

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Towards 2040 (Local Strategic Planning Statement - Stages 3 of 4)

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1. Summary

This report has been prepared as part of the preparation of a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) for Northern Beaches Council and outlines the process and results of an engagement program undertaken together with the local community and key stakeholders.

Council's engagement process in developing the draft LSPS, *Towards 2040*, is ongoing and has used a range of techniques to engage the community and provide insights into the key issues and priorities for the future of the LGA. The feedback obtained from the community has been used to shape *Towards 2040* and help to set its 20-year vision for land use, characteristics and strategic planning.

This document outlines community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of Planning Our Sustainable Future, explicitly *Towards 2040*. The consultation period documented is from January to June 2019 and outlines engagement conducted as part of stages one, two and three (of four¹).

The reports' content reflects the insights² of over 600 participating community members and stakeholders, including government, business, academia, community services and organisations, and the public. The report also provides analysis on community feedback from all strategic level engagements since Council amalgamation in 2016.

1.1. Engagement Process³

Engagement was about asking questions, exploring future priorities and leveraging community feedback, including information collected over the past three years⁴. The process achieved this by providing consistent and accessible information, and by asking a uniform set of questions of all participants across activities.

The process also acknowledged that Council has consulted with the community on many strategic, future focused projects, beginning with the Community Strategic Plan in 2016. In response, engagement included substantial qualitative and quantitative analysis of community feedback through the lens of the NSW Government's LSPS Guidelines⁵.

Operationally, engagement was divided into four stages:

- 1. Community awareness raising and information sharing.
- 2. Developing ideas and parameters.
- 3. Testing and refining priorities.
- 4. Public exhibition of draft LSPS (pending).

The outcomes⁶ of this process have been used to inform the content development of the Northern Beaches Council's draft LSPS, *Towards 2040*. Stages one, two and three have worked with the community to ideate, check, validate and explore areas of action for the LGA's future.

⁶ Results provide responses across a spectrum of demographics, expertise, experience and understanding of the LGA.



¹ A separate engagement report on stage four public exhibition results will be developed.

² 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.

³ The engagement process is guided by Council's Community Engagement Policy.

⁴ A documented engagement methodology is outlined in the 'Towards 2040 Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Dec 2018)'.

⁵ See appendix one 'Northern Beaches Community Engagement Analysis'.

1.2. Key Insights

The feedback, provided in various forms - from ideas on post-it notes, drawings and recordings of discussions - was received from the community through methods including workshops, focus groups, surveys, community group briefings, analysis, meetings with target groups, social media, and in conversation with Council staff.

In bringing all these results together, insights emerged, which aligned with CSP community feedback:

You said	We heard	How <i>Towards 2040</i> responds
Be a leader in sustainability	Council has a unique role in our community and the community expect high quality and effective leadership in planning for the future. The community aspire for this Council and area to be a leader and champion in something we can all be proud.	<i>Towards 2040</i> takes a bold approach in taking a leadership role in sustainability, for example, by requiring sustainability certification for new buildings in growth areas, strategic centres and employment hubs
Protect the environment	The natural environment is a defining feature of this area. It is imperative that we protect and enhance the environment.	<i>Towards 2040</i> includes eight specific environmental priorities that each contain actions that commit Council to protecting and improving the quality of the environment, for example, partnering with DPIE to implement a risk-based framework for waterway health. These priorities are positioned first in the document
Embrace technology	The world is moving at a rapid pace, and there are technological solutions that could improve the way we live, work and play. The LGA should embrace and champion the use of technology.	<i>Towards 2040</i> embraces technology, including utilising smart technologies to improve energy, waste, water and transport efficiencies, for example, by encouraging car share and on-demand transport services
Growth can't outstrip infrastructure	This area is growing, however any growth needs to be supported by appropriate infrastructure to maintain our quality of life, and have minimal environmental impact.	<i>Towards 2040</i> is a commitment to delivering infrastructure together with jobs and housing growth, for example development in strategic and local centres must be considered through precinct- level planning to sequence and fund growth with the provision



You said	We heard	How Towards 2040 responds
		of public transport, open space and other infrastructure for the whole centre.
Protect unique local character	The Northern Beaches is home to many unique places and neighbourhoods. We want to maintain and enhance this into the future.	<i>Towards 2040</i> recognises the importance of local and neighbourhood character by including specific priorities and actions to ensure the Northern Beaches is home to well- designed centres and neighbourhoods that reflect our unique local character and lifestyle, for example, the introduction of design excellence provisions and preparing Place Plans starting with Avalon, Manly and Mona Vale.
Make moving around easier, safer and more sustainable	Currently moving around the Northern Beaches by car, public transport, or active travel is more difficult than it needs to be. We want to improve the way we travel in, out and around our area.	<i>Towards 2040</i> prioritises active and public transport above expanding private vehicle provisions and includes a vision for delivering four frequent and efficient public transport corridors in and out of the Northern Beaches to help the community become less dependent on their cars and one day having the option of living without a car.



1.3. Participant Snapshot

Demographic data collected from respondents provides a picture of who has engaged with Council on *Towards 2040* and assists in providing deeper context behind emerging themes.

However, it is important to understand the demographic information in this context and not assume that responses conclusively represent the views of any particular demographic groups. Respondents to engagement activities were asked to indicate whether they were a resident, worker or visitor on the Northern Beaches as well as their postcode, age group and gender identity.

The following provides demographic snapshots of respondents who provided their feedback via registering their interest, surveys, workshop and focus group participation. No demographic data was captured for respondents who contributed ideas via email, written submission or target group briefings and meetings.



Figure one: Participant age and gender profile (Source: 'Register Your Interest' data)

1.4. Acknowledgements

Thank you to the over 600 Northern Beaches community members and stakeholders across the local government area who shared their time, expertise, views and anecdotes during the engagement period. Also, thank you to the thousands of residents, workers and visitors who have provided comments, feedback and other information since 2016.

We recognise this is one of many engagements that Northern Beaches community members and stakeholders have participated in. We also acknowledge the support of staff throughout the engagement period.

2. Background

Our community is passionate about the Northern Beaches and we want any future development to be in keeping with our lifestyle, environment, local character and changing community needs.

We are taking our four current Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and Development Control Plans (DCPs) and working with our community and other stakeholders to create one new planning framework.



This is our opportunity to create a roadmap for managing the way our area evolves, in a consistent, sustainable and coordinated way, over the next 20 years and beyond.

Our new LEP, and the DCP that supports it, must be consistent with the themes and regional directions set by the Greater Sydney Commission in the North District Plan. It must also respond to what our community told us when we developed our Community Strategic Plan.

We are starting this process by creating a LSPS, called Towards 2040.

This new planning document will outline our future vision, set priorities, and include actions to achieve the priorities and planning principles; confirming our commitment to a sustainable future.

Good planning is all about looking ahead and ensuring we have the housing, infrastructure, services and environment to support our lives now, and for the future. Our aim is to do this while protecting and enriching the characteristics that make living here so special.

3. Engagement Purpose and Objectives

Engagement⁷:

- ensures planning considers community sentiment and feedback
- increases community awareness about the project and its impact(s)
- creates social license to operate
- facilitates a connection and integration between people and organisations
- generates innovative ideas and action
- creates a community of interested stakeholders for Planning Our Sustainable Future on the Northern Beaches.

4. Engagement Methodology

Community and stakeholder engagement for *Towards 2040* was conducted over a six month period, from January to June 2019, and consisted of a series of activities (see section 4.1 below) that provided opportunities and platforms for community and stakeholders to participate.

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

The project's impact level one Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan was devised on a four-stage approach:

- 1. Community awareness raising and information sharing.
- 2. Developing ideas and parameters.
- 3. Testing and refining priorities.
- 4. Public exhibition of draft LSPS (pending).

⁷ Specific project based engagement purpose and objectives are outlined in the '*Towards 2040* Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Dec 2018)'.



4.1 Summary of Key Activities and Results

4.1.1 Stage One: Community awareness raising and information sharing

Stage one consisted of gathering and analysing existing data on community priorities as well as informing the community about the LSPS process.

Council acknowledged that many future focused community engagement projects had been conducted over the past three years. To analyse community sentiment within the frame of *Towards 2040*, 47 relevant Council engagement reports were qualitatively analysed and a report provided⁸. The comprehensive 2018 Placescore data set was also revisited and a report provided within the LSPS frame.

Stage One Actions	Overview
Engagement Analysis ⁹	47 strategic Council engagement reports were qualitatively analysed and a report provided that represents thousands of comments and submissions from the past three years. See Appendix One 'Northern Beaches Community Engagement Analysis'.
Placescore LSPS Insights ¹⁰	Place Score collected 3,198 Town Centre Care Factor Surveys for the Northern Beaches LGA. See Appendix Two 'Northern Beaches Placescore LSPS Insights'.
Online Platform (<u>Your Say</u> <u>page</u>)	1,543 visits to the projects online consultation page with an average time on-site of 2m 32s.
Online Platform (<u>Corporate</u>)	827 visits to the projects online page with an average time on-site of 2m 49s.
Register Your Interest Form	502 individual community members have registered their interest.
Social Media	Three posts published on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> , total reach of 90,000.
Information Videos	Two videos produced and distributed. One with <u>NSW</u> <u>Chief Planner</u> has had 358 views. One <u>'Little Locals'</u> <u>interview</u> has had over 29,000 views on social media and over 300 on YouTube.

All stage one actions:

¹⁰ Place Scores Town Centre Care Factor data gives Council insights into community place desires and priorities. While not specifically land use based it is valuable in defining experiences and attributes that are important in town centres and main street environments. Between May and July 2018 Place Score collected 3,198 Town Centre surveys for the Northern Beaches LGA. Respondents noted as their top care factors the unique and respected landscape features, cleanliness and maintenance of public spaces and infrastructure, attractive and high quality design materials, public spaces that are attractive and welcoming to a diverse range of people, and legible and safe walking and cycling paths and public transport (further information can be found in the Appendix Two report).



⁸ See Appendix One 'Northern Beaches Community Engagement Analysis'.

⁹ The report concluded that core values identified in the consultations have remained consistent throughout the analysis period. Residents value the unique lifestyle they feel living on the Northern Beaches affords them, and have a keen wish to preserve this in the face of development pressures. The values that underpin this lifestyle are about belonging to a distinctive community, safety, and work life balance. Residents strongly value the community in which they live. This includes the friendliness of people, the social life in the area and the village feel the area has. Concern about development is voiced in nearly all consultations. The impact on transport, traffic congestion, population growth, housing affordability and the environment are constant themes. Fear of change is the fear of loss of what community has now and a sense of not having any control. Whilst many accept growth is "inevitable", community argue strongly for development to be controlled, and infrastructure provided to support growth. While negative sentiments may be expressed about the impact of development and other issues, there is also great enthusiasm for initiatives that build community, cultural and lifestyle opportunities (further information can be found in the Appendix One report).

Stage One Actions	Overview
Traditional Media	13 advertisements were published during the engagement period in the Manly Daily, Pittwater Life and Peninsula Living. The Pittwater Life produced one article. Two media briefings were also conducted.
EDMs	Eight direct emails and inclusions in the Council Community Engagement Newsletter and E-News during the consultation period. Distributed to over 80,000 email addresses.
Webinars	One <u>webinar</u> was produced and distributed. Views to date: 899.
Email comments	29 mail comments and questions were received.
Other	Inclusion in Mayors message in Manly Daily.
	News item on the Northern Beaches Council website.
	Distribution of information booklets to service centres.
	Banners on display in service centres.

4.1.2 Stage Two: Developing ideas and parameters

Council sought to gain feedback on what sort of challenges our area faces and what the desired outcomes would be when addressing these. In order to make feedback meaningful and specific within the time constraints posed by LSPS delivery, content centred on the themes present in the Council's adopted <u>Community Strategic Plan</u>.

All stage two actions:

Stage Two Actions	Overview
Survey (Perceptions) ¹¹	One survey was facilitated during this stage, with a total of 172 completions (completion rate of 82%).
Strategic Reference Group Workshop ¹²	40 community members from the six SRGs participated in an <u>interactive workshop</u> to generate information to inform developing a vision and the drafting of priorities. Further information can be found in the Appendix Four report.
Community group and external stakeholder briefings	Ten community groups and group clusters, and external stakeholder were met to discuss challenges and priorities.

¹¹ Survey completion demographics is reflective of the population structure of the Northern Beaches, and those community members that registered their interest in the project. In response to question 1, the highest ranked characteristic making the Northern Beaches and local area an amazing place to live was 'high quality bushland, beaches and waterways'. This characteristic was deemed 'very important' by 82.2% of respondents, the highest ranked out of all the options. Similarly, in response to question 2 the challenge of 'improving the health of waterways, bushland, beaches and biodiversity' was deemed as 'very important' by 89% of respondents, again the highest ranked out of all the options (further information can be found in the Appendix Three results).

¹² On 18 Feb 2019, representatives from the Northern Beaches' Strategic Reference Groups gathered at the Tramshed, Narrabeen to workshop the development of Council's LSPS (further information can be found in the Appendix Four report).



4.1.3 Stage Three: Testing and refining priorities

As an overall vision and priorities were drafted, it was important to examine them with community and stakeholders. Stage three allowed Council to test that the draft content matched feedback, and discuss, learn and modify draft priorities.

All stage three actions:

Stage Three Actions	Overview
Survey (Draft Priorities) ¹³	One survey was facilitated during this stage, with a total of 245 completions (completion rate of 51%). ¹⁴
Focus Group Discussions ¹⁵	Over 50 community members (randomly selected from the 500 registered) participated in seven focus groups across the five wards. One youth and one Culturally and Linguistically Diverse focus groups were facilitated.
SRG presentations	Three presentations were facilitated across three months to discuss and test the draft priorities with community members and Councillors.

4.1.4 Consolidated community feedback

Stage one and two engagement helped Council identify key community priorities and concerns that could be further explored and developed in more tailored engagement opportunities during stage three.

Analysis of consultation responses indicated feedback themes disaggregated by direction:

Direction	Feedback	Towards 2040
Landscape	Very strong support for bold, aspirational and strong environmental priorities. Our community want to be a leader in sustainability. The community see the environment as the most important feature of the Northern Beaches.	<i>Towards 2040</i> includes priorities for the protection and enhancement of our environment, including coast and waterways, bushland and biodiversity, scenic and cultural landscapes, and our Metropolitan Rural Area. Additionally, priorities have been included to green our urban

¹³ Survey results provided evidence for the redrafting of the LSPS priorities. For example, from the preliminary 39 priorities drafted, community feedback supported the refinement to 30 as presented in the draft LSPS (further information can be found in the Appendix 5 results). The survey provided respondents with the option of reviewing all of the priorities or only those of interest. Respondents ranked their level of support via Likert-scale from 'strongly oppose' to 'strongly favour'.

¹⁵ Focus group participants were presented with key change factors (e.g. changing demographics, climate) that the area is likely to experience over the next 20 years. They were then asked to describe their 20 year vision, which was captured under four themes: 'infrastructure', 'liveability', 'productivity', 'sustainability'. Once their vision had been expressed, the group was shown Council's draft priorities and asked how they could be improved to better capture the group's vision (further information can be found in the Appendix Four report).



¹⁴ The draft priorities with the highest level of support and lowest level of opposition are in relation to the environment (priorities 30-39) and active transit (Priority 15). Priority 30 (healthy and valued coast and waterways) had the highest level of support at 90% strongly in favour of the priority. Priority 31 ('Protected and enhanced bushland and biodiversity') had the second highest level of support with 89% strongly in favour of the priority. Priority 14 ('Frequent and efficient north/south public transport to North Sydney, and Sydney CBD including via the Beaches Link Tunnel') had the highest level of opposition at 17% strongly opposed. In contrast, 43% of respondents strongly favoured this Priority. Comments on Priority 14 indicate while many respondents are in favour of improved public transport, they are not necessarily in favour of the Tunnel and/or tying the provision of these services to the Tunnel. Priority 1 (infrastructure delivered together with jobs and housing growth) was the second most opposed priority at 15% strongly opposed, while 34% strongly favoured the Priority (further information can be found in the Appendix Five results).

Direction	Feedback	Towards 2040
	The scenic qualities of this area are highly valued.	environments and deliver high- quality open space.
	Coastal and bushland biodiversity values are highly prized assets.	
Efficiency	Support for avoiding urban development that adversely affects the natural environment indicates a preference for growth to occur within current urban areas. Support for the lowering of carbon	<i>Towards 2040</i> includes aspirational targets as well as actions for reducing carbon emissions and managing energy, water and waste more efficiently over the next 20 years.
	and waste.	
	Support for adoption of green tech solutions.	
Resilience	This area should be not only resilient but also reduce our contribution to climate change.	<i>Towards 2040</i> includes a priority which seeks to build resilience in the community and natural and built environment and foster
	Avoid development in areas most affected by the effects of climate change, such as along the coast and in inundation and bushfire prone areas.	connected and sustainable communities that are resilient to natural hazards.
	Our Council should be a leader in adaptation.	
Infrastructure	The community expressed a strong desire for improved infrastructure across the Northern Beaches, especially when planning for growth.	<i>Towards 2040</i> includes a priority and specific actions for delivering infrastructure together with employment and housing growth. This is in acknowledgement of the
	The community expect infrastructure development prior to experiencing growth rather than trying 'to play catch up'. Growth should not outstrip infrastructure.	need for collaboration at every level of government to ensure that high-quality infrastructure is delivered at the right place and at the right time.
	While the support for growth is not consistent across the LGA, participants in this process have expressed that any growth that is to occur must be supported by quality infrastructure.	
	Supportive of incorporating technology into new infrastructure and for new infrastructure to be built sustainably and adaptably.	



Direction	Feedback	Towards 2040
Collaboration	Desire for Council to take a leadership role in collaborating with state agencies, other councils, the community and other stakeholders in order to achieve positive and high quality outcomes for the Northern Beaches.	<i>Towards 2040</i> includes a specific priority and action that supports collaborative relationships across all levels of government, our community and stakeholders.
	Stage agencies should not over-ride the needs and wants of Council and the community.	
People	Northern Beaches residents are local community focused and support efforts to improve social cohesion and capital. The development of an inclusive, safe and socially connected community received high levels of support. The concept of improved local higher education facilities and options is supported in general. However, reservations remain as to the effect a university campus will have on the existing community and functioning of the area. Arts, creativity and culture are highly valued by the community. The community consider additional and improved community services both in main centres and in smaller places to be important.	<i>Towards 2040</i> includes priorities that support increased local educational opportunities, and planning for community facilities that promote an inclusive, healthy and socially connected community. It also includes priorities that support arts and creativity and genuine engagement with Aboriginal communities.
Housing	While the community support improved housing conditions and stock in principle, some in the community are concerned about the adverse environmental, infrastructural, and social effects of housing growth on the LGA. Community members have placed an emphasis and value on preserving and enhancing local and neighbourhood character, especially in relation to further housing development. Respondents who strongly favoured	While the community has voiced its concern about over- development and out of character development, it has also expressed the desire for the right type of housing and the importance of ageing in place. <i>Towards 2040</i> includes two priorities for housing, these emphasise the need for housing that is affordable, provides greater choice, and is in the right locations. In conjunction with the priorities that seek to deliver great places, <i>Towards 2040</i> can



Direction	Feedback	Towards 2040
	from 39% to 44%, indicating a mixed variety of views across the housing discussion.	with the changing needs of community.
	The community generally support improving the choice in housing, both in typology and look/feel.	
	The community desire high quality architectural and urban design in new developments and especially in relation to areas with increased density.	
	The community desire to have the choices available that cater to their needs throughout the life cycle, in order to live their whole lives in the area.	
Great Places	The community are passionate about the preservation of local and neighbourhood character.	<i>Towards 2040</i> supports enhancing local places through place-based design, design excellence and building on local characteristics. It
	The community expressed a strong desire to preserve the character of the places they call home, and to support the wide diversity of local character across the LGA including local heritage.	also supports protecting and conserving heritage.
	High quality urban and architectural design are valued, especially for new developments or in areas of higher residential density and town centres.	
	The community are passionate about preserving local settler and Aboriginal heritage.	
	Public places should be of high quality design.	
	Public spaces should facilitate and foster meaningful social connections, especially between generations.	
Connectivity	Improving public and active transport facilities/services is highly supported by the local community.	<i>Towards 2040</i> reflects the community's feedback by planning for and delivering transportation and connections that are frequent,
	The community want active travel options to be safe, convenient and realistic.	reliable, sustainable and meet the specific needs of our changing community. It also supports



Direction	Feedback	Towards 2040
	Improving options that reduce adverse environmental effects and congestion received strong support throughout the engagement process.	creating safer environments with improved amenity.
	Ease of movement within and outside the Northern Beaches is considered an important part of making the area a great place to live. This is evident by the 61% of perception survey respondents considering this a very important challenge for Council over the next 20 years.	
	'Safe and convenient walking, cycling and local transport networks' received the highest level of support for any priority not grouped in the Environment direction at 83% strong favour, and 1% strong opposition.	
Jobs and Skills	Council should be supporting start-up businesses, especially in the tech- industry. Support for innovation hubs. There is significant support for co- working and/or remote working facilities.	<i>Towards 2040</i> contains nine priorities that together seek to foster and protect jobs and economic opportunity that reflect the needs of our community. There is a priority for each of the five strategic centres with the acknowledgement that each of these centres functions differently.
	Support for more people living closer to work in order to take advantage of the work-life benefits of this area, and to reduce congestion.	<i>Towards 2040</i> also includes priorities to plan for and manage the night-time economy and tourism.
	Support for more local jobs and additional educational/upskilling opportunities.	
	There is opposition to tourism that is not respectful of the community and the environment.	

4.1.5 Stage Four: Public exhibition of draft LSPS (pending)

Public exhibition of the *Towards 2040*, draft LSPS, is scheduled for 27 September to 10 November 2019. Engagement actions planned include:

• comprehensive and accessible online feedback experiences including video, interactive documentation and survey



- access to all evidence base and research materials that have informed the draft LSPS including:
 - Demographic analysis
 - Housing issues and opportunities paper
 - Employment study background report
 - Social infrastructure issues and opportunities background paper
 - Environment background report
 - Community engagement report
- five drop-ins (one per ward)
- five community group briefings (one per ward)
- social media and print media
- receipt of written and email submissions.

4.2 Engaging with Hard to Reach Communities

A key barrier in engaging our 'hard to reach' communities is their lack of access to information or activities. The engagement approach of this project took Council to different groups, rather than expecting communities to come to us. Specifically, youth¹⁶ and the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)¹⁷ communities were targeted for engagement.

Working closely with Council liaisons provided the opportunity to engage with key community members and utilise their networks to share information, and increase exposure and awareness of the project and engagement program.

A valuable part of engaging with these communities was establishing both a youth and CALD focus group. Young people and CALD community members were also included in ward focus groups. Key members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community were invited to attend any of the 5 ward focus group sessions that suited them.

Staff also presented to the Northern Beaches Multi-Cultural Network and the Northern Beaches Council Youth Advisory Group in February 2019.

5. Data Limitations

In total, over 600 people engaged during the consultation period. While this is not a statistically representative sample of the overall Northern Beaches community, every effort was made to gather feedback from across a broad spectrum of our community, and ensure as balanced a sample as possible across the demographic range.

The themes drawn from these responses provide Council with an emerging picture of community sentiment on the project. By cross-referencing these themes with demographic information, for example age group, postcode and gender, a clearer picture is formed of who in our community may be impacted by the project.

Note: This analysis does not include any 'late' feedback received after the advertised closing date for consultation.

¹⁷ See page 141 for detailed CALD feedback



¹⁶ See page 142 for detailed youth feedback

6. Conclusion

The Greater Sydney Commission requires Council to prepare a LSPS that responds to the key themes identified in the North District Plan: Infrastructure and Collaboration, Liveability, Productivity and Sustainability, as informed by community and stakeholder engagement.

Council has taken this opportunity to undertake detailed strategic engagement work and explore community perceptions and priorities of the LGA to support the development of *Towards 2040*. Engagement was undertaken with community and key stakeholders in online and face-to-face contexts between January and June 2019.

The engagement process was tailored to build an understanding of priorities and explore community perceptions and tangible future opportunities. The results reflect that the LGA is currently experiencing change, which needs to be planned for and managed in order to preserve the area's unique appeal. Residents value the lifestyle they feel living on the Northern Beaches affords them, and have a keen wish to preserve this in the face of development pressures.

Feedback collected through the engagement process identified a number of recurring themes as well as novel ideas and perspectives. Results indicate that:

- Council has a unique role in our community and the community expect high quality and effective leadership in planning for the future
- the community aspire for this Council and area to be a leader and champion in something we can all be proud of
- the natural environment is a defining feature of the area. It is imperative that we protect and enhance the environment
- the world is moving at a rapid pace, and there are technological solutions that could improve the way we live, work and play. This area should embrace and champion the use of technology
- the area is growing, however any growth needs to be supported by the appropriate infrastructure to maintain our quality of life, and have minimal impact on the environment
- the Northern Beaches is home to many unique places and neighbourhoods. We want to maintain and enhance this into the future
- currently moving around the Northern Beaches by car, public transport, or active travel is more difficult than it needs to be. We want to improve the way we travel in, out and around our area.

Council is thankful to have a community that is passionate about the kind of future that it sees for the area. In drafting *Towards 2040*, we have endeavoured to capture what is important to our community and be bold in achieving this shared vision.

7. Next Steps

- Draft *Towards 2040* on public exhibition.
- Public exhibition feedback reviewed, analysed and considered.
- Draft *Towards 2040* to GSC / DPIE for preliminary review and technical health check.
- Towards 2040 submitted to GSC LSPS Assurance Panel.
- *Towards 2040* 'making' by Council completed by 31 March 2020.



8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix One: Northern Beaches community engagement analysis report

Northern Beaches Community Engagement Analysis

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide an analysis of community sentiment trends identified in community engagement undertaken by Northern Beaches Council from 2016 to 2019. The results are presented within the framework of Towards 2040 and reflect community feedback on key priorities and challenges.

METHODOLOGY

This report presents a qualitative analysis of 47 community engagement reports produced for Northern Beaches Council between 2016 and 2019. These consultations deployed a variety of engagement strategies in response to specific briefs, ranging from overall strategic planning to specific regional or issue consultations. The information that the reports present vary in depth of analysis, the nature of the demographics and other quantitative measures and the way that participant feedback is reported. This is not to imply any variation in the quality of the reports, but rather to acknowledge that they were commissioned for different purposes.

Reports were thematically coded to the priority areas using NVivo qualitative analysis software, which is useful for dealing with large quantities of unstructured data such as this. The information coded included the analysis sections from the reports, paraphrased summaries of community sentiment and verbatim comments from participants. The illustrative quotations in the present report are verbatim comments from residents. A common strategy in qualitative analysis is to quantify the data to reveal community priorities, and establish the significance of differing themes and issues and the underlying demographic factors that shape thinking. Different priorities and concerns across the local government area (LGA) may be real or may be the result of the methodology and focus used during the original consultation. Furthermore, without consistent demographic data, it is difficult to know who is talking and how many times they may have had their say on a topic. For these reasons, the terminology used in this report does not imply any quantitative summation of the themes described.

Depth of comment on specific issues is related to targeted engagement on a particular project; for example, there is more content on Avalon and Mona Vale than other areas. It is also at a point in time, so the engagement on Long Reef Surf Lifesaving Club reflects community feedback at that time on those plans. That said, the volume of the data obtained allowed for consistent themes to be identified and, in bringing these together, an overall picture of community feeling on these issues emerged.









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Landscape

Coasts and waterways

Residents consider the maintenance of beaches, headlands and rock pools and managing and protecting creeks, lagoons and waterways to be issues of high importance.

FLOOD AND STORM WATER

People are very concerned about the management of waterways and flooding. In 2016, comments were angry about the perceived failure of the Council to open the lake and, thereby, avoid subsequent flooding, with there being a need for more effective flood mitigation strategies.

PROTECTION OF LAGOONS AND WATERWAYS

Catchment areas should be protected, bush regenerated and lagoon walks provided around the Northern Beaches (e.g. at Dee Why). Requests were made for stabilisation plantings along beachfront areas by planting grass, shrubs and trees on beach front sandbanks and concerns expressed about sedimentation of the lake:

'How will beaches, natural parks etc. be sustained with increasing population, people exercising, unleased dogs etc.?'

There were comments about the community valuing and protecting the unique waterway of Pittwater including catchments. Manly Dam was mentioned consistently throughout the comments, as being a favourite recreational place, 'Look at ways to better protect Manly Dam Catchment, which is an amazing haven so close to city'. Some were concerned about the impact that the Beaches Tunnel Link will have on the Manly Dam Reserve, which must be considered in planning, e.g. effects on catchment, bushland and water quality. Good recreational facilities are important to sustain a growing community, e.g. parklands, Narrabeen Lake, Manly Dam, Manly Creek, bush/forest areas, and beaches and headlands. Trees should be maintained to continue the role of the Northern Beaches as the 'lungs' of Sydney (e.g. by creating new national parks in Manly Dam and Oxford Falls Valley). Some comments were related to the need to protect these assets from development, 'Need to protect our foreshore in its natural state or for recreational use, not development'.

Beach cleanliness was identified as an important factor in enjoyment and deserved protection, especially in summer with high visitor numbers.

Bushlands

Comments reiterated the vital importance of upholding the community's value of the natural environment and open space. As with coast and waterways, the bush is very important and highly valued by the majority of people and requires protection and sustainability strategies. There is a strong element of stewardship, 'the objective should be to leave the natural environment in better condition at the end of ten years.' This is very strongly tied to quality of life, which is achieved by respecting the natural environment and its importance for community living, working and recreation.

Overall, cleanliness was important, with a range of strategies proposed to reduce litter and encourage environmental sustainability.

Protection of non-urban land and bushland is a key priority, for example, in Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. Concerns were expressed about developments encroaching into bushland, rather than developing existing urban areas (increasing building heights to allow for the construction of more units). Population growth is seen as a key contributor to environmental impact, with some of this impact balanced by 'community space gardens, good design and interconnectivity in new developments'.



Themes raised in this section include the need for better compliance and monitoring, concerns regarding air pollution, better control of cats and feral animals, and better planning for boundaries between bushland and new development. Tension was also expressed between natural and accessible spaces:

'If everything is 'maintained' we won't have natural bush; rather, in this instance, we should have 'accessible natural space' (e.g. Through redeveloped bush trails that minimise impact on the environment).'

Balance must be found between sporting facilities, bushland, parks and other green spaces. Some suggest that the natural environment would be valued and protected more if it was opened up to low-impact use (such as mountain biking and hiking), with concerns about 'locking up' or prohibition of use.

Natural and built environment

Community members are generally concerned about sustainable population growth and want to minimise impacts on the natural and built environment (including infrastructure). There are concerns that unique areas of natural heritage will continue to be lost, such as the beaches, particularly from Newport to Palm Beach, the unique natural beauty, biodiversity and the village lifestyle:

'Maintain the reasons why people live here – beautiful environment, clean air and water, abundant vegetation.'

The natural environment and unique character of the landscape are of great importance, and there is a great need to preserve and protect these from over-development, 'The peninsula needs to stay as it is and preserve its environmental natural beauty'.

There is a need to retain the design aesthetics of iconic buildings that reflect the unique cultural landscape. A comment was made regarding the design of the new Mona Vale performance space about needing plenty of space around 'it so it's an iconic building and therefore draws people to it'. 'Surf Clubs are iconic in style and in their day reflected coastal architecture of the day.'

North Steyne Surf Club is an iconic building but has not moved into the 21st Century.'

People feel it is important for buildings to blend into or enhance the landscape. The design of the new Long Reef Surf Club was largely supported by the community and their comments on the degree to which it blended into the environment were very positive. However, some comments were made that reflected dislike for the design and materials, considering it overbearing of natural areas.

Rural settings

This was identified after the consideration of environmental opportunities, i.e. protection/retention of rural (non-urban) land for local food supply, plant nurseries and support services. Rural areas form part of a future vision, 'A place with many things to do for all ages, be it around the beaches or up in the rural areas and bushland'.

There were specific comments relating to the need to retain the semi-rural setting and environment of Duffys Forest and the existing rural parts of Terrey Hills, and to ensure that the village environment is retained at Terrey Hills. Some residents felt that there should be more recognition of local food security and supply, with the provision of community and market gardens. Non-urban land has values for environmental protection and rural land uses that contribute to sustainability.



Offshore communities

Offshore and rural residents feel that they receive less Council services and no access to water/wastewater utilities, e.g. at Ingleside, Scotland Island, western foreshores. There were only a few specific references to offshore communities over all the reports. Residents of Church Point made comments related to parking and residents being prioritised, access to more ferries and permanent bike stores made available. Scotland Island comments were related to parking, power supply and waste removal.

Urban tree canopy

Loss of trees is an issue of wide concern across all areas. Some respondents blame this on the State Government whereas others blame this on the demands of development.

People are all behind replanting and strategies to compensate for this loss of trees. Importance is placed on using native species across the LGA and to revise the 'Manly tree plan' to support a variety of native trees and promote shrub and tree plantings across the entire area. The community considers it vital to maintain open space areas and native vegetation. Appropriate plantings for native birds and animals, both on private land and around public spaces, should be undertaken to boost the supply of food lost because of increased development.

'The tree cover needs preservation. Give rate reductions for tree cover. Make trees valuable.'

Tree cover was also linked to sustainability, with suggestion related to how vegetation might assist in cooling streets in the future to cater for increasing temperatures. There were calls to give trees more protection across the Northern Beaches to ensure parks and carparks have shade, more fruit trees should be planted as an important habitat for animals and a wildlife management strategy should be developed, 'Trees make our community'.

Open space

The importance of open space was a strong theme over the entire consultation period. It is an integral part of the lifestyle of this region, i.e. the value of living in the area and enjoying the outdoors, cafes, active lifestyle, natural and built environment, vibe, city, walkability and the open spaces.

There is widespread agreement across the community that parks and recreation are critical to community wellbeing. Some felt that the area has adequate open space and recreation opportunities, but that they need to be better managed and maintained. Others noted that the high level of demand for active open space and sports fields indicates a need for more open space as the population grows. There were also a number of comments suggesting that sports fields are better maintained than passive open spaces.

Concerns were raised about overdevelopment of urban spaces without a plan for the creation of open spaces also. People see the need for open space to be preserved as undeveloped open space. Thus, there is a need to distinguish high-quality open space.

Open spaces are considered important because 'overcrowded schools need better access to parkland'. Formal spaces, such as Brookvale Oval, do not address the open space needs of the community. There is strong support for green spaces that can be sustainably used (i.e. Warriewood wetlands and Curl Curl dog park are excellent examples of the right balance between accessibility and environmental protection).



PRIORITY AREA Infrastructure

A growing population

The overwhelming concern is that services and infrastructure are not keeping up with development and that they will not be able to meet the needs of the growing population. The community raised concerns regarding development and its flow-on effects for transport, traffic congestion, population growth and the environment. While many accept growth as being 'inevitable', they would like development to be controlled and adequate infrastructure provided to complement any development. Some doubts were expressed about the ability of the government to balance future infrastructure with growth:

'No more population growth without infrastructure.'1

People did not universally endorse the expansion of infrastructure. Some saw potential negative effects on their quality of life and the environment, for example, land clearing for new roads.

In other instances, infrastructure is seen as necessary to strike the balance between access to and protection of the natural environment, for example, footpaths. People spoke about the importance of infrastructure to connect people-better connections for people already living there and the need for existing infrastructure to be used more efficiently.

Infrastructure is vital for safety-particularly around schools and near beaches—and in case of an emergency, infrastructure should assist in evacuating the growing population of the Northern Beaches. This was considered a concern in Ingleside, where residents in any new development would need to be evacuated by road if there was a bushfire, thus highlighting the inadequacy of the roads in this area.

Comments relating to infrastructure to support recreation and active travel are discussed in greater detail under other priority areas.² These include 'the provision of footpaths, shared paths, safe cycle ways, best-practice on-road cycling infrastructure that connect public facilities, as well as initiatives encouraging young people to ride to school³'. For recreation, infrastructure is needed so people can use and appreciate green spaces. Tourism promotion should also be supported by better infrastructure to cope with increased demand.

Some business community members observed that the lack of infrastructure has negative impacts on businesses and there should be support for local, specialist IT businesses that can provide the support required for people to work from home, which would reduce the strain on the current infrastructure and transport networks.

1 All verbatim resident quotation appear in Italic font.

See Recreation and open spaces and Active travel See Recreation and open spaces and Active travel



Housing

Housing diversity

The need for 'affordable housing' and 'housing affordability' are terms used interchangeably by members of the community, with some confusion between the two concepts. Affordable housing refers to planning provisions for below market-priced housing (e.g. for key workers) and housing affordability refers to the ability of people to buy into the housing market. This distinction is hard to determine in some comments.

THE RIGHT LOCATION

Strong resistance in some areas to increases in density and height were expressed, mostly for the northern end of the LGA. Avalon respondents are very strongly opposed to dense housing, 'Stopping the developers putting dense housing in an area that needs to keep it's beauty', with concerns about building height also present in Mona Vale. General responses were to maintain similar housing densities in existing suburbs to the current level and no high rises built beyond Dee Why and around the new hospital site in French's Forest, 'Fear that Frenchs Forest will become like Chatswood'.

Comments from residents suggested that increased height around the centres and allowance of more lower density development in select areas would enable more development but not at the sacrifice of the environment:

'Too much development in our bushland, rather than developing existing urban areas (raising building heights to allow for more units).' By contrast, in the Brookvale engagement on housing, people discussed locating higher density developments near the community health centre, student housing near TAFE, residential areas near Warringah Mall, and more residential housing in industrial areas and close to B-Line stops. Residents called for height control in new residential developments. These all met the objectives of people being able to live, work and shop in the local environment.

LACK OF HOUSING DIVERSITY

Community feedback revealed people looking for wider choices—with a preference for dual occupancy and low-level apartment blocks rather than high-rise apartments.

'What I would really like to see is more new townhouses and apartments across the northern beaches – but not at the sacrifice of the environmental areas.'

People identified the need for good design in appropriate locations (e.g. the Stockland model with easy access, a gym, shops and parking all at one site). Better housing options could address the delay in downsizing due to young people living with their parents and ensure that downsizing becomes a more attractive option overall. Well-designed secondary dwellings/granny flats were also a proposed solution, together with suggestions to provide support services to assist people who choose to live in 'granny flats', providing a 'housing stage' between a large house and a nursing home (e.g. townhouses).



HOUSING COSTS

Residents believe house pricing is becoming unaffordable:

'Want to live here because it's my home, but don't think I'll be able to afford to live here when I'm older.'

There are challenges in ensuring young people can stay in the area. Many people are disappointed to think that their children will not be able to remain on the Northern Beaches and enjoy the lifestyle that they value:

'Kids can't afford to live in the area, so move out of the area, no continuity of families in the area anymore.'

Affordable housing

'We do need more affordable housing.'

Residents acknowledge that increased density is required to allow for affordable housing, which would then bring families into the area, and that housing affordability drives diversity.

Affordable housing and affordable rental accommodation are required for inclusive and diverse communities. Some see a need to overcome negative perceptions of affordable housing, possibly using 'key worker accommodation' terminology instead. There are other concerns about affordable housing in undesirable locations, '*I am concerned about the prospect of social housing tenants being housed in affordable housing projects (constructed by social housing providers) located within an industrial area'. Planning should provide access to social housing in every suburb (e.g. by mandating) with designs that provide a housing mix to prevent 'social problems' (e.g. Balgowlah Stockland as a good example of such a housing mix).* Some see no apparent attempts to counter increasing housing costs on the northern beaches. One problem identified is smaller affordable rental properties being sold to investors for higher end short-term rentals and holiday accommodation, thus reducing options for the broader demographic in the area. Others cite community opposition to boarding house accommodation contributing to the problem. Affordable housing requires a faster, cheaper and more sympathetic Council approval processes.

