
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Warriewood Valley Community Centre (Stage 2 of 3)

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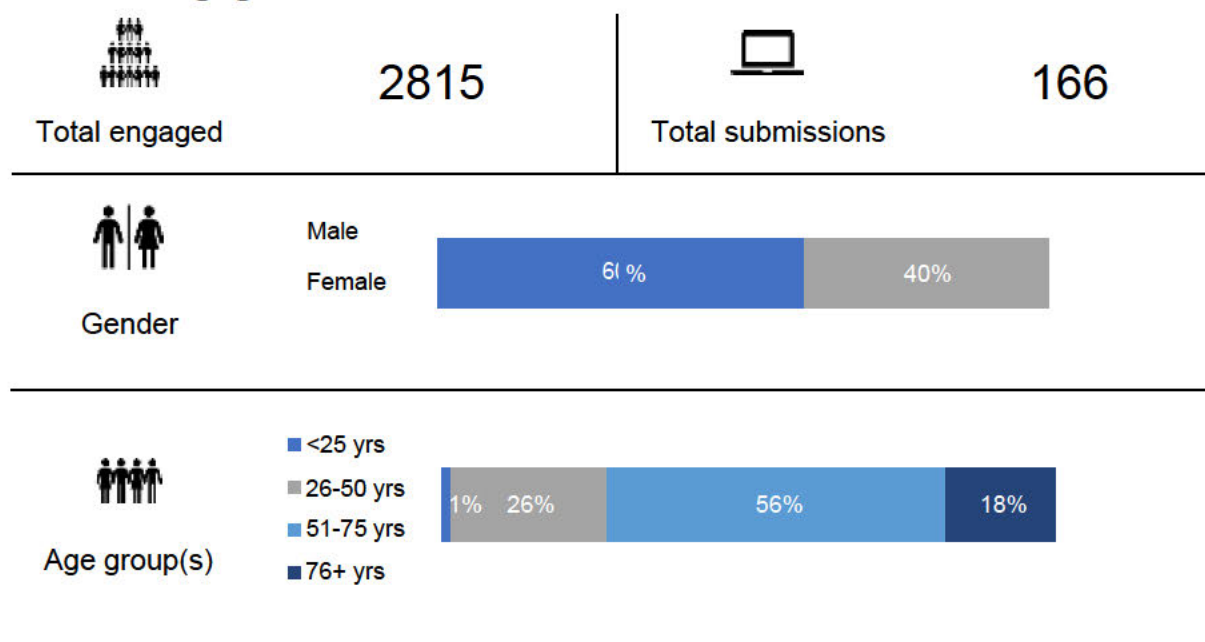
1. Summary¹

Project Title	Warriewood Valley Community Centre
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This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted during Stage 2 of the Warriewood Valley Community Centre project, from 28 August to 27 September 2020.





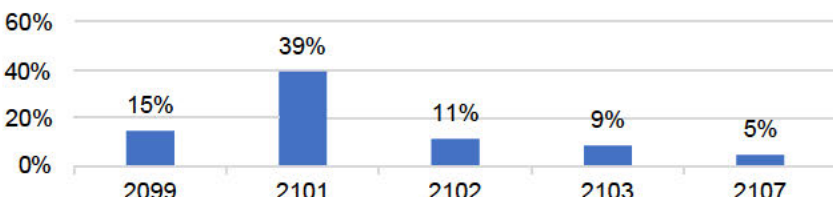

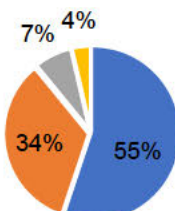


The report's content reflects the insights of 166 participating community members and stakeholders, including the Heather family, whose relative the existing community centre is named after.

1.1. Who we engaged



¹ 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.

1.2. How we engaged

	Visitors: 2815	Visits: 3341	Av. time onsite: 1m16s
Have Your Say			
	Facebook Posts: 2	Reach: 16,656 Clicks: 888	
Social media			
	Letterbox drop: Warriewood Valley	Distribution: 3,500	
Print media and collateral	School notifications via email Narrabeen High School, Narrabeen North Public School and Mater Maria Catholic College.	Number: 3	
	Site signs: Yes	Number: 10	
			
Postcode(s) ²			
	Do you support the proposed concept designs for the new Warriewood Valley Community Centre?		
Sentiment	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">YesYes, with changesNoNeutral		
	Community Engagement newsletter: 2	Distribution: 22,000	
Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Council E-News: 3	Distribution: 70,000	
	Stakeholder email: 3	Distribution: 561	
	Submissions received: 166		
Submission form			

² Postcodes listed here represent the predominant geographical areas the respondents were from.

2. Background

We are building a new multi-use community centre on the site of the existing Nelson Heather Centre, on the corner of Jacksons Road and Pittwater Road, Warriewood. The project is primarily funded through the Warriewood Valley Development Contribution Plan. The new community centre will provide additional space and parking to accommodate the growing Warriewood Valley Community.

To develop the community functional needs for this proposed facility, we undertook [community consultation \(Stage 1\)](#) February-March 2019. The engagement was targeted at the key user groups, Warriewood Residents Association, Peninsular Bridge Club (a current lessee) and groups with existing hire agreements. Intercept surveys were also undertaken at a local shopping centre.

A design consultant was engaged in December 2019 to develop a concept design for the site. Ongoing consultation with key stakeholders during the development of the concept design highlighted the need to modify the design brief to ensure user requirements were met.

We progressed to the next stage (Stage 2) of community consultation during September 2020, exhibiting the concept plans and 3D imagery. Feedback was sought via our Your Say engagement platform.

3. Engagement objectives

- Provide the community with an opportunity to review whether their needs as identified during Stage 1 engagement were met and applied to the concept design.
- Gauge the overall level of community support for the proposed design prior to progressing to Development Application (Stage 3).
- Ensure community members in the immediately surrounding areas were aware of the project and provided opportunity to have their say.
- Promote the public exhibition to the wider Northern Beaches community.

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder consultation for this stage of the Warriewood Valley Community Centre project was conducted over four weeks, from 28 August to 27 September 2020.

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

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan established the engagement approach for the project, identified the risks, mapped key stakeholders and employed easy and accessible channels to collect feedback that reflected broad community sentiment.

Engagement was conducted through the project page hosted on yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au. Behavioural economics principles guided the development of the online content to ensure clear and consistent information was provided to our community. Images of the proposed design and floor plan were used to support page content.

Feedback was primarily collected through an online submissions form with email and written responses also accepted.

To promote the engagement to local residents, a notification letter was posted to 3,500 people in Warriewood Valley. An email notification was sent to the local schools including Narrabeen High School, Narrabeen North Public School and Mater Maria Catholic College.

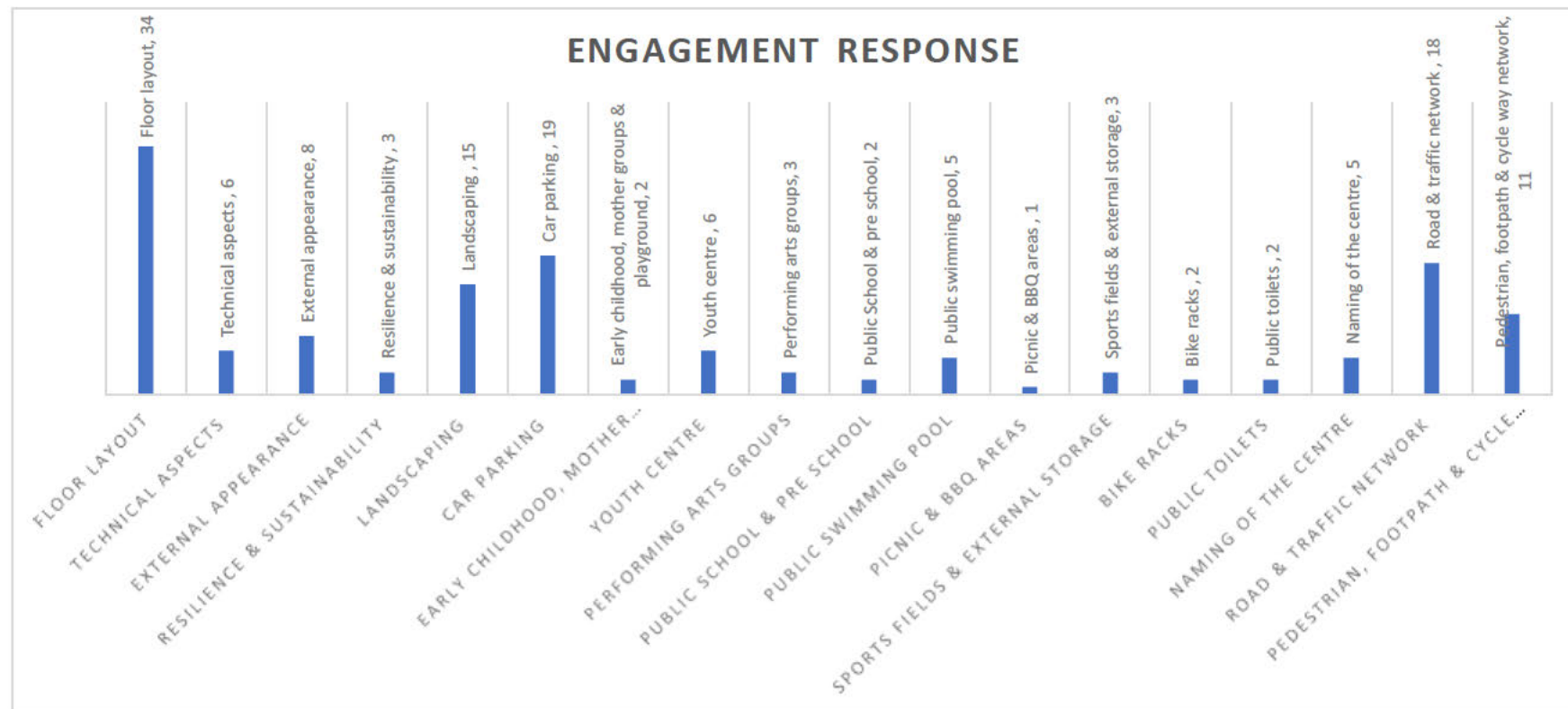
The public exhibition was also promoted to the current users of the existing Nelson Heather Centre, and project subscribers through email updates. The project was also Council's e-newsletters (EDMs) to reach the broader community.

