

1. Infrastructure delivered together with jobs and housing growth

This priority seeks to provide new and upgraded infrastructure while also locating and sequencing new development in areas supported by infrastructure (e.g. transport infrastructure, community facilities, utilities, communications) for a strong and sustainable Northern Beaches community.

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

This priority seeks to establish and maintain collaborative relationships across all levels of government, as well as with our community and stakeholders to deliver long term sustainable outcomes.

3. World class education facilities, including a university campus

This priority focuses on the establishment of a university campus in one of our main centres, to fill the gap of local higher education opportunities, especially for our younger people

4. Community services and facilities that meet our changing needs

This priority is about planning for the right kinds of services such as libraries, community centres, childcare, education opportunities, recreation facilities, healthcare and so on that are critical for our resident's quality of life. This includes establishment of hubs (e.g. co-locating community services and facilities) in our main centres.

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

This priority is about supporting opportunities for healthy and happy communities that inspire social interaction, resilience and inclusion.

6. Genuine engagement and co-operation with the Aboriginal Community

This priority seeks to meaningfully empower the Aboriginal community in the future of the Northern Beaches.

7. A strong artistic, creative and innovative culture

This priority supports the contribution of arts and creativity to social cohesion, reduce social exclusion and isolation, community safety and our economy.

8. A diverse range of high quality, well designed housing

This priority is about planning for housing supply and choice in the most suitable locations to make the area a more affordable and liveable place for current and future residents.

9. Increased social and affordable housing supply

This priority is Councils commitment to making living in rental housing in this area easier and cheaper for all members of the community.

10. A clear direction for the future of Ingleside

This priority is Councils commitment to collaborate with the NSW State Government to resolve the future of the Ingleside Growth Area.

11. Well-designed centres and neighbourhoods that reflect our unique local character and lifestyle

This priority aims to enhance our local centres and neighbourhoods by building on the valued local characteristics, village feel and local lifestyle.

12. Heritage that is protected, conserved and celebrated

This priority focuses on protecting our Aboriginal and European heritage that contributes to the quality of our built and natural environment and the well-being of our community

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

This priority is focused on delivering frequent and efficient public transport services between Manly, Brookvale, Dee Why, Frenchs Forest to Chatswood followed by Mona Vale to Macquarie Park with the vision of our community becoming less dependent on their cars, and one day having the option of living without a car.

14. Frequent and efficient north / south public transport to North Sydney, and Sydney CBD including via the Beaches Link Tunnel

This priority is about continuing to improve the b-line service and gaining a more efficient transport network with a fourth road, Beaches Link Tunnel, providing increased travel route options, improved connectivity and reduced travel time to areas outside of the Northern Beaches by public transport.

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

This priority aims to make it easier to walk, cycle and catch transport (e.g. local buses, Keoride, Ride Plus) to access our centres and regional public transport network (e.g. B-Line).

16. Repurposing road space to meet our changing needs

This priority is about using our existing roads more efficiently so we can create safer environments, improve amenity and move more people in the limited space we have (e.g. more pedestrianised walkways in centres, dedicated bus lanes or separated cycle ways on key routes).

17. An efficient urban freight network

This priority focuses on ensuring we are equipped for changes such as increased online deliveries and movement of goods and waste to improve the overall amenity and function of our centre.

18. Embraced innovative and emerging technologies

This priority focuses on using technology and opportunities for innovative solutions for issues facing the community, and build more liveable, productive centres and neighbourhoods that have less impact on our environment.

19. Safeguarded future transport corridors for mass transit

This priority aims to identify our future transport needs and ensure we have the space to provide for it.

20. Jobs that match the skills and needs of our community

This priority aims to support meaningful employment that matches the skills and aspirations of our community while also delivering more jobs closer to home thereby reducing the need to commute.

21. French's Forest as a sustainable health and education precinct

This priority supports Frenchs Forest becoming a well-connected, great place to live, socialise, learn and work with a variety of housing and employment options integrated with the area's bushland character. It will be a low carbon precinct, demonstrating best practice in water, waste and energy efficiency.