Affordability is important because the Northern Beaches region is losing people to other areas due to the high cost of living and the shortage of jobs; most jobs are in services, which don't pay well.

There is an acknowledged need for affordable housing for key workers, 'Accommodation should be provided for key workers near their place of work (e.g. The hospital)' and for young people 'I want my children to be able to afford to live here – so we need affordable sustainable housing'.

A young person expressed their concerns for the future, pointing to low paid local jobs and expensive rental accommodation: 'As a young person, I have the assumption I will have to leave because I can't afford to live here. I don't have any hope'. Many participants acknowledged the challenge in retaining young people in the area, but many were also unsupportive of affordable housing, especially if it took the form of high-rise buildings.

Ingleside

There were virtually no positive comments on this project, only some limited responses. The potential of Ingleside to be a model for good residential design and to have a high level of sustainability was commented on. Ingleside is seen to offer opportunities for encouraging affordable housing in ways that will not damage the present social and built amenities. It was also suggested that Ingleside, as one of the new developments, should have aged housing as part of the town plan to keep the ageing population close to services.



TRANSPORT

Residents called for Council to work very closely with the State Government to ensure developments such as Ingleside are not purely reliant on cars for transportation and that adequate public transport is provided from the Northern Beaches to the hubs, There were suggestions that land releases at Ingleside will detrimentally impact on transport, and the greater problem of how residents can get out by road in the event of a bushfire as the current road system is inadequate.

There is the need for transport infrastructure to be in place before development starts:

'Before any new development of the Ingleside & Mona Vale precincts public transport options should be well in place with new mass transit systems (such as new light rail and train/ metro options) which will quickly become viable.'

NEED FOR SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Consultation participants queried the lack of new sporting areas in the new subdivision, 'How many new sportsgrounds are to be created in the Warriewood and future Ingleside subdivisions?' The focus should be on developing new fields in conjunction with the development of increased residential housing or density, and developers should contribute. Netball courts (preferably sealed) should be provided in new housing developments (e.g. Warriewood, Ingleside and elsewhere) where local clubs can train even after rain.

IMPACT ON NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Queries were raised as to how the Ingleside development will improve the landscape and vegetation:

'I see population growth as a problem for both quality of life and for preserving biodiversity. The proposed Ingleside development is a case in point, losing bushland in Ingleside, is not what Pittwater residents want or need. We live here.'





Jobs and Skills

Strengthening strategic centres

The Brookvale Structure Plan consultation provided most of the information in this section. Key issues raised by the community about Brookvale include:

- Traffic, transport and parking—'Better transport needed to support population growth. B-line is not enough, a train line and tunnel link are needed'.
- Greater focus on job growth and protection of industrial land, prioritising jobs rather than residential development. Requests that industrial and manufacturing are retained and encouraged, and even suggestions for the expansion of industrial/commercial areas into the existing residential areas. Brookvale is, 'the machine of the north'. Some comments opposed residential development and increased building heights and strongly support maintaining the employment status of Brookvale. There is a concern that mixed-use buildings will be predominantly residential rather than employment generating. Suggestion that any height bonus should be for employment generating commercial/industrial uses. Several comments related to the need for mixed-use buildings, thus enabling residential living above businesses and providing affordable housing for local employees. Include 'dual use' boutique shopfronts on secondary frontages in the industrial area.
- Public domain, landscaping and visual amenity—concerns regarding insufficient open space and that regional open space planning should match population growth. A number of comments about Brookvale Oval and Park—clarification required on redevelopment plans for Brookvale Oval, a request to retain Brookvale Oval as open space, and to retain and upgrade the northern park. There is a concern that community needs are not being addressed, with no existing or proposed open space in the town centre, 'Brookvale Oval is a formal sporting facility and does not address the open space needs of the community'.

- Request for employment growth to match education levels and profession of residents (to reduce the need to travel outside the area to work). Council needs to develop a vision for employment and business growth, and a plan to then deliver that vision.
- Concern that Pittwater Road divides the town centre and the effect this has on amenities. Suggestion to promote activation and placemaking on roads that run parallel to Pittwater Road and the provision of a pedestrian-orientated environment and community space away from Pittwater Road. Retain and strengthen Warringah Mall; encourage more quirky and creative spaces, such as art galleries, and music venues; and upgrade the retail strip and bring in more cafes, restaurants, and so on.
- A number of suggestions related to adding character and amenity to industrial areas, e.g. provide retail shops cafes, restaurants, and bars in industrial areas. Concern the plan for Brookvale lacks a placemaking vision to create vibrant active hubs. The plan should include multiple active hubs. Currently, activity is concentrated at the southern end and there is no activity hub at the northern end near where there is residential development.
- Discussion on the changes required to engage and support industry, such as the availability of a workforce and additional tertiary facilities and training including a university in this area. People suggested strategies to make Brookvale attractive to large companies, e.g. flexible zoning, belowground parking, increased commercial land use east of Pittwater Road.

Dee Why is also seen as a large-scale employment hub. The comments on Dee Why town centre relate to improving public amenity, the attractiveness of public spaces. Parking is an issue as it is in other major centres. Dee Why often appears in references for the preservation of village centres further north in the LGA with calls for them not to become like Dee Why. Residents commented on the unattractive streetscape with tall buildings and cite Dee Why as an example of what can happen with over development.



Manly is valued as a tourism and entertainment hub. Residents are keen for more cultural activities, a revamp of Manly Corso. Traffic running through the centre of Manly is affects liveability. Safety is an issue frequently mentioned abut Manly, especially at night. Tourism is valued for the economic contribution it makes however some would like to see the impact of tourism managed more effectively.⁶

Skills-based training and job diversity

There were some perceptions that job opportunities have been lost due to changes in land use, such as the sale of properties used for small business or entertainment for residential development, e.g. the closure and sale of Manly Vale Hotel, which was a major music venue and is now home units. Concern that Dee Why and Brookvale are being planned separately. The planning for Dee Why enabled residential growth and relied on jobs being provided in Brookvale; however, the number of jobs does not match growth, *'Need more on commercial developments that create jobs'*.

Planning should encourage businesses and employment that match the education levels and skills of residents, which could include providing/facilitating grants and incentives for small businesses. Business diversity is seen as being important,

'Local jobs and apprenticeships should match the skills and educational opportunities of the area'.

Residents identified the need to retain local workers with technical and/or manufacturing skills and also a need for more tertiary education, and accessible transport and affordable housing for key workers. 'Need to attract and retain employees within the area to support a diverse economy. More jobs and job diversity is needed'. Support local, specialist IT businesses that could provide the support required for people to work from home, which would reduce the strain on local infrastructure and transport networks.

Young people are concerned for the future, pointing to low paid local jobs and expensive rental accommodation: 'As a young person, I have the assumption I will have to leave because I can't afford to live here. I don't have any hope'. These issues are important because the Northern Beaches are losing people to other areas due to the high cost of living and the shortage of jobs, 'most jobs are in services, which don't pay well'. Some suggest that younger generations want to work for themselves and that it is difficult to find people willing to work local low-paying jobs. While tourism offers a 'huge opportunity to provide significant employment opportunities', jobs available in this industry are not necessarily well paid. There was a view that employer buy-in to inclusive employment practices is limited owing to fears regarding costs and requirements, particularly for those with a mental health disability. On the Northern Beaches, employment opportunities may not be located close to where people live, and may not be within reach of accessible transport.

Innovative business environments

Residents feel Council should develop strategies to attract specific industries to the area and create high-value jobs:

'To see the development of economically and ecologically sustainable communities that provide real opportunities for the development of local businesses that are not simply reliant on traditional retail opportunities.'

Zoning for different industries should be carefully planned and preference given to 'semi-clean industrial sites, not heavy industrial development'.

Residents raised concerns about how well Council can deliver an innovative environment for business with initiatives such as business incubators. Opportunities exist for start-up businesses in the Dee Why town centre, although Council should focus on all businesses, not just innovators or startups, including home-based businesses.

Council should identify what they can realistically do to improve access to information, incentive programs and enterprise support.

In the opinion of one resident, what attracts big business to Northern Beaches is local capital. 'As an example, a CEO or startup founder may already live locally, enjoy the lifestyle of living and working locally (environment), have access to financing (economic) and be able to find high-skilled employees (human)'.

6 This section provides a brief summary to avoid repetition of issues discussed in other priority areas. Mona Vale Centre is discussed in Local and neighbourhood centres



Tourism

While some residents, especially in Manly where tourism visits are high, saw tourism as a negative thing—dirtying the area and leaving rubbish behind—residents also agreed that tourists bring money to the area, thus contributing to the growth and viability of the Northern Beaches. Tourism offers the opportunity to provide significant employment opportunities, but needs to promote 'beyond Manly' to extend tourism expenditure. Questions about what is meant by 'sustainable tourist economy', and whether this is economic, social or environmental sustainability.

The following suggestions were made:

Enhance tourism in Manly, 'Tourist bus from Manly Wharf to Palm Beach', 'Keep the Manly Jazz festival', 'The creation of a Manly to Palm Beach coastal walking and bicycle track together with a number of 'park and ride/walk' car parks at various points along the way'.

- Other ideas for local attractions include a 'local cottage economy' and the establishment of a surfing museum.
- Simplify the process for allowing tourism-related events to occur, with skill shortages limiting growth of the tourism sector.
- Tourism and partnering opportunities, 'Work in partnership with event organisers in a customer focused manner to promote the delivery of events'. Leveraging broader events and activities from the Sydney region (or beyond) and globally significant events that could have a Northern Beaches expression. This should be part of the overall plan, to extract maximum value from events planning.

Consideration should be given to the impacts of tourism, i.e. 'the extent and nature of tourism to the area with its consequent impact on the retail mix e.g. events in Manly generating more day visits leading to more ice-cream shops and a diminution in a broader retail mix – is this desirable?'



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Night time economy

Community feedback sought more entertainment venues (e.g. cinemas, small bars, live music) in suburbs such as Dee Why, Brookvale and Mona Vale. There were suggestions to use hubs like Manly, Dee Why, Narrabeen and Mona Vale to create Friday evening and weekend events for the community and some call for more nightlife on the Northern Beaches, not just in Manly. Feedback also indicated a focus on both upgrades to existing 'event ready' spaces; the creation of new spaces and the need for Council to support and introduce safe night time event opportunities, especially for the youth:

'I agree. I have teenagers. I personally think it's fantastic. There is not enough for young people.'

'Many young people are gathering in our public parks and having parties that are out of control, noisy, unsafe and result in unacceptable amount of rubbish. If there was more attractive options in the night time such as live music, markets, food etc. in a more controlled environment then this might divert some of the problems away from trashing our parks and disturbing residents.'

Industrial/employment lands

Community feedback regarding industrial/employment lands noted concern about the retainment of employment lands in proposals to introduce affordable housing into industrial areas (e.g. Mona Vale). There is a need to clarify what exactly employment lands are with business, with this term being a bit restrictive and unclear as to whether retail businesses were included in this definition. Some queried whether housing on top of shops was good or bad for business.

Some felt there was a need to understand the differences between business use and commercial use in various places and that business and commercial lands need to be clearly 'set aside' in new villages and strategic centres.

Frenchs Forest

When asked to share their most significant opportunity for the future of the neighbourhood, residents prioritised building community spaces which connected people to nature. People also prioritised sustainable urban design (e.g. water sensitive design, transport-oriented design, sustainable building).

Loss of trees along Warringah Road was frequently mentioned as was the general condition of public open space (e.g. street trees, footpaths, parks). A sense of personal safety is important and walking infrastructure is another area of concern. The main concern mentioned is for those community members who need to walk on the road owing to a lack of footpaths, especially children walking to schools and people walking with strollers and young children.

People feel strongly that Frenches Forest has a sense of welcome, they value community belonging, safety, relationships & resilience; however, the area lacks things to do, with people needing access to neighbourhood amenities (e.g. cafes, shops, health and wellness services).

'Need planning for Frenchs Forest town centre where can have lots of facilities not just finance and dining'.

There were many comments relating to the proposed closure of Warringah Aquatic Centre (WAC). People objected to the closure and replacement of the WAC to relocate Forest High School, with significant concern expressed as to whether enough investigation had been undertaken in identifying alternative locations for this relocation. There was an additional concern that the proposed new facility in the town centre will be less accessible, smaller and not match the current facilities, notably, the loss of the 50 m Olympic-sized swimming pool. There was a strong feeling that the existing WAC is a unique swimming destination used by a diverse range of people and the loss of this resource would impact on the social fabric of the locality.



PRIORITY AREA

People

Access to higher education

Access to higher education, such as a university campus on the Northern Beaches, or easy access to transport options to the existing universities is important to residents. People expressed a desire for their children to be educated closer to home:

'Young people are currently isolated from higher education, with poor transport connections.'

A university to be associated with the new Northern Beaches Hospital was requested and the vision for this strengthened, as well as other suggestions for an arts degree course to be offered in the area.

There were a number of comments, from businesses and residents, relating to the inadequacy of Brookvale TAFE offerings, 'Brookvale TAFE doesn't do anything for my industry'; 'Studies don't correlate with where the jobs are'. There was also the suggestion that there are insufficient courses or spaces available at local community colleges.

Some see a role for Council to educate youth regarding the jobs available in the area and to encourage businesses to work more closely with schools. Skill-based training could be offered by local businesses and by retired people.

Community hubs

Central facilities or community hubs were the highest rated preferred model by multicultural, indigenous, family and youth groups, and the least preferred by seniors and the disabled preferred single purpose centres, e.g. Without the Manly Seniors Centre, we would not exist'; 'Centre custom built by Rotary for seniors 60 years ago'. People described a community hub in a variety of ways—as something that is about connections 'intergenerational/ café/ community garden/ dog park/ accessible (public transport + car parking)' or more functionality for 'co-location of service providers and Community Services Northern Beaches offices e.g. at Raglan Street site'.

Across the consultations, there were suggestions for how to create hubs—to better utilise libraries as a community hub and space for youth; larger parking facilities should function as a community hub with the addition of public toilets, bubblers, socialisation corners/cafes; and to encourage social community connections while people wait for buses.

Park amenities could be improved to function as community hubs and to provide safe spaces for youth and LGBTIQ (i.e. community hub run by volunteers/donations), including restaurants, creative spaces, yoga and so on. In specific locations, recreation centres were identified as having the potential to operate as community hubs, e.g. Avalon, or as an area of unmet need, as in Dee Why where the PCYC was deemed to be at capacity.

Community services

In the Community Centre Strategy 2018, there was high awareness of one or more Council-managed community centres in the Northern Beaches. Most respondents recalled the Mona Vale Memorial Hall, followed by the Avalon Recreation Centre, Manly Seniors Centre, Newport Community Centre and Forestville Memorial Hall and Senior Centre. Overall, the community centres in the Northern Beaches rated high in convenience, accessibility and acceptability of the internal appearance, and flexibility of the area. Problems associated with parking was the highest source of dissatisfaction for respondents.

One of the key findings from this consultation was the importance of opportunities for sharing cultural knowledge – intergenerational, multicultural, and indigenous, to the community.



MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS GROUPS

The community acknowledge that more needs to be done to engage with culturally diverse minorities.

"There's little awareness or celebration of cultural diversity on The Northern Beaches"

The Northern Beaches Community Centre Strategy engagement in 2018 planned multicultural and Indigenous focus groups that did not occur due to insufficient responses. Multicultural and Indigenous perspectives on this strategy came from interviews with three community representatives. These respondents noted that information does not reach all people, different formats are needed for different groups e.g. CALD groups.

The challenges for multicultural groups accessing community centres included cost, transport and ease of use. For example, sometimes it is considered easier to use an RSL hall as options are offered for catering, cleaning, equipment/ sound etc. Suggestions to enhance services included a community hub for co-location of service providers and Community Northern Beaches offices plus a Men's shed or a community studio/ workshop space.

Community representatives speaking on behalf of Indigenous community members talked about the role of community events in reconciliation, bringing people together and building social cohesion. They noted that shared cultural events are valuable to the broader community e.g. Tibetan and indigenous cultures.

Indigenous cultural activities prefer outdoor locations, 'outdoor activities have higher value'. These outdoor spaces should be safe, with amenity and facilities for women and children. They should also be affordable as fees, even if subsidised, can place them out of reach. It was felt the Indigenous community should have the right to use public land free of charge; 'the Indigenous community is paying for reconciliation despite huge social disadvantage'.

Suggestions included a cultural museum space, a healing centre e.g. at Manly hospital site and monthly access to a place e.g. Peace Park at Oxford Falls for community gatherings.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Residents reported a lack of local services to support people with disability; therefore, they must travel to other parts of Sydney to access specialised services. There is a particular issue around the lack of housing options and services to support people with disability and for the elderly to allow people to age in their own homes. Therefore, people might need to relocate, either within or outside their local community, to access disability services and appropriate housing. Some older Council facilities do not fully cater to a range of needs, including physical access, assistive technology (e.g. hearing aid loops), direction finding (e.g. graphic and braille signage) and other non-physical considerations such as the need for quiet spaces for people with autism or adult change tables for people with intellectual disability.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE YOUNG

There were a number of comments about the lack of services available to ensure the safety of young people, particularly at night, with requests for increased availability of safe night activities for teenagers and more community activities:

'There is nothing for teenagers to do except hang around the beach at night and nowhere for them to socialise safely.'

Youth focus group participants in the Community Centre Strategy engagement in 2018 felt there was not enough diversity in centre activities (too much dance). 'Young people don't go to drop in – we need to be creative.' Spaces need to be affordable, accessible via public transport and safe. '

Young people also need options to be mobile and go to skate parks and outdoor recreation areas. 'If young people want to 'connect', give them a space.'

They should provide a one-stop shop for social support services and 'places for kids to stay if they feel unsafe staying at home.'

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

While people are generally satisfied with the level of children's services provided, some noted that there is a shortage of affordable childcare options for lower to middleincome families across the area:

'There's not enough affordable places, it's too expensive to go private.'



However, others felt that the childcare services provided by the private sector were adequate. While there are differing views about how much private and public childcare is or should be available, the key issue is that residents feel that childcare should be affordable and accessible. Children's services are of higher importance in Frenchs Forest than in other areas:

'If looking at increasing the population, we need to have services to match, such as more childcare spaces.'

Safe and inclusive communities

One of the core values that the community consistently expressed is for connected, vibrant communities, which is also one of the main reasons for living in the region. The neighbourhood place attributes that contributed most significantly to liveability are that '*There are people like me*' (age, gender, interests, ethnic backgrounds and so on) and a sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night). Residents associate the area with a sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution etc.). Security concerns related to drink driving and drugs and, to a lesser degree, in being able to move about in some neighbourhoods, especially Manly at night.

'Manly is unsafe after hours, especially on the weekend.'

The word 'inclusive' was used to describe a place that is welcoming to everyone and offers services that welcome and meet the needs of different cultures, age groups. Inclusion means housing affordability, accessibility to arts and recreation activities. Opportunities must be adequately funded and accessible to those who cannot afford to purchase equipment, space, and training to ensure equity. This also applies to the hire of Council facilities for community events. Suggestions were given to provide sport and outdoor activities with equitable access, as well as public spaces catering to different needs and demographics (e.g. safe, fun and dedicated spaces for young people).

There were only a few mentions of social or cultural diversity, with acknowledgement that there is little awareness or celebration of cultural diversity and a desire expressed for more. When visioning the future for the Northern Beaches, residents would like to see community life celebrated, and for this to be inclusive of all cultures and areas.

BELONGING

Residents of the Northern Beaches feel that community connections should be prioritised together with other planning initiatives. They strongly value the community in which they live, which includes the friendliness of people, the social life in the area and the village feel the area has, particularly in Pittwater. Community comments address the need for belonging:

'The sense of community and that it feels like a small town.'

People identified the need for more networking, meeting places and support of cultural activities, for example, outdoor music and theatre events were seen as a way to bring people together.

Wellbeing and mental health should be strengthened, particularly for those at-risk groups. Health outcomes must be improved for youth and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population plus there was a concern that youth suicide is a significant problem despite the affluence of the area. Some residents identified a lack of awareness and understanding regarding disability, both physical and mental, within the Northern Beaches community. Residents felt that an increased feeling of community value and belonging can be achieved through leisure and social services, such as cultural and sporting facilities, by encouraging and promoting multiculturalism and, specifically, supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Suggestions for sporting and outdoor activities with equitable access were made; public spaces catering to different needs and demographics (e.g. safe, fun and dedicated spaces for young people); playground design that accommodates people with disability.

Experiences were different depending on location, e.g. there was a call for greater social cohesion and participation in the Dee Why area, whereas Avalon respondents made several suggestions for improvements but overall presented a very positive impression of the community connections in the community.

No change, Avalon has an excellent track record in relation to community connections and culture.'



Aboriginal heritage

Comments relating to Aboriginal culture and heritage were primarily in two areas.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL IDENTITY

People commented on the need for greater visibility of Aboriginal heritage. Aboriginal artworks need to be preserved and identifying plaques installed. Beach signs should include an appropriate Aboriginal language equivalent of the English terms used. A suggestion in Avalon was to 'place signage at southern end saying "Welcome to Garigal Country" and more information should be publically available on the Aboriginal history of the Pittwater peninsula'.

Most references to Aboriginal culture and heritage were from the Coast Walk Public Art Engagement Report 2019. The Coast Walk Public Art Working Group stated that it was essential to acknowledge and celebrate local culture through art opportunities that express Aboriginal stories and connection to place. People suggested 'stories of the area, including Aboriginal, environmental and cultural heritage' and that 'public art should explore Aboriginal heritage along the Coast Walk'.

EVENTS

Some respondents raised concerns that the area did not host any events during NAIDOC week in 2016. They felt there should have been 'some acknowledgement of the first peoples whose land this will always be'. Concerns were also raised that the 2018 event strategy did not mention the Guringai Festival, 'I was saddened to learn the Guringai Festival is not going ahead this year, it is always well received and a great opportunity to learn more from the Aboriginal community. Please bring it back!!' There was a suggestion to acknowledge Aboriginal Survival Day, 'acknowledge and educate the local community on the Aboriginal and Indigenous impact of the day of January 26, 1788'.

Recreation and open spaces

One of the core values consistently identified relates to lifestyle and recreation. This is considered one of the main reasons for living in the region, and a key priority for the Council in future planning of centres, villages and open spaces. Extensive consultation has been undertaken regarding the sportsground strategy and comments on this dominate this section.

There is general agreement that more sportsgrounds are needed but there are a variety of opinions on the best way to manage this and how to prioritise needs. People who were negative about the sportsground strategy felt *'there are enough sports fields already'* or that *'existing fields are being used below capacity'*. There were comments relating to the lack of long-term planning and a request to look at distribution throughout the area. Some felt that sporting groups need to pay more to use the fields and that sports fields encroach on informal recreation areas.

USING GOLF CLUB LAND FOR SPORTS FIELDS

Most sporting groups that lodged submissions were generally supportive of the Draft Sportsground Strategy in relation to the proposals for their sport in particular and, in some cases, for other sports also. Three sporting groups—Golf Australia, Golf NSW and Warringah Golf Club—were not at all supportive of the recommendation to convert all or part of any golf course to sports fields. Golf course supporters were over-represented in responses and skewed sentiment on the conversion of open spaces—without the inclusion of the conversion of golf courses there would be much higher community support for converting suitable open space to sportsgrounds.

Those who did support the conversion of golf courses in general to sportsgrounds cited reasons including an oversupply of golf courses/land for golf and an undersupply of sportsgrounds, plus the fact that golf courses are not accessible to the general community. Other comments argued that there are more field sport players than golf players, golf takes up a lot of public land, the ratio of golf courses per population is higher on the Northern Beaches than elsewhere, and there are enough full- and half-sized golf courses already.

Community responses opposing converting golf course land to sports fields argued that population increase and aging will increase the popularity of golf in the future and were strongly opposed to replacing golf courses with facilities for other sports. Golf is seen as a sport enjoyed by older people, although some argue that participation is decreasing overall.


PRESERVE OPEN SPACES

Comments related to finding a balance between sporting facilities, bushland, parks and other green spaces. Not all agreed that a sports field is necessarily an attractive open space for other forms of recreation, 'Apart from practice times during the week and weekends, these bleak open spaces are not used'.

Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon offered the view that Crown and private lands with environmental values such as bushland are not suitable for use as playing fields. They had no objections to private land acquisition for sports fields if there are no adverse environmental impacts. Some open space is considered suitable for conversion to sports fields, e.g. the driving range at Pittwater Golf Centre and the use of land at Fern Creek Road, Warriewood.

There is widespread agreement that parks and recreation are critical for community wellbeing. In commenting on this, some felt that the area has adequate open space and recreation opportunities, but these need to be better managed and maintained. Others noted that the high demand for active open space and sports fields indicates a need for more open spaces as the population grows. There were also a number of comments suggesting that sports fields are better maintained than passive open spaces.

NEED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS TO INCORPORATE SPORTS FIELDS

Apart from objections to using golf club land for sporting fields, the largest number of comments and the strongest feelings around this issue concerned development. A lack of planning when land is released and failure to make developers provide these facilities were the key themes.

The issue generated strong emotions.

'The Warriewood area has shamefully been allowed to develop into a dense family housing estate without any new fields.'

The lack of new sporting areas in new subdivisions generated many comments asking how many new sportsgrounds are to be created in the Warriewood and future Ingleside subdivisions. Suggestions that the residential development of Warriewood and nearby areas has proceeded without adequate consideration of open space and playing fields were expressed. It was argued that this should be the first priority before using other spaces (such as golf clubs). Sports fields should be located where they are most needed and be accounted for before areas are developed.

4 Walking and cycling recreation opportunities are included in Active travel

Acquisition of land for new was not supported because it might involve clearing bushland and has a high cost to taxpayers. Private land with no environmental value is preferred for new sports fields. There were some suggestions that greater efficiencies could be gained by changing the field allocation/scheduling process to maximise use, spreading the use across peak times, and requiring justification for allocations. A large number of submissions supported partnering with public, Catholic and private schools to allow community access to their sports fields and hardcourts for netball and basketball after school and on weekends.

Installing synthetic surfaces on some existing sports fields to enable greater use is generally supported. Objections to this argued that this is an expensive strategy that favours sports clubs and limits passive use by other residents.

ALTERNATIVES TO SPORTSGROUNDS

Some alternatives to providing additional outdoor sports fields and sports courts were put forward, such as the suggestion to build mountain biking, skating and other non-standard sports facilities to reduce demand for new sportsgrounds and indoor sport/netball courts for field and court sports.

There were a number of comments relating to the fact that there is more to life than sport.

'Remember that not everyone plays sport.'

Some argued that while more sports fields are required, this should not come at the expense of those who are not interested in sport, '*Replacing golf courses with sports fields is fine, that's sport for sport'*. Allowing sports fields to encroach into existing open spaces/parks/reserves should not be an option as sport disrupts the passive enjoyment of nature.

Concerns were raised regarding the proposed closure and relocation of the Warringah Aquatic Centre (WAC), including that the proposed new facility in the town centre will be less accessible, smaller and not match the current facilities. The WAC provides facilities and services that are utilised by a range of community members from children to senior residents; collectively, this adds to the social fabric of the locality and the loss of this facility would impinge on this. There was also concern about the potential loss of baseball fields and open space, which adjoin the existing WAC on the aquatic reserve.

The expansion of opportunities for dog exercise areas throughout the LGA was called for, both formal unleashed dog areas and more opportunities for dogs to be on the beach. Not everyone agreed with this, however, with some strongly opposed to dogs on beaches and sceptical of any further need.⁴



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Arts and creativity

People see the arts as a way of bringing people together and supporting community cohesion, which fosters community and individual wellbeing. Consultations in this area revealed general support for providing opportunities and places for artists, musicians and creatives. The Council needs to produce and encourage creative spaces and performance venues for theatre and the creative arts. Council should also provide community spaces for creative artists (e.g. painting, sculpture, music), especially as the arts help open up conversations around inclusion, connection and identity. Mixed views exist as to whether the Council should assist artists, although the majority stated that the Council should.

Most focus is on the northern end of the local government area—Mona Vale and Avalon. The community demonstrated a strong desire for establishing a new creative space in the northern part of the LGA, but not at the expense of existing facilities and opportunities.

More than 800 people (community members, artists, creatives and stakeholders) participated in the Arts and Creativity Strategy consultation in 2018, demonstrating the importance the community places on the arts being more accessible and visible. A core theme in the community consultation was the importance of arts and creativity to community (directly through arts opportunities as well as indirectly through the quality of the built environment). The report noted that current participation in the arts is high across all demographics but could be increased with more opportunities. Notably, participation was high in some activities, e.g. cinemas and film, cultural events and festivals, but low in more niche activities such as dance programs, creative enterprises and literary programs. Attendance frequency in niche activities was high due to a core group of regular attendees.

This is illustrative of consistent community feeling over a series of engagements. The Mona Vale Place Plan in 2016 revealed strong interest in the arts and creativity, *As a resident, the Place Plan is not just about jobs it is also about creating a vibrant creative arts and culture hub in Mona Vale'.* Similarly, the My Place Avalon consultation revealed a community that strongly identifies as a haven for artistic and creative activity, *Avalon is a hub of artistic talent looking for a studio space. It is a village so it should be easy to maintain the community spirit'.*

Some comments sought to have creative arts resources/ facilities being equally as significant as sports resources, demonstrating a perceived imbalance in priorities that should be corrected. The Creative Art Space Project consultation in 2017 revealed a keen appetite for increased cultural access and programming in the wider community. The arts community articulated a strong desire to come together to network, create and present their creative products. Artists at the northern end of the peninsula commented on the lack of dedicated arts space and opportunities but acknowledged the high interest in the arts and creative sector in the area. There were strong sentiments about creating a space that fostered connection, inclusion and happiness, where people of different ages and abilities could 'see and interact with the developing art scene on the Northern Beaches'.

What people loved about the idea of a new cultural space was the sense of ownership and the importance of the local community, 'It is a place where I can see and interact with the developing art scene on the Northern Beaches'. Strong sentiment was expressed about the village concept—ideas for how a creative space could work discussed mobile spaces and linked centres 'through the villages and activating village greens'.

While creative spaces should be of high quality, they must also be affordable, with community members wanting active engagement and a sense of control. The comments discussed initiating and driving creativity programs, and of having input into planning that affects 'land use, ephemeral art, busking and other public art initiatives that enhance the public domain'. This is also reflected in the level of engagement in the Walking Plan consultation—a large number of suggestions for where and what type of public art should be displayed to enhance the walking experience. The community vision is to embed art and creativity into everyday life, and discusses this as contributing to a more diverse place identity, 'getting people outside and engaging with the natural world'. In Avalon, there were suggestions of 'perhaps a local version of sculptures by the sea with local art in the parks and local artists commissioned to beautify the streetscape with street art'. In the Public Art engagement 2019, there was strong support for temporary programs, activations and participatory events (such as arts festivals and outdoor exhibitions) as experiences that community members would like to contribute to and enjoy along the Coast Walk in the future.



Creative arts contribute to building a strong and creative evening economy, which is important to making the Northern Beaches more liveable—particularly for young people and visitors. Young people participating in the Creative Art Space Project consultation were asked about Glen Street Theatre and the Art Gallery, and how would they improve them. Suggestions included more activities that connect people, give young people a platform to communicate, digital sharing in public spaces, open arts to younger generations such as 'Gen Next' at Museum of Contemporary Art, and more information and education on art production. Young people talked about the importance of creative spaces for belonging and identity, bringing the community together in safe environments.

There was strong interest in cinema and film-production generally. Young people thought the idea of film clubs or screenings could have broad appeal and promote community involvement. Support and need for a performance space in Mona Vale were discussed, with the majority of respondents in full support of the project and expressed the need for a venue of this type on the Northern Beaches. Concern about the amount of green space lost to this venture was a theme, as well as concerns that it should be affordable (and subsidised) for community groups to use. Other concerns included the possibility that ratepayers would heavily subsidise the venue if it did not make enough revenue, and that ambitions for a world-class venue would make it too expensive to build and, ultimately, a 'lemon' that wouldn't get used. Above all, the community want this venue to be a place they can be proud of that is welcoming to all, and they don't want it to be seen as just a 'school venue' but rather as a place for all different user and age groups from youths to seniors.



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PRIORITY AREA

Places

Character and lifestyle

The elements of character and heritage that are important to residents differ between locations to some degree. The three former councils had very different regional cultures, which is still evident even after their amalgamation. This comes to the forefront in Pittwater, where there is strong resistance to over-development that is not shared by the residents of Warringah and Manly.

Residents living on the Northern Beaches believe that the area they live in is distinctive, a special place secluded from surrounding areas. They believe the natural environment, including the beaches, bushland and waterways, as well as the community, lifestyle and 'casual' way of life gives the area a special feel. While the cut-off location of the Northern Beaches provides this uniqueness, for some a distinction was also found in the cultural diversity of the area. These distinctions give the residents a sense of passion, as well as a sense of ownership—they value living in the area so much they want to keep it all to themselves.

'Local identity and communities should be preserved.'

VILLAGES

The idea of villages, i.e. small, low density, low rise, connected, is very strong, particularly in the northern end of the LGA.

'Avalon is unique and a one of a kind a special village, please let's not over develop.'

'Preserving and enhancing the unique character and vibrancy of our villages.' The idea of villages links to a sense of community, where people relate their experience of the local community to being similar to a small town—'the small community feel'. They like that they can walk down the street and see people they know.

LOCATION

Residents value the area and have a sense of entitlement/ stewardship: 'Very special place, I feel like a custodian', 'Guardians'/custodians of areas/the environment linking out actions to the impacts', 'This is ours, we don't want anyone else to know about it'. Some value the distance from Sydney and the isolation this has created, 'Untouched natural paradise away from development'. It is described as city meets beach and the beaches are part of the local identity, 'the jewel of Sydney'. Residents consider themselves lucky to live in such a great area, surrounded by the natural environment and a part of a great community. So much so, that the majority said they would never leave.

'Felt like I won the lottery getting to live here.'

QUALITY OF LIFE/FULFILLMENT

The lifestyle and culture of the area give residents fulfillment. The feelings of satisfaction and happiness that residents gain from the environment and the community spirit in the area contribute to a high quality of life. They talk about the work-life balance, and how fortunate they are to live along these beaches and be able to work and live in the area. A 'summer lifestyle'.

An important element of quality of life is a relaxed, laid-back lifestyle. Avalon residents describe their village as a laid back, relaxed, unique local beach community. They want to retain these characters and 'not become just another northerm suburb of Sydney'. This sentiment applies across other areas of the LGA, 'Keep the open space' and 'Laid-back lifestyle'.



Many residents have memorable associations with the area, including the ocean, and many have a history with the area that provides them with a feeling of nostalgia.

'I like to think that one day we will have a generation of children who know the joys of going for a walk with their family along a beach.'

FEAR OF CHANGE/LOSS

Residents fear population growth will change the character of the area. They like their current ability to use services and facilities, and enjoy knowing they live in 'paradise', with few wanting to ever move out of the area. Mixed views are present on whether growth should be allowed, with some accepting that it is inevitable, and others fearing that an increased population will place pressure on all the community's aspirations and '*negatively impact on our quality* of life'. Concern was voiced about the impact of development on lifestyle, including whether it would be possible to enjoy a declining and potentially more populated natural environment.

'The insular peninsula – just enough of us, but way too many others that want to come over.'

There is the fear that soon this won't be the most liveable part of Sydney. Avalon residents feel very strongly that there is no need for change—they don't want to be like the rest of the Northern Beaches and certainly not like Dee Why. Some fear that new people moving into the area will change the character of unique neighbourhoods such as Avalon.

Local and neighbourhood centres

In the Placescore – Community Insights consultation in 2018, participants were asked 'What is your small or big idea to improve your local Town Centre?' Responses were summarised into key themes: transport related ideas around car accessibility and parking, and facilitating active modes of travel; streetscape design and beautification projects relating to tree plantings, green spaces and public art and design; activation related ideas, for example, places to gather and relax, culture and art, family friendly places and events. Residents also talked about the need for better restaurants, bars and cafes, more commercial diversity and local shops, better community activities, and less vacant shops and more upgrades. Individual centre findings reflect these trends. In Avalon, the top five town centre place attributes valued by respondents were elements of the natural environment (e.g. views, vegetation, topography and water); overall visual character of the area; outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating; vegetation and natural elements (e.g. street trees, planting and water) and cleanliness of public spaces.

'Significant planting like Newport in the centre of old Barrenjoey road.'

'Do something about empty shops. It makes the place look as if it's dying a death.'

Several comments were made pleading for no traffic lights at the intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade, with concerns that these would disrupt the village feel and add to congestion.

Mona Vale Town Centre is valued as a local centre that has a 'village character'. Most agree that there are some development opportunities and the centre can be uplifted, with 'placemaking' activities and 'enlivening' the centre being generally supported. For many respondents, there remains some uncertainty around the ability for the existing infrastructure to cope with the additional population. Others believe that if the Council retains the Mona Vale Town Centre as it currently is or with limited change, they can preserve the current lifestyle and community amenity, and protect against anti-social behaviour and transient population effects. There is general opposition to increased height limits from 4 storeys to 6 storeys based on potential building bulk and overshadowing.

A large number of responses were transport related, with many of these relating to support for additional car infrastructure and increased car accessibility and parking. Improving pedestrian crossings and safety, especially along Pittwater Road, was important to respondents.

In Brookvale, there is concern that, because the town centre is divided by Pittwater Road, high traffic volumes will fail to deliver an active centre. Suggestions were received from the community to promote activation and placemaking on roads that run parallel to Pittwater Road and for the provision of a pedestrian-orientated environment and community space away from Pittwater Road.

There is concern that the Brookvale Town Centre plan lacks placemaking vision to create vibrant active hubs, with the belief that the plan should include multiple active hubs.⁵

5 Further comment on Brookvale as a strategic centre can be found in Strengthening strategic centres

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Overall, the business community is concerned with parking and landscape controls in the village centres, with the appearance of the villages and town centres being important to businesses (e.g. the Balgowlah improvement program is expected to revitalise the retail strip).

Respecting heritage

Where mentioned, heritage was spoken about in general terms, such as 'maintaining the ambiance and heritage of the area' or appreciating the 'history and heritage of Pittwater/northern beaches' or even celebrating 'the heritage of the entire NBC area'. There was not a great amount of detail on this—as one respondent commented, 'heritage issues seem to be reduced to one sentence'. As the Northern Beaches provide beachside and waterway recreation for a large and growing part of the Greater Sydney population, one comment suggested seeking special recognition and status for Northern Beaches in the Greater Sydney Commission Plan with a 'focus on appropriate economic development and tourism as an R&R area for a vast part of the greater Sydney metro area'.

INDIGENOUS HERITAGE

The most common references were regarding the need to recognise and retain Indigenous heritage. This was raised in a number of contexts—public art, and community connections and culture, *'Indigenous heritage needs more priority'*. It was noted that Aboriginal heritage is being increasingly recognised and valued, with the example being given of the Moon Rock Aboriginal Place nomination.

'Preserve any Aboriginal sites and acknowledge their connections; There is very little links with our indigenous heritage in Avalon.'

