

FRESHWATER COASTAL OPEN SPACE STAGE ONE ENGAGEMENT

Area 1 - Freshwater View - comments from community drop in sessions March 2017

What do you love about this space?

- Secluded hidden gem
- The view, the path
- Views, landscape (natural), walking route
- The Freshwater View Reserve is a good asset
- Natural landscape free from development
- Peaceful, outlook needs to be preserved by having trees trimmed or replaced with smaller variety. Keep lower area weed free and tidy and install more seating
- Beautiful views of the beach. Place to meet or sit quietly
- It's relatively unknown (don't publicise too much!)
- The view and the seclusion (walled garden)
- The view is incredible and is a quiet place to relax and have a picnic. Also a nice stop off on a run
- The quiet, best north facing view of Freshwater Beach
- View, privacy, sandstone wall

How do you use this space?

- Photo opportunity
- Visually appealing. Thoroughfare to Queenscliff
- Part of walk around suburb
- Walk the dog up there. Look at the view. Take visitors up there
- Sit on bench
- Walk to it to enjoy the peace especially early evening)
- Viewpoint for quiet reflection
- Weddings, picnics
- Great for family gatherings
- Overseas visitors
- Exercise
- Viewing
- Regularly use this space for recreation / walk to Queenscliff / Manly

What can we do to make this space better?

- Nothing
- Planting of low maintenance native plants to replace and out-compete weeds
- Attention to road run-off to reduce nutrients from stormwater
- Shade trees where possible
- A level off-road grassed area between Crown Road and Pavilion Street (end) to avoid road
- Maintenance issues with bush regeneration
- Observation point (path to go down from park) towards the beach
- The tunnel (walkway to link to Manly) John Lewis 1880ish
- Fence around
- Link to connect Curl Curl to Freshwater (disabled)
- Connection in walking (continues)
- Walkway around the headlands eg, Cinque Terre, Italy

- Fencing above cliff to improve safety
- Bike connection to Manly
- The step rails don't work as they keep changing sides
- Off-road pedestrian access (between Crown and Pavilion East)
- Wayfinding Freshwater to Manly, Freshwater to Curl Curl
- Better management of stormwater in south corner, particularly the open drain
- Weddings in the reserve occupy the whole reserve, so another viewing platform under the park would be good - public can't use it when wedding is there
- No litter bins (so they leave mess and local has to pick up)
- Stormwater issue - overgrowth on for just this area. Fences are run down.
- Clear weeds... plant natives
- Don't change anything. Just keep tidy and trim / remove tall trees to allow visitors to 'take in' the view
- Plant a native garden or scented garden to make it a destination for reflection. Put a decent fence up to prevent people sitting on the cliff and falling off!
- Improve view (cutting larger bushes / maintaining) native plants, bush regeneration
- Managing the lower part of the garden to show the terraces and keep vegetation low enough to enjoy the amazing view - No Dogs!!
- The bush area could be rejuvenated and have more native plants. Fix the fence on the end of Undercliff Street
- Bush Regeneration work
- Get rid of lantana
- Fix log fencing / ? Viewing point / platform at end of Undercliff for Undercliff Reserve)
- More recycling bins
- Control weeds below Freshwater View Reserve and by the steps/path to Pulu Restaurant ie, Plan of Management
- More trees and tree care - also on Bridge Street steps

General comments on this space

- Fence open and people go through the bushes to see the view
- Don't want to see too much over-development of natural coastal areas ie, footpaths, walkways etc. Keep functional but natural.
- Lifesavers do a tremendous job too
- Cycling through flat scenic routes
- Blue Zones' - five around the world
- Event impact, parking and noise
- Bike paths Bridge Street / Pavilion Street piecemeal

Area 2 - Freshwater Beach - comments from community drop in sessions - March 2017

What do you love about this space?

- Playground
- Better if you could see the beach
- Finding entrance at Crown Road
- Sheltered area behind dunes - more protected from wind
- The open space
- The hump in the middle
- Palm trees
- Grassy open space
- No concreting the grass in

- Great park for picnics BBQs. Tables and chairs for sitting, not exercise
- It's home - friendly open space
- Level, flat, easy access
- Beautiful, laidback family beach with minimal commercial development
- What's not to love!!
- Open, inviting
- Views and access to the beach
- Grass and greenery - the dunes
- The openness and free flowing nature of it. Natural backdrop to the beach
- Again the view is amazing but also includes a nice playground
- The beautiful Freshwater Beach, the hive of activity with young and old
- View of beach from outside Pilu

How do you use this space?

