



## Community Engagement Report: Draft Statement of Vision and Priorities for the Community Strategic Plan 2028

### Executive Summary

This report presents the methods and outcomes of Phase 1 of a three phase community engagement program for the Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan (CSP). Phase 1 involves the development of a draft Statement of Vision and Priorities for the CSP that will be taken back to the community in Phase 2 for further consultation.

### Principles and Objectives

A comprehensive community engagement program was undertaken with an overarching principle to:

- involve the Northern Beaches community early and transparently in developing a ten year vision and priorities for the new local government area
- understand local and regional challenges and opportunities that are facing the community
- provide a solid foundation for long term strategic planning and service delivery
- comply with NSW Government requirements, whereby Council should prepare a draft statement of vision and priorities for further consultation (*Managing Change: Guidance for key staff*, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, May 2016)
- comply with the legislative requirement in the Local Government Act and Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework to engage extensively with the community in developing a new CSP
- comply with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Framework.

Three months of community consultation was undertaken from September to November 2016. Over 1,000 people were engaged and provided input to develop a draft Statement of Vision and Priorities for the CSP.

### Research Findings

Outcomes of the community engagement demonstrate:

1. A **strong shared values base** across the Northern Beaches where common themes emerged around the following key words: bush, beach, natural environment, lifestyle and recreation, connected and vibrant communities.
2. A **future outlook and community vision** that emphasised themes of: connectedness, community, environmental protection, safety, diversity, inclusivity, lifestyle and sustainability.
3. Shared themes regarding **future long term challenges** for the region: population growth and infrastructure limitations particularly roads, transport and traffic; and managing and protecting the natural and built environment particularly catchments, coasts and waterways, bushland and biodiversity management. Other issues of concern were housing affordability, provision of a full spectrum of inclusive community services and the ability to plan for population growth balancing the community's values.
4. General support for the new Council and the engagement process for the CSP.

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## Overview

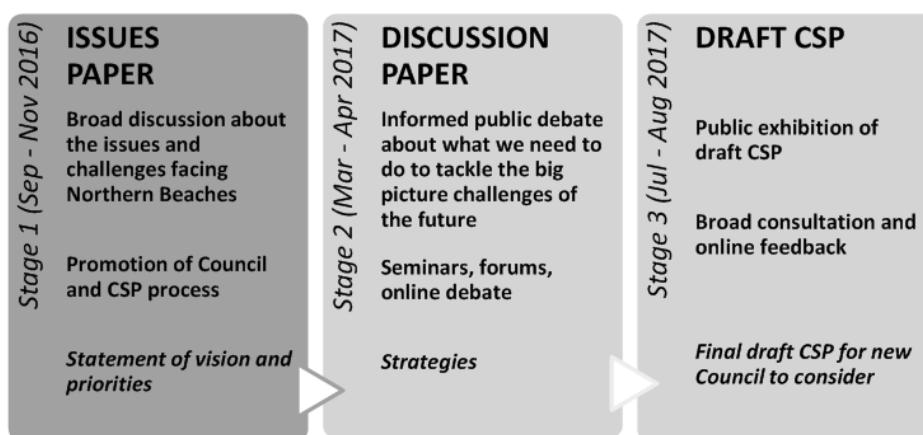
### Background

Northern Beaches Council came into existence on 13 May 2016 by merging Manly, Warringah and Pittwater local government areas.

As a new local government area, the NSW Government requires Council to develop a new CSP that will guide local decision-making and community participation on the Northern Beaches over the next 10 years. The newly elected Council must adopt the CSP by June 2018 (following Council elections in September 2017).

The CSP will be the community's plan for the future and will be informed by extensive engagement, feedback and a formal submission process.

An overview of the engagement approach is shown below:



This paper presents the outcomes from the first phase of community engagement from September to November 2016. An Issues Paper was prepared for community feedback that outlines broad issues, and opportunities regarding the long term sustainability and wellbeing of the region and its community. The Issues Paper was developed as a 'conversation starter' to help inform discussions with the community during this early stage of CSP development.

The community's feedback on the Issues Paper, as well as the draft statement of community vision and priorities, will be incorporated in a Discussion Paper for the next phase of engagement in March and April 2017. This next phase will expand on the feedback received in phase 1, and discuss the community's future priorities and strategies for service delivery to meet the needs of the community. This phase will produce a revised or confirmed vision for the Northern Beaches and specific strategies for consideration when drafting the CSP.

The third and final phase of community and stakeholder engagement will take place in July to August 2017. The objective of this stage is to seek feedback on the draft CSP and confirm the long term strategies.

Following elections in September 2017, the newly elected Council will be informed of the community's values and vision and asked to provide feedback on the draft CSP. Council will formally consider the outcomes from the whole engagement process and all submissions received before adopting the CSP no later than June 2018.

## **Consultation Principles and Objectives**

Northern Beaches Council will develop a CSP that is reflective of the whole community vision and priorities for the area.

The CSP will guide local decision making and priorities over the next decade.

The overarching principle that underpinned the community engagement program was the necessity to engage early and transparently with community members and stakeholders across the entire Northern Beaches.

Specific objectives of the community engagement included:

- To gain insight into the community's views on the vision and long term challenges and opportunities for the region, at both local and a regional scales
- To ensure that Council continues to meet the engagement expectations of the whole community, including businesses and other stakeholder groups
- To ensure that accurate and consistent information is delivered to the public and other stakeholders.

## **Stakeholders and Issues**

Key stakeholders who were consulted during Phase 1 of the consultation included Council's Implementation Advisory Group (IAG), Local Representation Committee (LRC) members (22), and the 11 Special Reference Groups (SRGs) (170 members). These community representatives provided input into the development of the Issues Paper and also considered the results and outcomes from Phase 1 of the consultation, and helped articulate a clear vision and priorities that reflects the broad community's values and perspectives.

## **Community Engagement Activities**

More than 1,000 people participated in the development of a draft vision statement and long term priorities for the region. Three key questions were asked:

- What do you love about the Northern Beaches and your local area?
- What is your Vision for the future of the area?
- What do you think are the key challenges facing the Northern Beaches in the future?

These questions were posed using various online and verbal consultation strategies, including:

- An Online survey with detailed responses from 153 participants.
- 'Your Say' Online Feedback portal, open from September to 6 Nov 2016. There were approx. 806 informed participants, 144 engaged participants and 93 comments recorded in the online form.
- Twelve listening posts at various locations and community events across the region from Avalon to Manly, including Mona Vale Skate Park launch, Manly Jazz Festival, Brookvale Show, Frenchs Forest Markets, Narrabeen, Mona Vale and events held during Bike week. The purpose was to gather feedback on what residents loved about the Northern Beaches, their thoughts and concerns regarding the future of the region. These consultation events captured a variety of participants and age groups, with over 400 people engaged in these events and approximately 580 comments recorded.
- Five community drop-in meetings across the region were held to draw attention to the Issues Paper and gather feedback on the community values, main issues of importance and opportunities for the region. These events were attended by 86 participants. Meeting dates and venues include:
  - Monday 10 October 2016, 6-8pm at Glen Street Theatre, Belrose (20 participants)

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- Thursday 13 October 2016, 6-8pm at Curl Curl Sports Centre (8 participants)
- Monday 17 October 2016, 6-8pm at Seaforth Community and Sports Pavilion (15 participants)
- Monday 24 October 2016, 6-8pm at North Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club (10 participants)
- Thursday, 27 October 2016, 6-8pm at Mona Vale Golf Club (33 participants).
- Five independently facilitated community focus groups. The focus groups comprised three groups of general community members, one focus group of business owners and one youth workshop during October 2016. There were 36 participants.
- Two SRG workshops were held. A joint meeting of all 11 SRG on 28 September and a second workshop with individual SRG on 27 October, 3 November and 10 November. These events allowed Council staff to gain insight into resident and key stakeholder views on their values, vision, challenges and future opportunities.

This feedback will inform a future discussion paper and the next phase of community engagement on service priorities planned for the early 2017.

A summary of specific community engagement activities is provided in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Summary of Community Engagement Activities**

Consultation Activity	Location	When	Purpose	Responses/ comments
<b>Advertisements</b>	Manly Daily	Saturday 17 and 26 September.  Saturday 1, 8 and 15 October  Saturday 5 November	Advertise the community engagement	n/a
<b>Community Drop-in Sessions</b>	Mona Vale, North Narrabeen, Belrose, Curl Curl, Seaforth	October 2016	Input to values, vision, concerns, and environment, economic and social issues.	86 participants.  Approx. 254 comments
<b>Community Listening Posts</b>	Avalon (2), Mona Vale (2), North Narrabeen, Narrabeen, Dee Why, Brookvale, Frenchs Forest, Manly (3)	Aug to Nov 2016	Input to values, concerns and challenges.	Approx. 400 people  Approx. 580 comments
<b>Community Focus Groups</b>	Youth, Business, former Pittwater, former	External contractor during October 2016	Qualitative workshops & discussion on vision & Council priorities	36 participants

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	Warringah and former Manly residents			
<b>Special Reference Group meetings</b>	2 x 11 SRGs	September to November 2016	Provided input to priorities in the issues and priorities for the region, across environment, economic, and social.	170 members  Approx. 1,370 comments.
<b>Local Representation Committee Workshops</b>	3 x LRCs	August to November 2016	Feedback on Issues paper, SRG Priorities, vision and CSP priorities.	22 members
<b>Online Survey</b>	Via Council's Your Say website links	September to November 2016	Short questionnaire regarding vision, priorities & issues.	152 respondents
<b>Online Form</b>	Via Council's Your Say website links	September –to November 2016	Short questionnaire regarding ideas, challenges and future of the Northern Beaches.	98 respondents
<b>Telephone Survey</b>	Conducted by NSW Government's Premier & Cabinet	September 2016	Questions on issues & challenges as part of overall survey of merged councils.	600 respondents
<b>Written submissions</b>	Addressed to Council	September to November 2016	Variety of issues and responses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental protection</li> <li>• Pittwater</li> <li>• Wood fires</li> <li>• Responses to vision and issues and priorities</li> </ul>	13 submissions

## **Community Research Findings**

### **General**

The majority of participants were supportive of the new Council as well as the engagement approach.

Community members were generally concerned about sustainable population growth and wanted to minimise impacts on the natural and built environment (including infrastructure). This sentiment was also expressed in terms of lack of support for the projected increases in housing and jobs (as defined by the NSW Department of Planning's population forecast) with a large number of people expressing a desire for Council to 'push back' on any plans or targets for future population growth on the Northern Beaches.

Further discussions and feedback on the engagement focused on the increasing challenges of planning for higher housing densities, in the context of continued problems with traffic, transport and infrastructure (including upgrades and new needs for community facilities, open space, water, sewerage, waste, roads, footpaths, etc), as well as the vital importance of upholding the community's value of the natural environment and open space.

The need for 'affordable housing' and 'housing affordability' were terms used interchangeably by members of the community, and it appeared there was 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 ability of people to buy into the housing market.

Community values, including safe and friendly neighbourhoods and inclusive community spaces and services that meet the modern needs of youth, aged, isolated community members and new residents were discussed as highly valued and a priority for Council.

Sustainable business growth, business infrastructure and diverse business opportunities were also recognised as needed where Council traditionally had not played a role and could do so increasingly in the future. The community feedback indicates that these services offer opportunities to alleviate commuting, travel times, traffic and increase self-containment rates within the region.

### **Core Values**

Probably not surprisingly, the core values that the community consistently expressed as important were:

- Beach and Bush - most important and highly valued by majority of people to protect and sustain for future generations
- Environmental protection – continues to be important and highly valued for the special qualities of the region, and is seen as a key role for Council now and in the future of the region
- Lifestyle and recreation – considered as one of the reasons for living in the region, and a key priority for council in future planning of centres, villages and open spaces
- Connected, vibrant communities – high priority and also expressed as a reason for living in the region and enabled to be supported by Council's planning and service delivery.

### **Draft Community Vision Statement**

Table 2 lists the most common words and themes that were used by the community when asked to describe what they love about the northern beaches and their vision for the future.

**Table 2: Most frequently used themes and vision words**

<i><b>Economy</b></i>	<i><b>Community</b></i>	<i><b>Environment</b></i>
Affordable	Diversity	Natural environment
Infrastructure	Community	Beach
Jobs/business growth and opportunities	Lifestyle	Bush
Tourism	Inclusive	Open space
Access to education and training	Vibrant	Sustainable
	Safe	Clean
	Recreation	
	Connected	
	Villages	
	Culture/Arts	

#### **Common elements**

In order to fully understand what was important to the community as part of the vision for the region in the future, a review of the different words and common themes was undertaken. These words are important to Council in developing the CSP, and will guide its future Operational and Delivery Plans. The most common vision words and themes from all of the feedback were:

- **Connected:** the word 'connected' was frequently used to describe a range of visions, including connected services, people, places, technology, businesses, telecommunications, work, accessibility, transport, traffic, parking, footpaths, cycle-ways, streets, city, employment and training.
- **Environment (natural and built):** 'environment' was used to describe the natural and built environment, including waterways, bush, beach, trees, pools, open space, community spaces, community activities, walkways, sensitive and balanced development, environmental stewardship, cleanliness, infrastructure, impacts of tourism and litter.
- **Community:** the word 'community' was frequently used to describe living, working, businesses, sporting, schools, groups, volunteering, vibrant, friendly, neighbours, villages, tourism, business.
- **Diverse:** the word 'diverse' was used in the context of cultural, arts, geographic, recreation, business, training, jobs, villages and environments.
- **Inclusive:** the word 'inclusive' was used to describe a place that is welcoming to everyone and offers services that welcomes and meets the needs of cultures, age groups, housing affordability, as well as addresses accessibility, arts and recreation.
- **Lifestyle:** the word 'lifestyle' was used to describe the value of living in the area and enjoying the outdoors, cafes, active, natural and built environment, vibe, city, walkability and the open spaces.
- **Sustainable:** 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.

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- Safe: the word 'safe' was used in the context of to neighbourhoods, family-friendly, coastal erosion, flood, bushfire, caring, designing places for young and elderly.

The above community feedback was used to prepare a draft Vision Statement. The draft statement was further developed by the LRCs on 23 November 2016.

**Draft Vision Statement:**

*Northern Beaches a **safe, inclusive and connected community** that values its natural and built **environment**.*

**Draft Community Aspirations**

Community feedback on key challenges and priorities was used to prepare a draft list of community aspirations. The aspirations are intended to capture the unique and special features of the Northern Beaches. The aspirations will assist Council to measure its performance towards achieving the community vision and priorities for the next ten years. The draft aspirations are:

We are inspired by our bush, beaches and waterways

Our streets are safe, clean and family-friendly

We have vibrant spaces with diverse arts & cultural experiences

We celebrate local villages and communities

Growth is sustainable and balanced

Our communities and businesses are connected and inclusive

Development is balanced with our lifestyle and environment

Businesses have the infrastructure to grow locally and globally

Transport is seamless and integrated

We demonstrate strong community leadership and environmental stewardship

Local businesses thrive and grow

Our governance is open and transparent

We have a say in what happens in our local area

**Draft Community Priorities**

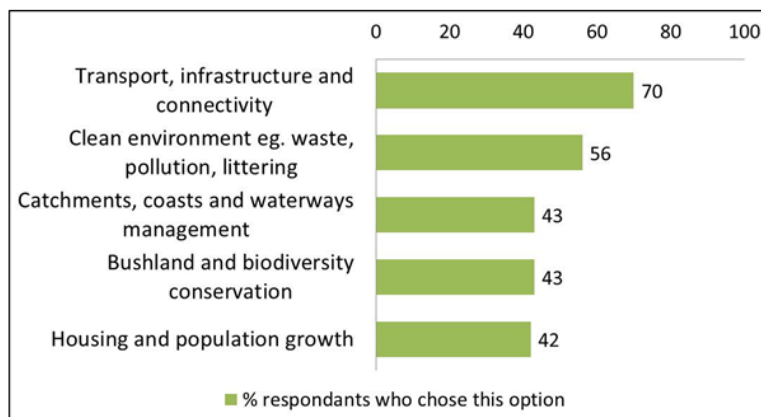
The community provided feedback on key challenges facing the Northern Beaches in the future.

The top five challenges from the online survey (responses n=153) were:

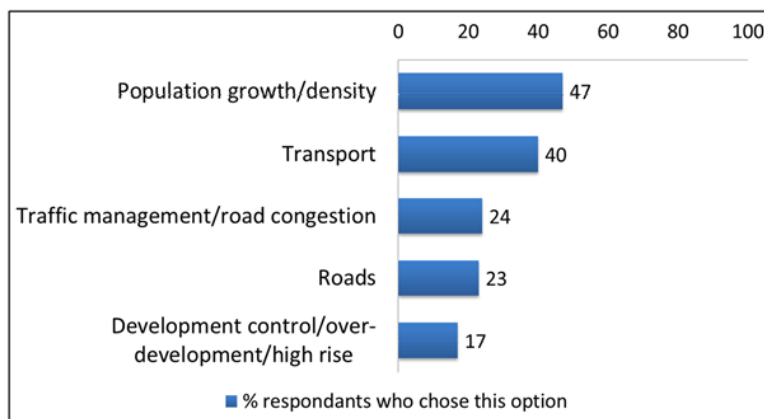
- Transport, infrastructure and connectivity (including traffic management, congestion, parking, cycleways and roads)
- Clean environment (eg. waste, pollution, litter)
- Catchments, coasts and waterway management

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- Bushland and biodiversity conservation
- Housing and population growth (including development control, over development and high rise)



These challenges were also reflected in a community survey that was undertaken by the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet of 600 residents:



### Draft Community Priorities

Based on feedback from the community the following draft priorities for the CSP have been identified, for further discussion and consultation with the community:

- Population growth, development and infrastructure
- Transport and connectivity / Traffic, roads and congestion
- Environmental management and protection (including climate change)
- Clean environment
- Open space and diverse recreation
- Housing affordability
- Economic development
- Arts/ culture/ creative activities and spaces



### **Challenges and Priority Considerations**

In general, the community want to be better connected, with sustainable and modern urban planning delivered by Council.

They also want Council to prioritise the environment, especially considering protection and conservation of the natural environment, cleanliness, hazard management and enabling community connection friendliness.

Also important is that the region caters for a diverse population (cultures, age groups, different needs) and is inclusive for all, with good recreation facilities to support their lifestyle.

The community also expressed the need for a more diverse range of opportunities including night life, more cultural exposure, music and creative/artistic experiences and more thoughtful, diverse recreation for youth and elderly.

Many of these issues were interrelated. For instance, population growth requires infrastructure, good urban planning, housing affordability, good transport/roads and connectivity, less cars on the road, good environmental management and protection.

### **Conclusion**

Local residents, stakeholders and community members were broadly engaged and provided key input into a draft vision statement and priorities for the Northern Beaches region.

The level of participation indicated that the community across the new local government area is engaged, collaborative and keen to participate to develop a vision and priorities for Council to focus on in the next ten years.

Council remains committed to engaging in lively discussion and receiving input from the community, including stakeholder groups, in the continuing engagement for development of the CSP in 2017.

### **NEXT STEPS**

The attached appendices show the community's feedback (verbatim) that was used to inform the draft Statement of Vision and community priorities. Over the coming months Council will closely review the issues and suggestions contained in the submissions to develop a Discussion Paper.

When the Discussion Paper is released, a companion paper will also be released that will summarise the community feedback and detail how matters raised were addressed in the Discussion Paper.

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## **Appendices: Community Feedback**

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### Attachment 1 - Community Drop in Sessions

<b>What is your vision for the NB</b>
Widening Wakehurst Parkway and Mona Vale Road
Transportation over and above buses and cars
More sporting grounds
good transport
safe to live
nice and green
"Quality of life" by respecting the natural environment and its importance for community living, working and recreation
desire to "attract medium to large size businesses" without losing the relaxed laid back feeling of the area
more art facilities within the area
a wonderful concert hall like the Concourse at Chatswood!!
Improved transport
Housing kept to low/medium density
A community working together using developing assets
Integrity
Cohesion of communities from north to south
Loss of pedestrian linkages with closure / sale of corridors of public land
To ensure the beauty of this natural environment is maintained and NOT overdeveloped
Not to be overdeveloped. Better transport without the above.
A place of diversity
Welcoming all
inclusive
caring community
working together as one northern beaches
no petty jealousy
no politics
A collection of villages with their own governance supported by a central organisation supplying services advocacy and top level regulation
An environmentally sustainable green environment where vegetation and trees dominate a landscape circled by water with an active community
Valuing and protecting the unique waterway of Pittwater including catchments and estuaries
Valuing and protecting the catchment of Narrabeen Lagoon
Fostering an inclusive northern beaches community
Preserving and protecting our beautiful beaches
Preserving and enhancing the unique character and vibrancy of our villages
A beautiful Narrabeen Lake

Clean, less plastic, less litter
Protecting the environment
Clean beaches
More environmental sustainability partnerships & initiatives, education & leadership from council
More litter reduction messages, CCTV, signage at key locations
Support businesses to provide reusable shopping bags
Businesses & Sydney Road markets have no plastic, remain open & seen as good for business
Valuing and protecting our unique bushland

<b>If I could change 3 things</b>
Turn Brookvale Oval into an art centre and move the rugby league to Gosford! Open the area to the public
More passive recreation
Improved public transport
Greater group plans for the future
Need better roads
less highrise apartments
more employment opportunities
widening of Wakehurst Parkway and lower part of Mona Vale Road
On street parking in roads where this leaves only one lane for two way traffic
better marking on roads so that vehicles do not park immediately up to residential driveways
One thing which concerns me in regard to the church I attend (St Faiths Anglican Parish, Clarke Street Narrabeen) is the impact of a proposed B-line on Pittwater Road upon egress and access to the church site
Improve inclusion and diversity
Flexible review and application of the CSP - not having it as the rationale for pet projects - a dynamic, not static CSP
Poor transport
Lack of footpaths
Improve traffic flows
Develop Narrabeen Lagoon for recreational use (ie diverse uses)
Traffic issues
Dangerous actions
bike riding with no helmet
dogs not on a lead
Parking - more
Footpaths - more
Lack of footpaths
Better consultation on accessibility for developments & local areas wheelchairs
Roads - kept up to high standard

Dark streets (Crown Road)
Too much paper, newspapers, advertising material & council should drive change
More parking for market vendors & loading zones
Alcohol & culture of vandalism & littering at night
Too much plastic by business & too much packaging

<b>Environment - Are any issues missing?</b>
The high level of car dependency could possibly be reduced if public transport was improved - both routes and frequency
The building of the Northern Beaches Hospital is having a detrimental affect on our wildlife
Impact and balance with built environment
use non-utilised space for out of hours parking eg schools
Do not reduce garbage collection
Council clean-up - many items could be reused / mended / parts recycled and do not need to go to landfill
A re-use, recycling workshop combined with man's shed, trades enterprise
Council governance
More local light public transport eg shuttle bus services
No provision for cycleways
Global warn=ming/sea level rises will require more and better seawalls (eg Collaroy). Use the opportunity to construct walkways/cycleways Narrabeen to Manly
More bicycle lanes in Seaforth
Graffiti - more security cameras
Objective should be to leave the natural environment in better condition at the end of ten years
Maintain the reasons why people live here - beautiful environment, clean air and water, abundant vegetation
Flood mitigation Repeated failure of Council to open lake when warned of high rainfall coming. Recent flood Council warned on Tuesday of 1 months rain to fall on Saturday and Sunday / failed to open lake until Friday at 5:30pm. Tides too high to allow lake to flow out. Resulting in many properties flooding around the lake which had not experienced flooding since 1986
Flood mitigation More timely opening lagoon at times of heavy rain. Open entrance in June 2016 was days too late. Block off affected streets to traffic in floods - wash caused increase up to 20cm
Please listen to the residents in relation to opening the lake entrance. Unfortunately Council stuffed up and left it too late last time - pure incompetence
Paths along the beach front built for the bicentenary have been obstructed and taken by householders along Narrabeen/Collaroy beachfront prevents walkers being able to walk on the flat above the beach

<b>Environment - opportunities</b>
Protection/retention of rural (non-urban) land for local food supply, plant nurseries and support services
Frenchs Forest needs reforestation! It has been decimated by the hospital and associated transport restructuring
Protection/retention of rural (non-urban) land for local food supply, plant nurseries and support services
Protection of non-urban land and bushland is a key priority eg. In Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment



Street tree management The street tree management plan/strategy developed by Manly Council (with input from the Precincts) needs to be updated for relevance for the goals in the CSP - and rolled out across the northern beaches
Revise "Manly Tree plan" to support variety of native trees and promote shrub and tree plantings across the whole area
Maintain all open space areas and native vegetation
Better use of technological innovation for roads, traffic management, parking to ease pressure on environment and resources
More and better neighbourhood ie street tree management planning
Issue you have raised hotter temperatures affecting older people My comment Prior to the last Federal election the Liberal Party spoke of a "Green Cities" Fund. The issue related to how vegetation might assist in cooling streets, in the future to cater for rising temperatures. One way of allowing trees to grow to their natural shape and size (where near electrical mains) is to replace low voltage mains with insulated conductor (LV ABC). Then you can get the following outcome (SEE TRIM 2016/349612 for diagram) Trees can grow and meet in the centre of the road. This can only work where there are no overhead high voltage mains in the street. However 70% of streets have only low voltage mains. What should Council do? Lobby NSW Minister for energy to pay costs of installing LV ABC in streets. Start where maximum benefits can be achieved. Ask Minister to lobby Federal Government to get funds from Green Cities Project.
Sustainable design principles for all Council facilities being refurbished or rebuilt
Transport: Is there any long term plan for improved cycleways through Dee Why Shopping Centre, from near Hawkesbury Avenue to Delmar. Will cyclists be able to use bus land when b-line starts? Neil Austen
Lack of new sporting areas in new subdivision eg how many new sportsgrounds are to be created in the Warriewood and future Ingleside subdivisions?
Wasted opportunity You mine the lake for sand but you do not think of the lake as a wonderful resource. We need a plan for the lake itself, not just as a sand mine
Look at appropriate plantings for native birds and animals both on private land and around public spaces such as sporting ovals and street planting etc to help boost supply of food lost as a result of development
Council more responsive to resident request to open the lagoon in a timely manner
Sedimentation of the lake caused by present mining. Sand flows to southern side of lake caused by dredging and inadequate boom holding

<b>Social - Are any issues missing?</b>
Save Warringah Golf Club
Need for better public transport
Increased densities impact - traffic - environment - cause more anti-social behaviour need to do more research particularly on communities that have solved some of these issues
Trainline to service the areas to move people much faster than current road systems proposed and currently underway
Setting the building height for zones around the hospital
Hop Skip Jump - Bus around Dee Why - North Curl Curl
With increasing population and housing forecasts must improve all forms of transport and address traffic congestion and parking
Integrate housing - everyone mixed in
Integrating planning with public transport infrastructure

Population limits - less apartments
<p>Process/Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financial "forecasts" in a CSP need to be treated as "provisions" and not commitments</li> <li>- in relation to major (possible) projects</li> <li>- this needs to be spelled out and committed to</li> <li>- This was a major issue with old Manly Council where the "provision" for capital exp. on the Boy Charlton Pool upgrade and the oval car park were treated as agreed commitments and not provision, subject to final approval by the councillors</li> </ul>
<p>Community Involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key community infrastructure like - parks, play areas, trees, day care centres - need to have community involvement in decisions on - maintenance and upgrades</li> </ul> <p>There is no provision for this in the CSP</p>
All projects need to be properly scoped, planned, researched and costed. The Manly Swim Centre has cost twice the estimated amount. This is just unacceptable.
<p>Personal security</p> <p>Increasing drug use and graffiti Council should install more security cameras in shopping areas (eg Seaforth) and areas prone to graffiti. Engage community in monitoring (crowd monitoring!)</p>
Council should speak out for lower immigration and reduce population growth rate
The need for small areas to set their own objectives not only northern beaches
<p>YES - the equitable access to rec facilities for new and emerging sports.</p> <p>What about increased costs or just costs to existing sports clubs that have existed for many years are looking at going out of existence</p>
<p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>Requires faster, cheaper and more sympathetic Council approval process. Many large "estates" in the northern beaches could accommodate eg health workers, police etc, if Council did not passively (?) oppose.</p>
Lack of housing diversity
Equitable access to health, youth and family and aged care services across the northern beaches
Ensure good communication with existing community groups and sporting clubs at reasonable time intervals to keep informed of local issues as many of these groups provide existing social opportunities that Council can tap into for information regularly
<p>Libraries</p> <p>Need to unify the three library systems with a user-friendly program that incorporates the three collections</p>

<b>Social - Are there other opportunities?</b>
Economic vibrancy - employment
more community benefits from higher densities and more development
There's a need for small music venues. Classical Guitar Society needs spaces for up to 150 people with tea and coffee making, toilets and parking / public transport. Amateur groups need reasonable fees - we're not seeking to make a profit,. Needs good acoustics, obviously!
Expand centres such as Men's Shed
Safe areas for youth where they can socialise
Buses to sporting and youth facilities as well as entertainment centres
Fresh food/farmers markets promote health, well-being and social cohesion. We need these supported by Council
Museums and cultural venues - lack of outdoor education venues for children on weekends and holidays
Hosting of events during NAIDOC (not one was held during 2016)
Infrastructure provision should avoid encroaching on public reserves and parks , which are important for public health, recreation and amenity
Not enough recognition of the growing contribution youth can make 2018-2028. This is an opportunity.
Small independent art house cinemas

Entertainment for young people 15 years +
<b>Economic - Are any issues missing?</b>
Parking and access to future Skyline Shops
Gordon to Mona Vale rail link
Affordable housing
Affordable housing
Youth issues
Maintain local shopping mall - Forestway Shops
Northern beaches is losing forest, trees, heritage etc to make way for wider roads and more cars, which will generate more congestion. Improve public transport instead
Improvement to east/west corridor public transport hub
Agree with limitations re public transport. Better connections and services could (easily?) be provided eg Mona Vale to Gordon, E_W generally and localised bus/hop, skip and jump
Community/local markets are essential for * fresh local foods * social cohesion
Frenchs Forest Sunday market will close when the site is developed. Can Council provide an alternate site?
Like car pooling, work hubs, hotdesks, etc they sound great but they have been shown to not work
Tele working and tele commuting requires NBN
Council has no clout without Federal Government
Displacement of commercial/potential use with residential in local centres and commercial / business centres eg Freshwater, Brookvale, DYTIC
Too many big retail complexes
Need for more light industry and clean industry to provide local jobs
We need local jobs to reduce traffic congestion
Replace Spit Bridge
Emphasis on technology and its rate of change
the economic benefits of in increasingly youthful work force
Sale of properties used for small business or entertainment for residential development eg closure and sale of Manly Vale Hotel which was major music venue - this is now home units
How to engage the under 55's
Acknowledge that the 45.4% of the workforce - "Managers +" - work long hours, most often both partners. When home caring for children. Makes it very difficult to engage in local issues. Therefore majority of community groups are run by over 55+
Transport infrastructure and connectivity - Need to set out and propose the key technology developments that will/could impact on the above - eg electric cars, driver-less cars, electric bicycles - b-line buses: has a proper benefit-cost analysis been done - it could have a negative
Transport. Council should grab the nettle and with its increased scale push for new and improved trunk roads (eg direct connection from Wakehurst Parkway to Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation) plus train line

Ditch the Manly philosophy of "Build it and they will come" - this doesn't work
Need to develop the villages with their own input into governance of their areas
Planning - LEPs and DCPs With pressure from the State Govern to change the planning laws to favour developers implement plans for high(er) rise and denser development the community's role in developing a common LEP and DCPs across the northern beaches needs to be strengthened
The Council and staff must practice good governance, proper code of conduct and show respect for the communities they serve. Transparency and accountability for planning, finances and decision-making are essential
Don't forget with planning that some important industries rely on special sites eg to fix boats we need boat yards on the water. Don't forget this on rezoning waterfront areas
Poor mobile phone coverage in some areas
Right hand turning lanes needed on Pittwater Road Narrabeen /Collaroy heading south
Wakehurst Parkway How many people have to die before the Wakehurst Parkway will be extended to at least three lanes in each direction to enable passing in both directions. Many elderly people drive along at 50-60 km hour in the 80 zone and noone can pass them
Wakehurst Parkway - fix flood issue

<b>Economic - opportunities</b>
Higher education eg TAFE courses. Limited range of courses and education venues, partly due to sale of education land
Council needs a good method of communicating with the entire community not just rely on what the local newspaper prints. Possibly here an updated news section on website and have a regular (quarterly?) newsletter delivered to all residences
Grow Brookvale TAFE - it had a wide range of courses and catered so well for our region
Children's play areas and equipment need for parent and grandparents light existing equipment facing the children in their care as in Hong Kong note equipment made in Australia
Old Manly Hospital. First main building could have a hospital museum. Like to one at Prince of Henry Hospital a great tourist attraction. A way of making money for the upkeep of the building
Tertiary education facility
Partner with local Chambers of Commerce to promote/enhance local economies
Facilitating and promoting apprenticeship/internship program at Council
Look at possibility of mini buses in summer to run between Avalon and parking areas and Palm beach to reduce traffic build up due to parking problems, to reduce car congestion
Many people work from home in the area. So internet connection is important. Making communal places where people can meet ie the café's become important. Working from home should be encouraged
Right turn on stopping at lights at many intersections would facilitate traffic flow. Used to a sign at Narrabeen Waterloo and Pittwater Road but it has been removed.
Identify future growth areas for planning to ensure progress continues
Lights/Traffic Traffic lights along Pittwater Road Dee Why need to be coordinated to Pittwater Road flows. At the moment often in gridlock - cannot move through intersection as the next lights are red.
Ecotourism Develop the Narrabeen Lake as a world class resource

## Attachment 2 - Community Listening Posts

<b>I love the Northern Beaches because (top 3 words)</b>
No high rise
More trees
Relaxed lifestyle X 2
Markets
Love the new 'super' Council
All good - all most
Atmosphere - village, lifestyle, good food
Sun and surf beside the city
Village atmosphere
Safe environment
Village and community lifestyle
Village atmosphere - uncongested lifestyle
Skate park x 3
Unique to Sydney
Everything
Villages atmosphere - a walking village
Beaches clean and nice
Swimming at the beach
Beaches x 2
Great beautiful environment X 2
I love Mona Vale just the way it is now
Facilities - good job
The village, the community (Mona Vale)
Fun
Friendliness, calm atmosphere
Village life
Everything you want on the beaches
Village atmosphere
We live so close to nature
I like living in Sydney - it's safe
How friendly we are to each other
Because everyone is really friendly and kind
Being at the hub - terrific!!
love Avalon



The sea and the view
maintain character - open trees lower height beaches bush
beach
village atmosphere low rise
going in the water
beach
love the Avalon community village
(has everything) schools in Avalon - nursery - primary - high school - all local
swimming
love beach and surf
no high rise in Avalon and Pittwater
surf and views of surf around Bilgola bends
let kids enjoy freedom but be respectful
laid back friendly
surfing everything shopping
beach
beach and swimming and surfing
natural environment
like skate parks more would be good
shops
love village feel in Avalon - support local good facilities
views of beach from the playground
playing
swimming at the beach
beach
parks - flying fox park - basset street
clean water for swimming
try the weather in the UK
fun at the beach
beaches and water
love Mona Vale skate park
playgrounds and beach
love flying fox park
village atmosphere
sense of community
maintain as it is
safe community

schools
Schedule cleanups
Beautiful friendly people, neighbours.
Love the beaches
We are lucky - beaches - close to the city
Parks
Good vibes
Beautiful beach and bush
Environment and nature
Great beaches and pools
Great lifestyle and beaches
Location
Lifestyle
All the best people live on the northern beaches
It's a little world in its own
Free events
The possibilities
That they are the best beaches are clean
Love music festivals
Water activities are beautiful
New resident to the beaches - "no complaints"
Beach, cafes, lifestyle
Love the new Manly Pool (Boy Charleton)
Jazz festival
I was born in Manly and I love it the way it is. The ocean and surf, lifestyle
People respect each other and area
The views, ocean, clear water
Love free events - music - Christmas events
Great brochure re jazz festival
Beaches - lots of choice
Lifestyle - beaches, people, available
Nice beach!
Location of Starbucks and KFC (ie not in Manly)
Crystal blue waters
More music festivals please