22. Brookvale as a lifestyle and innovation hub

This priority supports Brookvale strategic centre as a mixed use centre that services the Northern Beaches community as a well-connected attractive place to live, work, study and shop

23. Dee Why as a thriving cosmopolitan centre by the sea

This priority will support Dee Why strategic centre as a mixed use centre by the sea supporting the local community. Improvements to Dee Why will support a mix of business, community, civic and residential uses as well as a vibrant night-life

24. Manly as Sydney's premier seaside destination

This priority will support Manly strategic centre as a well-connected cultural, tourist, retail and entertainment precinct that services residents as well as local and international visitors.

25. Mona Vale as a contemporary, urban heart of the north

This priority will support Mona Vale strategic centre as the urban heart of the northern peninsula. Mona Vale will continue support a local, coastal character with a village atmosphere, and service our unique remote communities and coastal villages including Newport, Avalon and Palm Beach

26. Safeguarded industrial and urban services land

This priority will ensure industrial lands are safeguarded with no further loss of industrial or urban services land, and more efficient use of existing industrial and urban services land (urban services e.g. concrete batching, car servicing facilities)

27. Innovative industry clusters

This priority aims to deliver innovative industry clusters that are well supported, connected and leverage off our strengths, especially for tech and start-ups. For example, this could include marine services in Mona Vale or high technology or design companies in Brookvale.

28. A thriving, sustainable tourism economy

This priority supports growth of a strong tourism and visitation economy whilst protecting and maintaining quality of life for the local community

29. A diverse evening and night time economy

This priority aims to improve the range of activities available in the evening or at night time to improve safety and social interaction across all age groups such as markets, galleries, theatres, restaurants and bars.

30. Healthy and valued coast and waterways

This priority aims to ensure our coast and waterways including Pittwater, Middle Harbour and our creeks, wetlands and lagoons, are healthy and resilient; valued and enjoyed by our community. It will ensure our waterways are managed as part of an integrated system; connecting built, natural and cultural elements.

31. Protected and enhanced bushland and biodiversity

This priority aims to protect and enhance our bushland and biodiversity including our local native plants, animals and ecosystems (e.g. by safeguarding areas of core habitat and wildlife corridors).

32. Protected unique scenic and cultural landscapes

This priority aims to identify and protect our unique scenic and cultural landscapes, including views from the public realm (e.g. escarpments, ridgetops, bushland, coastal headlands and beaches, waterways and buildings and skylines of scenic and cultural importance).

33. Protected rural and remote communities

This priority recognises our rural areas for their contribution to habitat and biodiversity; ability to support productive agriculture; provide resources, and sustain local villages (e.g. Terry Hills, Duffys Forest, Oxford Falls Valley). It also recognises the need to protect our unique remote communities surrounded by National Park (Cottage Point), some of which can only be reached by foot or by boat (Scotland Island, Great Mackerel Beach, Coasters Retreat, Morning Bay, Elvina Bay).

For these areas, we want to protect their unique environmental values, avoid housing growth and ensure they have access to services and sustainable infrastructure.

34. Greener, more resilient urban environments

This priority focuses on designing our community around nature and minimising the impact of human habitation on our environment, as well as building resilience to the urban heat island effect (e.g. improving connections to green spaces, increasing the urban tree canopy cover and integrating water features in public spaces).

35. A range of high quality open space for recreation

This priority aims for the Northern Beaches to contain a diversity of open space for recreation and amenity that meets the demand of new and growing communities.

36. A low carbon, water wise Council and community

This priority outlines Council's intent to be a best practice leader by lowering our own corporate environmental footprint and lead our community to do the same (e.g. smarter council buildings, efficient lighting and partnerships to improve uptakes of sustainable living choices, promoting renewable energy and net zero buildings, reducing our drinking water use, reducing transport carbon emissions).

37. A sustainable built environment

This priority aims to ensure future buildings and infrastructure on the Northern Beaches are water and energy efficient (e.g. solar panels, water recycling).

38. Low plastic consumption and waste

This priority aims to ensure efficient management of our waste (e.g. diverting waste from landfill, increasing recycling of construction waste and reducing litter and single use plastic consumption).

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

This priority aims to ensure our environment and community are resilient to natural hazards and climate change (e.g. educating the community, building resilient infrastructure and minimising the risk to life and property from storm events, floods, erosion, landslides, bushfire and impacts of climate change such as increased heat, flood, fire storms and sea level rise and coastal erosion)