saturday there was a surfboard happening, plus the playground, and a sunny morning with and many people out watching the waves. An absolute nightmare to try to get through. What happened to social distancing? This morning there was a volley ball court set up next to North Steyne Surf club and another opposite the Hotel Steyne as well as the permanent courts. Often there are courts set up at Queenscliff - at least the sand is a bit wider at the northern end. Each time I walk past the courts all I can only think about is Skin Cancer specialists in 20 years time treating skin cancers and melanomas on the scantily clad girls that play the sport. Please, choose another area for additional courts to be installed before a serious accident takes place between Babies in strollers, dogs on leads, older folk slowly walking, joggers, surfboard riders with surfboards, international visitors, plus so many others out to enjoy Manly.</p>
<p>Strongly against any more courts it's our beach as well and the courts take over</p>
<p>I believe the nets already take up too much of the available beach space. The beach is supposed to be a neutral shared space for all, however the volleyball people take over a huge swath of the beach, not just where the permanent nets are but they also set up temporary nets to either end and to the sides, generally spanning almost the entire width of the beach.</p>
<p>I believe there are already enough courts there. They take up too much of the beach and are quite unattractive</p>
<p>They take up too much space already... The space should be open to everyone!</p>
<p>More sporting activity on the beach the better frankly! It's a huge beach, plenty of space and the volleyball is always fun to watch.</p>
<p>Not enough space for the many other beach users</p>
<p>Volleyball provides a hub that combines social and health benefits to the community which in turn improves mental health.</p>
<p>Limited beach space in summer. If it's based on weekdays only for the 2 courts, that's fine.</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is a fun, inclusive and high-energy sport that brings the community together. It's also a safe, low impact activity that's suitable for all ages.</p> <p>By allowing two additional courts, Manly will join other world-class beaches like Manhattan, Copacabana and Waikiki advancing the sport and producing future Australian Olympians.</p>
<p>The beach is a natural ecosystem. Not a space for sporting fixtures. The Volleyball draws large crowds and spectators which already congests the promenade. They are also installed on the level sand which prevents joggers</p>

<p>running the length of the beach. The courts interfere the natural beauty of the beach.</p>
<p>The community has grown, it has a positive impact on the overall community and the beach is wide enough that it won't be a problem for non volleyball players.</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is already the beneficiary of a significant stretch of the beach which no other sport or activity has the same benefit of. The beach should be available for all forms of activity and should not be the subject of further permanent infrastructure for the sole use of one group. Further, with recent erosion the sand between the courts and the waterfront is no limited enough without further sand being reserved for exclusive use.</p>
<p>The beach volleyball community brings a wonderful energy to Manly Beach and ensures the beach gets lots of use all year round. The draw of people from other parts of Sydney and the flow on benefits to local businesses is significant.</p>
<p>I have no problem with more volleyball courts but all courts need to be situated well away from any stairs leading into the beach. The end of the court needs to be at least 5 metres away from any steps. The reason is that the court in the southern side of the stairs just north of the shelter is too close to the stairs. Nearly every morning the volleyballers use this court for spiking practice and as a result we have been hit with balls and are continually having to dodge them coming at us. The courts need to be spaced so that other beach users can access the stairs to the beach without being in fear of being hit by volleyballs</p>
<p>I have written in before, however I have additional information that will hopefully help with your decision. Every time I politely voice my opinion about how I don't think these courts are a good idea I'm met with extremely aggressive responses from people who are obviously for the courts. If you scroll through the social pages such as manly living for instance and have a look at the replies people are getting. This is a perfect demonstration of the rude and aggressive attitude and behaviour that we don't want in our community. I live on carlton street, own my property and have young children that play at the beach at the end of the street. I'd like to protect my family and the integrity of Manly beach. Please do not add more courts and even ban them from this side of the storm water pipe.</p>
<p>Expanding to more than the already generous and disproportionate allocation, is grossly excessive and unfair to other users of the beach.</p> <p>What would council subsequently say if another sporting club (eg Padel Tennis, Beach Tennis wanted a similar allocation)</p> <p>Furthermore council should explore the financials of the non for profit, including salaries and benefits given to employees on the existing allocation as the operations now looks commercial</p>
<p>More volleyball! It will provide more options for all levels to get a chance to play.</p>
<p>There are too many courts already. They take up a very high proportion of the beach</p>

<p>These courts occupy beach space all day, every day. This is at odds with all other beach activities (surf club, boardriders, ocean swims etc). These courts also occupy an inordinate amount of beach space for very few users compared to regular beach goers.</p>
<p>There's only a small period where all nets are actually being used. It's easy enough for volleyballers to set up temporary equipment when required.</p>
<p>We like volleyball.</p>
<p>There are more than enough taking up too much room already They're too permanent Find elsewhere Beach is squishy enough</p>
<p>The beach is for everyone to use. There is already a very large portion of beach dedicated to permanent volleyball courts. Not to mention that they take up all the beach to the water's edge for weekend training sessions with temporary courts. Demand for the courts can be much better managed using weekday sessions and spreading use out through the day - particularly for organised lessons. With what is already many more permanent courts than other beaches, there is a reduced ability to use the beach and relax within the vicinity of the thumping and yelling competitors. As a player myself, it is great to have those nets there, but there are already more than enough - people can learn to wait and share.</p>
<p>The beach is for everyone to use and not to be taken over by a select few, already have issues with balls flying around and being hit while at the beach with family and young kids. People also put up their own nets and majority of the beach has been taken over The volleyball nets and also the deck chairs already take up so much of the beach and destroys the beauty and charm of what manly beach is.. It is the northern Beaches volleyball association so if they need more nets there are plenty of other beach options all along the northern beaches coast they could utilise where there is a lot more space and parking options, manly shouldn't have to burden the full weight of the volleyball and it would benefit more of the community and businesses up the coast to be shared around.. I strongly disapprove of more nets being put up at manly..</p>

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There are enough courts already when you include Beach tennis and volleyball. They take up a larger amount of the beach

Just keep nature as it is!!! Keep the beach, the ocean, the view...natural Manly. Manly is losing natural character due to this invasion of rubbish. A beach is a beach. This is not a sport venue. This is nature! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

on proviso that extras don't get put up every weekend all over the beach - have watched prams and families being moved on for extra pop up courts - not very sharing of the beach space

The nbva offer a true sense of community that welcomes all new people, young and old. They are offering a chance to participate in a more active healthy lifestyle that brings a lot of joy to those involved. It also generates a strong economic benefit for council considering the state and national tournaments that bring dozens of players into manly on a monthly basis.

The beach should be for varied recreational use and should not be over weighted to one activity

The existing volleyball courts take up a significant proportional already, extending this to the benefit of a single user group and more specifically an sporting association is not equitable or fair.

Beach should be for the enjoyment of all people and activities and not overly weighted to one

They have a generous provision and allocation already

The growing volleyball community is in desperate need of more permanent courts.
6 out of 8 courts are typically used by nbva and there is little room for social play, especially during peak times.

There are already a large number of courts taking up private room on a public beach. This additional space should remain public and open for surfers/beach goers.

No more volleyball courts, and keep all court sports in the massive area allocated. Enforce the rules, and keep the rest of the beach clear.

I love seeing people enjoying themselves on Manly beach - surfing, jogging, sunbathing, swimming, playing volley ball and beach tennis. Everyone should be able to enjoy Manly beach in a variety of ways, but no sporting group should be allowed to permanently install fixtures or essentially permanently claim sections of the beach for their own use. I assume VBA must be offering some sort of financial incentive for this to even be being considered at all, because this certainly is not good for the wider general use of the beach. Saying the beach will be available for community use when not in use by the VBA, sounds like a reasonable compromise at face value, but in reality they are using the beach space in ideal sunny daytime conditions for training, casual matches, weekly matches and competitions. This really means many of the best times of the day, you are only able to walk along the wash zone of the beach for that entire section for much of the week. Extra courts will make that zone even longer.

The courts also require the beach to be roughly level over a wide area. So VBA need to keep the sand built up flat, which results in a steeper sand shelf near the water. That steep beach causes stronger wave surges up the beach, where all bypassers are forced to walk, and also causes reflected waves back out into the incoming surf for surfers, Furthermore there are permanent large wooden posts sticking up out of the beach at all times. In the recent storms, the posts closest to the beach washed away and the natural slope of the beach was restored and rendered the entire playing area unusable. This is a natural process and will keep happening, exacerbated by the beach court leveling.

The beach should be for ALL to enjoy, including VBA, but they should not be allowed to set up permanent courts, let alone additional ones. Temporary ones are fine and I've seen how fast they can set them up.

Our beach is a world class tourist attraction, and should not have any areas permanently configured as sporting courts. All of Manly beach should be protected for all to enjoy. We do a great job with beach-front events, with no permanent presence. This should be handled in the same way.

Set up, play, pack up.
Leave nothing but footprints!

Thank you for your consideration of this and for the opportunity to provide input!
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The beach front is for all to enjoy. Can be quite intrusive to other beach goers especially young children .I have experienced this with my grand children feeling intimidated and uncomfortable.

This is a public beach for everyone not just for a one sport to take up all that beach I have seen arguments on the beach regarding these players who have no regard for anyone else but themselves ! I wouldn't even let them keep all 8 they have now ! Go elsewhere and play your sport

I think there are too many courts already. Once we get to summer, which will hopefully not be Covid impacted, we will realise just how much of the beach has been taken over by these courts occupying space that used to be for families having a day at the beach.

<p>There's already plenty of courts that take up excessive beach space. They also set up numerous temporary courts in additional rows that nearly reach the waters edge. No other community groups take up this much beach space, they absolutely do not need a centimetre more. If they want additional courts they can and will set up temporary ones. Additional permanent courts are completely unnecessary and unfair to the rest of the non beach volleyball community.</p>
<p>The proposed area is popular for sun bathers given the access to the beach via the stairs. Having volleyballs flying around will push sun bathers out of this area and further down the beach towards Queenscliff. Can I suggest that instead, council consider conversion of part of an exiting grass recreational ground to a sand section that provides facilities for this growing sport.</p>
<p>Encroaching too much on space for passive beach use which aids in communities mental health.</p>
<p>There are already too many courts, there should be shorter sessions times or better booking systems to accommodate demand, rather than taking up more space that obstructs regular beach use.</p>
<p>I've recently started playing beach volleyball after lessons at Manly. Often the courts are full on a sunny morning or afternoon so one or two extra nets would help give more people the chance to play.</p>
<p>Why have you allowed them to have so much beach? They are noisy and disruptive when walking along the beach and spoils the iconic view of Manly beach Difficult to find a quite space It's a commercial group charging money for classes etc No one else can take over a beach as they please</p>
<p>Manly Beach, including the sand and the ocean, is an increasingly precious sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of our built environment. The simple experience of being on the beach is a world away, even compared to a couple of metres away on the paved area above the wall, from the stresses of daily life. Beach volleyball could hardly be more incongruous to the vital tranquillity otherwise provided by the beach. I would prefer to see discussion on reclaiming this important, wonderful, natural asset rather than further inroads of permanent, built infrastructure.</p>
<p>I use the beach regularly for soft sand running and already have divert a large enough portion of the run around the existing courts dodging balls.</p>
<p>The beach has always been the local Manly communities backyard. We have raised two children on Manly Beach, enjoying all the freedoms of space that a beach provides .In an increasingly crowded and hectic society please keep open space for locals and tourists alike to enjoy. One group should not lay exclusive claim to this much public space. Thank you</p>
<p>They already take up enough room on the beach and will impact the running of the surf clubs</p>

This will significantly impact other social activities that happen on the beach. Our family avoids the areas where volleyball is played as it is intimidating and often minimizes space to play on the beach. Particularly when there is less sand.

It also impacts activities for nippers and SLS training.

Also impacts that ability to view the beach without infrastructure in the way.

The volleyball courts already take up a sizeable portion of the beachfront, making that section of the beach effectively unusable by other beach goers. Adding more permanent courts will take away even more of the beach from others, and seems overly weighted towards volleyball as the only activity on the beach.

Already takes up too much space on the beach. In summer with all the nippers it's way too full already

The beach is already busy enough with beach volley ball, board rider clubs and nippers. Adding more courts would impact those other users and also would mean less
Space for the public to enjoy the beach.

No more volleyball courts are needed on the beach. Keep all court sports in the massive area already allocated. Enforce the rules, and keep the rest of the beach clear for those who want and need to use the space for other purposes such as training for the Manly Surf Club beach and water teams.

To whom it may concern,

Respectfully I must strongly disagree with the proposal for the extension of volleyball courts.

The proposed extension will encroach on various OH&S, general public health access, lifesaving and recreational sports activities that are already existing including but not limited to:

Lifesaving functions
Surf sports
Family Beach areas
Surf Club activities from North Steyne

The courts will remain mostly unused for a majority of the week as they stand currently. Extending the court capacity for demand at certain times of the week is not a good use of beach space.

I would welcome a off beach area be set up for beach volleyball similar to other countries where specific areas (nearby beaches) are set up as purpose built courts for beach volleyball practice. There are various areas in and around the beaches that could take on this capacity.

The most concerning aspect of the extension of the court space is that it may affect the safety of the general public by eliminating access and training areas for the surf lifesaving club at North Steyne. Increasing liability for the council in regards to protecting locals and visitors alike. I would imagine for this reason alone the council should cancel the proposal and look to alternatives to improve opportunity for the Volleyball club to grow outside the regular beach spaces.

<p>The sand on the beach is for people to relax and enjoy so it's not there for permanent formal organized sport that doesn't actually need a beach. So, while it is probably 'ideal' (& a luxury), beach volleyball doesn't need to take up permanent space on a public beach, it can be played on sand elsewhere, unlike other beach sports which require 'a beach'.</p>
<p>There are way too many courts already- so much of the beach is taken up.</p>
<p>With 3 surf clubs, a surf school and 2 surfboard rider clubs, we are already at capacity in utilising the space when we have surf conditions to contend with. It would be unrealistic to think that the volleyball courts could utilise that much beach real estate in comparison to all the other activities. Let alone ruining such a hub of leisure area in front of the north steyne cafes by having volleyball courts there. It's not just the courts but the surrounding area of the courts that then doesn't get used, as no one wants a stray ball hitting them. The wall along North steyne (south of the club) is enjoyed by all ages interacting with the pathway and the beach. The volleyball courts would ruin this.</p>
<p>The beach should be for all, not just volleyball. They are eye sores and there are already enough</p>
<p>They have Enough court as it is</p>
<p>You can't go for a soft sand beach as the volleyballers are taking up too much space already.</p>
<p>There are enough courts. There is already an impact on other users of the beach so i think it's fair to cap the number of courts at where they are currently.</p>
<p>As a non volleyball player I actually enjoy watching from the wall and see how many people enjoy the game. It's a manly staple and given this proposed area I somewhere where swimming flags are never put up it makes sense. Thank You</p>
<p>The beach is a community space. Additional courts will significantly reduce community space - the balls end up going well beyond the bounds of the courts so effectively the courts take up more space than just the court boundary.</p>
<p>The beach is for everyone to enjoy. The additional volleyball courts will take up too much of the beach. There is already a significant section of the beach off limits due to the volleyball courts. Please do not add more courts.</p>
<p>The current volleyball courts are more than enough. If they want to expand go to another beach.</p>
<p>Families which enjoy the beach are significantly impacted by the volley ball courts and any expansion would further impact people ability to enjoy space on the beach. With nippers, SLSC events and the surfing competitions all of which are a great tradition will also be impacted with more space being taken by the expansion of courts.</p>
<p>This area is for the public to relax, swim and sun bake away from the noise and crowd of South Steyne. The volleyball courts bring both crowds and noise that impedes on the relaxation and ambiance enjoyed by beach goers. I also think there are enough volleyball courts already. Just because it's become popular shouldn't mean you get to take over more of the beach.</p>

They have enough space already and will limit space for people using the beach for recreational activities such as surfing, walking and fishing
I think the 8 courts that are there is enough for Manly Beach any more would take away too much space and not fare for the other users of the beach
Takes up all the beach! No good for every day citizens
The volleyball courts already take up too much prime beach space. It is already the second busiest beach in Australia and the space is too valuable to the public and other beach users like board riding clubs
I believe it's best to keep the courts as is and no more additional courts. It is already been so busy and there hasn't been much sand at the beach and the eroding shore area.
Im new in manly and i used play indoor volleyball in japan, and now that im here im wish i could try playing beach volleyball
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE IMPACT THIS WILL HAVE ON PARKING???
There is not enough parking spots as it is....
Volleyball already takes up a substantial amount of space on the beach which is at a premium. The proposed courts edge closer to where North Steyne SLSC sets up its flags and this area does get very crowded during the summer. These courts will further add to that problem. Another consideration is the constant beach erosion that is happening and how this will work with those new courts, there are constantly exposed rocks on that side of the outlet which will mean they would have to move further towards the ocean. As we are also seeing at the moment the current courts are constantly being washed away by high tides, so the question should be asked whether the beach is a suitable place for these courts at all because with ocean levels rising this will happen more and more. I think it would be irresponsible to build more courts on Manly beach but rather maybe alternative locations should be investigated.
I think volleyball courts should be installed at other northern beaches

This is very, very disappointing.
I'm not against Beach volley ball as such and I recognise it is a popular past time...BUT.....they already use a huge amount of beach (maybe 20-25%?), 365 days a year, for what is effectively "exclusive" use of one sport.
Have you forgotten the problems associated with Beach Volley Ball back in the nineties? (ask someone who was around then, it's an interesting story!), 2 extra courts this year...how many more next year?
This area is already compromised for general beach use on a permanent basis. I'm OK for them to keep what is there and if you really have to, then add a temporary extra court when needed for special events/tournaments, but seriously...more "permanent courts".....definitely not!
What next - flood lights? (which I note from their social media they also want!
Great, more issues at night for Manly!).
The proposal will affect general beach goers by further reducing the available beach and access points.
Other local beach Clubs like North Steyne board riders & Manly Mal Club have had events held off Carlton St for years. These would likely be affected. Summer Sunday nippers at Manly LSC & North Steyne SLSC may also be impacted. Based on this year's State SL Champs, I imagine they also would face a loss of beach access for the next two years of their run on the beach as a result of this expansion north.
It is also so disappointing to see the beach strip between Queenscliff and North Steyne Surf clubs has had no remediation of the beach since the recent storms. This left rocks, and concrete reinforcement blocks dangerously exposed, yet bulldozers have already rebuilt the the existing area in and around the current volleyball courts!
I suggest you look after the beach first. There can be no beach volley ball if the beach is not looked after properly.
Has council formally asked the 3 Surf Clubs/Lifeguards & emergency services about how it may affect their patrols, flagged areas and access? Anyone who knows Manly beach knows the area between the south pipe and the area to the north (where the courts currently are) can be exceedingly dangerous for swimmers. Potentially reducing access there may also affect overall beach safety/rescue and first aid.