Village atmosphere of Manly - human connectivity
Ocean
Clear water
Markets (two submissions)
Keep parking sticker
The beach (two submissions)
Love the Narrabeen trail
Walks/trails
So green, so open
The new skate park
Free BBQ facilities (two submissions)
Live music
I like the people in the northern beaches
Youth Services – developing services to meet needs of community
Relaxed outdoor vibe
Lifestyle, sport, beach, friendly people
Dog parks
Open spaces
Maintain the walks, they are beautiful
Like the new Council
Like Mr Persson
No train lines! Healthy lifestyle and social vibe
Love the focus on environment and family lifestyle
We love community events and outdoor spaces
Sense of space – trees open spaces
Natural environment
Trees along nature strips
Natural environment – trees, parks and beaches
Public space
The natural environment
Clean beaches
Vegan shops/businesses – keep the markets
Skate parks
TED 'like' talks facilitated by Council
Outdoor community engagement
Open Air street workouts – affordable by trainers
The beaches and bush – secret place 'undiscovered'

Keep markets – Frenchs Forest
Beaches, people are friendly and markets
Lifestyle
Safe area, good community feel
I like how we are trying to have less pollution on the beaches
Beaches and bush
Clean beaches
Trees, access to the beaches and environment generally
Local sports – free events
The beach, the trees and natural environment
Beaches, parks, markets (organic)
Outdoor gym near the beach
Bushland and natural open space, low density development
Supporting live music – bring people together
Trees to be kept - Warringah road and around Allambie and hospital site have been removed
More creativity across NB – like Pittwater and Manly
Single parking sticker
Affordable housing – we love living close to the beach
Leave Manly Dam as is – no development
Plant more trees!
Proximity to the beach – nice healthy lifestyle – open parks all around
More water stations
Professional lifeguards – extended hours and season
Great libraries
Cultural hub
Beaches x7
Walks x4
Restaurants and cafes x2
Close to the ocean and bush x8
Friendly environment
Vibrancy in place
NE breezes
Sydney's best kept secret
Kids playgrounds
Great schools
Terrey Hills Bike Track x2
Good sized blocks of land

Skate parks
Bike riding/BMX x4
Parks
Lifestyle x2
Surf clubs
Outdoor Gym
Waterways x3
Nightlife
Family friendly

<b>Tell us What you think</b>
Educate safety re. crossing roads
We need more water re-fill stations
More cycling friendly
Allow dogs on beaches X 3
Dogs need access to tick free beaches
Increase dog friendly parks/beaches
Improve Mona Vale Road access road please
Plant more bush tucker
Wakehurst Parkway needs two levels (under for animals)
Need B-line to Newport and Avalon
Don't speak on behalf the community. Listen to the community!
Do not cut the fig trees in Mona Vale
Keep the trees in Mona Vale village park
Need wine bars, bands and beachfront eating
Have resident parking in my street
Nightlife, diversity of restaurants, eateries open late
Night life for young adults
More recycling bins for plastic glass and paper
Narrabeen pool - fix the wall
Better public transport x 2
Better public transport and decent parking
Northern Beaches Hospital needs better transport and safety
Better cycling paths
Less littering - more access to bins
Get rid of the scary clowns : )



More frienly cycling
More upmarket restaurants
More diversity
Parking in Mona Vale impossible between 8.30am and 4pm
Hammocks at the beach and the Inch café
Performing arts event
The 'Newport' pub needs better parking
Council is not listening to the community
Systems and infrastructure limits to Mona Vale development proposal
Speed up upgrade to Mona Vale Road
Performing arts centre in Mona Vale
Support for sporting community groups eg. Boy charlton
Children's community gardens
Boy Charlton - 'Double dipping' - entry fees and lane hire
Transport and trans corridors before development
Connectedness from village to waterway in Mona Vale
Parking at Bayview Dog Park
More art facilities. We have a creative community
Free events on beach
Parking for the Newport pub
More places for teens
Why can't parking stickers apply to Rowland Reserve
Casual parking for beaches and commercial areas
Be dog friendly
Avalon Parade and Old Barrenjoey Road - Council should build a roundabout and set the foot crossings back away from the intersection
A third lane should be built on the Bilgola Bends to cater for emergency situations when this road is in gridlock
Book football fields in evenings - we'd pay to use the lights
Coastal walkway! On seaward side of buildings
More football fields: we want people out and playing
RMS maintenance at Pittwater Road - same section done again
lower speed limits in streets
Cafes at surf clubs are a great idea
Good doing Mona Vale Road
Reallocate and recycle - better use of buildings and resources
Avalon Beach has a different feel - away from traffic
Lack of communication

Dogs on beaches (set hours/location)
Dog beaches
Appalled by forced amalgamation
Beach friendly dogs - lots
More BBQs near the playground at Dunbar Park
Shuttle buses more regular to connect to B-line
Dogs on beaches in evenings
Coastal walk / path
More parking around shops in Avalon
"Looking forward to high rise" - touch of sarcasm
Slower buses - no footpaths in bends - busy areas
Annual cleaning of footpaths in Avalon Village
Build a footpath between Avalon and Bilgola along the road x2
Mona Vale Place Plan is great - Need town centre
Love it here
Need trains - we are a bit snobby
Keep Administrator
Horrible internet
Tourist bus from Manly Wharf to Palm Beach
More dog off leash areas
More skate parks, NBN, more pools
Move Church Point commuter wharf to the other end
Increase E86 earlier times/Sunday mornings
Retain the two car parking stickers
No trains
More free parking
Legalise gay marriage
Dee Why Community Centre - where will it be?
Hop skip jump
Keep Warringah golf course
More affordable housing
More pools, parks and skate parks
Better Wifi NBN needed
Use school sports grounds for weekend sports
be happy every day
less development due to lack of infrastructure
Better bus service back areas or Beacon Hill

More bins - shade at beaches
Theme parks and water parks
Urban traffic design bad everywhere
Support local business
Better urban and community spaces
More parking at Palm Beach Wharf – shuttle bus?
Parking at Palm Beach Ferry
Parking permits for residents not just "ratepayers"
A closer ice skating rink
Build a zoo at Narrabeen
'Get rid of greenies' – Dredge the lake so it can be used properly. Get rid of the word 'lagoon'. It's a lake and it needs dredging
Dredge the lake to allow for watersports and safety
Restore Collaroy/Narrabeen beach to sand dune
Keep low density on the northern beaches
New unit blocks must have more parking – two per unit
Waste management
Smokers on the beach – stop it, police it, enforce it
Keep the beaches clean
Glass in dog park at Curl Curl
Bring back Council clean-ups for former Manly and Pittwater and keep for former Warringah
More signs 'Keep Australia Beautiful – take your rubbish with you'
Recycling bins for coffee cups, cigarette butts and batteries
Cigarette butt bins – recycle
Fix the roads
Improve roads
More transport – train, light rail, water taxis
More buses to Oxford Falls
More zebra crossings across the beach sides - safety
Against development of Warringah Golf Club
Don't close Warringah Golf Course – leave as it is
Jacka Park needs toilets in the playground
More mountain bike trails x2
Dog beaches, dog beaches
Beaches that you're allowed to bring your dogs
Fewer dogs – people don't clean up – off lead when they shouldn't
More parking at dog parks
More dog parks x2

No dogs at beaches
More sports events, cycling, running, swimming, triathlons
Activate our beaches and open space in the evenings
Keep developers off the Council
Traffic x7
Improve public transport links to the city and Chatswood
Rail from hospital to Chatswood
Active Travel strategy and options – e.g. more frequent later running buses east to west.
Train line to Dee Why
Improve Public transport commutes (North Sydney, City, Chatswood) x3
1 free parking permit delivered to the residential address, and 1 to the rate payer – It's a "resident parking permit" not a "rate payer permit".
More free parking
Helicopter landing site at Palm Beach (e.g. Gov Philip Park)
Parking (Roland Reserve)
Improve parking along all beaches
Bike workshops
Safer bike tracks on roads
Make it easy and safe for kids to ride to school
Road Awareness of cyclists
Bike tracks with signs and signals
More visible and accessible bike parking at beaches
More bike paths (incl. for families) x4
Dedicated off road cycle ways
Wakehurst Parkway Bike Plan
Change of bike legislation for over 55's – use the paths
Increased connection of bike paths x2
Education for shared path users
Improve lighting during winter between Berry Reserve and Duck Park along lagoon edge
Football – artificial field at Frenchs Forest.
More café's and Kiosks at beaches and around Narrabeen Lagoon
Free Use of council facilities esp. Rowland Reserve
Sunshades at playgrounds e.g. Glenrose
More All abilities Playgrounds
More sheltered spots at parks
Off leash dog areas x4
Dog Friendly beaches – but regulate -increase fines for not picking up poo and enforcement.
Change dog regulations – allow more leniency esp. in winter.
Regulation dog area at Glenrose
Respect for the Environment a priority in all dev.

Flood works – cleaning up after floods
No High Rise Development
Infrastructure BEFORE new development e.g. Ingleside
New developments, over development e.g. Warriewood
Hospital
Work –encourage more local employers.
Restore sand dune system along Collaroy/Narrabeen beach
Bins at playgrounds
Cigarette butt bins before people go onto the beach.
Encourage plastic bag free shops
Ban disposable coffee cups in Council offices – take your own mug to the coffee van!
Health Care access
Sharks, jellyfish, stingrays, blue-ringed octopus, surf safety

<b>Concerns</b>
Housing variety & affordability
Housing affordability x 5
Keep Mona Vale village atmosphere x 6
Keep the fig tree, but chop the high rise
Limit high rise X 2
3-4 storeys in Mona Vale
We are totally against any buildings containing 5 or 6 storeys
Leave Mona Vale as a village - no high rise X 2
No multi -storeys, particularly in Mona Vale
No high rise x 21 (Mona Vale)
Traffic and parking
High speed traffic
Traffic X 5
Save village park
Parking and boats on streets
Keep MV village character - low buildings, relaxed atmosphere
Development without infrastructure
Overdevelopment x 2
Development
Transport
Fix infrastructure first
Traffic is a mess!! More people = more traffic
Young people need cheaper housing

Don't destroy local businesses - Mona Vale is already a nice village
Newport Roads are blocked with parked cars
Save the trees
Frenchs Forest Hospital
Amalgamation concerns
Unhappy with amalgamation
Better infrastructure eg. roads
Limited school availability
Disability housing for girls
We're under threat from too much housing and associated vehicles. Roads are getting clogged up with cars and buses. It's incredibly difficult to find a car park. We need the Peninsula open and natural for everybody. Nature should be more valued by government and planners.
Roads to city need fixing. Traffic horrendous already!
Dangerous intersection - Avalon Parade/Old Barrenjoey Road
parking - What gets demolished next - the two primary schools (Mona Vale)
Mona Vale parking
B-line? No interchange
Overpopulation - Impact on infrastructure/roads
2/3 bedroom units in Dee Why - only one parking spot
Where do the kids go to school?
Don't need more people here until we fix the roads
More and better restaurants here in the evening (Mona Vale)
Loss of open space
Darley St Commercial Centre will be lost and local jobs
Mona Vale Road - Narrabeen to Terrey Hills
Pavements - some very uneven
Traffic/congestion
Pedestrian safety
Parking for bus stop (B-line)
Trailers and boats parked on streets X 2
Don't forget Bilgola Plateau needs buses
Stop people riding bikes on footpaths at Woolies in Avalon - someone got knocked over
Better surface at Avalon playground (Dunbar Park)
Maintain Mona Vale TC - as is - not Manly
We only have one exit road therefore high density is unacceptable
Pittwater DA process is currently very slow - short staffed right now
High rise in Mona Vale



Upgrade park at Avalon Beach
Need bike tracks - from North Avalon soccer to village and to everywhere
Concerns on 6 storeys in Mona Vale
Footpaths in Avalon Parade needed - both sides
Improve roads and infrastructure capacity
Fix the pedestrian crossings at down town Avalon x2
Fix footpaths through Avalon they are not suitable for wheelchairs
No high rise in Avalon
No six storey in Mona Vale
We don't need buses every 5-10 minutes
No b-line on the park at Mona Vale - leave it as village green
Infill development is low rise - we don't need high rise
No 6 storeys in Mona Vale
Flawed assumption of population government - lobby government to lower density
bigger council to advocate slower population growth on northern beaches
recognise that we vote
no high rise in Mona Vale - roads can't cope
Don't make Mona Vale into a Manly
Improved access to other parts of Sydney
Concern about impacts of infill development ie parking
Stop kids skateboarding on footpaths - elderly people could be injured
Improve sightlines at tennis court exit Careel Bay - no stopping sign needed
Excessive population growth impacts on lifestyle and all other issues
Parking near Palm Beach Kindy - no pick up/drop off - parents get booked
Query Mona Vale Place Plan - narrow roads, parking inadequate
Question need for increased density by State
We pay highest rates - make NBC live within current rates
Street sweeping along Barrenjoey Road (RMS) - this area not swept enough
Redevelop Brookie Oval
Keep Manly RLFC at Brookie
More trees
We love nature and animlas - make them safe
Ditch the railway idea
development controls on units - 2 cars per dwelling
Love new beach parking policy
Slowly high rise buildings are taking over and I am losing sky. Can't see it. Blue sky and clouds all the way
more amenities at beaches pools and WAC for all + disability

Wee need to become more multi-cultural
Timing of infrastructure development needs to align with housing growth
Dogs off leash / caring for dogs at parks
Affordable housing (lack of)
Keep golf courses for seniors exercise
Leave Warringah Golf Course alone
Not protecting the environment
Better signage at Manly Wharf required
Boats and trailers filling up my street leaving nowhere to park!
Reduce Rates
Environmental Protection
No dogs on our beaches
More frequent transport at evening/night
Infrastructure traffic
traffic congestion - sport and Military
Need more bus
Greater focus on active transport and safety
Sunday transport
Traffic and new hospital
Lots of potholes around
Park 'n' ride
Beach parking - hike on non-ratepaying resident
Keep our golf courses as green spaces
Commitment to childcare
No mobile coverage in South Curl Curl
Better family facilities @ Curl Curl Beach
Continued focus by Council on community engagement and customer service
Overdevelopment
NBN
Wot No NBN?
Fix the roads and public transport
Public transport
Beaches need to be clean
Housing affordability
Parking
Not enough efficient public transport
Development pressures

Too cold at home
More dog parks and off-leash beach
Transport issues
More free kids sports
Really slow internet
High schools for public education opportunities
Free shuttle bus services for pensioners
Improve roads and infrastructure
Really slow internet (we need NBN)
Improved public transport
Dee Why Park and ride!
No dogs on beaches
Dog beach swimming please
Any improvement in public transport
Communicate with community groups
Maintenance for Manly Pantry / public toilet building eg rust
Keep beaches dog free
Fix flooding kerb on North Steyne between Pacific and Pine Streets
Keep the Manly Jazz festival
More investment in top quality acts at Jazz Festival
Longer running public transport - early mornings / late night / weekends
More advertising for local events - like Manly Jazz in Manly Daily
Sort out roads and accommodation for North Shore Hospital
Revamp the public toilets in Manly and supply more
Leave golf courses alone
More 15 minute time limited parking spaces in Manly so locals can drop in and out easily
More festivals ie Curly Soundwave - why did it stop?
Sign to prevent people cycling on Marine Parade on weekends
Trains to Palm Beach
Reinstate communication lines with precincts
Revitalise the Corso / market lane - very grotty at the moment
More services for people with disabilities - all
Public transport needs improving - it can take more than 1 hour to city from Seaforth
Community centre and performing arts in Dee Why
Lots of litter - it's a shame
Want NBN
Maintain beaches / lagoons - ecology

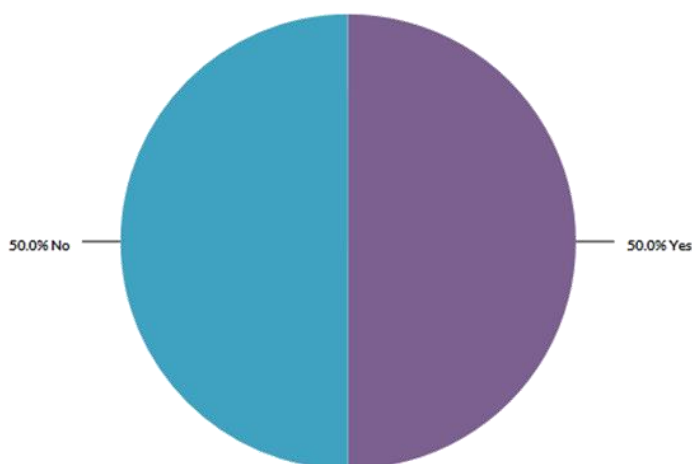
Prefer regular clean up date rather than bookable pick up
Traffic
No more development - high rise
Love the one beach parking permit
Affordable' Housing - young families - smaller lot sizes
No high rise in Mona Vale like in Dee Why
Bigger supply of affordable housing
Childcare should not be a Council priority
Council should stay focussed on rubbish rates roads and beaches
Use Council as a central port of call for water / electricity etc instead of "that's not us - call someone else"
Underground train line across the northern beaches
more local jobs
Don't waste money and overdevelop eg Manly Pool
Connect up bike routes
Shop top housing - there should be more of it for people
No more clubs and cafes
More town planners improve transport
A transport access vision - short, medium and long term ASAP
Too many franchises. Want independent cafes and restaurants
Congestion on Spit Road / bridge and Warringah Road near hospital
Incorporating clever and artistic and tasteful design

### Attachment 3 – Online Survey Results

1. Which suburb do you live in?

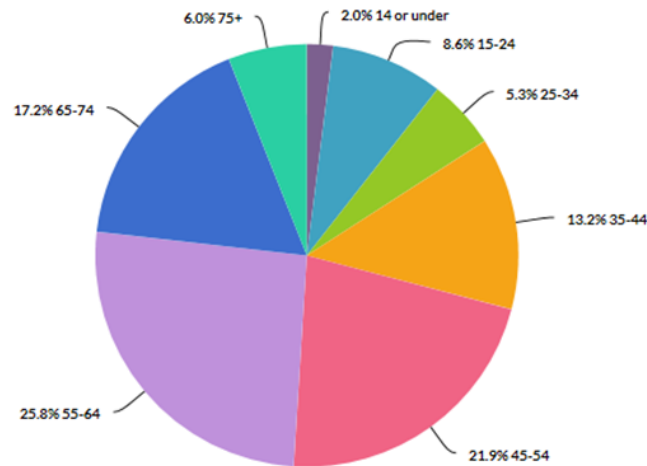


2. Do you work on the Northern Beaches?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	50.0%	76
No	50.0%	76
Total		152

3. What is your age?



Value	Percent	Count
14 or under	2.0%	3
15-24	8.6%	13
25-34	5.3%	8
35-44	13.2%	20
45-54	21.9%	33
55-64	25.8%	39
65-74	17.2%	26
75+	6.0%	9
Total		151

**4. Picture the Northern Beaches in ten years time. What would it look like? How would it feel? What would you like to pass on to the next generation? Briefly describe your vision for the future Northern Beaches.**

Maintain balance of bushland, beach and development. Sustainable growth and increasing business and employment opportunities.

World class public transport infrastructure, preserved natural bush land, well maintained beautiful beaches.

Trees, better protection for trees, rigorous council control of private DAs and severe penalties for companies who transgress these rules. Do not destroy the incredible beauty we have! No traffic congestion, no high rise developments, better quality and more sporting ovals and centres.

Lots of options for activities in quality facilities. Not take 30min to drive 5km to work! Waterslides etc at the Aquatic Centre.

If i could pass on one thing to the next generation it is the open spaces that make up our neighbourhood. The ability to do long bush walks and to have nature visit your doorstep. We cant loose this.

A place with great public transport at all times of the day & weekends. Where no one is too far from a bus stop that operates all the

time. Where there are enough sports grounds & open spaces for all. Where beaches are clean & well patrolled. Where there is a vibrant cafe & local store just around the corner. Where activities are available for high school kids in the school holidays. Where old people can meet & have fun & keep active.
Economically and socially vibrant and very family friendly 'city of villages' Better transport and other infrastructure, more jobs and businesses, carefully planned increase in medium density dwellings in the center of 'villages' to create some critical mass and 'centres of gravity'
A vibrant, caring community thriving in a unique beach and bush environment, supporting a balance of lifestyle, business and recreation
Safe, ample parking and affordable housing All necessary amenities easily accessible
A well run and efficient region that focuses on supporting modern lifestyles, is open and welcoming to all cultures and creates a special place for people to live.
Relaxed, community and especially the council connected and engaged. Focus on family and sustainable, reliable transport.
A progressive place that embraces its regional connections to Sydney while maintaining strong neighbourhoods.
We'd hope that all the many trees cut down and uprooted during the new Hospital and roads update would have been replanted. It is a Forest ! An underground train would be running to the beach.
An inclusive Northern Beaches whereby everyone feels connected, welcome and safe. Where the environment is valued and protected. Plenty of opportunities to play and relax - free to use. Good local transport. Opportunities for everyone to relax, keep healthy. More local playgrounds with free gym equipment like the Gold Coast.
Continued protection of our national parks, native wild life and fauna. Implementation of Marine Parks, with a network of Marine Sanctuaries in areas identified by scientific studies & surveys.
Well connected to other parts of Sydney by rapid transport systems. The ecology of the bush and beaches to be used as a driver of employment. Hubs such as Dee Why and Brookvale should provide employment for locals on a large scale.
accessibility and immediacy to the CBD and other prominent precincts across Metropolitan Sydney. Not being excluded or deprived of inclusion into improving Sydney through infrastructure transport etc.
A relaxed, modern, clean area with good infrastructure which supports not frustrates the population, not overbuilt, encourages active travel and recreation. A social environment which supports grass-roots community involvement welcoming social diversity and creating cohesion.
I would love to see a vibrant art and music culture with spaces for small and medium performances integrated into existing community centres.
Open space to be able to enjoy our sport, golf for many of our people and women as equals
The Northern Beaches would be a place with low density housing. Plenty of open space within vibrant, diverse communities. It would be a safe place with community events to engage adolescents. The beaches & waterways would be well managed and pollution free. There would be access to community health services for all ages. Retail outlets would be diverse & adequate without global brands (read American fast food) present and without additional vast malls being constructed.
The 'jewel' of Sydney
Oercrowded, over priced & not enough services to cater for the increasing development in places such as Ingleside.....Ideally we should retain areas for agriculture, such as Warriewood valley & stop continuing to bow to developers' wishes, especially when they are given special permission to build 4 stories in areas zoned for 3.
Not densely populated. Few units or high rises in my suburb of Belrose keeping house blocks and not overpopulating the area. The northern beaches are great as we are not packed in like sardines like some suburbs. I fear that with the new hospital council will start allowing high and medium density housing which will change our beautiful areas and the space we have now
A place where people can live, work and play in both the built and natural environment. Infrastructure which enables this to happen.
It would have a mixture of dwellings, from low-rise unit blocks to detached houses for larger families. In particular, it would have more housing areas where up to 60 smaller homes share a swimming pool and other leisure facilities, such as the townhouse complexes in Macpherson Street, Warriewood. It would more areas for off-leash dog walking, including a few areas on the vast ocean beaches, so that people could keep fit by walking their dogs and families could enjoy leisure time together. It would also have fewer traffic lights and more roundabouts so that traffic flowed more easily.
Clean - no litter/rubbish dumping/graffiti. Green - plenty of open public spaces / nature reserves/ street plantings. Harmonious - multi cultural acceptance. Pro active - all development proposals should include infrastructure plan / remove above ground power poles. Transport and traffic - needs huge improvement. Maybe introduce residential traffic only zones?



Strong sense of community and support for both the arts and sport for all. Maintaining green space, particularly parks and beach area. Significantly improved public transport options and push to move cars from the city commute. Improved safety for the community. Increased focus on supporting local business.. no more large franchises across the northern beaches and manly.. ie Starbuck, KFC.
The Northern Beaches Region I hope will be a very easy place for all people to commute in for anyone either living, working or visiting. A very unique place that offers much for all concerned in either living in the area, working in the area or visiting the area. A very harmonious escape from the hectic city of Sydney but an area that offers work as well as play.
Better public transport. More bike paths. Better environmental management. Less plastic. More recycling More fun. Lively laneways. A cinema in Manly.
Fewer private cars dominating the roads. More public transport. Many more bicycles and facilities for cyclists including touring cyclists - from Manly to Palm Beach to link the Harbour with the Hawkesbury. More native trees and shrubs in streets and gardens, and in public areas. Retain the sense of community, the beach lifestyle, the casual, clean, bush and beach features. Keep the built environment north of the Bilgola Bends low scale and dominated by vegetation.
Vastly improved public transport system. Vastly improved roadways to underpin improved public transport. Meaningful planning for the introduction of a light rail system linked to existing rail systems on the north shore. Proper checks and balances and real public consultation in place to guard against a flood of high density residential development.
Safety and housing
A Lower population, as we are growing to big and the roads are a nightmare.
Vibrant and lively communities, access to pristine and clean beaches and national parks, a variety of nighttime activities for all ages in main centers that don't revolve around drinking - drinking can still exist but a mixture ensures everyone feels welcome and safe eg outdoor cinema/concerts/festivals/art exhibitions, cafés open late, markets, bookshops and other retail. High street shopping in addition to centers such as Westfield. access to fresh food markets and local alternatives to Woolworths and Coles. Sustainable and effective transport links - light rail from Manly to Palm Beach - able to be used late into the night to prevent drink driving.
A nice place to live with social sporting and shopping venues and clean beach environments
The Northern Beaches is unique and they don't call it "God's Country" for nothing! We are so blessed with natural beauty, immense waterways, bushland and wildlife. Open space and greenery is regarded as the lungs of a city. Here on the Northern Beaches, we have this in abundance and it's our biggest asset. However, mass bulldozer clearing of trees, for a cheaper fix, as opposed to sympathetic culling; is slaughtering our bushland and the precious wildlife; whose home it was, long before man took over. We need to learn to live in harmony with the land. Another example of this stupidity, is the proposed destruction of the trees on Howard Avenue, Dee Why for a bicycle path. For God's sake, wake up and join the real world. Howard Avenue is hardly a four lane highway. Today's society has been "dumbed down" and people are so spoon fed: it's about time they started taking responsibility for themselves and whether bicycle or motor vehicle...obey the road rules! They are there for everyone. Progress is a natural occurrence; Mass destruction, in the name of a build is only devastation and loss forever.
A community that accepts and embraces multiculturalism, state of the art infrastructure, modern shopping centres and entertainment areas. A safe environment for all to live. Our beautiful beaches and waterways are a major component of future planning.
The Northern Beaches should still have a similar lifestyle feeling as currently. We should endeavour to keep and maintain our Nationalparks and beautiful landscape. It's important to also keep or even create new marine sanctuaries in the northern beaches. We so much development going on we should take care of not destroying our beautiful landscape such as rocks, trees etc. just in order to build new houses/developments. Waste management and recycling should be an important topic for the future and also water and energy supply. Public transport could be improved for those not working on the Northern Beaches or in the city. Overall, the very active and healthy lifestyle at the northern beaches should still be the same.
a Northern Beaches connected by public transport, separated bicycle paths and pedestrian pathways. Less reliance on cars and less on-road parking for private vehicles so that cycle paths can be constructed. Car share schemes should be encouraged by Council in many suburbs. More entertainment venues (cinemas, small bars, live music) in suburbs like Dee Why, Brookvale and Mona Vale. Increased street tree maintenance budget/management and planting & better protection of healthy, significant trees on development sites. Medium density housing (not units) such as townhouses with courtyards so that people can have outdoor living space and clothes drying areas. Improved recycling education & monitoring in unit block areas. Council clean ups should be conducted by a phone in service fortnightly so that our suburbs are not turned into rubbish dumps every few months.
Better transport
More Affordable Housing, More Parks, Improve Public Transport More Money Infrascure.
My vision is to retain Warringah Golf Club in its present condition 18 holes of golf not 9 holes of golf. We have such a huge age bracket that we cater for. Other sports do not cater for all ages. Please retain Warringah Golf Club
I would like a cleaner coastline with more parking.
I love the northern beaches but I still feel that public transport is lacking here. Damn shame that the trams were taken out all those years ago. I would like to see the reintroduction on the tram service from Sydney City to Narrabeen and beyond. The "VFT" is an absolute must to link Melbourne Sydney (Canberra of course) and Newcastle via northern beaches. Finally, please , please, please resurface

Pittwater Road!!
I want to be able to do all my interactions with Council digitally. Technology is disrupting everything it will also Reach how government interacts with citizens.
A more sustainable region than it is currently. Far less private car-reliant region with a world class solution to our transport woes. I would like the major town centre of Dee Why improve its public amenity, particularly its public space to meet, greet, celebrate (just like this space we are currently in 'The Corso'. Dee Why Town Centre needs an enormous amount of improvement done to it! A Performing Arts Centre along with an accessible library/Community Facility would certainly be appreciated.
Save the heritage of the area. buildings etc. plant more trees. keep golf courses
Please keep Manly and beaches as low (not surfers paradise qld) housing. Plus do not let large chain shops / restaurants to set up. Keep the area as a beachside, niche shops etc.
- A place where the natural environment is a priority in all decisions - Where people can travel sustainably safely _ A place where community are involved and connected - A place where all ages can afford to live and work
Green trees Beautiful beaches (clean, pollution free)
Natural spaces Family spaces Dog-friendly beaches and spaces Historical education Preservation Environmental Awareness
Clean beaches A place for families
access to beaches and other natural settings. cycleways etc. more support of the arts and incorporation of quality design, always!
Pretty much the same as it is now
Not polluted, full of life and energy
Clean Sustainable Youth-friendly
lots of live music
Mostly same as it is More live music
clean (environmentally) lots of events - youth and older welcoming / friendly holiday activities / functions
None
Better infrastructure, especially public transport
Same relaxed village feel, limited development except in commercial centers / small amount around the hospital. Maintain open spaces
Keep the northern beaches the northern beaches. Get some buses and stop lying to the people that traffic/parking is going to be ok. Its not. Admit it. If building up then give some space back to the community. Why do strategic planners and politicians decide the future of the northern beaches. Get the young involved as there vision is very much different to those making the current decisions. Then, you wouldn't have to ask the most demeaning question, "what to pass on to the next generation?"
The lifestyle choice for Sydney residence. Retained and maintained natural environment, lack of pollution, A great and healthy place to raise children. Young families relocating here from inner suburbs for the lifestyle and bringing business opportunities with them. Improved public transport has reduced the pressure to expand the raods system. A reputation for great education opportunities both within the region and easilly accessed (Sydney Uni's).
Smaller caring councils who care about the environment, who find ways to provide clean energy and encourage people to live a life helping others, especially those who come to our country asking for our help.
Green, not overpopulated, houses on decent size blocks, good bus transport, no more high-rise, clean beaches, village feel.
To stay the beautiful way that it is currently especially Manly Vale. Manly Vale has a beautiful Golf Course maintained and used to a high level. Around the Golf course are a number of parks/playing fields very under used even with expensive lighting. Please turn the under used areas into playing fields instead of the white elephants they are currently. Nothing has changed with the merger of councils that needs to take away our amenities. Certainly a administrator should not be able to be making such major decisions to destroy our amenities that are so important and part of the great place Manly Vale is to live.
I would like to see the removal of all traffic lights from the northern beaches road network. Roundabouts facilitate the free flow of traffic. Yes, the redesign of a lot of intersections and 'bottlenecks' is necessary. Some roads will need to be made one-way. One of the major problems this region suffers is the lack of trains - extend the rail line from Chatswood to Brookvale. I realise that in ten years time, most cars will be self-driving, but the issue of traffic congestion will still exist unless the road network is improved.
Great Roads, Transport, Hospitals, Parks & Amenities