Two Facebook posts were geo-targeted to capture the suburbs of Warriewood, North Narrabeen and south Mona Vale.

This report represents what Council has heard as accurately, and transparently as possible by using consistent quantitative and qualitative analysis techniques.

5. Findings

Council received 166 submissions, which included 118 written responses. The submission form was an open questionnaire to allow the community to speak freely on the proposed concept design. The wide range of written responses were categorised into the below themes and a qualitative analysis was performed as an overview of the feedback.



The above graph displays the number of times themes were mentioned in the written submissions.

Theme	Commentary	Council's response
Design – Floor layout	<p>The majority of submissions supported the concept design and expressed gratitude for the long-awaited new development. A small number of submissions suggested increasing the size of the halls to allow for the 1.5m social distancing rule, adding more meeting/consultant rooms, provide a lock up bike area, allow for double door storage and a café.</p> <p>Safety concerns were raised regarding the amenities block being close to the entry point and dual access to the male and female toilets. It was suggested that two amenity blocks located closer to the Players Hall and Main Hall would reduce risk and provide easier access for users with limited mobility.</p> <p>It was also noted that the floorplan showed several external entry points, under cover corners and blind spots which may entice gatherings or brake and enter offences. Concern for potential fire risk was identified as corners of the building could gather</p>	<p>Due to site restrictions (i.e. trees, carparking and playing fields) we are unable to increase the footprint of the building. If COVID-19 continues, we will restrict patrons in line with NSW Health guidelines.</p> <p>Extent of meeting rooms has been based on extensive consultation with current room hirers. Based on the feedback received from Stage 1 of Community Consultation in 2019, additional meeting rooms were added to the scope of the project.</p> <p>A lockable bicycle enclosure will be provided. Doors access to storerooms will be revised as part of the design development process, prior to lodging a Development Application (DA).</p> <p>The comment regarding a café is noted and alternatives will be investigated as part of the design development process prior to lodging a DA.</p> <p>Two separate amenities blocks were considered during the concept development however the travel distance from either hall to the central amenities is considered to be functional and appropriate (all level and within the foyer area). Separate amenities would also come at the expense of other functional areas due to restrictions on the total amount of building footprint we can accommodate on this site.</p> <p>These comments are noted and solutions will be investigated as part of the “safety in design” process prior to lodging a DA.</p>

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	leaves, twigs and rubbish which may be difficult to keep clean.	
Design – Technical aspects	<p>Concerns were raised regarding the functionality of the roof gutters during major storm events and the problematics of bifold doors.</p> <p>Suggestions were put forward to include sound proofing, increased natural light, lux lighting levels, and smart technology into the design.</p>	<p>These comments are noted and solutions will be investigated as part of the design development process prior to lodging a DA.</p> <p>These comments are noted. Acoustic treatments, maximized natural light, lighting levels, lockable bicycle enclosures and storage access will be addressed and incorporated into the design development process prior to lodging a DA.</p>
Design –External appearance	A small number of respondents commented that the building looked too bulky, boxy and big.	<p>Comments regarding the external bulk are noted and design solutions will be investigated during the design development phase in an attempt to reduce the visual impact.</p> <p>The concept design includes four individual pavilions strategically placed within high retention trees, interconnected with a low height foyer. The building is single story and the intent is to keep the form as close as possible to a residential scale so that it does not dominate the landscape.</p> <p>Due to the requirement to provide two large open plan halls it is inevitable that the roof line will be higher in these instances to ensure adequate ventilation and natural light is provided.</p>
Design - Resilience and sustainability	Feedback reflected the community's support for sustainable design practices in particular sustainable options that are environmentally friendly and include solar panels, rainwater retention systems and recycled furniture.	The design (although not highlighted in the concept drawings) will include a high level of environmental resilience measures. The full extent is currently being investigated with the project's sustainability consultant but it will include solar PV cells, rain water storage for irrigation, low carbon footprint materials, LED lighting, energy efficient glazing, passive solar design

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		principles, natural ventilation, additional thermal insulation and water saving appliances.
Landscaping	<p>A small number of respondents commented on the landscape plan and expressed the importance to include native and indigenous plants, more resting/seated areas and a water feature.</p> <p>Concern was raised that trees close to footpaths and roads may cause damage due to roots expanding and cabbage-tree palms are flammable and caution is urged.</p>	<p>A landscape consultant has been appointed and the design will include for native and indigenous plants. The planting schedule and landscape plan (which includes crushed stone paving and seating areas) will be further developed prior to the DA lodgement. Consideration will be given to the impact on adjacent structures and species flammability.</p>
Car parking	<p>A large number of submissions showed interest in the proposed carpark and expressed the need to increase car spaces to cater for users of Ted Blackwood Hall, Boondah Reserve Fields and B-Line.</p> <p>A small number of submissions suggested carpark control to manage the use.</p> <p>It was noted that additional disabled spaces were required close to the Players Hall together with allocated motorcycle parking.</p>	<p>There is an overall increase in proposed parking (81) as compared to the existing Nelson Heather Centre (54), however it is not possible to increase this further unless the building footprint is reduced or the existing native high retention trees are removed (not permissible). Options to extend carparking to the playfields were investigated, however not possible due to future expansion of this area. The proposed parking arrangement will cater for the users of the new centre.</p> <p>To provide on-site parking for users of the Ted Blackwood building the playing fields would require an elevated building with undercroft parking (which was investigated as an option), but is not viable due to the impact on the trees and the additional construction cost (which is significant and would render the community centre project not viable).</p> <p>Mechanisms will be considered to manage the carpark use during the DA stage. Regarding wheelchair accessible parking, this will be provided as close as possible to the primary entrance to the building as per building regulations and this will ensure that full</p>

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		accessibility between the vehicle and the building will be ensured. The location of these spaces needs to cater for all users of the facility, so a centralised location is more equitable for all users. Motorcycle parking will be provided
Use	<p>There were several submissions requesting that Council includes the following user groups and services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • early childhood and mother groups • youth centre • community performing arts • children's playground • public school and community preschool • public swimming pool • picnic and BBQ areas • additional sports fields and external storage • under cover bike racks at the B-Line bus stop • access to public toilets during the weekend. <p>It was noted that the public toilets located on Boondah Reserve Fields 2,3 and 4 are not accessible during the weekend.</p>	<p>The functional use for the new centre was identified during Stage 1 consultation for this project, and was informed by consultation carried out by the former Pittwater Council circa 1990.</p> <p>With the exception of the Peninsula Bridge Players Hall, all other areas of the centre will be multi-use, and not for exclusive use.</p> <p>The centre will be adaptable for a variety of purposes. The community will be able to hire the halls for activities including early childhood groups, mother's groups, youth activities and performing art groups, depending on individual groups requirements.</p> <p>The incorporation of public toilets was investigated. Based on similar centres, the addition of public toilets creates security and other social concerns for the users of the centre. Public toilets are also close by (B-Line car park and opposite Warriewood Square Shopping Centre in Jacksons Road. The current sports amenities on both sides of Boondah Road have also been identified for renewal in future years and conversion to public toilets is likely to be part of these renewals. This renewal will include provision of access to the general public (typically 7 days a week 6am to 6pm).</p>

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	<p>Add recreational activities to include indoor hockey, basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and pickle ball.</p> <p>A question was raised about the Mona Vale Community Hall with a submission asking about the status of this project.</p>	<p>The use of the building (as a community centre) is stipulated in planning documents (Warriewood Valley Developer Contributions Plan) which prescribes what development (including its use) may be carried out on this particular site. This plan also stipulates that funding collected, as part of this plan, can only be made available for the prescribed uses.</p> <p>This project is on hold due to Council reviewing the entire Mona Vale community area holistically i.e. the administration areas, library and arts hub plans, as well as the Mona Vale Memorial Hall.</p>
Naming of the Centre	A number of contributors commented on the proposed centre's name being "Warriewood Valley Community Centre" and noted the importance to carry on the legacy of the late Nelson Heather and expressed that his name should be attached to the centre.	<p>In the initial needs brief for the concept designs the legacy of Nelson Heather was identified to be included in the detailed designs in some capacity. Ideas include and are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naming the Main Hall of the centre 'The Nelson Heather Hall' • Additionally having a feature wall in the public foyer with information and photos of Nelson Heather, displayed in a modern, aesthetically pleasing format. Council will work with the Architects and its Public Art Coordinator to develop ideas. <p>Final design for the whole centre, including these concepts, will be for the elected Council to approve.</p>
Road and traffic network	Some submissions noted the current traffic congestion and traffic flow on Jacksons Road, particularly at peak times as a key concern. Many submissions supported the proposed new slip lane on Jacksons Road. Comments suggested extending the slip lane on Jacksons Road and adding an additional slip lane from Warriewood Square to	The Warriewood Valley Section roads masterplan includes multiple projects which will improve traffic flow in the areas surrounding the proposed upgrade. These include the upgrade of the signalised intersection at Jacksons Road and Pittwater Road as well as the roundabout at Jacksons Road and