Sorry NB Council, keep the status quo, but this expansion is NOT in the best interests of the beach or Manly in general. Please reject it.

I support as long as it doesn't interfere with North Steyne SLSC operations and Nippers. There has not been any analysis produced in this yoursay to fully understand impacts so I expect NBC to take impacts to SLSC into account and make the right decision.

There are already too many. They take up most of the beach and particularly when the tide is up there is not even room to walk through.
It ruins the feel of the beach and limits access to all

This proposal further encroaches in a public space for a very niche use. That area of the beach is commonly used by walkers along the promenade to for an uninterrupted ovean view, exercise by locals and semi regular spot for local surf comps.

We also use this area for nippers training, especially in poor weather conditions.

Putting more single use permanent structures in the sand is against the public interest. The beach should be maintained in its natural form as much as possible and accessible for many interest groups.

The Volley ball courts already take up a large area of beach, we don't need more.

It is not a very busy part of the beach. The beach volleyball services many community members.

The actual beach is for everybody to use not an elite few. Also in summer when nippers is on and the tide is high there is no where to sit. Also now at north steyne to queenscliff we have beach tennis 2 courts and loud music. Plus the beach is used by a couple of gyms to train. I might add i train on the beach everyday so i see this regularly.

There are already too many organised activities.

The beach is already too crowded with organised activities.

I strongly disagree with the proposal. There is already too much exclusive use of the beach. I would like to see less volleyball courts, not more.

There are already 8 permanent courts at Manly beach .

The proposal to add two more to the north of the current courts would impact nipper training and club training at North Steyne slsc.
The Northern Beaches Volleyball Association could potentially look at expanding it's VB locations , and provisions , across the Northern Beaches , not just at Manly Beach ?

There are many other beaches that other courts could be operated on , and at the same time provide easier access and parking for participants across the Northern Beaches .

Less space on beach for sun bathers, swimmers and surfers. Why do they need all this space.

The current allocation of public beach space in this location for this sport is already adequate if not excessive when you take into account the additional number of temporary courts that are erected every weekend and some weekdays.

I recently counted more than 20 courts between Queenscliff and Manly, many doubled up and taking up the whole width of the beach. The inconvenience this causes is clearly a problem and I have witnessed a lot of frustration and anger from people who are being impacted.

The use of the beach, in particular the area of the beach above the high tide line is limited and there are other activities enjoyed by many who like to use this area of soft sand for their chosen sport/recreation. Unfortunately their ability to do so is being impacted by the presence of these temporary courts that are erected every weekend. This inconvenience is exacerbated by the behaviour of some of the volleyball players who often disregard the rights of others.

The NBVA is not the Manly Beach Volleyball Assoc., so the courts should be spread throughout the Northern Beaches and not all concentrated in Manly.

This is a public beach - they take over with tents, loud music. It's not just the beach they take over but the walk way above the beach They have enough of our beach. Absolutely not. Enough is enough!!

I respectfully disagree with the proposal to add any more permanent volleyball courts on precious beach space. The existing courts already take up substantial room on the beach. At high tide in particular, there can be a lack of space to walk or for families to enjoy the area. Placing two additional courts and the extra room associated through players retrieving balls or placing their gear is selfish and unnecessary.

Additional permanent volleyball courts are not supported, and are not warranted. Installing additional permanent volleyball courts will alienate even more of the beach from public use, and prevent other ad hoc community (or commercial) activities taking place. This is most concerning in high tide. If additional courts are needed on an hoc basis, I suggest temporary courts be used (and only installed for the games/practice needed).

Another 64 people stealing our weekend parking spots.

Go to other beaches as well!!!!!!

I have lived my whole life at Manly and have always enjoyed a walk along the walkway from Manly to Queenscliff. I am now 96 years old and have to park somewhere close to the beach as I require a walker for support. Over the years parking has become harder and I often go back home without a walk as I can't find a parking spot. Why can't the organisers use other beaches instead of further crowding at Manly? I respect Manly has special events when parking is difficult but adding more permanency is creating too many future headaches. Please don't allow any more courts.

How many does Bondi allow as it is as popular as Manly?

Sincerely



Less room on the beach for those wanting to sit on the beach and also for those participating in nippers

There is enough of the beach being used by volleyball courts now, add to that the cabana's they also erect. It forces the rest of the beach to become over crowded. Please enough is enough let everyone enjoy the beach.

The beach is for everyone not just volleyball. The surf clubs are far more important.

The volleyball courts have encroached enough on Manly Beach. Manly and Bondi are iconic showcases for international tourists and should not be overcrowded. As with all other sports on the northern beaches they are spread throughout the suburbs.

NBVA should spread their matches and set up competitions on other beaches.

CurlCurl has lots of unused areas as do other beaches along the coastline.

NBVA should not try and incorporate all games on one stretch.

Mobile courts are also being erected and forcing beach users off soft sand areas and at high tide too far away from Surf Lifesaving patrolled beach flags.

Please spread across other northern beaches and do not overcrowd Manly.

Beach parking is already at a premium and adding more volley ball areas just causes more bottlenecks. Some people stroll the promenade and if they can't park to share Manly it's a real shame.

As a long serving surf club member at North Steyne, the addition of these volley ball courts will decrease the amount of people coming to swim at our beautiful beach due to overcrowding and possibility of getting hit by a volleyball. No one wants to sit on the beach with the thought that they are going to get hit in head by volleyball.

I believe my response to be largely superfluous because on any Sunday, temporary volleyball courts are set up far beyond the area covered by the proposed two additional courts, reaching almost to the North Steyne Surf Club. In fact it is not uncommon to see these temporary courts set up north of the Surf Club. The volleyball appear to be allowed to do this without any supervision or control by the Council.

It is believed that no more shared public space should be alienated by private groups.

One overarching issue is that the heavy volley balls are often not controlled and interfere with individuals just trying to walk past on either the beach or the path.

I run on manly beach and feel there are already way too many courts as they seem to set up as many as they like. They take up the whole width of the beach and leave no room for others to enjoy the beach. The beach should not be for just volley ballers.

The existing volleyball courts are used only sporadically mid-week. Manly Beach is rather narrow, particularly in the area where the courts are. If additional courts are needed for competition/practice purposes, why can't these be put in at one of the other Northern Beaches? I believe it would be better to establish a second venue that could be expanded as needed, rather than continue to add courts on

<p>Manly Beach. I object to extending the footprint of volleyball courts on what is, after all, a public beach used by many others.</p>
<p>Absolutely not, during the summer months they put up other temporary courts that take up the whole beach pushing other beach user out of that area</p>
<p>The beach is already too busy with volleyball courts. When there is less sand or higher tides there is little space for sunbaking and relaxing now let alone with extra courts. When you add the number of popup courts that people erect it os a very busy part of the beach and sometimes the steps are blocked and there is no space to lie on a towel</p>
<p>There are already enough permanent volleyball courts .The problem is that there are already out of control balls hitting the general public using the beach. This safety issue will get worse . There is also limited space for beach users at present , it will only get worse with more permanent volleyball courts. On one occasion My family was told to move by the volleyball players as We were 50 m away from the volleyball courts but kept getting hit by volleyballs . It's not just the courts but also the space where volleyball are being hit to which you breed to consider .</p>
<p>Between the volleyball courts and beach tennis courts they take up enough space on the beach already. Keep manly beautiful and natural please.</p>
<p>The current courts already dominate the beach and do not appear to be fully used all the time. When major competitions are on temporary additional courts are added and that appears satisfactory.</p>
<p>The volleyball courts are already taking up too much of the beach. It's too much exclusivity for volleyball</p>
<p>The beach is for everyone, not these people</p>
<p>Like the old TV show, 8 is enough! I run on the high soft sand almost daily. Volleyball Patrons leave all their gear in the small gap that I have to run past, so I have to dodge all that. They also love standing and chatting in that same small area and rarely move out of the way so I have to duck under the nets to run past. I've been hit in the back a few times as I run past and they spike the ball. There are 8 permanent nets but I have seen up to 12 hoisted with the temporary nets included..., plus the ones who play the other bat and ball game with nets. Far out! Enough!</p>
<p>the beach is much wider to the south and would adjoin the existing courts. The area to the north is cut off from the eisting courts by the storm water flowing across the beach</p>
<p>Our Healthy community requires healthy healthy teams and team sports. More volley ball courts will encourage more mindful movements and less stagnation or depressed emotions. A win win solution.</p>
<p>The Manly ocean beachfront is heavily used on weekends. The beachfront is quite narrow compared with some other beaches, such as Freshwater, particularly around high tide. The NBVA has already alienated a large chunk of the beachfront, so the rest should be left available to the other beach users. Please resist the temptation to have everything going on at Manly Beach. If Council wishes to provide more court space, use on of the other northern beaches that is</p>

<p>not already being "loved to death". This constant growth in use of Manly Beach also makes finding a parking spot along the beach for a surf or swim more difficult.</p>
<p>The courts already exclude a large enough area, taking away more beach from the public is ridiculous. If anything it should be reduced.</p>
<p>The beach is for everybody to use. They do take up a lot of space and will only cater for 8 additional players at a time. I really think the courts are taking over the space that should be available to all.</p>
<p>I'm happy with the current arrangements which support healthy exercise.</p> <p>However, the existing courts already occupy a significant section of prime beachfront, so I don't support any further extension in favour of a single sport.</p>
<p>I do not appreciate the negative impacts the courts have . Give them 2 more and then they will be wanting more again. Cap it as is. Enough is enough.</p>
<p>The beach is already being taken up with so many courts and it doesn't leave room for the majority of the community to go and enjoy the beach.</p>
<p>Eight permanent volley balls courts is enough. It is easy and quick to erect extra courts when needed. We don't want our beach clogged up with any more permanent courts that only are in use early in the mornings and at weekends.</p>
<p>This will significantly impact the beach space at north Steyne and create even more crowded areas at south steyne. Especially in summer when more tourists visit It also impacts the walk way with balls often going onto the path and nearly hitting pedestrians and spooking animals. By adding courts it is creating greater hazards on the beach and walkways.</p>
<p>It is a good use of the beach and there is still plenty of room for other uses.</p>
<p>Not enough room for the rest of us in summer</p>
<p>The volley ball people constantly bring extra nets with them that they erect beside the existing courts, blocking the entire width of the beach, from the wall right down to the water.</p> <p>I regularly soft sand run at Manly beach and have to duck and weave under the guide ropes or around the area they have squared off to identify "their" court.</p> <p>I support the extra two courts providing they stop blocking the other parts of the beach so that other people can use it for walking, jogging, etc, without obstacles in our way.</p>
<p>It is wonderful to see so many people enjoying volleyball and using the beach in an active and healthy way. It is also a great spectator or sport.</p> <p>Perhaps we need to clearly understand what are the objections to this proposal? I'd like to know.</p>
<p>A single interest group gets priority over everyone else and permanently? This excludes the extra areas up and down the beach that are also set up, blocking nippers, access to the beach.</p> <p>I dont see the users giving back to the community- no patrols, no volunteers</p>

Respect the other beach activities such as surf school, Christian surfers and WSL comps
There is lots of volley ball courts and on crowded days there's already lack of space.
To much space taken up already
It's excessive use of public space. No other group is allowed to erect permanent structures on the beach and it serves only a very small group of people
They already take up enough space on the beach.
The beach is public property, as is the water. If you give all this public space to one user group you should consider all the other user groups along the stretch. The 4 boardriders clubs along the beach do not have sections of the water cordoned off for their monthly competitions. Why should this one group have such space. I'm sure the boardriders clubs have a lot more community participation than the volleyballers.
Many other groups use these locations for multi- use NBVA already have significant space which serve Volleyball only... keep it open space for more versatility
Other sports using the same space will not be able to continue.
Makes it very hard to run the manly mal club which I absolutely love!!
I am concerned that too much beach is being taken up by businesses like volley ball and beach tennis. They already seem to be spreading out further and further.
I believe the courts take up more than enough space already.
The beach is a public amenity which already has a lot of pressure on it from the public usage, especially at weekends in Summer. More courts are privatising this public space and I am completely opposed to it. There is not much point saying the public can use the courts casually when they aren't used by the Association. When would that be and who provides the volleyball. Please keep as much of the beach as possible for the public to use as a beach. The Volleyball people already have done very well with the space already privatised for themselves.
Will now permanently take away 350m of prime beach area making it unusable for any other form of beach sports and/or users. This will make parking even more difficult on the beach front and add to congestion. Has consideration been given to other sports that may like to have access to the sand. i.e. Beach paddle & Ball courts, beach cricket, beach soccer etc... Being public land does Council receive a leasing fee from the Association? No mention in the submission. Does the Association put anything back into the large area they use?
This would take up too much of our public beach for exclusive use by one group. This seems very unfair. The beach should be available for ALL to enjoy. The existing courts are plenty.

There already are a number of permanent courts on that stretch, and apart from certain peak periods (eg lunch times and weekends) are barely used at other times.

For busy periods, and weekend comps etc, a quick and simple solution would be to set up demountable nets and leave the beach as it is to enjoy for everyone at other times

If there really is a need for additional permanent volleyball courts on the northern beaches then surely a different beach such as Curl Curl/ Dee Why/ Collaroy would benefit and would allow residents of those areas to participate (and save on traffic congestion in Manly)

The beach is for everyone. Seems to be taking up a large portion just for volleyball. I would think everyone has a right to use the beach & the portion that is allowed for volleyball at the moment seems fair for everyone.

Not enough beach left for the rest of us!

As a Director of North Steyne SLSC Nippers our kids use the soft sand north and south of the Club to train for their long distance 3km runs. Running to Manly LSC and Queensie SLSC These kids compete at NSW State Champs & Aussies. I do not understand why more permanent fixtures would be erected on the beach which would interfere with our Nipper training? Volleyball has already taken over 1,000 sqm of space. No other Surf Club, Board Riders or Manly Surf School have that much designated space. The beach should be for everyone no space should be a permanent area with preference to one specific group.

At the moment the 3 surf clubs, 3+ board riders and Many Surf School work in consideration of each other. If a Board Riders Comp is on, we do not set up our Nippers near their area. Everyone does the same we share the beach. I understand that this proposal also includes the ability for volleyball to set up pop of nets. This is not noted to be viewed by the Public. What will stop the Volleyball from setting up near the Club where we run weekly Nippers for 400 kids? Who will be the referee in the argument over space? We have special need kids who attend Sunday sessions. They do not like large crowds. We set them up in the same spot every week so they are comfortable and they need routine. What do we do if a pop-up volleyball court has been set up in the area for the special need kids?

This proposal needs to be denied by Council. Please feel free to contact me to discuss further.

The beach is packed- theres plenty of courts already, Leave room for regular beach goers

There are far too many already and they take up a disproportionate amount of the beach.

Too much space taken away permanently from general public use.

The existing volleyball courts take up enough space. The beach is for everyone. Do not create more exclusive spaces

The volley people are cool, but they already have enough space.

Please do not allow them to take more space from other beach goers.

No to new courts.