More cafes on beach Wider footpaths and more pedestrian precincts Wine bars Less industrial areas close to beach Better library with longer opening hours Maintain close community -- careful not to let air BnB takeover entire precincts Better education Much much better bus service
A community that provides more job opportunities with improved public transport system that favours a growing population. Council and state government need to review development application costs to assist affordable housing, with local councils being efficient with rate payers revenue.
1. Viable village centre/hubs in most suburbs. The major aspect that in my opinion has been missed is the planning of village centres/hubs under Community Connectedness. Some suburbs do have to some degree a village centre or hub. Look at Manly, Avalon and Mona Vale (to a lesser degree). But except for Manly there is always a road through the middle of the centre/hub. Our vision should be to create in all suburbs a centre/hub, where residents can walk to where there are restaurants, community buildings such as libraries, commercial premises and residential buildings. This would create a real community feel not only during the day but also in the evening. A prime opportunity presents itself to create such a hub around the new NB Hospital (I know the library is now being built in Belrose). This sounds simplistic, but this is not the place to go into details. It is the intent and feasibility (it is feasible) that counts. 2. A Northern Beach Council area where there is a thriving commercial environment with compatible businesses. Providing a commercially sustainable area, which comprises businesses in Technology, IT, Education (can we have a University Hub from one of the major Universities in the Northern Beaches?) and Smart Office Hubs. That is businesses that are compatible with a residential and tourist area. 3. Provide affordable housing for a mix of residents, using new ideas on how to achieve that. Providing affordable housing for everyone is vitally important. Why not look at getting Banks, Insurance Companies and Superfunds to invest in building affordable housing (apartments). This would also allow for security in renting as it would not be in the interest of the owner to change tenants frequently (long term tenure). 4. Reduce the need for coal driven energy, establish sustainable building guide lines and plan for reducing the discharge of waste and stormwater. 5. I would like to see a Council with a more direct democratic involvement of the public, where special interests in the decision making can be eliminated to a large degree. A challenge for any council is to involve the public in the decision making in a meaningful way and re-establish trust in the political system. The public should have a say in all aspects of governance, such as projects, issues and even Council budgets. One way of doing this is to involve the New Democracy Foundation. To this effect I have been in contact with the previous Council.
Clean & tidy streets.
I envision the future of the Northern Beaches as a continually growing community with a great identity - more diverse in business opportunities and recreational talent. Improvements in health - new hospital will be very successful
An environment that flourishes, a community that is connected and a safe and happy Northern Beaches for everyone.
I hope that the Northern Beaches can remain in the same way and not have too many high-rise buildings and we can enjoy our beach culture and the environment.
A cleaner beaches - putting more effort into reducing rubbish in beaches and dunes. Better facilities, (parks, school facilities) Increased knowledge of cultures Better road service
To look after all sports grounds eg. ovals, basketball courts, downhill tracks, skate parks.
Beautiful beaches Safe environment Diversity in cultures Things to do
An open and friendly community that is accepting of all people from all ages and cultures. A hub of culture and entertainment that is easily accessible. A community that has a focus on mental health.
I would like to see that the natural areas had been preserved and protected for the benefit of people and Wildlife. I would like to see improvements to sustainable transport (bike lanes, and 24hour bus lanes) and improvements to traffic flow up and down the peninsula - less traffic lights more roundabouts!
Housing - similar housing densities in existing suburbs to current level - no high rise beyond Dee Why. More focus on safe and efficient cycleways to connect all suburbs and give people a safe opportunity to cycle to the city.
To conserve the flora and fauna of this area. Conservation of natural habitat, protecting the native trees from being cut down. We look to council to be a strict enforcer of environmental standards.
The Northern Beaches will look a lot different. i expect there will be far more apartment developments and more traffic congestion. My vision for the future of the Northern Beaches would be to see better public transport servicing the area and maintenance of our green spaces and beaches. I am not opposed to apartment developments (people need somewhere to live) as long as the resources are in place to support those people. At the moment I don't believe they are and it will only get worse.
Much the same, no high rise development outside of Dee Why and around the New Hospital site in French's Forrest.
A truly inclusive community that values diversity and where all community members regardless of income can access high quality housing, facilities, services, spaces and events, and can participate and contribute meaningfully. A place where the natural environment flourishes and innovative technologies and solutions are supported to ensure future sustainability.
Protect the sensitive areas of pittwater and low density , low rise garden suburbs of the northern beaches, especially from Newport to Palm beach that make it an attractive place to live. Protect green spaces and green belts like the wakehurst parkway which provides



important relief from the significant expansion of suburban strips.
Pay as much attention as possible to our environment and look after it, good recreational facilities are important to sustain a growing community - ie Parklands, Narrabeen Lake, Manly Dam, Manly Creek, Bush/Forest areas, Beaches and Headlands....keep new developments to industrial areas like Brookvale....keep other suburbs as is or they will lose their character (ie Dee Why is fast becoming overdeveloped)
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Culturally safe environment.
If the Govt and the Greater Sydney Commission has anything to do with it, a lot more houses (high rise - 6 stories). But has to be done with a high level of Urban Design, good residential design and a high level of Sustainability (Ingleside to be the model) That's an Objective - not the Vision. The Vision has to come from research with the community
The traffic congestion is fixed, public transport improved. Surf Clubs opened up for business like in QLD. Vibrant villages - not masses of apartments but a mix of housing types. Community hubs developed in leafy less accessible suburbs like Cromer, Davidson, Killarney with accessible transport links eg Cromer to Dee Why Beach or Manly direct. More regular community events and festivals - where people can walk to village square, enjoy outdoor dining, watch live music, visit a god truck or market. Check out Peregrine Beach in QLD. A Northern Beaches University or easy transport access to unis for our youth. No overcrowding - retention of leafy environment and sensible planning policies that respect the fact that our area is an area of beauty and its size is restricted by land form, the ocean and national parks,
A modern city environment that is connected to the bush and the natural environment. A leader in environmental sustainability, including plastic free, litter-free, renewable, solar initiatives. A place where young people can work and commute swiftly to the city.
A clean and friendly place where the locals are just as important to the local Council as the tourists and sporting organisation \$.
More securely fenced off leash dog parks than you or beach access like any time you leave Sydney
Open spaces for recreation. Free flowing roads with available parking. Trees, beaches left in their natural state and not overly sculptured.
Protect our way of life (safe and multicultural place) and the natural environment; promote activities/events for kids and youth; promote better public transport; increase employment opportunities in the area
A leader in sustainability: the first area in Sydney to be carbon neutral, green energy, all restaurants and cafes to source all their ingredients sustainably.
small towns and villages, beaches and trees to continue to offer a leafy unique environment in this beautiful part of the world so that residents, visitors both local and overseas can enjoy....no high rise jungle
No high rise above the 3 levels + basement car parking. No rail system blackening the train corridor or environment. A clean residential environment.
My vision is for: 1. A community that is meeting and seen to be meeting the IPCC target of reducing our greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030. 2. A Council that proactively ensures that our greenhouse gas emissions abatement plan is implemented in the planned stages and secures adequate community support. A stable population with no pressure to further development 3. A stable community with no ongoing disruptive infrastructure works 4. A community where there is no further destruction of our bushland. 5. A much improved public transport network both to the City and to the west (no further infrastructure is needed if we use modern electric buses)
I would like to see a large group of sporting fields on Wakehurst Parkway between Seaforth and Frenchs Forest probably on the Western side of the road - taking the load off the sporting fields of Millers, Nolans & David Thomas. I would like to see a bike track around the outside of these fields. We could leave the Warringah golf course as a full 18 hole golf course. (I have no interest golf and am not a member not play regularly). Weekends sports lead to high congestion around the Brookvale area and a group of playing fields on Wakehurst parkway with a sufficient parking area would relieve the traffic congestion.
I would like to pass on a community that's taken a holistic approach to balancing what's best about the Beaches with what will be necessary by way of infrastructure, housing, work opportunities and open space to accommodate population growth. I see this happening through well developed and thought out precincts linked by effective transport. This could start with the precinct around the new hospital which should be so well thought through and developed with employment, affordable housing, recreation and areas to socialise as to lead the way for other areas.
We need to protect the existing flora to help our fauna. Native endemic trees are being sawn down too easily. Trees cool & add character to urban scapes & recreational areas. I look at several areas of Pittwater which have turned into concrete jungles: Prince Alfred Parade between The RMYC & Florence Park is carnage. Most of Florida Rd Palm Beach has been massacred too. The State fire laws need to be changed for this urban area or we will end up with a whole lot of exotic palms & grasses no native birds just cuckoos. I love the northern beaches, it should stay as a leafy suburbia. Thank you

Like it still to be bushy, relax style of living, more sporting facilities such as new grounds been opened as you rezone areas to build in that you should put in open spaces and facilities such as new sporting grounds, libraries etc.
A Northern Beaches region that has easy access to the rest of Sydney by road, making it well connected socially and economically, while still being protected a little from too much population due to the absence of rail services. Efficient Express Bus transport for major travel hubs such as Mona Vale, Narrabeen, Dee Why, Brookvale, Frenchs Forest, Manly and Manly Vale to city, North Sydney, and Chatswood (to support the wider bus transport network). High density housing, employment, entertainment, shopping and leisure/community support services to be located around these major travel hubs proportionately. The growth in population and the need for road travel in and out of the Northern Beaches, together with the need to get through traffic off the Spit Bridge/Spit/Military Rds, and Warringah Rd can be achieved by the construction of a Northern Beaches Tunnel between the Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and the Warringah Freeway at Cammeray - 2 lanes each way with to/from access to city and Gore Hill Freeway (Express Bus Services can also use this tunnel for access to CBD, North Sydney, and St. Leonards and beyond). A Northern Beaches that has access to comprehensive Health and Education providers and many different living, working, entertainment, shopping and leisure options. A Northern Beaches that supports many different residential property types depending on your lifestyle eg from 1 bed units to acreage at Terrey Hills. The availability of freestanding house type properties with backyards maintains the more open space and leafy living environment in most areas.
Inclusive. More cohesive. A lot of community events which connect people. Education about our area in regards to needs (educate on need for aged care with an ageing population, volunteering, disability access and inclusion, multicultural events etc. Using hubs like Manly, Dee Why, Narrabeen, Mona Vale to create Friday evening and weekend events for the community. Working with community services supports to ensure isolated people such as the aged, those with a disability and those that English is a second language.
Similar to what it currently is, although more pedestrian and bike friendly. I would like to see better mass transit. I think it is a good balance now in terms of green space, amenity and buildings so to slow growth down is a positive in my view
I see an area where residents matter more than tourists... Where resident needs matter more than resident wants... Where offshore residents aren't constantly fighting for the basic right to be able to get home, in lieu of tourists and other residents desire to have emptier streets. I see a Council that you do not have to explain any of this to... that can count, and can independently recognise the severe shortage of parking for the offshore community, without it having to be repeatedly pointed out. That recognises that residents should come before tourists. That recognises that it's more important for people to be able to get home, then for the surf life saving club to be new and shiny. That looks after all it's resident needs equally... particularly in the provision of basic utilities such as water and roads.
The policies reflect the local policy maker's understanding of their pivotal role and responsibility for the physical and mental health of the members of their community. That is, public and private development and infrastructure which offers balanced provision for organized sporting facilities and individual daily exercise by maintaining sporting facilities and more importantly, by providing abundant and accessible safe walking environments for all ages and addressing such groups as dog walkers, who need such environments every day, twice a day. Local policy maker's who are not limited by the entrenched status quo but who consider their role in addressing the obesity epidemic and the aging population.
More walking tracks. Something like the Bondi to Bronte walk commencing at Palmy
Access to parks, sport fields and beaches for all residents, which are kept to a standard that does not result in injury.access to swimming pools, which are not expensive and prevent access through cost. Places for young people to seek help, drop in centres available for those in need.
The same great natural environment. Local centres of commerce and employment to enable travel time to work to be reduced. Fewer motor vehicles. Improved public transport.
My vision for the northern beaches is an area focussed on the natural environment and ensuring sustainability of this. Development would be kept to a minimum, and high rise developments (greater than 3 storeys) wouldn't occur north of Dee Why. The suburb centres should maintain a village feel, somewhere that is easy to 'pop down' to, find a park, and do a quick bit of shopping or have a coffee with friends. Walkways, cycle paths and recreation/sport facilities would be in abundance, enabling the community to maintain a healthy outdoor lifestyle.
More active and pedestrianized communities, with less dependence on cars, centred around numerous local and vibrant shopping/community precincts which are easily accessible on foot, and providing opportunities for diverse small businesses to operate.
A united community that's easily accessible via public transport, a community that's culturally and environmentally rich and abundant.
The bush and the coastal area are so important to the residents of this area that it would be incredibly shortsighted to allow developers access. I also have the vision that the Northern Beaches will be well served culturally and artistically. More exhibition spaces and opportunities for cultural groups and artists, more beautiful buildings and parks and a much improved public transport system. Bring in Hong Kongor Singapore to build us an underground Metro.
An open, tolerant and diverse community which respects the outstanding natural environment at its core. This means embracing policies which respect climate change. And policies not driven by the vested interests of private developers, car users and gaming community etc.
More accessible and connected to other parts of the city Train line and better transport infrastructure
Bushland and Beaches well cared for permitting re-creation for people in ways that do not damage the environment. All natural bushland permanently protected and well maintained. Recreational use of bushland controlled and managed with adverse impacts

triggering a response that would mitigate against that impact. Bush regeneration projects operating in all patches of bushland that need intervention.
I would like to see more permanent and temporary open air art on the northern beaches
To maintain the natural environment for locals and visitors to enjoy and appreciate. To provide a good amenity for residents in all aspects of development
Well served with public transport (light rail); far higher density of living; sea going transport connections; light rail connection through to Macquarie Park
Improvement of current buildings in Bungan Street but not to 6 storey type buildings. A maximum of 3 storeys through the Mona Vale area.
no high-rise buildings. Few apartments---retain houses with space around them. Increase parks, ovals, general recreation areas. Fix the antiquated Spit Bridge. Retain the village atmosphere, holiday 'feel'
For the northern beaches to remain a vibrant community where the forest reaches the beaches. Felling of trees and destruction of bushland from the pressure of ever increasing development is leaving many areas of northern beaches bushland fragmented with no wildlife corridor. the destruction of the bushland to make way for the new hospital has been done with little consideration for the complete loss of wildlife corridor to Manly Dam. Development is inevitable however we do not want to see Northern Beaches become a high rise ghetto like the projects and slums of American cities. Most people other than developers do not support high rise mass density. Maximum of 3 stories would be tolerable. developers increasing the height under the guise of providing affordable housing is a scam. We would like to pass on trees and bushland to a community and planet which can withstand the ravages of climate change
Retention, protection and enhancement of all native bushland, trees, creeks, lagoons, flora and fauna, riparian zones and water quality. Special permanent protection for national parks and endangered species. Reduced population density and pressures. Reduced traffic congestion, better public transport facilities and coverage. Public transport to within 400m or less of all residences, shops, businesses, etc. Improved parking opportunities. Less concrete and other hard surfaces and more green public open space. Less development in floodways and in the coastal hazard zones. Shopping areas away from main roads Less late night alcohol venues and earlier closing times. Provision for a right to sunlight.
Very much as it is now. The balance of bush and water is very very important. So is the protection of the prevailing type of housing. The current suggestion of 6 storey development in Mona Vale is a perfect example of what I do not want at this end of the peninsula. Also, like many of my friends I am terrified of the current push to develop and change this whole area and we are all exhausted by the constant need to write submissions and letters to members of Parliament when our requests and points of view are routinely ignored. We just want to get back to living our lives without all the time fighting for what we have enjoyed for so long.
Protect and enhance the health and variety of our wildlife, Native trees and Native vegetation, protect our water catchments, creeks and riparian zones and ensure healthy soils are maintained. Ensure no return to broadscale land clearing by retaining bushland areas. Identify and rule out clearing bushland that is critical as habitat for threatened wildlife. Rule out offset schemes that allow developers to destroy wildlife habitat in exchange for cash or dissimilar types of habitat. use tree-clearing controls to maximize the amount of carbon pollution captured and retained by native bushland. Require comprehensive and accurate mapping of the Northern Beaches area's vegetation communities so we know exactly where they are and can protect them properly. environmentally sensitive areas should be off limits to development and land clearing activities. The principles of ecologically sustainable development are well known, and include: the precautionary principle inter-generational equity conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity, improved valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms these must be the highest priority when developing the Community Strategic Plan.
If population must increase, housing to be built on land already degraded by human activity, multi storey if necessary. Humans need nature around them.
No more than present level of building development, natural environment dominates built environment, bushland and other remnant native vegetation actively conserved, community values our natural environment, village type centres for shopping and community activities. The lungs of Sydney.
The quality of life in this area is based on a balanced environment with native bushland areas, open spaces, recreation, work, education. Any changes Mesut maintain the natural environment based on existing and further detailed studies and improve the built environment based on social planning together with transport traffic open space and infrastructure to provide our environmental living for future generations
My vision is to protect the natural areas of the Northern Beaches for future generations. This includes bushland, waterways, rock outcrops and natural landscape. Also to achieve a more ecologically sustainable lifestyle, protect non-urban land and reduce dependence on non-renewable resources.
Preservation of all remaining bushland.
a very leafy area with lots of bushland corridors remaining. Minimum high rise, good sporting facilities and better public transport systems i.e. Bus lanes.
A place with many things to do for all ages, be it around the beaches or up in the rural areas and bushland, where there is a lot of respect for one another across all ages, the vista is pleasing with minimal high rise in only one or two pockets, maybe a bit more tolerance for 5 story apartments more widely than now provided there is a block of land with trees in between each building. That is,



there is an emphasis on a green looking northern beaches, and ecological aspects are truly maintained (not just as tokenism).
A sustainable collection of villages controlling their own environment supported by a efficient central organisation supplying services and looking after the Northern Beaches response to bigger regional issues
I would like it to have no more dense development than right now. no development over 3 storeys. no increase in population which simply reduces the quality of life for all. all remaining bushland well-cared for to enable maximum habitat for native fauna. Preserving biodiversity of native plants and animals to be a top priority as we are so lucky to have them.
I would like to see a Northern Beaches which is well on the way to transitioning to renewable energy. Public transport runs on renewable energy and there are a number of hubs from which mini-buses radiate to serve most areas and private vehicles are not necessary. Like many parts of the world the population has been stabilised and is trending downwards as it has finally been realised that sustainability is not possible with infinite growth. There is a high priority placed on protecting, rehabilitating and extending natural areas. The 'throwaway society' has also been consigned to the dustbin of history; the mantra in 2026 is sustainability or perish.
The Northern Beaches needs to preserve the small amount of bushland that is left and protect permanently from further degradation. Bushland and particularly pristine bushland should be provided the highest value and as pressure increases for housing and infrastructure our wild areas be preserved above all. Northern Beaches lacks indoor performance spaces and venues for music, dance and drama. There needs to be more halls and theatres and fewer playing fields and golf courses and a higher priority places on cultural values for the Northern Beaches.
The natural environment is the major defining feature of the Northern Beaches. I envision a beautiful, open environment, with all the current areas of Bushland, open spaces and beaches maintained in their natural state. The council must also put the care and well being of it's residents foremost. The residents should come from diverse socio economic and cultural backgrounds and cover the whole spectrum of ages. Housing development must cater for this with provision for all housing types, aged care facilities, a maternity hospital and hostels/housing for refugees and rehabilitation. However all development must be kept to a maximum of 3 stories and there should be no development on our escarpments to prevent the visual intrusion of developed areas on the environment. Bush Corridors must be established to help maintain our Biodiversity. Create bike lanes and good public transport to help control traffic density.
A community minded area with great beaches and natural resources
I close my eyes and pray for the Northern Beaches in 2116 a vision of - clean, safe beaches, -clean lakes & waterways, -improved public transport -tree & native landscaping around industrial sites, -safe, bush corridors for our local wildlife and -roads, parking & power poles increasingly constructed under ground.
retain semi rural setting and environment for Duffys Forest and existing rural parts of Terrey Hills, ensure the village environment is retained for Terrey Hills, promote an empathetic council staff for planning, promote facilities at beaches enhance horse riding opportunities and planning decisions to facilitate this objective



5. Think about the Northern Beaches REGION - what do you value most about living, working or visiting here?

	How important is this to you (Five stars = very important)
Arts & cultural scene	★★★★☆ Count: 139 Not Applicable: 0
Cultural identity and belonging	★★★★☆ Count: 143 Not Applicable: 0
Places to shop and socialise	★★★★☆ Count: 144 Not Applicable: 0
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Beaches and coastal environment	★★★★★ Count: 147 Not Applicable: 0
Parks, playgrounds and public open space	★★★★☆ Count: 145 Not Applicable: 0
Bushland and national parks	★★★★★ Count: 147 Not Applicable: 0

6. Think about where you like to spend time on the Northern Beaches - what do you value most about the LOCAL AREA?

	How important is this to you? (Five stars = very important)
Arts & cultural scene	★★★★☆ Count: 134 Not Applicable: 0
Cultural identity and belonging	★★★★☆ Count: 135 Not Applicable: 0
Places to shop and socialise	★★★★☆ Count: 135 Not Applicable: 0
Night-life and entertainment	★★★★☆ Count: 128 Not Applicable: 0
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**7. In the last five years, what improvements have you noticed on the Northern Beaches? Please provide examples.**

Activities for youth, community activities. Infrastructure. Glen Street shops, improved theatre and now new library. Community consultation. New hospital construction and roadworks are painful now but will be good.
New hospital. Dee Why centre revamp. Manly centre revamp.
After 5 years Glenrose shops have been revamped. Roads and public transport worse than ever.
shopping centre upgrades - although nightmare when all being rebuilt at same time eg. warringah Mall, Warriewood, Glenrose. Addition of 2 new courts at Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre. PCYC at Dee why to come. (Both so overdue).
Narrabeen lagoon circuit; the rebuilding of Glenrose (took forever!)
Free parking Upgrades to ovals New swimming pool
Melwood oval Glenrose precinct Various playgrounds have been upgraded Narrabeen lagoon trail
Improvements in access to natural environment and recreation eg Narrabeen Lagoon trail. Improvements in arts and cultural activities eg: Warringah Creative Space, Arts activities in Manly & Pittwater area, arts residency programs, Art in Odd Places, Increased

activation of areas to draw in local community eg: ice skating in Dee Why, festivals in Mona Vale, Fairs in Manly, more family water activities at Warringah Aquatic Centre, La Lune in Collaroy, New Years Fireworks across of 3 areas instead of just 2. Increased variety of activities in our local libraries for all age groups.eg 3D printing for kids, genealogy for older residents, author speaker events. Major sporting venue improvements eg: Melwood Oval, Cromer Park Improvement in Bike Tracks eg around Manly Dam Renovations in Child Care centres, eg: Brookvale, Belrose and Narrabeen. Improvements to all ability playgrounds eg: Collaroy which has become a favourite with kids of all ages.
Increase in "regional shopping" -Glenrose
The reopening of Glenrose shopping centre makes a big difference to the Frenchs Forest, Belrose, Davidson etc., area. The extensions to Warringah Mall will also make a difference. But they are private businesses - council allows but the work is really privately driven. In terms of council works, work seems mostly along the lines of "keep things tidy" rather than significant improvements.
more parks have been wonderful. That's is all there is no improvement to public transport or road access. There is one new community centre that really does nothing apart of hiring out expensive hall hire (Newport)
Lots of things under construction!
We can only speak for FF and apart from the Hospital and roads not much.
Melwood oval - artificial fields and surrounding areas - wonderful area heavily utilised everyday and the community are looking after - no vandalism; Narrabeen Lagoon Track - love it; local playgrounds - some improved; community centres done up; aquatic centre developments; PCYC going ahead; changes to Dee Why; Manly Pool, fence around Grahams Reserve; skate park at Mona Vale
Manly precinct has become perceived as a safe place.
Path up to Long Reef. Path around Narrabeen Lake.
Merging the 3 councils
Narrabeen Lagoon trail is a great investment. Some improvements in share path connectivity. Better frequency of fast ferry. New community gardens and upgrades in recreational facilities (outdoor gyms, skate park at Mona Vale, astroturf soccer fields). Better weed control (Wakehurst Parkway). More use of outdoor seating for cafes. New surfacing on a number of roads.
The creative space at Curl Curl is a welcome addition to cultural life. There is too much emphasis on sport for young people. That is important but there is more to life.
Transport has become easier
Ocean & Pittwater are cleaner. Household Green bins collected regularly.
Nothing
Skate park at Mona Vale
Beaches well maintained. Great new shopping area at Glenrose Village.
Beach surrounds and lifeguard services in the former Warringah Council. Freshwater and Dee Why beach environs.
Two new roundabouts on Garden Street, Warriewood, especially the one at the junction of Garden Street and Macpherson Street which enables us to turn right into Macpherson Street without waiting up to 3 minutes as previously.
I'm struggling to think of one .
None whatsoever
1. The wonderful walkways the council have organised ie Palm Beach to Manly. 2. Lots of new footpaths ie Hudson Pde. 3. Clean beaches and wonderful surrounds. 4. More parking ie. Mona Vale...Warriewood 5. Great networking committees ie CRED
More environmental awareness More action in Manly laneways. Cafes, restaurants
More cycleways, signage for cyclists, more people riding their bikes. Pittwater Council has managed its area well balancing the State Govt demands for growth and the importance of the natural environment and waterways
Playgrounds and coastal facilities have improved. The council amalgamation was a great idea.
improvements to public spaces and variety of activities eg outdoor markets
The Surf Clubs, shopping centres, Council Offices, etc., have mostly all been upgraded and or expanded. The new Swim Centre in Day St., Mona Vale is wonderful.

New hospital and planned road infrastructure around the hospital, upgrading shopping complexes, improved beach facilities, restaurants, area around Narrabeen Lakes upgrade.
Marine sanctuary shelly beach community gardens express buses
improved consultation with the residents by Council.
Improve Public Transport waiting for Bus take too long 20 or half an hour. More Infrastructure.
New hospital
The coastline
None!
Public wifi is getting better. CCTV coverage improves safety
Lack of public space in Dee Why Town Centre so we can do as per Manly and have a Jazz Festival. Lack of a transport vision all encompassing (short, medium and long term). Far too many cars!!
Clean beaches and water quality
The Boy Charlton Pool - lack of foresight for parking, lack of bike racks, only 3 showers, too noisy The tiling of the Market Place, Library areas is good.
Frenchs Forest the new hospital
None. Going backwards - taking LH GRaham Reserve away from residents and giving it to private groups - ie cricket and soccer
Nil
Filtered H2O
Cleaner beaches
More youth events Safer
Lots more tourists Lots more stuff to do (youth)
Bubblers Increased support of Manly Jazz Festival
more youth events (thumbs up) better signage safer environment
Basically none for the last 40 years.
Hospital underway Manly improved Dee why underway
Maintenance of parks/beaches.
Hospital development. Dee Why development plans. Schools growth and early childhood centres.
Some acknowledgement of the first peoples whose land this will always be. Aboriginal people lived for thousands of years and cared for this land. Dismissal of the Warringah Council, a large uncaring bureaucracy who did not listen to the views of ratepayers.
None - it has become over developed and overcrowded, the area cannot sustain the increased population without losing its inherent character, schools, roads, shopping centres are overcrowded. Even with improved infrastructure this area cannot sustain the population growth.
The progress made by the previous council after years of a bad council.
More buses
Toilets at Warriewood rocket park Marina upgrade in career bay Avalon beach sandstone steps
Bigger investment in public transport, bus lanes on Pittwater Road etc. Local schools getting better accommodation for students, Harbord Public
In the last five years there have been some improvements of the bus services from Frenchs Forest. However this bus service is privately operated. Kimbriki tip service has improved over the last five years. Generally there have been little noticeable improvements over the last five years. Some of it (quite a lot) seems to be due to the input required from the State Government. There has been an attempt to improve the community involvement in the decision making. This has been partially successful. But it has to be more removed from commercial and other interested parties.

I believe that a large incidence of mental health issues in young people has been apparent - suicide rates low self esteem devastatingly alarming - large recognition has been apparent - headspace for eg. has provided many initiatives through schools and social media to advertise it - leading the improvements in awareness.
New green garbage bin.
Due to campaigns such as Take 3 for the Sea, there has been a reduced amount of rubbish on the beaches.
Streets feel safer at night.
Parking for buses at main stops making travel easier. Introduction of more youth events and programs.
The completion of the Narrabeen Lagoon Trail. it's great!
Narrabeen lagoon trail - magnificent. Management of the lagoon - well done. Collaroy park / paths upgrade.
Pittwater Area doesnt have excessive high rise buildings, in general council has done a good job at keeping inappropriate high rise developers at bay. Great new cafes at Palm Beach, Whale Beach and Bilgola Beach.
The upgrade of the pathways around Narabeen lake and Long Reef. Both areas are ones we as a family use a lot and I think the fixing of the pathways has been great. Also, upgrade to the outdoor area of Warringah Aquatic Centre.
None that I can think of.
New indoor swimming pool but seems overpriced for those on lower incomes without concession card. Pedestrianisation of sydeny road for wed and sat farmers markets and other community events.
Newport Main road got beautified, Avalon village was also better landscaped , Some of the local surf clubs like Avalon and Palm beach were updated and renovated
better facilities in parks, recreational areas - eg completion of walkway around Narrabeen Lake
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Can only talk about Pittwater - Newport shopping area, Newport community centre, new MV carpark, upgrading of Palm Beach wharf, some roadworks maintenance
Bike paths, lakeside track, Long Reef track
Good bus services, unified parking sticker, walking trails, lagoon and water management, hazard management, good access to shopping opportunities in Stockland, Brookvale and Warriwood.
Hop skip jump. Brilliant Idea
Some road resurfacing. Fences/gates at Graham's reserve fixed
- Dee Why Town Centre - Northern Beaches Hospital - Narrabeen Lagoon Trail - PCYC - Church Point Upgrade
More diverse shops, cafes and restaurants.
slow progress with footpaths and bike riding facilities/ focus on maintaining local feel re beaches and bush/ good community input( also volunteers) into council planning and activities
Narrabeen lake walk way, suitable sized shopping options in Newport, improvements along waters edge between Bayview & Church Point, parking in Mona Vale shopping centre, improvements to Mona Vale beachfront,
Hopefully a better bus service to the city - but not sure the BRT will deliver Several Bushcare projects dealing with removal of exotic weeds Better protection of Narrabeen Lagoon catchment Pedestrian/Cycleway path around Narrabeen lagoon Foreshore improvements at Careel Bay
Merging of the councils; Warringah Road expansion; hospital around which should be created a supporting precinct including opportunities for employment, affordable housing, places to socialise and recreate.
Better roads & public pathways.
upgrades to playgrounds, lighting on sporting fields
Northern Beaches Hospital project and surrounding road improvements, maintenance of open space, beach landscapes etc
Importance of environment. Work done to Lake and Manly Dam and Collaroy Beach. The Narrabeen loop track etc.
Mona Vale is becoming more vibrant

Not very much that has impacted me. Maybe just the additional parking in Mona Vale. I had hoped the new Church Point Car Park would be an improvement to me... but unfortunately Council seems to keep deteriorating the position to the offshore community... with the new car park + demand management strategy = 112 LOSS of parking spaces available to the offshore community (the key cause being the 52 in Row 4 of the main car park and 53 in the upper streets) ... This should've been an improvement. It is resulting in a DETERIORATION.
Footpath along Hudson Pde Clareville
Lighting on sports fields Walkways along the coastal walks Upgrading of areas around Narrabeen Logan and walkways around Logan Garbage trucks stating no to domestic violence Upgrading of allambie roads, cycle path and resurfacing Wet weather line going on line and other computer related things, billing paying etc Upgrading of parks for kids to play in
Very few significant improvements
Walkway around Narrabeen lake. Palm Beach ferry terminal area more pedestrian friendly. Water quality, both Pittwater and the ocean.
Greatly improved transport and fast access to city; ie Forest Coach Lines running more often - but still the same friendly atmosphere on the bus. More diversity of shopping facilities and hence more competition amongst traders, eg Aldi vs Coles etc. Greater multiculturalism, eg more Asians moving into the area, making for a more vibrant community, more local cafes and restaurants. Support the new Northern Beaches hospital, but wonder at the necessity of such huge roadworks.
Definitely in the art's scene, please keep it growing.
The creation of the Warringah Creative Centre.
1) greater diversity of restaurants, bars etc 2) introduction of farmers markets 3) introduction of car shares, goget, popcar etc
Aboriginal heritage is being increasingly recognised and valued - best example is Moon Rock Aboriginal Place Nomination
existing Parks , playgrounds being developed. Outdoor cafes . Hospital site FF . Warringah Creative Ctre opening
Very few; previous Council had restrictive mindset
Roundabouts, gardens, beach front management at Mona Vale, improvements in MV & Bayview Golf Courses,
plans for mona vale road
Redevelopment of Glenrose shopping centre
Better recycling. Some improved recreational facilities.
Upgrades to recreational facilities, parks and beaches; excellent community centres.
Dee Why Beach Front
Bushland management staff on Pittwater Council have done a lot of bush regeneration projects along the coastal areas eg Bilgola, Turrimetta, Careel Creek to restore native vegetation.
Pedestrian footbridge over Deep Creek is much safer. Council taking over North Curl Curl Bowling Club site for shared community use, including community garden.
nothing in particular
Bush care now available in Duffys Forest with Council supervisor
Councils better run , caring about assets and attempting to provide the services that are required. Not sure why we are amalgamating
The walking track from Warriewood waterfall up to the Ingleside escarpment was done beautifully. Nothing else comes to mind.
More cycleways, more coffee shops, condition of bushland improving in some reserves, bus lanes. There has been a notable increase in wildlife - possums, echidnas, bandicoots, lyre birds, wallabirs in areas not seen since late 1940s.
Revitalising Manly Corso Dee Why town centre improvements
Mona Vale shopping precinct has become an attractive, pleasant place to shop(apart from all the cars!!) due to the landscaping. The coastal walkways. Kimbriki Tip is a wonder to visit..I am always impressed with their initiatives to recycle our waste. Adding coffee shops to our surf clubs! Improving McCarrs creek Rd for cyclists.
Building of new pool in Manly, improvements could be made at the WAC and we could do with a pool in the Pittwater area. Improvements to the parkland around the beaches has been great .