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	<p>Boondah Road and removing the bus stop on Jacksons Road adjacent to the centre to reduce traffic build up.</p> <p>A small number of submissions noted that they were concerned that adjacent road upgrades would have a negative impact on the streetscape with the removal of trees.</p>	<p>Boondah Road. The intent of the project is to improve traffic flow in the area.</p> <p>These projects are currently in design development and will be placed on exhibition for public comment next year.</p>
Pedestrian, footpath and cycle way network	<p>Some submissions highlighted the importance of the current pedestrian crossings located on Boondah Road, Jacksons Road and Pittwater Road for schools and users to access and go between the Centre, Boondah Reserve Fields, Ted Blackwood Youth and Community Centre and Warriewood Square. Some highlighting that the current pedestrian crossing is too close to the Jacksons Road roundabout and should be moved further east.</p> <p>In relation to pedestrian safety requests included adding a pedestrian crossing at the entry/exit point of the carpark.</p> <p>Suggestions to upgrade the footpath and cycleway links in Warriewood were also raised, indicating that the improvement would enhance connectivity in Warriewood between key destinations including Warriewood Square, MacPherson Street and the B-Line bus stops.</p>	<p>The Warriewood Valley Section roads masterplan includes projects which will upgrade road safety in Warriewood. This includes the upgrade of Boondah Road which will create a safe interface between the proposed shared paths, footpaths, pedestrian crossings and the proposed development at the Warriewood Valley Community Centre. These projects are currently in design and will be phased to follow the development of the Warriewood Valley Community Centre.</p> <p>The masterplan also includes multiple projects which will provide footpath and cycle links throughout Warriewood. This includes the upgrade of Boondah Road which will provide a shared path along Boondah Road to provide a pedestrian and cycle link between Jacksons Road and MacPherson Street. It also includes footpath links along the entire length of Boondah Road. These projects are currently in design and will be phased to follow the development of the Warriewood Valley Community Centre.</p>

6. Questions and responses

Question	Response
<p><u>Performing Arts</u></p> <p>Will Council be allocating a space for performing art groups for amateur productions which includes a small theatre space with dressing rooms? Will there be a space to display artwork? Comments reflected the lack of public theatres on the Northern Beaches.</p>	<p>The centre will be adaptable for a variety of purposes. The community will be able to hire the halls for a wide range of activities. The community lounge area is also adaptable with opportunities for art displays.</p>
<p><u>Use</u></p> <p>Project timeline and what provisions will be made to offer regular users?</p>	<p>The construction is anticipated to be completed by late 2022 Indicated below is the proposed project timeline: Early 2021: Development Assessment – Sydney North Planning Panel Early 2021: Tender for construction contractor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early 2021: Hirers relocated • Mid 2021: Demolition / Construction commences • Late 2022: Completion
<p>Is the Players Hall on the ground floor?</p>	<p>The majority of the new centres' funding is specifically for residents within Warriewood Valley, however it is also to rehome the current regular hirers of the Nelson Heather Centre. We will work with all groups to ensure the community's needs are met.</p> <p>The proposed centre is all one level on the ground floor. The Players Hall is located north- west of the entry on the ground floor</p>
<p><u>Ted Blackwood Hall</u></p> <p>How does the proposed centre impact the Ted Blackwood Hall? How it will link with the Ted Blackwood Youth & Community Centre? .</p>	<p>It is not anticipated that the new centre will impact on the Ted Blackwood Centre. There is increasing demand for indoor space, especially in this location. When larger events are held at the new centre the Ted Blackwood Centre could be used as a co- location and/or alternate space for regular groups to be relocated.</p>
<p><u>Carpark</u></p> <p>What's the carpark size? Is there an opportunity to increase the size or go up another level?</p>	<p>There are currently 54 parking spaces at the Nelson Heather Centre (including 12 accessible spaces for wheel chairs etc.). The current proposal indicates 81 spaces in total. An elevated building with under croft parking was investigated but is not viable due to the</p>

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<p>Will the eastern carpark be fenced to prevent pedestrians and cyclists cutting through the trees to Pittwater Road?</p> <p>How many use the carpark daily? How was the carpark planned?</p>	<p>impact on the trees and the additional construction cost (which is significant and would render the community centre project unviable).</p> <p>A car park study to determine the daily use was not considered to be required as direct observations confirmed that parking for users of the current centre is adequate with the exception of Saturdays when the adjacent sports fields are being used. We are unable to provide a carparking solution to accommodate users of the centre, visitors and sports users on this site for this peak time but note the increased capacity will greatly assist in this regard.</p> <p>There are no current plans to fence the carpark. A new slip lane and modification to the traffic lights will also be occurring at the Jacksons Road/Pittwater Road corner. Should there be any issues with pedestrians using a desire line through the trees, these will be managed as part of that separate traffic project.</p> <p>Regarding the design approach for car parking, the site planning process was as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify the constraints – in this case there are a number of high retention native trees. It is nearly impossible to have these trees removed unless they are diseased. The site is also constrained on all four sides (three of which are roads and the fourth being the adjacent boundary to the playing fields for which we have slightly encroached and unable to extend any further). 2. We looked at the functional room requirements for the building – due to the constraints explained above, the architectural solution was to create a series of separate pavilions which can be positioned in and around the trees. This then has provided opportunities to/for maximise views, natural light, cross ventilation, acoustic separation etc. 3. We used as much of the existing car park (adjacent Boondah Road) as possible to reduce the construction cost (the funding component is finite). Once the building was

8. Appendix A Full summary of community and stakeholder responses

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Respondent	Submission
1	No safety by design concept, the design proposed has numerous areas inside & out that creates blind spot areas. Great undercover areas for the kids to hang at night. Main concern is the communal entry to the toilet block -who can tell if a male is following a girl into the toilets ! To many external entry point for breaking in. Roofing should not have box gutters as these create damage & major cost in \$ to the building when blockages occur in major storm event. Bifold doors to the exterior & to seperate [sic] rooms as walls are not easy to be open & closed / locked by the majority of the current users who are elderly. Great fantastic that a left turn slip lane is to be installed as part of the works on Jackson Rd
2	<p>Hi, I hope you're not planning on demolishing the Ted Blackwood hall across the road. It is used by many people for Jazzercise. The hall is suitable for Jazzercise because it has a sprung floor and a stage so that participants can see the dance steps of the instructor. It also has doors that can be opened for cross ventilation.</p> <p>Otherwise, I think the plans look fantastic. Great that there will be a large hall with a stage suitable for performances. I just hope that there is enough car parking, especially on Saturdays when there is children's [sic] sport.</p> <p>Regards [REDACTED]</p>
3	<p>Please make sure there is ample parking available (especially disability parking)</p> <p>Thank you</p>
4	The traffic Flow in this area is extremely poor. This area and roads have not been planned for all of this new infrustruture. [sic] Minimal parking, schools overflowing.And council are allowing these underdeveloped streets to be built up not considering exsisting [sic] problems.Is there parking considered if so how many spaces?

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5	Images indicate dogs will be allowed here on leads - think this is great but there should be poo bag dispensers and bins provided as there are in other council areas where dogs are allowed - it encourages responsible dog clean up care and there are times when you are out and run out of bags and have lost them out of your pocket.
6	More Sports fields for community sports!
7	more for the increasing number of families to the area eg. add some tennis table tables for youth to use when the weathers bad out
8	Provided there is sufficient parking - I believe parking is beneath the complex but I do not know the number of spaces. If there is only one level of parking then that may not be sufficient
9	How about putting in a Olympic size pool ???? A 50 meter pool should of been put in 20 yers [sic] ago.... Stop spending tax pays dollars on things that useless.....
10	It would be great to have somewhere that teenagers could hang out as there are few facilities in the northern beaches
11	This new design looks fantastic and will the needs of the community into the future. Well done!
12	The proposed slip lane appears to be replacing a significant group of trees. I don't support the slip lane if trees are being removed.
13	I support the building design, but strongly oppose the proposed slip lane if any established trees will be removed. Not only do these trees provide habitat, shade and other environmental benefits, they are part of the character of the area and I would be upset to lose their beauty and sense of history. Retaining the current pathway width and moving road lines would be a preferred method of adding a lane, as the opposite lane (leading towards Warriewood Square) is extremely wide. The current slip lane proposal will not provide enough benefit to those turning left to justify removal of any trees: you may as well just add a 'right OR left' arrow in the current left-turn lane. While this would affect my travel, as I habitually turn left at this intersection, I would rather spend longer in a traffic queue than have those beautiful old trees removed.
14	Seems like a great plan. add some undercover bike racks for the bline stop while you're at it
15	Yes, but please consider that Amenities and Disable Car Parking are part of or next to main halls, especially for older and disabled persons
16	yes, with easy and close access to Amenities and Car Parking

Respondent	Submission
17	<p>██████████, thanks for your call back and our discussion about this nice project.</p> <p>Please consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Some disability parking also near the Players Hall 2. Clear footpath marking on pedestrian crossings at Boondah and Jackson Rds 3. Separate Amenities closer to the Main and Players Halls 4. Single proposed Pedestrian and single Cycle Ways near Boondah Reserve and Sport fields
18	Put in an all weather Public use swimming pool at least 25metres long. Nothing available up this way with nearest approx 12ks away.
19	<p>The layout seems to cater for most activities.</p> <p>However the plans do not show any proposed traffic flow. This is highly desirable with designated one way directions clearly marked.</p> <p>In the Pittwater Road carpark it appears that to exit the carpark vehicles drive clockwise and along the side nearest Pittwater Road to exit. This would also apply to vehicles dropping people and goods at the two entries.</p> <p>The Boondah Road carpark also seems to be a problem as to find a place in two of the three lanes it is necessary to drive in on the Eastern side and then turn clockwise into the two lane section. If this is full then it is necessary to repeat the manoeuvre to go to check out the Pittwater Road carpark. All this will be awkward and lead to significant congestion at peak times.</p> <p>I suggest that the Eastern lanes of the Boondah Road carpark be relocated to the Eastern side of that road to improve the traffic flow and that the main traffic exit be along this line rather than the very narrow corner near Jacksons Road and Boondah Road junction.</p> <p>Overall the carparking provided is woefully inadequate. Entry must be restricted to those using the facility with a boom gate and camera timing detection at the very least. At present people catching the bus into Sydney for a day, park there and the 5 hour time limit is completely ignored and certainly not policed by Council.</p> <p>More parking should be provided along the edge Boondah Reserve. With the development on the other side of the Council Depot surely some land could be made available. The circus on its occasional visits could also be accommodated.</p>
20	A fabulous facility for the Northern Beaches, well done.