- Surfing, swimming, walk on beach
- Socially, family time... Kicking a soccer ball with kids, park equipment
- Attend any community activity eg, carols
- Walk to beach. Walk the dog. Meet for coffees / lunch with friends
- Exercise, connection to Curl Curl / Manly (walking)
- Walk through, enjoy events held here, informal picnics and BBQs
- Swimming, picnics
- Watching surf
- Beach
- Playground, shelters, play space
- Relaxation
- Families with no yard use it to let their kids run about and kick a ball
- Every day view from large balcony bedroom
- Sense of peace
- Swim every morning at 5.30am
- Walk every day - use swing and play equipment, play sport with grandkids

What can we do to make this space better?

- The small playground doesn't get used very often
- Better undercover BBQ
- Fence around playground (safety issue)
- Smaller playground can be moved to improve views
- Improve turning circle at Moore Road for truck (drive on grass)
- Asphalt the overflow car park - use all the time
- Don't park over grass
- Mound prevent connection
- Plant shade trees, particularly on hill
- More challenging playground - varied age group
- Landscaped areas - shrubs - more interesting mix of trees
- Retain grassed areas / overflow car parks - and exclude cars when not required eg, next to Surf Club, with gate / bollards
- Nothing
- Green space next to car park in corner could be used for overflow parking, but it gets flooded and boggy
- Some low landscape, keep green but less dense so it's safer for all
- Toilet sign on boatshed to save angst
- Please leave overflow carpark grassed soft area used by all every day, dog exercising, kids sport, learning to ride bikes

- Accessible path to Pilu kiosk
- Not enough lighting
- Rough landscaping
- Accessibility issue (path is not continuous)
- Seating in the clearing area (views)
- Better lighting
- Another cabana outside Pilu near the other one
- Clean weeds and bush between Surf Club and swings
- Open up the grassed area south of Surf Club - it's public land
- Toilet signage improvements
- Leave trees, remove fence and lantana, and make into amphitheatre (area near Moore Road carpark)
- Fitness equipment
- Drinking bubbler near Surf Club (eastern side)
- More gazebos
- Proper fitness equipment
- Better toilet facilities in the park (like Dee Why)
- A spot to view the ocean would be good
- Need the sand dunes cleared like old times
- Do something to stop drug and alcohol parties in sand dunes
- Need to resolve issues of bad behaviour in sand dunes
- Update park facilities and fence off from road for better safety for children
- More / better cabanas, undercover cooking area with accessible facilities
- Delineate the carpark entrance at Koolooro Avenue
- Fence around the Koolooro Avenue Park
- More shade
- Facilities for teens eg, basketball
- Fitness equipment to discourage the use of picnic tables etc and manage noise in the early mornings
- Both playgrounds need upgrading to provide more equipment
- Koolooro Ave new playground upgrade with fence
- Upgrade playgrounds with safety fencing, equipment to be more challenging, replace softfall
- Protected bike path, safe for kids
- Koolooro Ave playground fence and shade cloth
- Consider a court or a half-court
- Overflow carpark needs natural grass, no hard surface
- Addressing drainage and ponding issues in overflow carpark
- Better traffic management in carparks
- Overflow carpark keep grassed area
- Wayfinding from steps (from Curl Curl)
- Exercise equipment
- Connect path to pool and across carpark
- Shade sail and a scooter track around the edge of the park
- More green, less concrete, no more tall trees, path to Freshwater View Reserve
- Consider moving the playground away from the corner (Koolooro Ave). Redesign the area to be more functional
- Public toilets, separate amenities
- Café to address park
- Leave it alone!! No more asphalt. Regrass. Keep the children's play areas. No more commercial development

- Define the areas a bit better, have some more seating under trees for summer and UPDATE the play equipment! They must be at least 20 years old with no imagination. Swing and slide is very poor.
- Add outdoor stage with lights and power for community events at lower end to act like amphitheatre
- no change
- add 2 more BBQ areas at Moore Road end
- Revegetate with dense scrub (low) to allow view, keep kids out and trap sand
- Boardwalk. Reshape current north entry and place new vegetated dune from halfway up to Ocean View Road
- More garbage collection points
- Make it dog friendly. Off-leash allowed 8pm-8am so locals can exercise the dog without fear of being booked. Most of us are responsible dog walkers and pick up, so can't see the harm. Got an old dog who can't walk all the way to Curl Curl so need overflow carpark to be officially dog friendly. Please!
- More benches with view of beach / water
- Regular care of the palm trees otherwise leave as it is.
- Danger of falling palms
- Lighting
- Paths
- Improve playground
- Water bubbler
- Bike racks
- Another gazebo - more seating
- More shade, better lighting, improve/upgrade kids play equipment
- Bike rack (just at end of car park)
- Water bubbler
- Bubbler/water fountain by both playgrounds
- Shade structure over playgrounds behind SLSC (do NOT fence the playgrounds)
- Steps from Freshwater View leading to the beach like Curl Curl
- Suggest build a terrace here
- Dog off leash areas need to be separate from main walking routes
- Dog off leash area
- NO dog off leash area on Freshwater Beach
- Clear and landscape and terrace path areas up to Queenscliff
- Sandstone seats in amphitheatre style to provide views to beach. Not enough seating currently
- Plant out the sand dunes with natives, get rid of lantana and other toxic plants and weeds
- More picnic cabanas and better landscape
- Bike racks
- Improve the quality of grass - is a dirt bowl now
- Better path access from street down to Pulu
- More benches at end of Moore Road
- Shade trees along the back area of grass
- More trees
- Setting and terrace to hill. Maybe relocate play equipment
- Sprinkler system to disperse teenagers at night
- Picnic tables - more and scattered
- Open grassy space works very well now but palm trees need regular attention due to dropping palms (especially near playground)
- Playground upgrade

