



MINUTES

PLACES FOR PEOPLE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held in the Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen on

THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019

**Minutes of the Places for People
Strategic Reference Group
held on Thursday 24 October 2019
in the Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen
Commencing at 6:06pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Ian White (Chair)	Councillor
Sita Mason	Youth Representative
Merinda Rose	Community Representative
Les Irwig	Urban Planning and Culture
Miranda Korzy	Community Representative
Maryann Novakovic	Community Representative
Suzanne Cairns	Community Representative (Manly Dogs)
Richard Michell	Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society
Kelvin Milsom	Northern Beaches Junior AFL Association, Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union

Council Officer Contacts

Louise Kerr	Director Planning and Place
Andrew Pigott	Executive Manager Strategic and Place Planning
Steven Lawler	Executive Manager Parks and Recreation
Jessica Currie	Coordinator Recreation Planning
Sherryn McPherson	Governance Coordinator

1.0 Acknowledgement of Country

As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 Apologies

K MILSOM / M ROSE

Apologies were received from Councillor Candy Bingham, Councillor Michael Regan, Councillor Stuart Sprott, Caroline Ghatt, Jim Koopman, Mark Lowe and Stephen Pearse.

3.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 MINUTES OF PLACES FOR PEOPLE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 15 AUGUST 2019

K MILSOM / M ROSE

That the Minutes of the Places for People Strategic Reference Group meeting held 15 August 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER / MEMBER	DUE DATE
5.1	The Places for People group submit their feedback on the My Place: Avalon by 25 August 2019 via https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/avalon/comment-form .	Reference Group Members	25 August 2019 Completed

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 NORTHERN BEACHES OPEN SPACE STRATEGY - 15MINS

J Currie provided the group with an update on this item.

A copy of the Open Space and Recreation Strategy and Action Plan presentation provided to the group is attached to the minutes at Attachment 1.

Items discussed:

- Strategy and action plan.
- Background: Single Northern Beaches Strategy, Benefits (Mental, physical and Health), trends and related projects.
- In scope and out of scope.
- Consultation.
- Places for People SRG Feedback June 2018.
- Next steps.

QUESTION: If off leash dog areas are not included, does this provide additional open space?

ANSWER : The Strategy will not go into detail in relation to off leash dog areas as this will be covered in the draft Dogs in Public Places Policy. There will be community consultation on the draft Policy which will include maps of existing and proposed off leash dog areas. However, the need for Council to provide off leash dog areas will be referenced in the Strategy to ensure a holistic view of open space and recreation needs.

QUESTION Why is there no references to Golf Courses in the Open Space Strategy?

ANSWER: Golf Courses are not included as they are out of scope for this project. They were previously considered in the 2017 Sportsground Strategy.

QUESTION: How is Council managing consultation in regard to space that falls into the “Out of Scope” category in relation to specific topics and areas?

ANSWER: All submissions received are analysed and reviewed. Any comments on specific topics, areas and issues that fall into the “Out of Scope” are distributed to other divisions within Council for action.

ACTION

That a report be brought back to the Places for People Strategic Reference group in early 2020.

6.2 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT - 60MINS

NOTE: J Currie left the meeting at 6:30pm

DISCUSSION

A Pigott provided an update to the group on this item.

A copy of the presentation provided to the group was circulated with the Northern Beaches Local Strategic Planning Statement report (refer Attachment 1) within the business paper.

Towards 2040 is the Northern Beaches Council's first Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and outlines the Northern Beaches' direction for housing, employment, transport, recreation, environment and infrastructure over the next 20 years. It reflects local values and aspirations, building on the 10-year vision set out in the Community Strategic Plan, Shape 2028. The document will guide future land use decisions for the Northern Beaches Local Government Area through planning priorities, principles and actions that build on the strengths and opportunities as well as addressing key issues and challenges. It will inform Council's new Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP) and broader framework of Council policies and strategies.

To support the preparation of Towards 2040 and subsequent LEP and DCP, a number of technical studies are being prepared. The preliminary findings from these studies provide a detailed evidence base and form part of the exhibition package:

- Demographic Analysis.
- Housing Issues and Opportunities Paper.
- Employment Study – Background Paper.
- Social Infrastructure Issues and Opportunities Paper.
- Environment Background Report.

Towards 2040 aligns with the higher level plans including the Greater Sydney Commission's (GSC) Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities (Region Plan) and the North District Plan (District Plan). Towards 2040 comprises thirty planning priorities which fall under these themes and directions. This presents a clear line-of-sight and connection between the metropolitan and district plan, and what this means at the local level.

The draft Northern Beaches Local Strategic Planning Statement - Towards 2040 is now on public exhibition until 10 November 2019.