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21	<p>Sir/Madam,</p> <p>I am a member of [REDACTED] Club, whose committee members have been in close contact with Council regarding our needs as as [sic] [REDACTED] club, insofar as the committee is satisfied with the internal design of the centre,it has my wholehearted support.</p> <p>The conceptual design looks to be excellent.</p>
22	<p>My Grandfather was (Arthur) Nelson Heather, I hope his name will be retained with the new proposed centre. Currently on proposal paperwork his name seems to have been dropped.</p> <p>Survey undertaken show that a large majority of people know it as the Nelson Heather Centre,</p> <p>I propose it be named Nelson Heather, Warriewood Valley Community Centre.</p> <p>On every trip to Northern Beaches a drive past has been a must to remember his commitment to his community.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
23	<p>The design allowing for multiple spaces looks great and would cater to a wide range of community groups.</p> <p>Please consider creating a bike path along Boondah to make the access easier and safer from the Macpherson st side.</p>
24	<p>It is a lot of money for a few meeting rooms and a kitchen concept. The community needs an indoor pool, a place for youth and the elderly. Rethink how you use taxpayers money</p>
25	<p>Why isnt [sic]a small stage & theatre incorporated inthe [sic] design? [REDACTED] is limited to using the pre school during school holidays. We need an intimate small local theatre for amateur productions!</p>

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26	<p>I applaud the vision of Northern Beaches Council in its plans to improve the amenity for its local residents. It is a shame that it is proposed to change the name of the centre as it was originally named in honour of my late Grand Father who worked selflessly for the well being of his local community.</p> <p>There may be few who live in the area who would remember Nelson Heather and the contribution that he has made, however that should not lessen the impact of that contribution nor the gratitude owed.</p> <p>The Nelson Heather Centre is known by a very large majority of people surveyed, so I would respectfully request the new development retain the name The Nelson Heather Centre</p>
27	<p>To whom it may concern, Ref Warriewood Valley Community Centre Upgrade A well overdue upgrade to a very busy community centre. It will be a wonderful community asset.</p> <p>I would like to propose two additions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I would like to make sure the carpark entry/exit possibly has a crossing. Currently it is a very difficult exit point, with blind spots for children and bike riders as you exit the centre carpark. This is a high pedestrian area. Many children from the local Narrabeen North Public School walk across the Boondah Road crossing, head north along the current grassed area and cross over to Boondah fields for sport. With the new proposed pedestrian and cycleway, along the north of the centre - as long as there is a safe way to continue onto to the current Boondah Road crossing. 2. Can the section (noted in the attached pdf) along Boondah Road, adjacent to the current carpark be a paved footpath. It is currently grassed, but a high pedestrian area as mentioned above, and will join onto the new proposed pedestrian and cycleway. <p>Many thanks [REDACTED]</p>
28	Looks really good all for it hopes it goes ahead this year
29	I have no specific suggestions as to the proposed plan because I have rarely used the Heather Nelson Centre but when I last attended a meeting there it looked very much in need of renovation.

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30	<p>Technical aspe [sic] Your proposed upgrade to the Nelson Heather Centre is commendable.</p> <p>I was present at the opening of the Nelson Heather Centre and was proud of the fact that our council recognised the work and commitment my father did for our community.</p> <p>I am asking you to retain his name in the in the upgrade.</p> <p>Nelson Heather committed many years of community work to the area. The removal of his name from the Community Centre would be a dishonour that is undeserving.</p> <p>Please keep the legacy to my father for the work that he did for us all.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>■■■■■■■■■■ resident for many years.</p> <p>cts</p>
31	<p>Can you please provide information on number of persons and vehicles expected to attend Community Centre. Can you also provide information on parking for expected vehicles and if Boonah Street will be further affected to traffic.</p>
32	<p>The name Nelson Heather Centre should be retained as a mark of respect as this whole concept would not of been created without my father's input. It was only ever a rubbish tip on that site .</p> <p>Please show respect and keep my father' s name</p> <p>The Nelson Heather Warriewood Valley Community Centre would be a respectful way to go further with this concept</p>
33	<p>Warriewood has become an abomination. I can hardly drive through it without tears in my eyes.</p> <p>Wondering how else governments or councils can destroy ours and the native animal habitat.</p>
34	<p>Assuming there is to be a name change of this Centre has any of Nelson Heathers family been consulted on this. His contribution towards making the northern beaches a vibrant community should not be forgotten in the reconstruction of a new centre.</p>
35	<p>The design Is there any capacity for increased parking?</p> <p>Street parking nearby is timed and limited, access to public transport on the Northern Beaches is restricted to access to Pittwater Road and Warriewood Shopping Centre carpark is user pays. As most users of the Community Centre are elderly, easy accessible parking is of paramount importance.</p> <p>Apart from the apparent parking concern, the concept and design appears excellent.</p>

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36	I support the concept of a new community centre but can not comment on the merits of the details because I am not experienced enough to interpret and analyse them.
37	It would be good if you could make the players hall bigger to allow it to have a full size basketball/netball/volleyball/futsal/badminton court on it. Community members could use it and would certainly hire it out in the afternoon and evening. Similar to Curl Curl youth centre.
38	The building is ugly, create something less “boxy”
39	Is their going to be a permanent home for the bridge club, taking into account the huge number of registered players in [REDACTED] club
40	Many of the U3A (University of the 3rd Age) events I have attended at the existing centre have gone online during the COVID-19 pandemic. By the time the new centre opens, many of these events will be face-to-face, but many participants will also want to participate via online methods. It will therefore be desirable for the new centre to have good facilities for netcasting events to those who cannot attend in person, and for remote participants to take part electronically.
41	Looks like plenty of room for everyone especially the Bridge Club which is a highly desirable part of the design as it's utilized by so many people.
42	Not needed. Seriously way too big for the needs of this community. What on earth do we want all these halls for? The valley is already way overcrowded with residential housing, industrial areas and shopping. The monstrosity of Mona Vale Road will bring more traffic and chaos as will this proposed centre. Leave Warriewood alone. It is a beautiful area and too little is being done to keep it that way.

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43	<p>As an active member of the [REDACTED] Club I congratulate the Council for this wonderful project. The concept plan is impressive but I have a concern re the parking. I am severely disabled and Parking has been a problem at the centre due to illegal use by people leaving their cars there all day and catching public transport for work or shopping purposes, this is despite the entrance notice stipulating the parking area is for Nelson Heather patrons.</p> <p>I respectfully ask Council to revisit the disabled parking shown on the draft concept plan. The [REDACTED] Club I believe will be the largest tenant who have an age demographic of around the mid seventies. Many of our Members are severely disabled who rely on wheel chairs, walking frames, crutches, walking sticks and the like rely on and need close proximity parking. While the concept plans do show some disabled parking space's they are not adjacent to the proposed Bridge Club area and I believe the total numbers are insufficient even if they meet council regulations.</p> <p>From a disabled person perspective, I would recommend and hope 8 disabled parking spaces could be reserved for the [REDACTED] Club close to the proposed area set aside for our club. Our mobility challenged members are very limited with their activities as you can appreciate and rely on Bridge as their only social outlet.</p> <p>I thank you for any support Council can provide and look forward to ongoing communications during the planning and building processes of the New Nelson Heather Centre.</p> <p>Yours sincerely [REDACTED]</p>
44	<p>Hard work and research much appreciated. Beautiful design and landscaping. Fabulous.</p> <p>I have 3 concerns</p> <p>1 the pedestrian crossing on Boondah is already hazardous. It is too close to the Jackson Rd roundabout and needs to be moved further up the road. The congestion and road rage there are both already high.</p> <p>2 is there planning permission for an extra level to go on top of parking if needs be?</p> <p>3 Will the Eastern car park be fenced to prevent bus users using it and cutting through the trees to Pittwater Road?</p>