<p>The existing volleyball courts already take up a large portion of North Steyne Beach. My children like to play spikeball, beach cricket and fly kites in areas adjacent to the courts. If more permanent courts are erected this will impact on the area my family can utilise, pushing us closer to the busy patrolled section of the beach where there is no room to do these activities.</p>
<p>Surf club being impacted for local kids</p>
<p>We have enough already. Every now and again they put up extra temp ones which is fine. Please no more permanent ones up the beach.</p>
<p>Enough already ! It's a very small. Minority and mostly used by no residents</p>
<p>The already have plenty of beach space!</p>
<p>In Australia the beaches are public space - for everyone - and exclusive use shouldn't be given to any group, company or individual. Fine to give them the right to set up portable nets but not exclusive use.</p>
<p>If it's northern beaches volleyball, other beaches should be used for courts, they already have enough space as is</p>
<p>Beach volley ball has a huge portion of the beach already, no other community sport has the luxury of such a stake on a public space permanently so why do they need more? The beach needs to be available for all especially now with a big chunk of queenscliff unusable. North Steyne boardriders uses this area monthly for their local comp in summer when nippers is on this would give them no where to run their competition.</p>
<p>Beach should remain natural for general use not dedicated to specific sports</p>
<p>I feel they dominate such a valuable stretch of beach for locals to move away from the main areas near the corso. On top of these permanent nets you have all the portable ones that are also put up right on top of other people enjoying the sand. It's too much to add anymore.</p>
<p>The volleyball courts already take up enough of the beach that others want to enjoy. Plus all the temporary courts that are erected throughout summer</p>
<p>This is taking away public beach space from the people who pay taxes and council rates. Are these people tax/ratepayers? I am! They are intrusive and take away from the peace if the beach. They have their soave. Please keep them contained to it.</p>
<p>They already dominate that whole section of the beach so there's no space for anyone else when the tide is high. This area of the beach is between the flag sets so ideal for the kids to surf and for local families to hang out and watch them. They should use the existing ones for official lessons at more times rather than taking over more of the beach.</p>
<p>I think there is already an excessive amount of space dedicated to volleyball courts. In the summer time you get all sorts of temporary nets set up all the way up to Queenscliff so it already feels like various nets whether they're permanent or temporary are taking over the beach making it less desirable for regular beach goers.</p>

It grossly impedes on the enjoyment of families and other beach users
there's already to many volleyball courts. there needs to be a reduction in volleyball courts on the beautiful manly beach.
<p>I now this is about volleyball. But we practice Beach tennis, which is also a beach related kind of sport.</p> <p>My life has changed since I started practicing beach tennis. Not only I started a new sport, which means I am getting fit and exercising, but also getting to now and be part of a community. It's been a change on my dynamic, now we get together to practice at least twice a week. I have met more than 50 persons and the community and the sport only grows.</p> <p>So I agree that we should have more volleyball nets and I add we could have also 2 beach tennis nets in Collaroy or manly (where the schools are located).</p> <p>Thank you Sarah</p>
Already significant space allocated to volleyball
I don't believe you will stop at 2 more
<p>There is sufficient capacity with existing courts.</p> <p>They have enough volleyball courts and they are rarely used after 10am. They also obstruct the beach and during summer when we are sitting down there with the family balls are flying everywhere.</p> <p>Plus it takes up too much room on the beach</p>
The beach is a heavily utilised public space and its being taken over by a relatively small group of people for volleyball. Kids, tourists etc including nippers, swimmers and surfers and their parents and family all want to use the beach and the space taken up for volleyball is very disproportionate to the total beach going community. Strongly opposed to more nets.
<p>I have nothing against beach volleyball per se, but I find it incredible that the Northern Beaches Volleyball Association thinks this application is reasonable. They have already taken up a significant section of a PUBLIC beach for their private use and the constant assertion of a real ownership mentality around this entire section of beach is as breathtaking and concerning as it is arrogant. Their presence is already excessive and it has compromised access for every other beach goer, resident, visitor and rate payer.</p> <p>Surf club activities and training for both nippers and adult surf club members are already compromised and so is beach soft sand running and walking. Compounding an existing problem makes no sense and given the already generous (excessive to my mind) allocation of public beach space to a private operation, I cannot for the life of me see this as anything other than an audacious and improper attempt to take over a beach that is there for everybody to enjoy equally. This is already so unequal as to be raising some serious questions about how the number of permanent courts that already exist were ever allowed to go ahead.</p> <p>I have been a rate paying resident in Manly for the past 17 years and I am raising two children in Manly. We love Manly, we love the beach and we love seeing people living an active lifestyle and loving the special place that Manly is. But enough is enough with these volleyball courts! It's outrageous and unfair.</p>

I believe the beach is for everyone to enjoy, not just for beach volleyball! The number of courts there now is sufficient. Plus we have future LifeSavers ie Nippers, who need an area on the beach to train. Where will they go if the majority of the iconic Manly Beach is reserved for one sport.
The beach is for everyone. Permanent volley ball courts already have too much exclusive use of Manly Beach.
The courts already monopolise a lot of the beach
It's a public beach and they already take up too much room. Instead of adding more permanent courts, you need to police the dozen makeshift ones they set up everyday!
It would be nice if we could book the courts for a family game. The current system of winner stays on is too intimidating for our family
There are already plenty of volleyball courts. I think the current court allocation is fine. Additional courts would start impacting other beach users.
They already have a ridiculous amount of the beach.
To much space already plus nippers surf carnivals etc open spaces to roam is a good thing cheers 🍷
The parking for locals (and anyone in general) will be an absolute nightmare. The beachfront cannot deal with anymore congestion. Then in summer when you have nippers also taking over the beach, it will be a circus down there! There are currently enough courts for them to rotate.
They take up enough of the beach already
As a resident of Manly Council areas since the 1980's I think it is high time Council supported sports other than soccer. Over the past decade tens of millions of dollars have been lavished on field sports with limited co investment. This very minor investment will allow users of all skill levels access, take a very small and generally unused portion of the beach and add to the character of Manly.
They have already enough space now
The volleyball courts already take up a large amount of the beach.
The volleyball courts are taking over the beach and make it difficult for ordinary beach goers to enjoy the beach in peace without loud music and balls flying everywhere. Set some courts up near the queenscliff clubhouse. There is a large amount of unused sand there.
They already take up so much space of a public beach! That is supposed to be able for everyone to share, it's simply selfish, and un-Australian to take up more space so that no one else can enjoy it. It's a PUBLIC beach, not a private beach for vollyball players.
Understandably popular, the volley ball courts already dominate the central area of the beach. At times, advertising connected to volleyball sponsors, stretches in front, creating an eyesore on what is public space. More courts would exacerbate these conditions.

NBVA have enough courts which are not environmentally sustainable. Nets & posts would get washed up to sea upon unexpected rise in swell & tide. Also some have taken the liberty to set up portable courts all way to shore & near Corso. Additionally, sand had to be kept level for these unsustainable courts. Beachgoers can't relax and enjoy the beach peacefully near the courts due to noise, loose balls & overcrowded showers. Leave alone trying to access the stairs with some of the volleyball players using stairs as social benches. Please keep part of the beach for peaceful leisurely enjoyment for all, instead of turning everything into commercial gain.

It is stopping other activities from happening. Volleyball is starting to take up the whole beach and is keeping locals away on weekends.

The beach will feel too cramped

The current beach volleyball courts are a sufficient amount of public space which is dedicated to this activity. Giving further volleyball courts is an open invitation in the future to ask for even more public space to be allocated to this one activity to the detriment of other beachgoers. Please note it's not just the court space required - no member of the public can safely sit on the beach anywhere near these courts when they are being used. If they need extra courts, why can't they have them at another beach such as Curl Curl where there is lots of space?

I feel there also is a demand for beach volleyball courts on beaches further north than Manly. The posts / net in Newport has been destroyed by the storms and it would be great to have it fixed. Mona vale would maybe offer space as well. Although and because I have been playing in manly for the past 3 years, Beach volleyball should not be prioritised for Manly beach only.

The existing courts seem to be very well used so providing two more seems sensible.

Courts are always in use so 2 more would be acceptable . Still plenty of room on the beach.

The volley ball is very popular (even just for spectators) and will cause little disruption on this part of the beach

Anything that brings people together and exercising has to be good

As a longtime resident of Manly I strongly believe that the 8 existing volleyball courts are sufficient for this popular sport. Our beach is used for many other sports, events and general leisure and walking/ running by the public. There are other beaches that the Volleyball Association could consider.

Many thanks for giving me the opportunity to express my thoughts

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

I'm 58 so don't play, but it is great to watch young people out having fun and keeping fit. I just wish I was fit enough to have a go.

<p>So wonderful seeing a vibrant inclusive community with people from all ages and backgrounds enjoying such an exciting sport</p>
<p>Beach space is limited along Manly beach. The existing courts are noisy. If they want more space, why go to other beaches. NO. please consider all the other people in manly.</p>
<p>They have taken up enough of the beach already. Area should be available to the general public. It would also restrict general use of the area between the courts and the water. If required why not restrict use to temporary courts. We have just enjoyed surf riding championships by the World Surf League using part of this area. It should be kept available to all.</p>
<p>As I frequently walk along the Queenscliff/Manly beachfront, I enjoy watching the action at the current beach volleyball courts. There is plenty of space for more courts, without impinging on other beach activities.</p>
<p>its a good use of a aprt of the beach not used much</p>
<p>This section of beach is already over crowed and over used by other beach users. Parking is beyond capacity. The existing eight (8) courts already occupy a more than fair amount of space. If the NBVA need more courts, maybe they could access less used beaches like Long Reef or Collaroy.</p>
<p>The continued erosion of public access beach space for special interest groups is unacceptable and should be refused.</p>
<p>Where does it stop? It's hard enough to relax with them hitting the ball behind you, but they have enough. And this is coming from a huge fan.</p>
<p>The second court is too close the the Carlton st steps</p>
<p>Access to sporting facility is good for young people and is also good for the local economy</p>
<p>I've played volleyball there before and taken lessons. On Saturdays NBVA puts up temporary nets and courts to meet the demand. It would be better if these were permanent so that the sand area is maintained to be flat.</p>
<p>Between the volleyball courts and the deck chairs and umbrella, and surf hire area down at Manly ,the encroachment is getting out of hand for us ratepayers to enjoy some relaxation time on the beach with the children. Even with the courts they have , the area is extended with all their personal belongings and equipment, let alone with loose volleyballs flying around. The beach is for everyone to enjoy and exercise in other ways for individuals and families without more area being taken away.</p>
<p>There's already too many. It takes away from the peace and serenity of the beach front. Too noisy & Too disruptive. They should go to Curl Curl or no man's land at Dee Why.</p>
<p>There is no harm in adding additional courts and the community gets a lot of enjoyment out of playing beach volleyball.</p>

<p>There is barely enough room on the beach without it being taken up by more volleyball courts. As a resident and taxpayer I have the right to enjoy the beach too. There are more than enough volleyball facilities already and when they are in use, the entire area and adjacent areas are full of players and spectators so it is taken over</p>
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<p>This should be the maximum number of permanent Volleyball courts to be allowed as otherwise it would encroach too much on the remainder of the beach</p>
<p>We are members of the NBVA association and my two daughters play all year round but during the on season also train approx 5 times a week on these courts - NSW over the last few years have increased their commitment to Volleyball Australia and the sport has grown incredibly since we started 7 years ago. The number of teams that NSW now send to the Australian Nationals Champs has more than quadrupled and previously when NSW were incredibly proud just to make the finals the last few years they are now bringing home many medals across various age groups (my daughters included - gold U18, silver U16 & bronze U17 this year) we have so many young talented athletes that need to be able to train & to continue to grow & expand their knowledge & skills and follow their dreams</p>
<p>Let them have their good and healthy fun</p>
<p>The beach is for everyone , just not one interest group</p>
<p>There are enough times in the day when the existing volleyball courts are not used to satisfy demand. No need to add more courts just to allow more players to play at 'peak times'.</p>
<p>Not enough Beach to dedicate this space to one user</p>
<p>Volley ball courts accessible to the public are a great way to promote health . In addition it would be great to see new national and international competitions in Manly .</p>
<p>There are already too many temporary courts, particularly on weekends. Sometimes there have been up to 25 courts on weekends, taking up way too much area from beach goers. There needs to be an area between the wall and the courts for access for other beach users.</p>
<p>Yes as a player myself I am super excited to see the beaches used in such a way. It creates unique opportunities for people to meet, whilst socialising and expanding their ability to engage in physical activity. Volleyball at Manly is a plus plus plus.</p>
<p>I feel it will take up too much space on the Iconic beach and catering for one only sport.</p>
<p>More people being active on the beach is a great idea.</p>

Beach Volleyball is an Olympic Sport and more courts will allow NBVA to develop the next Maria Fe.
Beach is for everybody
As it's right in front where we hold our monthly club comp plus the yearly surfing event the snowy McAllister for Manly Malibu Longboard And I think they take way to much space as it is
I love seeing people use our beach so if there is demand it should be supported. What better way to enjoy our beach and encourage locals to keep for with outside sport
the courts are a widely used facility and do no disrupt other's enjoyment of the beach
Existing courts are sufficient & are already taking up too much of the beach. There are also inadequate facilities i.e, showers, toilets & parking. Please don't turn Manly beach into a Venice beach, USA.
Will the NBVA have priority use of all the courts over the weekend? Will non NBVA always receive lower priority than that afforded to the NBVA?
The beach is for locals, tourists and families. Not especially for one sport.
They already have enough courts. It's noisy.
The beach is a public place for everyone's use. In my view, there are more than enough courts already on the beach which occupy space. I do not support this proposal.
I think the amount of courts is sufficient at the time
There is enough beach left for everyone else
There are sufficient permanent courts plus temporary ones now. Further permanent courts alienates the public use of the beach by residents.
The volleyball players are well behaved and don't interfere with other people. Let them have more space.
Enough space is already taken by the existing courts. More courts would inhibit resident enjoyment and use of the beach.
Is a popular sport and we enjoy watching the games
We come to beach for quietness— peaceful time! Not to hear- noise, and people jumping up and down from 6 am till 6 pm.
Good to see the beach being used and people staying fit and healthy outdoors - in particular young people. Sunbakers and families don't tend to sit on this part of the beach. However - need to be cognisant of where surf comps are set up.

<p>If you have to have more then put them in front of the Corso so the tourists can watch them play. They make the beach look ugly and cramped. North Steyne is a calmer, more quiet part of the beach and we would like to keep it that way. You can also put them at Dee Why/ Long Reef stretch of beach. Plenty of room up there.</p>
<p>They want exclusive use of over 1000 square feet of the beach. Is that fair? They block the path of beach runners that have been soft sand running for decades. There arent enough parks as it is & this will make it worse. In summer, the beaches are packed with families, this will lead to over crowding. They have enough as it is, there is still balance between beach gowers (swimmers/surfers/lifesavers) runners, walkers etc etc. This will cause bad blood between locals & visiting vollyballers.</p>
<p>I do not support additional courts because they already have a lot of existing courts there which draw crowds and noisy groups that dominate this beach and adversely affect the peaceful enjoyment of others using the beach.</p>
<p>Beach is already overused Lack of parking Organised recreation for a few rather than casual recreation by the general public</p>
<p>On the week ends if my family wants to lay on the beach at mid Styene and relax you cannot because the volleyball courts take up most of this part of the beach and sometimes the volleyballs can become aggressive balls flying every where and manly should be a family beach .</p>
<p>Beach volleyball as a community sport is becoming more popular and the existing courts are in use most of the time. Adding two more courts will benefit the community as well as reduce the need to set up portable courts. The proposed area for the courts is not frequented by beach goers, therefore there will be no negative impact on tourists and other beach users.</p>
<p>Volley Ball is already a significant presence on the beach that impacts on beach access and use. If allowed to expand further it'd deter my use of the beach because it is so dominant.</p> <p>Environmentally, displacing users along the beach front will put further pressure on the small areas of vegetation present along the beach as they are forced to relocate. These areas were very successful in retaining sand during the recent beach erosion and are the only habitat areas on the sand. Any change of use that causes these areas to disappear should not be allowed.</p> <p>It should be preferable to distribute this activity along more beaches. This would spread the impact on parking, access and crowds at the beach and provide more opportunities for those who can't travel to Manly.</p>
<p>Additional volleyball courts will interfere significantly with the ability for other members of the community to use and enjoy the beach. Currently, dozens of temporary volleyball are erected. These often take up all of the level space on the sand, right up to the high tide mark, where the sand drops away. This inhibits walkers, surfers and runners from being able to move around these courts. Additionally, the surrounding space is unusable by people wanting to enjoy the beach, given that balls are often projected off the court. Volleyball courts already</p>

take up a significant portion of the beach space, proposed additional courts are excessive and inconsiderate to other members of the community who wish to enjoy the beach.
It is a great sport and beach activity and would be lovely for more people to be able to play
they wont effect any beach users & why not provide a better amenity for active sport peoples
There is already far too much commercialisation of Manly Beach. Why can't Council rent out space on other beaches? In Summer you have beach equipment rental, volleyball courts and surf rental businesses stacked along the beach.
It's ridiculous they take up way to much space already. The beach is for all to enjoy
This was have a negative impact on our surf club area. Manly Malibu Surf Club has been running for decades opposite Carlton Street and the proposed new courts will take over our space. It will be a big disgrace if this goes ahead.
They already have a huge amount of the beach and promenade where people stand to watch them. These two more courts will be in a popular surfing spot and also where the Manly Malibu Boardriders hold their monthly competition as well as other surfing groups hold theirs. Surfers will have to take a huge detour to get to the water. For safety reasons as well if a rescue had to be performed another huge to detour.
Spread the load to other Northern Beaches LGA beaches. It will be too congested on the footpath adjoining the beach to have so many courts in one area. It will also take up too much room on the beach,
It get crowded around the field. It also make it harder for surfer to cross from the walkway. And the atmosphere is different around the volleyball court it's nice but still like to keep the surfing culture on most of the beach.
I don't think that we need more volleyball courts. More often than not they are not used to their full potential except after 5pm weekdays and in summer holidays/weekends It's not just about the space they take up but the surrounding beach area that is lost from beachgoers not wanting to be close to court due to rogue balls, sand being kicked up, occasional bodies falling out of space. I see a surfing group always getting moved along or needing to cancel to allow other events. I see more people wanting to be part of these groups/clubs than play volleyball which seems to be more of an International backpacker cohort
The beach should be for everyone, not just volleyball players. They have already taken up enough space on the beach for one select group.
This area is very popular for surfing - as awesome as volleyball is I'd say there is a high amount of foot traffic with surfboards crossing the beach there.
I believe the current generous allocation is more than fair.

<p>There is already a large area taken up by volleyball courts, there has also been a large number of temporary nets being put up which reduces the beach use for others.</p>
<p>Totally behind the healthy lifestyle culture on the sand as it brings son many benefits socially, emotionally and physically. I suggest this lifestyle gets spread out to other beaches within our council. There is so much focus in Manly, but Collaroy and Narrabeen have lots of space to play sports. We play Beach Tennis here and are a community of 100 players and growing. Every weekend and some week days we set up our own private nets. Collaroy Beach has now turned in to the busiest beach tennis place in Sydney. I believe whilst Manly is the home of Beach Volleyball we could be the home of Beach Tennis. Posts and size of the court are exactly the same and the only thing that changes is the height of the net and the size of the squares of the net. In fact, it is possible to fit in more Beach Tennis courts than Beach Volleyball courts in a space of sand since you only need another metre on either direction of extra space for Beach Tennis courts. I am also the founder and owner of Sydney Beach Tennis School and have been operating in Collaroy Beach for just over 2 years. Feel free to contact to discuss on [REDACTED]</p> <p>Regards</p>
<p>The volleyball courts already take up enough room. Please allow space for other beach users. Manly Mal club and other board riders club already use this space for there events.</p>
<p>There is already a lot of space taken up by the volleyball courts on the beach. There are surf clubs that set up on the promenade that have been going since the 80's that this will directly impact negatively. To have almost half the length of the beach occupied by the courts is not good for every other user of the beach.</p>
<p>Would prefer that temporary courts be put up for competitions if required</p>
<p>The volleyball courts are hardly used as it is, they are utilized for a few hours in the mornings but then stand unused for the remainder of the day as unsightly man made additions to a wonderful natural beach. If these new nets are built up to Carlton this will interfere with the monthly longboard surf competitions that are held at the end of Carlton street, access on and off the beach via those stairs with a longboard will be difficult as well as the risk of flying balls hitting you as you walk to the water.</p>
<p>There is enough and they get in the way for surfers, swimmers and others. Also you have to keep clear of 3 metres either end as they run back.</p>
<p>While it is great we have courts the two extra courts is excessive. The beach should have room For the natural Beauty and ability for more People Not Just volley ballers. We are losing so much beach space as seen after the excessive rains abs king tides</p>
<p>More the better</p>

There are limits to all other sports applications, why should they be allowed to take up even more of the an already busy beach. And it's not like it's confined, if you happen to be sitting anywhere near those current courts you have balls heading your way unexpectedly.
They have enough courts currently to run a business, like all other businesses you have to manage demand.