Members of council available to meet & discuss local issues, Local town centres being beautified, Lower speed limit on parts of Mona Vale rd,
Beachside recreational areas

<b>8. In the last five years, what changes have occurred that are not consistent with your vision for the area? Please provide examples.</b>
Did we have to lose all those trees around Frenchs Forest?
Massive 9 story public/private hospital. Total desecration of Frenchs Forest area.. carving a freeway to the beach which will become a 9 lane bottleneck to serve those who live at Palm Beach and St Ives. What corruption has the Liberal Party been involved in to create this? Where is the decent public transport infrastructure or thoughtful road design? Northern Beaches have a lack of facilities compared to other areas which surprise us.
Traffic gridlock in general not just Forestway/Warringah Road which i know is being upgraded! Its the other arteries. eg. Glen Street too narrow near Showground and Lionel Watts. Grace Avenue should be parking one side only. Outdoor sports facilities deteriorated. Eg outdoor basketball hoops not maintained, not enough. Parking at sports facilities insufficient. eg Melwood, Netball at Curl Curl. Sports Facilities generally insufficient in variety and quality.
Medium and High density housing! This is getting mad and nothing is being done about traffic flow. The roads around the new Hospital will help.
Traffic is getting worse Overall speed of improvements and economic development is too slow on Northern Beaches
Sharp increase in residential rentals and housing prices Parks being used for housing-peppercorn drive
How trees are managed under power lines is visually insulting compared to how most other places around the world do it. Lop sided, gouged out, etc., seem to be the kind of tree management people do when they don't want to do tree management. Extra time spent on careful pruning costs more, of course, but it adds to the visual attractiveness of the common areas, creates healthier trees, and is worth the investment
Council is not a connected and engaged council. They have not had consultation with the community and lack self awareness. Council need to be more engaged
Lots of places are stagnant, straight out of the 1950s.
Any highrise near the beaches.
Playgrounds removed and not replaced with modern equipment; need to keep the balance right between progress and loss of environment
French's Forest whilst is being revitalised with new hospital and facilities is losing its natural bushland beauty.
Increased traffic especially along Pittwater road.
Transport - Rail/Train network Improving Brookvale Oval
Building of new housing with no concomitant supporting infrastructure. Many traffic bottlenecks not just at peak hours. Too much reliance on bike lanes which are not safe for cyclists. Reliance on large shopping centres rather than strip shopping located in residential areas which are far more convenient.
Lack of action on public transport, traffic congestion.
More shopping
I really dislike the opening up of the Warriewood Valley for more housing. The construction of new houses, particularly in Avalon, which do not fit in with the environment and do not sit well beside classic older homes. New project homes are particularly out of place. Inconsistent construction of footpaths, particularly near to Sep 5 developments. Population increasing too quickly. Transport planning has not kept up. Indiscriminate chopping down of large trees to improve the views of some.
Warriewood Valley development
The new hospital has resulted in all the beautiful trees being pulled down and I can see that traffic will become a nightmare. Also concerned that increased density housing will be approved which will destroy our northern beaches sense of space
Ill thought out council developments - Manly Swim Centre expansion. Millions spent to turn a profit making centre into a loss making centre. Expansion will attract few if any new users at significant cost to the community. Related council attempt to take over provision of swim squads at the centre. Why is local government getting into the business of swim coaching when private coaches can provide



a superior service for less cost?
DA approval for some four-storey unit blocks in Macpherson Street, Warriewood.
Too much construction happening. It's an eyesore and in places, it's a major inconvenience. Council seems to have cut the budget on cleaning up. There is litter everywhere. Street sweeper vehicles do not work in Dee Why due to over congested street parking. Council should rethink it's cleaning public spaces policy.
Traffic is terrible, no regard for decent development, allowing dual occupancy on small spaces, spending money on a pool that's not needed, trees being removed, greed from council.
The main roads Mona Vale and Wakehurst Parkway have not been consistent with the last 5 years vision.
Increased traffic (especially private vehicles) Loss of native trees and habitat
No or little improvement to transport systems both private and public
There have been too many units built and the subsequent increased population has made travelling around the beaches a lot more time consuming.
more bus' but no overall improvement to public transport - bus' are not sustainable!
The current clearance of massive areas from Dee Why Parade, across Howard Avenue, Oaks Avenue and in some instances, through to Pacific Parade, Dee Why.... All in the name of progress. Worse still are the horrific builds that look like brown shipping containers, stacked one on top of the other, all the way up the hill at May Road, along Mooramba road and elsewhere scattered throughout Dee Why. They are grossly out of place in the area and just look like slums. What has happened to working in sympathy with the land?
Too many trees disappearing from Frenchs Forest. Seaforth TAFE disappearing and left vacant for so long, rezoning for hospital area not happening with untidy vacant lots waiting for the decision.
natural landscape demolished in order to build new houses frequent loss of water and energy in our area food waste can't be recycled marine sanctuaries in constant danger NO shark nets, there are other options
Too much high rise unit development and opening up of residential areas in unsuitable locations near bushland areas and beachfronts. Poor traffic management in areas where development is occurring at a fast rate. Road improvements and pedestrian access should be budgeted for and planned at the start not 5-10 years after development has occurred.
Parking issues
More Social Housing, more Parks not less parks. Put Electricallay Undergorund.
The fact that a review had been carried out with all in agreement that Warringah Golf Club should stay.
How much it costs for parking
Depreciation of Collaroy Beach
No NBN is hamstringing tech startups
Increasing number of cars. Sale of public-owned land in Dee Why...scandalous!
Taking away parking in Sydney Road and making it a plaza.
As above at the new pool. Extraordinary that for a pool of that size there is only 3 showers and 3 cubicles in the ladies changeroom. 3 prams, 3 mums and the place is filled. To encourage bike riding there needs to be more bike racks at the pool and elsewhere More no smoking along the beachfront, South Steyne, Shelly Walk
Cutting down of the trees for the new road
See above
This area has become too expensive to live in for many ordinary Australians and they are forced out of the area.
KRC and Starbucks = bad
not much - you're doing a great job sorry I don't have much to add
Very little money spent on transport etc.
Nil
Urban sprawl, traffic/parking issues. poorly planned medium density development, loss of public space.

confusions and inconsistencies in development rules e.g. schools being discouraged.
Home units especially along the coast and the resulting traffic problems and cars. Continue high rise development in Dee Why. Destruction of the environment.
Too much overdevelopment, high rise and medium density in Pittwater, loss of natural green space, every public space has to be meticulously landscaped, cannot just be left relatively natural, schools and other services are not coping. (i.e. Newport school has barely enough grounds for the classrooms and no grass for the students to play on.
The destroying of Warringah Council to create a northern beaches council. We will get to vote next state election. A administrator who did a excellent job last time, is now hell bent on destroying Warringah and Manly Vale.
Not enough traffic/roads infrastructure to support all the extra homes in the area
Failure to maintain playgrounds in Pittwater area - parents especially hate bark as leads to splinters Failure bus transport Avalon library could be so much better
Previously duplication of costs by three local councils. Limited bike paths on key access roads, make the roads safer for cyclists.
Based on my comments under 8. not much.
I provided vehicle registration details as to an illegal dumping in Lady Penrhyn Drive and was subsequently advised, by council staff, the driver said it was not him. The council staff accepted that and advised me that they needed photographic evidence. Local signage to do with illegal dumping DOES NOT state photographic evidence is required. Most residents have a phone with a camera. Please change the signage!
Drugs and alcohol consumption in youth - age of young people engaging in unsafe usage of recreational substances has not been particularly recognised.
More buildings (large buildings) that do not reflect the area and it's people, are being built.
Prices on housing and living have increased making it hard for the younger generations to stay in the Northern Beaches.
Lack of sea walls, thus Narrabeen and Collaroy being destroyed Dune development.
the chopping down of lots of trees to build roads
Dee Why housing density increase.
Traffic congestion and woeful public transport, excessive units without supportive infrastructure
Traffic has gotten a lot worse. Public transport options are still the same and woefully inadequate. I'd like to see more properly designed/segregated bike paths and transport services that are financially viable equivalent to driving to get more cars off the roads.
Excess spending by council's: blowout of Manly Swim Center. Wasted money of planning for projects that are completely against the needs of the local population. Allowing Political Party members to be on the council
Virtually no community engagement that has been very apparent other than to those deeply engaged in local issues. Hard to reach go ups have been ignored. Lack of confidence in democratic process and in integrity of governance process and decision making. Changes to parking permits do not support those, residents that are not home owners who are now reliant on investor landlords to pass on resident permits, despite the fact that inflated rental costs are subsidising rates for investors. This is not an inclusive process and benefits those with assets. Planning for oval parking has been a dire example of backwards thinking. Not a sustainable solution to future active transport planning. No apparent attempts to rising counter housing costs on the beaches. Direct experience of smaller affordable rental properties being sold at high cost to investors as higher end short term rentals and holiday accommodation, reducing options for broader demographic in the area. community opposition to boarding house accommodation NIMBYs, etc.
Overbuilding of townhouses and apartments in warriewood valley and the main road belts without enough set back and green space . Dee Why is a typical example of unattractive street scape with tall buildings and not enough wide footpaths and set backs with greenery . Suburban areas should not look like high rise and dense cities .
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The only vision that exists is the Pittwater Vision developed by the Community working with the Pittwater Council The Vision for the Northern Beaches has yet to be established.
The trees cut down on Warringah Rd. Poor architecture in Dee Why in Pittwater Road. Boarding house development in inappropriate areas such as Cromer - these should only be in accessible medium density areas.

Too many fast food outlets, loss of small business opportunities in Manly, loss of opportunity to improve traffic and connectivity along Warringah Rd during hospital upgrade (e.g. light rail? train line? BRT?)
Removal of access to 20,000m2 of public open space at LM Graham Reserve and obvious disregard for local residents need for access this much loved park. The over expansion at Andrew Charlton Swim Centre did not meet local needs. The complete disregard for public consultation and consideration in regard to the Oval Car Park Project. The obvious lack of consideration of the public knowledge when it came to planning the above projects.
Boyd Charlton pool and oval car park for one thing. Typical rush though to build something that the community didn't want? The indoor swimming pool is actually great for families and kids but could have done it at a fraction of the cost... With a much better design... And to hear to Co generation system hasn't even been turned on yet just makes you cringe at the level of incompetence... 29Mil...
Bike path through North Curl Curl off leash park is ridiculous, unnecessary and will lead to problems. Has spoilt natural beauty. General lack of resources for dog owners e.g. Restrictions at Graham's Reserve and those placed on dog walkers.
Too much development in our bushland, rather than developing existing urban areas (raising building heights to allow for more units). Too many large multi-million dollar properties and not enough sustainable, affordable housing. This gap in the housing market and seen an increase in pensions in the area and is forcing young people and families out of the area, making the gap even wider.
continual higher density living meaning more cars (never a new road built) we have been talking of widening mona vale road for years still no construction despite more people living in this area putting up with more cars. public transport is in need of action .just build the bloody thing its a ring road for sydney
Medium density unit around the northern beaches area.
Funds wasted on Mona Vale beach area planting grass Ongoing dense shopping centre development at Dee Why
Lack of transport upgrades; failure to develop a plan for Manly and the Whistler St car park; failure to include / create open space for active and passive recreation along with housing and other development
Tree removal everywhere.
traffic congestion is horrible, no foresight in planning when rezoning areas to residential facilities are lacking such as open spaces, sporting facilities, libraries etc. There is a lack of transport to Sydney.
None that I can think of..
Access for aged and people with disabilities. It isn't seen as important or "gold star winning". Collaroy playground was a step in the right direction but even it has work to be done! Disability Inclusions Act needs to be actioned by council. Also, we are an ageing population. We need to look after our aged and appropriately create environments that support an ageing population- which also supports people with disabilities, prams etc!
Solution for Church Point car park was not based on well represented community input
The constant battle of Offshore Pittwater residents for basic utilities (access, water, etc). I firmly believe that needs should come before wants or entertainment. The Council continues to disappoint me on that... and it's a constant battle to obtain even the most basic needs. It shouldn't be. Council should have better measures to assess the importance of projects ... needs should always be met first, without anyone having to fight for it.
Re-siting of large rubbish bins at Governor Phillip Park in highly visible positions.
Delaying of the plan around Frenchs forest area, not knowing what the zoning will be and the political game between state and local government over rapid transport along warringah road.
Transport has become worse. Councils have introduced new charges and increased existing charges for services that are required for living.
Traffic congestion. Each year, travelling to work gets more stressful as it takes longer to get out of the northern beaches. Getting a car park in Mona Vale is starting to get harder at peak times at the weekend. High rise developments being planned, adding to the congestion, and losing that community village atmosphere.
Traffic congestion: boats/trailers parked in suburban streets - mums driving children to school instead of walking - rat runs McMansions replacing modest homes with gardens & swallowing ALL land space. Dogs left unattended all day while both parents are out working and barking continually. Increased noise pollution, especially leaf blowers!! but also tree removals, power tools.
The total demolition of life in the Frenchs Forest area, due to the Northern Beaches hospital construction and the total and disgraceful demolition of the trees along Warringah Road to construct a road system that will only lead to greater bottlenecks.
More traffic, more unattractive buildings especially in Dee Why, too much money spent on vast projects such as the new Boy Charlton pool which are more exclusive than inclusive.
1) recent change in car parking policy 2) overdevelopment of residences on northern hill, Manly 3) destruction of some heritage

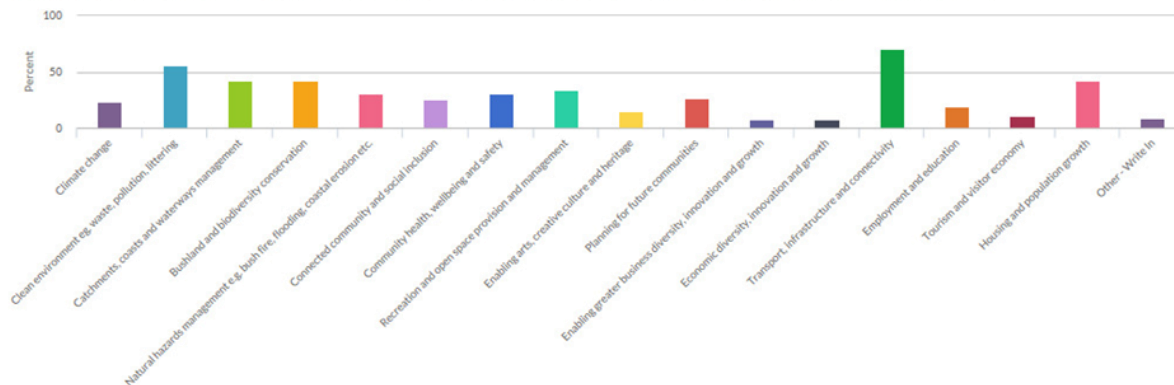


housing/properties
Far too many cars especially parked on all roads, making it difficult to drive through suburban streets. Boats and trailers parked on suburban streets. Cars parking too close to corners and blind spots.
High density living in DY in particular. the Nthn beaches does not have the capacity for a big increase in population as there is not the transport infrastructure for it.
Developments not consistent with the LEP
Housing zoning too narrow
council amalgamation
Hi rise development in places like freshwater . Destruction and development of sensitive bushland. Warringah losing its place based locality statements following the forced translation into the WLEP 2011. Council losing control over planning and now at the mercy of Land & Environment Court each and every time they reject Development applications from developers or the wealthy.
Loss of bushland, trees and species. Increase in weeds and deterioration of water quality. Increase in traffic congestion, difficulty in parking, etc. More paid parking. Reduced traffic safety due to more traffic, more parked cars, boats and trailers and more large trucks.
Council amalgamation; changing Mona Vale Hospital; threatened B-Line bus changes; a better service would be good but what is proposed is inappropriate; threatened over- development
Removal of the tree canopy by land owners. which include all level of Governments and private property owners. To much high rise development. The taking away of children's play grounds and not adding any additional equipment to the "bare" (no more than three items) playgrounds that remain in and around the Northern Beaches. Make them EXCITING for the children.
Much increased traffic. larger houses and extensions have resulted in the loss of many remnant trees, planting of Tuckeroos first as a street tree by Council then by residents on private land has introduced a new weed for bushland and gardens and the berries also provide food for Indian Mynas.
Loss of native bushland, increased residential densities without any social planning, reduced public asset maintenance
Loss and degradation of natural areas, including bushland, wildlife corridors and catchments due to inappropriate development in environmentally sensitive areas. Urban encroachment of non-urban land that protects catchment areas. Loss of public land assets that are sold off to raise revenue e.g. for building projects.
insensitive development loss of bushland loss of bushland corridors for native animals
Losing our forest along the roadsides. Council is not policing the road verge developments implemented by adjacent landowners despite needing a DA because Duffys Forest has pockets of endangered species and Council is not calling the shots here.
Continued population growth bringing pressure on transport, environment , housing and density of living
Traffic on main roads has become horrific, far worse than ten years ago. This is a clear consequence of rising population due to increased development e.g. Warriewood, Dee Why. It is so bad that I now avoid going out at weekend. I feel that the two-storey car park on waterfront at Church Point is a gross violation of appropriate development in an iconic scenic landscape. It is sad to see the new four-storey building going up on Pittwater Rd at Narrabeen, when at present there is nothing higher than two-storeys and of much smaller scale. Huge high rise in Dee Why is ghastly. The destruction of so much Duffys Forest Endangered Ecological Community at the new hospital site is a tragedy which will contribute to local extinctions.
Northern Beaches Hospital location at Frenchs Forest is a complete disaster. An Endangered Ecological Community was destroyed at Frenchs Forest; remnant trees chopped for roadworks along Warringah Rd; area now looks barren and hideous instead of forested. Critical wildlife corridor from Oxford Falls, Ku-ring-gai Hawkesbury and beyond was destroyed. Due to development and population growth a massive increase in traffic; side streets are becoming clogged with parked cars. Sense of community has declined with the increasing sense of over-crowding, congestion, over-development and seemingly faster pace of life with this larger population. Traffic jams worsening. There is no sense of preserving recent post-war history. Too many huge McMansions are approved to replace more modest older housing. Tree cover is being denuded with NSW Govt tree clearing laws. Used to be a Tree Preservation Order in place -,now hear chainsaws across Northern Beaches all week long. Even native remnant trees are being chopped. Bushland is being chipped away for development.
The inappropriate scale and unsympathetic expansion of the Boy Charlton swimming pool
The removal of large tracts of bushland for the new hospital and subsequent road widening. The road widening on Warringah Rd, that has not include public transport options. The proposed development of Ingleside. The increase in density by developers that has occurred in Warriewood Valley. The lack of environmental rigour by council in monitoring developments(i.e in Duffys Forest residents feel that reporting excessive land clearing and land filling to council is a waste of time as no action will be taken against the perpetrators.) Ku-ring gai Council runs an interesting and informative "Wild Things" program which encourages residents to be aware of their natural environment and how each of us has a role in increasing biodiversity.

Trees cut down to widen the road at new hospital site. Too many tree cutting contractors patrolling & butchering around powerlines. Car parks that do not allow locals to park free Increased number of cyclist without proper road facilities for them to ride safely without obstructing traffic. Apartment blocks that are getting approved for high rise living. Traffic - especially along the beaches & main arterial roads. Lack of planning and acknowledgement for the importance of wildlife corridors

over 55 developments in areas of otherwise low residential intensity

**9. What do you think are the five top CHALLENGES facing the Northern Beaches in the long term? Tick five boxes.**



Value	Percent	Count
Climate change	23.1%	34
Clean environment eg. waste, pollution, littering	55.8%	82
Catchments, coasts and waterways management	42.9%	63
Bushland and biodiversity conservation	42.9%	63
Natural hazards management e.g. bush fire, flooding, coastal erosion etc.	30.6%	45
Connected community and social inclusion	25.9%	38
Community health, wellbeing and safety	29.9%	44
Recreation and open space provision and management	34.0%	50
Enabling arts, creative culture and heritage	15.0%	22
Planning for future communities	26.5%	39
Enabling greater business diversity, innovation and growth	8.2%	12
Economic diversity, innovation and growth	7.5%	11
Transport, infrastructure and connectivity	70.1%	103
Employment and education	18.4%	27
Tourism and visitor economy	10.2%	15
Housing and population growth	42.2%	62
Other - Write In (click to view)	8.8%	13

**10. In your opinion, are there any other challenges not listed above?**

Continued smooth council amalgamation

Variety and quality of sports facilities to cater for boom in primary aged school children numbers and their parents seeking a more active lifestyle for whole family. Better use of School facilities that sit idle after hours - could benefit both school and community with funding to use and improve their fields and courts.
With an aging population - catering for them - more public transport , more support in the community, more housing.
Local government after amalgamation- there is a risk that it may take too much time to create a well-functioning council with capable councillors working together as a team and a popular and strong directly-elected Mayor
Conservation is just as important as development, especially from a (multi)cultural heritage perspective. Have you considered the management of conservation areas?
safety and alcoholism in younger teens is a huge challenge that is being annoyed
Planning for future communities = Housing, recreation, public transport, employment.
Parking on suburban streets causing dangerous traffic conditions because roads are too narrow. For example Delmar Pde Dee Why and Lantana Ave Wheeler Heights and Parkes road Collaroy Plateau
Providing and supporting social and employment opportunities for intellectually disabled adults
Looking after our seniors who have lived in this area for all their lives
Preventing the entire Northern Beaches suburbs from turning into a Dee Why high density eye sore
As we have an ageing population don't get rid of our golf courses we love to play golf as we age and have more time available it is great to spend an afternoon on the golf course with friends. When the hospital is built the challenge will be not to change the nature of our beautiful area and over populate the area. People want to live here because we love that we are not overcrowded
no
Possibly: however, a community must be involved, well informed and work together, for the benefit of the Community, as a whole. There is no room for self interest or grand standing. Appreciate what we have, what we have achieved and move forward in harmony with each other and the land.
Better public transport (light rail is desperately needed). Congested roads for people travelling to work in the city. Providing facilities for the baby boomers - more over 50s living and communities, and nursing homes.
affordable housing for low income residents and workers.
No
No
Opportunities within Dee Why Town Centre for start up businesses. Provision for elderly/those living alone in our town centre to meet at squares/community facilities. A lot more greenery in our Town Centre and less cars.
Affordable housing
Connecting Northern Beaches to the rest of Sydney - sustainable/fast transport
Probably, but we have only been living here for just under 2 years
Transit
Access to parking and clever design
None that I can think of.
Nope
nope
Getting the young involved. I want their vision not a jaded vision jarred by history.
Yes
Loss of Bushland and backyards due to overdevelopment, and the resulting social issues which come with that, i.e. overcrowded schools, not enough playing fields, parks, busy roads, hospital too far away.
Make use of the under used parks/open space in Manly Vale with it expensive Lighting. Leave our current Golf Club alone as has already been revived to do.

Yes, policing still is a problem on the Northern Beaches
To plan for a sustainable culture in regards to buildings, energy supply (no coal) and wastewater (why not reuse it!).
Education on drug culture.
Insurance of housing possibilities for young people/people.
Do not allow high rise development in the Pittwater Area
We have an ageing population. This means additional facilities, not just over 55's living, need to be taken into consideration.
Getting a council elected that does not come with political parties who will block any good things just because the other group suggested. Ensure any council members does not have any other business interests that conflict with their council duties.
Ensuring high integrity and inclusive governance
Let creeks, lakes etc drain more regularly to the ocean
Yes - Good Urban design, Housing design (get away from the McMansion /doric columns/etc) - all with a high level of sustainability
Allow dual occupancy development of blocks of 1000 sq metres. Traffic congestion must be fixed.
Cultural diversity and inclusion
I believe car parking is a huge issue and as you mention CSP Issues paper they there is an expected rise in population 23.3% I struggle to understand how this can work. We need a comprehensive solution to this existing and growing problem.
Dogs and the community... Always having to fight for park usage.
There is a massive growth in the number of families owning dogs. There are very few facilities for dog owners. They make up a huge section of the local population and yet facilities, access to areas to exercise dogs safely are limited and being restricted even further rather than being expanded. Designated areas must be provided (without bike paths run through them). Dog owners must be considered when planning for use of our communities open spaced and parks.
Aging population, with the young people leaving the area as they cannot afford to live and work on the beaches.
residents choose to live in this area we pay a high price for real estate , have no or little public transport other than cars and hopefully buses,we do not want over development and this means more density and 6 story buildings. we would think maintaining this unique part of sydney/ nsw would have advantages for residents/ local nsw residents and overseas visitors to also enjoy
Providing recreation venues particularly for children - ref new Christchurch City park Dealing with the impact of foreshore erosion and not spending ratepayers funds on compensation Preventing the ongoing insidious loss of natural bushland justified by the need for development Dealing with increasing obnoxious behavior by teenagers on late night public transport
affordable accommodation
Not working cohesively and in a common direction with the state (and federal as applicable) government departments to move forward with common goals and decisions that lead to actions to achieve this vision while we have this opportunity.
Yes. Basic utility provision for all residents. And the ability to prioritise project according to what SHOULD be done (ie the biggest need)... rather than by the majority of votes (which could be merely personal preference based, with no regard for other constituents impact... ie people are really good at demanding others sacrifice, even where they themselves have access to the basic utility that they are expecting others to sacrifice)
Provision for companion animals and integration of companion animals' policy with other local policies.
No
Major connecting roads: 1. Wakehurst Pkwy MUST be flood-proofed. 2. Mona Vale Road between Belrose and Mona Vale must be widened.
Transport and road systems
Dependency on cars - far too many in every suburban street. Unsafe parking practices such as near corners and blind spots are not being controlled. Asset Protection Zones are not being enforced to be within developed properties and bushland areas are being stripped to provide for them. Dwellings are permitted to be too big on small properties. Not enough space provided around them and not enough "on-property" parking. Too much area of impervious surfaces causing stormwater issues.
Linking via light rail
No



Local public transport to get people to the B-Line or Manly Wharf, without over 1km walk. One north-south B-Line is not an adequate public transport solution. Not enough genuine open space in new housing developments. Seniors living being permitted in environmentally sensitive areas. Inadequate bush and wildlife corridors. Inadequate riparian zones. Inadequate safe road crossings for animals eg on bridges or tunnels in bushland areas State government selling off bushland and facilities which include bushland. Damage to bushland by 4 wheel drives, trail bikes and mountain bikes. National Parks underfunded.
Getting the balance right between looking after our area and over- developing it
The increase of development cannot continue as this will lead to an increase in antisocial behaviour. The quality of peoples Lives need to be maintained.
That bushland within Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment be brought under full protection of National Park status. Ditto for all other bushland in region..
getting people to accept a stewardship role in caring for our natural environment. Evidence could be sustainable management of their own land for the benefit of native wildlife or volunteering to bushcare, Clean up Australia, recycling, avoiding plastic bags and other plastic
Social planning is required where increased residential developments are proposed to ensure that our quality of life is maintained and enhanced. If this is not addressed, studies show that the increased residential densities will result in a dramatic increase in antisocial behaviour. If the social planning shows that our quality of life will be reduced, the proposals should be rejected. Providing open space and passive recreation areas and education facilities for increased populations need appropriate studies to ensure that there are no adverse impacts on existing and future communities. If these provisions are not possible the planning controls must provide clauses to refuse proposals that do not meet these criteria.
Local food security and supply is not mentioned. This includes the provision of community and market gardens. Non-urban land has values for environmental protection and rural land uses that contribute to sustainability.
No--these are the important issues
Catering for the retirees/elderly should rate a mention as a specific item. They do not need education/employment etc but need social inclusion to prevent loneliness/depression and have transport needs that cater for the slower person.
I ticked housing and population growth meaning that 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. Forced amalgamations have left many of us furious as we really valued our local council in Pittwater. It is a challenge to convince us that we will have the same access to Council staff and councillors and assurance that more development will not be forced on us. I am really alarmed at proposals for six storeys in Mona Vale. This will change the feel of the place and ruin a pleasant local centre. Do our opinions not matter at all? That's how it seems.
Population growth exacerbates all other challenges, from loss of biodiversity to congestion.
The main challenge is accommodating our need for growth without compromising the environment.
How the Mona Vale hospital is managed & protected from sale.

<b>11. Is there anything else you would like to add?</b>
Transport, transport, transport.
New NB council is doing very well so far. Thank you!!!
No at this time. Thank you for the opportunity.
When will government stop planning and replanning so conservatively and try to do something ambitious (or at least not half measures)? That goes for local, state and federal.
Public transport must be improved The environment must be protected.
There is a need for small to medium size venues for acoustic music concerts at a reasonable cost.
I would like to see Council support for community gardens in all areas on the Northern Beaches. As a part of "Clean" Environment, Council should at the very least consider the banning of single use plastic across the Northern Beaches. Plastic straws, plastic drink containers, plastic takeaway coffee lids and plastic lined coffee cups etc.
If there is a continuation of population increase & development with no allowance for agricultural areas in the local vicinity Council is neglecting future generations' ability to produce food. Beyond climate change, This is the single biggest issue that will face polulations in the future, what is the NBC doing to address this?

Keep Warringah Golf Course and allow it to have the clubhouse where the existing bowling club is. Don't destroy our beautiful northern beaches, the envy of many parts of Sydney. Keep our weekly waste removal service the same as it is now because it's a great service as it is
I would like to see rangers who are currently employed to catch people walking perfectly behaved dogs off-leash redirected to catching people not picking up their dog mess or any form of litter. There are parts of our beautiful beaches where soft-drink cans and even dirty nappies are abandoned.
It feels like no one has ever listened.. it's all about the money. We love the area and want it to be great, but there is just a blatant drive for getting money from people for whatever reason, any culture or feeling of community is rapidly being lost. Where is the opportunity to feel part of something great.
For the last 10 Years the northern end of Northern Beaches has been addressing most of the questions asked and it is my wish that as the Northern Beaches Council we will go forward for all of the area with as much thought and consideration for this very unique area.
Stop the over development, but I know you won't do this because our crazy state government (and I am a Liberal supporter) wants more of it. Someone HAS TO SAY NO to it.
Have a good reflection on where we are, as a Community. Take stock of what we've got, as a Community. Think of what more is needed, for the Community. Don't make damaging decisions in haste. Unlike financial budgets: "the environment will not automatically be topped up next pay day!" The environment is our number one asset. COMMUNICATE, communicate, communicate.
The Northern Beaches is the best place to live in Sydney. Giving greater flexibility for parking has been a great move by the new Northern Beaches council.
Retain Warringah Golf Club & don't hack it up.
No thanks
None!
Think I've listed enough for the new Council - all the best of luck!
Councillors that have society / community as their career agenda and not self first to climb the political ladder.
Parking permits for residents, not just rate payers. Connected cycle routes.
Community needs not considered in planning - taking away Graham Reserve - oval carpark
Well done to Mark Ferguson GM
No
No sorry
keep up the cool ideas and great events
I wrote to Mr Persson (No reply!), to ask why Oxford Falls Road West has a short section of road which is kept a gravel road, which means continually filling pot holes in this section instead of resurfacing it once. This is expensive and I don't like my rates being spent in this way. I know they try to discourage traffic here but this doesn't work and if this is the reason why has a child care centre been opened on this road?
Why are we being forced to cater for people "moving to Sydney". Think outside the box. Times have changed. This is the future now. People who have the vision for this place are the young and not those who are working or in government. I mean, really, having a 60/70 year old politician/administrator/GM and the like making the calls on how the future will be is so outdated but a sad reality.
In your plan schools are listed under the economic pillar alongside employment. Surely our childrens opportunities, environment (social & learning) and experiences are more aligned with Social imperatives. How can we ensure our children (our areas future) have healthy school experiences? Population growth & economic projections mean it is most likely our children will have overcrowded, aging facilities and 'bitumenised' school environments and an entirely indoor home environment. Rethink the location and restrictions on schools to give children the opportunity of everyday connection to their natural environment. This area has the opportunity to do so.
Challenges are so important but it is how you deal with them. eg Build a hospital - Look at what we have done to Frenches Forest - travelling along Warringah Road was restful and beautiful in spite of the traffic. Now what have we done ? How much is a tree worth? A 100 year old tree! How many trees have been destroyed? How long to cut it down! We need trees so we can breath and also to enjoy! How important these challenges are !
Pittwater, and the Northern Beaches in general, is a narrow peninsula. It is the lungs of the city. The state government is filling it with too many people. It is struggling to cope now let alone into the future. High rise apartments are not affordable housing, they are expensive luxury housing so not the future for most of our children. Backyards and bushland is disappearing. Our natural environment is being trashed to fit more and more people in this narrow peninsula. Losing bushland in Ingleside, 6 story buildings in Mona Vale shopping precinct is not what Pittwater residents want or need. We live here because it is one of the last remaining natural areas in

Sydney. If we wanted high density living, we would live closer to the CBD. Mr Persson stated in the Manly Daily this week that Mona Vale precinct doesn't have that feel that Manly has, that it doesn't work, too many cars, too spread out. We don't want that feel. It is not a crowded tourist and entertainment area. It is our local shopping centre, we go there to buy our groceries, go to the bank, the library, the pharmacy or a few odd specialty shops or for a coffee or cheap dinner. I do not want to carry my weekly groceries home on the bus, or have to walk miles to buy a loaf of bread or milk. If I wanted to live in a crowded, high rise, busy area I would live in Manly. But I don't! Please leave Pittwater as it is and stop the overdevelopment that is ruining this beautiful place.
For the Administrator to not destroy Manly Vale and walk away, leaving untold damage forever. He does not live here go destroy his own back yard.
Policing both on a domestic situation and traffic & roads
Just please provide basic infrastructure such as footpaths without holes, playgrounds without bark, beach swimming pools with proper fencing. Avalon pool concrete is extremely rough. Buses and libraries could be so much better
I believe the overarching issue is to give the public a more direct input into the decision making of projects, issues, planning for the future and even Council budgets. Electing officials with their own interests is not enough. The public needs to have a more direct involvement which cuts out special interests and re-establishes trust into politicians. If the public has greater involvement any decisions are the publics wish and not a politician's idea. This should of course carry on to the State Government. But let's start at the local level.
Firstly.... On the subject of shopping trolleys around our streets please change the law as follows. It is an offence for any shopper to abandon a shopping trolley beyond the confines of the shopping centre. A \$xxx fine for littering will apply. Councils in the past consider the owner of the trolley responsible for them being left in the streets. This is unfair to the trolley owner. Secondly.... Bent & damaged street signs make the suburb look uncared for. Please ensure the signs point in the correct direction and that the poles are vertical. I understand that our youth consider it funny to twist the sign panel in the opposite direction. Advise the community of an offence to tamper with street signage.
Youth are important and need to be heard from. The Northern Beaches is beautiful because of it's beaches and climate change and pollution can destroy this, so council need to act.
Need public transport to move up and down Pittwater Rd more easily. Also the upgrade for Mona Vale Road you only need one additional lane for westbound.
I love the Northern Beaches, but we need to take care of it if we want it to continue to be a brilliant place to live in the future.
The process for contributing to the community strategic plan has been very rushed and potentially will not capture harder to reach groups or those not politically engaged or the usual suspects. I came across this by survey by accident. The process by which people where selected to join the strategic planning groups was not transparent. What where the criteria used to select the 130 people from the reported 500 applicants? Who made these decisions? There is a concern in the community that I have heard following the forced council amalgamations is the extent to which the community can truly influence and shape change. This current engagement process feels very much like a box ticking exercise. My confidence in this process is fairly low.
this was a comprehensive survey, However I am unsure and much concerned how this new mega council can address effectively the different issues of the various and vastly different areas it is required to manage. The area of Pittwater is completely different. Pittwater is a unique and special area of Sydney that requires to be protected from overdevelopment to preserve its environmental beauty and appeal to resident and visitors alike. This is why the residents fought so hard for their own council. At a cross of a pen, years of campaign and final success were overturned. How is this democracy ...?? Another concern is the overpopulation of our suburbs... The policy of governments to crowd in more people in our major cities is causing more stress on our roads and residents, as our transport infrastructure did not it expand with the development of apartments and higher suburban density. This is more of a state issue but as our council, you can give it some consideration not to increase dwellings without support of adequate infrastructure. We are at cracking point already, just look at our roads at peak hour which is now extending almost all day!!
This is a very superficial approach to what is needed in terms of research for the Northern Beaches area The approach taken in Pittwater to develop the Pittwater Strategic Plan 2020 and 2025 needs to be followed
Please don't allow the area to become over developed and s sea of apartments like in Kuringai
It's an opportunity to be one of Australia's leading Council. I would like to see sustainable future initiatives: renewable energy, water saving measures, no more single use plastics. Lets leave the place a little bit nicer for the next generation.
Public access to local open space for the use of walking the family dog need to be on any strategic plan. Open space in the Northern Beaches is highly sought after but we can not let this overshadow the need for open space that does not have goal posts at each end.
Please consider the needs of the growing population of dogs owners. Safe, enclosed spaces to exercise!!!! Transport is essential!
i think the amalgamation process ( sham) was dishonest ,against residents wishes and will have repercussions for nsw govt in future.the larger amalgamated council will be open for more political interference and developers resulting in over development in future. a good example is where did mona vale plan all of a sudden have 6 story buildings as part of plan.residents had worked hard over many many months/year and soundly said max 4 stories.this is the action i think amalgamation will produce for this area .how dare the new administrator want this area to replicate manly in high rise ,these comments from administrator are exactly the fears we as residents of pittwater made as part of our discussions on no amalgamation



I do not want Mona Vale looking like Dee Why or Brookvale. Keep high rise below the Narrabeen bridge. Mona Vale does not want it. That's why we set up our own council years ago!!!! Please listen to us Northern Beaches people!!!
To play our part in dealing with the impact of climate change we need to set goals for reducing our carbon emissions to near zero by 2050 (ref IPCC recommendations) and map out the plan to get there. There has been great reluctance by Councils to accept this challenge and make commitments that lead the community to meet the annual targets. As a result we on the Northern Beaches have no idea as to whether we are going well, or even going backwards, in delivering on an appropriate level of sustainability.
Please read my vision above and Please implemenet
affordable accommodation
Please lobby the state government to support the construction of the Northern Beaches Tunnel. The F6 extension to the ring road is in the Long Term Transport master plan, which will also service "The Shire", but the Northern Beaches missed out here.
No, just feedback on the survey. This survey is too long, and isn't that great on an iPhone.
I think Council needs to create a better strategy for its purpose and role... so the right decisions are being made... and it is clear to everyone why those decisions have been made.
The previous Northern Beaches councils have not given any adequate recognition of their contribution to the health of their communities. State and Federal Government face the burden of increased health care costs due to the epidemic of childhood and adult obesity. Local government has a significant role to play in managing obesity - by providing safe walking environments and other exercise opportunities accessible by the majority of the community without recourse to driving. The simple expedient, for instance, of permitting shared/time restricted use of selected beaches and other public recreational spaces to dog owners to exercise with their dogs and properly educating and supporting them to use these public areas responsibly would, without significant cost to the rate payers, contribute significantly to the health of the large number of dog owning households.
More people are being attracted to the northern beaches by the natural environment, beaches, waterways, trees, clean air and water etc. Our roads are overcrowded and public transport is lacking and under capacity. We need to encourage clean innovative businesses to be established in suitable area on the northern beaches so that more residents can work locally. Travle to and from the city must be minimised. Global warming is melting our ice caps and the oceans are warming and rising. This will cut off areas in the north of the northern beaches. Planning must be put in place now to avoid massive problems much sooner than we realise.
I would like to see more community days/activities, such as the Brookvale Show, Carols; eg a regular summer Friday night market at the Creative Space with artworks displayed, and cheap food stalls etc to encourage family outings.
Yes, Warringah Creative Centre is a brilliant concept. However, as it stands alone (not in a shopping area) it is difficult to get people through the door to look at the talented artists exhibitions. My suggestion would be to open up a small cafe (possibly at the back open deck area) which should entice more people to stop by. The Cafe need not be run all week, possibly just open on the weekends. Im sure it would be a hit with all the parents watching their children play sport near by.!
The buiding of a new 6-storey building is not acceptable. The loss of park area due to the B-line bus stop is not acceptable. Another solution must be found.
keep dogs of beaches more active rangers to police same particularly morning & evenings
No
State government is not listening to the people of this area.
Collaroy Plateau is a wonderful place to live. Let's keep all development for future generations appropriate and sensitive to natural environment which is the BEST THING about living here.
The Strategic Planning must be reflected in the Local Environmental Plans. This requires an agreement with the State Government
The environmental attributes, particularly the bushland and waterways, of the Northern Beaches need to be properly protected. The pressure of development is a continuing challenge, and unless environmental constraints are in place, there will be an irreplaceable loss of natural areas on the Northern Beaches. The vision for the Northern Beaches needs to have a framework of sustainability for the environment.
Northern Beaches is a beautiful region of a unique city. We must preserve what is unique about it, that is the bushland and national parks.
Sport does not get a mention beyond 'playgrounds'. Some sports are for life (e.g. orienteering, bowls, croquet). Sporting facilities are not just for school kids and active young adults.
It is wrong for the state government to impose population growth on areas regardless of the wishes of existing residents. The quality of life for the northern beaches has really declined over last decades as it is so much more crowded to go anywhere, park anywhere, simply enjoy a swim. This would be a combination of visitors and residents, but comes down to federal and state governments encouraging population growth in order to fuel property development and the so-called growth of the economy i.e. consumption. No one

seems to be prepared to grapple with the fact that this is not sustainable. At what population, are they prepared to say "enough"??
Climate change is the end result of failing to heed limits to growth. It is time to realise that endless growth is making all problems worse, and this needs to be challenged at all levels of government and new alternatives found eg steady state sustainable economy. Northern Beaches is one of the most beautiful parts of Australia - because of the stunning natural environment. It needs to be preserved not replaced by more ugly buildings and roads. In the 21st century preservation of local biodiversity is essential.
Please adopt the Ku-ring gai Councils "Wild Things" Program to increase awareness of our environment.
The council needs to be community focused, especially with the support of non-profit community organisations providing services to the community. An example is the need to support non-profit recreational swimming clubs, such as those in Manly using the Andrew Boy Charlton pool.
The Northern Beaches region is primarily "beach, bush & gentle living" please keep that in mind when making all decisions.