- More picnic huts
- Community Garden
- Safe bike path to beach
- Fenced playground - gated - safety issue for kids
- Second entrance to overflow carpark
- A walking path continued behind carpark / beach so you don't have to walk in carpark
- Better toilet facility separate for Surf Club
- Connect walkway from Queenscliff to Curl Curl
- Showers and sunbathing area in dunes on sandstone rocks
- Wider accesses to beach
- Don't get rid of vegetation on sand dunes please
- Boardwalk end of Ocean View Road to join footpath at Northern end of beach.
Reshape access (motor and walking) to go behind first dune and out to boatshed
- Walkway bridge over stormwater pipes and wet corner
- Public access pathway down side of block

General comments on this space

- NO off-leash dog area
- NO outdoor movies
- NO skateboard park or half basketball courts etc
- Playground at Moore Road is well utilised
- Grass area where shrubs are
- Fruit Market - larger table and chairs area for café
- More cafes
- Markets on weekdays
- Live theatre
- Surf club to be limited to land lease area only - no annexing public land
- Make Carols by Candlelight a Council run event to be more inclusive of all religions
- Off-leash area allowed in carpark
- Drive-in movies
- Any changes to paths and steps need to be made sensitively using landscape architect to design them
- No loss of vegetation on sand dunes
- The sand dunes are needed for beach conservation
- Review alcohol prohibited areas (sundown to sunset)
- Make this a designated alcohol free zone in parks (after 10pm to 8am)
- Alcohol free zone. Bad teen drinking here
- Make the whole area a 40km an hour zone
- Weed management in sand dunes
- Reduce speed in Kooloora Ave
- Traffic calming, lots of kids and pedestrians
- Bike path to shops and beyond
- Better policing of parking in general
- Oceanview Road formalise parallel parking to avoid parking over driveways
- Slowing traffic down in the area
- Improved stormwater management - northern end of beach
- Sand dunes - the bitou bush planted to protect the dunes has taken away a lot of views from locals. Can these be trimmed?
- We love that this is not too planned, lots of green open space, good parking
- Things that work:
 - good parking
 - grassed area for multi-use

- small park for kids
- toilet facilities

Area 3 - McKillop Park - comments from community drop in sessions March 2017

What do you love about this space?

- Views are important
- Protect natural areas and rock outcrops
- Pleased that rocks are out of scope
- The jewel of the Northern Beaches
- What space? Eye-sore!
- (Planting of low maintenance plants to replace weeds)
- Existing path
- Natural rocks
- Vegetation
- Walkway connecting road to pool
- Walkway to South Curl Curl. NOT the Diggers
- The natural looking rocks and bush
- Lower and upper level walks are fantastic... good job clearing weeds
- Leave as bushland, try and replace coastal banksias
- Being able to walk to the pool and views of waves
- Views, pool, natural vegetation and rock areas
- View

How do you use this space?

- We live here! Plus: relaxation and sports
- Fitness
- Walking to South Curl Curl
- Walks and continue to Curl Curl
- Swimming in the pool
- Walk to pool, walk to Curl Curl, sit by McKillop viewpoint
- Access to boardwalk to Curl Curl and to pool
- Parking and access to pool and surf
- Don't except for the World Surfing Reserve
- Walk along path
- Use swimming pool
- Walk around rocks
- Access to South Curl Curl via footpath / cliff route
- Swimming pool

What can we do to make this space better?