The beach should remain open to other user groups. The volleyball users already expand their footprint during competitions.

Between volleyballers and PT trainers i the morning , 5am parking or you don't get o e.

NO to adding them to the Northern End.
Add them to the Raglan St end if you must.

2 multi use courts at Manly and 3 multi use courts are needed at Collaroy Beach. Sand sports are the future and growing rapidly all over the world. Australia has had many teams represented in sand sports including at the World Qatar beach games. It's a great healthy attraction. The northern beaches could be a future hub with their further support 'in turn attracting local' national and international sports tourism by allowing more permanent courts to build community sport participation and success in competitive avenues.
It's helped so many people during Covid times too.
The nets and courts of beach volley and beach tennis can be the same. With adjustable net heights. It's easy.

Friend of mine play beach volleyball
Would be so great of there are more courts for them to play freely

This is an arrogant and outrageous request and must be declined emphatically.
The only thing that should be considered is the removal of at least half of the permanent courts.

Manly beach (North Steyne / South Steyne) are public property - and we must fight to keep it available for the public use. As a community, Manly assigns a very high value to health and exercise - and we welcome visitors from around Sydney and the world to enjoy our natural surroundings in a respectful fashion. This proposal offends that principle.

This proposal effectively privatises nearly one third of the beach. For the customers of NBVA only.

Every weekend NBVA currently take full ownership of the 8 courts and their surrounding areas, they then erect a further 8 temporary courts - and make it so that only NBVA can use any of that enormous section of the beach, Sectioning off the area entirely - from the wall to the waters edge.

The situation is so absurd that it is now impossible for the public to do a soft sand run up Manly beach. This breach of public access is entirely unacceptable and must be addressed.

The area is not appropriate due to beach erosion. The natural movement of the sand has meant that the posts have been swept away three times in The past 2 years. Perhaps it is time for the NBVA to find a more appropriate home for beach

volleyball - away from manly.

Sincerely



How disappointed I am to hear there will be more volleyball courts. I am a beach runner for at least last 25 years now I am juggling between volley ball nets and trying to dodge balls apart from all their equipment plus two a breast not much room left for anyone else to utilise that section of the beach, I have family with children in Seven Hills and Inner city, they use to love to come and picnic along Manly beach, not anymore they have opted now to the southern beaches, I only hope the volleyball people are paying good money for that section of the beach not that us rate payers will ever see it or benefit from this.

Beach volleyball is huge in northern beaches, people from all over Sydney come here to play which is great for NB economy, but this also means courts are taken very often and it's hard to get to play, so please allow two more courts. Also this is a part of the beach no one is using. Thanks!

Beach volleyball is a great sport that I and my fellow community greatly enjoy and having 2 more courts means we can play more and for longer.

Beach Vb is a safe, healthy sport that provides manly with a community activity that is both fun to participate in and watch. The additional courts will help cater to the increasing demand.

This part of the beach is far from the surf club and difficult to patrol, so would help by keeping sunbathers closer to the surf club patrol areas when they go in for a dip.

It's great to see some healthy outdoor exercise options for our local kids, keeping them occupied, active and engaged in a positive way.

It would be great to see many more future world and Olympic champions being produced from our local grassroots sports clubs.

I don't play volleyball but I love seeing the teams playing and I think it's a great, easy facility to offer to everyone

Manly beach is becoming dominated by organisations charging people to participate in sport. This plan benefits a single company and a relatively small number of locals who are their paying members/customers and negatively impacts the community at large as it reduces access to a recreational area that should be freely enjoyed by everyone. The suggestion of the courts being available for casual use by the community is extremely misleading as that company uses them constantly.

Manly beach is not only a beach for locals but we want to encourage tourists and day trippers from the city to boost our economy. Tourists want a beach not another volleyball court they can't use because they're not members. The beach should be free to be enjoyed by everyone. In summer it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a spot to just sit on the beach. The volleyballers take up a large part of the beach as it is and even use temporary courts but at least those are currently erected in the same area. When you also consider the space the beach tennis club and the beach chair hire areas it is becoming a joke.

Given the recent decimation of Queenscliff beach and the prediction that these weather/tidal events are set to increase it seems unwise to effectively cordon off

<p>more parts of the beach for the exclusive use of private clubs. It is sending the message that the council isn't doing things in the interest of the people they serve but in the interest of filling their coffers.</p>
<p>That area is used by the local Malibu club and would interfere with there monthly comps, they're been on the beach for over 30years. They currently put up temporary nets up to 24 l've counted at one time) in that area and they take over the whole beach and there no space for the public use, they are more of a pain then a benefit, to the local community, they get in the way of other public users. They also take take over the Boardriders dates/competition as they have additional competition which conflict with other local events like the Snowy McAlister, the Cole Classic, and Manly SLSC. It's not fair they take over so much public space on a regular basis, it should be distributed evenly with other local sporting clubs</p>
<p>Extra courts will only worsen the traffic and parking congestion in the area. It's difficult to find parking anywhere near home on a weekend.</p>
<p>Manly is getting more and more crowded with different activities - surfing competitions, volleyball, music events, long boarders comps... - those of us who moved here many years ago also love Manly's 'quiet' times'. Does everything have to be about making money and getting more and more people here? Why not spread the joy and have it at another of our many surrounding beaches? Dee why, Long reef? Palm beach? I work in aged care and run falls prevention classes - older people are telling me how nervous they get when walking on the paths along Manly Beach now because of the excessive activity, and particularly during an event such as now with the Surfing comp when the walkng path is closed so everyone is crammed onto the one path. Thank you [REDACTED]</p>
<p>There are too many organisations, trainers, carnivals etc using the beach,parking, polluting and destroying natural habitat. Council should protect natural beauty of beach and surrounds. There are already enough volleyball courts.</p>
<p>They have more than enough space and it can be intimidating being on the beach near the courts.</p>
<p>I think it is a great use of the space. I love walking by and watching people learning how to play beach volleyball. Beach volleyball is very Australian and I imagine the tourists will love to see it being played. Outdoor activity is so positive and should be promoted. I support the application 100% and I have never played beach volleyball in my life!</p>
<p>If there are not going to be permanent courts then the players will put up portable courts - either way the space is going to be used for volleyball most of the time. There are very few downsides to having volleyball on the beach and an enormous number of positives. Council should facilitate one of the biggest growing sports in NSW!</p>
<p>Enjoy watching, participating as part of the community</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is iconic for Manly, it's a healthy pastime, has produced local olympians but also is very welcoming to absolute beginners. Anyone that [REDACTED]</p>

<p>complains about or is opposed to this proposal needs to focus on some other more important issues.</p>
<p>Yes, that space would be perfect for additional courts where people are using temporary nets anyway. Manly beach is big enough to accomodate extra courts for people to enjoy and keep fit. It's a highly social and enjoyable game.</p>
<p>My friends and I are beginners and love practicing together but the courts are often taken up by more experienced players. This would be an excellent addition to our beach, making volleyball more accessible to all.</p>
<p>There are already enough space is needed for rest of tax payers. There attitude is to take over all space. Brings negative vibe to beach</p>
<p>Enough is enough. It's a public beach not a volleyball club beach. It's annoying enough now losing all that stretch of beach and there is spillage now. Try long reef!!</p>
<p>They take up enough space already</p>
<p>Such a wonderful sport! I walk past most mornings and there are so many people playing and they bring their own courts as the existing courts aren't enough. And the proposed location is great and just dead space not used on the beach anyway.</p>
<p>There are already a sufficient number of courts available and to remove further beach space for local residents and guests to the area in times, whereby the beach is popular (summer periods) could impact tourism and peoples actual enjoyment of the beach. I know numerous local residents that do not enjoy balls flying around beyond the actual court area, there are often instances of music being played aloud, and the "warm up" area encroaches well beyond the court vicinity.</p> <p>In summer the beaches are traditionally extremely busy even on weekdays, and once we do return to normal (post COVID) there will be a significant increase in beach attendees (visitors both domestic & international). Does the council want to forgo this to satisfy building additional courts.?</p> <p>Has there been alternative sites considered whereby a sand site (man made) can be created to allow multiple courts to be constructed.? (Queenscliff Lagoon/park area or Kierle Park).</p> <p>As surely the object of the NBVA is the promotion of the sport itself not a view of the ocean whilst playing.</p>

We don't want this end of our beach clogged with disrespectful volleyballers.

They're loud, leave rubbish behind and they're balls flying all over the place make it dangerous for other beach goers.

If they have to add new courts then do so down the more commercial end of the beach.

They always put up pop up courts anyway. There is zero need for more permanent ones.

If anything this end should be more family friendly and volleyball be banned near carlton street.

As a home owner and a council rate payer I strongly oppose this decision.

The courts provide a cheap piece of sporting infrastructure for the community. Beach volleyball itself promotes a healthy lifestyle and the local volleyball association also uses the courts to give young kids an opportunity to learn the sport. With international players and Olympians of the sport coming out of the northern beaches it also provides inspiration for local youth. Not to mention a place for everyone else to watch or participate.

I've never played beach volleyball so don't know if this is possible or not, but could the posts be designed to have either umbrellas on top for shade, or fold umbrella away and pull net across for volley ball.
Then adjust court number daily and seasonally to meet best balance? I realise that adds to beach set up pull down tasks but I'd imagine not by too much.
If there's an obvious reason that won't work feel free to ignore me!
Cheers.

They take up a lot of room already and the beaches are crowded enough without losing additional space. It would be a case of sacrificing the good of the many for the very few. Not exactly fair use of public space and amenity. Once up the area is claimed as theirs and a no go zone. What about using Dee Why or Curl Curl? It is 'Northern Beaches Volleyball' not 'Manly Beach Volleyball' after all...

I would support two new courts if there is a guarantee that no pop-up courts encroach South towards the high use area of the Corso steps. It is important that the community trade off is fair and doesn't impact general beach goers and tourists.

More of the beach dedicated to one group is unfair use of public space. This is public space not volleyball space. More of the public beach that can't be utilized by the general public and rate paying locals and visiting beach goers. . Perhaps the villeyballsrs can utilize their existing space more efficiently. Get real and represent the bulk of the community not just one group with our public space.

They already take up a huge stretch of beach and seem to only be used by the volleyball club they arent really for public use and open to walk ups. Maybe it would be better to share them round a few other beaches.

Enough already! Bang bang of the ball hits HiFives and Yelling at every point score Blaring music No beach room at high tide

<p>. I objected on the basis that the beach should be open to all and no one party should be allowed to set up permanent structures on the community space. There's already a large area of the beach allocated to volleyball, a considerable percentage of the overall beach front to be specific, that due to the nature of the game prevents other beach recreations and interferes with the natural beauty of the landscape. There are many other sand areas on adjoining beaches and coves that are less trafficked and conspicuous that could be utilised. What if other clubs came along and wanted to set up their own permanent structures. I want to look out and enjoy the natural beauty of the beach in its natural state. As regular user of the beach and foreshore at Manly, and a local resident I object to the current quantity of courts and area allocation and would strongly object to an extension at all</p>
<p>As mentioned of social media post. There are a lot of people that like to play social volleyball but on a regular basis. However often the nets are taken for classes and competitions. We, like many, have invested into purchasing our own nets and always set up our own in the proposed areas.</p> <p>Would be fine if the proposed nets were public nets that aren't taken for classes and are used as a first come first serve.</p>
<p>The volleyball crew already have acquired approximately 15% of the available beach space year round. Leave the rest for other beach goers and recreational activities. Plus it's a bit of an eyesore already.</p>
<p>Far too much of the beach taken up expanding the courts. There is no reason to expand when they are empty for most of the year especially over winter. How much rent are they paying to take up nearly two blocks already and from the new drawing the expansion would take up three blocks from Carlton street down to Raglan</p>
<p>There are already enough courts on the beach and there has to be space for visitors to relax and enjoy a patch of sand. With beach tennis in Queenscliff the space is already at a premium.</p>
<p>That area is used by local families and tourists, especially during the summer and autumn months. It is also the beach area of the Manly Longboarder and North Steyne Boardrider coaching and training areas, as well as beach contest infrastructure.</p>
<p>I don't support this. Why take more land for use by a minimum amount of people? The beach is owned by everyone. Not the few.</p>
<p>Volleyball courts are 10 long with 5 m or so inbetween courts 10 courts take up 10% of the entire beach for the use of a mere 40 players in total Few of the players are residents And fewer still are rate payers</p> <p>Generation of nature for the minority</p>
<p>It is unnecessary to build permanent structures along a beautiful beach. Even if just volleyball courts. The sand is packed with families all summer. Building more courts will reduce this space for the enjoyment of a few. It is completely unfair for</p>

<p>the hundreds of visitors using the beach for its natural beauty to change the beach in to a sports field.</p>
<p>The volleyballers are a minority beach using group. Who take up an unfair amount of public space already. The volleyball area should be reduced. Not increased Construction of volleyball courts decreases the natural beauty of the world's most beautiful beach</p> <p>Leave the beach Natural</p>
<p>The beach should be there for all to use. There is already considerable space allocated to volleyball courts on Manly beach. Manly is one of the busiest beaches in Sydney - it seems over the top to carve out yet more space for one sport, to the exclusion of other beach users.</p>
<p>Thus part of the beach is hardly used by sun bathers or other people. Two more courts would help to find a court during peak play times. It would also be helpful to implement time restrictions during peak hours.</p>
<p>I strongly feel that the current volleyball courts already take up enough room on the beach. No other recreational clubs are allowed to use the beach on a permanent basis. The beach is an open place and should not be "owned" by private operators. What if we start allowing other clubs to set up camp on Manly Beach.</p>
<p>There is demand from many sporting and other groups to use the beach and the volley ball association should not Dominate it any further. They have more then their fair share of space.</p>
<p>The existing volleyball courts already take up a significant amount of beach space on one of the busiest beaches in Australia. If they need additional space - give them Curl Curl or De Why Beach, or Manly Harbour Beach.</p>
<p>This entire precinct is already over capacity for parking.</p>
<p>Don't want too much beach taken up for such a specific activity.</p>
<p>We live right opposite the proposed additional volleyball courts and do not object to them being installed on the provision that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The times of play are respectful of residents ie not before 6am or after dark. 2. Bins are reinstated at the steps to the beach opposite Carlton St. (They have not been replaced there for about 2 years! Pre COVID.) 3. No additional floodlighting. 4. No anti-social behavior on the grass on the promenade. 5. A trial period with feedback opportunity for residents and users.

It is important to retain some beach and sand for other activities, not just volley ball.

They currently have a huge area dedicated, with a large amount of storage also. It is not necessary to provide more space. The proposed area for the additions will impede on surfing competitions such as the monthly Manly Malibu Club events. Manly Beach is a world surfing reserve, not a dedicated volleyball arena.

Thankyou,

[Redacted]

Already plenty of facilities for volleyball.

Beach is crowded in summer particularly at high tide where space is a premium

There is more than enough facilities for beach volleyball. Beach space can be at a premium during summer particularly on high tides.

The beach volleyball courts seem to always be in use and from what I hear continues to grow in popularity. its helped draw tourists here for many years with many becoming local permanent residents. Manly is known as the heart of beach volleyball in Australia, I cant see why we would not want to continue to engage locals and people from afar with local courts and the wonderful beach volleyball events that happen each year. The positive impacts of the health and wellbeing of those that are able to play also speaks for itself. Put 5 courts in if required.

Beach volleyball is an essential part of the Manly beach for visitors and local residents. Permanent courts provide more opportunities for future users.

A beach volley ball court measures 8 meters wide and 16 meters in length . Additional surrounding space is also required. Therefore the existing 8 courts allocated already take up an area of well over 1,024 meters. The additional 2 courts proposed will mean that in excess of 1,280 meters will be permanently and exclusively allocated to one group. Unprecedented. These nets will not stop Individuals associated with NBVA continuing, as they have done for quite some time, erecting nets all along Manly beach. Often from the wall to the high tide mark. Disrupting community sports groups and individuals running and walking along the beach .Manly Beach cannot be treated as a football field. Unlike football, netball or any other team sport once the volleyball game is over the field does not become available to everyone. On one of the most crowded beaches in Australia these courts have already stolen vast areas of open space from the local community. Enough is enough.

Beach Volleyball is an excellent fitness sport and also provides good entertainment for the local walkers and the visitors. Making the courts available when not in use by the association teams is essential. Having the courts close to the sea wall still allows plenty of room for beachgoers, swimmers and board riders. Suggested location is good. Many times I have noticed people with volley balls waiting to snag a court. This an excellent initiative.

I love Volleyball and I fully support more courts in Manly

I think we need an overall plan for Manly beach and surrounding area.

Increasing additional usage by increments, such as this, result in over usage and over crowding.

Without an overall plan, I think what needs to be answered is:

What will be decreased to allow for this increasing usage of facilities and crowds in the Manly area?

An example could be 'Decreasing the leasing of the grass area to gymnastic businesses in the area?'

Manly beach is a small area, can we spread this development and facilities across all the northern beaches?

This way more local business would benefit and the locals could appreciate the crowds enjoying themselves.

One court please

Absolutely not. They use enough space. It's already a struggle to find a spot for my family on the beach during a sunny day in Manly. Plus I've been hit by a few out of control balls in the past and they are noisy. If anything they should be banned from setting up past Steinton Street.

Thanks

Thanks.