NATURAL HERITAGE

Protecting the environment deserves a higher priority or the area will continue to lose unique areas of natural heritage. 'Northern beaches is losing forest, trees, heritage etc to make way for wider roads and more cars, which will generate more congestion'. Respondents felt that the community faces serious issues in conserving natural heritage, 'Conservation is just as important as development, especially from a (multi) cultural heritage perspective'.

BUILT HERITAGE

Heritage buildings are mentioned in relation to new development planning. The Warringah Golf Club is noted as having recognised heritage values that must be maintained and enhanced. The Barrenjoey Headland and Light House are referred to as 'the jewel in the crown of Pittwater', with the importance of preserving these for future generations.

The term heritage is used in a number of other contexts—garden heritage, and cultural and religious heritage. There should be a 'permanent home for the Avalon Beach Historical Society collection' and two submissions suggested the establishment of a local surfing museum as part of preserving the local identity and for tourism purposes. In Ingleside, community submissions made several comments regarding the natural, Aboriginal and built heritage of the precinct, Appropriate curtilage be maintained around the landmark Baha'l Temple'.

Respecting heritage is a challenging task, with the consultation with Mona Vale Surf Lifesaving Club discovering that most respondents supported the incorporation of heritage elements in the design as they believed the design would embrace the club's history and future achievements.

One criticism of the design was that, 'The design of the building is not in touch with the history of surf lifesaving, could be more aligned with historical pavilion'.





Connectivity

Public transport

The community feel that local transport connectivity is poor. As one participant stated, 'it all comes back to local transport. The local suburb interconnectivity does not exist'.

The need for connections is very important and a variety of issues are mentioned, '*No way to get from Fairlight to anywhere'*, '*Few connections from Warringah Mall to Freshwater'*, '*Nothing too much of North Balgowlah after dark'*. People also noted that there is no direct public transport from 'hinterland' to Dee Why or Mona Vale or Manly. The 2016 Mona Vale Place Plan consultation highlighted the need to increase public transport including the lack of services to the west (i.e. Chatswood, Ryde, new hospital precinct):

'For buses, keep the L90 route, new routes, more frequent buses, electric buses, and timetables to improve services and connectivity – especially East-West.'

Cross country services need to link to major transport routes, 'Connecting to the city is important but without local connections we get nowhere'. It reduces access to local businesses, decreases the local night-time economy, turns the roads to chaos on weekends and forces entrepreneurs out of the area. More buses (i.e. electric) are needed on hilltop suburbs to alleviate car trips.

Better public transport in the suburbs is also linked to the ideas of reducing car use and keeping excess cars and congestion out of 'village' areas, 'More public transport in the suburbs based on E88/E89 and E90 buses. Keep cars and public transport out of Avalon CBD as much as possible'. Improving the Northern Beaches school bus system (and getting cars off the road) could be achieved by a 'flexible system of medium-sized electric buses to complete all morning and afternoon school runs'.

Council should propose that 'every fourth B-Line bus goes all the way to Palm Beach, otherwise terminate at Mona Vale rather than at Newport'. People also suggested that the Council should have a stronger focus on the need for minibuses to increase connectivity between main B-Line routes and the suburbs. There were concerns that an expansion of the B-Line service to Newport would most likely create a new traffic issue for that area. However, a B-Line bus to Chatswood, via the hospital, was supported by participants.

Active travel

Active travel has been the subject of several engagement activities, both as part of a general transport strategy consultation and regarding specific activities such as walking and cycling. The level of community enthusiasm is evident in the high consultation participation levels and the nature of the feedback given. While people talked about problems or things that need to be fixed, they also extolled the benefits of the activity and how much they would like to do more. This aligns with the lifestyle aspirations of the area—the vision many have for life on the Northern Beaches is one that enables an outdoor lifestyle that can make the most of the natural environmental benefits of the area, which is sustainable and connected.

Through all consultations, there is broad support from community members and stakeholders for a greater focus on active transport.

WHY IS ACTIVE TRAVEL A GOOD IDEA?

Environmentally friendly

Comments referred to the fact that cycling is a more sustainable form of transport in light of rapid population growth, and 'cheaper than insanely expensive road upgrades'. There are benefits to the natural environment because less space needs to be given to the creation of roads.

Many noted significant benefits in reducing the number of cars on the road—not just for decreasing traffic congestion but in reducing pollution, thus making a positive contribution to helping maintain the natural environment.



Overcome extended travel times due to road congestion

More people walking or cycling would ease local traffic congestion, particularly in local centres where this is a significant problem, 'The traffic is so bad in local centres that it takes forever to drive locally'.

Increase health and wellbeing with physical exercise

Most people supporting this idea mention the physical and mental health benefits of exercise. For both walking and cycling, the activity is considered healthy only in so far as it is safe; safety issues are the most prominent concern across all consultations. In offering support for the Mona Vale Place plan, The Heart Foundation also emphasised that communication strategies and a behavioural change program should be linked to supportive built environments:

'Cycling is brilliant not just for physical health but mental wellbeing.'

WHY DON'T THEY RIDE/WALK AS MUCH AS THEY WOULD LIKE?

Poor standard of current cycling infrastructure

Concerns about the standard of infrastructure currently available are a consistent theme, which was also mentioned as a key need in planning new residential developments.

For those travelling to work, some considered active transport to the city as being unrealistic, unless bike paths were built to Manly Wharf and end of trip facilities were provided at destinations. End of trip facilities should be a priority for the Council—areas such as the Manly Ferry terminal, B-Line stations and parks were frequently mentioned as places that need more facilities, such as bike racks to safely lock bicycles.

Many comments related to the need for dedicated on-road cycle lanes in each direction to facilitate/encourage more riders to commute to work in greater safety. One example, the roadworks at the north end of Forest Way, was seen as a great opportunity to put in cycle lanes. Other respondents asked about plans for e-bicycle lanes in Seaforth, improved cycleways through Dee Why Shopping Centre and from near Hawkesbury Avenue to Delmar, and whether cyclists could share the bus lanes with the B-Line service.

A few participants indicated it is important to understand that different bicycle users have different needs. A focus on this difference was identified as a way to approach cycling in the Northern Beaches. For example, acknowledging there is a growing interest in cycling as a group sport would help to identify infrastructure needs and create opportunities to accommodate this cycling group together with those community members who commute by bicycle or who cycle for casual recreational purposes.

Cycling is dangerous with cars

The community interested in active travel overwhelmingly ask for separate cycleways. They consider riding with cars dangerous and a barrier to increasing active travel. Many said they would ride more if they could be physically separated from cars. Marked cycleways on the road were not considered a safe alternative:

'Cycle ways that are on the road, with a bicycle painted on the road are insulting and laughable and worse than nothing.'

A lack of continuity affects perceptions of safety—having a separate lane for '*just a short stretch then push cyclists to share a road with cars*' doesn't work.

Not everyone is totally in support of separate bike lanes, a non-cyclist observed that bikes are still on footpaths (in Freshwater) even though bike lanes are present there. This was seen as a waste of expenditure.

Shared paths are not safe for anyone

Safety on shared paths is an important issue for both pedestrians and people riding bicycles. Complaints from pedestrians often relate to feeling uncomfortable with bicycles passing in close proximity and the speed at which they travel.

Bicycle riders often encounter pedestrians wearing headphones, dogs (on and off leash) and unpredictable movements of children. Cyclists also commented that sharing with pedestrians is dangerous, some even suggesting this was worse than riding on the road.

Overall, community responses support the idea that walking and cycling should be appropriately separated with infrastructure that caters for these different users. This physical separation was considered important to improve the safety for all users and to improve accessibility.



Lack of connectivity

Arguably, the largest barrier to people choosing to ride bicycles is the lack of connectivity of the off-road cycling network. Manly people would be more willing to ride a bicycle if their route did not require them to cycle on a road with motor vehicle traffic. This is the experience reported by both leisure riders and those commuting to work.

Improving cycling connectivity was also mentioned by some participants as a way of encouraging different user groups to cycle. Addressing these missing links by retrofitting existing infrastructure was highlighted as an option to encourage walking and cycling through areas that people are already familiar with. Road crossings were mentioned as barriers where there were safety concerns, with crossing busy roads/ junctions and needing to compete with traffic a concern for many. Connectivity to key attractors such as schools, shopping centres and public transport was repeatedly mentioned by participants. Participants considered that improving these links would improve walking networks in the Northern Beaches area.

Driver behaviour towards cyclists

There was a common concern that people often felt unsafe or threatened by motor vehicle drivers when cycling on Northern Beaches roads. Most people agreed that the majority of motor vehicle drivers were respectful towards people riding bicycles; however, it was felt that there are many occasions where people felt unsafe. Comments referred to the negative attitudes of motorists, and of a culture of antagonism toward cyclists in Sydney:

'I cycle to work but recently have become too scared because of the attitudes of motorists.'

It was felt that more could be done regarding driver education and community mentality to improve attitudes towards cycling and cyclists.

Safety and accessibility

People talked about creating more pedestrian precincts and improving the condition of footpaths to remove trip hazards and also for better lighting at night in some areas. Some areas are considered generally unsafe for walking:

'I would like to feel more safe and secure when walking around The Corso as there are undesirable elements there both day and night.' Across all areas, pedestrian safety was a significant and major concern, primarily in those areas where community members indicated that they need to walk on the road due to the lack of a footpath. The lack of footpaths at both Palm Beach and Whale Beach received particular attention. Quality of paths was also identified as a concern as some participants found that uneven surfaces and tree roots can represent hazards for people with disability or reduced mobility. The current width of footpaths was also mentioned by participants, as future paths need to accommodate different users. Special attention was given to people pushing prams and people using wheelchairs, as they need wider spaces to move without affecting other types of users. This is part of a wider concern around accessibility and provision of infrastructure that accommodates people with disability and reduced mobility.

There is also clear community interest in encouraging schoolaged children to use footpaths to commute to and from schools. As such, the provision of footpaths near schools is seen as a priority.

These participants indicated that accessibility was related to the level of pleasure in the activity and highlighted that this infrastructure could encourage elderly people, school children and people using mobility devices to use walking and cycling facilities more frequently:

Reliable and safe footpaths around the community can definitely encourage more users, especially the elderly people.'

Children riding to school

The importance of encouraging active travel from an early age was mentioned by some participants in a number of consultations. More options for school children to safely commute to and from school using cycling infrastructure would reduce the need for parents to use cars to dropoff and pick-up their children, e.g. suitable infrastructure is required within a 3 km radius of schools and more initiatives such as Ride2School should be introduced. This was another argument for separate cycleways.

High school students commented on the need to prioritise active transport options, particularly footpath and cycling path upgrades. Providing bike carriage spaces on buses was also mentioned by young people as a way to promote the use of active transport in the Northern Beaches.



Beaches Link Tunnel

The primary consultation for this project was the engagement around the Beaches Link Tunnel submission, where there was overall community support in the feedback received on the proposed Beaches Link project:

'The Beaches Link Tunnel is necessary to the whole of the Northern Beaches to relieve congestion and to speed up the movement between the NB and the rest the city.'

There were also serious concerns about the impacts construction and operation would have on local amenities, nearby properties and schools, and on local traffic and the environment. The main themes identified were:

- Link Road and connectivity to the portal—concerns about the design and the potential for congestion with the introduction of traffic signals on Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation. There were also concerns that the Link Road will destroy the open space and recreational facilities in this area, particularly that members of the golf club will be losing an asset they have worked hard to preserve and want to grow for future generations. Questions were raised as to why other areas further north cannot be considered as entry points to the tunnel.
- Emission—stacks, filters and location are of considerable concern, with people worried about the long-term impacts on nearby properties, education facilities and future green space use, 'The technology being applied to this scale of tunnel is insufficient to other countries and the level of investment in the project (i.e. more should be spent coming up with a better solution)'. In the survey, emission stack location and operation was rated the most important element of the project to respondents and many comments expressed very strong concerns about the health impacts associated with emissions from the stacks.
- Construction impacts on local roads, congestion issues and increased risk for nearby schools and local roads from the additional roads created by this project.

Prior to the community forum, over 40 submissions had been received by the Council. The majority of these submissions were provided by Balgowlah local residents, Balgowlah Golf Club members, and parents and families of school children in the Balgowlah area. The majority of these submissions were not opposed to the tunnel per se, but strongly objected to the Link Road and the loss of green space. Many respondents were also concerned about the environmental impacts the project would generate during construction and operation.

Furthermore, a recurring theme was the potential loss of property value associated with the Link Road.

Some participants indicated concern that the proposed Beaches Link Tunnel would provide a further incentive for people in the Northern Beaches to use their private cars. These participants indicated that the proposed tunnel should only be used for public transport. Participants proposed additional measures, such as 24-hour clear lanes on congested roads and dedicated peak hour lanes for buses, which could encourage more efficient use of the existing road network. The issue of increased use of private cars was raised in the Bike Plan consultation that *'motorways only encourage more people to drive which in turn leads to more congestion and pollution? Just a vicious cycle'* and *'Imagine the quality of Active Travel Infrastructure that could be built with 1/8th of that budget'*.

Freight

There were relatively few comments relating to freight and logistics issues, with most comments regarding road use and the capacity of local roads to cope with increased traffic. Road upgrades must include the capacity for public transport to be given priority. Effective capacity can be increased by policy changes, such as increasing delivery hours and better planning for freight delivery needs during development:

'Freight should not be on the road at the peak commuter times.'

Limiting the length of freight vehicles that are permitted on major roads was suggested, due to existing road constraints and the increased safety risk to other road users, '*put freight and shipping containers back on trains and off dangerous trucks clogging the roads'*.

Road network

Issues around an efficient road network have been a consistent theme throughout the series of consultations. How residents move around was the leading challenge identified in 2017 for the next four years, owing to congested roads and lack of public transport. This theme is evident in other consultations where there are frequent references to improving traffic, active transport and public transport.

In qualitative feedback, people acknowledge there is no simple solution to problems with transport and traffic. People draw a strong link between development, population growth and traffic congestion. This comes up in consultations related to transport but also in many other contexts, i.e. liveability and preservation of the area. Many participants indicated that the cause of increased traffic is 'over development' in the Northern Beaches area and that limiting future urban development should be one of Council's priorities.



PARKING

Parking as a related issue receives considerable attention. This is more important to residents in the southern parts of the LGA (i.e. Manly, Dee Why and Frenchs Forest) than in areas further north. In one consultation, there was a particularly strong focus on road and parking infrastructure in Manly, with most people believing this was an area requiring more effort from Council. This was primarily because of the high demand for parking around Manly, the perceived inadequacy of Council rangers policing parking and confusion around some parking signage.

Parking for motorcycles is becoming a priority, which people feel should be addressed as part of the transport strategy, with motorbike and scooter users included as a separate group. People feel that traffic congestion has led to the increased use of these vehicles, and there is a need to make it possible for these users to share the road with bigger vehicles, and manage parking options.

INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

Many prioritise further investment in public transport infrastructure to create a more efficient transport network for the Northern Beaches. Some suggestions include using existing infrastructure for dedicated bus lanes and creating feeder options linking residential areas with train stations, which would help to create an efficient road network.

BETTER CONNECTIVITY

The efficiency of the existing road network could be improved through greater efficiency in the public transport network, with better connections to places beyond the Northern Beaches area helping to provide more frequent, direct and efficient public transport. People making this suggestion preferred improving the efficiency of the existing network to providing additional road infrastructure for the Northern Beaches.

Ferry services were also frequently mentioned as a public transport option to increase connectivity between the Northern Beaches and the Sydney CBD. Participants specifically mentioned that the Clontarf CBD and Manly CBD connections required further investigation.

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Residents indicated that they are eager to consider alternative travel options, such as public and active transport, to reduce current road congestion. There is strong support for Council taking on a stronger advocacy role when liaising with State Government on transport and traffic issues.

Public and community transport options are considered the best way to manage traffic congestion issues. Participants indicated that better use of road infrastructure would achieve better public transport travel times and encourage public transport use. Solutions such as clearways and dedicated lanes for public transport during peak hours were identified as options to consider:

'Dedicated bus lanes are the answer for the Northern beaches and Park and Ride Car Parks.'

One of the main concerns relates to frequency of current bus services, specifically the B-Line services and after-hours (or late night) services. Providing feeder buses for the B-Line services was repeatedly mentioned as a way to increase public transport use.

INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AND LAND-USE

Consultation in this area revealed concerns about the current need to travel to and from the Sydney CBD. Several participants indicated that activating town centres could provide local job opportunities and reduce the need for people to travel in and out of the Northern Beaches. Participants also agreed with the need for well-designed urban development, which integrates different transport modes with land-use and addresses current population growth. However, the potential to provide mass transit systems attracted contrasting community opinions, directly related to the reliance these systems have on higher density urban development.

The consistency of community thinking in this issue is demonstrated in the most recent consultation, LSPS 2019, where key concerns included addressing traffic generated by increased density; strengthening public transport; overcoming reliance on cars and resulting congestion, by providing improved, further-reaching, quicker and more affordable public transport; continually improving cycleways and walkways; more and longer bus lanes; more restricted bus stops in peak hour; more fast ferries from Manly to Sydney CBD) and addressing school traffic (e.g. through improvements to bus services and staggered school times).



Alternate transport models

EXPANDING FERRY TRAVEL

People love travelling by ferry: 'Wonderful to be able to travel into the city by ferry and now with the fast ferry running even more frequent it is so quick'.

Most comments around ferries related to connections and expansion of options. Many mentions were made regarding active travel and efficiency of the need for better connections to, and facilities supporting connections with, ferries, particularly the Manly ferry. A number of suggestions for expanding the options for ferry travel include a Pittwater Ferry to access Palm Beach and Mona Vale, possible ferry services from various bays, small feeder minibus service, a Mona Vale Ferry offshore to Dog Park Wharf, ferry from Roseville Chase to the city and extending a central coast ferry to Mona Vale.

Ferries were seen as a possible solution to some areas of traffic congestion, for example, 'regular ferry services from centres such as Clontarf that would effectively reduce the congestion and bottleneck that Spit Road, Mosman through and along Military Road to Neutral Bay'. Cost of travel on ferries is an issue for some, with the harbour option (ferry/fast ferry) once being equivalent in cost to buses but is now nearly double. Subsidising ferry use would probably be far cheaper than building infrastructure using the roads (or a tunnel).

NEXT GENERATION TRANSPORT MODELS

Some initiatives were proposed to develop strategies to identify next generation transport models and the required business case to support them. Some recognise 'the massive impact' that automotive technology changes will have with self-driving cars that is likely to happen in the next 10 years. This is seen as a significant factor in making car transport much more efficient, 'hopefully the arrival of the driverless cars will solve the traffic choking'. People offering these ideas think it is critical for council to plan ahead for electric cars and one respondent said they would like to see Council members driving electric cars and using public transport themselves. Community views on the potential use of autonomous vehicles on Northern Beaches roads revealed a desire for caution, with further research needed about implementing driverless technologies. As the safety and efficiency of this alternative technology are yet to be proven, general community perceptions were conservative.

Some also identified the need to encourage/develop systems, technology, and so on to encourage more people to share cars during peak hours.

Mass transit

There are a range of perspectives on mass transit—some see a combination of mass transit and active transport working well together to reduce congestion, whereas others view mass transit as equalling overdevelopment.

A feeling that there should be more pressure on the State Government to solve public transport issues, e.g. underground metros and bypasses, 'Council should grab the nettle and with its increased scale push for new and improved trunk roads (e.g. direct connection from Wakehurst Parkway to Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation) plus train line'.

A number of residents indicated that mass transit systems such as trains or light rail should be improved to cater for current population growth. Suggestions for major corridors included two lanes along Mona Vale Rd and Wakehurst Parkway, fixing of the Narrabeen bridge and the elevation and widening of the Wakehurst Parkway to deal with floods and increasing traffic.

The Northern Beaches Tunnel is seen as important for improving traffic flows to and from the Northern Beaches. It will ease congestion on Warringah Road and the Spit Bridge/Spit/Military Roads and allow greater cross-connectivity to other areas of Sydney. This would also provide access to the proposed third road harbour crossing to M4 and Badgerys Creek Airport.



Efficiency

Environmental sustainability

The word 'sustainable' was used in the context of sustainable development, protecting the environment, waste minimisation, reducing energy and water consumption and elevating climate change as a key issue in planning for growth.

Community feedback highlighted the value the community places on environmental sustainability and the need to change behaviours around reducing single-use plastics, conserving energy and reuse and recycling at events.

Suggestions for more sustainable built environments included efficient water use, support for solar power, new buildings with sustainable products that blend into the environment and the promotion of clean energy. New precincts are an opportunity for sustainable development.







Resiliency

Natural hazards and pollution

Few areas addressed these issues. The need to evacuate for emergencies such as bushfires is mentioned in the Ingleside development consultation, and urban heat and the role of the tree canopy was identified by some community members in discussions about urban tree cover. Natural hazards of flooding and erosion were briefly mentioned for protecting the coast and waterways.

Pollution as a central theme is mentioned in a number of contexts, with noise pollution an issue for residents in urban areas from traffic, dogs and leaf blowers. Waste pollution is a problem in streets, beaches and waterways, with respondents calling for better catchment management and waste practices to stop rubbish going into creeks and onto beaches during storms.

Air quality is being affected by wood heaters in winter, which is considered endemic in the Northern Beaches and there are calls for a policy to control this. Some benefits were identified for improving transport networks and active travel relate to the potential to reduce pollution from cars, while there are concerns about the pollution from heavy trucks and tunnel emission stacks.







Conclusion

This report has reviewed a wide range of community engagement reports. While they focus on different priorities and geographic areas within the local government area, community sentiment on key issues remains consistent over time.

Core values identified in the early consultations have remained consistent throughout. Residents value the unique lifestyle they feel living on the Norther Beaches affords them, and have a keen wish to preserve this in the face of development pressures. The values that underpin this lifestyle are about belonging to a distinctive community, safety, and work life balance. Residents strongly value the community in which they live. This includes the friendliness of people, the social life in the area and the village feel the area has.

Concern about development is voiced in nearly all consultations. The impact on transport, traffic congestion, population growth, housing affordability and the environment are constant themes. Fear of change is really the fear of loss of what they have now and a sense of not having any control. Whilst many accept growth is "inevitable", they argue strongly for development to be controlled, and infrastructure provided to support growth. It has been observed that opt-in methods of consultation and requests for suggestions can skew to negative responses. This is evident in much community feedback, however, while negative sentiments may be expressed about the impact of development and other issues, there is also great enthusiasm for initiatives that build community, cultural and lifestyle opportunities.



Appendix 1 Project List

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1	2016 Community Strategic Plan CE Report Stage 1					
2	2016 Draft Mona Vale Place Plan Public Exhibition and Consultation Outcomes Report					
3	Community Engagement Policy and Matrix 2017 Summary of Submissions					
4	Northern Beaches Council: Department of Premier and Cabinet survey results					
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1	Community Engagement Report: Draft Northern Beaches Sportsgrounds Strategy – Final July 2017					
2	Northern Beaches Council – Sportsgrounds Golf Courses Discussion Paper – Community Engagement Report, May 2017					
3	Community Strategic Plan Community Engagement Report Stage 2					
4	Community Strategic Plan Community Engagement Report Stage 3					
5	LRC Presentation 31052017 – Stage 2 Community Engagement on Community Strategic Plan					
6	Micromex Report – Brand Identity Desk Research – 2017-03-14					
7	Community Satisfaction Survey – Micromex report July 2017 FINAL					
8	Ingleside submissions overview report, 25 October 2017					
9	New Creative Space – Summary of Community engagement findings phase 1, 17 August – 2 October 2017, FINAL					
10	Place Score – Frenchs Forest (I)					
11	Report_on_consultation_for_the_Northern_Beaches_DIAPFINAL					
12	Response to submissions hospitals report 2017					
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1	YSNB Shape 2028 Attachment 2 Community Engagement Report – Community Strategic Plan, Stage 2					
2	Report: Northern Beaches Council, Community Research, 16 July 2018 Final					
3	CE Summary Report Arts & Creative- 27 November 2018 (3)					
4	Comment Form Of My Place Avalon 22 February 2018					
5	Place Partners – Avalon Place Score Community Insights Report – My Place Avalon					
6	Community Engagement Report – Beaches Link Tunnel Submission – v4.0					
7	Brookvale Structure Plan 2018 – Response to Submissions Report					



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11	Northern Beaches FGD – Environment Strategy					
12	FINAL Northern Beaches Environmental Perceptions Survey Benchmark Report – Combined Report – Instinct and Reason					
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20	Engagement Summary Report – MVSLSC – Final Oct, 2018					
21	Northern Beaches Walking Plan Community Engagement Report Phase 1					
22	Delivery Program CE Report Stage 2					
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2	DRAFT – Consultation Summary Report – Community Centre Strategy – 20181015					
3	NBC LSPS SRG Workshop Report FINAL 080319 with appendices					
4	Place Score – Final LSPS Insights Report 2019					
5	Community Engagement Draft Report – Public Art 2019					
6	LSPS Post Registration Survey RESULTS 04.03.2019					
7	NBC LSPS Engagement Report FINAL					



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8.2 Appendix Two: Northern Beaches Placescore LSPS insights report



ABOUT PLACE SCORE AND THIS RESEARCH

USING PLACE SCORE FOR YOUR LEP UPDATE

Place Score has been working with both Local and State Government to identify priorities in town centres and neighbourhoods based on whom we consider to be the experts - the people living and experiencing these places everyday.

Our Town Care Factor tool is composed of 50 different town centre related attributes. The attributes have been categorised against the Greater Sydney Commission's directions to act as indicators.

This LSPS Insights Report also features analyses of an open-ended question - providing an additional community input for strategic planning.

WHERE AND WHEN WAS THIS DATA COLLECTED?

Between 11th May 2018 and 1st July 2018 Place Score collected 3198 Town Centre Care Factor surveys for the Northern Beaches Council LGA via online and face-to-face surveys. This data provides insights for Council's LSPS. Only data collected from residents of the Northern Beaches was used for this report.

TOWN CENTRE CARE FACTOR SURVEY

Which place attributes are most important to you in your ideal town centre?

- 3198 residents from across the LGA
- Respondents were asked 'What is your big or small idea to make your town centre better?'
- 1716 people shared their ideas.
- The online survey was live from 11th May 2018 to 1st July 2018.

ABOUT YOUR RESPONDENTS



Notes: Confidence level At the LGA level a 95% confidence level can be assumed for all data included in this report with a margin of error of ±1.7% for all Care Factor data At the suburb level. Care Factor data has a standard error of less than ±6.5%... ^{10,2%} of respondents did not specify their gender. ²Contrary to the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Place Score groups the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Place Score ©2019 | P.2 Northern Beaches Council | LSPS Insights Report | April 2019



LSPS INSIGHTS (1/3)

WHAT A PLACE IS... AND WHAT IT WANTS TO BE

Your LSPS is fundamentally a 20-year vision for the future land uses across the Northern Beaches Local Government Area. While your Town Centre Care Factor data is not specifically focussed on land use, it is valuable in defining your community's desired place experience; that is, the attributes that are most important in their ideal town centre / main street environment.

Town centres are particularly important for communities, they are the focus for economic exchange, local jobs, socialisation, gathering and celebration. They tend to be the node for transport and as such attract higher densities and a population that wants to be proximate to amenity. As such they service a higher percentage of the community and should reflect local needs and values.

Community values regarding these special shared places can be extrapolated over the wider LGA to help shape your vision for the future.

WHEN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE NORTHERN BEACHES, THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS THEY SUMMARISE WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY SELECTED AS THEIR TOP CARE FACTORS:

Unique and respected landscape features including street trees, vegetation, water, views or topography

Cleanliness and maintenance of public spaces and infrastructure

Attractive and high quality design and materials that will stand the test of time

Public spaces that are attractive and welcoming to a diverse range of people

Legible and safe walking and cycling paths and public transport

Notes:

Your vision directions are based on the top 10 Care Factors for the Northern Beaches LGA. Attributes have been grouped by themes and then ranked based on the importance of these elements to respondents.



#1

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LSPS INSIGHTS (2/3)

PLACE SCORE HAS REVIEWED AND SUMMARISED THE TOWN CENTRE CARE FACTOR INPUTS OF OVER 3000 NORTHERN BEACHES RESIDENTS TO IDENTIFY FIVE KEY COMMUNITY INSIGHTS FOR THE FUTURE.

Unique and respected landscape features including street trees, vegetation, water, views or topography

#1



"More natural vegetation surrounding the area [...] greater integration of nature into public spaces." FEMALE, 15-24 YEARS OLD

- Protect and retain existing landscape areas and tree canopy
- Use landscape or vegetation as a unique point of difference in newly developing areas
- Ensure there is no net loss of vegetation in developing areas
- Retain view corridors to the sea or feature high points by integrating a publicly accessible look out



Cleanliness and maintenance of public spaces and infrastructure



"Better cleaning of public facilities. Bins, toilets, plaza areas [...]." FEMALE, 65-84 YEARS OLD

- Plan for the ongoing care, cleaning and maintenance of facades, shared or public spaces and amenities
- Consider materials that look clean and are easy to maintain over time



Notes:

Your vision directions and associated guidelines are based on the top 10 Care Factors for the Northern Beaches LGA Attributes have been grouped by themes and then ranked based on the importance of these elements to respondents Builet point recommendations have been developed by Place Score as examples of actions that can work towards delivering each community insight. Place Score©2019 | P.4 Northern Beaches Council | LSPS Insights Report | April 2019



LSPS INSIGHTS (3/3)



Attractive and high quality design and materials that will stand the test of time



"Retain heritage buildings. New developments should be interesting and architecturally designed" FEMALE, 25-34 YEARS OLD

- Consider design excellence panels to support the delivery of high quality new built form and public realm that will age well
- Protect layers of history through adaptive reuse rather than demolition
- Provide or protect distinguished street trees, plantings or water feature
- Provide a cohesive design for the built environment

Notes:

Public spaces that are attractive and welcoming to a diverse range of people

#4



"A managed, compliant and welcoming environment reflecting the nearby bush land wherever possible." MALE, 75-84 YEARS OLD

- Ensure areas of increasing density integrate substantive and high quality public domain suitable for gathering, play, outdoor dining and other community and social activity
- Provide 'visual cues' that are inviting to people of all ages and interests
- Consider how to create a sense of safety for all types of users, during both day and night

#5

Legible and safe walking and cycling paths and public transport



"Dedicated off road and safe bike riding paths." FEMALE, 45-54 YEARS OLD

• Limit underground car parking entries on main streets

- Limit at grade parking areas that disconnect residents from retail or recreation areas
- Provide street crossings where they best connect destinations and along desire lines
- Provide signage and physical connections to wider walking networks

Your vision directions and ossociated guidelines are based on the top 10 Care Factors for the Northern Beaches LGA. Attributes have been grouped by themes and then ranked based on the importance of these elements to respondents. Builet point recommendations have been developed by Place Score as examples of actions that can work towards delivering each community insight. Place Score©2019 | P.5 Northern Beaches Council | LSPS Insights Report | April 2019



REGION PLAN AND PLACE ATTRIBUTES

A SAFE, CLEAN, WALKABLE, FUN, GREEN AND COMFORTABLE NORTHERN BEACHES

The Greater Sydney Commission's Region Plan sets out 10 directions. Out of these, six are aligned with Place Score's Town Centre Care Factor. This tables illustrates the top two Place Score attributes your community cares the most about - in regards to each of your Region Plan's directions.

NORTHERN DISTRICT PLAN DIRECTIONS		TOP TOWN CENTRE COMMUNITY VALUES	NORTHERN BEACHES LGA	SYDNEY METRO AVERAGE
	Celebrating diversity and putting people at the heart of planning	Sense of safety (for all ages, genders, day/night etc.)	45.1%	51%
Liveability		Evidence of public events happening here (markets, street entertainers etc.)	37.9%	41%
Livea	Designing places for people	Cleanliness of public space	64.8%	65.9%
		Overall look and visual character of the area	54.3%	48.6%
	Developing a more accessible and walkable city	Ease of walking around (including crossing the street, moving between destinations)	47.8%	43.1%
ctivity		Walking paths that connect to other places	39%	36%
Productivity	Creating the conditions for a stronger economy	Outdoor restaurant, cafe and/or bar seating	58.1%	48.6%
		Things to do in the evening (shopping, dining, entertainment etc.)	38.6%	39.1%
	Valuing green spaces and landscape	Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)	71.8%	63.8%
Sustainability		Vegetation and natural elements (street trees, planting, water etc.)	55.6%	51.5%
	Adapting to a changing world	Physical comfort (including noise, smells, temperature)	17.7%	22.4%
		Shelter/awnings (protection from sun, rain etc.)	10.6%	13.7%



Notes: Only the directions correlating with Place Score Town Centre attributes are represented. Sydney Metro average based on data collected in councils defined as being part of the Greater Sydney by the Greater Sydney Commission, benchmark data as of February 2019. Place Score©2019 | P.6 Northern Beaches Council | LSPS Insights Report | April 2019



REGION PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Place Score has analysed specific attributes related to your Region Plan to highlight trends and core values by suburb and across your LGA:

'CAR ACCESSIBILITY AND PARKING' ACTIVE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS HIGHLY VALUED IN AREAS WITH LESS PUBLIC TRANSPORT CHOICE

ARE HIGHLY VALUED ALONG SOME **URBAN CORES / BUS CORRIDORS**



OUTDOOR DINING IS A CORE VALUE ACROSS THE NORTHERN **BEACHES**

GREENERY IS IMPORTANT TO

MOST OF YOUR COMMUNITY

LEGEND = n=<10 💻 Highly valued - Neutral Less valued

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Respondents selected the top 3 attributes they cared most about from 10 attributes. The categories on the maps are based on a criteria with a 90% confidence Notes: level. Highly valued - significantly more than 33% or respondents, Neutral - approximately 33% of respondents, Less valued - significantly less than 33% of respondents. The 33% mark is considered neutral based on the Care Factor survey methodology. A reference map denoting suburb names and boundaries is provided as an appendix of this report. All map tiles in this report are by Stamen Design, under CC BY 3.0. Data by OpenStreetMap, under ODbL.

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LOCAL CHARACTER - WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE?

ELEMENTS OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS THE ONLY UNIQUENESS ATTRIBUTE¹ IN THE TOP 10 CARE FACTORS FOR THE NORTHERN BEACHES.

When considering local character, examine what makes your places unique. This table the percentage of people that care about a specific *Uniqueness* attribute by ward and offers a comparison with the Northern Beaches and Sydney Metro average.

UNIQUENESS ATTRIBUTES	SYDNEY METRO AVERAGE	LGA	CURL CURL	FRENCHS FOREST	MANLY	NARRABEEN	PITTWATER
Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)	64%	72%	71%	65%	75%	72%	74%
Local history, heritage buildings or features	49%	38%	37%	34%	43%	41%	37%
Public art, community art, water or light features	30%	31%	31%	32%	30%	28%	32%
A cluster of similar businesses (food, cultural traders, fashion etc.)	30%	31%	30%	40%	27%	31%	27%
Landmarks, special features or meeting places	30%	29%	28%	29%	26%	38%	27%
Unusual or unique businesses/shops	23%	25%	23%	28%	23%	22%	26%
Point of difference from other similar streets or places	19%	22%	23%	22%	19%	19%	23%
Unusual or unique buildings or public space design	18%	19%	23%	22%	22%	17%	17%
Unusual mix or diversity of people in the area	22%	18%	18%	18%	19%	17%	17%
One of a kind, quirky or unique features	17%	17%	17%	12%	14%	15%	20%

Notes: Percentages showed are based on the amount of residents that selected this attribute as being important. Sydney Metro average based on data collected in councils defined as being part of the Greater Sydney by the Greater Sydney Commission. Benchmark data as of February 2019. "There are 10 Place Score attributes within the "Uniqueness" dimension, they are the same the ones 10 attributes in the table. Place Score ©2019 | P.8 Northern Beaches Council | LSPS Insights Report | April 2019



TRANSPORT

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TRANSPORT

THE FURTHER AWAY PEOPLE LIVE FROM HIGH VOLUME PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES SUCH AS THE B-LINE, THE MORE THEY VALUE CAR ACCESSIBILITY AND PARKING. BETTER PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE PATHS & PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPTIONS WILL REDUCE THE DEPENDENCY ON THE PRIVATE VEHICLE.

	Walking, cycling or public transport options	Car accessibility and parking
Sydney Metro Average	38%	35%
LGA Average	37%	37%
Avalon Beach	33%	27%
Frenchs Forest	29%	52%
Dee Why	49%	32%
Newport	38%	29%
Manly	46%	21%
Mona Vale	37%	35%
Forestville	18%	49%
Narrabeen	62%	31%
Freshwater	44%	20%
Balgowlah	52%	28%
Collaroy	43%	40%
Belrose	27%	54%
Bilgola Plateau	21%	45%
Cromer	42%	52%
Warriewood	34%	36%

Notes:

How much we value 'Walking, cycling or public transport options' by suburb





How much we value 'Car accessibility and parking' by suburb



PLACESCORE

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COMMUNITY IDEAS ABOUT TRANSPORT

BETTER CAR AND ACTIVE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Place Score asked survey respondents 'What is your big idea to make your town centre better?'. 1716 answers were collected. Here are the most common themes regarding transport for each Ward:





Notes: Community ideas have been classified under more than one theme when applicable. Percentages noted are for the overall total number of responses.

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LIVEABILITY

THIS NEXT SECTION PROVIDES MORE INSIGHTS REGARDING LIVEABILITY BY MAPPING OUT RELATED ATTRIBUTES AND HIGHLIGHTING COMMUNITY IDEAS FOR CHANGE.



LIVEABILITY

LIVEABILITY IS ALL ABOUT THE SHARED SPACE AND WELL BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY. GENERALLY THE AMOUNT AND QUALITY OF PUBLIC SPACE IS NOT A PRIORITY FOR THE COMMUNITY, THIS COULD MEAN THAT CURRENT LEVEL ARE PERCEIVED AS MEETING LOCAL NEEDS. HOWEVER, THERE IS SLIGHTLY MORE VALUE PLACED ON QUALITY OVER QUANTITY IN YOUR TOWN CENTRES. WITH EXPECTED POPULATION INCREASES QUANTITY COULD BE COME AN INCREASING CONCERN.

	Amount of public space (footpaths and public spaces)	Quality of public space (footpaths and public spaces)
Sydney Metro Average	25%	37%
LGA Average	29%	36%
Avalon Beach	28%	34%
Frenchs Forest	32%	32%
Dee Why	29%	42%
Newport	32%	30%
Manly	32%	36%
Mona Vale	33%	29%
Forestville	25%	29%
Narrabeen	35%	35%
Freshwater	36%	38%
Balgowlah	25%	40%
Collaroy	43%	27%
Belrose	26%	29%
Bilgola Plateau	25%	45%
Cromer	32%	41%
Warriewood	19%	45%

Notes:

How much we value 'Amount of public space (footpaths and public spaces)' by suburb





LEGEND

____ n=<10

Neutral
Less valued

💻 Highly valued



Respondents selected the top 3 attributes they cared most about from 10 attributes. Values in the table are determined using the percentage of residents selecting that attribute as being important to them. The table only features the suburbs with over 60 respondents to assure a 6.5% standard error. The categories on the maps are based on a criteria with a 90% confidence level. **Highly valued** - segnificantly more than 33% or respondents, **Neutral** - approximately 33% of respondents, **Less valued** - significantly less than 33% of respondents, **33**% is considered neutral based on the Care Factor survey methodology. A reference map denoting suburb names and boundaries is provided as an appendix to this report.