Following the presentation, the group discussed:

- Meeting housing targets now that Ingleside Planning Precinct is no longer going ahead.
- Meeting current housing targets with a reviewed mix of smaller, affordable and senior housing.
- Connecting housing with transport and parks.
- How strategic centres, infrastructure, services and facilities match growth in the area

Towards 2040 is available for viewing on Council's [website](https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/towards-2040?utm_source=northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au&utm_medium=301&utm_campaign=Website) at:

https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/towards-2040?utm_source=northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au&utm_medium=301&utm_campaign=Website

QUESTION: Is there a calculated loss of tree quantity with this Strategy?

ANSWER: The draft Urban Tree Canopy Plan contains new fly over data and will be reported back to Council comparing information from 2011 to now. It is Council's goal over the next 20 years to plant 100,000 trees with a minimum 2 for 1 planting for each tree that is removed.

QUESTION: When the document is finalised, what is the implementation process?

ANSWER This is the high level vision for our future over the next 20 years. Each priority has actions which contains timings. We will need to work with various government agencies and the community to deliver this plan.

QUESTION: With the growth and expected new homes accompanied by an estimated increase in dogs and a reduction in open space, will Towards 2040 take this into consideration and create buffer zones?

ANSWER Towards 2040 includes information received from a wide range of sources, we will review the Dogs in Public Places Policy when it is adopted and this can be included in future versions of the Local Strategic Planning Statement. Council is required to ensure that they remain adaptable to the ongoing and changing needs of the local government area.

ACTION

That:

- A. The Places for People Strategic Reference Group provide comment on the draft Northern Beaches Local Strategic Planning Statement – Towards 2040, supporting preliminary studies and community engagement reports which is on public exhibition until 10 November 2019.
- B. The updated Urban Tree Canopy Policy be brought back to the group in early 2020.

6.3 PLACES FOR PEOPLE SRG MEETING SCHEDULE 2020 - REPORT FOR NOTING

The Chair provided the group with the proposed dates for the Places for People Strategic Reference Group 2020 meeting schedule which were accepted without change.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Places for People Strategic Reference Group Topics 2020

The group discussed and requested an update and presentations on the following items:

- Urban tree Canopy Policy
- Environment and Climate Change Strategy - currently on public exhibition
- Tracking of Coastal Erosion
- Update on Transport Strategy (Water, Roads and Active Travel)
- Heritage

- Protecting our Natural Environment
- Update on Bushfires
- Place Planning Manly and Mona Vale.
- Housing Strategy.
- Dog Policy and working groups - Council is working with Pittwater Unleashed / Manly dogs.
- Population projections - comparing historic projections vs actual change.

ACTION

That all members email their suggestions for Places for People Strategic Reference Group topics for 2020 to councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au for consideration,

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.1	That a report on the Northern Beaches Open Space Strategy be brought back to the Places for People Strategic Reference group in early 2020.	J Currie	Feb / May 2020
6.2	A. The Places for People Strategic Reference Group provide comment on the draft Northern Beaches Local Strategic Planning Statement – Towards 2040, supporting preliminary studies and community engagement reports which are on public exhibition until 10 November 2019.	SRG Members	10 November 2019
6.2	B. The updated Urban Tree Canopy Policy be brought back to the group in early 2020. That a report on the updated Urban Tree Canopy Policy be brought back to the group in early 2020.	S Lawler	Feb / May 2020
7.1	That all members email their suggestions for Places for People Strategic Reference Group topics for 2020 to councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au for consideration.	SRG Members	31 January 2020

The meeting concluded at 7:50pm

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 7 pages numbered 1 to 7 of the Places for People Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2019 and confirmed on

Open Space and Recreation Strategy and Action Plan

Places for People SRG 24 October 2019



Open Space and Recreation Strategy and Action Plan

- Strategy
 - High level strategic directions
 - 15 year timeframe
- Action Plan
 - Specific commitments
 - Reviewed at least every five years



Background

- A single Northern Beaches Strategy
- Benefits – mental, physical, health
- Trends
- Related projects
 - Local Strategic Planning Statement, including Social Infrastructure Study
 - Disability Inclusion Action Plan, Walking Plan, Community Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plans, Events Strategy, Masterplans, Community Centre Strategy, Arts and Creative Strategy, Structure Plans, Bike Plan, Other



In Scope / Out of Scope

- In
 - Recreation activities on Council owned and managed open spaces, e.g. recreation trails, skateparks, off-road cycling, playgrounds, community gardens ...
- Out
 - Off-leash dog areas – upcoming Draft Dogs in Public Places Policy
 - Indoor sports
 - Organised sports on sportfields (Sportsground Strategy)
 - Detailed planning for major locations, e.g. Brookvale Oval, Rat Park, Structure Plan locations



Consultation



- Telephone survey
- Online mapping – ideas for new and improved open spaces and recreation facilities
- Off-road cycling stakeholder group
- Off-road cycling online survey
- Targeted consultation – youth, seniors, disability
- Workshops with Councillors, SRGs and Advisory Groups
- Optional – in field surveys at select locations



SRG Consultation 7 June 2018

- See hand out



Next steps

- Engage consultant to assist with background and consultation
 - Currently reviewing quotes
- Commence consultation