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45	<p>I am one of the many business owners in the area and we need consulting rooms. These are rooms for interviews, meeting clients and even part-time therapy rooms for growing businesses.</p> <p>The 'meeting room' concepts for all the hires are not suitable. What we are after is a more relaxed environment with sofa chairs, where we can meet and talk in a comfortable setting. The rooms are small and only need to be for two or three people. You could fit a lot of rooms into the space.</p> <p>The local coffee shop is the traditional place for this concept, yet it is noisy, intrusive and not professional. Why not help out small businesses with what they want. We don't need more underused halls. Please remove one of the halls and turn it into 6 'consulting rooms' and charge by the hour, half-day or day.</p> <p>Our businesses have suffered due to COVID 19 and so many solo businesses need a place to have consulting rooms. We can't afford the expensive rent, and we don't need them full time. Most of us just want to pay by the hour or half-day. Please give the community what it needs.</p> <p>Thanks [REDACTED]</p>
46	<p>More parking required, as this area is very high traffic on sport days and school pick up and drop off times</p> <p>A playground would be nice in area if it's going to be our warriewood valley community area- I assume that early childhood classes would be held here and maybe mother groups?</p> <p>Any plan for a coffee shop like the one in Narrabeen team shed.</p>
47	<p>Would it be possible to make a slip road between the Warriewood Square car park exit and Boondah Road (heading East) similar to the one proposed for the corner of Jackson's Road. Traffic banks up at peak times and if the current car spaces on the road (about 4) were removed there would be room to turn left into Boondah.</p>
48	<p>As a [REDACTED], I am thrilled to see that [REDACTED] will have a new home!</p>

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49	Would like to see a heated pool For seniors to exercise.
50	Kids play area would be very useful.
51	The concept is fantastic for the local, rapidly growing community. My two concerns are: 1. Female attendees may feel nervous to use the amenities block at night, when doing a night art class for example, as it is located close to the front doors and outside of one of the halls that they would be in. 2. Living between Warriewood and mid north coast as I currently do, I am concerned with the extremely flammable cabbage tree palms. I understand that they are endemic to the area but after seeing them explode into flames last year I can only urge caution in their use.
52	Provide additional parking on the opposite side of Boondah St to the development site, as well as the proposed parking.
53	Excellent concept/design/landscaping/parking/designated 'play room'assuming you mean Bridge Club??? Only request would be for 2 separate toilet blocks not one only as the aging population you are catering for have greater needs for toilets to be as close as possible due to mobility problems Could there be 2 separate toilet facilities within the ends of the legs of the 'V' shape rather than one only at the bottom of the 'V' apologies that my description lacks architectural detail Otherwise an amazing concept which I would still support even with current plans for toilet positioning as I am fortunately in the younger of the retired group I mingle with who currently use the facility as it is now
54	I fully support the building of a new community centre and think the site is ideal for convenience of transport. Nelson Heather has served the community well but would need to be enlarged and modernised in line with the growth in our community
55	It would be useful to know the proposed length of time of this development. What provisions will be made to offer regular users of the Nelson Heather Centre alternative accommodation whilst the development takes place.
56	The plans seem to fulfill a lot of community needs. It will be nice to have a new modern facility in such a central location. I know some older people who play bridge in the current building and they tell me they hope to be returning in to the new complex - I hope that's the case.

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57	It would be good if a playground for kids was added too, it will benefit a lot of young families that live in the area. Apart from this, it looks good!
58	It is great to maintain the full range of current service there with some flexibility. I think giving senior residents the social and intellectual challenge associated with bridge is a great service to the community
59	I belong to the [REDACTED] Club and feel that the new development caters very well for the bridge club and the broader community
60	More car parking Any Barbecues? Kids outdoor play area? Cafe?
61	I think the concept looks fantastic and I really appreciate the time and trouble taken to consult with various user groups and to try and meet their needs. Thank you Council.
62	It looks great and should be a wonderful resource for many in the community
63	Great idea well done
64	I am concerned about the lack of parking . The is a lot of over crowding all ready in that area a specialty on the weekend because of all the sporting facilities .more parking area would be needed.
65	I feel this plan serves the needs of the varying age groups and diverse interests of members of the Community
66	Would it be possible to incorporate a youth club, somewhere teenagers could meet in the evenings, chat, play pool ,table tennis etc, generally a meeting place to keep bored kids off the streets, Maybe have seniors to supervise them and all on a volunteer basis, could also get the youths interested and involved with the running of it. The reason I suggest this is to encourage local youths to become responsible for a place they can meet and take pride in what they do, which seems to be lacking with the younger generation.
67	Yes it looks great and will drastically improve the area.
68	Outside a bit old and boring
69	But don't you think we also need a Warriewood primary school?? Mona Vale and Narrabeen are pretty much at capacity!

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70	You are happy to spend ratepayers money on a hall that no doubt will be utilised by old people and fringe groups in the community yet won't put in a footpath for the hundreds of families that have to traipse along Boondah Road to get to and from work/school.
71	<p>I would prefer a back-to-basics focus rather than prioritising photo ops such as this and coastal artworks.</p> <p>Planting park trees on roadsides and only repairing their damage to concrete footpaths with bitumen needs urgent re-fixing.</p> <p>Designing narrower shared pathways (e.g. Macpherson Street west near Garden Street) when existing cyclist activities are so dangerous to pedestrians needs re-thinking. Potholes in roads left for weeks need better attention.</p> <p>Why aren't the extremely highly paid "Managers" not doing a better job? Why aren't Councillors able to address these things? Is it party politics interfering with priorities and drowning out criticism?</p> <p>Why are Council rates still increasing, if this enables prioritising side-shows compared to basic responsibilities?</p> <p>Why are budget allocations for infrastructure allowed to be siphoned off for pet projects, with the excuse that they could not be completed within the budgeted year?</p>
72	A community preschool would be great! Lots more houses/apartments in the area and lots of families
73	<p>What happened to the proposed Community Hall with amenities and the Recital Hall in Mona Vale?</p> <p>Mona Vale is a major commercial area on the Northern Beaches and the significant centre for all suburbs north of Mona Vale. Yet, there are only old, run down, inadequate or non-existent facilities available.</p> <p>The focus for councils development should be Mona Vale NOT Warriewood.</p> <p>The silent majority should not be penalised because of a vocal minority.</p>
74	We have lived in Warriewood since 1990 and I have always thought that Warriewood lacked "a heart" - a space where the community could meet and engage in many activities. Nelson Heather, the Narrabeen Sports Centre and even Warriewood Square provided meeting places in various ways but what is needed is the "Warriewood Valley Community Centre, as proposed in the design plan, it looks wonderful.
75	As a hirer of the existing NH facilities and many other locations across the northern beaches, the inclusion of a stage or alternatively storage for portable stages to conduct fitness class across the new Centre would be a huge advantage for future hiring demand as many halls have removed their stages which impacts effective delivery for participants of dance/fitness classes across communities most specifically seniors, special needs and disability groups we teach.

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76	<p>I think it will meet many needs of the community. I like the Players Hall as a member of the [REDACTED] club.</p> <p>I am pleased the low profile of the existing buildings have been retained .</p> <p>I recognise that the current buildings will not meet future needs of our community and hope that this development will greatly enhance community opportunities.</p>
77	<p>It's good to see the plan - thanks. Please ensure consideration of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A barrier to protect pedestrians on the Jacksons Rd new footpath section and ensure path is widened to current standards in the area - at least 2m wide 2. Adequate, high-quality bicycle racks 3. Adequate motorbike parking 4. A water feature in the garden area - fountain and/or pond with goldfish or similar species 5. Good night time lighting on path connecting B1 stop to Boondah Road - it's very dark and quite creepy there at night 6. Solar panels on roof space 7. Highest-rated soundproofing materials for meeting spaces 8. Rainwater retention systems for use in toilets and on garden spaces 9. Native plant varieties offering flowering and colour year round 10. I don't see any space for a cafe? This would be fantastic in and around the proposed garden area
78	<p>Why hasn't a small theatre been incorporated into the design? Surely one that Small theatre Groups could use as for [REDACTED] with a dressing room costume & prop facility? We have no small public theatre! Shocking!!</p>

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79	<p>I am an Ecologist who has worked extensively in the Warriewood area. I support the proposal, however, I do not support the use of non-native or non-indigenous plants and cultivars in the landscape design.</p> <p>Council has the chance to use this re-design to enhance the area, extent and condition of native vegetation communities. If you do not harness this opportunity, we end up with pretty gardens but little to no biodiversity enhancement.</p> <p>Please do not use cultivars and non-indigenous flora in the landscaping effort. Please instead select species from the extensive list of species known to occur in the Coastal Heaths, Swamp Sclerophyll Forests and Bangalay Sands Forests of the Warriewood Area.</p> <p>The planting of non-indigenous native plants such as Anigozanthos spp., Leptospermum petersonii is not supported. Neither is the planting of cultivars (e.g. Callistemon 'littlejohn').</p> <p>I also question why you would plant Corymbia maculata (Spotted Gum) in this landscape, as it is a low-lying former wetland/floodplain/podzolised sand dune. Spotted Gums are native to Pittwater but only naturally occur on the Narrabeen Sandstone and Shale escarpments north from Mona Vale. A useful reference for the Landscape Designer is this: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/274315663_Pittwater_Native_Vegetation_Classification_pre-1750_Mapping_and_Vegetation_Profiles</p> <p>Council have the opportunity to lead by example to encourage appropriate, locally indigenous flora for this significant local project. If Council is unable to practice what they preach, then how can private developments ever be expected to use only (or majority) locally indigenous plantings for landscaping efforts.</p> <p>If you would like more advice on selecting locally indigenous tree, shrub and ground cover species appropriate to landscape/geology/location please contact me.</p>
80	<p>General concept, not bad. But the view from the B-line makes the whole thing look like another boring, ugly, box. Surely there is a better way to complete this area of the building. I guess you could plant lots of trees to cover it up!</p>
81	<p>The building is an eyesore. It doesn't blend in at all!</p>