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COMMUNITY IDEAS ABOUT LIVEABILITY

PUBLIC SPACES THAT ARE WELL DESIGNED, LOOKED-AFTER AND OFFER THINGS TO DO

Place Score asked survey respondents '*What is your big idea to make your town centre better*?'. 1716 answers were collected. Here are the most common themes regarding liveability for each Ward:





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Notes: Community ideas have been classified under more than one theme when applicable. Percentages noted are for the overall total number of responses.

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PRODUCTIVITY

THIS NEXT SECTION PROVIDES MORE INSIGHTS REGARDING PRODUCTIVITY BY MAPPING OUT RELATED ATTRIBUTES AND HIGHLIGHTING COMMUNITY IDEAS FOR CHANGE.



PRODUCTIVITY

PRODUCTIVITY CAPTURES ECONOMIC ATTRIBUTES. INTERESTINGLY YOUR COMMUNITY HIGHLY VALUES OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIALISING IN THEIR CENTRES. SOME SUBURBS ALSO STAND-OUT WHEN IT COMES TO EVENING ACTIVITIES - CONSIDER INVESTIGATING WHAT IS CURRENTLY ON OFFER IN THESE AREAS.

Things to do

restaurant, cafe and/or bar seating	in the evening (shopping, dining, entertainment etc.)
49%	39%
58%	39%
55%	37%
66%	48%
52%	41%
55%	33%
50%	34%
58%	42%
71%	55%
52%	32%
70%	49%
63%	38%
51%	38%
64%	41%
66%	41%
59%	41%
56%	25%
	and/or bar seating 49% 58% 55% 66% 52% 60% 50% 60% 60% 10% 10% 10% 10% 10% 10% 10% 1

Notes:

Outdoor

How much we value 'Outdoor restaurant, cafe and/or bar seating' by suburb





LEGEND

How much we value 'Things to do in the evening (shopping, dining, entertainment, etc.)' by suburb



PLACESCORE

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COMMUNITY IDEAS ABOUT PRODUCTIVITY

DINING AND SHOPPING ARE TOP OF MIND

Place Score asked survey respondents 'What is your big idea to make your town centre better?'. 1716 answers were collected. Here are the most common themes regarding productivity for each Ward:



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SUSTAINABILITY

THIS NEXT SECTION PROVIDES MORE INSIGHTS REGARDING SUSTAINABILITY BY MAPPING OUT RELATED ATTRIBUTES AND HIGHLIGHTING COMMUNITY IDEAS FOR CHANGE.



SUSTAINABILITY

TOWN CENTRE ATTRIBUTES ASSOCIATED WITH SUSTAINABILITY ARE FOCUSSED ON VEGETATION, ITS CARE AND ACCESS TO NATURE. VEGETATION AND ACCESS TO NATURE IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR COMMUNITY - BUT SLIGHTLY MORE PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF VEGETATION THAN HOW IT IS BEING CARED FOR.

	Vegetation and natural elements (street trees, planting, water etc.)	General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting
Sydney Metro Average	52%	46%
LGA Average	56%	51%
Avalon Beach	60%	54%
Frenchs Forest	55%	49%
Dee Why	55%	52%
Newport	64%	51%
Manly	57%	51%
Mona Vale	46%	54%
Forestville	44%	46%
Narrabeen	58%	48%
Freshwater	54%	48%
Balgowlah	50%	41%
Collaroy	52%	52%
Belrose	58%	55%
Bilgola Plateau	47%	53%
Cromer	48%	42%
Warriewood	58%	55%

Notes:

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How much we value 'Vegetation and natural

elements (street trees, planting, water, etc.)' by suburb

LEGEND n=<10 Highly valued Neutral Less valued

How much we value 'General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting' by suburb



PLACESCORE

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COMMUNITY IDEAS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY

GREEN PUBLIC SPACES AND CELEBRATION OF UNIQUE NATURAL FEATURES

Place Score asked survey respondents 'What is your big idea to make your town centre better?'. 1716 answers were collected. Here are the most common themes regarding sustainability for each Ward:



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A. TRANSPORT DETAILED MAPS

How much we value 'Walking, cycling or public transport options' by suburb



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TERREY HILLS

OXFORD FALLS

LAMBIE HEIGHTS

FRENCHS FOREST

ORESTVILLE

DUFFYS FORE

DAVIDSON

KILLARNEY H

How much we value 'Car accessibility and parking' by suburb

LEGEND

n=<10 Highly valued Neutral Less valued



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B. LIVEABILITY DETAILED MAPS

How much we value 'Amount of public space (footpaths and public spaces)' by suburb



Notes:

How we value 'Quality of public space (footpaths and public spaces)'

by suburb BEACH OVETL CHASE ELVINA BAY HISCOTLAND ISI Þ CHURCH POINT DUFFYS FOREST BAYVIEW MONA VA WARRIEN INGLESIDE ELANORA HEIGHTS TERREY HILLS NO NARR BELROSE WHEELER HEIGHTS OXFORD FALLS DAVIDSON FRENCHS FOREST FORESTVILLE BEACON HILI LAMBIE HEIGHTS KILLARNE NORTH MAN QUEENSCLIFF

LEGEND

n=<10 Highly valued Neutral Less valued

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C. PRODUCTIVITY DETAILED MAPS

How we value 'Outdoor restaurant, cafe and/or bar seating' by suburb



Notes:

How we value 'Things to do in the evening (shopping, dining,



LEGEND

n=<10 Highly valued Neutral Less valued

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D. SUSTAINABILITY DETAILED MAPS

How we value 'Vegetation and natural elements (street trees, planting, water, etc.)' by suburb



Notes:

How we value 'General condition of vegetation, street trees and



LEGEND

n=<10 Highly valued Neutral Less valued

Respondents selected the top 3 attributes they cared most about from 10 attributes. Values in the table are determined using the percentage of residents selecting that attribute as being important to them. The table only features the suburbs with over 60 respondents to assure a 6.5% standard error. The categories on the maps are based on a criteria with a 90% confidence level. **Highly valued** - significantly more than 33% or respondents, **Neutral** - approximately 33% of respondents, **Less valued** - significantly less than 33% of respondents. **33**% is considered neutral based on the Care Factor survey methodology. Place Score©2019 | P.25 Northern Beaches Council | LSPS Insights Report | April 2019







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Postcode Belrose, New South Wales, AU (2085) : 5.23% LOVETT BAY, NSW (2105) : 1.16% Forestville, New South Wales, AU (2087) : 5.23% AVALON, NSW (2107) : 9.88% /ONA VALE, NSW (2103) : 1.74% COLLAROY, NSW (2097) : 6.40% FAIRLIGHT, NSW (2094) : 2.91% ood, New South Wales, AU (2102) : 2.33% TERREY HILLS, NSW (2084) : 1.74% COASTERS RETREAT, NSW (2108) : 1.16% ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS, NSW (2100) : 3.49% CROMER, NSW (2099) : 10.47% MANLY EAST, NSW (2095) : 8.14% New South Wales, AU (2104) : 3.49% FRENCHS FOREST, NSW (2086) : 4.65% ort, New South Wales, AU (2106) : 5.81% Freshwater, New South Wales, AU (2096) : 7.56% MANLY VALE, NSW (2093) : 10.47% NARRABEEN, NSW (2101) : 8.14%

8.3 Appendix Three: Perceptions survey results



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
LOVETT BAY, NSW (2105)	2	1.16%					
AVALON, NSW (2107)	17	9.88%					
MONA VALE, NSW (2103)	3	1.74%	•				
FAIRLIGHT, NSW (2094)	5	2.91%					
Warriewood, New South Wales, AU (2102)	4	2.33%					
COASTERS RETREAT, NSW (2108)	2	1.16%	I				
CROMER, NSW (2099)	18	10.47%					
Bayview, New South Wales, AU (2104)	б	3.49%					
Newport, New South Wales, AU (2106)	10	5.81%					
MANLY VALE, NSW (2093)	18	10.47%					
NARRABEEN, NSW (2101)	14	8.14%					
Freshwater, New South Wales, AU (2096)	13	7.56%					
FRENCHS FOREST, NSW (2086)	8	4.65%					
MANLY EAST, NSW (2095)	14	8.14%					
ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS, NSW (2100)	6	3.49%					
TERREY HILLS, NSW (2084)	3	1.74%	I				
COLLAROY, NSW (2097)	11	6.4%					
Forestville, New South Wales, AU (2087)	9	5.23%					
Belrose, New South Wales, AU (2085)	9	5.23%					
Total	172	100 %					

Gender



Age





How important are the following to making the Northern Beaches and your local area an amazing place to live?



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Question			Not a	at all	at all	at all	at all
Question	Count	Score	importan	t	Low importance	`Low importance Neutral t	Low importance Neutral Important
ccess to bushland, beaches and waterways	172	4.76					
High quality bushland, beaches and waterways	172	4.86					
Unique landscapes and views	172	4.59					
Access to quality open spaces	172	4.62					
A range of recreational opportunities	172	4.27					
Access to community services and facilities e.g. bools, libraries etc.	172	4.31					
Jnique neighbourhood character	172	4.19					
Vibrant town centres and villages	172	4.27					
Ease of movement within and outside of the Northern Beaches	172	4.56					
Ability to live close to work and / or schools	172	3.87					
Relaxed lifestyle	172	4.43					
Range of housing options	172	3.78					
Sense of safety, community and belonging	172	4.55					
Range of local businesses and services	172	4.22					
Healthy and active community	172	4.45					
Opportunities for creativity and cultural expression	172	3.98					
	Average	4.36					

Access to bushland, beaches and waterways







Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	0	0%	I				
Low importance	2	1.16%	I				
Neutral	6	3.49%					
Important	47	27.33%					
Very important	117	68.02%					
Total	172	100 %					

A range of recreational opportunities



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	0	0%	I				
Low importance	5	2.91%					
Neutral	25	14.53%					
Important	60	34.88%					
Very important	82	47.67%					
Total	172	100 %					
Access to community convises and facil	ition or neal	a librarias at	~				

Access to community services and facilities e.g. pools, libraries etc.



Total	172	100 %	
Very important	88	51.16%	
Important	58	33.72%	
Neutral	20	11.63%	
Low importance	4	2.33%	•
Not at all important	2	1.16%	

Unique neighbourhood character



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	0	0%	I				
Low importance	7	4.07%					
Neutral	30	17.44%					
Important	58	33.72%					
Very important	77	44.77%					
Total	172	100 %					
Vibrant town centres and villages							



Ease of movement within and outside of the Northern Beaches



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	2	1.16%	I				
Low importance	0	0%	I				
Neutral	8	4.65%					
Important	52	30.23%					
Very important	110	63.95%					
Total	172	100 %					
Ability to live close to work and / or sc	hools						



Not at all important	7	4.07%	
Low importance	12	6.98%	
Neutral	41	23.84%	
Important	49	28.49%	
Very important	63	36.63%	
Total	172	100 %	

Relaxed lifestyle



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	0	0%	I				
Low importance	2	1.16%	1				
Neutral	18	10.47%					
Important	56	32.56%					
Very important	96	55.81%					
Total	172	100 %					
Range of housing options							



Not at all important	10	5.81%	-
Low importance	14	8.14%	
Neutral	33	19.19%	
Important	61	35.47%	
Very important	54	31.4%	
Total	172	100 %	

Sense of safety, community and belonging



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	0	0%	I				
Low importance	1	0.58%	I				
Neutral	7	4.07%					
Important	61	35.47%					
Very important	103	59.88%					
Total	172	100 %					
Range of local businesses and services							



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	1	0.58%	I				
Low importance	5	2.91%					
Neutral	20	11.63%					
Important	75	43.6%					
Very important	71	41.28%					
Total	172	100 %					

Healthy and active community



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	1	0.58%	I				
Low importance	2	1.16%	1				
Neutral	12	6.98%					
Important	61	35.47%					
Very important	96	55.81%					
Total	172	100 %					
Opportunities for creativity and cultura	l expression						



How important do you think the following challenges are for the Northern Beaches over the next 20 years?



Powered by AI Not at all Ouestion Planning for growth supported by infrastru jobs and services Providing services and facilities to meet th changing needs of the community Fostering a healthy, creative, culturally rich socially connected community Providing housing supply, choice and affor Creating and renewing great places and ce Protecting areas of cultural heritage Supporting the 'health and education prec Frenchs Forest Growing investment and jobs in our main Protecting industrial land for industrial us Locating growth within 30 minutes of main by public transport Post Registration LSPS Q1 2019

	Count	Score	important	Low importance	Neutral	Important	Very important
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the	172	4.42					-
ch and	172	4.24					
ordability	172	3.9					
centres	172	4.04					
	172	4.35					
ecinct' of	172	3.64					
n centres	172	3.76					
ses	172	3.41					
in centres	172	3.88					
			1				

Supporting Aboriginal aspirations & cultural expression	172	3.83
Supporting the growth of the tourism, visitor and night time economies	172	3.51
Improving transport links within and outside the Northern Beaches	172	4.53
Protecting and enhancing scenic views	172	4.47
Working with State Agencies and other Councils to help plan for our future	172	4.24
Adapting to climate change	172	4.47
Protecting rural areas for rural uses	172	4.22
Delivering sufficient open space	172	4.49
Reducing transport emissions	172	4.58
Managing energy, water and waste	172	4.66
Protecting our heritage and areas of cultural importance	172	4.34
Adapting to the impacts of natural and urban hazards	172	4.26
Improving the health of waterways, bushland, beaches and biodiversity	172	4.78
	Average	4.19

Planning for growth supported by infrastructure, jobs and services



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	2	1.16%	I				
Low importance	6	3.49%					
Neutral	10	5.81%					
Important	55	31.98%					
Very important	99	57.56%					
Total	172	100 %					

Providing services and facilities to meet the changing needs of the community



Total

Fostering a healthy, creative, culturally rich and socially connected community

172



100 %

Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	2	1.16%					
Low importance	6	3.49%					
Neutral	23	13.37%					
Important	58	33.72%					
Very important	83	48.26%			1		
Total	172	100 %					
Providing housing supply choice and a	fordability						





Allswei	Count	Percent	20%	40%	00%	00%	100%
Not at all important	9	5.23%					
Low importance	12	6.98%					
Neutral	30	17.44%					
Important	58	33.72%					
Very important	63	36.63%					
Total	172	100 %					

Creating and renewing great places and centres



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	1	0.58%	I				
Low importance	7	4.07%					
Neutral	30	17.44%					
Important	80	46.51%					
Very important	54	31.4%					
Total	172	100 %					
Protecting areas of cultural heritage							



56.98%

100 %

98

172

Very important

Total

Supporting the 'health and education precinct' of Frenchs Forest



Answer	Count	Percent	20	%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	5	2.91%						
Low importance	14	8.14%						
Neutral	62	36.05%						
Important	48	27.91%						
Very important	43	25%						
Total	172	100 %						
Growing investment and jobs in our m	ain centres							



	count	rereene	
Not at all important	5	2.91%	
Low importance	14	8.14%	
Neutral	46	26.74%	
Important	59	34.3%	
Very important	48	27.91%	
Total	172	100 %	

Protecting industrial land for industrial uses



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	
Not at all important	11	6.4%					
Low importance	25	14.53%					
Neutral	52	30.23%					
Important	50	29.07%					
Very important	34	19.77%					
Total	172	100 %					
Locating growth within 30 minutes of r	nain contros h	w nublic tran	snort				

Locating growth within 30 minutes of main centres by public transport



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	8	4.65%					
Low importance	8	4.65%					
Neutral	37	21.51%		I			
Important	62	36.05%					
Very important	57	33.14%					
Total	172	100 %					

Supporting Aboriginal aspirations & cultural expression



36.63%

100 %

Very important

Supporting the growth of the tourism, visitor and night time economies

63

172



100 %

Total

Improving transport links within and outside the Northern Beaches

172



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	1	0.58%	I				
Low importance	2	1.16%	1				
Neutral	7	4.07%					
Important	56	32.56%					
Very important	106	61.63%					
Total	172	100 %					
Protocting and onhancing sconic views							

Protecting and enhancing scenic views



Total

172 100 %





Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	3	1.74%	I				
Low importance	5	2.91%					
Neutral	17	9.88%					
Important	70	40.7%					
Very important	77	44.77%					
Total	172	100 %					
Adapting to climate change							

Adapting to climate change



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	7	4.07%					
Low importance	2	1.16%	1				
Neutral	14	8.14%					
Important	29	16.86%					
Very important	120	69.77%					
Total	172	100 %					

Protecting rural areas for rural uses



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	5	2.91%					
Low importance	7	4.07%					
Neutral	20	11.63%					
Important	53	30.81%					
Very important	87	50.58%					
Total	172	100 %					
Delivering sufficient open space							



Not at all important	1	0.58%	1
Low importance	0	0%	I
Neutral	13	7.56%	
Important	57	33.14%	
Very important	101	58.72%	
Total	172	100 %	

Reducing transport emissions



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	0	0%	I				
Low importance	2	1.16%	I				
Neutral	11	6.4%					
Important	44	25.58%					
Very important	115	66.86%					
Total	172	100 %					
Managing energy, water and waste							



Not at all important	0	0%	I
Low importance	1	0.58%	I
Neutral	7	4.07%	
Important	42	24.42%	
Very important	122	70.93%	
Total	172	100 %	

Protecting our heritage and areas of cultural importance



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	1	0.58%	I				
Low importance	5	2.91%					
Neutral	19	11.05%					
Important	56	32.56%					
Very important	91	52.91%					
Total	172	100 %					
Adapting to the impacts of natural and urban hazards							



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Not at all important	0	0%	I				
Low importance	0	0%	I				
Neutral	3	1.74%	I				
Important	31	18.02%					
Very important	138	80.23%					
Total	172	100 %					



	Statemen	
Further comn	nents / sugges	tions Council should consider in the development of the Local Strategic Planning Statement
04/23/2019	1606510972	I believe we need to balance development of high density housing with the practicalities of the location and limited transport options. Other areas in he greater Sydney area are better suited to medium to higher density accommodation.
04/21/2019	1606499697	This form did not allow prioritisation of importance. You did not differentiate between public and private transport.
04/18/2019	1606489242	I thoroughly believe as a community we need to be working towards a completely circular economy as quickly as possible. I also believe that this is very achievable if we focus our efforts. One big step in the right direction as a council would be how we deal with our waste. We should have seperate organic waste bins (all food scraps, basically any organic matter) that can be sent to industrial compost and much better education and transparency on what items, in what condition, can be put into each of our bins. A lot of people don't know and don't care and this has to change.
04/12/2019	1606422268	The beauty of the northern beaches is it's relatively low population density. Please don't increase higher density housing development
04/01/2019	1606335871	I strongly feel that Townhouses/Duplexs should be allowed on decent size land blocks (anytihng over 900sqm). They can still fit it with surrounding looking just like one home from the outside. THis will help with housing affordability and offering a wider range of housing options
03/19/2019	1606236324	With over-congested roads, Council needs to do more on Last Mile Mobility and active transport, especially the provision of safe off-road bike paths Encouraging active transport will also help bolster economic activity in the area's shopping villages and town centres, as very few of them can provide enough parking to support the retailers, cafes and small businesses located nearby.
03/12/2019	1606168778	Get off the "Dogs off Leash" Bandwagon. Dogs & cats are not "entitled" to anything. Council should stop pandering to these noisy individuals who represent a minority. If you want a pet, fine, choose carefully, considering the facilities that are available now & keep your animals under control. I have kept multiple dogs & cats in Pittwater over last 20 years. They trained & contained indoors at night & exercised on leash & under control.
03/06/2019	1606121046	Space for business, Jobs come from places for business and light industry to develop. More retail and coffee shops do not provide job nor educatio infrastructure
03/06/2019	1606118496	Measures to control parking of motor vehicle in urban areas including boat trailers, caravans, signage trailers, trucks etc Measures to control unnecessary and excessive noise from motor vehicles, motor bikes and power tools
03/06/2019	1606113427	As all are important, the community strategic plan is a good overview of the community requirements. A mix of demographics is needed, dont want to become retirees dominated and for families to be squeezed out or forced to accept v small living space, Aged care should be in the centres, not paddocks in Terrey Hills. Rebuilding tree canopy is a sentinel sign of success. As northern beaches has highest rate of green reduction as shown by university led aerial analysis, trees get in the way of development , not just medium density but single dwellings are replaced by larger dwellings and also trees go for access to views. So a sign that this tide is turning will show if plans are working or not. Please follow up and partner with the Uni that did the SMH article where Pittwater had the highest tree canopy % loss.
03/05/2019	1606113023	Ensure zoning in community hub areas/town centres prevents their conversion into commuter apartment buildings and focuses on providing retail service, business, fitness, play and community hubs. ie. don't zone as mixed use where you want to encourage local jobs/businesses to thrive.
03/03/2019	1606086133	Waste management could be different. I envision public compost bins and public areas where the community can grow their own food. I also would like to have more access to culture in everyday spaces. More paintings by local artists on walls, more spaces where the community can have easier access to local musicians. I would like to see the council encouraging local businesses and the community to reduce the use of single use plastics. would like people to feel encouraged to use our public transport and leave their cars at home or be encouraged to do carpooling.
02/25/2019	1606046531	1) Planting of more trees around frenchs forest. The areas looks like terrible. 2) Also, the under-grounding of electricity cables along Frenchs Forest road considering the area is being promoted as a "health" precinct. 3) A halt to all boarding houses in the Frenchs Forest area.
02/25/2019	1606039553	Sustainability and regenerative design should be thread across all sectors (social, environmental and economic) rather than as an after-thought to decisions and planning.
02/24/2019	1606035439	Improve community input into planning decisions. The new NBC appears to be more opaque in planning decisions than the old Pittwater or Manly Councils
02/24/2019	1606035227	Ensuring that development does not destroy or downgrade our suburbs
02/24/2019	1606035219	Active transport options missing in and around Frenchs Forest -busy roads not suitable for family cycling -bushwalks degrading, not maintained an closing in Garigal NP! Council cleanup collection is an appalling strategy - so much landfill! Council does not provide good information about waste management (PR staff not informed) and the communication strategy is totally insufficient!
02/24/2019	1606035193	Create a House/museum dedicated for surf and all the surf spots/pics from manly to palm beach. The plan was characterize and design all the waves with a coastal numerical model. I am from Portugal and the council of ericeira made a similar project, as it is a world surf reserve as Manly and Freshwater are. For more information please contact me
02/24/2019	1606035116	Development must not be dictated by commercial interests. Open space must be preserved for the local community. Northern Beaches ratepayers should not have our public land alienated for the benefit of non-ratepayers eg golf clubs for Mosman residents. Anti-corruption measures are essential. More should be done for our Aboriginal residents and Aboriginal peoples whose country is in the LGA.
02/23/2019	1606031937	not a very useful survey, of course everyone would agree with most of these high level 'statements' such as our 'Relaxed lifestyle' and wants access to community services and facilities e.g. pools, libraries, high quality bushland, beaches and waterways. However not sure how Council would delivering 'sufficient open space' when surrounded by national park and the ocean at the same time providing 'housing housing supply, choice and affordability' as well as supporting the growth of the tourism, visitor and night time economies.
02/22/2019	1606028137	Get rid of cars, boats, caravans & trailers parking on suburban Streets
02/22/2019	1606019263	1) Encourage a move toward sustainable plant based eating as it's not only cheaper, better for the climate but also scientifically proven to help against diabeties and a range of illnesses unlike meats & bacon which are scientifically proven carcinogens. 2) Reopen Mona Vale Hospital Emergency Department. It's essential.
02/19/2019	1605990381	There is simply too much development in the area leading to overcrowding and congestion. The development needs to be curbed
02/19/2019	1605985968	Work for a better balance between State and local government objectives

02/19/2019	1605985483	DO NOT agree with the assumption in this survey that Sydney/Northern Beaches MUST increase its population and plan for growth because of a dictate from the Greater Sydney Commission. This is a discussion that needs to be had with the Australian people - and not ASSUMED that it is going to happen at the current govt's suggested rate. The former Pittwater area is a unique and environmentally sensitive area that needs protection. It cannot sustain further growth. It is a peninsula with one road in and out and significant geographic restraints. It is just not feasible to develop it or increase its population, as that would result in environmental degradation and destroy the very thing that makes it a special place to live/visit. The residents live in this area precisely because it is 38km from the city. We do not want development or population growth. We do not want the "harmonising" of the LEPs and DCPs, where all the NB suburbs are lumped together. We fear we will be 'harmonised' right into the same ugliness as Dee Why, Curl Curl and the other treeless/high-rise wastelands that have been created over the past few years in the former Warringah Council area. We must have definitive locality statements written into the LEPs and DCPs to protect the individuality of our suburbs and maintain their natural environments with very minimal development/population growth, for the sake of the flora, fauna - current and future generations.
02/18/2019	1605984378	over development will make all priorities more difficult to achieve.you can't keep adding people and putting pressure on environment and still maintain our life style
02/18/2019	1605984338	No.
02/18/2019	1605984091	Put controls in place to prevent the over development or rezoning of established residential and bushland areas.
02/17/2019	1605977160	The Importance Of Visibility Of Planning Applications. More open Forums for Residents . Accountability for Budget Decisions.
02/17/2019	1605977155	Very important you listen to and work together with unbiased experts in various related fields who do not work for the Government, State agencies or council also.
02/17/2019	1605975045	We need continued public transport and multi-use transport options, protection of waterways and gentrification of area such as Brookvale and Condamine street in Manly Vale.
02/16/2019	1605973462	No more traffic, do not promote the area for tourism and increased patronage.
02/14/2019	1605945083	Vegetation and composting system should be introduce like Penrith Council. All infrastructure is already there!
02/13/2019	1605943544	I am very worried about the environment now, changes need to start taking effect immediately so that in 20 years, we can see a change.
02/12/2019	1605925639	We have a huge waste issue, I think the northern beaches could do a lot more and set an example for the other councils in Sydney. We have such a beautiful backyard being in the beaches. We need to be the leading front in the sustainability and environmental movement
02/11/2019	1605924034	Much of the above was covered in the Community Strategic Plan. Council need to drill down to suburb level to achieve Community led LSLP. This cannot be another generic non specific exercise.
02/11/2019	1605919130	Covered Creeks need to be opened up to encourage wildlife back to our area
02/10/2019	1605918919	Please listen to what rate payers are saying.
02/08/2019	1605912957	I look forward to being actively and gainfully involved. Thanks for the opportunity. Stephen
02/07/2019	1605906747	Hard survey to respond to as essentially all topics are 'important' at some level. For example I am personally not a supporter of 'growth' locally, nationally or internationally. So I score planning for growth low, not because i think the planning is not important (it is) but because I I think the premise is misguided. I think we should be planning for sustainability, not growth. Just because we can 'grow' and still keep the wheels turning doesn't mean therefore that growth is good. I think living within (and returning to) our means is a better ambition. Not just trying to get more out of less. For example, the better solution for waste management is to waste less, not get better at dealing with the waste. The better solution for congestion is to have less people, and cars, not bigger and better roads. I digress sorry :). Keep up the good work guys.
02/07/2019	1605906252	Done protection is needed in freshwater. Also weed management. I'm also concerned about your plans with the general waste to strip out organic matter. I think this will lead to micro plastic polutuition. Better to put food waste on with the green waste.
02/06/2019	1605899540	Improve communication between different council entities!
02/06/2019	1605899418	Keeping building heights to a reasonable level to preserve the character of our area. Meriton type towers do not belong on the Northern Beaches.
02/06/2019	1605893057	Would like to see more cafes on beaches
02/04/2019	1605885176	Put footpaths in many of our streets that have none and force people to walk on the road. Lower the street speed to 40 km/h. Create a residents parking system - too may houses now have 4plus cars to each house and the streets are becoming impassable.
02/04/2019	1605878718	Stop the northern beaches link. Plan for high quality public transport integrated with urban renewal to create great places eg Manly Vale/ north Balgowlah industrial area, Warringah mall and adjacent govland including bus depot, frenches Forrest, Brookvale etc Plan for reduction in car use. Maximise water transport.
02/02/2019	1605873417	Don't be bullied by the state government pushing a standard planning template. Reintroduce locality statements which recognise the unique attributes of our many different localities. Undertake genuine engagement with community groups to ensure these attributes are included in any future planning documents.
02/01/2019	1605869136	Seriously listening to and acting on credible suggestions from the community. We have awareness of what is happening outside our NBC area and experience of many backgrounds and expertise. NBC listening and genuine reaction is vital
01/31/2019	1605858608	Protection of native animals and their habitats, reducing over development of natural bushland, reducing road kill of native animals, protecting marine habitat and guarding against coals seam gas exploration and/or seismic testing. Supporting wildlife refuges and animal rescue organisations, stopping land clearing shutting down puppy farms and encouraging rescue animals as companion animals.
01/31/2019	1605858607	Use planning to foster 'village/town/ centres; try to reverse ribbon development of Pittwater Rd
01/31/2019	1605858606	I would like sustainability guidelines for all future buildings (commercial and private housing) to have guidelines to reduce waste, recycle certain percentage of materials, low emissions, low community impact, reduce water consumption, and have renewable energy included. The aim being to significantly decrease community and environmental impact to any future planning (buildings, transport, recreation and infrastructure). The beaches will not bounce back from the current rate of consumption, waste, pollution and disruption, if this is not addressed by council.
01/30/2019	1605853558	All of the above statements are very important to work towards. Underlying most of them is the issue of sustainabilty. How do we achieve these goals
01/29/2019	1605838761	Have



01/29/2019	1605834842	Securing and protecting remaining bushland areas along the Northern Beaches from development.
01/28/2019	1605834261	There just aren't enough sportsfields on the Northern Beaches. Also, the new town centre in Frenchs Forest is an absolute disgrace of putting money before the interests of the existing residents that will have to deal with the construction (medium term) and traffic issues (ongoing). The Forest should keep its Forest - not become a mini-Chatswood/Dee Why.
01/26/2019	1605822545	The need to protect bushland, reserves and parks from encroaching development. The need to protect what fauna and flora we have left.
01/26/2019	1605819810	The projected age of people living in the area is important as this will dictate to an extend where money will need to be spent, whilst ensuring new families are able to move in - balancing the age of the demographic. Engaging a broad cross section of the population is also key to ensure the outcomes are not biased.
01/25/2019	1605819375	Population growth is inevitable but council must work to reduce the impact of it on the natural environment we are so lucky to live in here.
01/25/2019	1605819260	Appropriate development is key. A balance of development along with infrastructure is really important. Warriewood valley has gone too far towards the development and not enough nfrastructure. Overcrowding is one of the p
01/25/2019	1605816104	Please note, some responses given in this survey may be open to interpretation as questions didn't have much context. It's important that responses to this survey are properly qualified. For example, support for 'improving transport links in and out of the beaches' means I support public transport not private toll ways. However there is no opportunity for clear distinction in my answer.
01/25/2019	1605815121	The Northern Beaches Council should have an aim to run all operations on 100% renewable 'green' power.
01/25/2019	1605814939	Consider ways everyone can learn, support and interact with the UN SDGs that benefit all the above and much more. One program wanting to connect with councils and residents has a Youth focus but needs everyones interaction with
01/25/2019	1605814056	Improve the quality of waste water discharges into the marine environment. Melbourne's 'Eastern Treatment plant' treats sewerage to ADVANCE TERTIARY STANDARD.
01/21/2019	1605790617	Include 'managing increasing bushfire risk from climate change by enhancing and adding roads for evacuation in bushland areas, allowing people to clear bushfire prone land to safeguard human lives, and providing designated areas of safe refuge in an emergency, including for horses etc.'
01/16/2019	1605759102	Planning for the night time economy, planning for tourism, building units that cater for families


8.4 Appendix Four: Workshop and focus group results report



Local Strategic Planning Statements Engagement Summary Report

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01: Introduction

Across NSW, local government is working on a review of their land use and planning. A core part of this work is the development of a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) for each local government area (LGA).

Northern Beaches Council's ('Council') LSPS, developed in consultation with community, will include:

- A 20 year vision for land use and planning
- Priorities to deliver on this vision
- · Specific actions under each of the priorities
- Means of measuring progress towards the vision

Engagement on the LSPS naturally flows on from the conversation Council held with the community in 2016 during the development of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP), which provided an overarching 10 year vision and priorities for the future of the area.

In December 2018, Council partnered with engagement agency KJA to commence the conversation on the LSPS by hosting a workshop on 18 February 2019 with the Strategic Reference Groups that formed out of the CSP process.

The objective of this workshop was:

- 1. To identify future challenges and desired outcomes for the Northern Beaches
- 2. Glean insights from discussion on prominent 'wicked' problems in the LGA

Following that workshop, Council prepared draft priorities for the LSPS and arranged seven focus groups from 19 to 28 March 2019 – across the LGA – to test these priorities with members of the community. The groups were broken down as follows:

- Pittwater
- Frenchs Forest
- Narrabeen
- Manly
- Curl Curl
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)
- Youth

Known members of the local Aboriginal community were also invited to attend the ward focus groups.

The objective of each focus group was twofold:

- . To understand the participants' 20 year vision for the Northern Beaches
- 2. To identify possible improvements to the draft LSPS priorities by asking the group to test them against their vision

The SRG workshop and focus groups generated valuable insights for the LSPS process, helping paint a picture of a desired future Northern Beaches that Council will use as a guide. Participants also engaged in difficult trade-off conversations, revealing to Council what is most important to the community and should therefore be factored in during future land use and planning work.

This report is split into four sections:

- SRG workshop overview
- SRG workshop detailed results
- Focus group overview
- · Focus group detailed results

Council will use the feedback from the SRG workshop and focus groups to inform the redrafting of the LSPS priorities and actions before the draft LSPS is made available in full online for broader community comment. During this period, the community will have the opportunity face-to-face and online opportunities for feedback, comment and discussion. More information is available at https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/local-environmental-plan.



02: SRG Workshop Overview

On Monday 18 February 2019, from 6-9pm, representatives from the Northern Beaches' Strategic Reference Groups gathered at the Tramshed in Narrabeen to generate information to inform the development of Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and Local Housing Strategy (LHS).

The event – facilitated by staff from Council's Planning and Engagement teams and engagement agency KJA – is the first step in Council's review of its LSPS, LHS, Development Control Plan (DCP) and Local Environmental Plan (LEP). Participants were welcomed by Northern Beaches Mayor, Cr Michael Regan, provided a program overview by Executive Manager Strategic and Place Planning, Andrew Pigott, and briefed on anticipated changes to the area by Nemanja Nikolic from SGS Economics & Planning. Councillors also attended to hear first-hand what participants had to say.

The workshop was held as the first major engagement activity for Council's LSPS with the aim to identify future challenges and desired outcomes for the Northern Beaches, as well as to glean insights from discussion on prominent 'wicked' problems in the local government area (LGA). Given the SRG members' remit to help shape future directions and support the Community Strategic Plan's goals, it was appropriate that they provide input into the drafting of the LSPS. Participants were presented with local change factors and demographic predictions and asked to contribute to three distinct activities:

Challenges from Change	Northern Beaches Time Machine	Tackling Wicked Problems	
Table facilitators rotated between small, mixed groups of participants, asking them what challenges they expect the Northern Beaches will face due to the following areas of change: • The 30 Minute City	In small groups, participants were asked to describe their desired outcomes for a future Northern Beaches, in response to the following key challenge areas that emerged from the first activity: • Sustainability	A different 'wicked' problem was presented to each small group, with every participants assigned an avatar to represent in a discussion on possible solutions. The wicked problems included: • Less young adults in the	
 Climate Change New Housing Demands Jobs for the Future Community Services and Facilities Changing and Ageing 	 Connection Environment Transport Diversity Upskilling 	 Description graduate in the Northern Beaches The Northern Beaches has an ageing population Providing suitable and affordable housing options Protecting natural environment from urban development Retaining and managing industrial land 	

The following sections of this report provide a summary of the outputs from each session along with an indication of next steps. Presentation slides are also provided in the Appendices.



02: SRG Workshop Detailed Results

Challenges from Change

The challenges and suggestions offered by each group for each change factor have been merged and summarised under key themes below.