That area of the beach is not used very much by casual beach goers other than people running or walking along the beach, as far as I can tell. I don't think the extra courts will affect other beach goers.

I would welcome the additional courts. There is both the demand and need for extra courts in Manly as beach volleyball has become increasingly popular both for locals and visitors alike.

Absolutely not.

Our household is extremely strongly AGAINST this proposal.

The volleyballers take over the entire beach as it is which is extremely unfair for locals who own and live in their properties.

It's annoying and unfair in summer with balls flying everywhere and makes the beach feel unsafe and unable to relax.

If anything I think volleyball courts should be BANNED from the carlton street end to make it more local family friendly.

The beach should be there to share and by sharing it should not be taken over by my volleyball courts. There's enough as it is.

PLEASE make the area more family friendly.

Kind regards,



<p>They are already taking a lot of the beach space and prevent other people from exercising/performing their activities. There needs to be equal access to the beach for everyone and by building more courts you are taking it from the rest of us even when they are unoccupied. Definitely no</p>
<p>The proposed area hardly ever has anyone sunbathing nearby and there are always dozens of volleyballers looking to play on weekends, but the courts are always full. So it makes sense that extend the volleyball area a little. Let's try make more full use of our beautiful beach.</p>
<p>The Northern Beaches Volleyball Association and the Beach Volleyball School at Manly Beach provide a unique opportunity to learn and play beach volleyball. They make it accessible and inclusive for every skill level, all while building a community that continues to bring people to manly beach every day, rain or shine. Adding these courts would give more people more opportunities to play beach volleyball.</p>
<p>More and more of the community are joining this local sport which means more squad times are needed and there are only so many you can do on each court. Having two additional courts will allow a lot of additional classes to be run!</p>
<p>Fantastic sport for building the community. Plenty of beach available for all beach goers</p>
<p>Great for community, health and wellbeing and Manly as a global beach volleyball destination (for tourism)</p>
<p>Yes, volleyball is a great activity that will bring more people to beach area of Manly. More people means more foot traffic for local businesses</p>
<p>It's a healthy sport, we need to encourage more sporting activities</p>
<p>it's a great use of that area of the beach that sees little use. It won't disadvantage anyone, as the people who would otherwise have used that area of the beach can move 50 metres further North, closer to the Surf Lifesaving flags (where people should be swimming anyway).</p>
<p>They already take up practically every part of available sand at North Steyne to sit on. This needs to be limited not extended.</p>
<p>It's a great healthy sport and there is always demand to get a court. Never enough courts and there is plenty of beach available to accommodate the extra ones.</p>
<p>It is an Olympic sports. More courts will provide more chances for kids to try and enjoy the sport. There is plenty of room on the beach for volleyball, sun bathers and other beach activities</p>
<p>Sport is always welcome</p>

I was born at Manly hospital and grew up in Manly, I'm now 33, and have been delighted to be a part of the NBVA and beach volleyball community my whole life. I have competed for Australia in beach volleyball and have the Manly courts to thank for my training.

I currently am a Coach at the beach and still train and play, and am in awe at how the sport has grown in popularity over the last 20 + years. There are more and more players, at all levels from social to competitive, and more juniors coming to learn. It would be amazing if we have extra support and courts for all the people who love beach volleyball. Manly is an iconic place for Beach Volleyball and the courts add to the beautiful community and healthy lifestyle here.

Please allow two more courts, we would be so happy for it!

I don't have a problem with extra volley ball courts but please allow us to enter the water at North Steyne in summer.

Every time I went to swim/body surf at North Steyne this summer, there were no flags up due "lack of council life guards". The flags were only up on weekends with the volunteer lifesavers. When you live in a beachfront home out front of a surf club you shouldn't need to walk in the heat to another surf club just to have a swim (south Steyne or Queenscliff). It's a waste of a surf club. Please roster some council lifeguards to North Steyne next summer.

Kind regards

Volleyball community is at this stage already bigger than offered space.

To avoid closing up space with usage of portable courts the permanent set up will be more clean and preferable solution

Hi,

It would also be good if there were more/better flood lights for the courts if that's possible.

Thanks

Excellent idea for more courts. Definitely support this idea as it will have more people enjoying the beach and won't take up too much space on such a large beach.

I live directly over the road from the existing volleyball courts & observe daily the use of such courts. There are eight courts already in position but the recent big storms have washed away the net posts. They have not re erected the nets, except for one, so little or no volleyball lessons are taking place. I think this will be a continuing problem. I would have thought a submission to re position the courts would have been more acceptable. On a daily, weekend use the courts provide more than adequate facilities for the volleyball lessons & mini competitions. When needed the Association erects more courts nearby to meet the demand. I'm all for the volleyball & the existence of it at Manly.

When it's too cold to swim at least people are still getting active. Active play especially in the sun should be encouraged on the beaches. More permanent courts means less people missing out.

Fantastic to see free courts for the public to get active

Nice spectators sport too

<p>It's great that a portion of the beach is available for the volleyball players. However, they do already take up a fair amount of space as well as creating quite a lot of noise with whistles and pumping music. It can be challenging to find a quiet spot on the beach away from the flying balls and noise, which is also a valid way to use the beach that should be preserved for locals and visitors to enjoy. So while I'm all in support of the beach having designated room for the amazing range of recreation that it can accommodate, I wouldn't support expanding the volleyball space further than it currently occupies.</p>
<p>Yes this is needed to allow the community to play volley ball. These are not areas that have the flags so it does not affect beach goers.</p>
<p>This is a very popular sport. They need more courts to cope with demand.</p>
<p>Beach Volleyball is incredibly popular in Manly. More courts are required to meet the demand.</p>
<p>Please allow 2 more courts in an area on the beach where people don't usually congregate. It is a very quiet area and with growing numbers in the volleyball community, 2 more courts won't be a big imposition. The volleyball community are mindful of how precious the courts are to us and we take very good care of the whole area.</p>
<p>volleyball is an important sport for many ppl and deserves more courts for more playing</p>
<p>It's great to see so many people actively using the beach for exercise. This proposed area is rarely used by families or others and is not close enough to the surf club to impact those who are swimming between the flags. It addresses the need for more courts for everyone- from general public through to those training and competing at the higher levels. So great to see volleyball is so popular and still growing - this is a wonderful way to increase the space to play on the beach without impacting the enjoyment of the beach for others.</p>
<p>Beach volleyball keeps the community together, outdoors, and active. Some players have to travel to Bondi, Tamarama, and/or Coogee because there just aren't enough courts in Manly which takes away from all the local businesses who cater to these players. We're spending our dollars over there, at their cafes, restaurants, and pubs after the games, which is a shame as I'd prefer to support local. Manly is the home of beach volleyball in AU, there should be enough courts to cater to the growing sport.</p>
<p>The beach volleyball community has been growing over the years. It's been an integral part of life for many living in Manly. It has many benefits such as keeping people fit, make friends, providing sporting field all year around, it's mood enhancing. It's been a draw point for many people to move to Manly. Manly is really the mecca of beach volleyball in Australia. Adding 2 more courts will allow the growing number of players to find a court to play on. It will also allow to continue to facilitate competitions, which is getting harder with the large numbers and current amount of courts.</p>

<p>With the raising popularity of beach volleyball in Manly, the accessibility of courts has drastically diminished. We should be promoting spending time outdoors and enabling access for local community to sport activities. Having more volleyball courts available for the public will allow members of community to enjoy beach volleyball more easily and will create more opportunities for members to connect.</p> <p>If possible, it would be also absolutely amazing if more lights could be installed to brighten the courts, what would allow players to enjoy beach volleyball during light saving months and winter when sun goes down very early.</p>
<p>Beach volleyball and volleyball in general is growing very quickly, and we need more courts to keep these people engaged in the game by being able to play.</p>
<p>Great support for community sport without impacting the natural sites of Manly.</p>
<p>Please support the beautiful and growing beach volleyball community for us and attract more international competitions</p>
<p>We live on Steinton Street and our direct beach access will be affected by more courts. Why no spread them out down the beach and have some at the northern end instead. The chosen area is also directly next to the childrens play area. People would like to take their children from the beach to the play area and back without negotiating more volleyball courts. I am strongly against the plan and other areas should be considered.</p>
<p>The beach volleyball community has grown exponentially in the past 2 years and it is one of the most inclusive, friendly groups of people in the Manly area. People of all ages and skills are welcomed to join in and play social games, enjoy the beach, and get exercise. Manly is the epicenter of beach volleyball in Australia and the additional courts will be used! Currently on both weekdays and weekends there are waits for courts to become free. The sport is extremely popular!</p>
<p>Two courts are not only wanted, they are needed.. before the storm, if you wanted to get a court, you had to be at the beach at 5:30, that 45 minutes before the sun rises.. otherwise the courts would be gone..</p> <p>Please please please add more courts!! Thank you!!..</p>
<p>I play volleyball socially in Manly. It is a great way to keep fit and get outside. Currently the demand for courts is overwhelming and often I am unable to find a court to play on.</p>
<p>The additional bvb permanent courts will be helpful for players to engage more in bvb activity down Manly Beach. The community is growing and would love to have extra permanent court to support the players having a great time without struggling in getting courts. Cheers</p>
<p>The proposed area is generally unoccupied and the courts provide an excellent healthy facility.</p>
<p>More beach the better</p>

<p>I really enjoy the peace & quiet in the middle section of the beach. As it's directly outside of my property which I have lived at for over 34 years, I don't want that section of the beach to be tampered with.</p> <p>The beach volleyball ball nets take away from the natural beauty & only a small percentage of people actually use them, verse a much larger percentage of people who enjoy the beach in its natural form.</p> <p>Please consider my thoughtsz</p>
<p>More opportunity for a growing sport, easily accessible for locals, free fun, in a part of the beach without the flags, do it!!</p>
<p>This space they are trying to expand is a well used area of beach by people and families with children. This is our closest area to the beach from our residence and use it a lot over the year for activities and sunbathing with the family. I am highly against the proposal.</p>
<p>It is great activity on the beach and current number of courts does not accommodate all people who wants to participate</p>
<p>Having additional courts would be helpful during the midday rush through the weekends.</p>
<p>Great idea, also it would be better we could have such facilities in other beaches like Curl Curl with long beach side</p>
<p>There are already 8 courts. To keep increasing the number impacts the natural beauty of the beach and has the potential to add to traffic along North Steyne, which is already heavy on weekends and public holidays . When volleyball tournaments are held noise from them disturbs residents living near the courts due to the running commentary that is broadcast. While it is good to see people engaging in a sport and keeping fit, consideration should also be given to those who actually like to view the ocean or walk on the sand unimpeded.</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is such an amazing team game!</p> <p>These courts promote health, fitness and the opportunity for any member of the local community or wider public to come down and give the sport a go!</p> <p>I'm saying vote yes for 2 courts as there is so much demand for the game these days - I haven't played in so long as it can be impossible to get a court.</p> <p>Let get these courts added so more and more people have a chance to love the game the way me and my friends do!!</p>
<p>There is such a big volleyball community at manly and we don't have enough courts at the moment to enjoy this amazing sport.</p>
<p>There are already so many</p>

<p>This small expansion in the number of Courts will help support the growth of the Beach Volleyball sport not only in Manly but for Sydney as well (esp. in upcoming International Competitions that normally are held at the magnificent Manly Beach).</p> <p>This in turn aid in keeping Manly locals (and visitors) fit and happy, healthy and safe - by participating in the Beach based sports that Manly is famous for (esp. after the disastrous damage done by the recent storms!)</p>
<p>It is a part of Manly living and such a fun thing to play and watch</p>
<p>It helps the community. Fosters communication and is fun</p>
<p>I think this is great idea. Manly has always been the "to go" location when it comes to beach volleyball in Sydney. This proposition will help the local community and attract more tourism.</p>
<p>Growing sport keeping up with demand, does not harm the area much with beach goers and safety</p>
<p>beach volleyball is a very popular sport in manly, and the two additional courts will make it easier for more people to come and play. i personally have found it difficult finding a court sometimes when i want to play casually, so these additional courts will ensure we will be able to play more often!</p>
<p>They already take up significant space on the beach at low tide. When it is high tide, especially after a storm when there is beach erosion, they tie up the entire area between the waters edge and Seawall.</p> <p>Considering they are the only permanent structure allowed on an already busy beach there is no need for additional courts that will be taken over on weekends by the volleyball association.</p> <p>The only time that the public will be able to use these courts will be when the volley ball association is not which generally means middle of the day at lunch mid week when there is already plenty of courts available.</p> <p>This is an unfair use of space which will increase density of beach goers, which given the current Covid issue, is not a good idea.</p>
<p>Council should also consider opening up some off beach areas for this growing community.</p>
<p>I live close to Manly and also play beach volleyball, so that I think it's a very good idea to have a couple of extra nets.</p>
<p>I am a local resident and beach volleyball player, would love to have additional courts available</p>
<p>The beach volleyball community is so big and will continue to grow, I believe that the addition of two more courts will help the community to grow and thrive and all will be appreciative of the decision. Beach volleyball is essential for lots of young kids now a days and is an every growing sport that needs your support.</p>
<p>The courts are often full and sometimes there are queues to use them so more would be really great.</p>



The courts are always full on a nice day. Why not allow as many people to utilise the lovely beach we share that would like to? The proposed area isn't used that often and when it is, there are portable courts put up.

I play beach volleyball and frequently cannot play due to a lack of Court. There is a prohibition on setting up temporary nets on a big section of the beach and so it would be great to get more permanent courts. It will also help with tournament capacity.

Beach volleyball fosters an amazing community in Manly and draws in visitors and tourists.

The sport has grown in the northern beaches area. It would be great if the council would assist in the facilitation of a healthy, active beach lifestyle sport such as beach volleyball. The area proposed is a lesser used area for beach goers and is not an area where flags would generally be set up.

It creates more opportunity to play beach volleyball as there is an increasing interest every year.

The allocated area for the two new cars is rarely used by beach goers so it is not taking away space from other people.

It also shows that the council supports a healthy active sportive community.

In general, the demand for courts is bigger than the available number of courts. The community of players has grown significantly over the last few years.

Beach volleyball is a big part of Manly. A lot of people are in Beach Volleyball school as well as a members of NBVA. Besides the classes it's really important for all of us to play socially, both to practice our skills and spend time with friends or make a new ones. More and more people are joining the community (That's great!) and it's getting hard to get a court. Have you ever see this crazy people coming at 5:30 am to be able to play? And yes, If you come at 6am all the courts will be taken! Finally the COVID is gone and a lot of people are getting back to the offices and that makes it harder to play during off peak hours but everyone still want to enjoy their hobby and exercise. It's important for a lot of people mental health as well as work and life balance. I became a part of this awesome community kind of recently. And it was the best thing that happened to me in the last years! Playing BV helping me a lot including getting rid of stress, problems at work, personal issues. I always feel better after playing. I have met so many awesome people, made a new friends, made a professional connections and find my love. I believe that putting 2 extra courts will be a beneficial for everyone! I also want to mentioned that it will be nice to add flood light for more courts, that's a community will be able to play in the evening after work.

Giving our community the opportunity to develop a new sport

Beach volleyball is a vibrant, year-round activity with a thriving community with broader social reach and impacts beyond the game itself.

Adding courts will expand to this de facto remit and provide health and wellness opportunities overall.

Also, there is always congestion for court usage in addition, rental fees from the various schools should be used to develop the site for national competition and

<p>community events should the expansion continue or indoor beach volleyball courts developed much like evergreen of days past.</p>
<p>More opportunities to play volleyball for current members of club and Beachvolleyball school . Also, more opportunities for public to use more the courts as well as the current courts are busy. It definitely will attract more people to live healthy lifestyle by playing outdoor sport across entire year .</p>
<p>Beach Volleyball has been a part of Manly for years and has helped Australia win medals at the Olympics. This sport is not only great for elite athletes, but also kids and adults looking for healthy activities to participate in. It is a social game with a great community. I often take walks along the beach and stop and watch a few games as the energy is so positive.</p>
<p>it shows a part of the culture down in manly... as well as the more professional players, people who play for fun are always seen to be having a great time and so many people stop and watch... the beach is more than long enough for swimmers and surfers so these courts would be an amazing addition</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is such a great sport and has become icon of Manly Beach. Often with the permanent courts, it gets really busy . So would be awesome to have extra 2 courts for people to play and have fun and socialise with friends.</p>
<p>The popularity of beach volleyball has increased substantially over the recent years and the additional courts would be welcomed and help continue to develop the sport. Having more courts benefit those who are serious players, but also the wider community giving more options for those that only want to have fun with friends.</p>
<p>Please allow more courts. The volleyball playing is iconic to Manly and the beach is long enough that it wouldnt negatively impact others use of it.</p>
<p>Volleyball connects people, including people who are new to the Northern Beaches. When we just arrived here from overseas 8 years ago, it helped us integrate into the community very quickly. Over the years, beach volleyball has become more and more popular, and as the sport keeps attracting people to Manly, it seems only natural that court capacity expands as well. Lastly, adding two new courts may limit the use of portable courts on the beach.</p>
<p>Great idea, the beach is never used there by sunbathers or swimmers anyway.</p>
<p>I believe that these two extra courts are necessary for the growth of the sport, also the nbva junior program has seen some great success with multiple athletes going to nationals in coolangatta and taking home gold (including myself). So the additional two courts would only improve these results by allowing us to get more training in! Thank you for your consideration</p>
<p>It's great to see a lot of people being active on the beach.</p>
<p>encouraging fitness and a healthy lifestyle</p>