### Attachment 4 – Online Your Say Submissions

<b>What do you like about the Issues Paper?</b>
The overview of a complex set of issues with complex interconnected issues
The opportunity to get the communities feedback and vision into the future.
I only read the environment section. I make a few comments. We're lucky to have such wonderful natural assets in the area. We should focus on those. There are feral cats, rabbits and minor birds that are threatening the native animals that I have seen here: Bandicoots, possums, owls, nth beaches sand lizard and even an antechinus. That should be of greater focus.
There is no threat of energy security on the nth beaches from increased air conditioning use. Saturation would be high already, there is plenty of capacity in the grid and the natural sea breezes would reduce the use of air con. But poor residential design would lead to more air con use when it should not be needed. Councils shouldn't really have a roll in the energy mix, except where they can encourage by local planning tools. there would not be much risk of heat stroke of any residents...we have the natural cooling affect of the ocean.
The issues paper is a good base with some useful data
The Paper identifies under Arts Culture and Heritage: " Availability of a diverse and evolving range of cultural and creative facilities and events that meet the needs of the whole community" as an issue.
that is has actually been put out and that there are discussion starting on the issues that effect our area. Hopefully they will be inclusive and not high jacked by self interest.
Well done!
Thank you for inviting feedback on the Northern Beaches - Community Strategic Plan - Issues Paper.
It is easy to read and appears to address many of the issues/key areas.
I like that it is easy to read and understand. Set's out clear vision.
It's broad reaching scope, I just hope this leads to genuinely creative policies & solutions rather than just falling back into the usual council tick boxes. A council should be more than just parking permits and rubbish collection - i should reflect & propel the local community and it's identity. In this case unifying the wonderful lifestyle of the Northern Beaches.
It covers a lot of issues and its good to see focus on the environment which is under a lot of pressure
Everything, Better Enviroment.
I still don't believe that you will act on our behalf as we did not want a unified council as we stated unanimously when last asked and yet it still happened ! We have lived in the area for over 40 years and chose this area because of it's beauty and peaceful surrounds please don't destroy this beautiful area.
Happy with most things.
Please stop the noise makers
The broard range of issues covered
Currently poor and unsafe access
There is nothing that makes this being raised as an improvement to the Northern Beaches community overall, given the clear and apparent lack of coordination between sporting codes to better utilise the sporting fields that are already in the neighbourhood.
I like how there is an overview conducted and you are including the communities ideas.
Pathway for the future
I believe the Issues Paper covers the majority of issues that have an impact on the lives of the Northern Beaches residents. I do not claim to be on top of all aspects of a Council's area and its responsibilities and issues. The major issues that I see facing the Council have been largely covered. It is more in the detail the some aspects can be added. (Missing aspects have been noted under other sections).
Not much. Your assumptions and assertions re global warming by human activity are contentious to say the least. How much over what period of time?Increased frequency and intensity of storms? Where's the proof?This is your assumption based on spurious assertions by the likes of Tim Flannery. Your political bias is very obvious.On one hand you want to cut carbon emissions and the other massively develop Mona Vale into an ugly Manly/Dee Why ecological eyesore.Not to mention the massive additional cost to rate payers to fund the Mega Council Mega high density shambles. Population growth 23.7% WHY? Because politicians want it, driven by developer lobbyists such as Meriton.?

Public transport, you are correct, not used as it is irregular, crowded, uncomfortable and frequented by violent antisocial louts.
It looks like something a consultant would produce - lots of words to justify their fee, lots of "motherhood" statements but all too vague. It is only a means allowing ideas to be put into boxes but does little to stimulate practical suggestions. Why do we include issues such as "increased cost of housing", "domestic violence" and "slow internet speeds" which are just examples of so many stated issues which are outside the influence of the council. The main positive is that it exists in some form but it could have been so much more focussed.
Provides an excellent picture of the area, the existing considerable constraints (transport arteries, diminishing landfill capacity etc) and expectations for the future
It clearly states the proposed issues for the future of the northern beaches community.
The Issues paper does seem a bit broad brush and consultant developed. Having said this it is positive that the issues are being highlighted and we are being given an opportunity to comment and hopefully provide some focus for the key issues.
I would like to see the council provide more cycleways so people can get around safely without adding to car and parking congestion.
Opportunity to see the big picture
Walk Avalon pedestrian access for walking dogs
I like the fact that we are invited to have input, but I'm not yet convinced community input is anything more than ticking a box in the overall process (sadly).
environment opportunities, clean environment statements. All make sense, if they can be backed up with strategy and action that makes sense
Tackling a broad range of issues.
I like that the Issues Paper sets out the areas of concern
There is a thinking that we need to have agreed plans for the future of our community
Awareness of needs and intentions put to people who actually live here.
Honesty regarding the real issues affecting the region (e.g. Transport and Climate Change)
It highlights the serious issues we face in regards to conserving natural heritage.
It captures the opportunities and challenges that face the region, and will provide a road map forward to ensure the community have access to key facilities and services; and visitors have an enjoyable experience.
it's a very good starting point
I think it gives a good broad cover of the issues
It is broad, and identifies lots of issues to be addressed
Very little. Nice sounding, uses the latest meaningless words like diversity, but lacks specifics and fails to address the biggest issue.
Interesting stats. Population increase of 25%? Where they going to live, park, drive, commute??
I like that the environment is a priority
It is comprehensive across all interest areas including the different types of environments and business interests.
It provides the opportunity for all residents to have some say.
Well set out, easy to navigate. Still doesn't treat global warming as an actual concern that needs to be dealt with yesterday!
easy to read
I have been unable to get access to read the Issues Paper, unless they are the "Live Projects".
Community markets, restaurants night life these are great ideas
This provides some guidelines from our inputs however I consider that a more simple approach needs to be developed to ensure that Council is obtaining holistic information
Many things. I particularly agreed with the view that there is a lack of creative and performance spaces - it would be wonderful to see the establishment/construction of two or three proper performance spaces across the peninsula to attract more music and other performances at night as well as be used during the day for a wide variety of creative pursuits. I would also like to see the council



encourage music and arts festivals in the area - and not just in Manly.
The chance to represent the needs and wants of the council area's inhabitants.
It's good to see that issues are being addressed but I am unsure how easily this paper can be accessed.
The paper laid out all the issues and opportunities without putting any values on them which is good at this time.
It gave a good profile in each of the areas
It is broad and it seems to espouse a strong philosophy of sustainability.
The opportunity to have a say and be heard
There is nothing much to like about the Issues Paper - it looks like more of the same, expensive, regurgitated motherhood pap we see every couple of years or so.
Not much.
It seems comprehensive with the exceptions mentioned above.
The opportunity to have a say.
In general I support the plan, particularly if it is to provide mixed and affordable housing. The council offices do not need to be so dominant and in such an expensive location and could be easily moved to a trading estate or similar with a simple kiosk instead. I support improved public transport and understand that it needs infrastructure. I hope that the design will be sensitive to the natural environment - we have award winning architects Such as Peter stutchbury in our community and I hope they are considered to create sympathetic developments that meet our future needs without resorting to the obvious concrete monolithic approach.
Planning for the future
Interesting.
Easy to read
the aim to make the northern beaches as vibrant active community and improving of the live in general as the Environment you live in is very important and the more activities there are and active communities the better the living.
The emphasis on sustainability
It attempts to give a broad snap shot of the area, and is clearly laid out and uses graphics to make it easy to read.
A sensible focus on economic development to promote more local daytime and night time jobs. The big plus here would be to reduce transport trips out of the Beaches and especially into Sydney CBD, taking pressure off road infrastructure. (p. 28) However, by accepting or promoting an influx of large numbers of new residents, the unemployment rate and transport pressures would not be lowered.
The Issues Paper is realistic about the many constraints to achieving business growth, but innovative possibilities remain. The notion of a (multi-campus) educational precinct should be pursued.
Recognition of the need for "Holistic and integrated open space planning" and "equitable access to recreational facilities for new and emerging sports" (p. 21) (particularly cycling).
Seems to cover all the bases, appears fair in its explanation of the issues.
It demonstrates clearly why we are right to be frightened for the future of the Peninsula.
Because we have masses of boats and trailers parked in our street that never get used or shifted, I do like the idea of a Boat Trailer Management Plan. And because these objects pose a threat to safety in our street, it is an issue. But the one thing that is most important to me in my life has been totally overlooked - exercising with my dog. Mostly everything else you are doing there is nice, but not particularly relevant to my life.
Large print, can read without glasses.
Beautiful diagrams
Issues Paper was a good overview of the present and more importantly projections for the future, some I found v. concerning.....It says there are 7 critically endangered flora & fauna species also 17 ecological communities yet the state gov't is about to repeal Native Veg & Threatened Species Acts with watered down new legislation + allowing development to open Pandora's Box....Lots of Wildlife Habitat & Corridors are vital to minimise extinctions, and we do have a duty to future generations and the planet to act as custodians considering all we've done already....Council will surely conflict with Gov't in the near future based on Issue Paper's recognition of the value of the natural environment/heritage.....Yes, Global Warming is paramount in the visionary scheme of our future, pity more

<p>understanding/response wasn't accepted even though Council - &amp; others - work hard on this concern locally.....Parks &amp; Reserves looks good though the insatiable/unreasonable demands of some should be resisted with conviction and firmly. The social agenda is interesting and with changing demographics/density will bring big challenges !!! Care for the natural environment/biodiversity will be the best investment for all on the Nt; Beaches, it is our source of sustainability.</p>
<p>It at least establishes a framework for community consultation. Having said that it does not provide enough specificity on issues that are already high profile in the community, such as maintaining the low density nature of the Pittwater region (maintaining its current character) and equitable access to beaches for dogs. The lack of at least noting these high profile issues within the Issues Paper plays to maintaining Council's current position on both issues (ie a biased response).</p>
<p>Relatively inclusive and comprehensive.</p>
<p>I thought the document provided a great overview of the key issues and challenges the Northern Beaches will face as the population swells.</p>
<p>It has a broad sweep that clearly identifies the environment as central to the character and quality of the area. It recognises key issues for people (poor public transport, very poor internet, limited diversity of housing, lack of support for creativity, no night life outside of the beer halls of Manly) and places our future with improving those issues, tertiary education (why not a campus with the new hospital?) and increasing density rather than new land release.</p>
<p>There are obviously many issues to consider. Amongst many - Bike lanes should be considered a priority as should anything which takes vehicles off the road. Should tax payers money be devoted to providing places for children to ride their bikes? I don't think so - there are plenty of places along the beach front, parks and footpaths where children can ride bikes safely.</p>

<b>Is there anything we've missed?</b>
<p>That ideas and imagination, engaged through the Arts, play a vital role in creating new opportunities and businesses . They are not simply relevant to entertainment and leisure activities, they provide opportunities for people to explore their potential.</p>
<p>They create the foundations for the entrepreneurs and leaders of business for the future and the talented workforces that support them.</p>
<p>More affordable housing options (not affordable housing / key worker housing).</p>
<p>Don't plant tall growing trees under power lines</p>
<p>The purpose of an issues paper is to look at where we want to go in the future. Thus it is important to look at where we will be in 2028 rather than where we are now. We must plan for the future not plan for now without regard for the future. In that respect the population data especially ages should be expanded by projecting where we will be at in 2028 in terms of age distribution and geographic age distribution within the Northern Beaches as it relates to the facilities available now and those which we expect to become available in the future. it is this position at 2028that is missing</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>No I don't think so</p>
<p>Trees! There is no mention of trees in the Issues Paper.</p>
<p>It is a well known psychological fact that trees soften the environment and make happier residents ... perhaps the issues paper should have acknowledged this and remarked about any ongoing programmes to increase the tree density at least the same rate as population growth. And as a means of modifying climate change.</p>
<p>Yes. Impact of vehicle parking on traffic flow / access and appearance of residential streets.</p>
<p>I refer to pages 21 and 29 in relation to traffic congestion, high dependency on car use/ownership and limited road capacity as outlined in pages 21 and 29 of the Paper.</p>
<p>It is pleasing that the Issues Paper acknowledge the impact of an increasing volume of cars, increased traffic congestion and difficulty of main roads in dealing with high commuter numbers/vehicles.</p>
<p>However, an issue not acknowledged in the paper is the increased volume of cars, boats and service/trade vehicles now parked on minor roads/residential streets, particularly in the Pittwater area. Particularly, the increasing number of vehicles parked on</p>

side/residential streets means that many streets in our area can now only function as single lane roads because of the excessive number of vehicles parked permanently on the street. This issue appears to arise from the fact that in addition to ownership of 1-2 cars per household, many households in the Pittwater area also own additional vehicles, particularly utes/trade vehicles and boats. Many of these vehicles, particularly boats, are parked permanently on streets, blocking/narrowing access and creating traffic congestion as well as driver blindspots, traffic hazards and accident blackspots. They also diminish the overall appearance of streets, and block driver and pedestrian views.
While it is pleasing that the Issues Paper acknowledges issues of traffic congestion/road incapacity/high vehicle ownership, I would like to see inclusion/acknowledgement of the increasing trend in residents' parking excessive numbers of oversize vehicles (ie; trucks/tree loppers), service vehicles (ie; utes), caravans and boats on residential streets so that a strategic plan can be developed to deal with this issue before roads become completely impassable.
Thank you.
congestion and parking
It doesn't go into too much detail - which could be a negative as it glosses over issues such as infrastructure and transport.
Although mainly a state issue, there's not much about supporting primary and high school education.
At only 15%, there's too much emphasis on the aging 65+ population, just because they have time to write to the Manly Daily doesn't mean they deserve undue influence. Let's not encourage the beaches to turn into a retirement home.
yes the overdevelopment of already stretched to the limit infrastructure and facilities also the use of residential streets to dump boats and trailers
no
I'd like Council to help connect the elderly to other people in the community. Since my husband died in 2014, I haven't had much to do. I'm not driving and would like to meet people, have an interest.
I'd like Council to start thinking about Narrabeena!
Please don't limit the bins - It's too hard for me to manage my waste the way Council wants to do this.
Please stop the noise makers
The contradiction between pages 28 and 29 on the necessity for better road infrastructure. Also the Spit Bridge being one of only 3 road corridors (and the most congested) in and out of the Northern Beaches.
Nolans Reserve 1 and Passmore Reserve are both in need of improvement to the drainage to ensure that these facilities can be used with increased access after rain. Over the past 29 years I have noticed that these two reserves get very easily waterlogged, rendering the facilities useless to any sporting activity other than skimboarding, which of course is not the intended purpose of these fields. Apart from mowing of the grounds, the council has done little that I have witnessed since living here.
There is limited recreational activities for teenagers who enjoy intellectual challenges. While we are blessed with beaches, parks etc, if you enjoy intellectual stimulation, it seems we need to venture into city and beyond. We recently attended a park in Homebush called Urban Jungle park which allows children/teenagers and their parents to engage in an activity that challenges the mind as well as the body. There is a similar one near the central coast called Treetops. I think it would be great if we could have a similar setup somewhere on the northern beaches, so that families can connect with their children and teenagers have an alternative to just surfing & hanging out at the beach!
Accommodation for the elderly i.e. Aged Care Facilities
The major aspect that in my opinion has been missed is the planning of village centres/hubs under Community Connectedness. Some suburbs do have to some degree a village centre or hub. Look at Manly, Avalon and Mona Vale (to a lesser degree). But except for Manly there is always a road through the middle of the centre/hub. Our vision should be to create in all suburbs a centre/hub, where residents can walk to where there are restaurants, community buildings such as libraries, commercial premises and residential buildings. This would create a real community feel not only during the day but also in the evening. A prime opportunity presents itself to create such a hub around the new NB Hospital (I know the library is now being built in Belrose). This sounds simplistic, but this is not the place to go into details. It is the intent and feasibility (it is feasible) that counts.
One aspect that has not been covered is the necessity for input from the State Government in the planning and financing of some of these issues. A typical issue is public transport. Without the State Government agreeing to the upgrading of the public transport between Dee Why and Chatswood, an increase in commercial and residential building along the corridor is not feasible. As the State Government currently has no plans for a RBT system along this corridor how does the Council plan for this area? Generally how does the Council plan for issues requiring input from the State Government?
A further omission is the environmental impact of above ground electricity infrastructure. I realise to put it all underground is costly and will take time. But unless you plan for it to be done in 20 or 30 years it will not happen.
The Issues Paper should also cover the political issues that will affect the planning for the future of the Northern Beaches Council area.



There is the need for input and agreement, not just in the short term from the State Government in certain planning and financial aspects.
You've not mentioned the costs (social and financial) and significant long lasting disruption associated with mega development of the Pittwater area. this is not manly or dee why and pittwater residents do not want you to turn it into these areas.
If your grand plan for Mona Vale is forced through someone needs to provide and pay for :
More roads, parking in villages and beaches, water, electricity, schools, tips and dumps, sewerage system upgrades, lighting, police, fire, etc,etc all public services provide by council will increase many fold for a net decrease in livability and life style.
The traffic between Narrabeen and Mona Vale, particularly, is horrendous added to by the Warriwood valley developments. you will make it worse.
You've ignored the severe downside and cost of your high density vision.
It is so vague that almost any issue can be aligned with one of the "pillars of sustainability".
There is an absolute contradiction in the desire for sustainability and the expectation that the population will increase by almost one-quarter in the next 20 years. And what of the following years? It does not require much of an extrapolation to determine that our population would become totally unsustainable, and all the problems listed on pages 11-14 are magnified beyond repair - and this at a time, probably, of rising sea levels when land availability shrinks. Our world is overpopulated and it is incumbent on the council to lobby State and Federal governments to do what they can to restrain population growth in a non-coercive fashion.
The many impacts of short term letting. Short term letting has taken the peace from residents and is causing major disturbance, anxiety and lack of sleep to residents in our area on the hill in Palm Beach. many other areas are equally impacted. It seems no one is willing to take into consideration the negative impact it has on local residents, the little positive impact it has on local businesses or the negative impact it has on residential housing as investors buy property to let out houses for up to 10% return.
This is a major concern as shown by the number pf complaints to council and the fact the media is taking an ever increasing interest in it.
Looking to the future it is hard to believe that the current dependance on private cars is sustainable. The roads are becoming clogged and are often negatively impacting the amenity of the area. More focus needs to be given to a future with fewer cars and better public transport or even personal transport such as pushbikes.
See comments under Ideas for the Future
On a parochial matter, the traffic arrangements in Seaforth, particularly the roundabout and that locks Seaforth residents in during peak hours could do with some attention. No doubt there are similar choke points up the peninsula.
I would like to see the council provide more cycleways so people can get around safely without adding to car and parking congestion.
Tourism accommodation controls are needed across the Northern Beaches.. R3 zonings allow a wide range of uses, but as a Strata Manager, I am receiving complaints about home units being let for Air BnB type short term bookings where the homeowner is an investor who does not occupy the premises. They are operating unlicensed unsupervised hotel facilities at the expense of their neighbours.
Because of the close proximity of neighbours who need their sleep and a regulated living environment, the combination of holiday mode occupants who cause more damage and noise than other residents is deleterious to health and economic well being for other residents. There is no way of policing bad behaviour for short term stays, which may lead to physical confrontations as the only solution in future.
We need a Council Policy that limits short term stays to supervised premises, particularly in high and medium density areas. This issue will grow and get out of hand if not covered now.
Major cities like New York are having to address the issue now because it has grown too big and unregulated. We must learn from their experience before it is too late.
We are short of accessible open space, especially in the Pittwater area – and the green open space we do have is mostly dirty and tick-infested such as Careel Bay dog park. A few sections of beach are the best option for overcoming this shortage so that dogs can be properly walked and content. Management of this open space land use demand (dog access) is an issue that cannot be ignored, as this only leads to more and more people just ignoring the dog bans."
The social interaction between dog owners is so important in these days of the internet especially the younger people.
You touch on "social connectedness" on page 20, but this issue is poorly dealt with in the Issues Paper. In the case of my mum, the motivation to get out and about in the local community comes from the pleasure she gets from walking her dog. For decades she has enjoyed walking the dog from our front yard directly onto the foreshore where she, dad and the dog would all get their feet wet, and meet up with other neighbours doing the same thing. But in recent years, there have been signs installed stating that dogs are now banned in the area and that she risks a confrontation with the ranger, just for doing what she has always known and done. My mum chooses to ignore the signs (just as the other locals do) so the signs do not do much at all, other than create a sense of fear of being caught. This outcome from the presence of the signs does nothing to help serve the idea of "social connectedness", it works counter to

this.
Although this is a specific example, it is likely to be repeated across many localities in the council area. Again, on page 20, the Issues Paper mentions bushwalking as a popular recreation, even though the local community does far, far more dog walking than bushwalking. Why is dog walking not considered? It should be. Horse-riding gets a mention, but the Issues Paper is surprisingly silent on the highly popular recreational activity of walking the dog.
Just because walking the dog does not need council to be building a stadium, or a pool, or a clipped soccer pitch, this does not mean it is to be ignored as one of our most popular forms of recreation. By comparison, it is a low-cost recreation, but it still needs some thought from council. For instance, those who wish to walk the dog to the local rock pool risk getting a fine from the ranger. The better option, in the interests of shared open space, is to provide a hitching post (ideally with some shade) so that dog owners can leave their dog secured in an approved spot while they do some laps of the pool. Provision of such a hitching post would also let dog owners know that they are accepted as part of our beachside community, rather than despised by it (as is suggested by the signs).
Yes, there is no provision for people with dogs in this planning issues paper.
I am a great believer in bringing in the concept of 'people with their dogs' rather than retaining a consistent focus on just 'dogs/no dogs'.
At 63%, Australia has one of the highest rates of pet ownership in the world. Dogs are the most common pet, with 39% of households (that's households not people) owning a dog. There are estimated to be 4.2 million pet dogs in Australia; 19 dogs for every 100 people (AVA stats 2013). And this number is growing. This makes it imperative that local government bring this into all planning issues. You are not considering a minority, rather are considering the way people are living now.
Leash free areas are a fantastic way to promote Social Capital amongst people. On-leash areas do not have the same connecting effect. In on-leash areas, people are restricted to walking or jogging with their dogs and don't interact with each other much if at all, as they just pass each other by.
Here is a link to the World Bank's definition of Social Capital. It is something that all Western Governments are taking seriously - and promoting wherever possible - and also putting an economic value on: <a href="http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTSOCIALDEVELOPMENT/EXTSOCIALCAPITAL/0,,contentMDK:20185164~menuPK:418217~pagePK:148956~piPK:216618~theSitePK:401015,00.html">http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTSOCIALDEVELOPMENT/EXTSOCIALCAPITAL/0,,contentMDK:20185164~menuPK:418217~pagePK:148956~piPK:216618~theSitePK:401015,00.html</a>
Manly, Dee Why and Collaroy all seem to have reasonable off-leash areas for people with their dogs - but with the need to extend these with all the new pet friendly apartment developments that are currently underway.
The further north one goes up the northern beaches into Pittwater, however, the fewer options there are for people with their dogs to enjoy the relaxed lifestyle they have chosen - unless they leave their dogs at home. This needs to be addressed by the new, amalgamated council.
Bagnalls Beach Reserve is a dog-friendly, waterfront area that is used by locals and tourists alike in Port Stephens. It works seamlessly for all (I visit often). Suggest it is looked at as one way to go with at least one area in the Pittwater region that has so many kms of bush/park/coastline. <a href="http://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/your-council/council-venues/bagnalls-beach-reserve">http://www.portstephens.nsw.gov.au/your-council/council-venues/bagnalls-beach-reserve</a>
I cannot see any mention in the Issues Paper about one of the most popular recreational activities in the LGA - walking the family dog. We need to acknowledge and promote dog walking as a healthy past time for family members - walking dogs from home to desirable locations is better for the environment than having to use the car for transporting the dog to designated permissible areas. We are very short of accessible open spaces in Pittwater in particular. Management of this open space land use demand ( dog access) is an issue that cannot be ignored as its leading to more and more people ignoring the dog bans.
I think given the interim status of the Council in administration, specific Council policy should wait for Council elections. Definitely good to get feedback beforehand but changes of policy and spending large sums of money should await backing by all residents via public vote rather than just those who respond to this survey and community meetings. Respondents can often have their own 'axe to grind.'
Also in terms of culture, the Northern Beaches lacks a good entertainment venue either private or public.
The topic of over population of the Northern Beaches.
The topic of poor architectural design of developments along major roads like Pittwater Road, where developments are not stepped back as they rise up multi-levels. The affect of walled in main roads is sound and pollution disasters.
The number of poor architectural designs that are not eco-friendly, requiring aircon, have no eaves, no breeze efficiency, over done with electrical lighting .
The ratio of car parking to number of bedrooms of a unit or house should be seriously investigated. Where a 5 bedroom house has only a 2 car garage, really is unsatisfactory, when more often than not, there are 3 or more cars .All unit blocks/ houses built in the future, should require that the number of bedrooms is the number of car parking spots.
Yes, Our community does not want large scale building developments. This particularly includes public areas where the bulk & height of buildings should not be increased and open space must be maintained. We ensure the village atmosphere is retained and therefore the proposed 6 stories plan is totally unacceptable.
Renovations to shopping centres mean we travel further to quiet centres. Travelling with luggage, means carrying it to where L90 sets

down/picks up. Now no direct link to Central. Closer look at inaccessible steep or stepped venues for an ageing population, children and those with disabilities.
- Population profile is too broad. What I want as a 32 year old is very different from that of a 50 year old
- No mention of LGBT issues or gender equality
You are assuming a rate of population growth which is similar to recent years which reflects a level of immigration over the last 10 years or so which, as per the recent Productivity Commission Report outlines, is TWICE the historical long term average.
We should be advocating a slowing of immigration to permit infrastructure catch up and a more livable community
There needs to be much more education in regards to valuing our natural heritage. Many people who live next to bushland want to cut it down, use it as a dumpsite or allow invasive garden weeds to despoil it. There is also carnage of wildlife on many of our roads and a huge problem of predation by cats. Where have all our small birds gone? Should we be looking to address the problem of aggressive Miner Birds? Trees are still being cut down daily by the ridiculous 10/50 laws. There was a plan to help rebuild our "urban forest" especially with more indigenous street trees what happened to it? There is need to make Bush Regeneration programs more mainstream and popular.
The provision for indoor sport and recreation facilities.
'Retirement' economy and healthcare / aged care:
• A source of jobs and a vital supplement to tourism economy
• Demand from retirees supports hospitality sector during "off peak" times and supplements tourism
• Opportunities for medical sector (NB Hospital + specialist doctors + physio, etc. + recreation and coastal walks), can even evolve into opportunities for inbound medical tourism from Asia
• Investment into new serviced apartments (needed for tourism) – wealthy retirees from other areas can buy serviced apartments for themselves (for holidays) and renting out
• Help local retirees to rent out spare rooms in their homes to tourists via websites like Airbnb – it's a great social opportunity and additional income
• Support development of "over 55" complexes and aged care so local retirees will be able to continue to live locally and sell their large blocks to families with kids
'Kids-oriented' economy:
- various classes, tuition and sport (jobs for local moms, youth, etc.)
- childcare, after school care
- events and activities (to attract locals and visitors)
The paper does not appear to recognise that the region is already at a critical point in being able to handle the current population
You missed the single biggest issue for the northern beaches.....population growth and all that comes with an increasing population.
Family Violence
Affordable housing
Traffic and transport infrastructure
NIL
Need to be more precise and prioritise what will be done first.
Tendency to label stereotypes as Community make-up in Arts and heritage.
I would like to see more nightlife on the beaches, rather than just in Manly
I think dual occupancy and low level apartment blocks should be introduced throughout the Northern Beaches rather than so many high rise apartments.
The role of urban planning in community building.
The Northern Beaches are a series of suburbs largely divided by the Pittwater Road, with shops placed opportunistically wherever the developer can get away with it. A good example of ribbon development.



No clear 'village centres' for most suburbs - Manly, Freshwater and Avalon being the notable exceptions.
There should be a robust discussion around using many of our hard man made structures to capture and store energy via solar grids, so that we turn around the :
Urban heat island effect, where heat retention
of hard surfaces results in higher than average
localised temperatures
There should also be a discussion about a light rail system elevated above the centre of Pittwater road that can be run on renewable energy, the technology is here. This would ease traffic flow, not impact our bush and catchment and be aesthetically pleasing, particularly if it were silent [electric/solar run]
Yes, in 'recreation and sports facilities' and in fact in the whole document there is no mention of either provision for increase space for off-lead dog walking or cycle paths
I note that a huge sign has been erected on approaching the end of Raymond Road, Bilgola Plateau, that announces that new roadwork has been done. A lot of paint has been applied to an intersection and a few Yield signs posted in. Seems a waste of ratepayers money to advertise little change to an intersection. Just lower down the hill where Cheryl Crescent intersects there is a very dangerous intersection where signage and paint would avoid accidents.
Social Planning is now an important part of planning for the Northern Beaches Council area where there are pressures from the State Government and developers to increase residential densities.
Under "Recreation and Sports Facilities" you don't mention dog parks - nor does dog walking get mentioned in the social or health and wellbeing sections.
I also noticed that most of the photos in the report were taken in Manly - I hope that the NBC won't revert to old ways and be heavily Manly-centric which is why Pittwater council was created in the first place! Don't forget the northern end of the peninsula!
More focus on unleashed dog areas please. It's a tragedy how little space is afforded to accommodate the lifestyles of a large number of our citizens, namely pet owners.
-It is not clear in the profiles what are facts and what are assumptions
-There is nothing in the paper about the split of responsibilities between Council , State and Federal for the issues and opportunities
-the governance of the issues and opportunities has not yet been addressed
It only "seems to espouse" sustainability. I would like to see it stated much more forthrightly, to signal to all parties that we won't countenance inappropriate change or development.
Dogs on beaches
There is no recognition in the Issues Paper of the widely loved and practised recreational activity of walking the dog. On any objective assessment, this activity is probably at least as popular as any other activity, including fishing and swimming. The Issues Paper needs to recognise the large percentage of the community that finds dog walking an important part of their Pittwater living experience.
Yes - amazingly there is no reference to dog walking and swimming! How can this be? It should have been included on Page 20 somewhere.
The CSP says, "the overarching challenge is to ensure that all members of our community are supported and feel connected; that health and wellbeing is enhanced; and that a diverse range of recreational, arts, cultural and creative activities are available for all ages, abilities and interests."
And yet currently dog owners have very few places where we can let our run dogs off-leash. This includes beaches. All over Australia other councils seem to manage dogs on beaches yet it never happens here. We are fobbed off with joke excuses like, "we can't have dogs on Newport because of the Volleyball Court.... or sometimes hang gliders land there."
This is feeble and not good enough. Council needs to genuinely engage with dog owners on this. There are a lot of us, we are responsible and law abiding, and we chafe at the complete restrictions currently in place.
One other concern is the architectural standard of new buildings. Warriewood Valley looks terrible, crammed full of endless, tacky tacky boxes while Sydney seems to bulging at the seams with identical, boxy towers. Is this the future for development up our way? Because I think we deserve better than that.
I'd also like to see an improved tree policy. Ryde Council was looking at doing this.... mapping the suburb and finding appropriate places for larger trees. We need them as greater built density inevitably leads to a reduction in tree cover and a greater heat island effect.
The issues regarding fair access to beaches as in other parts of the world for dogs and the improvement of existing facilities ( a tap and

open ground do not constitute a Park.)
Insufficient off leash dog walking space close to where people live so that they don't have to drive to exercise properly. Humans with dogs have a right to be healthy too and the current, poorly thought out offering is appalling for the environment, as well as us all. We should be leading the country in our approach to all aspects of health, not ignoring a significant section of the community as is the status quo.
Yes, beach access for dogs
No mention of dog facilities.
No provision for off-lead dog friendly spaces which there is a major shortage of.
the Issues Paper appears to neglect one of the most popular recreational activities in the LGA: Spending time outdoors with the Family dog "walking the family dog". This recreational activity that can not be left out of this paper and future plans on the Northern Beaches.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "We need to design and plan for safe, accessible dog walking options allowing adequate space in the whole of the Northern Beaches removing the need for people to drive their dogs to parks in other wards."</li> <li>• "We need to acknowledge and promote dog walking as a healthy pastime for all members of the family – from the kids through to the elderly."</li> <li>• "We need to acknowledge that, for many who otherwise live alone, dogs are companions relied upon to help keep people active and engaged with the local community."</li> <li>• "We need to recognise that walking dogs from home to desirable locations is better for the environment than having to use the car for transporting the dog to a designated park – at all times we need to be finding ways like this to keep cars off our busy local roads, and save on CO2 emissions at the same time."</li> <li>• "We need to better understand harmonious compatibility of different uses of public space – for instance, instead of banning dogs from our rock swimming pool areas, we need to consider sheltered hitching rails so people have the option to walk the dog to the pool, and then hitch it there in the shade while they swim a few laps. The key is understanding what people like to do, and then designing ways to allow for this without alienating sections of our community."</li> <li>• "We need more areas for dogs for a swim."</li> <li>• "We have many kilometres of coastline and beach – we need parts of this opened up to allow owners to enjoy the beach together with their dogs to run and swim in a tick-free environment."</li> <li>• "We are short of accessible open space and the green open space we do have is not maintained. Dog access is an issue that cannot be ignored."</li> </ul>
Dogs help with social networking in the community as people with same interest are easier to connect with.
We need the Northern beaches public transport system to allow for taking dogs on the busses to reduce the need to drive with a car if you want to visit any suburb to meet up with friends.
long-term sustainability
Failure to address growth as the principal challenge to sustainability
I do not think there is enough detail overall. Heritage issues seem to be reduced to one sentence. No mention of trying to describe the important characteristics of different areas in the environmental section. For instance the topography of an area can impact on the way you plan for an area. e.g. Avalon sits in a bowl so you look down on the area, so roof design and canopy of trees become important aesthetically. Ridge line areas are also important if we want to keep the green appearance of the area. The edges between water and land are also important. The fact that the "greenness" of the area helps produce clean air to the Sydney region and the green natural environments are important for relief for Sydney's city dwellers on the weekend.
There is no reference at all to governance, openness, respectful communication or accountability. There is no mention of the status or duration of existing planning instruments.
The Issues Paper is for all of the Northern Beaches and largely assumes a social, economic and geographic uniformity across this large area of Sydney: this is an extremely poor basis from which to begin strategic planning.
Otherwise, the range of issues canvassed is so wide that the possibility of resourcing and achieving them is bound to raise expectations and aspirations which cannot be met.
No
Yes, what's good for people, rather than what's good for the State government, developers and real estate companies.
Again I say, yes! Dog walking. Right now there are masses of bindis in lawns, verges, reserves and dog parks. It is hell for my dog and

will be for the next two months. I don't want to have to get into my car to take my dog for a walk. Nearly every council in Australia with a seaboard and sensitive environmental issues has managed to design a dog policy that is a win-win for the community. With Pittwater's old school bureaucrats who have lacked vision and imagination, we have had a vindictive, bizarre anti-dog policy enforced by some rangers who bully and abuse with impunity - from children to the elderly and the community in between.
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.
We need to find ways to keep cars off the road so that we can walk without first having to drive to one of the few over-used dog parks that are threadbare and dusty in summer, muddy when it rains, tick infested, flea infested in summer.
Dearin Park (a dog park that the locals hate) has an infestation of funnel web spiders - did anyone in the Council know this?
After a mass infestation of ticks in the nymph stage - literally hundreds of nymph ticks all over my body - after walking my dog at Bilgola and standing under a tea tree, I need to find a place to walk my dog where I will not be at risk. And if I have to take my dog to the beach after dark, I will do it. Even if I risk assault.
Transport: no direct public transport from 'hinterland' to Dee Why or Mona Vale or Manly Poor bicycle and pedestrian integration.
No or very limited access to internet in areas
Dry grounds society, no transport, hardly any secondary education
Generally, you've covered things well.....the sessions will raise matters
See above
Promoting design quality in the built environment.
The need for a comprehensive wood heater pollution control policy.
Recreation seems to be focused on team sports and coastal activities. I feel that the Northern Beaches has great potential to be an outdoor Mecca for bush activities like mountain biking, climbing and hiking. If additional resources were spent on more trails and connecting trails, these networks could increase tourism to the area, provide alternative routes for commuting, and would have limited impact on parks and open spaces.
More bike, pedestrian, and wildlife (multi-purpose) crossings need to be erected along Mona Vale Rd and Wakehurst Parkway.
Little about Aboriginal people.
Light rail for public transport
Going somewhere other than the CBD. No interregional or intra-regional public transport
Sculpture in the Glen last year was such a wonderful event. The number of entries rivalled those of Sculpture by the Sea. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have our own sculptural event north of Sydney Harbour.