Jobs for the future

Key theme	Challenges and suggestions
Image and	 Overcoming the stigma associated with working on the Northern Beaches
perception	 Improve professionalism and quality of office space
- C.O	 Attract major corporations to establish satellite offices in the are
	Promote local environment and lifestyle
Affordable	Provide affordable housing for key workers
housing	
Land use	 Lack of large lots/floorplates required to attract larger corporations (e.g. Google)
challenges	 Inconsistencies across Northern Beaches, with some areas lacking space while others lack demand
	Protect and expand industrial areas and quality business centres/office spaces
	 Assign more space as flexible, mixed-use zoning to create open space
	Encourage development to improve ageing office blocks (e.g. in Dee Why)
Strategically	Further develop IT industry/digital economy (aka Silicon Valley) that is currently
supporting	at 'seed stage' around Manly
industries and	 Foster sectors where local skills match with future employment trends
business clusters	 Secure financial support from Government for Business Hubs
Supporting	Affordability of rent for local businesses
business	 Encourage landlords to have commercial spaces occupied
	 Offer incentives for businesses that want to start up on Northern Beaches
	Ensure the Chamber of Commerce is very active
Education and	 Businesses struggling to grow due to lack of staff
skills	 Provide higher paying jobs with career progression, as many local small
	businesses cannot offer this
	 Upskill local population so that these people can help expand local industries
	(e.g. through Universities, Hospital)
	 Encourage innovation and allow professionals to find good local challenges
	(e.g. by providing educational and research hubs in public and private sectors)

Social Services & Facilities

Key theme	Challenges and suggestions				
Availability and affordability of land for services	ability of affordability of services and facilities				
Accessibility of services	 Intervening in trends (e.g. increased homelessness and domestic violence) Improve access to facilities and services (e.g. through improved public transport connections, community transport (aka 'Hop Skip Jump') and/or by establishing more smaller community hubs) Provide well-located and efficient community centres, aged-care and youth services Design developments that are flexible and accessible, meeting specific and multi-generational needs (e.g. 'Need Playgrounds' for kids and their carers) 				
Flexible use of assets	 Take a proactive, positive and flexible approach to using Council assets (e.g. innovative reuse of North Head, SHFR) Include community in conversations about developments, including those that comply 				



	Share use of schools infrastructure (e.g. to address shortage in playing fields)
Funding and responsibilities	 Retail operators in local centres – trying to be competitive – are unlikely to provide reasonable rates for community services Support smaller charities and services as larger NGOs will not always want the smaller structures and contracts the community may require Avoid 'siloing' of services (i.e. a different organisation for every service) Improve services (e.g. by exploring synergies with Services NSW)

Changing and Ageing Community

Key theme	Challenges and suggestions
Seniors accommodation	Connecting seniors accommodation to town 'centres' and preventing social isolation
	Meeting needs of seniors who do not want to move out of the community they have known for a long time
	Allowing for 'ageing in place'
	Help address dementia by providing group housing that allows carers to live with the ageing person
	• Set sufficient land aside for aged care facilities (e.g. Manly Library location)
Accessibility	Catering for disabilities
6	 Provide public transport that caters for the ageing population (e.g. Keoride, public and mini buses)
	Provide access to Northern Beaches Hospital
Housing diversity	 Employing good design in good locations (e.g. the Stockland model with easy access, a gym, shops and parking all on one site)
	 Addressing the delay in downsizing due to young people living with their parents
	 Making downsizing a more attractive option
	Providing support services to assist people who choose to live in 'granny flats'
	 Encouraging downsizing through quality rather than quantity of housing
	Provide a 'housing stage' between a large house and a nursing home (e.g. townhouses
Retaining young people	 Multi-generational housing means young people are not seen as a 'cash cow' for housing providers
	Young adults are moving out of the area to work in the City and Inner West
	The lack of night time activity for young people (e.g. music venues and restaurants)
Quality of life	Quality of life being affected by decreased tree canopy, as people are discouraged to walk outside
	 Provide bigger, centralised green spaces (including but not limited to sports fields) to cater for increased density

New Housing Demands

Key theme	Challenges and suggestions				
Affordable	• Providing a housing mix to prevent 'social problems' (e.g. Balgowlah Stocklands				
housing	as good example of mix)				
	Overcoming negative perceptions of affordable housing				
	Use 'key worker accommodation' terminology instead of 'affordable housing'				
	 Provide access to social housing in every suburb (e.g. by mandating) 				
Housing diversity	Providing well-designed secondary dwellings / granny flats				
	Providing three-bedroom flats				
	Too many large houses currently in the Northern Beaches, need more small				
	houses to meet demand (e.g. small lots or townhouses)				
	 Possibly identify specific areas for medium density dwellings 				
Environmental	Achieving good environmental design				
impacts of urban	Balancing granny flat provision with removal of trees				
development	 Providing open space as additional dwellings are built 				



Traffic and parking	Addressing traffic generated by increased density
Managing growth	 Supporting growth in centres with services, facilities and infrastructure (e.g. childcare) that meet demand Reducing the demand for housing Centralising growth in centres Reluctance to release land Concerns with 'stabilising' population growth
Cohesive communities with character	 Offering connectivity and building communities Retaining character of the area during new development Managing changes to character due to increased density

The 30 Minute City

Key theme	Challenges and suggestions						
Strengthening	Overcoming reliance on cars and resulting congestion by providing improved,						
public	further-reaching, quicker and more affordable public transport						
transport	Tackling location-specific challenges (e.g. Pittwater Road, Narrabeen bridge)						
	Continually improving cycleways and walkways, including designing places to						
	promote walkability						
	 Improve public transport connections (e.g. East-west B-line between Dee 						
	Why/Chatswood, Mona Vale/Macquarie University; Roseville Train Station; more						
	and longer bus lanes, more restricted bus stops in peak hour, more fast ferries fr						
	Manly to Sydney CBD)						
	Address school traffic (e.g. through bus improvements, staggered school times,						
	encouraging parents to put school children on public transport, encouraging walking)						
Health and	Provide swift access to emergency health care, including in the northern part of the						
education infrastructure	LGA						
masuucuie	Offer access to higher education in the Northern Beaches with institutions (i.e.						
	universities, TAFE) that respond to the community's skills and needs, promote lifelong learning, help reduce student travel time and provide more qualified local						
	workers						
	 Concentrate services and facilities in centres, including by establishing integrated 						
	clusters of health, leisure, activity and learning						
	 Provide future-proofed infrastructure that promotes human movement, allows for 						
	population growth and acknowledges the impending changes to the motor vehicle						
Liveability of	Underperforming centres causing residents to travel further for what they need						
centres	 Current lack of evening entertainment/ night time economy/ vibrant social life 						
	Better promote live music and other 'vibrant' industries						
	 Leverage residential land that is underutilised during the day 						
	Better utilise laneways and exploring other adaptive-reuse to provide mixed-use						
	centres						
Jobs and	Increase the number of jobs in the Northern Beaches to reduce the need for						
Businesses	residents to leave						
	 Provide more commercial/office space and co-working hubs so people can live 						
	closer to work						
	Build up already-established industries and – like other locations around the world –						
	attract investment by promoting Northern Beaches as a unique place for business						
	Cluster complimentary industries to reduce their need to source expertise, products						
	or services from outside the LGA						
	Protect and/or expand employment centres						
	 Improve internet speed and mobile reception and promote flexible work 						
	arrangements to make working from home for viable						
	Offer flexible work hours to reduce traffic congestion Brouide and of trip facilities for these undergoing long commutes						
Housing	Provide end-of-trip facilities for those undergoing long commutes						
diversity	Delivering a diverse range of housing types						
Sustainability	Addressing climate change						
	 Sustainably designing infrastructure and housing 						
	Responding to growing population						



Climate Change

Key theme	Challenges and suggestions				
Improving efficiency	 Managing greater demand for resources due to increasing population (e.g. waste, transportation) 				
	Making it easy and affordable for people to live sustainably				
	 Urgently address emissions (e.g. through trees and cooling features, stabilising the population, improving efficiencies) 				
	 Improve and promote public transport (e.g. light rail, hop on/off buses), over road infrastructure (e.g. tunnel) and electric vehicles to reduce pollution from cars 				
	 Improve efficiencies in waste and water efficiency (e.g. electric garbage collection vehicles, recycling waste and grey water, improving rainfall capture) 				
	 Lead energy efficiency (e.g. solar power for large scale developments, promoting renewable energy policies, reducing coal fire power consumption, building Council- owned energy infrastructure) 				
	 Use new technologies to become increasingly self-sufficient as an LGA (e.g. creating a local food supply by utilising rooftops or using food waste for energy) 				
Natural hazards	 Sea level rises and the potential for Council to be subject to legal action by property owners 				
nuzurus	 Increased storm events resulting in flooding and storm surges 				
	 An increase in the number of houses in Manly identified as sitting on flood prone land 				
	Increased bushfire risk due to higher temperatures				
	• Safeguard infrastructure against the impacts of natural hazards and extreme weather				
	across the LGA (including electrical infrastructure) (e.g. need to redirect investment away from areas likely to be impacted, place power poles underground)				
Protecting	Loss of biodiversity from fragmentation of natural habitat (i.e. deforestation, loss of				
our natural	corridors, tree canopy, green space)				
environment	 Large excavations disturbing natural watercourses 				
	 Managing perceived push from State Government for increased development 				
	• Maintain trees to continue the Northern Beaches' role as the 'lungs' of Sydney (e.g. by creating new national parks in Manly Dam and Oxford Falls Valley)				
	 Preserve and effectively replace mature trees where necessary (e.g. by planting new trees early so tree canopy is not affected) 				
	 Overcome challenge of land as finite resource (e.g. by establishing house boats on large waterways) 				
Managing the built	 Increase in hard surfaces (i.e. tessellated (pervious) pavements) impacting temperatures 				
environment	 Increase in underground car parks may increase threat of inundation 				
	Use of materials that are flammable and bushfire prone may present challenges				
	 Embracing non-traditional approaches to respond to challenges 				
	Provide infrastructure for electric vehicles				
	Create tighter, walkable centres				
Managing	 Challenge of managing our population's consumption patterns and awareness 				
people's	• Educate residents on improved behaviour and positioning the Council as a 'lighthouse				
behaviour	for sustainability' to promote action at the individual level				
	• Educate tourists on improved behaviour (especially waste-related) (e.g. by presenting information on ferries or in environment centres)				
	• Support politicians who listen to the advice of experts (such as the Chief Scientist) on climate change				



Northern Beaches Time Machine

Key Challenges

Following the first activity, the facilitators of each Change Station reported to the group the key challenges that emerged from their discussions. Using these as a basis, the KJA facilitator proposed the following six key challenge areas as a framework for the 'Northern Beaches Time Machine' session.

Sustainability	Connection	Environment	Transport	Diversity	Upskilling
Managing resources efficiently and offering affordability	Providing community centres and amenities and supporting social cohesion	Dealing with natural challenges while managing the impact of our urban environments	Improving public transport and managing traffic	Promoting diversity of people, skills and spaces	Embracing new technologies, improving education and fuelling innovation

Desired Outcomes

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Small groups described their desired outcomes under each of these key challenge areas. Their suggestions have been merged and summarised below.

Sustainability	Climate change effectively managed through low carbon emissions
	 Strong green spaces (e.g. roof gardens, green walls, market gardens, greater tree canopy, community gardens)
	 Collaboration with developers (e.g. through the Development Control Plan) to achieve better designed, future-proofed, responsible buildings using sustainable materials (including with smaller building footprints) Efficient and sustainable energy use moving towards a self-sufficient LGA (e.g. embracing solar energy across the Northern Beaches)
	Limitations put on growthCouncil as a leader in education on sustainability
	More efficient communication technology to allow people to work from home
	 More business and jobs to sustain the population



Connection	 Vibrant town centres providing a full range of services and social life, including at night Well-balanced design of urban centres, including entertainment/leisure hubs in town centres designed to happily co-exist with apartments Opportunities to live and work in the area, including for key workers The ability to live without a car A sense of community, with corner shops and other supportive spaces encouraging socialisation and spending on local products and services
Environment	 Untouched natural areas and protected and enhanced ecosystems with biodiversity and wildlife corridors throughout the LGA (e.g. for koalas) Green, innovative environments (e.g. roof gardens, green walls, market gardens, greater tree canopy, community gardens) Variety of green spaces and trees in walking distance, including open spaces for leisure and sport Attracting outdoor environments with clean air and improved water quality (e.g. lagoons, no sewer overflows) and water-sensitive urban design Respect for country and our natural heritage A low carbon footprint with food and energy produced locally Quality environmental design (e.g. sandstone boulder sea walls) 'Good' density with smaller building footprints and limits to growth
Transport	 A 30 minute city with targeted, reliable and affordable connections to main centres and universities Strong public transport (e.g. dedicated public transport roadways, better eastwest connections, treetop gondolas for Mona Vale Rd) making it possible to live without a car Progressive solutions (e.g. mandated varied working hours, only electric vehicles allowed to travel within the Northern Beaches, green space above tunnels, more expensive parking to discourage car use) More people choosing active transport, with pedestrianised hubs full of people walking or cycling to work The shared economy has 'kicked into gear' in the area, including the use of autonomous vehicles



Diversity	 Universal design for the inclusion of all people, promoting diversity and integration of age, race, religion, culture and ability Multi-generational families remaining in the area to prevent the Northern Beaches from becoming 'one big retirement home' Diverse and multi-generational housing options with inclusive design of buildings and the spaces between them (e.g. self-supportive, communal and affordable dwellings aka those in the Netherlands) Well-designed spaces with landscapes and connections that promote inclusivity and that meet the needs of everyone in our community (e.g. utilising garages for small businesses) Design that allows for entertainment and night life without impacting residents
Upskilling	 The area offers a high standard business centre that has overcome stigma by promoting Northern Beaches lifestyle Innovation hubs and innovative, co-working business environments Creation of a major hub to support a specific, niche innovative industry (e.g. moving people to mars) Learning opportunities, including public training and courses in marine and coastal environment at universities, TAFE and health centres Clustered activities, including within the health sector



A Future Northern Beaches

Each group creatively presented their vision for a future Northern Beaches in which these desired outcomes had been achieved. The results were insightful and entertaining.

Group 1 put pipe cleaners to good use to describe a future Northern Beaches where people were well connected with their immediate neighbourhood as well as with the broader community.







Group 2 presented a map of an example Northern Beaches centre where the shared economy has been embraced, space is set aside for rapid transit, cyclists/people and greenery and garages and other now redundant spaces have been repurposed for cafes and businesses.



Group 3 had prepared materials to symbolise pristine Northern Beaches waters, community hubs, greenery, cycle and walkways, diverse housing options and an IT centre.





Group 4 uses pipe cleaners to present a vision of Northern beaches as a green, liveable place with multi-generational housing and well-connected town centres that offer night life and cultural opportunities. Climate change would be a top priority and quality waterways would encourage active lifestyles that improve health and wellbeing.



Group 5 employed a mix of pipe cleaners and wooden materials to present their preference for a future Northern Beaches where *no growth* has occurred and where efforts have been focused on maintaining and improving current amenities.





Tackling Wicked Problems

The following summaries provide an indication of the discussions by each group as they sought to identify solutions to each 'wicked' problem that would satisfy all avatar perspectives.

Retaining and managing industrial land



The avatars had mixed views about the use of industrial land. The *Existing business owner* wanted to see flexible spaces on industrial land (e.g. mixture of small and large spaces with moveable walls, rooftop gardens) to support small and large services. The *Prospective business owner* supported creative and flexible use of industrial land (e.g. alternate activities after hours). Others believed you need larger lots to accommodate larger facilities with the infrastructure in place to minimise impacts. They suggested that industrial land should not be taken over for other uses (e.g. gyms, cafes).

Participants saw the need for a balance between flexible zoning that allows for different uses while also preventing intense industrial uses that would lead to noise, odour, dust and other complaints – these 'dirtier, noisier' industries should be allocated specific areas away from residential areas. Participants supported the amalgamation of smaller properties to allow industry to grow (e.g. Brookvale) but suggested these larger sites should be purpose-built and adaptable, with infrastructure for managing impacts. They would also need larger buffers, better road access and stricter controls. Council might assist organisations in finding appropriate sites.

It was suggested that green space around industrial land would help absorb impacts and provide spaces for workers to have lunch but the group recognised this would use valuable space and add to the cost of the land. The group was open to worker accommodation but only on sites with 'cleaner' uses, partly due to safety.

The group observed that the *Residential/Commercial Developer's* agenda appeared to be most at odds with the other avatars and so suggested that the Local Environment Plan has to be strong to protect community and stakeholder needs. It was argued, for example, that developers will always make a profit if the area is well-designed so feasibility arguments should not lead to greater intensity.

In the end, the group generally agreed that:

- Building designs should be more flexible to allow larger spaces in one complex
- Land around industrial areas needed to be reclaimed to create buffers (e.g. along Pittwater Rd in Brookvale)
- Housing near industrial areas needs to be small to suit Industrial Key Workers while keeping costs down
- More height should be allowed on current industrial land (e.g. for warehouse space and manufacturing equipment) since no new industrial land is available



Less young adults in the Northern Beaches



During their conversation, the *Business owner/employer* offered the young people a cadetship to help keep them in the area. It was suggested, then, that employers should be incentivised to provide jobs for young people. A local university would also offer the educational opportunities to keep the *University student* and the culture and jobs to perhaps retain the others. Diverse housing models (e.g. build to rent, house sharing) were put forward as other ways to encourage young adults to stay. The group proposed that leaving home 'is a rite of passage' and so any measures were unlikely to prevent young people from leaving at all but acknowledged that variety of accommodation, jobs and cultural experiences would help ensure they return to raise families.

Protecting the natural environment from urban development



Members of this group began by suggesting zero growth in the Northern Beaches would alleviate any community pressure. The question was then raised – where can key workers and young people live now? The *Developer* proposed that he could deliver positive housing outcomes if he was engaged early. He also



said he could add value to the area (e.g. jobs, housing) and that – by providing taller buildings – he could provide community and natural space at ground level. Stocklands Club Totem was presented as 'good practice' development. It was suggested by another that young people leaving was not necessarily a problem – that it created more room for families. The *Eco Tourism operator* said they were in favour of attracting residents and tourists to the area to use their services, though wanted to see habitats protected from development. Others agreed they did not want development on bushland. The resident *Little Penguin* was similarly concerned about environmental degradation and wanted to see a penguin habitat offered as part of any nearby development.

The Northern Beaches has an ageing population

Elderly person	Pre-retiree	Employers
"I need smaller and more supported housing options, and adequate services and transportation. It is difficult for me to stay connected to friends and family who are not nearby as it is hard for me to visit."	"I want to downsize and stay in the area. I'd like to retire but there is no one to replace me at work as there aren't many young workers. I'd also like options to move around the workforce or volunteer. I want to maintain social connections, have recreational options, and have nearby medical services and adequate transportation. I also value walkability."	"I struggle to replace retiring staff due to the lack of younger people in the local workforce. I also may need to retrofit the building to improve accessibility."
Adult children with older parents	Service provider Provider I have to respond to the demand for more, changing, new or targeted services on stretched funding and staff resources. I may have locational and access requirements that need to be changed."	

The *Employer* committed to diverse hiring (especially from non-English speaking backgrounds) and a review of their business model to improve their capacity to replace retiring staff while the *Service provider* planned to do so through work experience programs. All avatars were open to universally-designed multi-generational housing as a solution. The *Elderly person* was happy to mentor younger people and babysit for their *Adult children* in exchange for assistance (e.g. with manual tasks and technology). The *Pre-retiree* valued their position at work and felt downsizing was too expensive a process but were happy to rent out part of their home and volunteer to visit elderly people.



Providing suitable and affordable housing options



The needs of the different avatars, naturally, differed. The Single older woman and the Key worker were looking for long term rentals (5-20 years) to allow them time to connect with their community. One of the Single older woman looked to developers to support good, long term renters by rewarding them with lower rents while the Key worker and others suggested subsidies would more likely come from Government. Alternatively, the Renter looking to buy just needed a transitory space while the y looked for property to purchase. A Single older woman was happy to share a flat while she looked to buy.

Participants also identified required change to housing perceptions. The *Downsizer* – who was looking to downsize to meet their changing health care and other lifestyle needs – wanted to see developer-led incentives and increased acceptance of downsizing as a natural transition in the housing marketplace. Similarly, the *Young family* wanted to see boarding houses destigmatised and better located and connected to local character.

The Young family – who were looking for somewhere with good liveability and amenity – wanted to Government to better help them enter the property market. The *Returning local* was not very optimistic but suggested tweaks to building laws may help provide the additional/secondary dwellings they need to afford to live in the area. They also saw houseboats, tiny houses and caravans as other places to live in while saving to buy a house. The *Developer* built on these suggestions, proposing that a more flexible planning system would assist them in delivering co-housing, community title, adaptive re-use of building stock, secondary dwellings, dual occupancy and other alternative forms of housing.



03: Focus Group Overview

The objective of each focus group was twofold:

- 1. To understand the participants' 20 year vision for the Northern Beaches
- 2. To identify possible improvements to the draft LSPS priorities by asking the group to test them against their vision

At each focus group, participants were presented with key change factors (e.g. changing demographics, climate change) that the area is likely to see over the next twenty years. They were then asked to describe their 20 year vision, which was captured under four headings: 'infrastructure', 'liveability', 'productivity', 'sustainability'. Once their vision had been expressed, the group was shown Council's draft priorities and asked how they could be improved to better capture the group's vision. The change factors, heading descriptions and draft priorities are all captured in the presentation in the Appendices of this report.

The focus groups generated valuable insights for the LSPS process, revealing that residents are generally aligned on some areas or priorities for future land use and planning whereas other areas/priorities unearthed divergent views. The vision each group described for their future Northern Beaches revealed some small gaps in Council's proposed LSPS priorities, with some participants also having specific recommendations for amending certain priorities.

Key points of alignment

Infrastructure

- Support for affordable mass transit and local connections to key services, including first/last mile services, with desire from all groups for cars to be replaced by public and active transport for short and long-distance travel
- Support for maximising use of existing infrastructure and for developing flexible, future-proof infrastructure

Liveability

- Support for mixing of age groups, including around schools and homes with common spaces where
 people can 'rub shoulders'
- Support for providing local facilities, services, educational opportunities and jobs that save people from having to travel out of the area (especially to the Sydney CBD) to seek these out
- Support for a local University, ideally a satellite campus with digital methods for connecting students with teachers and others. A number of groups suggested that such a campus could focus on health education given the new Hospital
- Support for socially-connected, diversely-mixed communities with wide-ranging suggestions on how this could be achieved. Ideas included:
 - Small, comfortable local hubs offering access to the internet, information (e.g. libraries) and community health services (physical, mental)
 - Localised systems such as neighbourhood energy networks
 - Community gardens, cooperatives, neighbourhood associations and 'third places' for people to 'hang out' and kids and dogs to play
 - o Local businesses that residents can become familiar with
- Support for recognising and honouring Aboriginal culture and heritage (one group suggested Aboriginal people could help educate the community on sustainable environmental practices), though groups consistently suggested that this be extended to include other cultures within the Northern Beaches

Productivity

Support for local economic hubs or co-working spaces that are not just retail; spaces where people, particularly owners of start-ups, can physically meet and develop connected business communities. The IT industry was regularly raised as a suitable industry for the area, with one group describing Northern Beaches offering the same lifestyle that originally attracted entrepreneurs to Silicon Valley. Tourism was also seen as a local industry. Groups were generally supportive of protecting industrial lands. The CALD group suggested making it easier for people to work from home, providing



employment for people who leave school early and allowing migrants to contribute their skills to society by recognising their credentials and teaching them English.

- Support for a vibrant night life in appropriate locations so long as safety is also improved (e.g. lighting) to encourage all age groups to get out into the community
- Support for affordable housing, especially for local workers (e.g. health workers, tradespeople, cleaners), with a recognition that the narrative needs to change around affordable housing to improve community support for them
- A number of groups spoke about inclusive infrastructure and services that were accessible to an ageing population, people with disability and other groups
- General support for local arts and culture, including local artwork in public spaces

Sustainability

- Support for reducing human impact on the environment, including supporting sustainable development, growing tree canopy, reducing carbon emissions and protecting local biodiversity. Ideas for reducing emissions and environment impact included (but were not limited to):
 - o Reducing reliance on cars for transport
 - Reducing the distance people have to travel to access services or work
 - Increasing the use of clean/renewable energy, including finding creative ways to generate it locally
 - Encouraging the 'circular economy'
 - Providing infrastructure for electric bikes and vehicles
 - Providing spaces for shared assets (e.g. cars)
 - Employing biophillic urbanism
 - Using data to optimise energy use (e.g. in the freight industry)

Key points of divergence

Growth and density

- A number of participants, particularly members of the Pittwater group, viewed the predicted population increase presented at the beginning of the session as a State Government directive rather than a predicted outcome. They appeared to hold the view that Council could lobby State Government to reduce the degree to which the population would increase over the next 20 years.
- Some participants across the groups did point out that an increase in population was inevitable and that the focus should be on developing the infrastructure and services in advance to ensure the Northern Beaches lifestyle was as good as it could be as changes took place. A few participants responded to this with the concern that new and improved infrastructure would *attract* even more people to the Northern Beaches.
- Some participants expressed their interest in having parts of the Northern Beaches that provided
 affordable homes in walkable distance to services, facilities and public transport. They pointed out
 that 'critical mass' (i.e. certain population levels and density) was required to make such places
 feasible.

Centralisation vs decentralisation

Some groups (e.g. Pittwater) were more supportive of decentralised services and density through
the development of well-connected 'village centres' while participants in other groups (e.g. Frenchs
Forest, Manly) were more supportive of higher density, easily accessible centres near transport
nodes that could hold more residents and services. Other groups were in favour of a mixture of the
two. Ultimately, accessibility and social connection appeared to be important to participants no
matter the outcome.

Catering for young people -

 The majority of participants believed that young people should be able to remain in the Northern Beaches as they study, begin work and start a family. An affordable housing mix, good public transport, local educational institutions, local jobs, and family-friendly public spaces were all seen as ways to make this possible. They described integrated, multigenerational communities where young and old can live together and support and learn from each other.



 On the other hand, some participants did not believe the Northern Beaches needed to be suitable or affordable for all ages. They suggested it was natural for young people to leave the area and return later in life.

Priority gaps

Participants expected that Council would test the session outputs against the draft priorities to identify opportunities to add or improve them. However, some gaps or amendments were made particularly clear:

- Almost all groups mentioned proactive action to address climate change as a priority, not just responding to its impacts
- When speaking about sustainability, groups spent most of their time discussing 'waste management', which is not explicitly mentioned in any of the priorities
- While ideas differed across the groups on what Council's focus should be, many groups were emphatic that Council should become a world leader in 'something'. Ideas included being leaders in:
 - Sustainability, including waste management (e.g. composting), using 100% renewable energy by 2040, reaching zero landfill, 100% resource recovery and/or achieving zero carbon emissions
 - Actively soliciting public/private technology and transport solutions
 - Providing state of the art educational facilities
 - o Providing work spaces for IT entrepreneurs
 - o Being the only Council to grow green space
 - Embracing new technologies (e.g. trackless trams, using airspace to transport people and items)
- A number of groups suggested the 'infrastructure' section could benefit from more than one priority, for example by breaking down priorities by infrastructure type.
- Groups regularly raised the importance of quality housing built "for the long term", including unique architectural design, high quality materials that protect inhabitants (e.g. fireproof) materials that reduce energy use (e.g. insulation), and inclusion of green elements (e.g. useable rooftop/vertical gardens)
- Community and stakeholder engagement and collaboration continually came up as an important priority. That is, that the community should be continually consulted on land use and planning over the next 20 years, with the potential to establish community champions of change. Some groups also suggested Council had a responsibility to advocate on behalf of the community when dealing with State Government. Others suggested Council should be learning from the successful or unsuccessful work done by other NSW Councils

Priority amendments

Common suggestions across the groups included that:

- 'Education' should be specifically referenced within one or more of the 'sustainability' priorities as community awareness of their environment and their impacts on it is critical to them enjoying it and protecting it
- Priority 31 should, like the other 'Sustainability' priorities, include 'enhancing' or 'improving'
- The 'growth' mentioned in Priority 1 should be defined. The group from Narrabeen suggested it should be defined in P1 as the kind of growth the group had described as their vision for the future. Other groups similarly spoke about growth that supported liveability, productivity and sustainability priorities. A number of groups also emphasised the importance of infrastructure *before* demand, with the Narrabeen group again suggesting that the current infrastructure may be 'lagging behind' current demand
- Educational facilities should not just include a University campus but also smaller education or training hubs (TAFE and others) where people of all ages can learn

The Frenchs Forest group suggested:

Including 'North Sydney' in Priority 15



The Narrabeen group suggested:

- Priority 7 should make reference to parks, bike lanes and outdoor spaces that are easily accessible
- Priority 11 should include a reference to education
- Priority 13 should be elaborated on to outline who affordable housing would cater for (e.g. essential services workers) and what it would provide (e.g. sufficient size, nearby communal community spaces)
- Avalon should be included as a strategic centre in Priority 22
- 'Strengthen functions' in Priority 23 needed to be clarified (e.g. that the centres should build on their current, unique strengths)
- Priority 25 should include 'support and develop innovative industry clusters'

The Manly group suggested:

- Priority 11 should include natural and other forms of 'heritage'
- Making specific reference to safe walking and cycling routes in Priority 16
- Priority 22 should include that the centres will be "supported by enabling transport infrastructure' providing good connections in and out
- Priority 36 should include high requirements for sustainable features on all new developments
- Including actions under 'Liveability' that focused on supporting the more vulnerable people in the community

The Curl Curl group suggested:

- Priority 13 should include for workers who support the community, with ownership or long-term rental options that allow people to invest in the community and provide stability for their children
- Higher density in appropriate areas should mean Ingleside, as mentioned in Priority 14, can be
 preserved as green space
- Priority 23 should include enticing industry into the centres and providing health facilities and services, with the centres acting as transport hubs
- Defining Priority 35 as 'green' open space (i.e. pedestrianised places for passive or active recreation where people can meet without having to spend money)
- Adding a priority to 'Productivity' on incentivising local entrepreneurship by making the area affordable and desirable, promoting hubs and providing the infrastructure to support local innovation (e.g. 3D printers)

The CALD group suggested:

- Including migrants' unique skills as part of Priority 24
- 'Enhance' in Priority 30 should refer to growing or increasing availability of bushland and biodiversity
- Including 'affordable renewable energy supplies' as part of Priority 36
- Referencing 'multicultural hubs' in 'Liveability' section so migrants have somewhere to interact, access information and build confidence to find employment
- Including affordable public transport as a 'Productivity' priority
- Referencing 'natural beauty' (e.g. protecting resident views), 'educating people' and 'air pollution' in 'Sustainability' section

The youth group suggested:

- Including a reference to 'building' infrastructure in Priority 1, not just planning for it
- Priority 6 should be extended to equal medical treatment and healthy lifestyles for all
- Priority 10 should include community workshops that are easy to join
- Priority 14 should not result in big identical houses with no backyards
- Extending Priority 24 to include building skills relating to computers and emerging technologies for both young and older generations
- Including good transport in and out of night life locations as part of Priority 27
- Referencing 'sustainable and adaptable' transport infrastructure in the 'Infrastructure section
- Making reference to 'using and enhancing what we already have', as well as 'education' as part of 'Sustainability' section



04: Focus Group Detailed Results

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	ructure – Vision
•	"Not spending time in cars"
٠	Little developments in villages
•	Pro pedestrian spaces and bikes. A need for active transport places including around
	schools
•	Lanes dedicated to modes of transport other than cars
•	Hub and spoke transport
•	Accessible transport that accounts for people with disability
•	A tech leader that uses skills in IT to address community needs and needs for
	transportation
•	Door to Door travel while reducing car miles
•	Dealing with state government expectations
•	Road infrastructure
nfrast	ructure – Priorities
	Growth should be something we want
•	Lead the way with sensible growth
	Council listen to community and follow through (enforcement)
	Council has integrity – they actively work towards the agreed and intended vision
	Manage existing infrastructure to meet community needs
rodu	ctivity– Vision
	Attractive to tourists, so they see how beautiful the area is
	Pittwater used as asset around ecological and recreational capability
•	Great technological innovations in order to be creative in this area
•	No empty shop fronts
•	Connectivity between community so everyone knows and understands what others are
	offering and how they can help
	Tourism cannot be allowed to destroy sense of community
	Balance job growth with ecology and liveability
	Schools with multiple age groups existing around them
	Produce great schools locals want to send their kids to: have population to fill them
Produ	ctivity – Priorities
•	There's a concern that universities will lead to population density around campuses.
	Consider virtual university/hub or smaller scale (satellite).
	Don't want to become a university town
	Community needs to understand the reasoning behind whatever we do
	More economic hubs – need some physical space to bring community together
	Multiple smaller hubs e.g. libraries, comfortable, internet access
	Integrated communities with a focus on liveability
	Reduce emissions
Sustai	Reduce reliance on cars whilst still providing accessible door to door travel nability – Vision
•	Smaller houses
	Preserve biodiversity and habitat retention
	Consider the 'local ecology' comprising families, environment and systems e.g. energy,
	power and micro grids
	Clean energy
	Holistic approach and measurement – "doing the right thing"
	Council at the forefront of something e.g. a local movement like composting, world leading
	and difficult challenges
•	Ensure the community is aware of the environment around them. They should be educated and appreciate the environment.
	Experience of environment linked to education
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•	Points to consider O Focus on recyclable, user pays system / Sustainable development



Sustai	nability – Priorities
+	Working with EPA measures and aligned with State government
•	Emphasis on support: generally and for tree canopy. A preference for varied vegetation that is ecologically appropriate
	Make less waste a priority and encourage people to produce less waste, more than simply
	just increasing recycling.
	Have individuals and businesses involved in this action to reduce waste (incentives for
	retailers)
•	Aim for zero carbon emissions. Create sustainable built environments
•	Initiatives around private native gardens. Focus on benefits for biodiversity and heat.
•	Address weeds e.g. through regulation
Liveal	pility – Vision
•	Non-centralised public spaces, but decentralised and localised.
٠	Establishing a "town centre"
٠	Related services grouped together e.g. specialists and service providers. Aim for local first
	and move to bigger hubs if needed
٠	Access to health and community services. E.g. Mona Vale public land
•	Aboriginal culture/ heritage important e.g. research into history and included Indigenous
	place names at locations
٠	Consult Indigenous influencers throughout this process
٠	Public art such as laneways and use local and existing talent. Create programs to
	encourage people to create
.iveab	ility - Priorities
٠	Age in place
•	Encourage diversity through current buildings – not about new unwanted development. More about building community
•	Spaces for connection, including across age groups, around schools
•	Planned, small communities with common spaces. Where people can "rub shoulders"
•	Integrated (old, new and different buildings)
٠	"Wonderful little things" done well rather than big zones of development etc.
•	"Little villages"
•	Have a range of recreational activities for people
٠	Flexible and adaptable housing (re-use). Encompassed by flexible property laws such as selling off sections of land "fine grain"
٠	Connection to each other and the world through technology
•	Don't want to look the same as other developments elsewhere. Localised development
•	Proper planning controls for development
•	Safe environment
Genera	
٠	Reluctance to population growth
•	Manage what we have better
•	Push back to state government collaboration
•	"not about outsiders moving in"
•	Preserve and adapt using what we have
•	Growing while protecting the environment and encouraging tourism
	Allow for population increases and decreases

Tuesday 19th March – Frenchs Forest

General Engage people on what they need Question about whether local government should be responsible for these priorities (mixed iii views) Infrastructure - Vision Access to shops and sporting facilities. Close proximity and the right mix of these facilities Internet and connectivity - broad social connection . Walkable/ ridable city with access to services. Adopt a change mindset towards cyclists . Lighting and safety taking note of elderly groups. Safety in regards to increased density . Support for 30 minute travel to city for work, going out at night. Will need the support of the . critical mass to achieve this

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٠	Implement feeder services and places for commuter parking
•	Mix of public and private transport. A shared economy
•	Hub and spoke development e.g. hubs along public transport 'stops' with spokes heading
	out from there
Infrast	ructure – Priorities
٠	Planned (hub/spoke)
•	Breakdown by infrastructure type
•	Quality infrastructure e.g. homes
•	Avoid duplication of provisions within close proximity of each other
•	Faster planning cycles to "get on with" infrastructure
Produ	ctivity – Vision
•	Affordable housing and local industrial land for tradespeople
•	Commercial mixed developments, not just retail
Produ	ctivity – Priorities
•	Support workers for quality infrastructure (health, tradespeople, cleaners)
•	University natural extension of hospital?
	 Good – prevents young people from travelling into the city
	 Frenchs Forest possible location for this
•	Actively solicit public/ private technology and transport providers to deliver solutions - be
	leaders in that space. Plus help to fill our transport infrastructure gap
•	Include North Sydney in P15
٠	Need jobs to connect people
Sustai	nability – Vision
•	Waste management systems, to prevent reliance on China
•	Green connections
•	Room for greenery
	 On private residential bocks
	 In public spaces including near apartment blocks.
	• This helps reduce energy from the air conditioning etc.
•	Quality of construction – reduce energy use and make it fireproof. Build for the long term.
•	Sustainability is important
	 Diversity of national parks Plan for it
	 Lead by example, globally
	 Shared green spaces – improving them within walking distance of home
	 Family friendly
	Embrace renewable energy / battery storage (learn from the Western suburbs)
Sustai	nability – Priorities
•	Community farming
	Educate people on why we need to protect the environment and Aboriginal history with
	land. Including permaculture and educating farmers. Plus waste management
•	Council take leadership position on sustainability
	More focus on improving not just protecting what we have
	Smart buildings e.g. no black rooves, insulation, innovative building materials
	Managing waste cost effectively
	Encourage circular economy (including at point of resident)
Liveab	ility – Vision
•	Know your neighbours including retaining character
•	Planning for young people – allow them to return. To do this
	 Housing options for all, a mix e.g. terrace housing
	 Close to transportation
	 Sharing spaces/ buildings
	 Good quality housing
	 Retain large building/ fewer people areas (individual concern)
•	Stages of life – keep people interested in areas
	An integrated community – young and old living together. Education from the elders and
	vice versa
	Enough space for elderly to stay in area



Allow for development mix - not all the selected locations that makes sense. Allows for	
supportive infrastructure and services	

- Social spaces for apartment blocks
- Places to raise a family .
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- Quality construction to reduce energy use: fireproof and double glazing Affordable housing including for young people and tradespeople, "we've created an
- environment for rich people? New terms for accommodation to overcome stigma
- Allow for merit-based approaches to development requires flexible controls
- Developers giving back to community facilities

Liveability – Priorities

- Allow different people to fit into community appropriate mix of housing (flexible and organic)
- Enable social connection .
- Developers reinventing in communities
- Vibrant places to eat and drink in strategic and local centres live music etc. "drinking holes"
- Walkable, mountain bike tracks for young people
- Ingleside prioritise density over sprawl
- Mental health spaces like Men's Sheds for people to provide social integration and prevent social isolation
- Find ways to connect across generations, pass on knowledge etc.