<p>The beach volleyball community is a huge reason why I live in Manly- I've met so many friends through it and it is a healthy and fun way to socialise. The beach volleyball community is growing and there are not currently enough nets to meet the demand. More nets will reduce queues to current nets and allow more people to play and experience this social and happy community!</p>
<p>There are a lot of people around the northern beaches who travel to manly for a beach volleyball court. Half the time they are always taken and you have to wait for one to free up. Also, a lot of friends on the weekends go to manly for a whole day with a massive group of people and take a couple courts so it leaves none for the rest of us. Introducing new volleyball courts is a great thing to do and will support our volleyball beach community as it continues to grow</p>
<p>This would encourage more people to play the sport allowing for more active lifestyles.</p>
<p>The sport brings lots of people to the area, and the current courts are always so busy that players struggle to get courts and tourists and locals love to watch</p>
<p>It's an awesome game so let's make it more accessible</p>
<p>Need more opportunities to play at a higher level, more courts will allow for more players to come down and play. It will also reduce waiting time for the courts before school/work.</p>
<p>Would be great to have more courts, I've been playing volleyball for 2 years now and it's been a great way to meet people and stay fit. Currently to get a court in the morning you have to get up around 5am as it's so popular so extra courts would be great.</p>
<p>Great idea due to the increase in demand for courts on Manly and the issues with the tide for the existing courts. Wholeheartedly agree.</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is a key part of the Manly community and encourages people from all over Sydney to visit the northern beaches. Those areas are often used for portable courts anyways, might as well add permanent courts so more people can enjoy the sport.</p>
<p>Demand is high with ample beach space for more courts. Temp courts are erected in these areas most weekends anyway with no crowding and adequate space for both players and beachgoers to enjoy the sand.</p>
<p>We love the beach volleyball courts. Such a fun and healthy sport on the best beach in the world!</p>
<p>The community brings money into Manly and the Northern Beaches. Friendly. This space isn't used for anything else</p>
<p>There are already many courts plus the portables ones used. There is already an extension since two months back of the space used by the school and portables. Not required. Please don't accept more.</p>
<p>Healthy life style is important for mental health. More this kind of Community help that more people involved wonderful sports and social makes the Manly life style better than another . We need more</p>

<p>Beach volleyball is not just a sport, it's a community. It has made my decision to stay in Australia so much easier, it's an honour to be part of it and hope many more come to join!</p>
<p>I am a member of nbva club and its challenging to get court during weekends and early morning during weekdays. Would be great to have 2 more courts so everyone can play!</p>
<p>It's a growing sport that tripled in members last couple years. it's a beautiful view to have such an active beach and people enjoying themselves. I would suggest the courts also get lights so they can play at night</p>
<p>So many people are keen for the sport now plus it allows everyone to have a go.</p>
<p>I think the new volleyball courts are a good idea as they provide more room for residents to stay healthy, they show Manly's commitment to being a sporting hub, and it drives more people and revenue to the area.</p> <p>Volleyball has continued to grow in popularity. More people are choosing volleyball as a way to stay fit and healthy while enjoying nature at its best. Often this popularity creates challenges giving everyone a fair go at some games. More nets will allow more opportunities for residents to stay healthy. With most beach goers staying near the ends of the beach (the Corso and Queenscliff), the proposed site takes advantage of an underutilised part of the beach.</p> <p>Manly is a center of sport. From competitions for rowing, surfing, nippers, and volleyball, there is always something exciting going on. These events always keep people interested and engaged with the beach. Many people stop and watch tournaments or even friendly games as the excitement and athleticism are contagious. With the current shortage of nets, people are leaving to go to other beaches. This challenges Manly's identity as the home of Sydney Volleyball and would be a great loss to Manly.</p> <p>In addition, most players will spend time and money in Manly before, during and after games. Wether it is the early morning coffee and bowls to get started, a mid morning smoothie to break the heat, a nice lunch after a tough set, or some beers at the local pub to talk victories of the day. Having volleyball players on the beach inevitably turns in to more people in town.</p> <p>Currently there are not enough nets for all the players. Making additional capacity is the right way to continue to encourage people to engage in this fun and healthy exercise and continuing Manly's tradition as the best sporting beach in Australia.</p>
<p>There are already too many courts on that beach these are all being monopolised by one school and not enough access to the general public. They take up all the space on that stretch of the beach it's impossible to walk on that stretch without being hit by a ball or to use that stretch to either sunbathe or for any other activities. Council should consider installing courts on other northern beaches to decongestion Manly beach, which is already saturated. In addition to permanent courts there are plenty of temporary courts being set up further down the beach. How does the council monitors this?</p>
<p>It's so hard to get a court to play in the mornings</p>

<p>The volleyball courts provide healthy entertainment for locals and visitors of all ages. Beach volleyball courts are an essential part of the Manly Beach tradition and spirit.</p>
<p>Great idea. The volleyball community is a lovely mix of ages, genders and nationalities. I'm not aware of this stretch of sand being used by any other regular groups, and each court takes up only a relatively small area.</p> <p>My only suggestion is to ensure these courts are available for the general community, not just NBVA schools. Of the existing 8 courts, 3 (courts 1, 2 and 3) are already effectively permanently booked by the NBVA for paid classes while court 8 is mostly booked for private training groups. That only leaves 4 for general play. We have to manage a balance between training and playing. There's no point in encouraging many more players - without allowing them space to play.</p> <p>I suggest that the new courts can only be used for paid training for a maximum of 3 hours per day - and are available for free use outside this.</p>
<p>Many people play volley ball is hard to get court and manly beach is so big</p>
<p>As everyone can see it a growing sport on the beaches having more court will allow more people to enjoy it from the competitive tot eh more social. In just a few years Manly has gone form hosting A,AA,AAA tournaments but has now been able because of the quantity of players grow to have B level divisions. By having more court space it is possible to attractive offer national or international competitions which is a positive for the club but even more for the Beaches community</p>
<p>Great addition to the beach. There should also be more sporting equipment like chin-up bars near the beach. Bondi has a great outdoor workout area. We should also get that</p>
<p>More courts allow access to more if individuals whether it's movie, beginner or serious players. You will notice the majority of the courts are personal pop up courts brought by people these days. Permanent courts allow people who don't have the money or dedication to purchase a court access to play.</p>
<p>It's so important to have free courts available for the community. To support the sport itself as well as to promote healthy lifestyle.</p>
<p>This area is not ideal for swimming and would be amazing for more space for the spiritual home for a great sport if australia. More use of the beach. Brilliant.</p>
<p>I totally support this, it is very common to have to wait on weekends or when the weather is great to play. Also the community is growing and more and more people is coming to play wich is excellent.</p>
<p>It's an excellent sport and part of Manly beach. Flood lights would also be great to enable community members play in the evenings when it gets dark</p>
<p>This will be a great way to continue building another wonderful community in Manly</p>
<p>Great sport - great community</p>

<p>Volleyball is a rapidly growing sport in Manly and the extra courts will support a friendly and considerate community and decrease the need for portable courts to be set up on other beaches.</p>
<p>sport is great for community life and overall health of people. More courts mean easier access to beach volleyball as current number of courts doesn't seem to be enough.</p>
<p>More courts will create more opportunities for junior volleyball players.</p> <p>That location is a great choice as it is not close to swimming area.</p>
<p>Adding two courts will increase an amazing sport and grow a healthy habit within the manly community. This is an area that is always empty and it will help a lot volleyball players</p>
<p>Volleyball at Manly is increasingly popular to watch and play adding even more fun reasons to visit and live in Manly. I am 56, and my whole family plays including my adult daughters. Absolutely add 2 or more!</p> <p>Further many players like to play early especially in summer and there are not enough courts even with two added. Allow more space for portable nets, AS LONG AS they are down by 10:30am and don't interfere with the Nippers.</p>
<p>I often find it difficult to find an open court, so this extra space would be helpful. Additionally, this area of the beach usually appears to be lightly used by other beachgoers, so it wouldn't have a large impact.</p>
<p>Encouraging more people to play this sport, encouraging more people play for Our national team.</p>
<p>Beach volleyball has been a fantastic opportunity for so many to become a part of the community, find new friends and stay connected across continents since. Please allow as many as possible. Thank you!</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is a great sport and also very popular!! To be able to allow ppl to play more and not having to wait a long time in line for a turn there is definitely a big need of additional courts.</p> <p>There is also a group of junior players who are achieving great results in national competitions who will benefit greatly by a couple of additional courts.</p>
<p>For anyone walking along the beach each morning it is obvious to anyone that this sport is making better use of the public space than any other activity on the sand.</p> <p>The sport is obviously great for fitness, health and community spirit!</p>
<p>Would be great to have more floodlit courts for continued after work hours play during the week. At the moment there is just one floodlit court</p>
<p>They have such an amazing junior program please extend it!!!! We need kids to be active.</p>
<p>There is excessive demand on current courts and this would be a huge help to accomodate the significant increase in players which has happened over the last few years</p>

<p>This a great community that promotes a healthy life style and is a source of joy for those who play and the passers by on the esplanade! We love the sport and the people who play</p>
<p>I believe that volleyball is integral to our beach. It would be great to have more people join in. I'm a very casual player and am always upset when I take my kids to the courts and they're already full. Thanks</p>
<p>It will allow more people to play the sport, encourage a fit and healthy lifestyle and give visitors to Manly a place to watch/join in!</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is a growing community. It will be great to see more permanent vb court on the manly beach</p>
<p>Beach volleyball has to be one of the most inclusive community based sports that brings the best out of the Northern Beaches.</p> <p>I frequently see participants of all ages (young kids all the way up to the older generation) enjoying the outdoors in a positive and polite manner.</p> <p>We should promote the fantastic sport and the amazing work the NBVA do for the community</p>
<p>Two additional permanent courts will allow more people get exposure to this healthy outdoor sport.</p>
<p>And more flood lights!</p>
<p>Helps keep the courts available to everyone especially during summer</p>
<p>Manly is the BeachVolleyball capital in Australia. We need to make it better and more accessible to anyone who would like to play a fun, entertaining, healthy sport that builds a great community</p>
<p>This part of the Beach is often unused</p>
<p>It is a supportive, healthy and motivating community and amazing sport which helps mental and physical strength. Brings people from different cultures and backgrounds together to build better Australia. Isn't it what we all want as Australian citizens? The more courts means providing more opportunities for this awesome community growth.</p>
<p>I fully support this, some extra lighting to play early morning and evenings would be great also!</p>
<p>This is a popular, growing and healthy outdoor activity ideally suited to the Manly beachfront - and great for attracting the passing crowd. The proposed area of the beach almost never has flags and would make good use of this available sand which is still close to the existing northern-most courts. Thank you for considering.</p>
<p>There has been more demand recently. This sport is amazing to build community and has been such an important part to my wellbeing over Covid and beyond.</p>

Hi,

Manly is the Australia's spiritual home of beach volleyball and the popularity of the sport skyrocketed since Covid started as more people had the opportunity to try the sport. It's also due to the great work done by the NBVA and the beach volleyball school. Younger players are also certainly inspired by the Australian Olympic medalists, including Mariafe, that was formed in Manly.

Those 2 new courts will be immensely helpful for the community and will also help local business.

I'd like to see the council consider going additional measure like extending flood lights to all courts and even making more permanent courts in others beaches.

Thanks very much.

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there are not enough courts.

it encourage health and fitness.

It brings a great culture to Manly beach and northern beaches.

I play beach volleyball regularly and the courts are always busy. We often play weekday mornings before work and you need to get up prior to sunrise as it's sooo competitive to get one of the permanent courts as they are in so much depeand. Weekends are even more of an issue when it can be basically impossible to get a court. Help the sport continue to grow and please provide more courts.

Council should add 4x more. These are a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle

Beach volleyball brings people to manly, it's one of the greatest communities we have outside of the surf community (and much nicer and more welcoming may I add). Why would you not create more space for people to be active, social and healthy

Fantastic sport which is underrepresented in Australia

This is a great things for community members to become active again at the beach. It is a safe, hygienic and enjoyable thing for all. There is plenty of beach space to accomodate and the area is often already used by portable courts. Manly is the Mecca of Beach Volleyball in Australia let it continue to grow!

I really think that we should add another 4-5 courts to need demans

This sport keeps growing in our local community in the last 15 yrs that I have witnessed. More courts means more people able to practice during busy hours (early/late, occasionally lunch) and help with a healthy lifestyle. When NBVA does not exclusively use it, it is free for all which is very rare. Even during rainy days, practice is available for committed crews.

Beach volleyball is a great community sport, attracts people to Manly and promote physical activity, wellbeing and sense of community!

Volleyball is a growing Sport for young and old. Based on popularity more court's help to grow the sport.

<p>Volley ball is very popular, an it's hard to get a court on the best of days. The beach is big enough and I only think good things can come from facilitating more courts.</p>
<p>It's always hard to get a court. Please a couple more would help and there's room.</p>
<p>Volleyball is a growing community sport in manly. There are hundreds of players and not enough room to facilitate them with the current 8 nets. It's a positive addition to the beach and I believe it should be encouraged.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>To promote health and well-being</p>
<p>The beach volleyball community has grown massively in Manly over the last few years and to be more inclusive of new joiners and exisiting members we are needing additional courts. These courts service a growing population of local residents, it's a very friendly and inclusive community that has a super positive impact on its members wellbeing, especially over the covid lockdown periods. It's a wonderful sport to make new friends, get outdoors, get some exercise in and stay happy and healthy!</p>
<p>I've been playing beach volleyball in manly for nearly 20 years! It's a great sport and we love the councils support.</p> <p>Manly is the home of beach volleyball in Australia and these are great facilities used by the wider community with junior development, schools and the general public enjoying the facilities.</p>
<p>I'm a volleyballer and want more courts. Also this space is rarely used.</p>
<p>The sport within the manly community continues to grow and demand for courts with it.</p>
<p>The volleyball community has grown significantly over the last few years and it would be wonderful to have more courts to allow more players to participate in recreational games as well as training. The volleyball school takes up many courts particularly in peak periods so two more courts would allow more players to enjoy the game!</p>
<p>The capacity of current courts is simply insufficient for the growing volleyball community. Thank you Manly beach council for accommodating for the sport loved by thousands.</p>
<p>It's a great way to stay fit and often that's too little courts available to play.</p>
<p>The current Manly Beach Volleyball courts provide an amazing community atmosphere where people of all ages and abilities are welcomed and respected. People are able to freely participate in an enjoyable team sport where their health, fitness and overall well-being are being supported and promoted. The more volley ball courts available, the better!!!</p>
<p>Incredible high demand from the local community. And great activity to watch for everyone walking on the manly promenade.</p>

<p>It's extremely difficult to get a court to play on at peak times! A large community of players lives in volleyball and the tournaments bring tourists and visitors who contribute to the local economy :)</p>
<p>This is a wonderful and very active community that deserves a bit more space to continue to grow. Beach volleyball continues to inspire people to learn new skills, be healthy and active, have fun in Manly beach e become part of this awesome community. Thank you!</p>
<p>This stretch of beach is barely used year round by the public so what a great idea to encourage a healthy lifestyle activity such as beach volleyball. I often walk past the current courts and comment on them all being utilised - the spectacle is a great thing for the public that wouldn't use the courts themselves</p>
<p>Love watching</p>
<p>Yes fantastic plan. It's an area not really used for anything else (next to the drain). I am a local 64 yr old and still play in a squad every weekend!!! This volleyball community has so enhanced my life. Meeting lovely people from all walks of life and so many different nationalities in the active setting with such well organised squads and tournaments is a great sporting outlet for so many people. What a way to be out in the sand with that view as a healthy counterpart to sitting in the office. Surely has amazing health/psychological benefits. I often see the general public having fun after the organised squads and games. So many people also stop and watch games for a while as they pass by... all part of the fun local scene. Also most bathers and runners would be much closer to the water and anyway don't spend much time next to the drain :) Excellent development!</p>
<p>Beachvolley is growing and iconic to Manly. The stretch of beach proposed for the additional courts is not well used by other beach goers, hence not taking space away.</p>
<p>Volleyball provides an opportunity for the northern beaches residents to improve their physical and mental health through providing access to a cheap, accessible form of exercise and a meeting place for building community. More courts will provide more opportunity for regular engagement and for more people to benefit from this. I moved to manly during covid, a hard time to meet people, volleyball has been key in my mental health and my decision to stay in manly.</p>
<p>Northern Beaches Volleyball Association has been running for over 30 years, would be great to get 2 more additional courts to cater for the growing number of participants/players/members and community wanting to play volleyball! Thank you.</p>
<p>To encourage ab activity community</p>
<p>I recently moved to Manly and made dozens of new friends by playing beach volleyball at Manly beach! We not only play together, but we also participate in local community activities together. It's a great community sport and we really enjoy it. Please consider adding lights to help us as the sun goes down :)</p>
<p>The courts are very popular and they have become such an important part of the beach community. I am so happy to bring my family up in an area where the local</p>

<p>council is supportive of facilities which not only support a healthy and social activity - but also cost nothing to use!</p>
<p>I started playing beach volleyball when I moved to Manly a year ago, and it's just fantastic to have these courts. NBVA and beachvolleyball.com.au have built a great community, and it's nice to know that there are courts available for everyone to rock up and play. However, the courts are often busy and it's hard to get one. So an addition of one or two courts would be great.</p>
<p>The demand for volleyball courts far exceeds the availability at the moment. Additional courts would be a great advantage.</p>
<p>I think this is a great idea as it seems this area of beach is rarely used by beach goers as it's not close to the corso or surf clubs etc. As I understand it, this area is already available to set up portable courts, but this would make it more accessible to everyone.</p> <p>I think it's great to have venues like this for both locals and tourists/visitors. It encourages a healthy lifestyle, is a great social activity for groups, and brings people to Manly. I have met so many great people through beach volleyball in Manly, and I truly believe the sport and access to these courts has created a wonderful sense of community.</p>
<p>More permanent courts will make for increased and improved facilities. Providing a neater visual result while keeping the courts away from swimming areas.</p>
<p>It's a fantastic beach sport with the Aussies winning gold and silver in a couple of the olympics and one of the player was a Manly Beach "product".... Let's not limit this sport that makes Aussies proud in the international stage!</p>
<p>This is a growing activity! It plays a huge part in bringing the Manly community together. This sport helps to connect while being active and having fun. This is how I met all my friends.</p>
<p>The proposed area for 2 new courts are not regularly used by general beach goers even in the height of summer. It is an area of the beach that will not interfere with other beach users.</p>
<p>The beach volleyball community has been continuously growing over the past 15 years, with record numbers in adult and junior participation in 2021/21 even during Covid, as well great national and international success from local adult and junior athletes it is time to allow more space.</p> <p>In the long-term it be ideal to add more flood lights to the courts to assist in managing the high demand by extending the hours we can use the courts.</p> <p>Many thanks for considering our proposal</p>
<p>Sport is part of the northern beaches lifestyle, specially in Manly Beach. It is important to support a growing , heatly community. The proposal is absolutely necessary when also taing in consideration how this sport grew over the pandemic period. It is important to ensure all have the opportunity to play and have acces to the nets.</p>

<p>The Beachvolleyball community has grown exponentially in the last year (it's a great community) and just need a more space to play, please !</p>
<p>There's high demand for volleyball courts from Manly community so additional courts will help develop the sport further</p>
<p>Such a great community, never enough space</p>
<p>Beach volleyball is a fantastic opportunity to stay healthy and we should support the growing interest in this sport. I am a medical doctor and growing overweight in our population is very concerning.</p>
<p>This is a great idea! The Manly beach volleyball community is growing and brings a lot of revenue to Manly with people going out for brekkie/lunch after playing. The current courts are well used and 2 more would be a great addition. Thanks</p>
<p>Manly beach featuring some Australia's premier volleyball athletes has always been a fixture, including our recent womens Olympic silver medalists. Drawing a crowd every day as families, friends and groups stop to watch a game during a walk. It's a great for members of the community to use the beach in a safe, fun, and sporty way - what can be more Australian than that!</p> <p>Further, the beach volleyball community engages and supports the local businesses and economy - the ability to include more nets means more people. That need brekkie and coffee and lunch and parking, budgies, sunnies and anything you can find in the corso. Finished off with a few bevies and dinner at a local restaurant.</p> <p>Lastly even when the nets are not used by NBVA members - they are often used by families, groups, and youth in a safe and fun way to have some fun on the beach.</p>

The beach volleyball community is a very positive and caring community including people from all over the world, all walks of life and many that come to play beach volleyball in Manly from other areas of Sydney. In the past few years the community has grown even larger, not only, but also because it was one of the few sports less impacted by COVID restrictions due to typically being played 2 vs 2.