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81	From what I can see it ticks all the right boxes, including continuing the proximity to the B Line stop and covers the passive and active needs of our senior folk.
83	I really like the plan - the open aspect to the north east open to the prevailing breeze as well as the outdoor area. I particularly like the slip lane from Jackson Rd left to Pittwater Rd, it will ease the back up of cars at those lights.
84	Looks good! Looking forward to seeing the completed result.
85	Can you tell me if the large hall with 40 tables depicted is for the [REDACTED] Club sole use? Is it on the ground floor? Is there a time line for this work yet?
86	It looks like a big shed. Ugly. It needs more trees and sculptures. It also needs much more natural light inside. What about a place for an outdoor cinema in Summer?
87	The open area for community is a bit too open. It would not be very peaceful as it is so open and groups of people are transversing [sic] in every direction across the space. I am conceptualising a community space to be a casual unstructured area where older people may come to on a nice warm winter day to catch the sunshine and read a book or magazine. For some they do not have a warm sunny place at home nor have an outlook over grass and gardens. This would be a special place where other people may also come and join in the space. There would be no structured activity but just a place to have some time away from the isolation of living alone and to feel part of the community.
88	This looks wonderful and THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR SETTING THE EXAMPLE OF USING WELL CONSIDERED AUSTRALIAN PLANTS. IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE SOMEWHAT INAPPROPRIATE, UNAPPEALING, HIGH MAINTENANCE AND SOMEWHAT INVASIVE RUBBISH PLANTED THROUGHOUT NEWPORT
89	query - is the footprint of the Nelson Heather Centre smaller than current? It appears smaller. The wall cladding appears to be grey, is this the colour?
90	Will this affect the Ted Blackwood Hall? This is a good hall and should not be altered. Otherwise the planned changes to the Nelson Heather seem to be good.

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91	Great idea but ensure that is built for multi-purpose. Would be good if badminton and pickle ball (one of the fastest growing older persons sport in the world) is catered for to ensure maximum usage. Similarly basketball/netball/volleyball to cater for all ages.
92	The existing Nelson Heather facility is obviously in need of an upgrade. It would be good to incorporate the surrounding sporting fields where parking is already at capacity during the football season and perhaps linked with a formal path to Warriewood Square along the creek. Also how would this facility link with the adjacent Ted Blackwood Youth & Community Centre? Planning for community facilities and open space in more central Warriewood Valley should also be considered, as it is a large residential and commercial area between Mona Vale Rd and Jacksons Rd.
93	it looks very good.
94	Promises to be an exciting community hub for the local area - congratulations on a good flexible design. It will be important to ensure that the community centre carpark is controlled so that it supports centre users, including mobility challenged users, and is not used by commuters or sports field users.
95	As a presenter to several community groups it is essential that the rooms are suitable for audio-visual presenting. Most importantly they should be able to be suitably darkened, with easily operated blackout curtains or similar. Also, there just does not seem to be anywhere near the number of car parking spaces that will be required... Parking has always been a huge problem at Nelson Heather and with the increased numbers this new design might encourage, parking will become even more of a problem.
96	The building must aim to be regenerative in the sense that having removed the old Nelson Heather Centre, the new structure must leave the area better than prior to it's building. To elaborate, it must benefit the environment it is situated in and not harm it - i.e. run on renewable energy, have high water efficiency, promote waste reduction and other sustainable practice in all functions held, promote awareness of the precious natural environment we enjoy in the Northern Beaches and ensure the environment is held paramount by generations to come. Community buildings like these are an incredible opportunity to set the standard for the local area in terms of environmental policy with regard to future development. Please take this opportunity in stride, take the initiative and bring the community together around a hopeful yet pragmatic idea that benefits not only the residents of today but all residents to come.

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97	Love it. With all the housing development in Warriewood Valley over the last 20 years a new modern community centre was long overdue. It will enhance the area around Boondah Road and I am sure it will be extensively used by the community. Cycling distance from my house, perfect.
98	Please include facilities for indoor hockey. Northern beaches is desperate for more hockey facilities.
99	Can we please have provisions for The arts? Visual arts Studios/gallery spaces, and studios and performance spaces for practicing and performing music and dance? There is a thriving community of artists on the northern beaches. It is part of our culture and identity and should be promoted and celebrated.
100	Wonderful idea. BUT For goodness sake fix (build!!!) a footpath along Boondah Street. I live in Macpherson Street, am a regular walker in our lovely area yet cannot get to Warriewood Square with ANY degree of safety. Now is the obvious time to include this in your planning.
101	I love it, especially the large hall which has so many potential usesespecially loving the concept of community theatre. The change I suggest is the external look. It is too bulky and blocky the way the walls and roof are presented. It needs to be broken up as we have to for our houses - no long straight walls are allowed.
102	Two things. 1. Make sure there is good natural lighting. I remember my mother's embroidery group looked at Nelson Heather to use several years ago and they decided the lighting wasn't adequate enough. That might be a point for future potential event hires. 2. What no cafe ? Due to the size and none accessible coffee places would this not be an idea to have. Noosa Community is an example of one I have seen.
103	As a regular user of the Nelson Heather Centre for years, I am pleased to see a new, modern centre planned. I am fond of the present building, but having seen Council's other new centres I realise how outdated and unsuitable it is for contemporary needs. I'm glad it has been kept to a single storey, which is more convenient for users. My only doubt is car parking. With so many users in the centre, plus, as happens now, users of the Ted Jackson hall across Boondah Road, will 81 spaces be enough? Especially when car parking in Boondah Rd is taken by the overflow from the B-line parking station, users of sports fields, and employees in the council depot. On a Saturday morning in winter the centre car park is used by users of the surrounding playing fields. With increased patronage of the Warriewood Valley Centre

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	comes more cars to be parked, competing with outside users. You do not want to create a situation such as the one at Narrabeen terminus, where there is a fine new community centre, but it is difficult for users of the Tramshed to find a park.
104	<p>1)The concept design/floor plan carefully omits the size of the proposal in relation to the existing buildings. I guess that it is considerable increase in size/scale and will take some of the Jackson Road park. With the increase in population the open areas are becoming more important.</p> <p>2)Why do we need so much parking? Two adjacent bus stops, a new parking station across the road (on parkland), parking within the square and along Boondah would appear to provide plenty of spaces.</p> <p>3)The amenities are a long way from the exercise area and areas likely to be used by older people.</p> <p>4)Could the Ted Blackwood hall be demolished and incorporated into this design? The resulting open space could be landscaped as shown in the pretty pictures and open to everyone.</p> <p>5) How will the slip road increase the junction capacity over the existing light phasing. The increase in road space will provide more stopping area.</p> <p>6)By providing more public transport the park could be saved, the community hall becomes accessible to people who do not drive ie. under 16, older residents, people who do not have a carTHE MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS.</p> <p>7)Pedestrian access is taken the long way around from the bus stop to the shopping centre.</p>
105	<p>The Facility plan looks good and it should be a great improvement for the Community Centre.</p> <p>Suggest moving the proposed Pedestrian and Cycleway a little further north into Boondah Reserve, to allow extra room for further expansion of the WVCC facility, as extra use and the need for additional space will likely arise into the future.</p> <p>The slip lane from Jacksons Road into Pittwater Road to head north needs to be extended considerably - IT'S WAY TOO SHORT. Any local knows that the Jacksons Road exit from Warriewood Square to Pittwater Road is regularly congested, often very badly, back into the shopping centre car parks. The planned left turn slip lane is a step in the right direction however, it's proposed use shown in the plan means that traffic that wishes to travel into Pittwater Road to head north will still be blocked by the queue's of traffic waiting to turn right into Pittwater Road to head south. - only the first few cars in the slip lane will be able to move upon the left turn traffic light activating. The remainder will be stuck stationary, blocked by the</p>

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	<p>Pittwater Road right turn red signal which does not change until sometime later - the right turn lanes cause most of the congestion. The slip lane needs to be extended back at least as far as Boondah Road to allow a greater volume of traffic use and to help ease the traffic congestion coming out of the Square. Ideally, the left turn lane could eventually be extended back as far as the most easterly shopping centre exit. Jacksons Road is a continual bottleneck and this is the perfect opportunity and solution to considerably ease that traffic nightmare. The one negative is that the bus stop outside the WVCC might need relocation or removal although to be perfectly frank, I can't recall ever seeing a bus actually stop there or, people waiting for a bus at that location - they all travel to either side of Pittwater Road for a bus. If the WVCC uses a bus, that could use the internal carpark area for boarding or disembarking.</p>
106	<p>This is a windy corner. The various angles of the design give many small corners that will accumulate leaves, twigs, food wrappers and debris and be difficult to keep clean/become fire hazard.</p> <p>Is there a footpath along Jackson Road to the bus stop and traffic lights? The sketches and illustrations are ambiguous re this. The path along the other side of the building adjacent to the playing fields 1. does not meet up with the crossing at Boondah Road or existing footpath towards Warriewood Square, and 2. would not be a safe path at night, as the design of the building gives places that may encourage people to gather out of sight.</p> <p>Will the roof of the building have solar panels to assist with electricity to the building. Storage rooms within the building need double door access to allow removal and return of chairs and tables. The storage upstairs in the new Tramshed is an example of how NOT to design storage.</p> <p>All garden furniture should be made of recycled soft plastic - examples adjacent to checkouts at Coles at Pittwater Plaza and Woolworths in Dee Why. Inside furniture also if available.</p> <p>What other sustainability criteria will be incorporated?</p>
107	<p>Than k [sic] you. The plan looks and sounds excellent. I fear, however, that having moved after many years from the Northern Beaches, I no longer deserve the privilege of a voice on such issues.</p>