Wednesday 20th March – Narrabeen

Infrast	ructure - Vision
•	Direct lines at key times to universities and other major destinations
•	Less focus on roads and cars, greater reliance on public transport is key to give people
	more options
•	Small, local services feeding into peak time buses (everyday). More of them operating at a
	regular schedule to save people from having to commuter park
•	Transport for offshore communities
	Enable efficient connection to jobs outside LGA
Infrast	ructure - Priorities
	Good accessibility to and from centres
•	"What do you mean by growth?" Should be to support the kind of growth we've described
deter.	as our vision. Also, need to support the growth we've already had (e.g. transport) as "it's
	lagging behind"
•	In addition, emergency services need to increase
	Include timing and community champions of change
	Engage community throughout and adopt a position of accountability
Produ	ctivity - Vision
	Protect industrial land
	Support freight connections, including to cope with increasing demand in online shopping
	Medical hub potential
	 Needs housing
	 Offers local jobs
	 Needs warehousing (links to spaces)
	Deregulation and decreased rental prices to support local, small business nightlife
	 Hubs for young people to hang out
	 Affordable
	 Middle ground between small town and larger scale e.g. Manly
	 Subsidies to support small business
	Retain land for IT and start up hubs plus future focused and exciting industries
	Cultural driven economy such as theatres
	Bush care regeneration economy
	Aboriginal heritage economy
	Recognise move from physical to online such as shopping
	Places where people working alone can gather together and collaborate. More physical
	connection
	Connection

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Flouu	ctivity - Priorities
*	Retain rural areas to support local economy
	'Mass transit' should mean public transport
	 Prioritise public transport over cars e.g. blocking car access to streets to support
	active transport and walkable domains. E.g. Dee Why Esplanade
	 However still providing road access when needed e.g. tradies servicing property
	and considering impact on existing businesses
	Increased access for people with disability e.g. transport, parks, accommodation. And
	consider catering of ageing population
•	Add Avalon as strategic centre, including capturing its art culture
•	P23 – clearer wording than 'strengthen functions'
	 Should build on the unique, current strengths of each centre
•	P25 – support and develop clusters
Susta	inability – Vision
	Beware of overdevelopment
	 Development in the right places, safe places e.g. to avoid bushfires
	 Building on centres
	Addressing climate change helps reduce heat, therefore reduced impact on the elderly
	Sustainable in all ways (people, environment)
	 Don't build near natural hazards (flood plain etc.)
	 Not all the same Green spaces (not all buildings)
	 Places for kids to play
•	Proximity to greenery and bushland
•	Guide – how many people can we sustainably fit? Provide places people can live in
•	All houses with mechanisms for generating energy sustainably, feeding into the grid
	 Water catchment and waste management per house (composting, edible
	community gardens)
	 Food sustainability
•	Educating children
Susta	inability – Priorities
•	Agree with P37 and P32 (retain rural areas), provide certainty and protect from extensive
	housing development
	Protect and (utilise/showcase/understand/adapt) environment
	Be bold and long-term focused (e.g. "zero emissions council" and new buildings that are
	more energy efficient and carbon neutral)
•	Don't develop in natural hazard areas
	P37 needs to be more proactive (e.g. "we will take proactive steps to reduce impacts of
-	climate change")
	"We are a leader in sustainability"
•	Find ways to generate renewable energy in Northern Beaches
	pility - Vision
•	Housing for medical hub workers (nurses, cleaners etc.) in close proximity to work
•	Prioritise community through creating local communities. This is important in an
	increasingly online world. Facilities like bigger community gardens and co-operatives to be
	considered, people crossing paths, public transport and social places to hang out
٠	A sense of familiarity with small businesses
٠	Barbecue and food areas
•	A mixture of cultures and races, an integrated community
•	Smaller health and education facilities and community centres. This creates a less
	intimidating environment with close proximity to meeting other locals. A need to retain land
	for these facilities
	Some higher density centres to meet the needs of people who want to live in this style of
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	nousing T his will help to revamp and activate "Holy" areas
1	housing. This will help to revamp and activate "ugly" areas
•	A more contemporary and progressive approach to leading schools. This should be run to
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Liveability - Priorities		
	P13 – elaborate, including for essential services. Who is it for? Ensure that different groups	
	are catered for and their long-term needs are met. Think about decent size, living spaces	
	integrated with the community	
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- A need to be careful with the scale of campus
- There could be an education and training hub to cater for young and old, as well as TAFE students 0
 - 0
 - Good internet connectivity State of the art facilities that position as a leader 0
 - 0
 - Blur the line between TAFE and University e.g. bridging courses Provide local places for part time study to cater for people already in the workforce 0
 - A need for community health service hubs
- Hubs with spaces to meet and recreational outdoor activities .
- P11 about education
- P7 parks, bike lanes and outdoor spaces should be specified
 - Make the most of existing spaces 0
 - Accessible facilities in close proximity

Thursday 21st March - Manly

Infrast	Infrastructure - Vision	
•	Free parking?	
	Overlap with liveability – "density and smart density done well"	
	30 minute city support, can we achieve this?	
	Not just about "funnels out of the place"	
•	Bring things here	
•	Preference for infrastructure before population growth e.g. pinch points	
•	Reduce congestion locally and free up assets to support vibrant spaces	
•	Improve North/South connections to "make use of the whole Northern Beaches"	
•	Need direct public transport connections (e.g. to/from hospital)	
•	Flexible transport connections that discourage car use to allow for future changes in the	
	way we get around. Can't just deliver infrastructure designed only for present day transport	
	modes	
•	How do we make "sustainable growth" work for us and not to the detriment of community	
Decales	and environment	
	ctivity - Vision	
•	Preserve big natural spaces for tourists which strategically goes back into supporting	
	environments	
•	Small high-tech spaces like "Silicon Beach," people need to know about them	
•	Attract IT industry	
	 Live, work and spend locally Attract them with the Northern Decence lifest de and a quality and inneveting 	
	 Attract them with the Northern Beaches lifestyle and a quality and innovative retreat 	
	 Local TAFE and industry education building local skills in TI Idolise science professionals 	
	"Play to the demographics" and facilitate work and skill building opportunities for senior	
	people	
	Encourage flexible workforce. The classic 9-5 doesn't suit Northern Beaches lifestyle	
	Ensure a good marine biology setup	
	Institutions that leverages off existing educational organisations etc. (e.g. at Mona Vale	
	Hospital)	
	 Located near public transport nodes 	
	Skills and infrastructure available locally for IT and incentives	
	Support to start-ups	
	Health as a centre of excellence. Build and attract skills for this	
Produc	ctivity - Priorities	
•	Be clear that active transport means walking and cycling – safe routes and separated lanes	
	e.g. over Spit Bridge to make viable commuting option	
1	e.g. over opic bridge to make viable community option	

• Support electric bikes e.g. power station locations



•	"Workable connectivity into Northern Beaches that is sustainable for the population that we
	have" Use what we want to be known for as the guide (is it a given that we are less accessible?)
•	Safe night-time economy
•	P22 – needs good connections in and out i.e. "supported by enabling transport
	infrastructure"
•	Improved transport connections attract good workers and professionals e.g. nurses and doctors
Sustai	nability - Vision
•	Clean and accessible beaches with amenities nearby
•	Current great sense of belonging with nature
	 Easy to 'get in touch' e.g. Manly Dam described as a "pot of gold" Big and small e.g. green spaces, playgrounds, community gardens, trees
	 Walkability
	Be on cutting edge of sustainability conversations Natural environments and connection to nature to support mental health
	Clear boundaries around green spaces?
•	Be bold and be a council that grows green spaces
•	Create big enough spaces with green links to support biodiversity, habitats and inclusion of
	waterways to ocean
• Sustai	Build density in centres to protect outskirts nability – Priorities
•	P36 – high requirements for sustainable features on all new developments
•	P34 – good for reducing heat
٠	Need to generate more energy locally plus promote and create opportunities for
	apartments to do this Spaces for shared assets e.g. cars
	Air space to facilitate transport, delivery and accessibility of goods and people including
	landing spots etc.
٠	Trial and plan for impacts (noise management etc.) on residents and environment
	ility - Vision
•	Affordability inclusive to young, old and service workers. Reduce travel to jobs and find more workers
٠	Current community is special. Increased need for neighbourhood and bigger level spaces to interact with each other e.g. dog parks, "third places," places for business, community centres
٠	More schools and medical facilities in Northern Beaches to achieve 30 minute city and reduce cars on road
•	Stockland looked on as an example of residential and mixed landscape rooftop
•	"Village feel" important when bringing facilities closer – amenities for locals not always tourists. Plus, "creative town planning" that is "proactive" and "meets the needs of people" and is tailored to each village
٠	In residential zones, a need for predictable outcomes from DCP/LEP that protect amenities (vies, privacy, overshadowing
۰	Maintain community spirit not "fractured streets"
•	Safe spaces and green spaces at street level to accommodate (e.g. kids playing outside)
•	Opportunities to interact with neighbours and like-minded people Neighbourhood associations generating ways to develop neighbourhood groups
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•	More cultural opportunities (e.g. Children's Theatre)
•	Local health centres with good transport and accessibility to and from these centres
•	Wellbeing including mental health and suicide rates should be the main consideration in planning decisions
•	Attentive to diversity and multicultural needs
•	Flexible buildings and homes to be made future proof. Plus spaces used for multiple
	purposes and smart use. Repurpose spaces that are no longer fit for use
	ility – Priorities
•	Include actions for vulnerable people "raising the bottom up"
•	Extend on Aboriginal piece to talk about diversity and multiculturalism



- P11 should include natural heritage and consider bigger picture when talking about Protecting heritage Pushing housing into rural areas • Protect to some degree
- - Respect rural heritage
 Support equitable development and allow future generations to improve liveability without impacting others
 Small and sensitive development

 - Local spaces should include parks

Tuesday 26st March – Curl Curl

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Infrastructure – Vision	
•	Cars present long term issues for connection and people should be encouraged to leave
	them at home when commuting (e.g. commuter park for cyclists as seen in Japan, or more
	cycle hires should be offered)
•	A commute to university should be one hour or less
•	Faster public transport
•	Cycle-ways should be better and safer (e.g. separate lanes)
	Build future-proof infrastructure (e.g. tunnels big enough to be repurposed for fast train)
•	Be bold about acknowledging unknown technology will be part of our future
•	Reduce commuter traffic by enabling people to work from home
•	Local public transport solutions like 'trackless trams' to give priority to public modes of
	transport. It could also activate strips of shops (for example as seen in China)
•	State Government to improve how they listen to Councils, businesses and the community
	on planning decisions so that citizens are engagement and interested in issues which
	affect them
Infrast	ructure – Priorities
•	Prioritise public transport
٠	Build the infrastructure space
•	Include more about embracing new technologies in the infrastructure space
٠	Build infrastructure with its long-term capacity in mind
	 "Allow space we can grow into"
	 Adaptive spaces and infrastructure that can be repurposed (current infrastructure
	and future infrastructure)
	 Build for long-term now rather than in bits and pieces over time – break habits now
	(e.g. reduce car use earlier)
•	Priority around reducing car use
•	Make people more mindful of their impact on the commons (e.g. trading schemes for car use)
	use) Learn from lessons (good and bad) from across NSW, Australia and the world (e.g. M7
•	having to be upgraded 5 years after it was built)
Produ	ctivity – Vision
TIOUU	University on Northern Beaches
	Local jobs in local waste centres
	Jobs that are more than just in the retail and industrial sector
•	 More commercial space
٠	Preserve employment land
•	Enable people to work closer to home through co-working spaces for a work-life balance
	(Council, private-run). Co-working spaces are needed especially for start-ups as well as for
	CBD workers (conference facilities, own space)
٠	We need to learn from Parramatta Council's efforts to attract businesses to the area in
	midst of growing population
٠	Local jobs for 'white collar' professionals and/or better support local remote
Drader	workers/satellite offices
	ctive – Priorities
•	Embrace new technologies (e.g. light corridors with drone-like taxi airways)
•	Use technology and co-study spaces to enable people to work from home
٠	P23 – 'Strengthening' should include enticing industry into centres. The centres should also
	be transport hubs (without neglecting other areas). Health function also important



 Add something on incentivising local entrepreneurship through making it affordable an desirable compared to elsewhere 	
	Id
 Including promoting existing/new hubs 	
 Include infrastructure to support local innovation (e.g. 3D printers) 	
Sustainability – Vision	
Consider transport impacts on environment	
 Council 100% renewable by 2040 (U.S. Councils are doing this) 	
Reduction in waste (e.g. smaller bins, behavioural programs, educating, regulations, p	lastic
packaging, and compost at household and Council-level)	
Rebates on composting?	
Bold goal for zero-landfill (e.g. change martials we use, remove single-use plastic from	ו
Northern Beaches in the next 5 years)	
 100% resource recovery Catch up with the modern approaches to co-mingled waste-recycling 	
 Build own Council waste centre? 	
 Dedicated container deposit schemes (work with shops, Council etc.) 	
 "Local waste solutions" – local jobs/less transport 	
 Litter and waste issues mitigated by educating the growing population 	
Sustainability – Priorities	
 Add more on collaborating with community on trade-offs 	1
Sustainable and healthy built environments	
 (e.g. supporting mental and physical health of communities to help those experience indication depression, applicitly) 	
experiencing isolation, depression, anxiety)	
 Also use power generating materials Commercial developers should have to build efficient buildings and that's what efficient 	
should mean (e.g. insulation, using renewable resources, waste minimisation)	icy
 P35 – Should mean green open space (e.g. passive/active recreation, trees, bush) – 	
places you can "sit and linger", pedestrianised, where you can meet people, don't have	e to
spend money	
Ensure the beaches are preserved and protected	
Liveability - Vision	
The physical and mental health of the community is important	
 Neighbourhoods should be walkable People should feel connected to their neighbours 	
 Protection of open space and green space in certain areas (e.g. Manly War Memorial 	Park
as 'lungs of Northern Beaches')	Girt
"Rethink low density"	
 Increase some density (e.g. along Pittwater Road) to reclaim some low densit 	
areas as green space however this requires community buy-in into this lifestyl	е
 Large enough homes in close proximity to parks to entertain visitors 	
 Developers required to deliver parks for those they are accommodating 	
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• Places for people of all ages

- There is a gap between children and seniors who are well-catered for
- Cater to different interests "Speak with these people to understand why they do what they do"
- "Intergenerational hubs for mingling" and "understanding rathe than tribes"
 Support walkability across the Northern Beaches through providing services in close
- proximity and through identifying hubs which are affordable and localised
- Public transport to connect people in lower density areas to walkable hubs, including smaller modes of transport (e.g. hop, skip and jump, scooters etc...)
- "If you can't bring the hubs to them, bring them to the hubs"
 There should be high quality architectural design (i.e. planning controls that enable developers to 'take risks' in their design)
 - Places people enjoy being in which are inspiring, pleasant, soulful, artistic
- P14 Shares view that higher density is preferable so areas like Ingleside can be preserved as green space
- P13 Affordable housing is needed for workers who support the community. This should include rental and ownership, or long-term rental so people feel invested in the community and place, and they have the freedom to do what you want with the space for stability and continuity (including for children)

Wednesday 27th March – CALD Focus Group

Infrastructure – Vision	
•	Get cars off the road by improving public transport/affordable fares to encourage people to
	use
•	Safe and secure footpaths, lighting especially near transport nodes and including in
	suburban streets with communal spaces. This will encourage walking and will better the
	elderly through preventing injuries
•	Sports and cultural centres which will give young people healthy (mental/physical) things to
	do; and are accessible by public transport
•	Affordable community transport
•	Commuter parking or similar (e.g. little buses – hop on/hop)
٠	Picking up elderly people who don't have adult children around to help/give them a hand
	setting in – can request a lift
•	Safety around schools to reduce injuries (e.g. crossings)
Infrast	ructure – Priorities
•	Better roads and public transport
٠	Connecting community hubs
•	Infrastructure <u>must</u> come with growth or will be unstainable
•	Look ahead when providing infrastructure to be flexible to meet changing needs
•	Continually monitor to ensure infrastructure is matches to growth
•	Low pollution solutions
Produ	ctivity – Vision
•	Jobs for all people
•	Free or reduced cost after school activities to enable people to work later
•	Attract big businesses to area given Beaches are somewhere people can enjoy working
	and living
•	Jobs other than hospitality and aged care
٠	Low pollution industries
•	People more easily working from home (reduce traffic)
•	Affordable child care
•	Provide employment for people who leave school early (e.g. apprenticeships, factory work)
•	Migrant credentials recognised
•	Migrants taught English so they can contribute their skills to society
•	Language classes to bring people together (including visitors)
•	Opportunities for all ages
Produ	ctive – Priorities
	6001 MO 102 M 802 DOB 1019 D 10
•	Supportive of mass transit like B-Line
•	Supportive of mass transit like B-Line Transport links should extend further up northern part of Northern Beaches which will



•	Should include localised public transport/feeder' services – "transport that winds around
s	side streets" (including on hilly roads)
	Extended hours of transport operation Affordable public transport is a top priority – "no point delivering all that if people can't
•	afford to use it"
	P24 – Should include migrants' unique skills (e.g. community centres that facilitate
	migrants)
	Connect migrants to jobs outside of industries they usually work in (cleaning, hospitability,
	retail etc.)
•	Mentoring opportunities for migrants
•	Opportunities for people to volunteer and give back to their communities
Sustai	inability – Vision
•	Trees in parks – protection from sun and near beaches
•	Renewable energy lighting
	Retain trees and green open space
•	Look after <u>aesthetics</u>
•	Use experience of different cultures in caring for environment
•	Water conservation, recycling (e.g. affordable water touts for every home)
•	Education around conserving resources, packaging and recycling Less private lawns – more community green spaces
	Preserve the great facilities we have around waterways – more of them for growing
	populations
	More cycle-ways linking corridors, not having to 'brave' main roads
•	Affordable electricity (e.g. solar energy) – locally sources power – reliable energy
•	Sustainable shopping centres (e.g. solar power, infrastructure for electric cars_
•	Incentivise people to 'go green'
•	Groups working together to care for environment
٠	Encourage local farmers to deliver produce locally, with non-disposable packaging
	Promote public transport system – showcase convenience
•	Usable and clean waterways
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•	Safe and social night life like we have overseas (e.g. up to midnight) which is safe for young people and families.	
•	Community centres running events (including in Dee Why)	
•	Well-utilised, promoted, purpose-built community hubs for all people and ages (lots of small ones)	
•	Sporting facilities – numerous facilities so young people don't have to compete	
•	Migrant 'welcome packs' in different languages about living in area, transport options etc.	
2	for safety and wellbeing	
Liveab	Liveability – Priorities	
•	Parks and play areas for young children in town centres with undercover areas	
•	Multicultural hubs for migrants to interact, access information and build confidence to get	
	into work or other activities (e.g. like other councils)	
	P6 – Extend Aboriginal to multicultural recognition and honour	
•	Include something on access to affordable health services and facilities with more small health centres (including baby centres, yoga and meditation, nutrition, and other wellness activities). These health services and facilities should be multipurpose with shared, comfortable spaces, whilst having spaces for friendship. It is an opportunity for different cultures and communities to learn from each other Outdoor wellness spaces and activities (e.g. Tai Chai)	
	Character and lifestyle can't just mean surfing culture but should also educate people on	
	how to swim safely	
•	Cultural festivals	
•	Housing developments that mix retirement homes with family homes for healthier communities and integration – multigenerational communities	

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Infrastructure – Vision

Infrastructure – Vision	
•	Use of a Teleporter – "So I can live far away from stuff but get there fast".
•	A bus direct to community centre
•	Train (between high density houses and community centre)
•	Bus to main suburbs
•	New sustainable transport systems (e.g. bike paths)
•	Short, Clean trips
•	Better bus routes, which run more frequently extended hours
•	Easy-access footpaths with good pedestrian traffic lights
•	Good, fast 'first mile' connections
•	Active transport infrastructure (e.g. cycling, walking)
	Use data services to better understand our community and make better decisions
•	Close proximity to transport nodes to take us to places far away fast
	 But minimise construction impacts on people and environment
•	It is unsustainable for everyone to keep commuting in and out of Sydney CBD – we need to
	decentralise Sydney, make use of technology to work together virtually and make good use
	of our local services / facilities
•	Need local links to local hubs (not just to city) to reduce congestion
•	Don't keep creating car based infrastructure that encourages car use
•	Flexible infrastructure
Infrast	ructure – Priorities
•	Include something on sustainable and adaptable transport infrastructure
•	Safe transport (e.g. safe motorcycling lanes)
•	Sleeping pods in centres near workplaces and/or places where students, workers, and
	others can get free mental health services
•	"Sustainable infrastructure to support growth and communities"
•	Also BUILD IT
Productivity – Vision	
•	Hospital work
•	Science centre for young kids encouraged to "make something out of recycling".
•	Living and working in Northern Beaches
•	Upskilling people (e.g. TAFE, community college) for future skills
٠	Working with a view (work and lifestyle)

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•	Flexible job (including hours) to care for family too
•	Assist local businesses in using data to better serve customers
•	Rezoning to put businesses closer to residential to drive job opportunities. (e.g. ground-
	floors business with housing on top)
•	Collaborative workplaces locally
•	Less travel for work means more time which supports the local economy
Produ	ctive – Priorities
•	East-West links improved locally (i.e. within the Beaches)
•	Agree that Mona Vale connection is important
	 About connecting larger centres
•	Support bus infrastructure more, corridors (including to growth areas)
•	Active transport to public transport nodes and facilities
•	Emphasis on first/last mile services
•	Keep community health and safety in mind with new infrastructure proposals (e.g. Smoke
N/21	stacks near Tunnel), would require consulting with the community
•	Mix of mass transit (direct) and local public transport connections to meet different needs of
	different people Reduce number of interchanges per trip if possible
•	24/7 public transport services
	P24 – include computer skills and skills around emerging and changing technologies (for
	young and old)
	 Mandatory in schools
	 Supporting girls and women to learn STEM and IT skills
	 Enabling older people to stay social virtually, connecting to their family and to new
	entertainment sources such as podcasts
•	P27 – support it but needs good transport to and from a night out
•	More co-working spaces, especially for supporting start-ups who have minimal resources
	to begin with
Sustai	nability - Vision
•	Local recycling spots, encouraging "Earn and Learn", which would educate people on
	environmental impacts
•	Community worm farm
	Dog parks Clean Northern Beaches
	More recycling bins and knowledge about the zero waste lifestyle
	 Keep cups
	 Less plastic use
	 Big enough bins
•	Unique buildings with green elements (e.g. rooftop, vertical gardens) that are useable such
	as communal gardens, trees to read under
•	Bushwalks and coastal walks
•	Beaches and coastal walks
•	Beaches without coastal erosion
•	Biophillic urbanism including lots of green spaces in town centres such as gardens on
	buses like Brazil
•	Renewable energy (solar and wind)
٠	Creative ways to generate electricity (piezo electric tiles)
•	Use data to optimise (e.g. freight) to reduce emissions
	Minimise construction impacts on environment
e Cuatai	Utilise and enhance infrastructure we have e.g. repurposing bus stops
	nability – Priorities
•	Renewable energy sources (e.g. hydrotherapy given the coast location)
	Incentives provided to people to reduce emissions (e.g. subsidizing solar panels on homes)
	Avoid long-shore drift/coastal erosion/flooding care for marine life
	Include something on using and enhancing on those things we already have available to us
•	Programs or spaces to educate people about environmental impacts (including how fireworks and other activities impact environment)
Liveah	ility – Vision
	University in Northern Beaches (undergrad, postgrad, Government-funded learning
	precincts). Access to connect with people around the world to study and work


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•	Park/soccer/rugby, dog park (places for pets to run around)
	Community run centre with yoga, info, etc.
•	Life-saving club/ Duke of Ed
	Places to chill (e.g. Beaches, skate park)
	 People teaching each other (skaters)
	Vibrant location, buildings, and work
	Surfing
	Safety and freedom. Not too hectic and busy
	 Kids can go out by themselves
	Homes with enough space – "family members not living on top of each other"
	 Group guestioned whether people really need big houses
1	 Need space for services, not all residential
	Housing mix (e.g. Purpose built share houses)
1	 Places like "the apartment on Friends" where they all live close to each other.
	Maintain low-medium density housing
	Local, walkable spaces to meet friends
	Places for recreational activities
	 Good access
	 Near schools, libraries, parks
	Contrary view: denser housing to allow for bigger, useable green space between buildings
	Discussion: Mix is important. Maybe put high rise buildings in places where there is a
	greater demand to live whereas less populated areas can have lower density
•	Diversity of people (including people earnings at different income levels)
•	Affordable housing
•	Smaller centres (e.g. for older people) with facilities/ amenities tailored to what they need
•	Places for younger and older people to connect
•	Design places that are flexible to future needs because demographics are constantly
	changing
-	pility – Priorities
•	P6 should include equal medical treatment, promoting healthy lifestyle
•	P10 should include community workshops that are easy to join
•	P11 – "want to be able to look back at the places I grew up in", including buildings and
1	knowledge. Building on what we've had, to educate people on the heritage around them
1	(including Aboriginal heritage)
•	P14 – Don't want it to turn into big identical houses with no backyards. It should have
1	housing mix with lots of greenery and different colours
•	Consider flooding etc. for establishing growth areas
•	Support affordable housing and must have options for downsizing



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8.5 Appendix Five: Draft priorities survey results

Please select the themes that you are interested in reviewing. Note: To review all 39 draft priorities please select all nine themes.For a list of the draft priorities with a short description please click here.



In 2040 the Northern Beaches will have... Click the '?' to see more information:



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2. Strong partnerships with state agencies, councils, the community and other stakeholders to achieve better outcomes for the community



Any further comments / suggestions on priorities 1 & 2

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05/05/2019	1606585694	Infrastructure should be compatible with the environment - this includes transport & schools.
05/04/2019	1606588324	Yes, no 5G please. It will be discovered as NOT safe in next 3-5 years but impossible to back off it not STOPPED now. We NEED a tunnel, this is a long term vision and benefit to us all
05/04/2019	1606585446	Infrastructure needs to be compatible with the Northern Beaches environment and avoid increased dependence on non-renewable resources.
05/03/2019	1606584960	widen Narrabeen bridge to 6 lanes
05/03/2019	1606584904	Infrastructure is great & much needed & you would imagine that jobs would come with this however housing growth is a concern unless it is done with consideration to the area in terms of architecture etc., sustainably & aesthetically & not just handed over to greedy & uncaring developers
05/03/2019	1606584812	No more housing growth north of Mona Vale. We need commercial growth to enable current population to live and work locally therefore reducing congestion mot just here but throughout Sydney
05/03/2019	1606584709	No more housing growth, it's destroying our environment and quality of life. Standards of living are dropping because of over population
05/03/2019	1606582022	I am against further development of housing on the northern beaches. As a resident of 42 years, it has become a lot more difficult to get around the northern beaches in a timely matter, and more people will just make it worse. It is great to have partnerships with other agencies but that doesn't mean we have to agree with the other agencies just to keep the peace, ie: the state government might want more development but we should have the right to say "Bugger Off".
05/03/2019	1606581773	Improved Infrastructure should come first, then jobs and housing growth.
05/03/2019	1606580995	Community items need to be lower northern beaches not just deewhy and Mona vale stretch which seems to get
05/03/2019	1606580496	As long as the infrastructure is not car based The partnership with government is a genuine collaboration and council represents the genuine concerns of the community and demonstrates true leadership to tackle sustainable future for NB
05/03/2019	1606580055	I want the infrastructure, not the housing growth.
05/02/2019	1606578347	Population needs to be controlled with some regard to the area's carrying capacity. Also, as self driving cars are adopted, 3 lane roads with the middle as an over-taking lane will improve traffic flows without the massive devastation as can be seen on Mona Vale Road which looks as though it will be an 8 lane freeway. The ecological damage is criminal and shows how useless Council is in regards to sustainable anything. No housing growth should be allowed. With whom are the partnerships meant to be strong? Developers? Yeah. Right.
05/01/2019	1606562113	Infrastructure needs to be in place prior to further development. Not sure what 'jobs' is doing here as Council does not run a local command economy
05/01/2019	1606562005	Most of Sydney is full unless we decide we wish to lower our standard of living by decreasing open space, parks, increasing traffic and the like. Community voices need to be heard and the current hikes in rates and retention of parking fines (for example), show the council is not listening. Partnership means just that, partnering with all.
05/01/2019	1606556528	I would like to think we are all of a sudden starting to get infrastructure we have needed for years. Should be done by 2040. We have reached saturation point with housing. We bought here years ago for quality of life. We do not have lots of spare land. Housing needs to be carefully controlled. Getting state departments involved should be kept to a minimum. This should be controlled by our is local council.
04/30/2019	1606555302	Developer driven not community driven
04/30/2019	1606555294	I do not want to see an increase in population



04/27/2019	1606541568	no tunnel to nth beaches. aim to get less people using cars and get better ferries.
04/27/2019	1606541480	1. Please don't support the Federal Government's Beach Tunnel link proposal - this will just encourage more car use. Already some families have 4 cars!
04/25/2019	1606520449	Item 1: The level of future housing growth which has been discussed recently in the media is of great concern to many residents.
04/25/2019	1606520567	yes we need greater diversity of housing
04/23/2019	1606514466	Housing growth should be carefully monitored and managed
04/22/2019	1606506307	Ensure all levels of government contribute and NBC does not waste resources on issues and factors best left to state or federal government
04/22/2019	1606506299	NSW state agencies and the council should investigate innovative funding (financing) models for infrastructure projects and community housing in order to fast-track infrastructure for Northern Beaches and to increase diversity of funding sources
04/22/2019	1606506158	I do not believe the Northern Beaches should increase housing
04/22/2019	1606501766	Would like to see infrastructure and planning for food waste collection to kimbriki and reduced household waste. I would like more local jobs so I am not travelling so far for work (Greenwich) which requires me to put my kids into care for extended hours costing me more money.
04/22/2019	1606500643	Greater emphasis on NBC initiatives rather than State Govt
04/22/2019	1606500599	Emphases on NBC initiatives from consultation with Community
04/21/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606500040	High rise buildings and destruction of trees / natural spaces must stop.
04/21/2019	1606499756	Through strong partnership with the Greater Sydney, Northern Beaches council should reject/oppose any further population growth. The current increases in housing in Warriewood Valley and Dee Why are more than the area can handle. Any further improvement in infrastructure over the next 20yrs will be necessary to support CURRENT housing.
04/21/2019	1606499623	We need public transport with density well planned around the nodes.
04/21/2019	1606499607	in question 2 - its a blanket question- my experiance of state agencies is that they are usually in a juxta position to the communites wishes- i would support the cummunity over state agencies always
04/20/2019	1606497692	state and local government and the community should be designing a place to live as a group to ensure the electorate has sufficient input into decisions that affect them. housing would be fine if local work places come along with them as well as schools and medical facilities
04/19/2019	1606494888	Jobs and housing growth should be a council area decision, not orders from state or federal.
04/19/2019	1606492914	Make public transport a priority
04/19/2019	1606491310	Why aggregate jobs and housing growths - this survey already looks dodgy. I'm in favour of Infrastructure delivered with jobs, but not housing growth.
04/19/2019	1606490266	Construct Bus Stop shelters
04/18/2019	1606489862	We are so far behind on infrastructure opposite current population that you can leave out housing growth. Just get the infrastructure up to date before worrying about where to put the next house. And those on the job doing the infrastructure projects - they'd go much faster and be done much cheaper if your supervisors ensured each "worker" was actually doing the work they are being paid to do - instead of *any time I've driven past a "work" site) finding a "team" of 9 persons with 2 doing something and 7 standing around watching or looking at their mobile phones!!!!
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resources to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606474654	I stand against the roll out of 5G technology which is untested for our safety. The technology has never been tested for its impact on humans, wildlife, insects and the environment. I don't want this anywhere near my home, my family or in my community when no safety studies have been performed.
04/18/2019	1606489258	1) Not clearly explained - Suggests increased population which is not currently a good idea.2) Local Gov must rely of senior authorities,
04/18/2019	1606489228	Listen to what the residents actually want
04/18/2019	1606489009	What is the plan to achieve infrastructure and collaboration? I believe continued engagement with the community is a must.
04/18/2019	1606488929	This must be done in an efficient and sustainable way. No need to consult anyone except experts who know what they are talking about. Too many times stakeholders have an agenda independent of the common good and a sustainable future. involve people who know what they are talking about and can give the most sensible option.
04/18/2019	1606485160	Why combine infrastructure with housing growth? Looks like you structured the question to skew the results.
04/18/2019	1606484459	Northern beaches and the Forest area is struggling with massive congestion. We dont need more development
04/18/2019	1606483306	Overcrowding overdevelopment more pollution more noise more rack n stack unit buildings = miserable families/voters!
04/18/2019	1606483261	Do not turn the NB into the Gold Coast.
04/18/2019	1606483187	wary of state agencies
04/17/2019	1606482921	Transport infrastructure should focus on public transport over roads. For example, the Northern Beaches Tunnel would be better as an extension of the metro rail line than a road. How does a road assist commuters? They still need to park when they reach their destination.
04/17/2019	1606482975	create subsidised or free co-working spaces for startups that will generate local jobs
04/17/2019	1606482396	Transport infrastructure in particular should be developed with the understanding that the future of the Northern Beaches transport is centred around reliable public transport for all, and the aim of reducing the number of single passenger vehicles off the road.



04/17/2019	1606482354	Infrastructure delivered with jobs and growth sounds like code for overdevelopment, about which I think we must be very careful. This is a fragile and quite honestly limited area and there is a limit to how much growth we can handle. I do not trust that resource limitations are considered when developers are pushing growth.
04/17/2019	1606478044	No room or need for housing growth
04/17/2019	1606476501	Infrastructure must have not only the community in mind, but the environment as well by focussing on boosting public transport and reducing the number of single passenger vehicles on the roads on the Northern Beaches
04/16/2019	1606475275	the Northern Beaches does NOT need housing growth, we are a water-locked community with limited road access and the low density appeal of the current level of housing needs to be preserved. ALL of Sydney does not need to support housing growth - and Northern Beaches Council should strongly resist any further pressure from Greater Sydney to provide more housing. Current increases in Warriewood Valley and Dee Why is more than we can currently handle even with improvements to infrastructure
04/16/2019	1606474824	You can't have housing growth when the nsw Goverment is closing Hospital that where necessary and are still necessary
04/16/2019	1606474712	integrated, functional, fluid infrastructure is key to facilitating positive growth
04/16/2019	1606474664	many jobs can be created via a University campus eg MQ Uni model, reach goals faster when collaborate
04/16/2019	1606474588	I strongly oppose the implementation of 5G due to the health and environmental risk especially with no real testing. Please do NOT implement this here. Please I am begging you from my heart, think of the health of those that live here, including you.
04/16/2019	1606474525	I am strongly opposed to the proposed rollout of 5G technology in view of the serious health concerns around millimeter wave technology.
04/16/2019	1606474465	Affordable housing and green space for residents should be a priority
04/16/2019	1606474340	Up to date infrastructure has lagged way behind housing , the two need to be in concert or the Northern Beaches will become unliveable
04/16/2019	1606474316	I believe the current infrastructure for the NB population is insufficient and inefficient. I oppose housing/population growth until infrastructure is in place to support growth - not the other way around. Partnerships should be formed and strengthened when the priority is the local community gaining better outcomes, not losing them.
04/16/2019	1606474251	I object to new telecommunications infrastructure for 5G in our Communities and I find it outrageous that local state and federal government has little regulation and control
04/16/2019	1606474183	We do not need or want any further housing or population growth on the northern beaches. The current rate of the area's environmental destruction and geographic constraints means the area cannot cope with any more development. We do not have the infrastructure to cope with our current population so no thought of further growth should be considered.
04/16/2019	1606474223	No , absolutely no, increase in density without good transport
04/16/2019	1606469456	Communications infrastructure really concerns me. I absolutely oppose the rollout of a 5G network. I do not want to have 5G at all or any infrastructure in preparation for 5G, until exhaustive research is done and is accepted by all relevant health authorities so we are guaranteed that it is safe. Until that day, NO 5G.
04/16/2019	1606469419	I oppose 5G and do not want to see that infrastructure rolled out in our communities.
04/16/2019	1606468938	PLEASE STOP 5G ON THE NORTHERN BEACHSS IT IS DANGEROUSE AND WILL GIVE US BRAIN TUMORS AND CANCER FROM THE HIGH RADIATION. You are in a position of power and you can save us so please, just google how dangerous it is.
04/16/2019	1606468509	Growth should deliver better more sustainable places. Growth should not increase travel by private cars. The northern beaches should not be part of the plan for 2040.
04/16/2019	1606468314	I don't want further housing growth the community should be consulted more for better outcomes for the community
04/16/2019	1606467823	Transport (ie NB tunnel and east west b line) Further development of Dee Why and Frenchs Forest as medium to high residential with commercial. Industrial land in Brookvale protected
04/16/2019	1606467676	More local issues and less time wasted on State and Commonwealth issues ,eg footpaths are Council business, housing and jobs should be left to State and Commonwealth, less jobs in council administration on non council issues.
04/16/2019	1606467677	Development of sustainable low and medium density housing, incorporating renewable energy and energy management
04/16/2019	1606467575	footpaths
04/16/2019	1606467438	are these appropriate questions - why not ask if we are in favour of motherhood also?
04/16/2019	1606467391	Realistic estimates of what infrastructure can be afforded and delivered. No empty promises
04/16/2019	1606467087	The most pressing infrastructure issues are transport (public especially) and management of housing density.
04/16/2019	1606467068	Very woolly statements. Of course these sound like a good idea, but not to the detriment of our environment and energy use. There needs to be a huge focus on renewable energy/recycling/mindful development.
04/16/2019	1606465839	Infrastructure is constantly lacking
04/16/2019	1606465492	The infrastructure needs to precede the housing. If the Satate & Fedeeral don't fund the infrastructure first, no more development.
04/01/2019	1606340073	







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Strongly oppose	4	2.58%	•
Somewhat oppose	1	0.65%	I
Neutral	22	14.19%	
Somewhat favour	42	27.1%	
Strongly favour	86	55.48%	
Total	155	100 %	

5. A inclusive, healthy, safe and socially connected community



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%		
Strongly oppose	4	2.58%							
Somewhat oppose	3	1.94%	I						
Neutral	12	7.74%							
Somewhat favour	31	20%							
Strongly favour	105	67.74%							
Total 155 100 %									
6. Genuine engagement and co-operation with the Aboriginal Community									



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	9	5.77%					
Somewhat oppose	13	8.33%					
Neutral	26	16.67%					
Somewhat favour	31	19.87%					
Strongly favour	77	49.36%			•		
Total	156	100 %					

7. A strong artistic, creative and innovative culture



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	4	2.56%					
Somewhat oppose	10	6.41%					
Neutral	22	14.1%					
Somewhat favour	40	25.64%		•			
Strongly favour	80	51.28%					
Total	156	100 %					

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05/05/2019	1606588730	Please do not roll out 5G technology until further testing and research has been done on it's health safety to humans and animals.				
05/05/2019	1606585694	Support for all of these goals is on the proviso that they are compatible with protection of our natural environment.				
05/04/2019	1606585446	Adaptive use of existing buildings and facilities can be used to provide these services. For example, a stand alone house adjacent to a local centre may be suitable for community use.				
05/03/2019	1606584812	3. Forget the proposed housing estate for Ingleside - but a university there. Easy for local people to access plus people from outside the area are travelling against the travel normal flow to access it making it more efficient for both public and private transport.				
05/03/2019	1606584709	Large world class education facilities require huge amounts of land, infrastructure and housing which the peninsula doesn't necessarily have the capacity for				



05/03/2019	1606581773	#5 - I wonder what these nice words mean in practice? At the moment I feel quite the opposite.
05/03/2019	1606580995	Stop population growth until a train system in place from northern beaches
05/03/2019	1606580496	Connection does not require road based tunnel
05/02/2019	1606578532	We should not intrude into private or responsibilities of other levels of government
05/02/2019	1606578347	3. Not a good idea as all it does is inflate the population. 4. Without ecological considerations and the preservation of now threatened bushland, who needs facilities? I presume they are more high water use sporting fields that are rarely used but off-limits to dog owners. Bugger that. 5. Waffle. 6. Where are these Aborigines? Is this just politi-speak and lip-service to the disaster of British invasion of the Sydney region? Council should be preserving the food and medicinal resources as well as the land management practices of the clans who once lived here, not setting some school projects as Council priorities. Spare me. 7. Really? Lets focus on arty-farty stuff instead of the real issues that matter. Why is this a priority????
05/01/2019	1606562113	Need to ensure the existing TAFE college is also world class. Genuine engagement and cooperation with the Aboriginal community needs to be rewritten so that it reflects the landscape which is the key for understanding and appreciating 55,000+ years of guardianship by our First People. As it stands - it feels like a motherhood statement which will go nowhere.
04/30/2019	1606555302	Generic to any community - not specific to NB"motherhood statements"
04/27/2019	1606541480	a university sounds glamorous, but it just means more people putting pressure on an already delicate environment. There are plenty of universities in Sydney, and furthermore, more and more people are studying online, not in bricks and mortar universities.
04/25/2019	1606520449	Priority 3: A great deal could be done to improve and update our existing government primary and secondary schools on the Northern Beaches. I would strongly question the need for a sprawling university campus. Most residents strongly opposed the environmental destruction which resulted from the controversial redevelopment and enlargement of Manly Vale P.S. Where would there be sufficient space for the large amount of land needed for a sprawling university campus? Improved public transport links to the many existing universities, in particular light rail, would be a preferable option. Priority 6. Genuine engagement is a two way street. The Aboriginal Land Council has shown little understanding of the reasons for their over sized and inappropriate development at Ingleside being rejected.
04/22/2019	1606506287	These are all important to me and my community. I thoroughly support a strong creative and innovative culture
04/22/2019	1606501461	P3 - Why? If every council in the Sydney Basin had the same priority, it would become a nonsense. Universities should be research focused, selective and concentrated to facilitate high standards. Better to encourage the establishment of vocational education institutions - far greater need. P6 - Why should the emphasis be on the scant indigenous population at the expense of other cultural minorities?
04/21/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606499756	The population of the Northern Beaches would support and benefit from a university/TAFE campus - not only for education but for local employment opportunities it provides as well.
04/20/2019	1606497692	developing a fully functioning self supporting community with all of the necessary facilities would reduce the need to commute to other centres where they currently exist and reduce dependence on cars
04/18/2019	1606489862	No need for local Uni campus as with an East - West connected public transport system, Macquarie Uni is more than close enough and established. But restoring Seaforth TAFE (or resetting it to Mona Vale) and upgrading Brookvale to world class would definitely be good. Do not support the winding down of Mona Vale hospital. That is a Brad Hazzard / Gladys disaster. Acute services need to be closer to the northern tip of the peninsula than just having French's Forest hospital.
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resources to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606474654	I stand against the roll out of 5G technology which is untested for our safety. The technology has never been tested for its impact on humans, wildlife, insects and the environment. I don't want this anywhere near my home, my family or in my community when no safety studies have been performed.
04/18/2019	1606489258	3) Great to have a University. 4)With greater services & facilities comes greater costs.5) A safer healthier community is without question.6)The indigenous community should continue to engage with the whole community.7)The Arts is a must for all communities.
04/18/2019	1606489228	All this fancy stuff and yet you bulldoze bushland and destroy our sports ovals with synthetic grass
04/18/2019	1606488926	Keeping our community safe is really important to our lifestyle in this area There already is a university at Manly the ICMS Use the underused bowling clubs as social/community gathering places for activities to reduce loneliness
04/18/2019	1606488916	Protect Brookvale TAFE
04/18/2019	1606483306	Only models of the above designs displayed at all Libraries for access to all members of the community would be fair and inclusive. Current community consultation is dismissive, deliberately inconvenient times & days I.e b4 public/school holidays, deadlines too short & key information is usually omitted vague or buried on page 345! FIX IT!!
04/18/2019	1606483261	Time to start catering to the people at the beginning of their lives not those at the end. (Not suggesting we should treat them poorly, they should just have less sway when it comes to public planning)
04/17/2019	1606482407	3. this is extremely important - a uni campus and a specialist College like the SA Jazz College set up by James Morrison. WE could have had it here!. 6. I see little evidence of this happening at the moment but there many opportunities - focus on maintaining ancient sites, incorporation of people into many aspects of our life, etc.
04/17/2019	1606482396	Spreading the awareness of our unique local history is crucial to engaging the community
04/17/2019	1606482354	These are all very important things and I hope that we can achieve them. I think a university would be good but only within the context of our community, so I would support not a new university but perhaps a brand of an existing university focusing on marine biology and things like that. Just as important as a university are TAFE, high schools and primary schools.
04/17/2019	1606476021	The University Campus could be a "virtual" one - a meeting place for students and on line lectures.
04/16/2019	1606475143	Give us back a public hospital.
04/16/2019	1606474664	most of this will be achieved with a Uni - education STEM, jobs, social/cultural pursuits, innovation