Attendance at tournaments organised by the NBVA has also increased significantly, with all 8 permanent courts plus nearly as many portable courts being set up for them, over multiple weekends, just to accommodate all the players wanting to play competitively. But also socially, the courts are used a lot and the impact of having recently had so much of the beach, and thus most courts, swept away has been significant. Two extra courts on a slightly different section of the beach, as suggested north of the pipe, would also help lessen that impact and allow people to more easily partake in this wonderful sport, as not everybody can afford to buy and carry around a portable net.

Additionally, I believe it would be good to have more floodlights installed for the current and future courts as well. Currently, it is only possible to play on two of the courts once it gets dark. Considering that other sports like cricket, tennis, rugby, soccer, etc. are all able to have floodlights in Manly at their sporting venues, I believe it more than justifiable to have the same for the beach volleyball courts.

On top of the obvious advantage that more courts bring to the players, I believe it adds to the beach itself, as many people walking along the beach side boardwalk end up taking a break and watching parts of beach volleyball games when they are played. So, even to those not participating the community brings joy and displays of goods sportsmanship.

Lastly, I would like to highlight the success of the NBVA Junior's training programs and add that a couple more courts would mean that that would be more easily accommodated, or could theoretically even be expanded without other "adult" players losing courts for it.

Being active is so important and this part of the beach is not widely used by other beach goes. So more volleyball courts are a great idea

There is a high demand for space for this sport that has been growing in Manly and Australia. Manly is the home of 4 Olympic athletes, including a silver medalist in the Tokyo Olympics, and has the potential for much more. Its time to support the new and upcoming generations of athletes, give space to this sport that is part of the Manly lifestyle and beach culture.

Volleyball community in manly is amazing
The sport bring people together while providing a framework for fitness assisting with mental health
Available courts are not enough for the demand of social games on a daily basis
Please allow this to happen
Many thanks
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I think it is great for the community to be active and makes Manly a distinct beach to seek out

<p>More courts means more entertainment for people to watch (which tourists love to do), while incentivising people to do more sports.</p>
<p>The members or Northern Beaches Volleyball Association have grown significantly year-on-year and is a focal point for a wonderful, active and vibrant beach community. The currently number of courts does not facilitate the active participants and 2 additional courts would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>My personal experience with Manly and the NBVA is typical - arrive as a tourist and find yourself converted into a full true-blue Australian after a decade. Enjoying the sport I love in the world's best setting has enabled me to represent my homeland, Ireland, in beach volleyball and NBVA community is family away from my homeland. I have hosted international beach volleyballers and olympians who have fallen in love with Manly and the spirit of the NBVA. Its a iconic venue in beach volleyball and 2 more courts will only extend its stature.</p>
<p>More availability for higher level training.</p>
<p>The Manly beach volleyball community is fast growing and having these additional courts would help the current contention with the limited availability. Supporting this request will help Manly continue to establish itself as Sydney's beach volleyball hub, in line with it's already great image as healthy, positive and community focused suburb.</p> <p>It is great to see the growing community and the new generation of players coming from the juniors and schools. I've seen it happening previously in places like Tel Aviv where supporting the beach volleyball community allowed the city to gain popularity for internal and external tourism and help the businesses flourish.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Volleyball has been life saver, after four months in Manly without knowing anyone, the school and the courts gave me a community, something to look forward the morning and is making me willing to stay in the northern beaches as the permanent courts is a huge advantage. However, today we are too many to play, and we need to wake-up REALLY early to secure a court. The ability to have more courts will give a chance to everyone to practice, and will put less pressure on the morning games. Thank you for considering it.</p>
<p>The courts are always full! Whether you play or watch it adds to the wonderful vibe Manly beach currently has for locals and visitors.</p>
<p>Great for community spirit promoting an active lifestyle tourism</p>
<p>I support the additional courts as someone who has played there in the past and live locally</p>
<p>Good idea, all courts are always taken when it's nice outside.</p>
<p>Yes please! Beach Volleyball provides an excellent opportunity for exercise and increased social connectedness to Manly. Great for the health of our community!</p>
<p>With COVID changing our life style, given more time extra with family for example working from home. 2 more courts will ease up the wait for exercise playing volleyball</p>

<p>ball. Stress and depression is a big deal pos COVID, please allow us to be healthy and outdoors with the 2 extra courts.</p>
<p>As a player, to have just the 2 new courts would help with the traffic of portables as well as allows us to have more to play on. I think the spot they are proposing is perfect. It is not encroaching the main beach of Manly that people flock to. I also find that people walking by like to stop and enjoy watching a few games.</p>
<p>the demand for volleyball courts is very high as of right now many people Not being able to play as one group can have up to 15 players adding additional courts means more people can play at one time</p>
<p>Courts will provide additional recreational space on the beach and support a growing community sport.</p>
<p>The beach volleyball community is a great asset to the broader Manly community by creating a very welcoming space for locals to meet up and make new friends, while participating in a great social and healthy activity. The courts are always full during peak hours, and two additional courts would go a long way in allowing more people to partake in this great sport.</p>
<p>It's a part of the beach that isn't used and there often isn't enough courts for the community. We are a household of 4 people (2 adults and 2 teenage boys) and all of us use those courts.</p>
<p>I am a regular beachvolleyball player and it is during the peak times hard to find a court to play on. Two additional courts would give us more options to play and more people can play the sport we all love.</p>
<p>Volleyball is part of the community and so many people love playing. Having more courts would mean more people can play without waiting long periods of time, which would be awesome!</p>
<p>As popularity for the sport has grown, there's been increasing use of portables to accommodate the number of players</p>
<p>This area is a typically unused area of the beach. Additional courts is a great feature to add.</p>
<p>As a Manly local and beach volleyball player I strongly support this proposal. The existing permanent courts are well used and enjoyed by many, including more serious beach volleyball players, as well as groups of friends and families playing socially. They are also a big draw for visiting people, both watching and playing - and add to the healthy, active beach life Manly offers. Having permanent courts set up gives easy access for people to come and play and enjoy the beach. Currently there are not enough permanent courts to service the local beach volleyball community, and having these additional courts would be extremely beneficial and well received.</p>
<p>With much more use of the beach, it will provide the community with more chance to socialise where it's safe, outside. After so many years spending time inside this will help a lot of people and their mental health</p>

<p>This is a fantastic idea that would enhance the social capital of our community. I am highly supportive of this initiative and commend the council for taking action to improve our community.</p>
<p>The current courts are always busy and are well used by the NBVA, Manly beach volleyball school, and other casual players. If you aren't there in the mornings before 6:15am you'll miss out on a court!</p>
<p>I think Manly's great sport offerings really sets manly apart from similar beach towns. Just as many others, I had never played beach volleyball before moving to manly - and now it's the reason for why I have decided to stay here permanently.</p>
<p>More courts will only benefit the Manly community, which includes hundreds of beach volleyball participants. The area north of the pipe was not used much anyways. I'm excited that council has decided to consider this proposal.</p>
<p>Additional courts provide a facility for people to enjoy the sport, get fit and it's great for mental health. It is becoming more popular amongst the juniors. There is already a higher demand for courts during the summer, and I think it is a positive and healthy step forward.</p>
<p>Submissions Outside of Your Say</p>
<p>You should put in volleyball courts</p>
<p>The beach volleyball association at manly beach is currently trying to take over more of the public space</p> <p>Two courts are now 8 courts, taking 10 % of the beach space, for a tiny number of players. Now they want ten courts</p> <p>Where will it end? A line needs to be drawn now</p> <p>A number of sporting clubs, with members numbering near 10 000 Manly surf club, Queenscliff surf club. North Steyne surf club, Manly nippers, North Steyne nippers, Queenscliff nippers, QBC boardrideres, North Steyne board riders. Manly Longboarders</p> <p>These clubs use the beach for their competitions, and leave no trace when they are finished, Set up , Pack up and leave Manly Beach in its natural state</p> <p>This is a beach, a place of nature, not a volleyball court for a handful of players who need to dominate the public beach, excluding the general public from accessing the sand</p> <p>Vollyballers can erect removable nets and take them home each day</p> <p>Manly Beach's attraction and economic value lies in it beauty. Ranked number one beach in Australia by Trip Advisor</p> <p>Please don't allow it to be defaced but the selfishly motivated erection of more permanent volleyball courts. A line needs to be drawn .</p>
<p>I am in full support of the proposal to add additional volleyball courts at Manly beach.</p>

To whom this may concern.

More volley ball courts will ruin the space that lots of other clubs use the beach for, a lot of the council nippers use that space for training and competitions.

Surf clubs also rely on that space too like North Steyne Board Riders and Manly Malibu Club.

Also more courts are making our beach more over crowded and it messes with the parking, there is already limited number of car spots in the beach front, add in more courts and more competitors and that's less space for local people wanting to use the beach to swim and surf and walk.

There are already more beach volley ball courts at manly than there are at any other beach on the northern & eastern beaches. Why no put them on another beach like Collaroy that has the space.

There are so many of us that really don't want any more volley ball courts. They are already setting up makeshift ones in front of the north steyne and queens cliff surf clubs, I watched one of their courts completely block the view of the north steyne life savers and prevented them seeing someone in need of rescue.

We don't need more.

Thank you,

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There's already plenty of volley ball court in manly they extend most of the beach from north Steyne with private operators and often blocking space on the beach by the wall for soft sand running with all their equipment

Hi, I live in Manly and oppose more permanent volleyball courts opposite Carlton St. If anything why can't some courts be placed just North of North Steyne Surf Club to spread the load out as this area is not as heavily used by beach goers as the existing and proposed courts? I have attached photos from Saturday 18/6/22 of the amount of portable courts (as well as permanent)erected by NBVA. This is winter what is going to happen in Summer , we won't be able to sit on the beach! Also does NBVA pay anything for the upkeep of the beach? And there's more! Please erect some no dogs on beach signs or more ranger patrols as players bring their dogs onto the beach which sit on the sand for hours while their owners play especially in Summer!

██████████

Resident

Hello

I am writing in to object to the additional volley ball courts. The beach is incredibly busy as it is, with less of the beach now available due to the higher tide and less of the coast/sand.

The beach volleyball participants have no respect for the area, constantly have loud music, yelling, and block both the sand area, and their spectators block the footpath making it a total spectacle.

I do not think this is in the best interest of the residents.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

I realise comments have closed but additional courts are being erected anyway by NBVBA and others. (See photo)

There is angst for soft sand runners as their gear in between fixed and temporary courts push people to the waters edge. Summer time this will be worse if allowed to grow in size.

Just an additional photo

Re the Council proposal to add two more permanent beach volleyball courts south of the Carlton Street steps.

Quiet Stretch gone for good

The dedicated volleyball area as per the council boundary regulation is north of the steps in front of the Manly Pacific Hotel at Raglan Street and south of the steps at the end of Carlton Street steps - so the two new courts are within that council boundary, but this proposal does mean the loss of a relatively quiet patch of public beach between the noise and crowding of the volleyball courts, and the crowds at North Steyne surf lifesaving club.

Exceedingly generous

It should also be remembered that this patch of beach is only now user-friendly because of the recent lengthy and no doubt expensive remediation work done to fix the ocean drain. To hand it to a single sport does seem exceedingly generous given all ratepayers paid for the remediation.

It would also be instructive to know if any other popular city beach in Australia has permanently gifted such a large area of public beach to one sport?

The major problem is people ignoring the council boundary regulation and setting up their own temporary courts

The permanent courts are not the real problem on the Manly to Queenscliff stretch – the real problem is that parties think they can set up their own temporary courts south of the boundary steps towards the Corso, and north of the Carlton Street steps all the way to the North Steyne surf lifesaving club. Full [beach volleyball](#) kits are now inexpensive and parties of players think they have the right to place their courts anywhere - and the rest of you can get stuffed.

Last summer it was not uncommon for volleyball courts to stretch all the way north from Carlton Street to the North Steyne surf lifesaving club. (I am told there is a similar problem at Queenscliff but cannot verify this.) Having volleyball courts encroaching towards the Corso is especially egregious as they “claim” the ground and surrounds for hours on end.

While on patrol for Manly on a busy summer Sunday a fourth court was being erected in front of The Pantry and in the middle of beachgoers. I explained to the people putting up the court that the council boundary was north of the Raglan Street steps but was told the “F-off and go save some people”. (I did save two tourists later that afternoon....)

Taking the space for hours, indeed entire mornings at a time, on one of Australia’s most popular and busy beaches is the height of entitlement and the boundary must be enforced.

Regular beach goers and users are fed up and visitors will skip Manly and go north to other beaches where they can enjoy themselves and avoid the hassle.

One need simply walk down to Manly Beach mid-morning on a sunny day for this to be confirmed.

Your Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted contact information]

Additional volleyball courts proposed at Manly Beach

Ref: 2021/808160.

We **do not** support the request made by the NBVA for an additional 3 permanent volleyball courts on Manly / North Styene beach, between Steinton street and Carlton Street .

There are currently 8 permanent courts and, on most weekends, weather permitting, NBVA already install as many as 6 additional “temporary” courts along the beach blocking off a significant area of the beach from other beach users.

In addition to the NBVA courts mentioned above (as many as 14) there are often between 3 and 4 courts set up by casual players/families in the area you have indicated would be given over to the NBVA for additional courts. Giving NBVA the area between Steinton street and Carlton Street would force these casual users to move further down the beach further reducing the beach area for casual users’ ,swimmers and sun lovers.

We don’t understand why the NBVA does not expand its footprint on the Northern Beaches (it is **Northern Beaches** Volleyball Association after all) to say Freshwater , Dee Why or Collaroy Beachs as many current players come to Manly from those areas.

Lastly, as NBVA is a commercial enterprise, in that it charges fees to its members to use the courts and for training. It would be interesting to know how much the NBVA contributes to the councils cost for maintaining the courts.

We don't believe Manly/Northern Beaches residents' rates should be used to support this commercial enterprise.

Regards

No more of our beach should be given away permanently to special interest groups.
No extra permanent courts should be placed on Manly beach.

Volleyball and other sports courts set up on Manly beach outside the permanent court area are a rapidly growing problem, and directly related to the permanent courts already installed. This is due to the attitude and behaviour of random players setting up those courts, outside the designated area. Most of those people are not from Manly. It was precisely to prevent these issues that Manly Council had a ban on volleyball and court sports being played on the beach outside the set zones, except with a Council Event Permit.

I note strongly that the members of the local volleyball association are not the issue with either behaviour, or attitude towards the general public. For the most part, they are aware of, and appreciative of, the huge area of beach permanently alienated from the general public for their use.

I was on the Manly Council Sports Facilities and Coastline Management Committees from 1999 to 2010 inclusive, so was involved in the process of establishing (and limiting) the area allowed for volleyball on Manly Beach.

Here is an overview of why the courts were set up, and how the situation has been allowed to deteriorate:

- The 2000 Olympics had Manly athletes involved, and a small set of permanent volleyball courts were set up around that time. They started north of the steps onto the beach, opposite the end of Raglan Street.
- Several years later, a request came to Council for an increase in the number of permanent courts.
- After vigorous debate in the Sports Facilities Committee and Council, it was agreed that additional courts would be placed to the north of the existing ones, with several binding conditions. Those included NO additional permanent courts would ever be requested or provided, and that any other courts could only be set up with Council Event Permits for major tournaments. NBVA agreed to that generosity from our community, and gave their word they would never ask for more. Guess they can't be trusted.
- To further assist the volleyball players, the Sports Facilities Committee enabled lighting, plus the repurposing of a Council cleaning equipment bay on the roadside for volleyball equipment storage.
- It was also strongly noted, at the time, that the permanent volleyball courts would alienate a greater area on the beach (on an annualised basis), than ALL surf life saving activities by the 3 clubs on the beach, including patrols, carnivals, Nippers and training. In other words, volleyball in the area allocated back then, used more beach than surf life saving, without any real return to the community, plus the permanent volleyball area could not be used for any other purpose by the beachgoing public.

Each court needs a footprint of approximately 450 square metres, for only 4 people. That includes the court area itself, plus a further area at each end and side for safety margin from players moving outside the court during play, and for volleyballs hit at high speed which are not stopped by the players inside the court area.