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108	This appears to be a Great Concept, the existing facility is old and outdated. The new Centre will cater for a wider range of users.
109	Would be great to include a 50m olympic pool in the design (indoor or outdoor)
110	Covered and external heated swimming pool. Spa and Sauna. Something like Manly Andrew "Boy" Charlton Swim Centre.
111	Looks great - well done!
112	The whole of boondah road needs upgraded as well, including a footpath. The concept looks fantastic.
113	<p>To Whom it may concern;</p> <p>On behalf of [REDACTED] Club's 1249 players, coaches and managers, we would like to express some serious concerns with the proposed Warriewood Valley Community Centre.</p> <p>The most obvious concern/objection is that the largest community sporting club in the area who utilises playing fields immediately adjacent to the proposed Community Centre has been completely omitted from any stage of the consultation [REDACTED] we had zero notification of any part of the consultation/survey process. There are 1249 members [REDACTED] families that utilise the adjacent fields for a large part of the year who I am sure would have really appreciated the [REDACTED] have their say on this proposal. I personally was alerted to this proposal via a friend tagging me on a Facebook post from a local councillor related to the proposal. This is highly irregular and unacceptable for a large community sporting club to have been left entirely out of the process and makes the entire proposal appear to be very one sided and favourable to one current long term patron of the Nelson Heather Centre. Given that the [REDACTED] Club made up 86% of the responses to your survey, it would appear they were made well aware of the consultation/survey process and have been adequately notified and included every step of the way.</p> <p>Local Schools as far away as Forest Rd in Warriewood (Mater Maria) were notified and invited to be a part of the consultation process, however for some unknown reason, [REDACTED] Club has been left entirely out of these communications.</p> <p>[REDACTED] Club makes use of the current Nelson Heather Centre intermittently and also has winter allocation of the sporting fields adjacent to the centre. Whilst there are many current serious shortages of adequate facilities for a community sporting club of this size to function smoothly, the proposed Warriewood Valley Community Centre plan appears to have not made any allowance for the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate public restroom facilities - These should be time locked public amenities to service the users of the adjacent sporting fields, cycle/walkway and the nearby B-Line bus stop. This would eliminate the current issue of sporting club members accessing the toilets within the Nelson Heather Centre or Ted Blackwood Hall as these are the only available toilets during the week for participants and their families. This creates a conflict between

	<p>the hirers of these rooms and the club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate (remotely accessible) storage for the community sporting clubs that make use of the adjacent fields. The current storage for the [REDACTED] club is a dilapidated shed that is situated next to the creek that floods frequently, is rodent infested and quite literally falling apart. • Sufficient space for a committee of up to 30 members to meet (factoring in the one person per 4 square metre rule that has become the norm during pandemic response. Minimum 120 square metres for the exclusive use of [REDACTED] Club would be the minimum sufficient requirement. • Notification or advice as to what the proposed future plan is for Ted Blackwood Hall. The proposed Warriewood Valley Community Centre does not appear to have sufficient space to cater for a large gathering (currently 1064 players and their families) for Presentation days or registration information days. <p>We welcome the opportunity to be included in any future discussions or consultations concerning the proposed Warriewood Valley Community Centre. Of course, I am more than happy to discuss by phone or in person at any time.</p> <p>Regards, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]</p>
114	<p>As a major stakeholder [REDACTED] Club Inc which includes the sports of both football & netball being the largest & closest user of all of the open space sports fields surrounding with a membership of 1250 in football, 400 in netball & still growing each year with the continuing population growth of the Warriewood Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a welcoming site to see that this concept design is based upon multi- purpose as our club will be needing to secure a regular meeting room for up to 30 committee members regularly all year round as well as registration days and a large space for presentation days but would be better if it was slightly larger. • For a club of our size there is no doubt that we request a permanent storage area that is accessible without having to enter indoor areas as there is a growing amount of equipment for all our outdoor sporting activities. The plans storage is only large enough for storing indoor furniture and nothing else. • Unfortunately what is sadly lacking, is a public amenities section that is accessible directly from outside so that the general public are not trying to come in through the building to access amenities as has been a major issue for many years at the existing building including the Ted Blackwood Centre with both being presumed as accessible to the detriment of hirers. This has also increased since the opening of the B1 stop as people park cars in the spaces along Boondah Rd to avoid payment and walk directly past thinking it is available to the public when it is not as far as the hirers are concerned. Our suggestion would be amenities on a timed locking system that is similar to many surf club public amenities that are already in place along our beaches. This is a must for this proposed development with the plan showing a major public walkway /Cycleway directly adjacent not to mention another bus stop shown on the

	<p>newly widened Jackson Rd side of the proposed development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We also have questions as to what is to become of the existing Ted Blackwood Community Centre? <p>Finally it would great to be consulted directly in the future as there has been next to no direct communication as a major stakeholder other than public notices and one meeting which our netball section of the club was invited to and attended I am told back in 2019 that provided very limited information at the time.</p> <p>As [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Club Inc for the past 7 years it is grossly inappropriate on the council's behalf not to be included more closely up to this point.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Regards [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>
115	<p>Dear [REDACTED]</p> <p>As you are aware our Group's aim is to promote sustainable practices in every aspect of life particularly in the Northern Beaches. One of the areas we are currently looking at is Council's proposal to build the Warriewood Valley Community Centre.</p> <p>On our behalf, [REDACTED], will be speaking to this issue at Tuesday's Council meeting and we will also be sending a full submission in response to Council's invitation to 'have your say' on the Warriewood Hall Concept Plan.</p> <p>The purpose of this letter, however, is to express our dismay to you both personally that this Plan does not reflect Council's commitment to sustainability.</p> <p>This commitment is spelt out on page 5 in the Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan - Shape 2028 under the heading 'Motivation'. The Plan promises to set an agenda to deliver on <i>the community's aspirations for a more sustainable future</i>. The same commitment is repeated in Environment and Climate Change Strategy 2040. On page 15 of this document is Council's promise to lead by example to wit - <i>'Council will embed sustainability in our own business practices'</i>.</p> <p>We understand from Council staff that they are intending to include a high level of sustainability initiatives in this Plan. However we have also been told 'the full extent of what we implement is not currently publicly available as we are working through a value engineering process etc' and 'procurement of our sub-consultants (including sustainability) is through our head contract with our architect.</p>

Neither statement reassures us. On the face of it the value engineering process has been prioritised over sustainability objectives and Council has ceded responsibility for the sustainability objectives to the architect who will be ceding it to a sub contractor.

We have been unable to find any document that sets out how the Warriewood Centre will meet the Environment and Climate Change Strategy commitments. To develop the plan without sustainability at the heart of the document does not reflect Council's commitment or public utterances on the subject.

We know that Council is still finalising its Action Plans. However as this is a Council property and not a private development, there should be no impediment to actioning Council's own commitment to sustainability.

Given all this, it is hard to understand how the Warriewood Hall Concept Plan went out to the public without any sustainability objectives and with a very limited list of possible sustainability practices seemingly tacked on.

It may be a case of not yet having a multi-disciplinary team in place, straddling the Directorates, to ensure Council delivers its high level strategies in every corner of its business. Or could it be a case of Council quickly responding to the call for infrastructure projects by putting out a document written before this Strategic Plan and Environment and Climate Change Strategy were adopted by Council?

Whatever the reason we believe that embedding sustainability into the planning for the Warriewood Valley Community Centre is so important that it may require your direct intervention. In our view, that could mean an immediate review of the planning steps behind the Warriewood Hall Concept Plan.

To this point we also note the announcement of the Design and Sustainability Advisory Panel to advise Council on urban design, architecture, landscape architecture and sustainability for significant applications and planning proposals. This has added to our concerns. While the Design and Sustainability Advisory Panel may be eminently qualified for the task it will almost inevitably be compromised by decisions already taken at the early stages. Council should not be leaving the sustainability component of any planning proposal to outside expert advice at some later stage in the development process as seems to be the case here.

Council already has skilled people committed to sustainability in its current employ. We have had positive discussions on a number of occasions, and at length, with [REDACTED] - and have been assured that Council is on board with the need to meet their strategic goals. We have been impressed with their commitment to embed Council's sustainability objectives into every development process.

	<p>Finally, on a more positive note, the Warriewood Valley Community Centre could be the communications vehicle to kick-start the sustainability voyage of Council and community. It could be a stirring tale of Council putting itself in the community's shoes and trialling the various sustainability measures and practices before asking the community to join the ship.</p> <p>And while it may not be the perfect vehicle so far - any message that demonstrates Council walking the talk and taking the community along for the ride is an excellent start.</p> <p>██████████ would appreciate your earliest and urgent consideration in this matter.</p> <p>Many thanks for listening to our concerns.</p> <p>██████████</p> <p>On behalf of ██████████ (a Working Group of ██████████)</p>
116	<p>Dear ██████████</p> <p>I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft plans for the Warriewood Community Centre.</p> <p>The Committee of the ██████████ ██████████ has consolidated the observations made by its members to the draft plans and elevations sent to us. We realise that the plans are not finalised but hope that the attached remarks help Council advance this important community project. Our offer of help is always there when Northern Beaches Council is considering projects that benefit the residents of the Warriewood Valley.</p> <p>Our comments are both a reflection of what we believe the community centre should accommodate and where we see changes can be made, and hope that they will be seen as positive feedback on the draft plans.</p> <p>To better catalogue the ██████████ observations we have grouped them under broad headings that reflect the areas on the drawings.</p> <p>1. Site and exterior</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> We suggest that there be a covered Drop Zone at the front entrance for younger and older attendees who may have walking and other difficulties, particularly in wet weather. The depiction of the trellis/cover was confusing and we think that Council should investigate a better relationship to the building facade. We note that there are areas of windows on the north and west of the building. There should be appropriate sun control to provide sun in winter and shade in summer if the users wish.