04/16/2019	1606474583	MLALC has demonstrated a "attitude to engagement with the local community. The debacle at Bantry Bay and their ridiculous subdivision attempt at Belrose shows they're only interested in the money and care nothing for being custodians of the natural environment or working with the community.
04/16/2019	1606474525	I strongly favour world-class education and strongly oppose us having a university. We do not have space for this and we have enough universities close by. I also strongly opposed to the proposed rollout of any 5G technology in view of the serious health concerns around millimetre wave technology. This is not a favourable health outcome.
04/16/2019	1606474465	Council should not make any decisions in relation to development or the landscape without the approval of the Aboriginal community
04/16/2019	1606474251	I strongly oppose telecommunications innovations and connectivities in our community. I do not believe in the internet of all things, as I believe there are world wide scientific studies showing health risks of the new technology of 5G. I believe the telcos are cashing in on billions of revenue at our communities expense
04/16/2019	1606474223	This survey is rubbish. It only allows comment in line with council objectives. There is NO possibility of a world class university nor any land on which to build one. It's a joke
04/16/2019	1606469456	I'm concerned about 5G and do NOT want it in our community. Being "connected" is not as important as being healthy and until there is bulletproof evidence that it's safe, NOT having. 5G is my most important priority.
04/16/2019	1606468314	I want a strong healthy and safe community but I don't want the health dangers of a 5G in this community
04/16/2019	1606468509	Universities require efficient publics transport not a Road tunnel I increased road capacity will have a negative impact on communities creating physical barriers and make walking and cycling more difficult
04/16/2019	1606468003	Community facilities should include capacity for burials and memorials. We have an aging population and our current cemeteries will run out of space for new burials within the next 10 - 15 years. Our local population includes cultural and religious groups who don't practice cremation including Serbian Orthodox and other Orthodox Christian groups, Baha'i and also some Catholics including Croatian and Italian Catholics.
04/16/2019	1606467823	NB already has ICMS in Manly. More tertiary education providers not necessary. It's not far to the city. We need more sports fields such as soccer pitches
04/16/2019	1606467391	University must be serviced by good public transport
04/16/2019	1606467087	Responsibility for engagement with the indigenous community rests with them equally with the balance of the community.
04/16/2019	1606467068	Again, mostly wooly sweeping general statements, but no mention of the extent of impact these developments will have.
04/16/2019	1606465839	Aboriginals are Australia, we are all the same. Why should one race be singled out? There no no need for a university
04/01/2019	1606340073	



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Question	Count	Score	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neutral Somewhat favour	Strongly favour
8. A diverse range of high quality, well designed housing	188	4.01				
9. Increased social and affordable housing supply	190	3.65				
10. A clear direction for the future of Ingleside	189	3.85				
	Average	3.84				
8. A diverse range of high quality, we	ll designed	housing				



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	12	6.38%					
Somewhat oppose	8	4.26%					
Neutral	30	15.96%					
Somewhat favour	55	29.26%		-			
Strongly favour	83	44.15%					
Total	188	100 %					

9. Increased social and affordable housing supply



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	24	12.63%					
Somewhat oppose	26	13.68%					
Neutral	22	11.58%					
Somewhat favour	39	20.53%					
Strongly favour	79	41.58%					
Total	190	100 %					
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10. A clear direction for the future of Ingleside



Any further comments / suggestions on priorities 8, 9 and / or 10							
Total	189	100 %					
Strongly favour	74	39.15%					
Somewhat favour	44	23.28%					
Neutrat	52	27.3170					

Any furth	ier comme	ents / suggestions on priorities 8, 9 and / or 10
Any further c	omments / su	ggestions on priorities 8, 9 and / or 10
05/05/2019	1606588896	I do not agree with the "high density living" approach that is being rolled out. There are too many high level unit blocks going up. Dee why is a mess and far too busy. It would be a shame if Narrabeen and mona vale turned into the same high density living areas.
05/05/2019	1606585694	I do not support some of the policies to increase social and affordable housing. This includes allowing increased development as a trade off for a percentage of affordable housing. The consequence is over development that is out of character with local areas. Ingleside is the only rural land in Pittwater and is located between National Parks and bushland reserves. The rural area, bushland and waterways should be protected for future generations.
05/04/2019	1606588029	Re. 10; twenty years to have a 'clear direction for the future' is too long; should have it now. Re. 8; would like to see an emphasis on sustainable housing ie. passive design, renewable energy and water efficiency
05/04/2019	1606585446	Ingleside is the only rural area in Pittwater. I would like to see a clear direction that protects the rural land use and environmental values, including bushland and waterways.
05/03/2019	1606584904	As long as the consideration is for the community with an eye to sustainability and architecture not horrible eyesores as seen in areas of Newport & particularly Dee Why.
05/03/2019	1606584812	More public housing for low income earners and more focus on Eco friendly housing - ensure that all new buildings (both residential and commercial) comply with the latest Eco measures such as solar, water tanks, double glazed windows etc as well as materials used in construction.
05/03/2019	1606581773	#8 It sounds like a paradox between the title and the explanation
05/03/2019	1606580995	Housing growth needs to stop until we sort out future
05/03/2019	1606580055	Don't develop Ingleside. Minimise medium & high density housing. Develop some public housing.
05/02/2019	1606578532	Affordable housing is the responsibility of state and federal govt.
05/01/2019	1606562113	I would add 'sustainable" to the adjectives describing housing goals
05/01/2019	1606562005	Again why more housingbut that said the preponderance of McMansions all over Sydney and the Northern Beaches smacks of one-upmanship. Why do houses need more than one bathroom and toilet? What a complete waste of resources to add more. Why aren't solar passive designs now completely mandatory? Why now legal imperative to have solar panels, solar hot water, water collection etc. etc.
05/01/2019	1606556528	Could all new unit developments have 1 unit allotted for affordable housing.
04/30/2019	1606555302	10.No development of Ingleside
04/29/2019	1606547635	9 must be treated with high priority.
04/27/2019	1606541568	sustainable growth in nth beaches is key aligned to infrastructure and services. not just mass numbers and no support to these numbers.
04/27/2019	1606541480	9. If "Affordable" housing is a euphemism for housing commission dwellings, their location needs to be very carefully considered, because the presence of these types of dwellings can quickly erode the community fabric of an area.
04/25/2019	1606520449	Priority 9. Affordable housing must be coupled with legislation that considers the need for comment and approval from council and residents as well as the inclusion of ample off street parking.
04/25/2019	1606520567	we need to allow further development options outside of boarding houses and over 55s! Why are so many large blocks of land close to services and public transport not able to even be developed with low rise apartments, townhouses, subdivided or dual occupancy?



04/22/2019	1606506615	I support quality housing (many new units are not well built). However, I don't believe in too many more unit blocks going up. The Northen Beaches cannot cope with too much more population growth.
04/22/2019	1606506299	8 the area needs effective planning solutions to increase supply of well-designed medium density housing in suitable areas 9 the council should investigate options to invest in social housing directly (e.g. invest development contributions into council-owned units in off-the-plan projects) via a council&community-governed dedicated trust / investment company. Those affordable units can be managed and rented out via non-for-profit community housing organisations.
04/22/2019	1606506268	a mix of housing and demographics is healthy for everyone.
04/22/2019	1606501461	P8 - Who decides? The past 52 years, during my residence in NB does not give one any confidence that 'high quality well designed housing' will eventuate. Unless something radical is proposed, such as enlightened architectural oversight, it will be a race to the bottom to mass-produce low cost outcomes at the expense of aesthetics. Look at some of the beach suburbs, such as Dee Why, the Council heartland.
04/22/2019	1606506158	I do not agree with the push for high density affordable housing. Keep Northern Beaches low density
04/22/2019	1606500643	Emphasis on less high rise, aesthetic design and larger apartments for downsizers
04/21/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606499623	Medium density models that cater to families- eg apartments with 4 bedrooms, big terraces, rumpus rooms.
04/19/2019	1606494888	'Affordable housing' is a euphemism for high and medium density housing that is not wanted on the Northern Beaches
04/19/2019	1606492914	No more high rise or hi GG to medium density housing without public transport solutions, permanent green space and recreation facilities. More lower foot print schools and not near sensitive bushland.
04/18/2019	1606489862	You don't need a 20 year plan for Ingleside. It's been a mess for over 40 years now. Prioritise it to 2025 to have it finally agreed with both NSW Planning and Council on zoning, infrastructure and subdividing.
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resources to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606489228	Don't bulldoze Ingleside, and stop the over development
04/18/2019	1606489053	There are too many unit blocks in the area. It takes away from the natural feel of the area. No more housing
04/18/2019	1606489009	Ingleside needs to be sorted now, not by 2040. The land is there but the infrastructure is not. Fix the infrastructure and open up the land.
04/18/2019	1606488929	Affordable housing developed along sustainable principles is key to not only our council but he world!
04/18/2019	1606488916	Policies for energy efficient, sustainable housing design. Resources and advice for energy efficiency retrofitting
04/18/2019	1606485160	Don't develop ingleside!
04/18/2019	1606483261	Affordable housing is essential in any community- does it need to have ocean views?
04/17/2019	1606482396	Ingleside's development should progress in conjunction with discernible improvements in public transport infrastructure, to ensure the roads are ready for the sudden increase in commuting population.
04/17/2019	1606482382	Unless Council prioritises affordable and community housing options plus sympathetic density increases such as dual occupancy, the Beaches will exclude many younger people who have grown up as locals but will be forced to leave.
04/17/2019	1606482354	Once again, there is a limit to how much new housing we can accomodate. There probably is too much holiday housing available with Airbnb which could be housing for Northern Beaches residents. MiniChatswood with high rises is not where we want to be going. On the other hand, there is probably unused industrial land in Brookvale that could be converted to mixed using, diverse affordable housing, such as low rise or terraces. The Ingleside plan sounds incomplete and unsustainable and I hope is not taken forward unless it is planned to be sustainable, fully resourced and within the context of our community.
04/17/2019	1606476501	Ingleside should remain as much natural environment as possible, and its development should progress in conjunction with transport infrastructure improvements to ensure public transport is not overwhelmed by the dramatic increases in population growth.
04/16/2019	1606474664	Ingleside development stopped due to CC impacts bushfire risks, unsure why this is here?
04/16/2019	1606474525	With all of the housing and rollout of the hard wired NBN, I am strongly opposed to the proposed rollout of any 5G technology in view of the serious health concerns around millimetre wave technology. This is not a favourable health outcome. Other cities are halting the rollout due to health concerns and I do not see what we are looking to introduce it in Sydney.
04/16/2019	1606474335	8. Would be amazing if newly designed housing were Greenstar certified
04/16/2019	1606474316	Population growth should be strongly monitored and controlled to give all residents an exceptional living environment. Affordable housing would benefit those brought up in the area and would like to stay in the area. Most properties are out of reach for a young person.
04/16/2019	1606474183	Re 9 We do not need or want any more houses on NB. There are currently thousands of granny flats being built (ie affordable housing) with accompanying cars for each flat (usually with no off street parking included in the build,) and hundreds of trees being felled for these flats. These are not factored in to Council's figures re "affordable housing" and should be. Re 10 The only 'clear direction' we need re Ingleside is that it is left as a natural bush area with NO development of any sort. It is in a fire prone area and so the correct decision was made to not go ahead with the Ingleside development, so this decision should be the final one. The community and native fauna need this area as native bushland. We do not want it developed in any way. The question is flawed as it gives no options as to what 'future' we all might envisage.
04/16/2019	1606474251	The ingleside development should have adequate community infrastructure prior to homes being constructed
04/16/2019	1606469456	Let's not flood the area with density. It's losing its character as it is, let's preserve what's left of this beautiful natural area. We need to link SYDNEY to other centres like the central coast or south coast so people can commute to jobs in Sydney via proper high speed rail right to the centre rather than the slow ride into Sydney that it is now. Then we don't spoil the northern beaches with tonnes of high density living because people can live further away and still travel to Sydney for work in a short time. And Sydney will retain character. And greater population in other regional areas will over time create more economic opportunities outside Sydney rather than everyone crowding into our suburbs and putting them under strain and choked with traffic. Our focus should be creating infrastructure to link areas outside Sydney to our Centre so we can continue living a high quality life and not feel overcrowding spoils what was once a beautiful area.

04/16/2019	1606468314	There's already enough housing density here I don't want any more housing built - people have moved and live in this area for a reason it's changing beyond recognition and people don't like it - people i talk to want to move away because it's getting overcrowded and busy
04/16/2019	1606468509	Ingle side does not have adequate public transport or access to services. Other more central placed should be developed first
04/16/2019	1606467823	Greater development of Frenchs Forest, Beacon Hill, Forestville, manly Vale especially high rise apartments in conjunction with the NB tunnel and east west B line
04/16/2019	1606467438	Keep Ingleside rural thanks. Again, more motherhood questions.
04/16/2019	1606467391	Infill development must be encouraged and facilitated, rather than areas with large concentrations of any particular type of housing. There needs to be a mix and a balance.
04/16/2019	1606467087	Ingleside development MUST consider the huge fire risk. It must therefore be skewed heavily towards low density hosuing with large protective buffer zones (parkland, sports fields for example) between buildings and the national parks.
04/16/2019	1606467068	At risk of repeating myself, of course we want 'well designed' housing, but there is no mention of what that is. We don't want resource intensive, wasteful, energy inefficient housing, that has 'designer' touches and Miele appliances!
04/16/2019	1606466494	No housing in Ingleside.
04/16/2019	1606465839	Leave ingleside as it is
04/16/2019	1606465492	Ingleside should be retained as a greenbelt.







Any further comments / suggestions on priorities 11 and / or 12

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05/05/2019	1606588896	It is sad seeing the heritage of the beaches not being protected. Too many lovely old houses being knocked down for large developments.
05/05/2019	1606585694	Pedestrian precincts in local centres contribute to social cohesion.
05/04/2019	1606588029	12; with concerted efforts to identify and rejuvenate Aboriginal heritage of the area
05/04/2019	1606585446	Pedestrian friendly centres contribute to a more cohesive community. Trees provide shade and improve the aesthetics of our local areas.
05/03/2019	1606584904	Again, some of the new business buildings in Newport have totally defeated the purpose of having a village environment. They offer nothing in terms of passing foot traffic eg
05/03/2019	1606584812	11. Unlikely to happen while the state government can so easily over turn development applications that have been refused by the council. For example the huge child care centre planned for Queens Parade Newport which is absolute stupidity - a development that is not wanted , not needed and on a site that could be used for much better development such as over 55's housing
05/03/2019	1606582022	What Heritage? Just because something is 50 years old doesn't make it worthy of being heritage listed. My friends from the UK laugh at some of the stuff we call Heritage.
05/03/2019	1606581773	I don't understand why this is an expectation for the future instead of being the priority right now?
05/03/2019	1606580995	More things in manly to engage tourists loss of acquarimm felt
05/01/2019	1606562113	Please add 'pedestrianised' to the characteristics of our Centre
04/30/2019	1606555302	11 & 12 must be defined by existing community not by developers
04/30/2019	1606555294	Maintain as much outdoor space as possible.
04/27/2019	1606541480	11. Centres need to be more accessible by bike and walking. It's great that more areas are blocked off from cars - this is the key way to create community and encourage active living. e.g. Riding from Manly to home to commute by ferry to the city is a dangerous activity as there are insufficient dedicated bike lanes.
04/25/2019	1606520449	Priority 12. There are both built and natural heritage places which must be protected, conserved and celebrated.
04/25/2019	1606520567	Yes absolutely good design and a focus on buildings and development that support the beaches character and personality. Light neutral colours and weatherboard etc will further increase the amenity and appeal of the beaches. I think too much focus on misplaced heritage is a trap that can inhibit progress whereas establishing design standards or review will stop cheap and poor quality design buildings going up. This would be a better area to focus on. Improve the quality not limit the ability to develop.

04/22/2019	1606506294	We must at all costs protect our natural and Aboriginal heritage to protect it from, overdevelopment. For example Manly Dam needs to be heritage listed asap and remnant bushland that contains rock art sites incorporated Into the park as a priority. No other major city in Australia can offer such a place so close to the CBD.
04/22/2019	1606506158	Biodiversity and environmental issues need to be protected
04/22/2019	1606501766	I would like to see more dedicated walking tracks (like Narrabeen lake) that families can enjoy. And established and we'll sign posted bush tracks. I would also like a dog beach somewhere between manly and Bayview (even if it is only at restricted times)
04/21/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606499756	Low density and restoration of current centres & unique neighbourhoods will enhance the character that most residents moved to the beaches for. I would strongly oppose any development of centres north of Dee Why that increase traffic/people &/or diminish the "small town" feel that residents cherish.
04/21/2019	1606499623	Walkable town centres accessible by public transport, bike lanes and ride share.
04/21/2019	1606499607	we need to preserve the greenspaces at all cost
04/20/2019	1606497692	the northern beaches has destroyed much of its heritage so maintaining what little is left is important
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resources to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606489258	11) Our unique character is to be Australian our lifestyle relates to the Sea.12) Does not seem that past heritage listings always survive.
04/18/2019	1606489228	Keep the bushland! And our ovals, that is our unique character.
04/18/2019	1606483306	Neighbourhoods should be peaceful practical and naturally aesthetic. Bushland needs to be protected - reduces noise/air pollution, creates less heat islands retains Aussie character!
04/17/2019	1606482396	Centre's should be fitted with ample parking options and public transport connectivity, something that should be binded to all future public and private development applications in the area, particularly in high density areas such as Manly, Dee Why and Mona Vale. These developments must also reflect an understanding that ample green space and canopy cover is vital to retaining the beauty of our build landscapes.
04/17/2019	1606482354	Yes extremely important for many reasons. It is important to have centres which are walkable and accessible to limit need for cars and to contribute to the local lifestyle. Heritage is very important for history, amenity, diversity.
04/17/2019	1606476501	An increased awareness of the history of the local area should be pursued, to make the community aware of and passionate to protect the environment and culture we hold in Sydney's north.
04/17/2019	1606476021	we have to define our "unique local character" - maybe there are several ideas on this
04/16/2019	1606475275	Continue to protect our heritage sights and level of low density housing. Our unique character & lifestyle can only be maintained by preventing further populations growth and housing growth
04/16/2019	1606474712	the strive for the new, shouldn't always be at the expense of the old. And there needs to continue to be room for small local business to thrive/survive as places renew, not to simply be replaced by chains & franchises (e.g. Dee Why town centre)
04/16/2019	1606474664	strong emphasis natural environment - this is why NB is so highly valued
04/16/2019	1606474525	A well-designed neighbourhood should be safe. The use of 5G technology is not a well-designed neighbourhood, it is a poorly designed neighbourhood as it would be using untested and what is regarded as unsafe3 technologies.
04/16/2019	1606474335	11. Would be amazing if newly designed center buildings were Greenstar certified
04/16/2019	1606474316	Community based social spaces are a must to keep the NB a desired and cohesive place to live.
04/16/2019	1606474183	We do not want a one size fits all policy re LEPs. The NB has many diverse suburbs that all have completely different character. The unique character and heritage of each particular area must be taken into account and conserved for the future. Most important.
04/16/2019	1606474251	I oppose the use of 5G technology being used in our public spaces like shopping centres schools and parks etc
04/16/2019	1606469456	Keeping the character of the area is paramount. Not overcrowding the area is part of retaining the character and lifestyle. Reduce all the building works and roads construction.
04/16/2019	1606468314	we need to preserve our environment at all costs. Centres like mona vale should have good amenities like restaurants/cafes
04/16/2019	1606468509	Increase in traffic will have a negative impact on centres
04/16/2019	1606467391	There is some capacity in the existing main centres for higher and denser development, providing its well designed, with good access to public transport and has excellent approach to public space
04/16/2019	1606467087	Main roads mus go around, not through, major centres. This means moving the effective centre of Dee Why (for one) several blocks away from Pittwater Rd. Ditto Narrabeen and Newport.
04/16/2019	1606466174	You need to maintain casual beachyness not perfectly paved pathways.
04/16/2019	1606466177	protecting the environment is not negotiable





13. Frequent and efficient east / west public transport to Chatswood and Macquarie Park





Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	27	16.77%					
Somewhat oppose	9	5.59%					
Neutral	24	14.91%					
Somewhat favour	31	19.25%					
Strongly favour	70	43.48%					
Total	161	100 %					

15. Safe and convenient walking, cycling and local transport connections



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
Strongly oppose	1	0.62%	I					
Somewhat oppose	2	1.25%	1					
Neutral	10	6.25%						
Somewhat favour	15	9.38%						
Strongly favour	132	82.5%						
Total	160	100 %						
16. Re-nurnosed road space to meet our changing needs								

16. Re-purposed road space to meet our changing needs



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	8	5.03%					
Somewhat oppose	12	7.55%					
Neutral	26	16.35%					
Somewhat favour	43	27.04%					
Strongly favour	70	44.03%					
Total	159	100 %					

17. An efficient urban freight network



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	10	6.33%					
Somewhat oppose	10	6.33%					
Neutral	50	31.65%					
Somewhat favour	48	30.38%					
Strongly favour	40	25.32%					
Total	158	100 %					
18. Embraced innovative and emerging	technologies						



Strongly oppose	12	7.55%	
Somewhat oppose	5	3.14%	-
Neutral	23	14.47%	
Somewhat favour	38	23.9%	
Strongly favour	81	50.94%	
Total	159	100 %	

19. Safeguarded future transport corridors for mass transit



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	11	7.05%					
Somewhat oppose	9	5.77%					
Neutral	25	16.03%					
Somewhat favour	35	22.44%					
Strongly favour	76	48.72%			•		
Total	156	100 %					

any further c	omments / su	ggestions on priorities 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and / or 19
05/05/2019	1606589753	Can the health effects of the 5g towers be studied before putting them near schools and workplaces?
05/05/2019	1606589110	18. Embrace technologies yes. But not 5G. This is enormous health concern. I know I'm not the only patent having huge worries with 5G technology
		roll out killing us all with radiation beyond. Why are towers in nature. In schools. Next to kindys? It's unsafe for the community.
05/05/2019	1606588893	Strongly oppose 5G being introduced in the northern beaches die to health concerns
05/05/2019	1606585694	East / west public transport improvements are cost effective together with local connections to main routes and local destinations. North / south services to CBD are frequent and efficient from main bus stops. Beaches Link Tunnel is not supported for many reasons - will generate more traffi and parking demand, and have negative impact on health and environment. Benefit cost ratio is less than one according to one economist. Far better to invest in public transport.
05/05/2019	1606588324	Absolute need for a Beaches tunnel - thanks
05/04/2019	1606585446	Agree with improving east to west links with more frequent and efficient public transport, as well as feeder buses to the express bus services. These improvements can be made with relatively minimal investment using existing roads. Existing bus services, such as B1 provide a frequent and efficient or orth / south public transport service and this can be supplemented with additional buses to North Sydney. The Beaches Link Tunnel is not supported by well respected transport planners, including academics, who predict it will exacerbate congestion problems. Council needs to focus or public transport options that will reduce car dependency. The tunnel project does not pass the cost benefit test. It will also impose cost burdens of Council, such as the need to provide more car parking to cope with the influx of cars to the Northern beaches. The urban freight network benefit is unclear, as larger trucks travelling on our roads imposes a greater risk to other road users.
05/04/2019	1606585265	Frequent, fast, direct public transport links from east to west are a must and protecting the corridors of Mona Vale Road and Warringah Road for b lanes must happen now while those routes are being upgraded.
05/03/2019	1606584904	'Re-purposing road space' - what does this mean? more land clearing for cars just so more cars can clog up roads. It's all about public transport & the Beaches we have missed out terribly. Need to make it up with better & more public transport . 'Urban freight network' sounds like more large trucks on our urban roads? Not sure what the solution here is. We live in an area that has only one through road if you live on the Peninsula in Newport as we do.
05/03/2019	1606584812	14. the vey worst thing that can happen to the Northern Beaches is the Beaches Link Tunnel. The tunnel will only bring more cars to the Northern Beaches ADDING to the congestion. We need better public transport to REDUCE the number of cars on the road.
05/03/2019	1606584709	Whilst a beached tunnels appears to offer a solution to congestion, this will be very short term and the tunnel will only encourage more development on the peninsula. It's the wrong solution and will destroy the peninsula as we know it
05/03/2019	1606581773	#13-#16 We are talking about a Mona Vale - Macquarie Park public transport in the future and there is no bus lane on the upgraded Mona Vale Rd Why? How do you want to provide a good outcome if you do not plan for the future in practice? Mona Vale upgrade is NOT for the future, it's for th past. A very much needed upgrade which will be satisfying for the present but not for the increased traffic in the future. What about Wakehurst Parkway upgrade? What about a direct public transport between Narrabeen and Frenchs Forest via Wakehurst Parkway? What about a tram line between Mona Vale and Manly? What about a tram line on Forest Way? Without a sufficient public transport network we won't be able to reduce traffic on the roads. Look at the public transport networks of the major European cities for example.
05/03/2019	1606582022	I am not in favour of the Beaches link Tunnel as I don't believe it will be cost efficient without a much larger population, which I don't want. If it do go ahead we need for Wakehurst parkway to be 4 lanes from Seaforth to Narrabeen. Leave Roads as Roads, don't take them away like was done in Redman Rd
05/03/2019	1606581570	Tunnel should be for public transport Push for metro train solutions east/west
05/03/2019	1606580995	Toll reds are not the future archachic There is research re the dearth toll caused by pollution and even cases abroad starting on this as it decreas life expectancy and u r putting it coal hungry options forget it - come into the new age. Everywhere else gets light rail but us tunnel under or bridg over Stop just services to manly vale up Seaforth and north Balgowlah and Balgowlah and Clontarf need services not for manly Seaforth particula had all the blind development but no botherbof a stop and now regularly can't get on a bus as seevicesx like e69 soooo much busier, as well as making it dangerous to turn out of hope street right due to new speed of traffic Think of future mobility
05/03/2019	1606580055	How about we build the transport, rather than just safeguard the corridors!
05/03/2019	1606579131	Please please please a solution to help ease commute to Macquarie park; let's get rid of parking in inner areas of Mona, Avalon, der why and man beach strips. Do what Melbourne is doing and claim those car spots for pedestrians, cyclists. More motorbike parking.
05/02/2019	1606578532	Regional transport initiatives are a state government responsibility not local govt
05/02/2019	1606578485	The time line for East/West an North?South public transport should be 2030. Especially when taking into account that CO2 emission from transport/motor cars is 18 %.
05/02/2019	1606578200	I'm not in favour of the beaches tunnel in its current design. It needs to embrace public transport options, or alternatively, develop new public transport options
05/01/2019	1606562113	I am not sure about the necessity of the Beaches Link Tunnel if we get our public transport right and the education and employment opportunitie locally
05/01/2019	1606562005	Public transport is the only way to move a lot or people and reduce the need for cars which add demonstrably to congestion, noise and pollution Bring back the trams along the main arteries (for instance).
04/30/2019	1606555615	kerb and guttering to all homes!!!
04/30/2019	1606555302	14 Tunnel should be for buses only The rest generic to any community 17 What does this mean?
04/30/2019	1606555294	Hopefully we will be using cars less which will massively improve quality of life
04/29/2019	1606550758	they are all priorities

04/27/2019	1606541480	13. Yes, reducing the ease of families owning 2 + cars. Parking permits need to be reconsidered to discourage excessive car consumption. 14. A tunnel just creates more car use and also means that the State Govt will see the Northern Beaches as an area that should be accommodating more people. We live here because of the beautiful environment and location, a boom in population will erode that.
04/26/2019	1606520449	Priority 14. I am strongly opposed to the current design for the Beaches Link Tunnel and in particular the Balgowlah Link Road. The impact on the Balgowlah and Seaforth areas would be devastating for many years to come. We would be left with two unfiltered carcinogenic funnels, road chaos and the environmental destruction caused to the thriving Burnt Creek and Balgowlah Golf Course ecosystems. And for what? Overseas research and experience has shown that it will only increase road system deadlock in the long term. The government must seriously consider the development of further public transport options such as light rail.
04/25/2019	1606520567	Innovation in vehicular transport, such as autonomous vehicles will dramatically increase the efficiency of existing road infrastructure. Also not sure what future transport corridors exist?
04/22/2019	1606506615	RE: Q14 - I would like the improved North South public transport, but I am against the Northern Beaches tunnel being built,
04/22/2019	1606506299	19 Enough space should be reserved in Frenchs Forest, Brookvale, Dee Why, etc. for future metro stations. It will be needed in 30-50-80 years time and in the meantime can be used as an open space or for light-weight commercial or community structures
04/22/2019	1606506294	The tunnel as it is currently designed will not meet our future needs and as it stands I am vehemently opposed to it. UTS transport experts have determined the tunnel design business case does not stack up as it does not prioritise public transport and the design ignores the requirements of most NB residents, IE. that many commuters drive west and/or originate north of Dee Why and that Spit Bridge commutes have dropped. If the Council is serious about planning for 2040 to ensure these target themes can be achieved then it should engage it's own transport experts & push for substantial redesign to cater for BLine buses, exits for commuters living north of Dee Why and direct links to the western areas near hospital/Belrose. Prioritise our needs over the developers to avoid the worsening traffic issues at Manly Vale, Brookvale and Dee Why which will only get worse if efforts are not made to make this suit the growing needs of our community (including our health and well-being). Two exits in Balgowlah with no filtering of smoke stacks is just lazy design and only serves Transurban and will have long term adverse affects for residents of Seaforth/Balgowlah. If we are to pay at at least \$10 per day to commute we deserve a world class design to suit our growing needs.
04/22/2019	1606500643	Emphasis on transit systems. No link tunnel without such!!
04/22/2019	1606500599	Oppose the Link Tunnel without transit system and dedicated bus lanes
04/22/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606500040	Bicycle/walking paths in the center in Dee Why and to travel safely to Brookvale would be great.
04/21/2019	1606499623	Mass rapid transit is urgently required. I oppose the tunnel for cars. Cars are ancient technology and should be discouraged. Ideally mass rapid transit would be in the form of a metro. B-line is not much improvement on a regular bus. Provide a ferry from Clontarf. Continue the capped Uber pool offer to manly wharf
04/19/2019	1606494878	Public transport direct to Parramatta would also be a great priority.
04/19/2019	1606491310	The new Brookvale to Chatswood B-line like bus is unusable to me at the Crown of the Hill, so I have no confidence in the council's solution benefiting me.
04/18/2019	1606489862	14. The tunnel MUST have a dedicated bus or rail line going each way to support the mass transport movement of the projected population by 2040 on the Beaches.
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resources to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606474654	I stand against the roll out of 5G technology which is untested for our safety. The technology has never been tested for its impact on humans, wildlife, insects and the environment. I don't want this anywhere near my home, my family or in my community when no safety studies have been performed.
04/18/2019	1606489228	Focus on nature
04/18/2019	1606489009	Re-purposing roads is not the answer for safe bike and pedestrian ways. Slow and fast modes of transport need to be separate. Also, heavy freight being separated from general transport would be a nice to have.
04/18/2019	1606488916	Oppose cuts to ferry services
04/18/2019	1606484459	I only support the east west rapid tranist proposal if there will not be more residential development that follows
04/18/2019	1606483261	If you're building a gateway for people to enter the beaches you will need to provide carport to support the tourists, parking is already a nightmare. Pony up the cash and put it underground
04/17/2019	1606483014	Tunnel should have dedicated bus lane or rail. Air vents/stacks should be filtered
04/17/2019	1606482975	tunnel is not planned for the anticipated capacity. the tunnel will likely be more congested by 2040 than the harbor tunnel is today. the timeline for tunnel is really slow, its needed now, not 10 years down the line.
04/17/2019	1606482396	The idea is routinely floated, but a tramline connecting the Northern Beaches via an east / west link to Chatswood terminating at Frenches Forest, Beacon Hill or perhaps as close to Dee Why as possible should be lobbied for as a rival, or perhaps even complementary project to the north / south Northern Beaches Tunnel link as a means by which to remove cars off the main arterial roads. The Northern Beaches, save the Lower Eastern Suburbs, is the only established region in the Sydney Metro Area lacking a train link and it has had clear consequences in the dramatic increase in vehicle ownership, and single passenger driving habits of the local community. Much of this traffic however is peak-hour suggesting these individual are commuting and most are headed to the city. A train-link to Wynyard via Chatswood connecting the Northern Beaches would vastly improve the access of the Beaches population to the rest of the city. Terminating as far inland as Frenches Forest would remove the argument of many that the line would bring too many tourists, and would increase the population surrounding the line in the Forest area as seen in other areas of the Sydney's rapidly expanding population.

04/17/2019	1606482354	I am opposed to the Tunnel. By the time it will be complete it will already be out of date considering the future trends in transportation. The car as we know it is on the way out; more and more people are using public transport and with the coming of electric and self driving vehicles, and more people working from home, transport is changing. The Tunnel also is a partial solution only, and could easily lead to huge new traffic bottlenecks at either end. And do we really want more cars coming into Manly? I don't think so. We need to be thinking of public transport for the future, and prioritise needs of residents over tourist influx. I also feel strongly that we need to maintain the quality of our Beaches life. Am quite dreading the noise that will come with drones delivering things, and we need to consider amenity of people not just technology for technology sake. Re urban freight, I would not think that is a big issue but there does need to be safe and appropriate ways for freight to get in and out. Most important are walking, cycling and local transport for the people who live and work here. I feel very lucky that I seldom need to use my car, taking advantage of ferries, buses, and feet. I would like to cycle but feel that it is not safe at present. The more people use public transport, walking and cycling, the more pleasant is our environment for all.
04/17/2019	1606476021	Emphasis on public transport eg light rail not more car corridors.
04/16/2019	1606475143	Stop the Northern Beaches Tunnel. Spend the money on improving Public Transport.
04/16/2019	1606474712	14. the B-line etc has been very successful in improving these links. The east/west definitely needs more focus. But overall the focus NEEDS to be on making public transport option viable & effecient, and moving away from the car as our main commuting option. I'm opposed to a tunnel that doesnt have dedicated public transport infrastructure.
04/16/2019	1606474694	18 , not 5G networks
04/16/2019	1606474664	Rail U/ground future,loop NShore line viaTerry Hills(space lge carpark) > FrenchForest>Chatswood
04/16/2019	1606474635	Make the Beaches tunnel a train line instead of having cars use it.
04/16/2019	1606474583	There is only so much space. We cannot keep building more roads - we just get more traffic - so we need to repurpose our existing road space to use more efficient means of getting around to compete effectively with the private car. That means public transport and active transport like riding a bike or walking. The B1 provides a useful model for what a service looks like - no timetable, the buses just turn up every 10 minutes. It must be state-owned though for accountability. The current privately owned B1 service shows bad attitudes to other road users - both cars and bikes - and the complaints process has no transparency.
04/16/2019	1606474525	The introduction of 5G technology would not make any space safe for walking, cycling or sitting inside a house. The technology is simply dangerous and should not be introduced to the Northern Beaches or anywhere within Australia. I strongly oppose the emerging technology that is 5G.
04/16/2019	1606474481	20. Taken responsibility for the protection of the transport network and community from coastal erosion due to sea level rise, increasing risk of storm surges and global warming generally.
04/16/2019	1606474465	I oppose the Beaches link tunnel. It is a lazy solution which benefits vested interests and big business and destroys the environment
04/16/2019	1606474183	Do NOT want or need a Beaches Link Tunnel with the accompanying environmental destruction and excuse for further development in the NB area. We do not want to 'repurpose' road space -unless that means bike lanes. We especially do not want any type of rail lines anywhere on the NB. Due to the geographic constraints of the NB, it is essential that we stop further development for mass transport and encourage people to ride bikes, walk or work from home and move closer to their place of work if that's not possible.
04/16/2019	1606474251	I oppose the use of 5G technology in innovation and connectivity .
04/16/2019	1606474223	Train line pronto . Buses are rubbish
04/16/2019	1606469456	We need better road connections but NOT if it's going to mean you increase population density. The current population needs better roads but if you increase the density as a way of justifying the cost of the infrastructure then no thanks I dong want the infrastructure if that's the price we pay for it. And re technologies- I strongly oppose 5G for health and environmental reasons and don't want the infrastructure put in by stealth. There MUST be community debate and election mandates before going anywhere near 5G.
04/16/2019	1606468509	We should improve n/s connection but via a Road tunnel. Start with prioritising pt on existing routes. This question is poorly worded and does not give people who want improve pt to say they don't want the tunnel. A proper place based integrate land use and movement study is required not a justification for a major road project. Residents should be presented with well evidence options. Option should be tested not presented a final solution.
04/16/2019	1606468314	I strongly oppose the 5G rollout in the area - I embrace innovate technologies but not this one - it's too dangerous to health of humans, wildlife and the environment. I don't know what you mean about repurposing road space - i don't want more and bigger roads. Not sure what transport corridors are. Bus lanes are ok as they are in the peak hours
04/16/2019	1606467677	trains for mass transit and beach link tunnel also to be considered to reduce road congestion and efficient travel times, thereby increasing productivity
04/16/2019	1606467087	What does 16 really mean? It's a motherhood statement.
04/16/2019	1606467068	Again no mention of the compromises required to enable these developments wrt the environment and infrastructure
04/16/2019	1606465492	Not in favour of the tunnel at all



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Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	3	2.59%					
Somewhat oppose	4	3.45%					
Neutral	28	24.14%					
Somewhat favour	37	31.9%					
Strongly favour	44	37.93%					
Total	116	100 %					

22. Brookvale as a lifestyle and innovation hub



Answer	Count	Percent	20)%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	3	2.61%						
Somewhat oppose	6	5.22%						
Neutral	30	26.09%						
Somewhat favour	36	31.3%						
Strongly favour	40	34.78%						
Total	115	100 %						
23. Dee Why as a thriving cosmopolitan	centre by the	e sea						



Somewhat oppose	10	8.7%	
Neutral	32	27.83%	
Somewhat favour	32	27.83%	
Strongly favour	36	31.3%	
Total	115	100 %	

24. Manly as Sydney's premier seaside destination



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	8	6.9%					
Somewhat oppose	9	7.76%					
Neutral	28	24.14%					
Somewhat favour	32	27.59%					
Strongly favour	39	33.62%					
Total	116	100 %					
25. Mona Vale as a contemporary, urba	n heart of the	e north					



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	б	5.17%					
Somewhat oppose	5	4.31%					
Neutral	36	31.03%					
Somewhat favour	40	34.48%					
Strongly favour	29	25%		I			
Total	116	100 %					

26. Safeguarded industrial and urban services land



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	4	3.48%					
Somewhat oppose	7	6.09%					
Neutral	27	23.48%					
Somewhat favour	40	34.78%					
Strongly favour	37	32.17%					
Total	115	100 %					
27. Innovative industry clusters							



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	3	2.63%					
Somewhat oppose	б	5.26%	-				
Neutral	25	21.93%					
Somewhat favour	37	32.46%					
Strongly favour	43	37.72%					
Total	114	100 %					

28. A thriving and sustainable tourism economy



34.51%

100 %

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29. A diverse evening and night-time economy

Strongly favour

Total



100 %

Any further comments	/ suggestions on	priorities 20	. 21, 22, 23,	. 24, 25, 26	5, 27, 28 and/or 29

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Any further co	omments / sug	ggestions on priorities 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and/or 29
05/05/2019	1606585694	French's Forest sustainable health and education precinct should be located within the existing high school and hospital site. Health and education are compatible services that can be co-located close to a transport hub. The relocation of the high school to the Warringah Aquatic Centre area is not supported. This area should be retained for recreation and environmental protection. The site is not suitable for a large high school, which would conflict with the protection of bushland and waterways in Manly Dam Catchment.
05/04/2019	1606585265	It is not clear why it is still appropriate that some of the most desirable land in our LGA is locked away for industrial use when the Northern Beaches only has 3 points of entry and exit. Of course, there will always need to be capacity to provide local services however, whether that should still be on the scale, or in the style of the old is not clear.
05/03/2019	1606584904	This all sounds great however a lot of the terms used here are subjective such as 'contemporary' and 'thriving cosmopolitan' used for Dee Why. I would argue that Dee Why is not at all on its way to being 'cosmopolitan' intead it's a jungle of horrible units on top of each other. More green space & better architecture could have created a beautiful area but instead it is just depressing.
05/03/2019	1606581773	#21 It's already cannot be. Frenchs Forest is a good example how to divide a community with a wide road. Instead of sinking the road (the middle lanes) underground and creating a nice green area on top of that with 2x1 lanes and same level pedestrian crossings, you have built noise barriers and two extremely long pedestrian bridges. You want to create a more crowded environment around the hospital with more noise, air and light pollution. A parking house is built right next to the hospital (which is fine) but WITHOUT a living green wall to reduce air pollution or increase aesthetic. How on earth could Frenchs Forest be a sustainable health precinct after this? #23 If you mean "thriving cosmopolitan centre" means an overcrowded suburb with a constant fight for parking place, yes, that's already done, you don't have to wait until 2040. #25 It seems we have a different understanding of village atmosphere #28-29 Increase good & frequent public transport, so people can avoid parking problems and drinking & driving. Frequent means 5, max. 10 minutes. I'm a big advocate of trams, have I mentioned yet?
05/03/2019	1606579131	Living in Warriewood it's hrs to get anywhere except by car. More frequent, smaller buses to serve non main roads.
04/30/2019	1606555302	21 Do FF residents agree? 22 Do Bvale residents agree? 23 It already is - leave it alone - no more Meriton style projects 24. It already is - leave it alone 25 What does this mean specifically and have MV residents had real input?
04/30/2019	1606555294	I don't want to be inundated with certain types of tourist. It is possible to be an attractive area without destroying the environment eg Carmel in California
04/27/2019	1606541568	tourism needs to be aligned to growth as well as preserving the beauty if nth beaches otherwise there will be no beauty for people to come and see and it will all be redundant.
04/27/2019	1606541480	Our centres do need a bit a lift, esp. Brookvale. But to service more retail etc you need a bigger population, which I'm sure most people on the Northern Beaches do not want.
04/26/2019	1606520449	The needs of residents and rate payers must be the first priority of Council. Development must be tempered by this consideration.
04/25/2019	1606520567	I'd like to see some thinking around technology startup hub/incubator in Nth Beaches as well as shared workspaces promoted in various suburbs (Forestville).
04/23/2019	1606510345	The Northern Beaches does not need a tunnel to carry more polluting vehicles to and from the city. It need local employment to take traffic off our roads, reduce pollution and give residents additional hours of recreation time currently lost in traffic
04/22/2019	1606506615	I don't like to encourage too much tourism to Manly, as it is a great strain for the locals.
04/22/2019	1606506299	It is not easy to preserve and grow jobs on Northern Beaches until local transport issues will be solved (and it might take at least 10 years). Council should try to increase awareness of local community and our state & federal MPs about issues facing local businesses and to lobby for support measures from the state and federal budgets to maintain & grow high value-adding jobs on Northern Beaches.