<b>What do you like about the Northern Beaches?</b>
The unique natural beauty and the village life qualities still present in many of the suburbs.
I grew up on the Northern Beaches and loved it. I loved being close to the beach, the beautiful environment, great spaces for socialising.
Great community
I like our relax lifestyle, love the beaches and bush. Also close to great facilities for health, sport, art. I believe we are very lucky to live where we do and that we should put a lot of energy in keeping the area as pristine as we can.
Trees! Apart, of course from diversity, beaches, waterways, woodland, reserves, low population
The greenery, vegetation and "natural environment". This environment is at risk of being diminished/tarnished as many streets become 'parking lots' clogged and obscured by parked vehicles.
Great place to bring up a family. Peace and quiet away from the city. Great outdoors and natural beauty.
The creativity and business smarts of the local population.
the beaches

Environment, Beaches, Parks
I love the peace and quiet and not the rush and bustle of some parts of Sydney! There are so many areas of natural beauty, the beaches being able to sit by the lake or watch the surf pounding the shore. A small shopping centre where you know the people serving you and where you are respected, my church and the congregation who worship with me. A private doctor not a huge impersonal Medical Centre who knows you well and is able to treat you without going over your medical history every time you need to visit.
I've lived here since 1971 - My husband was born here! This is gods own country! We rarely get black outs, it's close to transport - especially that im older. Close to beaches, Chatswood and centres.
Please stop the noise makers
Beaches, community, leafy, variations in topography, many living, working, entertainment, shopping and leisure options. Access to many different residential property types depending on your lifestyle eg from 1 bed units to acreage at Terrey Hills. Almost 3/4 of the population being family household age adults and children means that proportionate availability of freestanding house type properties with backyards maintains the more open space and leafy living environment in most areas.
It is a happy, green (vegetated) and relatively safe environment in which to live.
I feel safe on the Northern Beaches, people have a relaxed attitude.
Lifestyle and recreational facilities
The Northern Beaches still does provide a more carefree living than the rest of our city. Life seems to be just that much slower. Living in an area with a mixture of beach, harbour, bush, commercial and residential area is almost unique in a city of this size. It is our responsibility to make sure the planning for the future of all these aspects grow in a sustainable and economically viable way.
I choose to live here because of the natural beauty of the area. Mr Pearson and the northern beaches council threaten to ruin the area through mega over development and an unbelievable vision of high density. Never in the history of Pittwater have we seen such a threat to our cherished lifestyle. I thought that after the extremely unpopular Delmege building, that Mona Vale would never be the target of developer's lobbying. But now, with the new northern beaches council, that appears to be very much back on the agenda.
Fresh air, water, climate and few racial tensions.
It's natural beauty and sense of space.
I have loved living in this area since 1979 for its lifestyle, beauty, peace and the relaxed, happy nature of the local people.
The Northern Beaches are a remarkably attractive environment and provide a good mix of business and accommodation, combined with outstanding recreational alternatives. Being a peninsula it is a destination and as such is blessed with little through traffic requirements other than internal travel. This in itself provides opportunities for concentrating traffic on main roads and removing private cars from recreational and accommodation areas.
I would like to see the council provide more cycleways so people can get around safely without adding to car and parking congestion.
The environment and lifestyle
The village atmosphere and the wonderful beaches
Access to the coast and the waterway foreshore has traditionally been the greatest feature of living on the northern beaches, but blanket restrictions meaning we run the risk of a fine when including the dog mean there is a need to keep a watch out for the ranger, and this breeds disharmony.
The beautiful beaches and coastline and relaxed, community-friendly lifestyle
No high rise, easily accessible and uncrowded beaches, community village feel of Pittwater ie Mona Vale Newport Avalon and Palm Beach where I mostly frequent, safe, easy to park, no crime, friendly caring people, lots of families.
Natural beauty: beaches, surf, coastline, bushlands, parks. Safety.
The Northern Beaches is an area of beauty of beaches, headlands, parks and waterways.
The substantial retention of vegetation which complements the beautiful waterways. The low rise housing & commercial densities which minimizes all forms of pollution including visual.
Walking the beaches and harbours, visiting art/music venues & festivals. View from Stand B at Manly Wharf.
The small community feel, the healthy lifestyle, minimal high res development, pedestrian only zones. Lots really.
current great environment and liveability and village aspect - but all this under threat if we don't respond



The unique environment, rich in biodiversity but diminishing so fast.
Its commitment to sport, recreation and leisure; and giving the community an opportunity to come together and lead a healthy lifestyle.
An ultimate 'sea change' destination Great place to live and raise kids
The bushland and ocean and Manly Dam are my favourite things.
The natural environment, and the mix of urban facilities within it.
The environment and amenities.
Safe, green, beaches
The natural environment
Geographically beautiful area with bushland & waterways being close to a major city. Continuity of living in a community. Nurturing environment for children and older people to live in.
Beaches, bush, lifestyle
The beaches The weather
That it is a largely green/ bush environment with overall low rise density dwellings and is mindful of over development and greed. Our roads can't cope with more development and the idea of widening the Parkway is abhorrent!
freedom, open space, sunshine
This unique, small and now far too densely populated area has beauty and serenity beyond compare. We need to limit the amount of residential construction. I believe authorities have allowed too much medium density building already. The available infrastructure cannot cope with the extra people. Our perfectly magnificent Hospital and the land around it, which was gifted to the residents of the area, has been purposefully run-down by the government authorities resulting in it now only offering basic hospital care and meaning increased traffic on already congested roads to the new hospital being built. Shocking, irresponsible planning!! Who is responsible for such lack of vision and leadership?
Its not the city it is relaxed and beachy and open spaces and a real community not huge high rises where no ones knows each other.
The bushland and beach environment
I love the feeling of peace here and the connection with nature as well as a vibrant and interesting community.
The sense of community and that it feels like a small town. the Northern Beaches is one of the most beautiful and pristine places on earth.
The village style atmosphere - Manly, Freshwater, Mona Vale, Newport, Palm Beach and the current sporting facilities.
I really like the Northern beaches, and feel the lifestyle is generally good.
I like the beaches and the natural spaces, I like the community vibe and the opportunities it presents
The environment The lifestyle The current population and level of development
It is an area of great natural beauty and facility that has bonded to that a real village society.
The casual lifestyle and the beauty of the area.
The more it is locked away behind council signs banning our previously enjoyed freedoms, the less there is to like and love about the area. It is becoming increasingly nanny-state and is losing the laid-back charm that attracted us in the first place. Hopefully the new council will be something of a circuit-breaker in this respect.
With a personal connection dating back to the mid-1960's, I have a deeper affection for what it used to be than what it is now. Too many fun police are killing the vibe (but they don't live here so what do they care?)
It is beautiful, green and surrounded by water and beaches. Newport is like a small town, a close, little community especially since the main road was improved/landscaped where it passes through the shops.
The coastal environment and community spirit.

Manly also has an excellent library, Hop, Skip & Jump bus service and enjoyable events throughout the year.
Lifestyle
The environment and natural sense of community, particularly generated by young people.
Access to nature
Twenty seven beaches to choose from.....but only for human use!
This is a wonderful place to live, to has lots of nature close to Beaches, and Manly Damm. Bike tracks, lovely walks (unfortunately lots restricted as not allowed to take your dog along on a lead). It is 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. Also the new service of a direct connection to Watsons bay allows for fast travel and access to the Eastern suburbs without having to travel by car.  The feel of not being in a big city but actually living really close to the city is fantastic.
The beach and bushland environment
The natural environment. The fact that other than water, the trees and vegetation dominate the visual character of the area, buildings sit amongst the trees & in Pittwater. I like that I can complain about the noise of the birds, and the possums on my car, it would be terrible, if there was no habitat for such creatures. I like that our local villages are small scale and they do not have tall blocky buildings. I like that we still have natural wiggly edges between water and land and vegetation and the verges of roads. I like travelling through the forrest of the parkway to reach the city. I like that I can still park outside local independent shops, where people know their customers. I like the relaxed lifestyle that is different to the city. I like the natural soft undeveloped character of our beaches and waterways. I like our golf courses and the green spaces they provide aesthetically.
The sense of space, the relative ease of local movement, the lack of press of people found in suburbs closer to the Sydney CBD. The light, the air, the physical environment, the casual lifestyle, now under great threat.
The location, its environment, its beauty and its relaxed way of living
The green and blue and quiet bits, as opposed to the concrete grey bits, the cars, the noise and the pollution. The natural as opposed to the man-made.
The smallness of it, the lack of crowds and high rises, the beaches, the fact that I can walk to Avalon village and have people I don't know smile and say "hello". I like the people and their values.
Bushland, biodiversity of fauna and flora.
Bushland, Bushwalk, wallabies, beaches, flora and fauna are awesome
Still has some remaining bushland and good people caring enough to act in it's best interests.....
Low density hosing. Village atmosphere (Pittwater region). Natural environment.
The Pacific Ocean
Sea and sealife; Hop Skip and Jump bus; Manly Library.
I love how beautiful and outdoorsy it is here. There's always something you can do here no matter what the weather is like. I feel like the community is like-minded and friendly.
The bush. The sea with clean water. My community that is there and is supportive.
the environment, the people, the lifestyle
I was born at Fairlight and have spent almost all of my life on the Northern Beaches because it is a wonderful place to live.

<b>What do you think the challenges might be?</b>
A plan for the infrastructure regarding public transport and parking that currently works against many of the issues facing the other strategic Reference Groups.  Many, if not all, of the issues being addressed require a solution which allows people to move around without continually being part of an intolerable commute or a floating carpark. With the recent and projected increase in population it is the key to providing a baseline



from which all of the Strategic Reference Groups can proceed from.
I moved out of the Northern beaches due to the lack of affordable options for getting a house. I noticed a lack of new developments such as townhouses and apartments (except for Dee Why) for a long time, and I believe this lack of supply has placed excessive upward pressure on prices in the area. I now have a family with children and am looking for a house in the northern beaches, but am struggling to find an affordable house.
Both Challenges and Ideas will be subject to the best estimates of future demographics and servicing those demographics as much as servicing current demographics. Clearly most solutions will require time and money and effort so they will be future not current improvements.
Transport
population, climate change, jobs, infrastructure, transport, sporting facilities for the enlarged population, health,
Increasing population. Traffic. Pollution. Soaring temperatures.
Perhaps Frenchs Forest should be re-named Frenchies now that all the trees have been removed by RMS.
Resistance to change by residents who appear to own fleets of cars. For example, a neighbour in our street has 8 vehicles - 2 x 4WD, a caravan/campervan, a boat on a trailer, a ute, 2 hatchbacks and a sedan. 4 people live in the property which has off road parking for a maximum of 3 vehicles.
Public transport and road infrastructure - both my husband and I work in the city during the week and try and catch public transport as much as possible but the buses can be infrequent and not reliable and the ferry is expensive. On the weekends we visit family in the northern beaches and epping and the Spit bridge is a nightmare.
Public transport - the majority of residents lifestyle will deteriorate unless there's a rethink by council and residents about transport and their alleged birthright to drive and park everywhere. Cycling - see above. Instead of continually talking about it and conducting studies, northern beaches council must plan and build a comprehensive network of separated bike lanes to provide genuine commuting options through the beaches. It would reduce congestion, reduce health bills and is the easiest cheapest way to fundamentally enhance the quality of life in the area. (although not a commuting route the instant popularity of the narabeen lagoon trail is testament to this.) Internet - due to point one, people to work locally and world class fast internet would help this and provide local employment. Sporting facilities - council needs to be bold in breaking the inertia of legacy sporting facilities to cater to where the number of users are. For example too many public golf courses, not enough playing fields. \$20 million on another swimming pool bringing the area to 27 pools and still only one proper mountain bike track. The manly daily - could be great but encourages a negative whinging culture which reflects badly on the area and holds us back.
too many units and people and not enough facilities and roads to cope
This area is not able to accommodate the huge increase in numbers that the Government expect us to absorb into the area without the correct infrastructure to cope with the increase. A new traffic system needs to be worked out NOW not in 40 years' time when we are grid locked. The B-line bus service will not cope it is only a stop gap idea not properly thought through.
Including seniors into activities Promote special internet groups for the elderly to join
Please stop the noise makers
Opposition to the construction of the Northern Beaches Tunnel.
The biggest challenge is for the newly formed and un-elected council to make a decision based on the request from a sporting association which selfishly has not considered how best to utilise existing facilities,  Should the council consider proceeding to the next step with the idea of converting the Golf Course to other sporting field, the next challenge will be convincing the community and this should be readily solved if it is put up as an issue for an elected council to make.
Transportation to city particularly from Warringah road, There is no connectivity to trains from our area making commuting hellish for parents with family responsibilities. The traffic on Warringah road is shocking during peak times. I believe we need light rail on Pittwater road at least with parking accommodation.
Health and social engagement for the older population
The challenges for the Northern Beaches are: 1. To work towards a better and more integrated public transport system, including major upgrades between Dee Why and the City and Dee Why and Chatswood. The current proposal between Dee Why and the City is a short term solution. What we need is long term planning. Ideally this should be agreed on by both parties (i.e. bi-partisan), so that a change in Government does not result in changes to the planning. 2. Working towards a commercially sustainable area, which comprises businesses in Technology, IT, Education (can we have a University Hub from one of the major Universities in the Northern Beaches?) and Smart Office Hubs. That is businesses that are compatible with a residential and tourist area.

<p>3. To plan for a sustainable culture in regards to buildings, energy supply (no coal) and wastewater (why not reuse it!).</p> <p>4. Providing affordable housing for everyone. Why not look at getting Banks, Insurance Companies and Superfunds to invest in building affordable housing (apartments). This would also allow for security in renting as it would not be in the interest of the owner to change tenants frequently (long term tenure).</p> <p>5. A challenge for any council is to involve the public in the decision making in a meaningful way and re-establish trust in the political system. The public should have a say in all aspects of governance, such as projects, issues and even Council budgets. One way of doing this is to involve the New Democracy Foundation. To this effect I have been in contact with the previous Council</p>
<p>The biggest challenge is to elect a council that listens and acts on the wishes and requirements of rate payers and residents. That acts in the best interests of rate payers and residents. That can stand up to State governments and developers , and truly represent and carry out the demands and requirements of rate payers and residents. ie those that elect you.</p> <p>A council that manages within budgets, really thinks about development and consequences, is prudent not gauging ratepayers . That understands and appreciates the history and heritage of Pittwater/northern beaches and it's uniqueness.</p>
<p>One could write a book on the subject and not cover them all. Fundamentally, it is maintaining (or improving) the quality of life in an environment of growing population and increasing difficulty of getting around. It is about improving the enjoyment of people with the Northern Beaches lifestyle. The Issues Paper probably does not even address the concept of enjoyment.</p>
<p>Limiting overdevelopment. Our ecological footprint comprises not just our homes, but our share of the space required for roads, schools, hospitals, sports fields, police stations and all the rest locally (and further afield by agricultural and pastoral properties, mines, timber plantations and so on). The sort of population growth envisaged means a constant and rapid diminution of our natural areas until the northern beaches loses its appeal and is transformed into an over-urbanised community like so many others.</p>
<p>Short term letting impact on residential amenity, Traffic, Transport, Health, Litter, Internet speed, Parking.</p>
<p>Any plan of this type will suffer from competing requirements. The major challenge will be to communicate the benefits of some significant changes that will greatly enhance the area but not be realised for up to 10 years. This will inevitably create resistance from those who resist change, imagine themselves adversely affected or want quick results.</p> <p>Unfortunately any effective plan will cause change and this is always hard. Communicating the benefits and winning support will be extremely difficult.</p>
<p>I would like to see the council provide more cycleways so people can get around safely without adding to car and parking congestion.</p>
<p>Dealing with growth while maintaining the values shared by the current population</p>
<p>We need to acknowledge and promote dog walking as a healthy pastime for all members of the family – from the kids through to the elderly."</p>
<p>Council needs to take care not to have the CSP process too heavily influenced by any one particular ideal. For instance, while everybody wants to see native animals kept free from harm, we don't close roads and ban cars in response to the occasional roadkill. Our native fauna are well provided for in the abundant National Park and other bushland areas - in the residential areas we must accept that other priorities exist for weighing against the ideal of preserving biodiversity.</p>
<p>climate change, acceptable garbage disposal and re-cycling - particularly from strata complexes which are very difficult to "police" in terms of doing the right thing. We need someone to invent a way for people not to be able to wrongly dispose of rubbish in re-cycling bins!</p> <p>Littering on public sports-fields needs greater attention - perhaps making the clubs who hire them take some responsibility for collecting rubbish when they use the fields</p>
<p>Avoiding the temptation for over development.</p> <p>Creating "fair share" of open spaces for our dogs to have more leash free space and to designate 2 or 3 rarely frequented stretches of beach ( difficult access) for time share for exercising our dogs.</p>
<p>Public transport, traffic congestion.</p> <p>Climate change and sea level rise ie houses on the shore and on cliffs (private land owners issues being made a public burden).</p> <p>Lack of medium density housing - either expensive freestanding dwellings or units. It makes it difficult for young families to stay in the area as the gap in price between units and homes is so great. More medium density housing (eg townhouses, terrace houses) rather than more RFB developments would help younger families stay in the area rather than moving elsewhere.</p> <p>Lack of entertainment venues other than pubs and clubs.</p>
<p>To retain the beauty of the Northern Beaches, without squeezing it to death with over development, polluting beaches, waterways, parks and headlands.</p>
<p>Over population, reduced green spaces &amp; over development.</p>
<p>Overdevelopment of urban spaces without plan for open spaces. Inadequate bus services. Manly bus has to bypass commuters when capacity reached before Dee Why. Cross country services need to link.</p>
<p>It all comes back to local transport. The local suburb in-connectivity does not exist. (e.g. No way to get from Fairlight to anywhere. Few connections from Warringah Mall to Freshwater. Nothing to much of North Balgowlah after dark.)</p>

Connecting to the city is important but without local connections we get nowhere. It reduces access to local business, dents the the local night time economy, turns the roads to chaos on weekends, forces entrepreneurs out of the area, etc.
excessive population growth leading to impossible travel time and cost in and out of the area, housing availability etc - see above
There seems to be nothing stopping the tide of population increase, development, traffic gridlock and loss of bushland. People see the shocking environmental vandalism at French Forest and despair. If the Dept of Education can see threatened species habitat at Manly Vale School as a development opportunity...you realise that our society has lost its way.
Population growth and limited green space.
Issues Paper has a comprehensive list of challenges. There is not much to add.  Unfortunately, the area is not a priority for NSW Government due to objective reasons: - stable low growth area (Government is rightfully focused on areas of Sydney which are going through massive transformation) - safe loyal seats on all elections  This will continue to be the main challenge so the Council will need to gain as much community support as possible when dealing with government agencies and also look at opportunities to attract private capital into infrastructure and local development initiatives.
I think the biggest single challenge to all of us now is global warming and trying to avert or delay the 6th great extinction which is already underway. we have so many areas worth preserving with so many species at risk I hope we can start to prioritise this over building and consumerism
The plan covers a lot of ground and provides useful information. It will be important to keep an overview across all areas in which growth is planned so that there is good coordination across the Northern Beaches, duplication avoided, and targets achieved with enhancement of built and natural environment that residents treasure. Some plans will have been developed separately by the previous 3 councils. Co-ordination of planning of growth areas is now a goal which requires special attention and should be achievable under one Northern Beaches Council. One particular critical issue for economic development will be rapidly getting the National Broadband Network [NBN] implemented in key growth areas, e.g. around the Hospital. I know NBN is not under Council control, but it is worth lobbying for rapid NBN rollout to ensure that new businesses can be attracted and adequately supported
Population & transport. Impacting climate change.
Getting council to actually address population and development in conjunction with state and federal government after getting residents views.
Housing density. Water management.
Transport, congestion. Too many high rises in areas like Dee Why and not enough free parking
Bringing the interests of a spread out environment to be fair so that smaller groups have as much access to resources as did the former Warringah larger Council.
Growing population, housing, traffic congestion and high rises
Building people friendly community spaces Providing adequate infrastructure. Ever increasing pressure to squeeze more people into the Northern Beaches (recent story about doubling migrant intake would add to that pressure); yet infrastructure lags behind, e.g. still no upgrade to eliminate ALL of the single carriageway on Mona Vale road, still no flood proofing of Wakehurst Parkway. Blind seems an expensive political exercise, but just gets you to the Wynyard/ Bridge gridlock faster - still have'nt seen how that will be solved.
Taking global warming seriously
providing for unfettered recreation with a 23% increase in population
It is becoming an unsafe place to live as the road accesses in and out of the area are so unable to cope with the population of cars that have been encouraged to need to use these roads. Consider if there is an emergency to evacuate the area, with the old available roads this peninsula will be an area of disaster. Locked in! Our rail corridor was sold off for political financial expediency, we need an alternative rail system - possibly following the road through the Oxford Falls road and through to Chatswood.
High rises, too many units this the suburbs not the city
Maintaining our bushland environment
Entrenched views held by a small but vocal minority seem to overrule other ideas. Relatively difficult access to and from the City - this is a key challenge for both residents and potential visitors to the area. We need to improve the frequency and availability of public transport to some of the harder to reach places. Currently very poorly served. This is a



bit of a chicken and egg situation as because services are infrequent or nonexistent, people don't use them and drive instead which gives the impression that people don't want the service, etc.
That maybe the council will continue to deny the majority of its constituents the right to walk their pets on beaches before 8am and after 5pm. I resent being turned into a criminal by simply running my dog on a beach. 90% of residents smile and wave at me during this time. You need to ask if you are truly representing your constituents with the current regulations.
At the moment the plan assumes growth of 25% by 2031. This will mean denser living, more traffic congestion, strained use of already scarce public facilities and erosion of the benefits we currently enjoy living on the northern beaches.
Trying to provide balanced needs for lots of people at once
Accepting changes into the future and realising what adaptations need to be made to make the spaces useable by everyone.
The major challenge is to hold the population down to a growth rate of about to about 10 % not 25% in the period.. If we do not do this then the challenges in transport, environment, social cohesion, development density and lifestyle will be immense
Resisting the political pressures pushed by a State administration and Government that is not working to an organised, holistic plan.
Finding a happy medium for dog owners and non dog owners to coexist
Resisting the nanny-state mentality. Career bureaucrats who see it their place in life to invent new rules and enforcement regimes have already demonstrated that the charm of an area can be easily eroded when not suitably guarded by the people. Councils need to remember they are there to serve the people - this means listening to all groupings, not just those few squeaky wheels who make the most noise.
Now that we are one big council, a tunnel under the spit would have a huge impact on livability all the way up the peninsula throughout the new LGA - if we don't get it now, with a cashed-up Premier as our Member for Manly, we will never get it.
Balance. How to balance competing demands.... and transport. How to deal with rising sea levels.
Fair representation for all community members
NIMBYs who have the ear of council staff. An inefficient council that remains unchecked without democratic leadership.
Dogs are prohibited from accessing the beach
Encouraging Councils to more to be more tolerant & understanding of the needs for humans to socialise with their dogs.
Hostile opinions of companion animals and the lack of willingness to compromise and share. Over regulation which removes the self responsibility and ownership of grown human beings.
Implementing change to existing regulations people have grown use to is challenging but is necessary. It might not be possible over night and will take a few years but the outcome will be worth while.
Northern Beaches Council's goal of long term sustainability is impossible, repeat impossible, whilst ever we have rapid population growth. Based on an improbably low forecast in the plan, the northern beaches population is set to treble in the next 100 years, compromising the lives of future generations. If Australia maintains the growth we've seen in the past 10 years (using ABS statistics), the nation's population will be almost five times bigger by 2116. Say good-bye to the space and natural beauty that define this region, and say hello to an impoverished, overcrowded place. The plan mentions, among many other challenges, sea level rise. Were all polar ice to melt, the sea rise would exceed the height of Manly's tallest building. While that is a distant prospect, it wouldn't take much of a shift to lose our beaches and low lying areas, destroying much of our economic base and leaving far less room to adapt. With overwhelming evidence that the sheer number of us on earth and our voracious appetite for resources are damaging life support systems, we need new policies. Let's rather settle on an optimum population. That way the northern beaches, and Australia, could serve as role models for genuine long term sustainability.
Population growth leading to intractable pressures on congestion, house prices and services such as health, education and overdevelopment
Retaining jobs and areas for light industrial uses, where noise and dirt are acceptable, like auto repair shops, timber yards, furniture makers, and boat repair slipways, as land becomes more valuable. As government always want to supply powerful developers with more apartment or housing sites. If we are going to have low cost housing, it needs to be council owned to really make it affordable like in the UK. Developers, can not be trusted to provide low cost housing for essential service people. Transport will always be an issue but I do not want a train, as then there will be greater pressure on the environment, so if you live here you have to accept it .
To resist externally imposed population targets; to maximise the use of existing infrastructure of all kinds; to incorporate affordable housing (still not yet clearly defined). To prick baseless thought bubbles: (Mona Vale will never be another Manly or Bondi, even if residents wanted it; and there is no evidence they do.) Parts of Sydney, because of their geography or topography, would be destroyed

<p>by ever-increasing population growth. Watsons Bay and the Hunters Hill peninsula come to mind; most of the northern beaches would be in the same category.</p> <p>To reflect in planning the environmental, social and economic diversity of this large part of Sydney. To govern by respect, information, discussion and persuasion rather than the brutality of imposition.</p> <p>Bury all spin.</p> <p>The Issues Paper presents a massively expanded social and environmental agenda. Where will the resources come from to meet these aspirations?</p>
<p>Not enough money for adequate infrastructure to accommodate the continued increases in population. Inadequate representation at Council level resulting from the severe reduction in the number of councillors. Getting support from the State government for many of the issues which are beyond a Council's ability to address.</p>
<p>Politicians and planners who seem to think population growth is good for humanity. Quite the opposite.</p> <p>Over-crowding, pollution, noise, obliteration of the natural world we live in.</p> <p>Convincing planners/politicians that Frenchs Forest is a residential suburb, not a town, not a state significant anything.</p> <p>The biggest challenge is to maintain the essential natural environment that humans are apart of.</p> <p>People aren't supposed to live in isolated cells ten storeys off the ground, away from health-giving and restful vegetation, bird life, and interaction with other humans, etc.</p>
<p>1. I dread the Northern Beaches Council gradually turning our area into another Dee Why. I have no idea why we have to stack people on top of each other, creating slums for the future and crime.</p> <p>2. An integrated dog policy that is fair to dog owners. We too, are a part of the community.</p>
<p>Protecting the bushland with its biodiversity</p>
<p>Stop using cars, get carbon neutral, stop people from dumping.</p>
<p>Resisting the "development " &amp; slash and burn ideology of this state gov't.... and, the makeup of future elected councils, whether they are visionary or are they singular in interests .....it is one of the concerns now heightened by amalgamation i.e.; local democracy might be the first casualty.</p>
<p>Developers and their influence on Council. A Council that does not represent the desires of the community that they serve and who elected them.</p>
<p>Maintaining the quality of the environment in the face of pressure from increasing population and development.</p> <p>Reducing winter wood heater pollution.</p> <p>Improving water quality, particularly in the heavily used Manly area - the water quality in Cabbage Tree Bay has deteriorated.</p> <p>Decreasing car/ road transport dependencies.</p>
<p>Infrastructure is not adequate for the predicted population increase. I don't want the Northern Beaches to turn into the Eastern Suburbs.</p>
<p>23.3% more people without turning ourselves into 100% suburbia.</p> <p>Becoming carbon neutral with our car dependence</p> <p>Bringing excellent jobs into our area especially with crap internet</p>
<p>Public transport is limited. Need small bus service like "Hop, Skip &amp; Jump" in Manly.</p> <p>Housing - affordability. Loss of young people because housing is so expensive to buy and to rent. This impacts on businesses wishing to employ young people.</p> <p>Lack of tertiary institutions.</p> <p>Lack of choice in housing for older people wanting to remain in area but wishing to downsize.</p> <p>Parking is a nightmare.</p> <p>Infrastructure is missing - eg footpaths and carparks.</p> <p>Not enough police and ambulances.</p> <p>Traffic congestion is choking the peninsula.</p> <p>Pittwater seems to have been neglected. Most focus seems to be on Manly, Dee Why and Brookvale. We feel like we are the end of the line.</p>
<p>I appreciate there are a large number of sporting teams which want more sports fields. Apart from practice times during the week and weekends, these bleak open spaces are not used. Couldn't a "lateral" approach be applied? Why not use the sporting fields at night? After all, over-exposure to sunlight is a real problem while playing sport. Younger children would be unable to do this but certainly older children and adults could take advantage of evening games.</p>
<p><b>What are your Ideas for the future?</b></p>
<p>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.</p>



I am not a key worker, and I am not interested in "affordable housing". 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. Over time I have seen my friends and family grow up in the area, then be forced out of the area due to affordability pressures. This is no doubt the case for many residents growing up in the area. The Northern Beaches needs to do something about it's housing supply issues. Increased height and FSR around the centres and allowance of more townhouse development across the Northern Beaches in select areas would enable more development but not at the sacrifice of the environment.
get the local sporting teams to share more resources instead of trying to build club empires...shrines to their own sport. Make them more accountable. look after local waterways more from industrial areas.
I would be very happy to serve on any committees to improve the Northern Beaches Allocation of resources in a fair and rational way. I have a worry that we will either develop political parties for councils or we will have single issue candidates who stand for election in order to get an unfair share of resources for their particular group.
Can the committee/Council please go to Chatswood's Concourse to have a look at world-class infrastructure built by Willoughby City Council. It is brilliant and should be a goal of this Council to build something similar in Dee Why.
Would like to see a few more sporting facilities created, sort the transport options for the area so as to reduce dependence on cars. Need to reduce our use of chemicals and waste. Need to have some housing affordability as if we don't there will be no younger families living in the area.
Keep up the good work!
Ensure that all residents understand that economic growth based solely upon population growth is just another Ponzi scheme.
Boats belong on water. They should not be parked on streets. I believe the former Warringah Council addressed this issue. It would be good to see Warringah's strategy/policy in relation to parking, rolled out across the whole of the NBC.
Keeping our local area beautiful with open space and great parks and local facilities but improving the connectivity to the city. We need our council to be advocating for better public transport and road infrastructure.
The new council is the only body that can truly mould and shape the cultural identity of the area. Now we are joined as a Northern Beaches council it's core focus should be not to rest on our beautiful location laurels and some outdated notion we are isolated from the rest of Sydney, but to make us the most progressive forward thinking area and ready for the future, rather than the existing self defeating strategy of trying to fend it off.
A limit to the amount of units being developed in Dee Why and street parking for boats and trailers
more Social Housing, more Infrastructure. More Women Blonde. Less Red Tape  More Free Events, Happy Single Warness Day.
the only way is to put trains into this region as was proposed 30 or more years ago ie trains not trams! There will need to be some tunnels to accommodate this. Complete the Warringah Freeway which was proposed in the 50's -it can be renamed! When this is in place with a decent transport system then we can take more housing etc including medium density not high rise buildings that block out the beautiful views etc. A revision of how we dispose of waste also allow more Stores which sell products where the customers bring their own containers that would cut down on the need to dispose of so much packaging.
Look at Naraweena a little bit more.
With Mona vale hospital changing its role and no longer having inpatients in the hospital and Manly Hospital closing ,we are concerned about the fate of all the equipment ie beds, drip poles, chairs, ECG machines ,furnishings , emergency equipment etc. Not of it will be going to the new Northern Beaches Hospital. We wonder whether there could be a massive charity auction with proceeds going towards a charity . Many people in our community are in need of an up down remote control bed etc.
Please stop the noise makers
The Northern Beaches Tunnel construction between the Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation and the Warringah Freeway at Cammeray (at least two lanes each way to feed to and from harbour crossings and Gore Hill Freeway). This tunnel will allow through traffic to/from the Northern Beaches currently congesting Warringah rd and the Spit Bridge/Spit/Military Rds to bypass to CBD/Kingsford Smith Airport/South and North Sydney/St. Leonards, and Manly to Chatswood/Artarmon and M2/North Ryde/Norwest and beyond. Also provides access to proposed 3rd road harbour crossing to M4 and Badgery's Creek Airport. Further reasoning below. Family households are time poor. They rely on motor vehicles and therefore road infrastructure to get efficiently from one place to another. It is not practical to walk young children to school, sometimes with multiple bags and in hot conditions, and continue on to work if that parent also works full time. Similarly in the afternoon, even if after school care is used there is limited time to get from work to pick up kids, and mid week shopping, sporting and social events at different locations cannot be attended on time by relying solely on public transport. The supply of goods and services (mostly vehicles carrying more than possible by hand) is almost solely reliant on road infrastructure,