- d. The building has an interesting shape so before finalizing the layout consideration of the junctions and roof should be resolved.
- e. We question the amount of (EXTRA) parking, if any, as it appears to be very similar to present. If the Main Hall and the "Players Hall" are being used at the same time parking could be a problem. The Soccer/netball courts could also be used for practice with concurrent with use of the Halls resulting in considerable pressure on parking spaces. In any case the new community centre should cater for a greater population than the current Nelson Heather Centre.

There appear to be about 73 parking places. How many attend the Bridge club at the same time? We note there are a number of 5 hour parking places on Boondah Rd. This is not long enough for a trip to the city and just long enough for a game of Bridge.

- f. Too much "pretty" landscaping in what could be a "breakout" area or a congregating area for people e.g. during performances intervals or activity breakout sessions in summer.
- g. The vertical cladding emphasises the height of the building rather than horizontal cladding which would visually appear to lower the height and keep it in line with the credo of Pittwater Council to keep the buildings subservient to the natural environment.
- h. The elevations seem to give the community centre an industrial look but this should be in harmony with the human scale because it is a people facility. We do not know the planned material, but request consideration be given to scale, maintenance and vandal resistance.
- i. Because the building is to be an important corner landmark it should have a significant building feature that distinguishes the site from the urban clutter.
- j. Remove/modify the alcove between the Dance Hall and Meeting Room 2 as it is a safety issue.
- k. Provide outdoor furniture in the area forming the North Courtyard. The planting of deciduous trees here would make this area very usable in the winter.
- l. Provide covered access from the bus stops to the Community Centre entrance.

2. General circulation

- a. Internal entry to Main Hall from foyer will be inhibited if the Small Hall is occupied. This relationship will be hard to manage and therefore needs other than folding doors.
- b. The main entry shows one double door in a solid wall. We recommend making one or both sides of the entry door glass with an First Nations/Warriewood artwork installed as a wrap

2. Main Hall

- a. If the Small Hall is occupied, Main Hall attendees may have to go outside to enter the Main Hall. This is not a good solution to the arrangement of the building.
- b. Undercover area– will the cover provide rain protection or only sun shade?
- c. The plans show that the Kitchen has a solid wall to the Main Hall. This needs to have a servery to deliver food and beverages direct from the kitchen.
- d. No separate kitchen for Small Hall 1. If the small hall is occupied as well as the Main Hall, then who has the rights over the kitchen? A servery (sic)hatch with doors is needed to help users manage delivery of food where the operation is all volunteers and often elderly.
- e. A stage is not particularly necessary in the Main Hall if the seating is tiered and retractable. Please investigate.
- f. Provide outdoor seating outside Main Hall and Small Hall to allow attendees to drink/eat their refreshments would be recommended
- g. Acoustics are very important in performance halls and rooms used for teaching and community meetings but particularly for concerts and plays. Road noise must be considered.
- h. The Hall at Loquat Valley School is no more than a shed in shape but the acoustics are extremely good as against those in the current community centre. Could this be investigated to make sure the new building has a high standard of acoustics?
- i. With a moveable, demountable stage do all, some, or most of the chairs have to be stacked away to allow passage of the stage to the store room?
- j. The Main Hall may be too small for e.g. the [REDACTED] Club's annual concert with International performers) they need for 150/200 chairs for these concerts.
- k. If the stage is setup against the blank North/East wall the glass window will not help the acoustics and ways of controlling this should be investigated. This situation will arise when the hall is filled to capacity.
- l. The movable stage? Looks like it needs to be broken down after each use to fit it into Store 1. This movement is generally done by people who hire a hall and having to go through doors and around bends is awkward and not a solution.
- m. While this may all be OK for the [REDACTED], who have been putting away after performances it is not optimum.
- n. We do not believe there has been any communication with the [REDACTED] Club. The Club is looking for a performance space with easy car parking which is not on unpaved local streets with little street lighting as around Loquat Valley School; a stage and a place to store a grand piano on the same level as

the stage. This may preclude a movable stage. The Performance Space being planned for Mona Vale Primary School may not have enough parking spaces at certain times of the day and evening.

- o. We don't know the age group who attend [REDACTED] performances, but the [REDACTED] Club age group is approx. 60/85. Five people all over 75 set up the hall, clear/clean up and lock up afterwards between 11/11.30pm after their concerts. Difficulty with parking eventually stops some of the older people from attending events.
- p. Table and chair stores to be accessed from doorways along the walls of the halls and capacity needs to be demonstrated. See before that users have to setup and dismount the halls.

3. Main Hall as a performance area

- a. There is no Holding Room (Green Room) for any performers in either the Main Hall or Small Hall 1. There is nowhere for performers to change and wait in the wings before appearing before the audience. [REDACTED] who do the same play for about a week need storage.
- b. There is no storage area for performance props. It's hard to put on a performance without the necessary props
- c. How would stage curtains work on a moveable, demountable stage? The [REDACTED] may have got used to no curtains, but concert pianists are used to them. I guess at a pinch they are not absolutely necessary. But a grand piano is!
- d. Why not have a permanent stage? It could have movable extensions if it was too small for an event.
- e. The interrelationship between the Main Hall and the Small Hall has been discussed previously. In the Small Hall, where would a teacher or facilitator stand? There are kitchens, storage, and entrance to Main Hall on three walls, with concertina or other dividing wall/doors on fourth wall. What about sound proofing if both Halls are in use at the same time? In inclement weather entrance to the Main Hall from outside would not work. Is there a better solution to this shared entrance?
- f. Performance space needs retractable tiered seating if used as theatre. [REDACTED] club only need seating on the flat floor.

4. Minor Halls

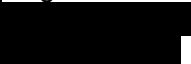
- a. We suggest that wash basins and cupboards must be installed in any room where "dirty" activities could take place i.e. painting, pottery, screen printing, sculpture, kids play spaces etc. not forgetting food preparation and first aid.

5. [REDACTED] Club

- a. We have previously mentioned the need for parking associated with the [REDACTED] Club. However, their parking and circulation within the community centre should not unduly affect other activities in the Community Centre.

6. Amenities

	<p>a. Common entry to toilets like shopping malls is not safe. The better option is to use separate entry locations.</p> <p>7. General comments</p> <p>a. Sustainable heating and cooling, and flow through ventilation should be considered along with Solar panels and backup batteries etc.</p> <p>b. Are any of the rooms/halls big enough for indoor netball and the other games marked in paint as in school halls?</p> <p>c. We wonder what the brief was to the architect. When designing the Newport Community Centre Pittwater Council held 3 or 4 meetings with the local community, the architect and Councillors, so (local) architect was in on all the discussion—this was the same with Mona Vale Library and Avalon Community Centre.</p> <p>The [REDACTED] thanks Council for sharing these draft plans with the [REDACTED] and to ask for us to review and comment. We look forward to continuing to work with Council on the design and implementation of the Warriewood Community Centre.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>cc. Members of [REDACTED], Ward Councillors</p>
117	<p>Submission regarding the Warriewood Valley Community Centre</p> <p>do not support the location of the proposed facility and how it sits within the plan for the broader Boondah Rd open space and community facilities. I also question how it has captured the opportunity to renew or replace other aging facilities (such as Ted Blackwood Hall)</p> <p>support the upgrade of community facilities for the Warriewood Valley / North Narrabeen community and note the numerous documents released by council – from the Warriewood Valley plan to the roads masterplan etc. I appreciate, there is a block plan called a master plan but it is more like a framework. Coupled with the contributions plan it details a development of the status quo. There has been no detail plan or grand idea of how the area might be better serve the needs of the community by resetting the locations of facilities and access. All of these documents fail to strategically plan the for the most functional and efficient use of the area. They are largely upgrades of the existing development footprints and appear to have been designed to existing constraints rather than future needs. This is not visionary and does not strategically allow for urban renewal and improvement. The underlying fragmentation and blockages will remain.</p> <p>The proposed Warriewood Valley Community Centre is a continuation of this approach and it whilst it will provide a new building, it will not solve the many issues in this area. The Jackson Rd / Boondah Rd / Oak St interface is extremely problematic with peak loads occurring at the same time (weekends, end of school day etc). Jackson Rd has five “T” intersections within 500m that service large use sites that load up in pulses causing a standstill. The proposed slipway left</p>

	<p>ane with two right lanes at Pittwater Rd will not resolve these issues as the five “T” intersections remain. An opportunity exists to rework the road system, through the continual upgrade and redevelopment of these open space and community facilities. It does not all have to happen at once – but if it is planned, then it can be progressively resolved as urban renewal occurs.</p> <p>The State Government has a vision for open space and the Premier is actively pursuing improvements. There is an opportunity for Council to leverage State Government policy and funding opportunities. I urge the Council to work with the State Government to better design the whole of Boondah Rd / Jackson Rd open space.</p> <p>am happy to be contacted for further discussion</p> <p>Regards </p>
118	<p>*late submission via email* My Grandfather, Arthur Nelson Heather (known as Nelson), was responsible for pursuing many local projects in the community. I would like to make a submission that the <u>‘Nelson Heather Warriewood Valley Community Centre’</u> name be retained in honour of my grandfathers contributons [sic] to the local community. The name of the community centre itself is widely known (between 74 – 97%) according to research by Micromex done for the Northern Beaches Council. Our family being descendants of Nelson Heather, would greatly appreciate your consideration.</p>