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04/22/2019	1606501461	P20 - Why? Isn't this a case of the tail wagging the dog? Does one really expect that business enterprises will establish in NB in accord with the "needs" of the community. A little does of reality would help here.
04/22/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606500040	Bring a village spirit to Brookvale. Keep Dee Why natural without high rises buildings and concrete. Plant trees and develop more green spaces.
04/19/2019	1606491310	What about the western suburbs?
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resources to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606474654	I stand against the roll out of 5G technology which is untested for our safety. The technology has never been tested for its impact on humans, wildlife, insects and the environment. I don't want this anywhere near my home, my family or in my community when no safety studies have been performed.
04/18/2019	1606489009	Dee Why is a rat race at the moment and not in line with Northern Beaches community interests. The hub proposed in Frenches Forest will work but more public health services are required and Mona Vale hospital needs a fully functioning emergency ward. If expansion of innovation and businesses is to happen in the Northern Beaches, greater emphasis must be spent on infrastructure.
04/18/2019	1606483261	More pedestrianised city hubs
04/17/2019	1606482975	must start providing higher number of clearances to build medium density housing like duplexes. the rents are expensive and driving people away. more video surveilance to deter theives and anti-social elements.
04/17/2019	1606482407	21. FF Hospital not yet meeting needs of community as expected.
04/17/2019	1606482382	Unless you create vibrant industrial/commercial hubs with transport links and a mixture of open space and cafe/food premises for workers it will not attract business and jobs
04/17/2019	1606482354	Remember that people live in Manly, not just a tourist centre. I do not want Manly sacrificed to tourism. Those of us who live here want to maintain our amenity Evening and night time economy is often code for more and more alcohol. That is not what I want to see. On the other hand, it would be nice to have a theatre for live performance here in Manly. It could be small, like the Hayes Theatre. That would be a great asset to a positive aspect of evening economy. Also the movie theatre!
04/16/2019	1606474664	consider mixed use industrial land, see ancient cities Rome Sienna sml motor workshops/living spaces. Night markets, diverse festivals all demog.
04/16/2019	1606474583	What does 25 mean? 29: As much as they are maligned, the lockout laws have had a notable impact on improving the safety of residents living in those "night-time economy" hubs, making them desirable places to live again. Whatever is done in this space it MUST remain democratic and must NOT prioritise the interests of business owners and out-of-area visitors above residents.
04/16/2019	1606474525	SHould the innovative industries clusters require the use of 5G technology, I would strongly oppose it. Otherwise, I would be more supportive of this. We also need substantial health facilities outside of Frenchs Forest - such as Mona Vale and further South towards Manly/Manly Vale/Brookvale.
04/16/2019	1606474223	See why is an eyesore A's is brookvale
04/16/2019	1606469456	What do you mean about Brookvale being an innovation hub? If you're talking about having a diversity of businesses there- ok. It's a bit tired and daggy is like to see it gentrify a bit and be somewhere you want to stop rather than drive past unless you want building supplies!
04/16/2019	1606468509	Need to plan for mixed use light industrial. Increased Access to job and opportunities will have negative impact Improved pt will increase Jo s
04/16/2019	1606468314	what does safeguarded industrial and urban services land mean?
04/16/2019	1606467823	Strongly agree with everything in this section. We do need many more sports fields such as soccer pitches to accommodate growth. Many support reduction in golf course space or higher density in the right pockets if more green space is created
04/16/2019	1606467391	Don't forget to invest into improvements in the villages. They are important too!
04/16/2019	1606467087	Re 20, let the market decide. Re 22 & 23, what does that mean? The centre of DY is NOT by the sea. Re 25, MV will be contemporary and urban no matter what NB Council does or does not do.







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Strongly oppose	1	0.53%	I
Somewhat oppose	2	1.06%	I
Neutral	б	3.17%	-
Somewhat favour	9	4.76%	
Strongly favour	171	90.48%	
Total	180	100 %	

31. Protected and enhanced bushland and biodiversity



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Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	1	0.54%	I				
Somewhat oppose	2	1.09%	1				
Neutral	5	2.72%					
Somewhat favour	17	9.24%					
Strongly favour	159	86.41%					
Total	184	100 %					

33. Protected rural and remote communities



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%			
Strongly oppose	6	3.26%								
Somewhat oppose	3	1.63%	I							
Neutral	18	9.78%								
Somewhat favour	45	24.46%								
Strongly favour	112	60.87%								
Total	184	100 %								
34. Greener, more resilient urban environments										

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1	0.54%	I				
6	3.23%					
10	5.38%					
15	8.06%					
154	82.8%					
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35. A range of high quality open space for recreation



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Strongly oppose	5	2.7%					
Somewhat oppose	3	1.62%	I				
Neutral	11	5.95%					
Somewhat favour	26	14.05%					
Strongly favour	140	75.68%					
Total	185	100 %					

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05/05/2019	1606589110	And no 5G towers. In nature. Or people's homes. No to 5G radiation. No.						
05/05/2019	1606588992	Don't accept 5g until the effects have been well researched on animals, plants and humans.						
05/05/2019	1606588825	The outstanding feature of the Northern Beaches is the natural environment. Beautiful beaches, a fabulous coastline with a just as stunning biodiverse bushland backdrop. This is an asset not many other LGs share and it must be protected.						
05/05/2019	1606585694	A very high priority is to protect the unique natural environment, landscapes, native flora, fauna and biodiversity and waterways of the Northern Beaches.						
05/03/2019	1606584904	What can you say except that's why we live here. If this is not protected we have nothing and no reason to be here as we are quite isolated from the rest of Sydney especially in terms of transport.						



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	04/17/2019	1606483014	Keep/rebuild Aquatic Centre



04/17/2019	1606482354	All of these are under threat but are so very important to everything about the Beaches. Why bother living or visiting here if these are compromised. We must protect them; they are valuable for physical health, mental health, ecological health and our economy.
04/17/2019	1606475844	I really see this as something that needs a great amount of attention. As a Dee Why resident, the population is huge, and very diverse. With this comes a lack in attention to recycling and waste Managment. I am continually picking up rubbish on walks. More attention on environmental issues with in the community like art murals on walls to express keeping our oceans clean etc, signage etc. the higher density it becomes the more of an issue this is becoming
04/16/2019	1606474712	Does item 33 even relate to the northern beaches?
04/16/2019	1606474664	Water features (recycled) reduce CC impacts heat island effect, vulnerable residents, beauty, interest, fun
04/16/2019	1606474583	To avoid sprawl, policies must concentrate on allowing sustainable increases in density in existing areas - better transport, better building codes, better quality and MUCH more and better managed public open space, and actually doing something for the substantial mountain biking population on the northern beaches instead of just talking about it. I want a decent integrated authorised trail network before I die. You've been talking about it for over 13 years and we're still no closer. Little pockets liek Manly Dam and the old Belrose waste transfer station are nice, but still fail t adress pent-up demand.
04/16/2019	1606474588	I strongly oppose the implementation of 5G due to the health and environmental risk especially with no real testing. Please do NOT implement this here. Please I am begging you from my heart, think of the health of those that live here, including you
04/16/2019	1606474525	All of these points which I strongly favour are facing destruction by 5 G technology. It is proven to kill insects or drive them away - which are vital to maintaining healthy ecosystems. We need to preserve the beaches - we don't need faster mobile phone download speeds.
04/16/2019	1606474465	This is one of my top priorities. Public space, such as golf courses, should be returned for use by all residents
04/16/2019	1606474342	Q30 - 'highly valued' should mean more than money - they already are highly valued in that sense. Not sure how you measure 'value' on a social, cultural, environmental services etc way.
04/16/2019	1606474340	Though how this will be achieved with the drive to increase housing on the Northern Beaches will be interesting
04/16/2019	1606474183	All so essential, but this policy seems in direct opposition to the current government policy of population increase and development at all costs to the detriment of our natural environment. The NB has the most environmentally sensitive and uniquely beautiful landscapes and needs to be protected at all costs for future generations and the local flora and fauna. More endemic canopy trees need to be planted to replace the thousands being felled for development and to mitigate the effects of climate change by cooling our suburbs & public areas and conserving energy.
04/16/2019	1606474251	Keep our landscape spaces free of 5G technology
04/16/2019	1606469456	High quality open space sounds like fake built green space - leave Bush natural - keep density low and don't go building loads of parks to give a huge population somewhere to go. Leave as much of the natural environment alone as you can, or protect t. Leave the rest of the forest in the forest. It's precious now, every old tree counts.
04/16/2019	1606468509	Rethink golfcourses with low usage accessible location eg warring
04/16/2019	1606468314	top priority
04/16/2019	1606467391	Review of Urban Tree Canopy policy should progress. What stage is it at?
04/16/2019	1606467087	35 includes protecting golf courses. Once they are gone, they will never come back.



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Question	Count	Score	Strongly oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neutral Somewhat favour	Strongly favour				
36. A low carbon, water wise Council and community	137	4.44								
37. A sustainable built environment	137	4.42								
38. Low plastic consumption and waste	135	4.6								
	Average	4.49								
36. A low carbon, water wise Council and community										



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	7	5.11%					
Somewhat oppose	4	2.92%					
Neutral	10	7.3%					
Somewhat favour	17	12.41%					
Strongly favour	99	72.26%					
Total	137	100 %					

37. A sustainable built environment



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	6	4.38%					
Somewhat oppose	6	4.38%					
Neutral	12	8.76%					
Somewhat favour	13	9.49%					
Strongly favour	100	72.99%					
Total	137	100 %					
38. Low plastic consumption and waste							





any further c	omments / su	ggestions on priorities 36, 37 and / or 38
05/05/2019	1606589110	Huge zero plastic. Bulk centres so no packaging. Take hats to refill for shampoo oil rice etc. no plastic. No litter.
05/05/2019	1606585694	A lot more can be done to reduce waste going to landfill. There are many cost effective, innovative and practical initiatives that Council can pursue to reduce, recycle and reuse items and waste products that currently end up in landfill.
05/03/2019	1606585141	38 A FEDERAL LEGISLATED ISSUE NOT LOCAL COUNCIL
05/03/2019	1606584904	I really, really, really, really hope so. People have to learn somehow that what we share is as important as what we own personally. What good is it having a beautiful waterfront property if we can't leave them to enjoy our streets & communities.
05/03/2019	1606581773	#38 I agree that council should show a good example. However, wasting heaps of dollar for changing all the bins without community consultation, having a booking system for the council clean up instead of the scheduled system, destroying all the stuff while collecting on council clean up instead of selecting and providing an opportunity for locals to recycle them from a dedicated place are NOT good examples.
05/03/2019	1606582022	Lay off the Low Carbon crap. There is no problem now so we don't need to spend a lot of money that will do absolutely nothing to change the work or our community.
05/03/2019	1606581570	We need to address our recycling facilities and not just passing to someone else
05/03/2019	1606580995	Do not understand why council does not offer food waste service or work bins to encourage reduction in landfill
05/01/2019	1606562113	No specific mention of promoting range of renewable energy strategies . This is both a business opportunity for Council and vital for achieving substantial reduction of carbon in the atmosphere.
04/30/2019	1606555615	ban single use plastic bags NOW! No new dwellings or renovations without watertanks and solar panels. Electric car facilities in all suburbs
04/30/2019	1606555302	All motherhood eco babble
04/28/2019	1606543424	38: low waste on everything not just plastic.
04/27/2019	1606541568	reduce waste and plastic and reward businesses for doing so and consumers.
04/27/2019	1606541480	38. This point should be ALL consumption, not just plastic. What about people owning 4 cars, boats, houses that are too big, buying new clothes all the time etc Plastic is only a very small part of the over consumption happening on the Northern Beachers. Encouraging more retail shops and centres and thus spending inherently means more resources are consumed, so this plan should consider this conundrum.
04/25/2019	1606520567	In our household, most plastics come from retail in the form of packaging. Not sure what influence the council can have to impact change on this source of plastic consumption?
04/24/2019	1606520058	36 - a NO carbon Council and Community. Let's be the leaders in clean energy.
04/22/2019	1606506299	Sustainability measures should be economically viable and profitable (at least in the medium to long term periods) rather than being viewed as another additional cost and extra burden for the council, local home buyers / upgraders and developers.
04/22/2019	1606502038	Local government should ban single use plastics, and also incentivise solar and renewable energy adoption plus passive house planning and certification.
04/22/2019	1606501766	I would like to see weekly food waste collections to reduce household waste to landfill. I would also like to see more ownership enforced on indus for the plastic package their product come in and be responsible for their collection or recycling. I would like to see solar panels subsides for all n builds & mandatory solar panels for new commercial buildings or unit complexes. I would like to see research and/or subsides for solar batteries for households and businesses
04/22/2019	1606500643	NBC needs to be more innovative in waste reduction/disposal and treatment. Use of systems that create environmental advantage, reusable products and energy. NB the bin change over is a wasteful and poorly conducted exercise
04/22/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606500040	The noise coming from Air Cond units has become a real issue for Dee Why. DA should never allow for rooftops Air Cond units and go in parkings/basements instead
04/21/2019	1606499756	Continue to encourage & "role model" sustainable business practises, consumption & waste
04/19/2019	1606491975	We need to take responsibility of our own waste and invest in our own recycling plants to avoid our rubbish being sent off shore or into landfill. V use it, we should deal with it. Remove single use plastics altogether by 2040. No Straws, bags. Bottles, food packaging.
04/19/2019	1606491310	All cost money for virtue signally rubbish
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resour to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606474654	I stand against the roll out of 5G technology which is untested for our safety. The technology has never been tested for its impact on humans, wildlife, insects and the environment. I don't want this anywhere near my home, my family or in my community when no safety studies have been performed.
04/18/2019	1606489228	Less built environment
04/18/2019	1606489009	Environmentally friendly and sustainable does not mean cut out plastics and water use. Recycling is the aim both water and no single use plastic items.
04/18/2019	1606488929	Get rid of all oil driven vehicles and use only EV's. Change nge the buses to electric immediately. Compulsory roof top solar on any new buildings. Rooftop solar and wind anywhere possible. Storage batteries everywhere. Charging stations all over the council. Wake up and take the protection of the environment seriously
04/18/2019	1606483261	Better recycling, make companies pay

04/17/2019	1606482975	must encourage and support of use of electric vehicles and scooters to get to major bus stops. must have publicly available information on internet about real-time status of park-n-ride vacant lots. dee why library parking lot must be converted to multi-story park-n-ride facility. remember we are talking about 20 years from now! park-n-ride are already full at office hours in year 2019, whats the vision for 2040 ?
04/17/2019	1606482396	The Northern Beaches council should commit itself to banning the bag, and lobbying businesses throughout the community to following suit.
04/17/2019	1606475844	Yes this is all fantastic but how is the council going to achieve this?
04/16/2019	1606474664	aim zero carbon emissions 2030, pushes community to try harder
04/16/2019	1606474525	And also a non-5G community which is known to harm wildlife - which is not good for a sustainable environment.
04/16/2019	1606474465	A top priority
04/16/2019	1606474342	I suggest that Q38 is a bit out of the reach of the council to drive. Can contribute to a discussion and drive changes within it's own procurement and educational approach etc. Similarly with build environment. Thoe building codes are state based, not local.
04/16/2019	1606474340	Has to have all of these
04/16/2019	1606469456	Sustainable meant NOT high density
04/16/2019	1606468314	NO 5G
04/16/2019	1606467676	These are State issues, not councils
04/16/2019	1606467677	low carbon, mainly renewables, especially electricity from photovoltaics and solar heating should be integrated in the new housing development
04/16/2019	1606467575	More council, (local), issues and State and Commonwealth issues
04/16/2019	1606467391	Encourage, facilitate and REWARD sustainable building practices
04/16/2019	1606466174	We need to have compost recycling in with the green waste.



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39. A high level of resilience to natural hazards and climate change	128	4.41				
	Average	4.41				

39. A high level of resilience to natural hazards and climate change



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Strongly oppose	7	5.47%					
Somewhat oppose	5	3.91%					
Neutral	7	5.47%					
Somewhat favour	18	14.06%					
Strongly favour	91	71.09%					
Total	128	100 %					

		ggestions on priority 39
05/05/2019	1606589110	No 5G.
05/05/2019	1606585694	Exposure to natural hazards should be prevented where possible. This includes avoiding development in high bush fire prone areas and in flood prone areas. Conversely, bushland and flood prone areas have environmental values that should be protected from inappropriate development.
05/04/2019	1606585265	We should not be spending rate payers money protecting homes in Collaroy that are built in the sand dunes. These homes will inevitably be the victim of coastal forces and it is matter for those people who have bought in that risky environment to bear that risk.
05/03/2019	1606584904	Again, if we think like this we are safeguarding our future.
05/03/2019	1606582022	Climate Change???? Does council really believe they can change the four seasons of the year? There is no problem to worry about so stop wasting so much time on a non-existent problem.
05/03/2019	1606581570	We need to be prepared for sex levels rising and how this will impact our coastline
05/03/2019	1606580995	Proactive not reactive might like collator few years ago Council should never given planning as was fully aware of the erosion
05/03/2019	1606580055	Motherhood statement?
04/30/2019	1606555302	Ditto
04/29/2019	1606547635	Climate change needs to be recognised as a symptom of the implied belief that the economic growth can continue indefinitely. At all levels of government we need to be discussing the transition from the growth economy to the steady state economy.
04/27/2019	1606541480	39. Yes, but if people buy properties in known climate change risk zones, should the rest of the community be forced to pay for protection of their properties? e.g. Collaroy.
04/25/2019	1606526104	To be more resilient to climate change, Northern Beaches Council needs to take more action on renewable energy, to include climate change risk in urban planning and advocate for more action on climate change by state and federal governments.
04/25/2019	1606520567	Housing standards around build quality and energy efficiency should help.
04/23/2019	1606514466	Environmental protection should be a higher priority than housing growth
04/22/2019	1606506307	39. Unsure how an answer to this question can be interpreted.
04/22/2019	1606506237	Climate change is here. Make sure Pittwater road doesn't float away. We need to reduce carbon and push for more solar for every home. The waste from restaurants cafes should be collected like Melbourne do and processed. See war on waste. No plastic balloons Turtle killers should be used here . Ban plastic bags. Use paper bags Worms farms are easy to use. Small parcels of land that are too hard to be a play area should be repurposed to be local Bushland for wildlife. Planted with native plants only. Allow the brushturkeys and lyrebird to do their jobs.
04/22/2019	1606500643	NBC clearly believes in man-made climate change. That does not necessarily accord with many residents. Yes climate change is occurring as always but NO COUNCIL POLICIES SHOULD BE BASED ON IPCC AND SIMILAR BODY EVIDENCE BECAUSE IT LACKS INTEGRITY!
04/22/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606499561	ZERO WASTE PRIORITY. Our out of control consumerism DRIVES climate chaos (mining and disposal of non renewable resources, and use of water energy transport only to toss in tip)
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resources to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606474654	I stand against the roll out of 5G technology which is untested for our safety. The technology has never been tested for its impact on humans, wildlife, insects and the environment. I don't want this anywhere near my home, my family or in my community when no safety studies have been performed.
04/18/2019	1606484419	Thinking of rising oceans.
04/18/2019	1606483757	Climate change should have been the first priority
04/18/2019	1606483261	Fight climate change don't prepare for it!
04/17/2019	1606483014	Engage aboriginal expertise (see Den Barber) to engage in cultural burning as done in Blue Mountains, rather than hazard reduction which does not work with seasons and can have far worse impact on native bush land & wildlife.
04/17/2019	1606482382	I thought you meant resilience of people with such things as mental health/ suicide/ disability etc so that the community can work together to address these issues and overcome personal tragedy and loss.
04/17/2019	1606482354	This is very important and our Council seems committed to sustainabaility but we need to work MUCH HARDER on this, and try to get our backwards state and federal governments on board. It is the future of our community and our world at stake.
04/17/2019	1606476021	High level resilience and also proactive measures to reduce the causes of climate change



04/16/2019	1606474664	teach/practice comm resilience via schools/LG/orgs respond catastrophe hi temps bushfire floods storm surge
04/16/2019	1606474531	We shouldn't just be resisting the effects, we should be mitigating the cause.
04/16/2019	1606474525	Although I do favour this, I also strongly favour resisting non-natural hazards - such as not introducing hazardous 5G radiation in the community.
04/16/2019	1606474481	39a. Taken responsibility for the protection of the transport network and community from coastal erosion due to sea level rise, increasing risk of storm surges and global warming generally.
04/16/2019	1606474183	Very general question. Not sure exactly what it means?? Do not think we should be throwing money at the residents who have chosen to live and build houses directly on the beaches/water which obviously are going to be effected by rising oceans in the future. Think that is the residents' direct responsibility as it is their choice to live in a potentially dangerous location. Also think the 10:50 tree felling Laws are a terrible mistake for this area and have allowed thousands of trees to be felled to improve residents' views but using the excuse that the trees were a fire hazard. These laws need to be changed and opposed by NB Council & more needs to be done by Council to save our canopy trees as these directly help in absorbing the increased levels of Co2 and cooling the suburbs and saving energy by not using air cons.
04/16/2019	1606474342	if this means getting more actively politically and adding a voice to federal & state level politics I'm all for it.
04/16/2019	1606474340	Mandatory
04/16/2019	1606469456	Learn lessons from the Brookvale storage unit fire - waterways were affected by firefighting foam.
04/16/2019	1606468314	WORLD WIDE 5G TECHNOLOGY WILL WORSEN CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATURAL HAZARDS
04/16/2019	1606467824	Resilience to natural hazards is great, but most of this can be done with positive interactions and respect of natural processes. Accepting that the built environment has not been overlayed appropriately needs to happen and then rectified.

Any further comments / suggestions on the draft LSPS priorities

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05/05/2019	1606589753	Can the 5g towers be revised and studied for their health effects to the human body before being set up near schools and workplaces?
05/05/2019	1606589110	Seriously. I say NO 5G. It's not proven safe. People don't want it.
05/05/2019	1606589046	No 5G, as it is unsafe and untested, we don't need more radiation, this is not sustainable to the environment or our health just for the sake of faster internet. Protect the future of our children's health please.
05/05/2019	1606588825	The second single most important issue is to allow next generations to also find what we enjoy: address our Climate Emergency with firstly mitigation measures and secondly adaptation measure .
05/05/2019	1606585694	The framework for LSPS priorities should include environment protection, sustainability and ESD principles.
05/05/2019	1606588502	Do not allow 5G towers
05/05/2019	1606588335	To research and seriously consider the detrimental side effects to the health of the local people and wild life with the installation of 5G network.
05/05/2019	1606588324	Please NO 5G. If you are not sure simply go only and google it - It's growing and council have been put to court in Switzerland and UK and people won. Tunnelis a must have for the future, given the growth and numbrr of cars in next 20 years
05/04/2019	1606588287	Stop 5 G roll out until long term studies prove safety and no health risk due to the increase of radiation levels
05/04/2019	1606586169	No Northern Beaches Tunnels or increase in the Northern Beaches Population. More infrastructure for what is already here, including better town planning of new developments in regards to access, roads and parking. Parking spaces must be able to accommodate large family cars and tradies utes! Better swimming pool access for water polo if the sport is to grow - consider the number of young kids that start then drop off because pool access is limited and late at night. Also, playing fields can't all be shared with dog walkers (dog droppings in every park). Better drainage and parking needed for all playing fields.
05/03/2019	1606584873	Note the post code below does not show correct suburb no correct option. Can't you even get that correct.
05/03/2019	1606584812	Restore all services to Mona Vale Hospital.
05/03/2019	1606581773	I have read these nice thoughts & words before but I'm disappointed in the Council's execution so far.
05/03/2019	1606582022	Council needs to look at ways of trimming expenses and getting rid of wasteful, time consuming, and expensive rubbish surveys like this one might be a start
05/03/2019	1606580995	Facilities for teenagers (outside deewhy and upper) School funding public school Support services in public schools
05/03/2019	1606580870	I would hope that Council would be aware of planning public transport for the whole of the council area not just lower northern beaches. It will be sensitive to development in relation to amenities and ability of landscape to accommodate it. I'm not happy about overdevelopment at the expense of the community spirit and services.
05/02/2019	1606578485	Unfortunately there is no mention how council can promote CO2 reduction through strong initiatives for clean energy.
05/02/2019	1606578347	The Council must adopt the over-arching concept of ecology - human and environmental - and sustainability and not just accept the whims and political corruption of the State Government. The Northern Beaches are a fragile environment and a growing population should not be accepted as inevitable. The State Govt's ideas for Sydney need to be resisted above all else. Biodiversity, water quality, conservation and a falling population should be the main focus of Council
05/01/2019	1606562113	I'm just warming up
05/01/2019	1606562005	Yesthe offshore community receives little by way of services for our rates. Still no water, sewerage etc. That we can live with, but when we still struggle with poor urban planning, a lack of policing of local ordinance (e.g. people parking their problemtrailers, boats on local streetspeople filling up the commuter wharf without paying for its use etcetc), a lack of properly designed wharves for commuter boats in the Bays etcwhat's the point of all the initiatives for the on-shore community? We need both to be addressed.
04/30/2019	1606555615	All new developments of medium density "villages" need the roads and schools and other amenities built before the actual houses/apartments.
04/29/2019	1606550758	Too much jargon !!



04/28/2019	1606543424	Commercial-grade composting collection for all residents (promised in 2012 by Warringah Council) Innovation and legislation to enforce that all local businesses reduce their waste. Electric car charging points and purchase incentives eg: priorty lanes (work with state gov) and free parking
04/26/2019	1606520449	When I entered my postcode below my suburb came up as Manly Vale but this is incorrect - it is Balgowlah Heights.
04/22/2019	1606506615	Instead of more giant unit blocks, more thought needs to go into allowing more granny flats, duplexes and subdivision of large blocks. Population growth needs to slow right down. The Northern Beaches tunnel link will destroy the suburbs near the entrance, just like is happening at the West Connex currently.
04/22/2019	1606506299	It would be great if the council will educate the broader community about the real picture and various aspects related to local population growth and its drivers (ageing, etc.), housing needs, local economy & its challenges, etc. so the debate about new LEP and strategic priorities will be more collaborative and fact-based rather than a political point-scoring drama driven by slogans and NIMBY activism.
04/22/2019	1606506307	Your postcode does not link to all suburbs in the 2093 zone. This seems odd because these suburbs are quite diverse. The suburb Terrey Hills is spelt incorrectly in the summary. This should be corrected.
04/22/2019	1606501461	Many of these priorities are motherhood statements, and subject to very wide interpretation by the decision-makers in their implementation. Experience tells me that the manner in which a priority is interpreted and operationalised will inevitably be a function of the ideological inclinations of the decision-makers. Then will be the time to judge whether or not we've all been wasting our collective time over the years before-hand.
04/22/2019	1606500401	THIS IS MEANINGLESS DONE AT THE NBC LEVEL. IT HAS TO BE DONE AT THE WARD LEVEL AT LEAST TO ASCERTAIN LOCAL PRIORITIES.
04/21/2019	1606500040	More native trees (not Meriton planting palm trees to replace our beautiful old trees) More bicycle paths (at the moment we fear for our lives in Dee Why as the road has become a highway) Less noise (Air Conds should be more regulated and illegal installations condemned in a more responsive manner - Re Illegal Air Cond Installations on the roof of Constant Constant Constant) Less high rise buildings (The Meriton in Dee Why is a disaster for adjacent habitations, disproportionate size, traffic, loss of views, noise, overall aspect of Dee Why) Less Coles/Woolworth in high density areas - they should be built outside of our villages/cities in industrial areas Preserve our heritage
04/21/2019	1606499623	Educate the community about the benefits of well designed density. At the moment a metro and the required density to support it is sudden death to politicians so will not be considered. Northern beaches hospital having been built without rail is outrageous.
04/21/2019	1606499603	keep density low, particularly as you proceed north along the peninsula where vehicular travel time and traffic flow are a problem.
04/21/2019	1606499561	This council is too remote, not easy to get to meetings and with not enough community representation
04/20/2019	1606497740	Put biodiversity education at the top of the list so residents understand how the natural world is integral to our quality of life.
04/19/2019	1606491975	Better public transport. The new tunnel should support a none stop transfer of people from one central transport hub to the city. perhaps Frenches forest, with multi level commuter car park and bus interchange and a high speed non stop train to the city. Commute times have increased by 50% over the last 10 years.
04/19/2019	1606491310	What a dodgy questionaire. The answers wanted are embedded in the questions.
04/19/2019	1606489862	Don't forget to consult with the locals on what they want to see actually become reality in each of those 39 marvellous priority categories. What you mob think we want and what we actually want to be the end result of our rates money and your "visions" of the future are very likely two entirely different things and will therefor need corrections at the ballot box during Council elections.
04/18/2019	1606489277	The Northern Beaches in 2040 will be a totally different place to anything that you or I could imagine today, so it's a pointless waste of our resources to review these questions 20+ years ahead. Get more realistic in your planning.
04/18/2019	1606474654	I stand against the roll out of 5G technology which is untested for our safety. The technology has never been tested for its impact on humans, wildlife, insects and the environment. I don't want this anywhere near my home, my family or in my community when no safety studies have been performed.
04/18/2019	1606489259	There is no mention of climate change and renewable energy.
04/18/2019	1606489228	Less development! And no synthetic grass for our ovals
04/18/2019	1606489172	Beach and estuary environment maintain for community benefit
04/18/2019	1606489009	It would be nice to see the draft proposal behind these questions.
04/18/2019	1606488929	Too much time and. Money is wasted on consulting people that are not expert. Get the experts to give their advice and decide on that.
04/18/2019	1606484459	Please plant some trees on Forestway. Also put electricity wires underground on Frenchs Forest road
04/17/2019	1606476084	I am strongly opposed to the tunnel, especially since the plan is for no public transport using it.
04/16/2019	1606475143	Don't let the Northern Beaches Tunnel destroy the Suburbs of Balgowlah, North Balgowlah, Seaforth and Manly Vale. They are as important as the rest of the Northern Beaches.
04/16/2019	1606474712	I commend the process.
04/16/2019	1606474664	N Beaches natural beauty paramount, CC*NB driving decisions population ergo housing,work,transport,infrastructure
04/16/2019	1606474694	No 5G wifi
04/16/2019	1606474588	I strongly oppose the implementation of 5G due to the health and environmental risk especially with no real testing. Please do NOT implement this here. Please I am begging you from my heart, think of the health of those that live here, including you
04/16/2019	1606474535	the questions are very vague and therefore, difficult to answer. if it is the intetion of the council to use the survey to soley develop the strategy without further explanation, the strategy will fallfro day one.
04/16/2019	1606474525	You may have picked up that I am strongly against the roll-out of 5G. There are many factual articles relating to the safety concerns of this technology. Many international cities are putting a halt on the technology until further research is done. If we don't stop this now, we are potentially looking at huge health and environmental issues by the time 2040 comes around. Let's stop this by not exposing us to this harmful radiation for the next 21 years when we look back and what went wrong. Let's make 2019 the year that makes 2040 as safe for the community as we can.



04/16/2019	1606474465	Much more needs to be done so that local residents have facilities, including better and more diverse sporting facilities and green space. Less emphasis on tourism which does little to benefit local residents and ratepayers. Businesses which benefit from tourism, such as chain stores and McDonalds do not contribute sufficiently to repairing the damage that is caused by their businesses. This should not be the burden of local residents. Council should do much more to enhance the green space, such as planting more trees in residential areas.
04/16/2019	1606474055	The survey questions state "will have" which is the ideal and the Ideal that I support strongly in every case. what is missing from this survey is a method of determining the priority angainst other options or against other needs. It is a survey to determine if we agree with what has been presented as an ideal There is also no indication of how the ideal will be met and at what cost, and this information will impact on the priority and opinion of the LSPS priorities
04/16/2019	1606469456	No 5G !!!!!
04/16/2019	1606468509	Focus on areas with government ownership and major land owners eg bus depot. Westfield, redevelop of commuter car park. Identify quick wins eg stree tree planting, but also develop vision to create a great place not a sewer for cars. Develop options for high quality public transport to a suport transition a series a livable mixed use centres. Focus new develop adjacent to opens pace to improve amenity but also increase passive surielamce eg warringag golf course
04/16/2019	1606468314	THE ONE THING THAT WILL DO THE MOST DAMAGE TO THE MOST PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT IN THE NORTHERN BEACHES IS THE ROLL OUT OF 5G - WE REFUSE TO BE A HUMAN EXPERIMENT
04/16/2019	1606467824	No
04/16/2019	1606467823	Northern Beaches Council is doing a wonderful job and i'm sure this will continue. I love the Northern beaches but a few key aspects for the future include: -East west B line -Northern beaches Tunnel -High rise at Frenchs Forest within a wider zone around the hospital -Greater densification of Manly Vale -More Soccer fields and leisure space -Continual renewal of Dee Why and Brookvale -Revamp of Brookvale Oval
04/16/2019	1606467391	More discussion is needed with the community and stakeholders. At the moment you have a list of priorities which are ALL important. Its simply not realistic to achieve everything. What is the process for determining that one priority is more important than another, and it may not be the same across projects in different areas or at different times. Satisfaction of a priority in one area, may mean elevation of another priority in that same area on the next project.

Gender



Age

Total



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Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
14 and under	1	0.41%	I				
15-19	5	2.04%					
20-24	2	0.82%	I				
25-29	5	2.04%					
30-34	14	5.71%					
35-39	16	6.53%					
40-44	23	9.39%					
45-49	23	9.39%					
50-54	29	11.84%					
55-59	30	12.24%					
60-64	36	14.69%					
65-69	19	7.76%					
70-74	24	9.8%					
75-79	12	4.9%					
80-84	5	2.04%					
85 and over	1	0.41%	I				
Total	245	100 %					

Postcode

Freshwater, New South Wales, AU (2096) : 5.31% NARRABEEN, NSW (2101) : 7.76% Newport, New South Wales, AU (2104) : 1.63% Newport, New South Wales, AU (2106) : 8.98%

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2	0.82%	I				
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FRENCHS FOREST, NSW (2086)	9	3.67%	-
ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS, NSW (2100)	15	6.12%	
MANLY EAST, NSW (2095)	12	4.9%	
TERREY HILLS, NSW (2084)	2	0.82%	I
EAST RYDE, NSW (2113)	1	0.41%	I
SEAFORTH, NSW (2092)	4	1.63%	I
COLLAROY, NSW (2097)	16	6.53%	
Forestville, New South Wales, AU (2087)	5	2.04%	
Belrose, New South Wales, AU (2085)	9	3.67%	
Total	245	100 %	