<p>which will only increase with population and efforts to increase employment opportunities on the Northern Beaches. Many people choose to live on the Northern Beaches for the lifestyle, but their workplace or industry is out of the area eg. Major industrial/warehousing and logistics work that the Northern Beaches does not have the Real Estate or proximity to interstate freight corridors to be viable. The employment opportunities growing in Western and other areas of Sydney are also attractive to Northern Beaches Residents as vehicle access is opposite to the morning and afternoon peaks to and from the CBD.</p>
<p>Satisfy the sporting association's idea by development and use of St Ives Showground which has ample parking and real estate to host sporting events. I would like to better understand what the utilisation of that facility is, and would appreciate the council enlightening me and the community on this.</p> <p>At the time when there is to be an election of council representatives, have this as an election platform so the people (the rate paying community) have their say in this issue.</p>
<p>The Northern Beaches Council Community Strategic Plan Issues Paper reveals that 69% of the northern beaches population is aged 25 and over. And according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics forecast, the 45 and over age bracket on the northern beaches will increase at a significantly faster rate than the 0-44 age bracket over the next 10 years.</p> <p>Council's Issues Paper states "as our population grows and gets older, it will be a core challenge to provide and maintain accessible recreational facilities for a broad range of community needs."</p> <p>So therefore, why is Council contemplating taking nine holes away from Warringah Golf Course when the high majority of the 75,000 rounds of golf played there annually are by men and women age over 25?</p> <p>The Issues Paper further states "all community members need to feel connected" and that health and wellbeing must be enhanced.</p> <p>Council will only succeed in disconnecting the over 45 demographic and create a minefield of health and social issues such as isolation, depression and loneliness among the older population if it takes away nine holes from Warringah Golf Course.</p>
<p>My ideas for the future are really covered above. In summary they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Viable village centre/hubs in most suburbs.</li> <li>2. A Northern Beach Council area where there is a thriving commercial environment with compatible businesses.</li> <li>3. Provide affordable housing for a mix of residents, using new ideas on how to achieve that.</li> <li>4. Reduce the need for coal driven energy, establish sustainable building guide lines and plan for reducing the discharge of waste and stormwater.</li> <li>5. I would like to see a Council with a more direct democratic involvement of the public, where special interests in the decision making can be eliminated to a large degree.</li> </ol>
<p>No high density</p>
<p>Getting down to a practical level (which the issues paper does not) and concentrating on the Manly area, one major issue is the traffic flow through Manly. Ideally, if areas can be made traffic free during events like the Jazz Festival, they can be made traffic free for ever with appropriate (and expensive) road works (which may involve a tunnel). The establishment of the pedestrian only areas along the beachfront would be the biggest improvement to the environment, much more significant than the Manly 2015 town plan with its mainly footpath improvements so far.</p> <p>For the second of so many issues note that Manly has a world class seafront area with the walk to Shelly Beach being one of the finest natural environments I have ever seen but it is poorly designed and maintained. The closest similar beachfront area I can think of is Townsville which is so much better than Manly that I feel ashamed. This could be the premier location for both visitors and locals in Sydney. Part of the improvement would be the removal of the ugly storm water pipes on the beach.</p> <p>Limiting myself to three issues, it would be disappointing if the initiative of the Manly 2015 town plan did not proceed in some form. The concept of opening up parts of Manly was revolutionary and, even if the carpark attracted criticism (much of which I think was more political than economic) it is the first significant change in my lifetime and would breathe some life back into the centre.</p>
<p>Have every politician, property developer and bureaucrat who promotes apartment dwellings be required to live in one themselves.</p>
<p>I believe I have too little knowledge or experience to make comment</p>
<p>The beach fronts of the Northern beaches are a major asset. Unfortunately many of these are restricted by waterfront housing or roadways built before the concept of community amenity were a consideration.</p> <p>Using Manly as an example. Manly has world class natural features with an ocean and harbour frontage separated by a short level walk. There are beautiful walkways, a range of beaches and good swimming. It is and will remain a location that attracts many tourists as well as providing for the local residents.</p> <p>The long term aim should be to remove cars from the waterfronts and open these as plazas for public access, cafes etc. This will necessitate providing through access for Eastern hill residents, maybe a tunnel, and providing parking outside of Manly for the bulk of visitors. Park and ride, works well in many overseas locations. This could be enhanced by the provision of a light rail, or tram, along the ocean beachfront, connecting the town centre to the car park. If planned properly this could form part of an integrated northern beaches transport network connecting to the ferries and a bus terminal, as well as the public car park. Clearly this approach requires long term planning and the identification of parking locations, tram routes, roadworks etc. The benefits would be to convert Manly into one of the most people friendly and attractive locations in the world.</p> <p>In line with this approach a greater focus on encouraging the use of bicycles would be consistent with a need to reduce the reliance on cars and improve overall amenity.</p> <p>These are just initial thoughts but undoubtedly can be developed to not only improve the general liveability of Manly but all the beach</p>

side suburbs in the NB's. The overall concept of reducing through traffic will also enhance the non beachside suburbs
I would like to see the council provide more cycleways so people can get around safely without adding to car and parking congestion.
<p>We need higher densities in our town centres by zoning to allow higher building heights principally for mixed use buildings. We also need rezoning of adjacent residential lands near town centres and local activity centres to grow the density around these centres. Our current population densities are too low to sustainably support the level of commercial and retail/ restaurants and cafes that we aspire too as a community. This can only be addressed by increasing density of population as well as providing means for business and jobs growth within the region instead of having high paid jobs only be available in adjacent regional areas like North Sydney, St Leonards and the Sydney CBD. Encouraging jobs into the area will then reduce the car based commute loading on our roads. Increased densities also facilitates sustainable development of public transport networks, which our current level of population and jobs cannot support.</p> <p>We need to lobby for NBN roll out to our area, which has been overlooked because of stable voting preferences. We need to ensure our land use policies are appropriate to encourage home based businesses/ commercial use of residential property that take advantage of enhanced access to Internet.</p> <p>The change of land use policy within Northern Beaches LGA to allow dual occupancy and townhouse style development on a wider range of lot sizes is strongly encouraged. Thus allows for missing link between unit living and detached housing, enabling young families and downsize to remain in the area, and allowing for a wider range of demographic/ income scales to live within the area.</p>
Revert to Pittwater Council, who understood the local values. This will require a rethink on political allegiances, but it will be worth it if the alternative is ruining the ambience of the area.
<p>I'd love to see a bicycle and walking path from Dee Why to Long Reef behind the sand dunes with a bridge over the lagoon (what was done at Narrabeen lake is great) - this would provide a safe and enjoyable link away from the busy roadway - more and more people are riding bikes as an alternative to cars for getting around locally.</p> <p>Business signage in Dee Why on Pittwater road - a large part of the ugliness of the Dee Why sector of Pittwater road is that the business signage is completely out of control - I had wanted to take photos of good and poor examples of signage to send you (there are a few that are actually okay but 95% are complete eye sores). If there are two things that can mostly affectively improve the presentation of Dee Why on Pittwater, it is a revamp of how signage can be displayed as viewed by the pedestrian and from vehicles - and trees!!!! It is a hard, hot, windy concrete jungle at the moment along Pittwater road, and visually offensive with all the aggressive business signage - which gives a very depressing representation of Dee Why - which once one is off of Pittwater road, feels completely different. Please , please, please fix up Pittwater road with simply good design control of business signage and tree canopies. Tree shade is the best shade.</p> <p>Lastly, I am terribly concerned about the increase in traffic and loss of parking with the huge addition of units in the new Dee Why town centre development that is being built at the moment. I've read through all the documentation and reports available at council as well as the letters sent in - I'm not convinced that Dee Why will be able to handle all those addition cars as a few of my fellow neighbours have also stated!!! Dee Why is already a very dense neighbourhood, and traffic is backed up on streets on a sunny weekends as it is. Please make sure this is given a serious look and not simply folding to the pressure of the developer. You might be completely ruining Dee Why with over development and crowding - that would be shame with all the improvements that have been a success over the last five years.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my feedback ~</p>
Turn Avalon golf club into a cross country bike track, dog off leash area, picnic park, barbecue area children's adventure areas. A real entertainment venue where people can enjoy the outdoors especially families.
Council needs to empathise with those who choose to live in the area. Many are happy to get out and about on foot, but council must recognise this and facilitate this. Walking is important for health reasons, but it also promotes the social connectedness. Therefore, council needs to look at key links in walkways so that walking is safe (with or without dog), and allows "route walking" rather "dog park standing". The option requiring dog to be loaded into car, so that the car then contributes to local road congestion, is not the answer. A network of safe walking routes with a destination, such as a permitted dog swim area, is far better than driving to a dog park where the owner doesn't get the benefit of the walk and the contact with neighbours.
Greater social cohesion and participation in the Dee Why area. More social opportunities for people in the lower parts of Northern Beaches, more access for strata complexes/dwellers to access renewable energy; gather off-leash opportunities for people with their dogs in the upper areas of Northern beaches (Pittwater)
<p>It would be great for the Northern Beaches to be able retain its character as a beach and green area and resist the high rise development that is taking over Sydney. More medium density development rather than high rise development may assist in population growth whilst limiting impacts.</p> <p>Connections with the city and north west need to be looked at and local government needs to work with state government to have a long term plan for transport solutions both private and public. There seems to be a 'it's too hard' approach to Pittwater Rd - Spit Bridge - Military Rd, and the implication is that there will be a tunnel sometime in the future if more high rise development is used to fund it; and even then it will still be focused towards private cars rather than public transport. Buses seem to be the only public transport option considered for the northern beaches despite the current traffic congestion. More thinking outside the box is needed - buses are a 20th century transport solution.</p> <p>Cheers.</p>
Retain golf courses as part of the "Green Corridors" idea. Look at future green corridors.



Public transport becomes free , with an increase in the GST. An elevated road/rail above Military Rd and Pittwater Rd from the city to Mona Vale( similar to in Bangkok).
To ensure our public servants & planners offer up sympathetic and good designed Buildings & structures that satisfy the requirements of the community without degrading the lovely environment in which we live now & into the future.
Love to see a Sculpture By the Sea along walkway of Long Reef headland (above tideline) More parks, malls with open spaces, Linked network of transport. Check of trip hazards (eg high drain cover Cnr James Hayman Lane & Pittwater Rd.)
Light rail or equivalent connecting the northern beaches to the northern beaches.  Or even a slow old tram would be good, it would look great on a post card.
This Council should be lobbying on behalf of its current residents to slow immigration to maintain the positive benefits of currently living in the Northern Beaches - failure to do so will remove much of the current positives.
Give better protection to bushland urgently..especially high conservation areas. Many Crown Land Parcels have inadequate conservation zoning. We need to look at protecting all habitat and ensuring that wildlife corridors are not compromised.
Stronger partnerships with schools - upgrading school land with facilities and amenities that the community can access outside of school hours.
Create a 'business support network' via closer collaboration between the council and 5 local Chambers of Commerce. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support resources and "centres of excellence" for hospitality sector, for kids-oriented businesses, etc.</li> <li>• Coordinated digital marketing for the area ("Putting NB and local businesses on the map") – specify and promote the area on tourism and booking websites; help local businesses to enhance their presence on Google Maps and other resources; coordination with government agencies and tourism industry bodies.</li> </ul> <p>Make local urban villages more economically vibrant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve public spaces, parking and alfresco dining options</li> <li>• Support businesses focussed on kids' development (classes, etc.)</li> <li>• Leverage new draft Medium Density Housing Code to create some 'critical mass' around village centres</li> <li>• Improve local public transport (Opal-connected shuttle buses?), especially in after school hours and weekends</li> </ul> <p>Encourage a more competitive offering of internet connection in the area by collaborating with private telco companies which are competing with NBN (cable for commercial and residential buildings; fixed wireless for geographically-challenging areas)</p> <p>A strategic program of very targeted medium-rise development along main roads where developers will be required to give away part of that land for tactical traffic improvement measures like indented bus stops, turning bays, roundabouts, etc.</p>
To save our precious bushland and work together to make the Northern Beaches a community that is focussed on preservation and appreciation. there is now a lot of evidence that being outside in nature is not just enjoyable it actually improves our health and increases life span. As well as bushland we need more community gardens not just for growing food but building communities. Also more opportunities for art and music and drama etc both professional and amateur to make us more aware of life and also to build community.
The plan covers a lot of ground and provides useful information. It will be important to keep an overview across all areas in which growth is planned so that there is good coordination across the Northern Beaches, duplication avoided, and targets achieved with enhancement of built and natural environment that residents treasure. Some plans will have been developed separately by the previous 3 councils. Co-ordination of planning of growth areas is now a goal which requires special attention and should be achievable under one Northern Beaches Council.. One particular critical issue for economic development will be rapidly getting the National Broadband Network [NBN] implemented in key growth areas, e.g. around the Hospital. I know NBN is not under Council control, but it is worth lobbying for rapid NBN rollout to ensure that new businesses can be attracted and adequately supported
1.The strategic plan must be able to demonstrate that the extent and location of population growth, integrated with public transport which reduces vehicle congestion and ownership, is realistic. The location of new dwellings must blend with transport. The B-line, while better than nothing, is widely regarded as unlikely to work well because of the potential gridlock from Spit Bridge on. Question - has the option of a B-line branch to meet Manly ferries been researched, to take load off the Spit-City section?. Pittwater Rd into Manly would have to become bus lanes. Question - Will a Chatswood-Frenchs Forest-DY metro line be investigated? 2. A creative plan for local feeder and community buses should be developed to both reduce congestion nd reduce vehicle emissions (as part of the climate change issue). The role of electric bikes must be addressed. 2. In this region, a controllable critical issue for climate change is building standards. Northern Beaches should adopt a leadership position.
How about actually asking the residents during the next council elections if they want to stop, slow or increase population growth on the

northern beaches. This affects all the items in the issues paper but is not addressed in the issues paper. Council should make sure it gets the basic services right and avoid social engineering, pet projects and allowing small and/or vocal groups to drive council direction. Simply ask residents during elections their views on major issues, but no loaded questions please. Reduce regulations and reduce costs.
Better public transport and more affordable housing with good ratios of owner, renter and subsidised community housing
More public art of a variety of kinds eg sculpture, murals, temporary art bombings.
Access to cultural events not just Tourist Projects. Artists have access to a full range of studio and exhibition places. Consultation before very expensive Council Projects are undertaken so residents are included not just business interests, eg Manly Oval Carpark.
I would like to see a sustainable population growth of about 10% by 2031 not 25% which I feel would have a negative impact on environment, housing and traffic etc
Have the courage to define a clear vision for the urban landscape of the Northern beaches. To take Collaroy as an example - define the eastern end of Collaroy St, and the surrounding buildings, as a future 'village centre'. Close the road. Build a green/paved courtyard area surrounded by shops/ cafes AWAY from the noise and traffic fumes most shops in Collaroy currently 'enjoy'. Allow say 4 storey development of the properties around the centre as encouragement to embrace the development, and insist on significant underground parking for casual visitors. This would create a clear 'heart' for the suburb. I'm sure a similar approach could be taken to many other suburbs - using a limited increase in building heights to 'define' centres and encourage developers etc to embrace a planned community oriented concept instead of each building plot being treated on it's own without a cohesive vision to transform an area. It's a different scale but Port Macquarie is an example of somewhere that has been regenerated as a people friendly centre through visionary urban planning (I assume - can't see how it would have happened otherwise).
I hope we can be inspired by smart countries like Sweden and lead the way for renewable energy and bush protection for generations to come.
More cycle paths and more off-lead dog walking space. With nearly 50% of the population owning dogs and an expected increase in population as indicated in the Paper, there needs to be provision for a large off-leash space for walkers, cyclists etc. Sydney Park in St Peters is an excellent model wherein walkers, off-leash dogs, cyclists, joggers and a large wetland exist in perfect happy harmony. I don't know what the plan is for Kimbriki when it closes, but it would make a perfect space of this nature.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Consider halting further residential building especially where no new roads can be introduced.</li> <li>* Immediately plan a new rail connection with Chatswood.</li> <li>* Plan and build the critical new roads.</li> <li>* Begin the reversal of the Mona Vale Hospital devaluation and re-implement the services that were available before.</li> <li>* Demonstrate a willingness to allow the residents to enjoy their 'simple' pleasures like allowing a few beaches to be available( during certain times) for the use of dogs and owners to be able to wet their feet.</li> <li>* Ensure that areas like the Kuringai Chase are adequately fire-retarded so that on hot days when the Westerly gales blow residents on the Eastern side of the Peninsula are guaranteed that embers from fires will not rain down on their houses and cause mayhem as it will not be possible to evacuate because of the poor roads to allow residents out.</li> </ul>
Leave us alone we paid big money to live in this area as it was houses not a ghetto
It is essential that there is a definite link between Council's environmental studies with the Local Environmental Plan to ensure that the environmental studies are included in the planning controls
<p>1. 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. This would be an enormous project but I believe this would bring many visitors to the area creating wonderful opportunities for local businesses as well as provide a fantastic amenity to local residents.</p> <p>2. The creation of more off-leash dog areas - we are particularly badly served in this area with small featureless parks and few of them. This is a large (over half the households in the area own a dog) section of the community which crosses all social stratas and age groups - a chance for all to mix and chat while exercising themselves as well as their dogs.</p> <p>I would also like to see greater encouragement of solar panels by way of subsidies or group purchasing power to reduce the costs to NBC households so we on the Northern Beaches can lead the way in sustainable energy consumption in NSW and even Australia.</p>
A harmonious relationship between pet owners and everyone else where beaches will be accessible to all before 8am and after 5pm. Please trial this.
My ideal would be to limit growth to 10% and improve the facilities we currently enjoy. Population expansion for Sydney can take place in other areas to be opened up or in higher concentrations closer to the CBD. The Northern beaches should be a desirable family oriented "Village". Further construction of apartments should be along the lines of those in Singapore - high rise (10 Floors) on large



sites with plenty of surrounding gardens and communal facilities eg pools, gyms and tennis court belonging to the complex and plenty of underground parking. Sites should be spaced to allow sunlight between blocks. No more three storey rabbit warrens with commercial shops below.
<p>I feel the balance is skewed towards many causes here on the beaches. Sports groups, wild birds, nature, conservation, and many 'good' causes.</p> <p>But as a dog owner, we own our dogs 24/7/365, and we are lacking places we can exercise our dogs. I feel that we could use one of the beaches (maybe quieter zones, between certain hours) to exercise our dogs. The beaches are huge, and there are always parts that aren't in use.</p> <p>More off leash dog space, more youth community groups, more youth events.</p> <p>A sustainable Northern beaches made up of a number of villages or places looking after the local issues supported by a central service organisation providing central services and looking after Northern Beaches issues.</p>
<p>ISSUES PAPER: November 2016 (These comments are made relative to the content on the page numbers indicated)</p> <p>Pages 4/5: I strongly endorse the statement "We must develop a new CSP which will define the community's vision for the northern beaches" with particular focus and emphasis on "the community's vision". I also endorse the emphasis on sustainability and the document's adoption of the traditional definition with its embodiment of "meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". (This aspect of not compromising the future would seem to be absent from the current draft Mona Vale Place Plan.)</p> <p>Pages 12/13: "We are now in a stronger position to influence and invest in our long term future and effectively manage difficult environmental issues" along with providing "for a stronger voice" and to "protect local values" appears to indicate that the existence of the NBC now gives local communities more leverage when confronting external forces. While there may be "many issues that are outside of Council's span of influence", the Council should be committed to a firm stance on protecting the elements and aspects that already exist within the LGA and therefore very much within its sphere. This should include rejecting all changes and development which will mean destruction of any of the green lungs and any of the life-regenerating waters within our LGA or washing against its boundaries.</p> <p>If the above words are sincere, council's first priority should be to act as a vehicle to set and execute the considered desires of the people of the existing (although dynamic) community, within the definition of sustainable development. If council is to be an effective local government, it should not give the same priority to pursuing goals and demands set outside our LGA.</p> <p>Pages 14/15: The push towards ever-higher density residential (in our geographically constrained and environmentally challenged zone) means more people are accommodated under smaller roof areas. This means there is less land available for rain absorption, due to reduced areas of soil and vegetation and, what continues to exist does so primarily above impervious concrete slabs. All this reduces the ability and options to keep the environment in balance. For instance: - The constraints of Strata Law, in addition to reduced roof area to population ratios, reduces the ability to harness solar energy, while increasing the overall energy use (lifts, aircon, public area lighting, etc). - Strata behaviour reduces the optimisation of efficient recycling, as an individual's ignorance and/or arrogance can render a bin full of multiple residents' recycled materials unsuitable for recycling. Practice shows it is impossible to control it effectively within a strata scheme so to administer it on a wider basis is a monumental challenge. - Strata schemes underground car parks, while nominally taking vehicles off the street, create other problems: • Increased propensity for residential flooding, as much of this higher density is in flatter, low areas which are closer to beaches/villages. • Long-term parking of boat trailers, caravans, etc on the street (as there are no onsite areas available, as there is with lower density residential development). In turn, this makes residential streets more traffic choked, more dangerous for pedestrians and also for vehicles exiting properties. This further results in a nett loss of spaces for short-term private vehicle parking. (Possible part solutions might include: Require evidence of an offroad parking facility before allowing their purchase and/or registration by a resident (cf Singapore); In higher traffic residential streets, make more of them one-way to do away with unsafe, traffic-congesting 7-point turns; In more remote, narrow residential streets, reduce on-street parking to only one side.</p> <p>Page 20: "... the northern beaches is not homogenous and we need to recognise unique local features and values ..." It needs to be paramount in all planning events and in any mooted changes: If we destroy the features or values of individual community areas, we end up destroying the overall features and values of the whole LGA – and beyond.</p> <p>"... social connectedness is a much stronger predictor of the perceived quality of life in a community than the community's income or education level" To maintain social connectivity we need to ensure that no individual changes are allowed, where that change is to benefit the profit or the comfort of a few at the expense of the amenity and the comfort/safety of the wider community. (Eg, wider incursion of private marina facilities into Pittwater must be curtailed as it interferes with the safe and enjoyable recreation of the community plus it endangers residents by the overuse of infrastructure (narrow, winding local streets) which had been constructed only to service residential needs.</p> <p>"... young people report strong feelings of social disconnect, stress and anxiety."</p>

These are classic societal symptoms of population overcrowding (not just with people but with animal communities in general). They are also symptoms at the other end of the scale, where populations are too sparse. While addressing these issues at a tactical level and in the short to mid term, NBC also needs to address it at a strategic and philosophical level. As a community – or rather, a collection of more local communities – we need to set our own targets and limits on population size and growth, in keeping with the unique and/or fragile aspects of our northern beaches environment. The NBC needs to apply pressure back onto State and Federal Governments, to prod them to holistic solutions and planning: solutions and plans that take into account the needs of the underpopulated areas and regional centres of the state and country and not allow them to diminish and eventually destroy the northern beaches, through blinkered decisions driven by short to mid term political goals.

Page 22:

"Art and culture on the northern beaches is thriving despite a current undersupply of cultural facilities" This is most encouraging.

"Limited nightlife across the region" and "Lack of creative and performance spaces" may not seem encouraging on the surface but most of the challenges and/or deficiencies outlined on these aspects of the Issues Paper have a very focussed solution. A "university town" through the very drive and enthusiasm of its students, can create its own culture of fun and entertainment and extend the spectrum of music and performing arts to the surrounding areas.

Fun and entertainment are rather like ethics and antidiscrimination: you can legislate until you are blue in the face but they are only really embraced and blossom when they are driven from within.

The greatest single step the NBC can take towards an organic solution for these aspects, is to pressure for and actively encourage at least one university campus, ideally in the northern half of the LGA, to most clearly position it as a northern beaches entity. The former PWC and WC, along with Pittwater Business, certainly opened up this subject several years ago but I suspect it has not had the dogged persistence required in its follow-up.

If there is no enthusiasm from the local, established universities, then court an international private university which is willing to offer the kind of courses for which the northern beaches provides the perfect crucible. Eg, Tourism and Environmental Sciences and other disciplines which fit hand-in-glove with the Pittwater, the Hawkesbury and the other adjacent areas, possibly along with Hospitality/Hotel Management and Event Management, which complement or expand upon the courses currently offered at the Manly extremity by ICM.

Pages 28/29/30:

Another bonus from the above university objective is that you create a local resource of highly qualified staff for the accommodation, general hospitality and tourism industries (just to name a few). This attracts and encourages new private sector infrastructure eg, upper echelon boutique hotels, which in turn provide employment and attract incremental income to the region. Consequently, solidly contributing to the wider areas of both economic and sustainable tourism development.

A recent visit to Fremantle shows the positive influences that the introduction of a campus of Notre Dame University is having. And, when you think about it, the Fremantle area shares a number of parallels with our northern beaches.

As the Issues Paper states: "Tourism plays an important role in the local economy . . . in its provision of services, accommodation and economic benefits. It can also contribute to the cultural vibrancy of our urban villages."

Addressing accommodation specifically for a moment, Airbnb may have a stop-gap role to play, particularly in its original guise of "an airbed and breakfast" but it has a parasitic side: while Airbnb obviously generates visitor retail expenditure, it contributes almost nothing to government income at any of the three levels, while increasing the pressure on community resources, facilities, utilities and infrastructure in general.

Time share for dogs on some beaches

Get serious about dog walking and swimming as a recreational activity. Dog ownership is high, and people who like to take the dog to the beach for a swim should be able to do it somewhere locally without breaking the law. The best approach is to empathise with this community grouping - they want to take the dog for a walk without the need for loading the dog into the car each day to do so. These extra cars on our roads do us no good in terms of congestion and carbon emissions. Open up several coastal areas where locals can walk their dogs and allow the dog a run in the sand before walking home. The contact with the coast (however brief or small) gives the walk a destination and a purpose. The ability to run in the sand with dog means this grouping can physically interact with the coastal environment rather than be banished to the sidelines of it. It is not rocket science - just get it done.

- We need to design and plan for safe, accessible dog walking options allowing connection with the coast and the waterway foreshores.
- We need to acknowledge and promote dog walking as a healthy pastime for all members of the family – from the kids through to the elderly.
- We need to acknowledge that, for many who otherwise live alone, dogs are companions relied upon to help keep people active and engaged with the local community.
- We need somewhere local to take the dog for a swim – we used to go to Careel Bay but have not been allowed to since 2003.
- We have many kilometres of coastline and beach – we need parts of this opened up to allow dogs to run and swim in a tick-free environment.
- We are short of accessible open space, especially in the Pittwater area – and the green open space we do have is mostly hilly and tick-infested. A few sections of beach are the best option for overcoming this shortage so that dogs can be properly walked and content. Management of this open space land use demand (dog access) is an issue that cannot be ignored, as this only leads to more and more people just disobeying the dog bans. Doing what the community wants and considers fair is more important than doing what is easy.

How about some decent design standards set for new buildings? How is it Palm Beach manages to get a building like Blueberry Ash and everywhere else gets the same, receptive ugly boxes? There also needs to be decent setbacks, lots of landscaping and trees planted.

I'd like timed access for dogs on some beaches or sections of beaches and more off-leash areas. Currently Newport has one.... Deerin Reserve. It has ticks, lots of funnel webs apparently, and when my dog goes in the water she inevitably cuts her feet on the oyster

shells. As a result it's pretty useless.
More consultation with residents and hopefully a Best Practice attitude by councils to new projects and improving existing facilities.
Appoint a creative director with vision as big business is doing. Build inclusive communities that celebrate and share the skills of all members, young and old - instead of hiding old people away. An efficient and modern day council that delivers the needs of all of its people, not just a select few. A model approach to dog ownership with sufficient off leash space, time shared access to (enough) beaches and a proper education policy that is intuitive and not bold-on.
Dogs on beaches It could be limited to sunrise and sunset
A new innovative Council with open minded councillors working together with & for the ratepayers.
More dog friendly spaces
I strongly request that the amalgamated council adopt the policy of the previous Pittwater Council that boat trailers cannot be parked in on street parking, without moving, for an extended period. We have a boat trailer parked outside our home, which to my knowledge, the owner does not live in our street, nor has he moved for at least 12 months
Implementing and enforcing responsibly Dog ownership, implementing volunteer rangers to help implement responsible ownership and getting the few % that don't care and pick up after their animals spoil it for the majority and case for these unreasonable restrictions that would not be necessary if everyone just takes ownership and acts like and responsible human being.
Better management of the available sports fields to improve the actual utilization so they are not left empty and unused for so many hours/ days a week especially looking at week days and evenings. And reduce the cry out for more sport fields as as all just used on the weekend. utilizing empty sport fields for recreational purposes during non use of sporting groups to improve community usage. Implement some open air but covered sport facilities with artificial grassing and or other usable surfaces to allow for whole year usage and reduce of maintenance costs and increasing renewable energy by utilising these roofed spaces for solar energy capturing space that can then be used to run public facilities and reduce energy bills.
Improve sporting facilities for Basketballers and Netballers on the Northern Beaches which would also support the girls living in the area as very little facilities are available for female sports and more money and focus goes into predominately male sports areas.
Council's mission should be to maintain and/or enhance the wellbeing of the people now and in the future. The principal long-term threats to wellbeing are traffic congestion, unaffordable housing, deteriorating health and education services and natural environment, and overdevelopment in general.  The root cause of all these threats is unconstrained population growth (i.e., 23.3% by 2031).  Although the document emphasises sustainability, growth is simply unsustainable. I understand that population growth is dictated by the State Government and, ultimately, by the immigration and pro-natal policies of the Federal Government. Of course, Council understands all this but there seems to be nothing in the Issues Paper that represents opposition to growth and a plan to stabilise the population size. No doubt this would be politically difficult but is ultimately necessary if the sustainability vision is to be achieved. Other Councils have similar overpopulation challenges. It is past time for united bottom-up pressure by numerous Councils to influence State and the Federal Government to stabilise the population.
Trees should continue to dominate our environment, if we want clean air, and to retain its natural character. Developers should not be allowed to build higher than the tallest trees. Sustainable design, and energy efficiency should be embraced, by new development, and ideas such as roof gardens, considered. Small free shuttle busses could help with parking congestion in summer in some areas. Make it easy for people to work at home, with better internet speeds or office hubs, in the villages. Look at the flexibility of existing spaces, and how they can provide a variety of uses. Make it easy for intergenerational living. We should record or Map the existing greenness of the council area a datum so we can measure it, to ensure our environment, gets greener not greyer in the future with development, as that would be a tragedy.
Encouraging affordable housing in ways which will not damage the present social and built amenity. Ingleside offers opportunities here. Extension of cycleways throughout the northern beaches. Enhancing "a diverse range of recreational, arts, cultural and creative activities" (p. 20) including higher arts and intellectual pursuits. Exploring the concept of an educational precinct to meet the needs of young people already resident on the Northern Beaches, without bringing in additional people.
We need proper, unbiased long term plan to address population growth, and from that spin off plans to address all the areas identified in the Issues paper. Short term plans will not work. Apart from determining how population growth will be accommodated in a way that continues to ensure that life on the Northern Beaches does not lose its qualities or character, the single biggest issue is transport given the limited scope for doing anything major to Pittwater/Barrenjoey Rd. Plans like the B-Buses may work but their benefit if any won't last long, an example of patch up planning.
Focus on quality of life, not crass materialism. Limit/reverse population growth. Preserve/enhance the natural world we live in.



<p>Make building development harder, not easier, with stringent aesthetic and ecological criteria. Encourage education and the arts (eg warringah has done libraries very well, but physical recreation gets too much support, eg mountain bike trails for messrs. Baird and regan, at the expense of our natural reserves). Protect the interests of residents &amp; rate-payers. Restore the semi-independence of forest coachlines (eg restore their green livery).</p> <p>Enough already!</p>
<p>I would like to walk my dog so that I don't have to play "ranger danger" and look over my shoulder for an over-zealous, abusive ranger. I would like to see the ilk of rangers such as Paul and Joanne gone forever. Forever. I would like to see rangers that are professional and professionally trained. My whole life is tied up in my dog and his well-being. His well-being is my well-being. And I see a hurting community in revolt over the current dog policy and a council with blinkers on that is oblivious to what is going on. I see a Council in the future that is incapable of change, hardnosed and believes it has the right to ride roughshod over its community, forgetting that it is a servant of the people and not the other way around. I can see that because as I look at your list - the Strategic Reference Groups for Open Space and Recreation, how many spaces were given to sporting groups? 7!!! Cycling groups were represented....really? Dog and dog related activity? None! Manly Dogs applied for a spot - and were rejected. I despair. And having noted that Gail Sadler, Director on the Boards of Wentworth Community Housing and as Chairperson of BlueCHP Ltd., an affordable housing property development company, who applied to be on the Sustainable Housing Group - a woman who is not only one of the most qualified, experienced, talented, compassionate people the Northern Beaches Council could have chosen - was rejected, I have a huge question mark over the quality and intelligence of people who have been appointed to "rule over us".</p>
<p>Rebuilding of wildlife corridors and increased respect and value for bushland and biodiversity. Improved transport with light rail, buses and cycle ways including connections between hinterland and beaches. Pedestrian precincts in Dee Why, Manly and Mona Vale. More community gardens with composting facilities and substantially less waste production, facilitated by container deposit legislation and extended producer responsibility. Opportunity to work from home with internet access.</p>
<p>Trams!!! Trams are so cool, turn parts of hospital roads into basketball fields and built overpass for animal crossings.</p>
<p>Of Council in the future.....Insist on Transparency, Duty of Care, Due Diligence .....and fair and just consideration and response given all worthy causes.....Thank you</p>
<p>Maintaining the existing character of the Pittwater region. Recognition of an aging population A Council that takes into account of the divergent desires and requirements of a diverse Council</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No smoking on the beach promenade;</li> <li>2. Banning wood heaters in built up areas;</li> <li>3. Increase public transport opportunities/ modes including rail/ metro to connect with the CBD as well as Chatswood/ St Leonards;</li> <li>4. Reduce storm water/ sewage outflows and comprehensive modernisation of existing infrastructure;</li> <li>5. Consider extending Hop Skip and Jump bus network to have a stop near North Steyne/ Queenscliff beach and to have the Fairy Bower service on summer weekends;</li> <li>6. Create Northern Beaches Design Committee to oversee and review design quality of major developments.</li> </ol>
<p>I would try to preserve as much of the bushland and coastal areas as possibly because that's what makes the Northern Beaches great. It would be wonderful to have an extensive/well documented trail network for hikers and mountain bikers. I'd love to have a few dog friendly beaches. Maybe they could only be open to dogs on weekdays and/or outside peak periods.</p>
<p>Can our surf wear companies extend there work - can they be supported for research? Northern beaches campus for higher education - art, music, health or marine Cultural budget celebrating the bush, sea complementing the jazz festival Encourage more diverse housing in our suburbs. Some increased density and social housing, retirement housing - but not the huge area of the retirement villages now, integrate them into small clusters in the community</p>
<p>Infrastructure is vital. Well thought out LEPs which include variety of housing styles and some medium density where appropriate. Parks and playgrounds essential. Upgrade Mona Vale Road and the Wakehurst Parkway. Spit Bridge tunnel. Protect the environment, keep the beaches &amp; waterways clean and accessible for everyone.</p>
<p>Sporting events dominate the news headlines but I hope the new Northern Beaches Council aims for more balanced view of Sport vs Art.</p>

## Attachment 5 – Written Submissions

Submission
<p><b>ENVIRONMENT</b></p> <p><b>WASTE</b></p> <p>General road-side cleanup – do not compact, instead sort and salvage items and materials</p> <p>To reduce waste going to landfill, provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depot for recycling materials and re-usable second hand goods;</li> <li>• Workshop for restoring items; can combine with Men's Shed</li> <li>• Workshop for arts and crafts; creative use of recycled materials</li> </ul> <p>Note: Charity shops collect second hand goods, but have no resources to restore items.</p> <p>A recycling centre that incorporates the above will have benefits for the community, economy and environment.</p> <p><b>WATERWAYS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide better protection for waterways and aquatic habitat.</li> <li>• This includes ephemeral and tributary creeks, particularly upstream of environmentally sensitive areas.</li> <li>• Stormwater requirements applicable to urban areas are inadequate to protect environmentally sensitive areas and will result in increased pollution, changes to natural flow regime and deterioration of aquatic habitat.</li> </ul> <p><b>LOCAL FOOD SECURITY &amp; SUPPLY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote increased self-sufficiency in food supply e.g. market gardens, permaculture farms.</li> <li>• Retain non-urban land for urban support services, such as local food supply, plant nurseries</li> <li>• Prevent encroachment of urban development in non-urban land to protect environmental values.</li> </ul> <p>Protect non-urban land in Oxford Falls Valley, Ingleside for non-urban land uses, including locally grown produce. Protect soils in flood prone areas e.g. adjoining Middle Creek in Oxford Falls Valley. The provision of local food supply has benefits for health, environment and education.</p> <p><b>NATURAL HAZARD</b></p> <p>Avoid locating Special Fire Protection Purpose (SFPP) buildings, such as schools and seniors housing development, in bushfire prone areas. This imposes a safety risk and results in excessive removal of bushland.</p> <p><b>TREES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant more shade trees in streets and parks, including around playing fields.</li> <li>• In urban areas trees are being lost progressively due to large houses with small gardens that provide inadequate space for trees.</li> </ul> <p><b>BUSHLAND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce an environment levy to protect bushland under threat.</li> <li>• Compared with capital expenditure, negligible funding is available to protect natural areas.</li> <li>• Protecting the environment deserves a higher priority, or we will continue to lose unique areas of natural heritage.</li> <li>• Protect bushland and natural features such as rock outcrops.</li> </ul> <p><b>LAND USE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protect non-urban land from urban encroachment.</li> <li>• Inappropriate development in environmentally sensitive locations has a disproportionately damaging impact on the environment.</li> <li>• Compared with the millions of dollars allocated to construction projects, only a small fraction of funds is allocated to the permanent conservation of natural areas.</li> </ul>



#### HOSPITAL PRECINCT

The loss of hundreds of mature native trees in Frenchs Forest due to works associated with road widening and hospital is distressing, to say the least. The endangered Duffys Forest Vegetation Community and wildlife corridor had a very high conservation value within the Northern Beaches. The bushland and waterways in the adjoining catchment areas of Narrabeen Lagoon and Manly Dam need to be protected.