- Walkway connection with Oceanview and rockpool
- Stairs down cliff
- An accessible connection to the rockpool
- Accessible walkway around headland
- Accessible link from existing boardwalk to road and footpath - McKillop Park
- Wayfinding signage to find track on Coastal Walk
- Wayfind at Carrington and Lumsdaine
- Coastal Walk
 - *continue the boardwalk from South Curly to go past the rockpool
- Landscaping is unimaginative. More excitement, exotic plants

- Duke Statue not seen to the best advantage - feature of Freshwater - could it be moved?
- Carpark needs better landscaping
- Bulldoze the Diggers
- Additional seats overlooking beach on south side of headland carpark?
- Protect natural areas - particularly rocks on beach and cliff areas - already well used for recreation
- Avoid diverting too much additional pedestrian traffic along existing path - which is well used and a scenic walkway - with native vegetation and rock outcrops either side existing width is satisfactory / good for walkers
- Reduce plant height from McKillop Park (above pool) so you get better view
- Paint recessive colour (dark green) on swim club (North Head Sewerage Plant)
- Leave it alone!
- The Clubhouse above the pool seems under-utilised
 - Upgrade existing building above pool for meeting room, kitchen and decent change rooms, showers and toilets
 - Provide smooth path around headland and gradual ramp up on northside to meet main walkway from Curl Curl
- Leashed dogs should be allowed to walk to the pool so they can sit and watch us do a few laps and continue round the rock ledge
- Improve access to McKillop viewpoint from carpark
- Manage the bushland well. Improve access from good end to footpath with careful design by landscape architects
- Pathway past rockpool could be connected to street / carpark
- Better connection between Freshwater Pool and Ocean View Road
- Keep as is but also connect path from rock pool to Ocean View Road

General comments on this space

- At Northern end of beach have map with alternate walking route via Ocean View Road up Soldiers Avenue (Historic Avenue of Honour) returning via Oliver Street, Lawrence Street, Moore Road and rejoin coastal walk at southern end of Freshie Beach. Reverse directions at this end.
- Access may be difficult in king tides
- Dogs at rockpool
- Keeping dogs on leash from rockpool to beach reserve / path

General Comments – whole area

- A big thank you to the guys who keep the pool area in great order and cleanliness. All used by so many every day.
- Also thanks to the parks and gardens guys who look after the landscaping, lawns and paths.
- Resident parking permits?
- People are choosing to park at the shops instead of paying to park at the beach - disrupting the locals and shop-goers
- Changes on parking situation (Traffic Committee to prevent non-resident long term parking)
- Need to see all sand dunes gone just like old days
- The play equipment (both) are essential and need urgent updating before my children have their children. They are embarrassing.
- Like native bush that is cared for and doesn't negate views - all over all areas.
- Could path be continued?
- Finish the path as part of Coastal Walk

Additional Questions from the walking tour worksheet - March 2017

Which top 3 features do you love and frequently visit?

- Beach (daily)
- Walking to South Curl Curl (3-4 times/week)
- Beach
- Children's play equipment
- Headland walk to Curl Curl
- Beach
- Grass areas from Undercliff Road to carpark
- Surfclub for yoga
- Grass in area 2
- *Freshwater View Reserve
- *Pilu area and park surroundings
- The beach
- Walking between Freshwater / Queenscliff / Manly
- Area outside Pilu
- Pool
- Park
- Beach
- McKillop Park is the jewel of the Northern Beaches
- Playground
- Beach
- Swimming pool
- Coffee shops

What are your top 3 concerns about these spaces?

- Yahoos at night causing damage to bush and public and private properties
- No concreting the beautiful open grassy area
- Alcohol problem (weekend riots) (need alcohol free zone)
- Camping issues for backpackers
- Creeping commercialisation
- Too much asphalt
- Too many people
- Play equipment is antiquated
- The amount of weeds
- Trees with seating
- Not enough seating to look over dunes to beach. How about tiered sandstone blocks as amphitheatre seats so you can sit and look at surf. Not enough seats
- Foot tap at south end of beach so you can rinse off and continue walk up Undercliff Road
- Keep it as green as possible
- Maintain the Freshwater vibe / feeling
- Paths
- Viewing places
- Playground
- Overgrowth of weed
- Lack of shade in Area 2
- Paths connecting each area particularly for disabled
- Weeds across Area 1
- Broken timber fence at end of Undercliff Street

What can we do to improve the relationship between each space?

- Signs for toilets from car park to club
- Keep trees and foliage trimmed so light shines on beach and path to pool
- They are all unique spaces, it is not necessary to link them with more concrete / asphalt
- Defined walking instead of walking through the hazardous carpark - not fun, or relaxing
- Seating as above
- More dog friendly
- Heavier fines for drunks leaving bottles and litter. Patrols on Sat pm?
- Keep grass and greenery and trees
- Improve the pathways
- Bike racks
- I would like to see Freshwater View Reserve be kept for a quiet / peaceful area. Like a secret garden. In the terraces there could be bench seats places for those wanting a quiet sit / read / contemplation
- Clear weeds
- Improve paths
- Fix fences or replace them