Two years ago, following increasing issues with volleyball and other "court sports" impacting on other beach users, NB Council management actually INCREASED the allocated area of use from

approximately 6,000 to almost 25,000 square metres. (Please refer to the attached current SNB Council map.) To put that into a familiar area, it's nearly 5 football fields of iconic Manly beach now allocated to single use, every day of the year. It also equates to almost 20% of the entire beach. No other beach user can safely or peacefully use any of the area for passive recreation.

What would your response as a Councillor be if someone came to a Council meeting, and applied for permanent exclusive use of 5 football fields of our world famous beach for another sport? And then went ahead and used even more without any sanction from Council?

Until the Council amalgamations, Manly Council lifeguards enforced the "no casual court sports" policy outside the established area. Since amalgamation, the policy has not been effectively enforced, as there has been no proper guidance to this effect from the new amalgamated Council.

The result:

- Increasing numbers of volleyball courts are being set up on the beach, alienating an increasingly greater area of the best beach in Australia.
- Other beach users are being threatened and intimidated by people who set up casual courts. This includes verbal abuse and threats of harm, plus having volleyballs smashed at people nearby if they refuse to move away.
- Access to, and along the beach is being affected, with no clear path for the many beach runners and walkers who used to enjoy the length of the beach.
- Beach users are being injured when impacting pegs and spikes used to hold the nets of the casual courts, including those left behind after a casual court is taken down.

Hopefully this information is of use. I am tired of copping it off people for my support of the volleyball, just because the new Council and bureaucracy don't have a handle on managing Manly Beach, which is massively busier than any other beach in the area.

Our beautiful beach used to be for everyone. How can it be good for Manly to lose more of it for ever to special interest groups?

Council needs to enforce the rules set by the previous Manly Council, and agreed to by the local volleyball players and the local association. Council lifeguards should be directed to enforce those rules on a permanent basis. It is likely some signage on light poles above the beach may assist.

I have been informed by a Council employee that lifeguards are under the following instruction regarding the volleyball area - "We're not enforcing that area."

This means anyone wishing to set up additional court sports outside the massive allocated area can do so with impunity. As a result, even more of Manly beach is now taken up by court sports, on top of the 5 football fields already permanently allocated.

Another senior Council employee commented to me last week "Lots of beaches overseas have nothing but courts all over them. That's the future for Manly beach. Get used to it".

When asked about that attitude, the response was "Very few of us managing Council live in the area, and most of the Councillors don't live in Manly. We can do whatever we like."

Kind regards,

[Redacted Signature]

Attached below – area map:

Area map of previous and current volleyball





North Steyne Surf Life Saving Club

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Foundation Member of the Surf Life Saving Association
Founded 1907



20 June 2022

Jacinta Houston
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Re: Manly Beach volleyball courts – additional courts proposal

Dear Jacinta,

We are writing to you about the proposed additional volleyball courts on Manly Beach. As you may be aware for the past 115 years, the North Steyne Surf Lifesaving Club has been providing lifesaving services to ensure the safety of the public on North Steyne/Manly Beach. Our services include the provision of volunteer patrols to safeguard people in the water, the treatment of minor and major injuries, and the taking of preventative actions to keep people out of harm's way. Along with our lifesaving obligations, we run a number of related activities including training to ensure our skills are up-to-date and for competition purposes. We also host surf lifesaving carnivals (competitions), and we run a successful Nippers program in order to ensure a strong lifesaving community for the future.

The proposed location of the new volleyball courts is approx. 280 metres south of our Clubhouse and will be located in our primary and secondary patrolling areas as defined in our Lifesaving Service Agreement 2020-2023.

As a long-standing community based organisation, we support all users of the beach and welcome activities that ensure we have a vibrant and healthy local community.

We would like to raise some concerns we have, however, with the proposed additional volleyball courts.

Lifesaving Services

The new courts will have a negative impact on the provision of our lifesaving services and increase safety risk.

During the season our flags can be set up as far south as Carlton Street, which is part of our primary patrolling area. Our patrol tent needs to be set up close to the flags to ensure appropriate surveillance and ready access to first aid, CPR and rescue equipment so we can rapidly respond to any incident where assistance is required. Depending on the shape of the beach, the courts could impact the placement of our patrol tent and our rescue equipment.

The placement of the courts could also obstruct partial or rapid access by the paramedics to an incident should there be an emergency on the beach when the flags are located in this area.

If the flags are located further north, there is a concern that more people will likely enter the water near the volleyball courts and where there are no flags. We experience this issue every season in front of the current volleyball courts as people seem to be reluctant to walk even a relatively short distance to "swim between the flags." Such non-compliance will increase the lifesaving risk. This will mean more consistent patrolling of the area, thus putting extra demands on volunteer lifesavers, and/or may require a second set of flags.

Surf Lifesaving Carnivals

The proposed permanent volleyball courts will impact how we run our surf lifesaving carnivals, including impacts on competitors, spectators, infrastructure and safety. We are already experiencing issues with the volleyball players who complain about these competitions, even though they have been approved by Council.

During the summer season, Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches holds various surf lifesaving events across the 21 beaches. Many of these events occur along the beach front from Manly LSC to Queenscliff SLSC. North Steyne generally hosts between 2-3 carnivals per season. This includes carnivals for Nippers, Branch championships and surf boats. Often the running tracks and water areas are set-up south of our Clubhouse and can extend to the area between Carlton and Steinton Street. This is particular the case with beach events when there are 1km and 2km runs. Already competitors experience many hazards in running in between the volleyball courts (both permanent and temporary) as they must avoid stray balls, enthusiastic players and difficult to see tether lines. More courts will exacerbate this issue even further.

Our surf boat carnival, held every January, also requires a significant area of the beach in order to run a safe competition. With over 70 clubs competing, a substantial area of beach is needed for competitors, beach craft, officials, first aid stations, tents and water safety and emergency equipment. This event also attracts a significant number of spectators who stand on the promenade of beach itself to watch the competition. The competition area generally extends south from our Clubhouse some 200-300 metres and from the waterfront the road. There is no doubt that this carnival will consume the area of the proposed permanent volleyball courts.

Further, the Northern Beaches Council has an agreement with Surf Life Saving NSW to host the NSW State Championships for the next 2-4 years. This event attracts thousands of people from across the State to compete and watch the competition over a period of 3 weeks (Late Feb – mid March). Due to the inclement weather and surf conditions, this year's event was mainly concentrated in front of our Clubhouse and extended over 350 metres south. The current volleyball courts were an issue during the competition and impacted the infrastructure that was required to be set-up (tents for Officials / first aid) and water safety access. More courts will mean more difficulties during this important event.

Other Activities

Depending on the placement of the flags and the conditions of the beach and surf, our training and other activities can take place in the Carlton Street area. This includes lifesaving, competition and Nippers. New courts will make this area very congested, particularly on a Sunday morning, and put additional strain on the lifesaving and lifeguarding services.

In addition to our own activities, the beach front has many other users including the North Steyne Board Riders, Manly Surf School and various bootcamps and exercise groups. The erection of permeant volleyball courts will impact the space for these activities and in turn put pressure on effective and safe lifesaving operations.

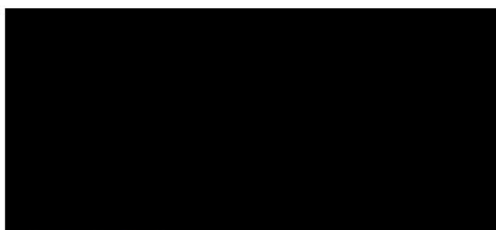
Temporary Courts

We would like to take this opportunity to also raise the growth of temporary volleyball courts on the beach which has caused issues in accessing our equipment, the running of our Nippers, disagreements during carnivals and the general obstruction of the beach and water for the public. Temporary courts are currently being erected all over Manly Beach and not just in the adjacent areas of the permanent courts. In some cases, these courts are set-up to the east of the permanent courts and right down to the water's edge, and they have been erected immediately outside our Clubhouse obstructing access to our IRB and rescue equipment. We are concerned that more permanent courts will encourage more temporary courts in the adjacent areas, thus extending the volleyball footprint both north and east and impacting even more on our lifesaving operations, training, Nippers, and Ripper Nipper activities.

We would like Council to better monitor these courts and give the lifeguards authority or have rangers/beach inspectors on hand to request the removal of these courts when they impact on beach safety, our usual activities and the general public's enjoyment of the beach.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues with you further, and would appreciate a formal response to ensure our concerns are addressed.

Yours sincerely,



President
North Steyne SLSC

Dear Jacinta,

I was recently made aware of the proposal to add beach volleyball courts at Manly. I have also just discovered that comments closed on Sunday night.

I don't believe this proposal has been adequately advertised and ask you to accept this email as my submission.

Do you support the proposal for up to two additional permanent volleyball courts at Manly Beach?

No

Please help us understand more about your choice by providing additional comments

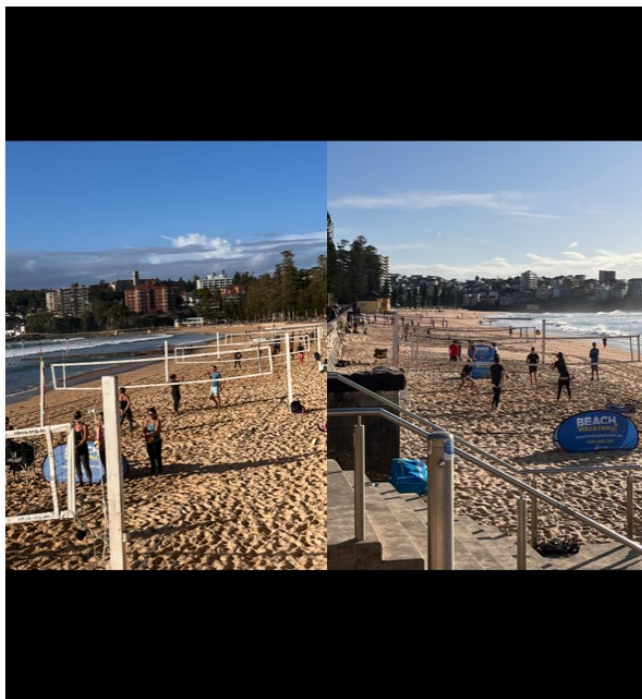
There are currently 8 beach vb courts at Manly. These are well used and occupy quite a stretch of flat beach. I have no objection to the existing permanent courts – they provide important community use and recreation. In addition, there are many other temporary courts setup along the beach in different areas. There appears to be no clear guidelines on whether this is permitted, or where these should be located.

I don't support any additional courts at Manly for the following reasons:

1. Manly is already very busy, particularly on weekends and early mornings, and additional courts will just amplify this issue
2. As a rate paying resident and local volunteer surf lifesaver, my personal preference is for Manly NOT to resemble a Miami style beach, with courts spread along the beach. The current courts should be sufficient for use in the Manly area and they occupy quite a stretch of flat beach, not otherwise available to beach goers.
3. Council should consider courts on **other** northern beaches venues, so other areas share the benefit, and associated burden. We don't have all the NB sports fields or tennis courts located in one location, so why should all the beach volleyball courts be at Manly? The beachfront area is already extremely busy and congested – this will only exacerbate the problem for local residents and visitors.
4. Temporary courts should be regulated better, if allowed at all. Often these are setup closer to the water line and interfere with amenity of other beach goers. Numerous temporary courts seem to be appearing.
5. There has also been a "beach tennis" group starting up at Queenscliff (and advertising) – with similar nets laid out across the beach. The precedent for beach volleyball will make it difficult to manage expectations of other groups wanting their share of beach.
6. The proposal aims to meet the demand for more courts arising from the increasing popularity of beach volleyball at Manly Beach – why does this have to be at Manly? We are blessed with many suitable beaches along the coast – spread the load.

The photos attach provide evidence of the proliferation of courts along the beach. Council needs to take appropriate action to better regulate this.

I do not support this proposal.



Several additional temporary courts spanning the beach



Dear Damian,

I live at [REDACTED] Manly in the [REDACTED] building directly opposite the existing volley ball courts
Thank you for the offer to express my view about the increase in Volley ball courts at Manly Beach
I accept that volley ball is a healthy outdoor sport and somewhat enhances the carnival atmosphere of Manly Beach

However I STRONGLY OPPOSE an increase in the volley ball courts from 8 present courts to 10 courts i.e. 25% increase for the following reasons:

1. NOISE POLLUTION

When competition games are played the WHISTLE IS BLOWN AFTER EVERY POINT SCORED
Best of 3 games
Average score say 21/15 for first 2 games i.e. 72 points
Deciding game score say 15/10 i.e. 25 points
Total points 97 i.e. 97 whistle blows for just one court
8 courts at present

$8 \times 97 = 776$ WHISTLE BLOWS FOR JUST ONE COMPETITION ON EACH COURT

25% INCREASE 10 courts = 970 WHISTLE BLOWS FOR JUST ONE COMPETITION GAME ON EACH COURT

Practice often starts at 6.30 am at weekends and the whistle blowing starts at 8 am and continues non stop until 5 pm both Saturday and Sunday
This piercing whistle sound penetrates every corner of my unit and prevents me from experiencing the ambience of my own home at the weekend

2. VISUAL POLLUTION

Each court has 2 posts 2 metres high to which the net is attached
When play is finished and the net removed these posts stay permanently in place
8 courts 16 posts permanently in place at present
10 courts 20 posts permanently in place
These posts visually pollute the area and give the impression that it is a CONSTRUCTION SITE and a NO GO AREA to beach goers when the courts are not in use

3. EFFECT ON ADJACENT BEACH AREA

When play is in progress the area of the beach between the court boundary and the water's edge is adversely affected

Beach goers DO NOT USE this area because of :

- 1 the nonstop whistle blowing
- 2 stray volley balls impact on this area as does players chasing after the balls

So in actual effect the volley ball courts utilise the whole area from the sandstone wall to the water's edge

So that a 25% increase in the volley ball area would result in a significant reduction of beach area for the general beach goers

MANLY BEACH as we all know is WORLD FAMOUS and SHOULD BE RETAINED AS IS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL

Regards

[REDACTED]

Dear Damian

If you could please open the above attachment first as it shows that I have had an interest in the Volleyball courts from their installation back in 2004. I live in [REDACTED] right across the road from the courts. The courts were put on our beach without any neighbourhood consultation back then, as this was the days of Precinct Committees. The residents along the beachfront are very much effected by the Courts & the invasion of our beachfront on a PERMANENT basis. Could you please explain how a Council can allow 'a business' to rent beach space to run a business? It's called beach volley ball but does it necessarily have to be played on a beach. Why not place sand on a nearby oval or parkland & create a permanent volleyball centre, still in Manly but not on our beach. Over the eighteen years (OMB HAS IT BEEN THAT LONG) the high tide mark has slowly moved up the beach towards the wall of the esplanade. In recent times the courts have been washed away on several occasions & now the high tide mark encroaches on the court base every day. I don't think the courts will be usable on a permanent basis for long into the future.

I agree with [REDACTED] submission regards the erection of two more courts to our already eight! It's an enormous invasion of our privacy, beach space & the noise created by the business during its lessons, classes & competitions. I might add that when they have enough people making up numbers for more games & tournaments they put up at least another 4-6 temporary courts spreading further north & south to accommodate the extra games. When the courts are in use it makes the beach space between Raglan & Steinton Streets unusable for beach goers & walkers. The distance between the esplanade wall & the waters edge is slowly being eroded & soon there will not be enough space for the courts & beach goers to share the space. Why should the Council give this business the privilege to use our beach at all. Even Bondi has no 'business' operating on its beach especially not volleyball.

Could Council please consider coming down to observe & survey the area where the volley ball courts are now located & where the proposed additional two are to go? I'm here observing this happening right before my eyes every day & think its a complete waste of time to grant permission for something that is certainly going to be short lived. I was very surprised to receive your notification regards the additions courts because of the fact the the courts have been out of action for so much of this year because of their position & vulnerability to the encroaching seas.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter & will look forward to hearing from you. If you would like to contact me, my mobile number is [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Beachvolleyball Courts North Steyne

I refer to the concerns you raised about the installation of 2 additional beachvolleyball courts on Manly Beach.

Since 2000 interest in this sport has grown dramatically, due to Australia's high profile in this sport at both World championship and Olympic level. Manly is recognised as the official home of beachvolleyball in Australia. In early 2003, the Northern Beaches Beachvolleyball Association tabled a proposal with Manly Council Sports Facilities Committee to increase the number of courts from 6 to 8.

This proposal was unanimously supported and presented to the Ocean Beach Precinct Committee. Various configurations were discussed namely expanding either north or south of the current courts and the distance from the seawall, its impact on general access via the stairs etc.

It was not possible to move all the courts south, as this have infringed on the stairs to the south. The risk of having the courts to close to the wall of the esplanade, needed to be addressed as a safety issue, resulted in the courts remaining the same distance from the wall as the existing poles. As for the comment that the courts are close to the waterline, this only occurs when we experience high tides.

WHAT ABOUT THE STAIRS
TO THE NORTH !!

Council considered the concerns raised by residents and aims for a balance approach and promoting a healthy lifestyle within our community. Only recently, Manly Council (in response to calls to ban ball games on Bondi) proudly and publicly supported our proactive approach to encouraging ball sport/games on our beaches.

COPY



Following my previous correspondence regarding the application for the installation of more volley ball courts at Manly, I am forwarding you photos taken yesterday Monday 4th July, showing the continuing damage occurring to the area around the location of the courts. Usually the group who lease the space from you keep an eye on the situation & the nets are removed as are the posts when big seas threaten the area. They have a cupboard on North Steyne where the nets are stored, usually during the week when not in use. As you can see the posts are being eroded & will probably get washed out over the next few days if not removed. This is becoming a frequent event with the last one eroding away lots of the sand leaving courts unusable. Please add these photos to your investigation of the application for extra volley ball courts in this same area. Thank you. Best wishes [REDACTED]





Appendix 2 Proposed additional volleyball courts on Manly Beach - map used for public exhibition



Notes

Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.