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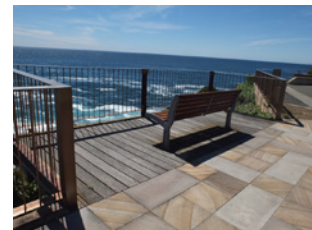
FRESHWATER COASTAL OPEN SPACE Workshop Summary

16 May 2017

vision statements prepared by staff on basis of community information obtained to date

vision 1

A vibrant, uplifting and integrated coastal open space which offers a balance of urban and natural experiences, reflects its surfing history, provides a place for community interaction, with great amenity and safe connection to the surrounding areas



vision 2

An integrated coastal open space which reflects its history and enhances its natural features to provide an appealing and relaxed meeting place, distinguished by great amenity and safe connection to the surrounding areas



Freshwater Coastal Open
Space Master Plan

Workshop 2 - 16/05/2017



agreed vision by the working group

“an uplifting and integrated coastal space which enhances the natural beauty, and encourages physical, visual, cultural, social and historical connection”

issues summarised from community engagement to date

Topic	Area 1 - Freshwater Views	Area 2 - Freshwater Beach	Area 3 - McKillop Park
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better integration – linking to Undercliff Road Pedestrian connectivity from Queenscliff to area Improve walkways / beach access for disabled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessibility connection north (Curl Curl) to south (Manly) Wayfinding as part of connections Access for all / wheelchairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access from ocean view – tide Access from Evans Street Existing access way from Evans Street over Crown and signage not adequate Access not wide enough Connection from South Curl Curl (disconnect) – not a good experience All ability (ramp for disabled and prams) from Curl Curl Federation Grants for continuous walk
Community Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too many weddings and events on reserves (camping) Heritage requirements of site (share with community through? Art / Sculptures) Personal trainers – too many using the furniture Dogs must be on leash Bubbler More maintenance than improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of area (multi-use) Interface between park users and carpark Lack of intimate spaces Lack of amenities (toilets) Significance of heritage (meeting point for Aboriginal tribes) and history (significant historical stories of early settlement) Poor condition of playgrounds Increase use of greenspace (in area west of Pilu) Lack of viewing platforms Surf club ‘looks like a jail’ ie, no connection to park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surfers walk need updated (sic) Conflict between natural environment and development – balance? Opportunity for views (platform and deck) Car park near Diggers: issues with management to turn into open space, since it’s generating income Educational interpretation opportunities on link Improvements in toilet facilities
Landscape Character	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers do good job with vegetation Undercliff Reserve Vegetation Management Plan – very degraded – weed infested View gone – vegetation needs thinning out (too high) Palm tree blocks view – end of Bridge Road – cut down or weed or trim Shade Definition of park is ? Enhance natural features More trees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of shade Loss of greenspace (not wanted) Visual connection between park and beach Interference to the natural dune system State of vegetated areas (untidy) Preserve and protect natural environment Weeds out of control in dunes Don’t overdo it Dune migration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weeds problem and maintenance (safety) Shades
Pedestrians Amenity and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayfinding signage - keep balance – subtle signage Lighting – more lighting around Pilu Risk management issue – cliff – holistic risk management policy ie. jumprock Lock out Freshwater Reserve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti-social behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better signage and safety Parking around bus stops (management of illegal parking) Conflict between traffic and pedestrians around McKillop Park. Pedestrian priority is important (Lumsdaine) Bus routes 136 should stay at Lumsdaine but consider pedestrian amenity
Infrastructure and Maintenance Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater – drain northern end of Bridge Street flows to beach No fencing East Freshwater View Park – self regulate (brush – existing) Bin required Weeds – stormwater drain – Undercliff Reserve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste infrastructure inefficient (solar compaction trial in Bondi) Facilities (bins, seats etc) 	

what concerns us the most

All members voted on the most important issues below:

AREA 1 - Freshwater View

- Connectivity from Queenscliff area
- Heritage interpretation
- Maintenance

AREA 2 - Freshwater Beach

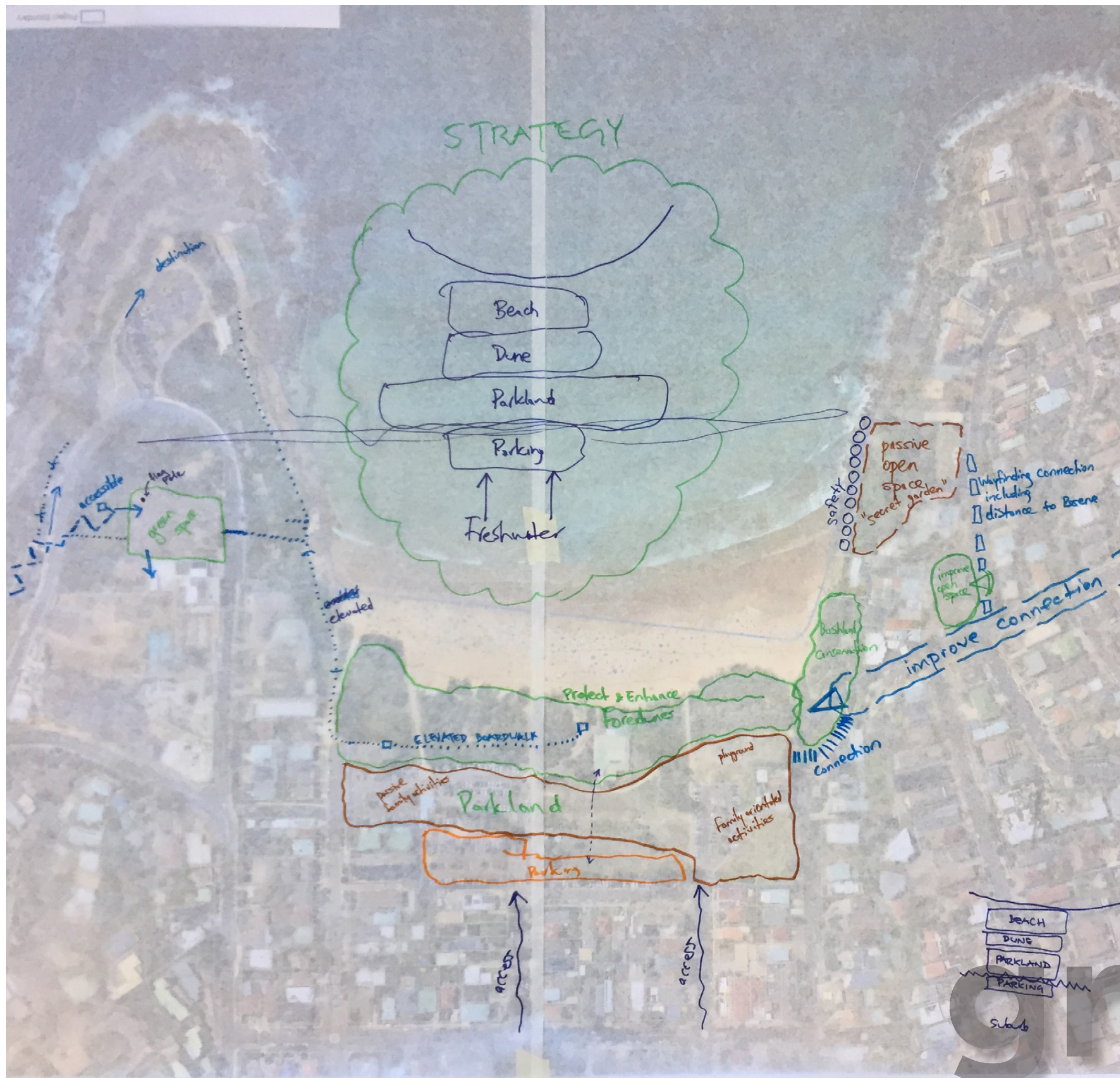
- Accessibility from the adjacent areas
- Lack of facilities such as bins, seating etc
- Interface between park and carpark
- Poor condition of playgrounds

AREA 3 - McKillop Park

- Weed problem and maintenance
- Opportunity for views
- Conflict between traffic and pedestrian around McKillop Park

vision + issues
= robust plans

The following pages describe the result of the design component of this workshop. The Working Group worked in three smaller groups to develop concept drawings for the coastal open space translating the vision and addressing the issues from the community.



Beachside Parkland

This option promotes a clear hierarchy from water's edge to urban edge. The main features of this option includes:

1. A close relationship between the beach, the dune and the parkland as natural elements of this area
2. Allocating parking spaces as the 'urban edge'
3. Elevated boardwalk amongst the dunes to enhance appreciation of the natural landscape
4. Maintaining the character of Freshwater View Reserve as a 'secret garden'
5. Improving safety within Freshwater View Reserve
6. Consider a 'bushland connection' as part of the foreshore character
7. Improve connection from Queenscliff to enhance pedestrian experience
8. Allocating family friendly activities within the parkland
9. Conversion of car park into green space at McKillop Park
10. Accessible path from South Curl Curl walk to McKillop Park and continue the path to the existing pedestrian link

group 1



Central Green Community Space

This option promotes a central open space with features to enhance the experience of the area. The main features of this options includes:

1. A continuous central green space as community 'outdoor rooms' outlined by activity elements such as viewing platforms, pedestrian link, surf club building, playgrounds, BBQ area, a separate public toilet and existing commercial buildings (a restaurant and a cafe)
2. Continuous low-key pedestrian link offering a mixture of experience with some opportunities to stop and enjoy the views
3. Dune vegetation maintenance to enhance the natural character with an opportunity to improve visual connection to beach only at key activity areas
4. Exploration of potential improvements on surf club to address the open space
5. A safe, more open and separate viewing platform at Freshwater View Reserve
6. Improvement in lighting to increase safety whilst considering residential amenity
7. A conversion of existing car-park to green space at McKillop Park
8. Maintaining low- key, relaxed, natural character in all areas



Connective Places

This option focusses on improving the experience as part of seamless connection between the coastal and urban environment. The main features of this options includes:

1. An improved pedestrian and cycle connection to Freshwater Village
2. Exploration of a shared zone to improve pedestrian amenity from Queenscliff
3. Improved access to Freshwater View Reserve from the beach and from the street
4. Incorporation of some shade trees in open spaces
5. A boardwalk amongst the dunes to form a continuous boardwalk to the swimming pool
6. A shared zone at the termination of Ocean View Road as the transitional space between the green space and the residential zone
7. A playground that is sympathetic to the natural character
8. Conversion of the existing carpark into green space at McKillop Park
9. Continuous boardwalk to connect with the existing South Curl Curl coastal walk

group 3

conclusion of this workshop

- All groups preferred a continuous open space not separated by car parking areas
- All groups support an exploration for streetscape upgrades to improve and highlight the connection between Freshwater Village and the Beach
- All groups agree that an improved and continuous link with accessible paths on key locations is important to connect the coastal areas
- All groups prefer more natural, relaxed and low key character for the area
- All groups agree that “Connecting Northern Beaches” proposed footpath work at Freshwater must be deferred until the conclusion of the Freshwater Coastal Master Plan process

for the next workshop

- Discussion on open space elements
- To agree on the preferred plan for Council to arrange public exhibition

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