#### SOCIAL

#### CULTURAL

Provide a museum and storage for historical items and archival documents. The local libraries do not have adequate storage for this purpose. There is a considerable interest in the history of the Northern Beaches, but no funding or facility to store or display items and documents.

Provide creative and performance space, preferably near public transport.

Provide venues for music venues and dancing events.

#### EDUCATION

- Tertiary (TAFE) education facilities on the Northern Beaches are limited.
- Education and employment facilities in local areas reduce travel and reinforce sense of community.
- State Government sites allocated for education use have been sold off over the years, in spite of increased population. In some instances, Councils have supported rezoning for housing.
- The 'silo' tendency of government agencies to operate as a business, has encouraged the disposal of assets that are required for the future provision of social infrastructure.

#### ECONOMIC

#### TRANSPORT

Take steps to reduce high dependence on cars.

- Provide local transport connections to destinations within the Northern Beaches.
- Provide shuttle bus services to link up with transport corridors, bus stops and community facilities.
- Address deficiencies in public transport.

#### Examples:

- Improve public transport to business parks and light industrial areas.
- Increase the frequency of the bus service between Mona Vale and Macquarie University. The current service is hourly during the day and there is a lack of public transport at night. On Sundays the bus service is infrequent.

#### AIR POLLUTION

Provide alternative pedestrian and cycle routes removed from roads with heavy traffic. For example, Pittwater Road, Dee Why and Warringah Road, Frenchs Forest, where a 12 lane road will be constructed.

#### ECONOMIC

- DY is centrally situated for employment. Retain or increase commercial floor space in new development e.g. first and second floors as a minimum.
- Avoid residential in light industrial areas, as they will become less affordable for many existing business uses and reduce employment options.

#### PUBLIC ASSETS

Please do not sell more irreplaceable public land assets.

Selling off public land to fund capital projects is not sustainable.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

VISION: A key component of a vision for the Northern Beaches is to protect its special environment, which includes bushland, waterways, catchments and coast.

## ENVIRONMENT

### NATURAL AREAS

A high priority should be given to the protection and conservation of natural areas for environment and recreation.

### CATCHMENT PROTECTION

Narrabeen Lagoon is used for a primary contact water sports such as kayaking. Catchment protection is an important priority for protecting environmental and recreational values, water quality and aquatic habitat. This reinforces the importance of protecting non-urban land, bushland, tributary creeks and soils within the Catchment.

### WASTE:

Investigate additional measures to reduce waste, for example:

- Phase out the use of compaction vehicles for Council clean-ups to facilitate separation of items and materials suitable for potential re-use or recycling.
- Introduce measures for at source collection of organic waste in residential, commercial and industrial areas.
- Provide incentives for waste reduction.

### Re GENERAL CLEANUPS

Some years ago staff at Kimbriki informed me that Council would be looking at ways of reusing / recycling suitable items discarded in the Council cleanup. However, unwanted items are still being collected and crushed in garbage trucks, even though they contain a significant component of recyclable items / materials.

Council should phase out the use of trucks, which compact and mix waste collected in general cleanups. Instead many items could be collected and taken to a depot for sorting into materials or items, which can be recycled or re-used. Salvaging items and materials worth saving will reduce the volume of re-usable waste going to landfill. A depot for storage, restoration and subsequent sale of re-usable items would have economic benefits.

## SOCIAL

### CULTURAL FACILITIES

Provide cultural facilities that can be used in the event of wet weather e.g. museums.

Support libraries, which provide an important resource for learning and leisure for all age groups.

### MEN'S SHED

These facilities overlap with the provision of employment and training. Many retired people have skills and experience to contribute to useful projects, with social and economic benefits.

## ECONOMIC

**TRANSPORT:** Investigate additional measures to reduce car dependency, relieve congestion and encourage greater use of local transport. This includes local flexible bus service, improved links with major transport corridors, better integration of buses with ferries and identifying deficiencies in existing bus routes and services.

### SERVICE GAPS

Addressing the gaps in bus services would improve the public transport system in a short time frame, provide a viable alternative to the private car and consequently reduce congestion on the roads. It would also require a low capital investment. By comparison, road widening projects are costly projects that also encourage greater car use and result in congestion in other areas. Low cost alternatives to reduce dependence on private vehicles should be a first priority.

### EAST WEST CORRIDOR

A bus priority lane in Warringah Road would improve bus journeys during peak hour. Currently, with buses and cars sharing lanes in Warringah Road, buses get caught up in the traffic congestion and have the additional handicap of having to stop regularly for passengers. So there is little incentive for commuters to switch from car to bus. A more reliable and faster journey for bus travellers would encourage more people to switch their mode of transport in peak hour.

By comparison, along North South Corridor, the bus priority lane via Pittwater Road / Condamine Street is effective in providing a faster journey for bus commuters.

### Re SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES

Community transport for aged and disabled is well used. Additional services could be provided and extended to general public e.g. to sporting and recreational venues, which are not conveniently serviced by existing transport routes. Park and ride facilities are useful for

<p>residents who can access public transport nodes by car, but not for others. A localised mini-bus service would address the needs of both, and reduce the need for parking space. Operating costs could be subsidised in various ways, such as subscription, or support from shopping centres etc. to partner the service.</p> <p><b>AIR QUALITY</b></p> <p>To assess the impact on health, measure air quality in areas likely to have a high level of air pollutants. For example, adjacent to busy roads, such as Pittwater Road or Warringah Road.</p> <p><b>STRATEGIC PLANNING</b></p> <p>It is cost effective to incorporate appropriate controls at the strategic planning phase to avoid subsequent land use conflicts associated with inappropriate development. Poor land use decisions and development outcomes leave a costly legacy for the community and environment.</p> <p><b>PUBLIC LAND</b></p> <p>Reliance on the sale of land assets is not financially sustainable for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public land assets are a finite resource</li> <li>• Public land assets are required to provide for current / future community needs</li> <li>• Public land assets have the potential for ongoing income</li> </ul> <p>Public land assets are a secure investment, particularly if the asset steadily increases over time.</p> <p>In spite of this, there does not appear to be an identified source of funding for land acquisition.</p> <p>For Council (public) land, including road reserves and operational land, any proposed sale of land should be subject to an assessment of strategic values prior to any decision to dispose of the land. This would help to ensure the sustainable use and management of public land.</p> <p><b>LEVIES</b></p> <p>In Warringah, much of the income from Council levies has been spent on mitigating damage resulting from poor development in the past. The Environment Stormwater and Special Rate levy is allocated mainly to stormwater projects that result from inadequate protection for creek corridors.</p> <p>The sports-field rectification levy is to rehabilitate sporting fields due to subsidence resulting from poor waste disposal practices in wetland areas.</p> <p>At the other end of the spectrum, environmental protection is one of the best investments that can be made – yielding ongoing social, environmental and economic benefits. Yet currently there is no levy at all for this purpose. A levy to acquire land for environmental protection would be useful, especially for environmentally sensitive sites under threat.</p>	<p>The Northern Beaches is a beautiful place, let's keep it that way!</p> <p>The geographical location of the Northern Beaches on a peninsula and the amalgamation of the three beach councils is an ideal opportunity for a united approach to maintaining the natural physical beauty of our area and making it the best place to live for its residents. As a real estate practitioner in the area for more than thirty years, I found that people move to the Northern Beaches for the lifestyle it offers and the natural surroundings.</p> <p>For the last 10 years every day when I take my morning walk I pick up rubbish. While I walk around I dream of the day that I can just walk – that there actually won't be any rubbish to pick up. I formulate various schemes to achieve this some of which I have included below.</p> <p>It is hard to believe the change which has occurred on the Northern Beaches over the last 10 years. In fact, it is absolutely amazing.</p> <p><b>WE RESPECT AND PRESERVE OUR NATURAL HERITAGE</b></p> <p>As I come up the hill from the Spit, or the Roseville Bridge there are beautiful signs welcoming me to the Northern Beaches and thanking me in advance for not littering or smoking in public areas. The Northern Beaches area is indeed unique –from the bustling Quay at Manly to the idyllic Palm Beach Peninsula. The community treasure the beautiful, natural landscape – the trees, grass, plants, birds and wildlife. The water in the sea, the lakes, lagoons and Pittwater is sparkling, crystal clear, pristine and rubbish free as is Pittwater. The beaches and walkways litter free. Subsequent to the enhancement of strip shopping areas by landscaping, artwork, footpath improvement, bike racks, encouraging shop and business owners to maintain their premises, plus litter free have made them attractive places to hang out. And people of all ages do. Business is brisk. Each suburb has its own special welcoming sign depicting whatever is special in the area – e.g. Northern Beaches – surfer riding the waves on a board, Narrabeen – pelicans and community artwork.</p> <p><b>WE'RE LITTER FREE – NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL SAVES THOUSANDS OF \$'S</b></p> <p>Litter, especially the extinguishing of cigarette butts in public places, has become socially unacceptable. The implementation of no smoking outside except in designated areas has assisted greatly in this area. The implement of initiatives by local businesses (especially food related ones) to encourage their clients to dispose of their rubbish in the provided bins has proved a real winner. The bins provided at worksites around the Northern Beaches have also proved very successful.</p>
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**WE UTILISE PUBLIC TRANSPORT, SHARE RIDE, RIDE BIKES OR WALK**

The one thing you really notice is that there are a lot less cars on the road than other places in Sydney. No longer do I see all those cars heading to the city in the morning with just one person in it. Lots of people are out walking and biking. They all look healthy and happy. Although the Northern Beaches has always maintained a 15% lower rate of obesity than the rest of Australia, obesity here now is practically non-existent. Carparks have become relics of the past, no longer needed and have been turned into community and children's gardens, skate ramps, playgrounds and beautiful public spaces. The majority of Northern Beaches residents utilise public transport or share drive. The sign thanking people for using public transport recently adopted as proved a great success. A system of small buses transports people to restaurants so now diners can gaze at the beach instead of a line of parked cars, don't have search for somewhere to park nor worry about being booked for driving over the limit on the way home. These small buses also service areas where government transport is not available or limited. E.g. Collaroy Plateau, Bilgola Plateau and Beach. People only use their cars when they need them for work or an after work activity. Allowing people over 55 and families to ride bikes on the much under-utilised footpaths on one side of the road, with the proviso that they must always give the right of way to pedestrians, has been a wonderful initiative by the Council.

**WE HAVE THE LOWEST FOSSIL FUEL USAGE IN THE WORLD**

People on the Northern Beaches practise sustainable choices and consumption in their everyday lives by utilising as little fossil fuel as they can, only heating and cooling when necessary, recycling, taking care not to over buy food, buying fresh and local, unpackaged goods. Out of date food from supermarkets is available to those who need it at special pick-up points. Solar panels are the norm.

**WE REPAIR, MEND AND RECYCLE – COUNCIL SAVES THOUSANDS OF \$'S.**

Very little is thrown away. In fact, the Council only does old goods pickups once a year and even then most households don't have anything to throw away. Appliances, furniture, household goods and clothes have extended lifespans. The Northern Beaches Council has adopted the Swedish initiative of encouraging the prolonging life of furniture, household goods and appliances by persuading the N.S.W. Government to reduce taxes for these services. These items are repaired, mended or recycled, instead of being discarded as they used to be.

**WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER**

One of the best outcomes of Councils initiatives is that the community spirit is alive and well. People greet each other as they walk down the street. They watch out for their neighbours – especially the old and frail, handicapped people, pregnant women and the young. They practise courtesy with each other and are welcoming to visitors and new residents.

**CHILDREN ARE HAPPY, HEALTHY, SAFE AND WELL-PREPARED FOR THEIR FUTURE LIFE**

Children are happy, healthy, safe and are also treasured on the Northern Beaches. Residents watch out for them. There is a lot of community involvement with local schools and experts in fields such as financial literacy, life skills, growing things give freely of their time to interact with students.

**CRIME RATES, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE, HOMELESSNES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ARE THINGS OF THE PAST.**

The Northern Beaches are world leaders in the reduction of crime, alcohol and drug problems, homelessness, domestic violence, anti-social behaviours and problems resulting from mental illness have been greatly reduced by programmes which have been implemented in the area. Everyone cares.

**TOURISTS, VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS ARE WELCOME – SMALL BUSINESS THRIVES**

People from everywhere love to visit the Northern Beaches. It is such a special place. Local businesses thrive with the increase of overseas visitors in particular. Now that the legalisation of AirBandB by the N.S.W. Government has gone through, there are plenty of places for people to stay while they visit the Northern Beaches. This in turn has benefited the many small businesses in the area, especially the strip shops. Northern Beaches residents shop local initiative has also dramatically assisted in this regard.

Residents know it's a privilege to live on the Northern Beaches and take pride in living on the Northern Beaches.

Northern Beaches residents can lead the way in making a difference.

N.B. In order not to affect the economy of the Northern Beaches and for the people who collected litter to be retrained into other jobs, these measures are introduced gradually over a period of 10 years.

As an artist I am concerned money which could be devoted to Arts projects may be diverted elsewhere. The Northern Beaches has a large number of artists of all kinds. What we really need are more places to exhibit. Warringah Creative Space is well patronised but is very limited because of size. The main hall at Avalon is large but also very expensive. Michael Reagan had a plan for the Glen Street Theatre at Belrose to be a hub for artistic activity. Maybe there are other buildings on the Northern Beaches which could be converted into exhibition spaces like WCS for relatively little cost?

What do you like about the Issues Paper?

There are obviously many issues to consider. Amongst many - Bike lanes should be considered a priority as should anything which takes vehicles off the road. Should tax payers money be devoted to providing places for children to ride their bikes? I don't think so - there are plenty of places along the beach front, parks and footpaths where children can ride bikes safely.

Is there anything we've missed?

Sculpture in the Glen last year was such a wonderful event. The number of entries rivalled those of Sculpture by the Sea. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have our own sculptural event north of Sydney Harbour.

What do you like about the Northern Beaches?

I was born at Fairlight and have spent almost all of my life on the Northern Beaches because it is a wonderful place to live.

What do you think the challenges might be?

I appreciate there are a large number of sporting teams which want more sports fields. Apart from practice times during the week and weekends, these bleak open spaces are not used. Couldn't a "lateral" approach be applied? Why not use the sporting fields at night? After all, over-exposure to sunlight is a real problem while playing sport. Younger children would be unable to do this but certainly older



<p>children and adults could take advantage of evening games. What are your Ideas for the future? Sporting events dominate the news headlines but I hope the new Northern Beaches Council aims for more balanced view of Sport vs Art.</p>
<p>Change will occur. An increase in population means more residences, employment generation, entertainment, community space – together with a transport network system that provides bus and train nodes and interchanges – one day perhaps. But it will be needed.</p> <p>The northern beaches provide beachside and waterway recreation for a large and growing part of Greater Sydney. We've seen the population growth figures and must be realistic in what it all means; a growing population living and working in the area and an increase in the number of visitors having some R&amp;R at the beach.</p> <p>Is there an opportunity to achieve special recognition and status for Northern Beaches in the Greater Sydney Commission Plan with focus on appropriate economic development and tourism as an R&amp;R area for a vast part of the greater Sydney metro area? (Greater Sydney Commission – a project to plan for and create a Greater Sydney). Web <a href="http://www.greatersydneycommission.nsw.gov.au/">http://www.greatersydneycommission.nsw.gov.au/</a></p> <p>A few points –</p> <p>A distinction – give the Northern Beaches its own distinct style. Seek out the element that is typical, unique and representative of its place. Perhaps a street lamp, street furniture, signage, colours and style of built form in public places and of public property that help provide a distinction of place. And influence a design style that is unique achieved with the help of topography, environment and other factors. Use all that exists and what makes any given area what it is and build upon it. Broaden the unique dimension that it offers. Create an adventure within Northern Beaches with each area having its own distinct gateway, presence and purpose of place.</p> <p>With the topographical nature of the area, there seems to be greater opportunity to use the air space as opposed to land area for structural development. Build up. Not out. But we want a northern beaches style that can be demonstrated by structural designers. Perhaps the Greater Sydney Commission can help promote the planning and style of the various districts in the greater Sydney area so that potential designers and builders are aware of these pre-requisites in a given area that reflect the local environment and basis for creating a built-style correspondingly. And therefore one that is developed to become a Northern Beaches style.</p> <p>Boats and boat parking. At the present time urban streets are becoming parking places for a growing number of boats. More density in urban living and more pressure on streets for parking of all vehicles, boats will add to the congestion unless boat parking is factored into planning. Pittwater waterways are an attraction not just to residents, but to many visitors as well.</p> <p>A Great Ocean Drive. Pittwater Road provides us with the grand tour and an excitement of arrival at the beaches when rounding the Long Reef Headland, the Collaroy beachfront, Narrabeen Lakes crossing and then around the shores of Pittwater from Mona Vale to Bayview. But the other main road, Barrenjoey Road, although the northern part of Northern Beaches is 'girt by sea', doesn't offer us grand views of the beach and ocean. The place for it where the ocean and beach are hidden from view, offering little more than fleeting glimpses, is Barrenjoey Road as it curves around the Bilgola escarpment where grand views over the Bilgola Valley of palms and out to the ocean await. Again, one of the great points of arrival where the Northern Beaches can be seen to be believed. The Pittwater environment at its very best. Clearing of the vegetation on the seaward side of the road would open to provide one of the greatest ocean drives in Sydney, and by nature, perhaps Australia,</p>
<p>Supports the Community Strategic Planning Paper, however there needs to be more emphasis on Pittwater</p> <p>Pittwater Council has done an excellent job for the last 25 years protecting the Environment. The area is unique with its foliage, its beaches, its waterways, its national parks, its connective villages, and low density housing.</p> <p>The Barrenjoey Headland and Light House are the jewel in the crown of Pittwater. Barrenjoey Headland with its heritage lighthouse and cottages must be preserved for future generations in its present heritage state.</p> <p>To ensure we protect Pittwater's unique natural environment and connected villages the present Pittwater Local Environment Plan (LEP) must be retained in its current form.</p> <p>The environmental needs of Pittwater are very different from Warringah and Manly.</p> <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>There is a lack of infra structure in Palm Beach, Whale Beach and the Northern Beaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barrenjoey road becomes very congested at weekends and holiday periods. All roads in Palm Beach and Whale Beach area are one lane only with very few footpaths.</li> <li>• There is a lack of parking especially in the area of Pittwater Park and the Palm Beach Ferry Wharf. The parking area is full of off shore residents limiting the local residents access to the park and beach. It is Crown Land and there must be access for all.</li> <li>• Lack of footpaths in both Palm Beach and Whale Beach. This creates an unsafe environment for pedestrians. It is impossible to push a wheel chair or a pram around the streets. Footpaths are a very basic requirement. The council should apply to the NSW Government for a major grant to rectify this problem. It is the result of years lack of planning and neglect by the local councils.</li> <li>• The much needed Walkway from the Palm Beach Wharf to the Beach has progressed to the final stages of planning. The council is fully supporting the project however the Local Member the Hon Rob Stokes has not yet confirmed the NSW Government's</li> </ul>



<p>commitment to the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buses The L 90 Bus Route to the city is the longest and slowest bus route in Sydney. There is no guarantee that the proposed new B-Line Bus service will improve the service. In fact if the L90 is re routed to Manly, the trip to Sydney from Palm Beach and Whale Beach will take even longer than it does now.</li> <li>• The Wakehurst Parkway needs a major upgrade. It is essential to have all weather access to the new Northern Beaches Hospital.</li> <li>• The Northern Beaches council should be negotiating with NSW Government to progress plans for a tunnel under the Spit.</li> </ul> <p>The Northern Beaches Council is facing an enormous challenge to address these issues. The whole of Pittwater is becoming blocked with traffic the trip to the city by bus and car is taking longer and longer.</p> <p>These infrastructure issues have to be addressed both at the level of the Northern Beaches Council and NSW Government before there is any population increase in Pittwater.</p> <p>Members of the PBWBA recently met with the Greater Sydney Commission.</p> <p>The Northern Commissioner, Deborah Dearing, who was unaware of local issues within Pittwater, in particular the Mona Vale Place Plan. This fact was very concerning to our committee members attending the meeting. Our committee is of the opinion that it is essential that there is co-operation and communication between the Council and the Commission.</p> <p>The planning process must be structured and consultative across the whole of the Local Government Area (LGA) and not a add hock fix as at Mona Vale</p> <p>It is inevitable that more tourists will be visiting Pittwater facilities must provided to accomodate these visitors.</p> <p>Palm and Whale Beaches and their surf clubs are an essential part of the culture of Pittwater, the council must continue to support the surf clubs.</p> <p>The surf clubs provide trained volunteers who in turn become engaged in other community projects.</p> <p>The Pittwater model must be used across the whole LGA and not abandoned for</p> <p>paid lifeguards.</p> <p>There has been a general lack of maintenance of both Palm and Whale Beaches for years. A regular maintenance plan for the Beaches should be put in place.</p> <p>The rating structure must be reviewed in a full open and transparent manner.</p>
<p>There needs to be greater recognition of the council area, formally known as Pittwater being forcibly merged with two other council areas in the introduction. The word "merged" is not quite accurate.</p> <p>There is nothing in the paper that acknowledges that the area in which we reside, has differences to other parts of the new local council area that must be safeguarded and protected. Our former council responded to the communities concerns and desires protecting Pittwater from inappropriate development. This strategic plan appears to be a one size fits all paper. Keeping in mind that everything that council wishes to do needs to refer to the community Strategic Plan there needs to be more direct language used in referencing the Pittwater area.</p> <p>The reference to the Mona Vale Place Plan is premature as this is currently only in draft form and is yet to be adopted. And should not be the decision of any Administrator. The community are still wishing to see a master plan drawn up that represents their aspirations for their village centre that does not include six storey high buildings. The language of "Place making" has slipped into the plans vocabulary.</p> <p>Council must place more value on bio-diversity of our area and include this in any future planning decisions. And look at improving bio-diversity in open space and recreation projects to maximise outcomes. More funding needs to be given to measure bio-diversity throughout the northern beaches. Green corridors must be increased and protected.</p> <p>In relation to our waterways, our dune systems need protection along the northern beaches coastline. We are very fortunate to still have dunes and we recognise their importance in nourishment of our beaches. Pittwater's waterways also need protection from overdevelopment, this is also completely omitted from the plan.</p> <p>The development of any proposed night time economy should not come at the expense of the surrounding community.</p> <p>The industrial lands around Mona Vale must be protected for future job generation. making these areas attractive and comfortable to small to medium sized business's would ensure long term tenancy and generation of more jobs in the area.</p> <p>The plan acknowledges that our roads are at, or over capacity at this present time. Until such time that the community are not so reliant on the motor car and look at other modes of transport we need to respect the carrying capacity of the northern beaches area both in terms of gridlocked roads and lack of nfastructure and pressure on our stressed environment. We must stand up to the Sate Government and challenge their figures for population growth in the area, that have no basis.</p> <p>Future growth and development has to consider the implications of climate change, our infrastructure, the geography of place and the</p>

protection of bio-diversity in our region.
<p>A Vision for the Northern Beaches</p> <p>A vibrant sustainable community is built, made up of a collection of villages or places that have sense of local identity and a say in the level services provided and regulation of their own community. These villages would be supported by an efficient, responsive central organisation that provides those services and functions and advocates for the whole Northern Beaches in relevant areas like transport, population growth, health and education.</p> <p>Separation between Village and Central Function</p> <p>That there be a documented separation of the local issues around villages /places</p> <p>and the central total Northern Beaches issues in setting the series of key objectives for the next ten years in the following five areas of Council operations</p> <p>1) Assets managed both built and natural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-That the council built assets are maintained and left in the same or better condition at the end of the plan</li> <li>-That the natural asset quality is measured and left in a better position</li> <li>-After the above two objectives are met, new assets constructed are subject to transparent assessment and community engagement</li> </ul> <p>2) Services Provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-That services and levels are determined by village and place to meet their objectives and not for whole Northern Beaches</li> <li>-That the improvement in sustainability is targeted i.e. waste going to land fill reduction and energy production</li> </ul> <p>3) Regulatory functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-That a balance be struck between residential, affordable residential, commercial, industrial, retail and community assets across the Northern Beaches</li> <li>-That the villages /places have an overriding say the environmental plans and the developments in that village or place.</li> </ul> <p>4) Advocacy for Northern Beaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-That the population growth be agreed with State to be limited to 0.6% per annum</li> <li>-That the transport to and through the area is properly funded by the State</li> <li>-That medical and educational facilities are properly supplied to the area</li> </ul> <p>5) Governance and central operations</p> <p>That the villages have an opportunity to be partners in the setting of priorities in their area</p> <p>Not having one set of priorities for the whole Northern Beaches</p> <p>That the governance of both village and central organisation is open and transparent about where and how funds are raised and where funds are spent</p> <p>That the administration aims for a productivity improvement of 1.5% per annum which together with servicing a population growth of 0.6% gives total productivity of 2% per annum</p>
<p>Council is asking for comments on the proposed Community Strategic Plan. The plan Council will adopt will depend on what objectives are set in place, so just what should be the vision for our Northern Beaches? What are our options?</p> <p>Before we can discuss the options, it is first necessary to realise that continual growth is unsustainable - it's just a matter of when the limit is reached. If we don't tackle this issue now, we will lose more and more of our natural capital until it is mostly destroyed and then it is too late to go back. Growth is currently fueling the need for ever more infrastructure - roads, schools, housing, and public facilities. Growth is also insidiously impacting on our environment in the loss of bushland, biodiversity, and open space. The cost is enormous, and the consequent negative impact on our environment ongoing. Council should right now set in place a Vision that does not embrace growth.</p> <p>Vision Options</p> <p>1. A Planning As Usual Vision</p> <p>This is what we are doing at the moment - land so we are lagging behind many towns in Australia and overseas in embracing a true move to sustainable living. We in the Northern Beaches may think we are clever and innovative, but right now this is a complete misconception and we are way behind other centres in Australia and overseas (please contact me for a discussion of what is happening</p>

elsewhere).

## 2. An Enlightened Vision

Suppose we set our minds free from conventional thinking and instead frame a vision that leads the world - why can't we do that? If we in this affluent corner of the world can't make it happen, who can? Clearly we cannot contemplate ongoing overall growth in any long term scenario, so let's see what a vision that is not based on growth could look like.

### Greenhouse Gas Emissions

To be sustainable our GHG emissions must be rapidly reduced to zero (by 2050 in line with our NSW goal) - but how? First of all we need to establish just what our emissions are right now, and then plan for effective measures to meet the target. The impact on the Northern beaches could be:

- The need for much better public transport so that residents could travel north/east/south/west as conveniently as by car, possibly amounting to the equivalent of twice as many buses
- Offering incentives for the use of electric vehicles - such as free renewable energy charging stations, free parking
- Offering incentives for household and commercial installations of solar PV systems
- Making it possible for the easy installation of microgrids and virtual power networks
- Raising building requirements so that new buildings meet strict energy use requirements - such as significantly raising BASIX levels and/or mandating solar PV and DHW on new homes
- Controlling population pressures

### Bushland and Open Space

To be sustainable and so not wedded to ongoing growth we must not chop down any more of our public bushland. So any increase in population will have to be accommodated largely within the current building footprint - requiring a regular slowing of population growth down to zero. This implies smaller homes, and a transition from standalone homes to terrace housing (or similar medium density measures).

### Population Growth

If we are serious about living sustainably population cannot be allowed to continually grow. This is primarily a Federal matter but State Governments can help by introducing powerful incentives to entice people to live in country centres - (such as tax breaks, better transport, and grants for public facilities)

Why not go for it?

To grasp this opportunity the Community must be supportive, so the adoption of an enlightened Vision will have to be the outcome of a well-managed plan to engage the community and seek community support.

It will take a group of forward thinking visionaries in Council to grasp the nettle and set in motion the process of getting community support for a truly sustainable Vision for the Northern Beaches - but let's do it and take a lead.

### Comments on the Community Strategic Plan Issues Paper

#### Long Term Sustainability

The Paper states up front that:

"The underlying theme for this issues paper is the question of how best we can work towards long term sustainability for the region..."

It does not anywhere indicate just what the satisfactory outcomes of long term sustainability will mean. Unfortunately the word "sustainable" has been degraded to become a coverall for describing growth so that it sounds acceptable.

In the Vision 2028 pictorial representation on p5 includes the planning of future communities - inferring ongoing growth. We can't just keep growing.

#### Environmental Footprint

The measures tabled on p11 are interesting but in no way represent a picture of our current environmental footprint. The significant parameters when looking at our sustainable footprint should include at least:

- Greenhouse gas emissions - tonnes of CO2e for whole LGA and per person, including trends
- Public open space - % and including trends
- Publicly owned bushland area - % and including trends

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usage figures for public transport and private vehicles - including trends</li> <li>• Use of electricity - commercial and private including trends</li> <li>• Use of gas - commercial and private including trends</li> <li>• Solar PV installed - commercial and private including trends</li> <li>• Solar or heat pump DHW - commercial and private including trends</li> <li>• Data on LGA water consumption and trends</li> <li>• Beaches - water quality and measures that assess whether the foreshore amenity is maintained</li> <li>• Pittwater waterways - measures that assess the % of open water (as aside from wharves and marinas) to make sure we are not progressively losing our open water.</li> </ul> <p>Bushland and Biodiversity</p> <p>This table on p11 is a good start, but should also include trends so that it is clear if we are on a stable sustainable path.</p> <p>Vision</p> <p>If we are to table a Vision statement which is to be called the Northern Beaches Vision, I could suggest:</p> <p>To develop the Northern Beaches LGA in a manner that continues to provide a vibrant and well balanced community without any further loss of natural capital and at the same time moves progressively to a carbon neutral community by the year 2050.</p>
<p>There's a lot of good things going on with the Northern Beaches work on community strategic planning - very supportive of much of the narrative I hear at Council level. I do have some comments on the Issues Paper which are provided below - hopefully as constructive perspectives for the forthcoming papers. I follow the headings provided on the website pro-forma.</p> <p>Community group/ business you are representing (if any)</p> <p>Personal representation only.</p> <p>What is your interest in this project?</p> <p>A resident for 25 years and interested especially in the long term challenges - how the future generations of the Northern Beaches can live more inclusively and sustainably in the face of the many challenges ahead. Issues Paper (and CSP) is the place to take some of these challenges on. I am especially interested in spatially-based income and wealth inequality and GHG emissions - and steering us away from the likely big problems ahead for our kids.</p> <p>What do you like about the Issues Paper?</p> <p>A nice outline - I like the raising of the issues of bushland, economics, our very high carbon footprint, housing costs and the problems of access to jobs and education.</p> <p>Is there anything we've missed?</p> <p>I thought there was a missed opportunity to be stronger on the long term policy challenges – the choices and consequences. I'll concentrate on two themes. The paper could have been (1) a little more provocative on policy challenges, and (2) a little more an education piece on the cross-over "relationships" between spatial form choices and sustainable future. Examples follow:</p> <p>1. Page 12: "Local government plays a pivotal role in terms of climate change adaptation". This misses the point of climate change mitigation - ie planning for low carbon northern beaches. This would take the Issues Paper and CSP into the domain of the "civic" (ie good/fair society global citizen etc) not just "private" ambitions (exclusion of all but your own interests in the face of mounting problems for others).</p> <p>2. On relationships: housing diversity, affordability and car-dependence all link up to a more inclusive and diverse community and a low carbon future (more/different people, more economic prospects, less insular old-fashioned thinking and eg more/better public transport etc). Explaining the somewhat complex relationships makes it less easy for single issue causes to be prosecuted.</p> <p>I expand on this a little later.</p> <p>What do you like about the Northern Beaches?</p> <p>Beautiful setting.</p> <p>What do you think the challenges might be?</p> <p>There are some big challenges: world-leading GHG emissions, housing unaffordable for our own kids and key workers, disconnection with knowledge sector jobs (for many the social drag of long commutes).</p> <p>There are significant physical and infrastructure changes happening elsewhere in Sydney (and globally) now to help meet these challenges. There are good ways around these problems in the Northern Beaches too; some of which Council is working on: involving great urban design, better quality PT (B-Line Bus sounds great); and others which are beyond Council: eg tax system pumping up housing pricing etc.</p> <p>The scariest problem is the tendency for those changes which benefit future generations to be blocked by people (and interests groups) benefitting from the status quo. A favourite tactic is fear mongering about change effects. So the challenge which warrants the most attention is in the setting up of good socio-political processes to support worthwhile changes over time, separating the exaggerated fears</p>



<p>from the legitimate (and these groups often raise some legitimate fears), and reducing the luxury sectoral interests enjoy of using a simplified version of the world to block progressive change. What are your Ideas for the future?</p> <p>It is not a new thought or an easy course but we need to work harder at progressive participatory processes. There is already plenty of evidence at all levels of government that our operating "institutionalised" democracy can be highly undemocratic. This is the idea that the most vocal (rather than most representative or meritorious) dominate political calls (Jhagroe and Looibach 2015). So it is the question of how we concentrate on getting a fairer representation of people involved in the policy debate around CSP (as the overarching policy document for everything council does), and in a deeper way.</p> <p>The Reference Groups are a good start but also need time for deliberative exercises, where the challenge is to learn and reflect, rather than just use the forum as an arena to prosecute your case. This also needs to couple with media interest to help empower that (now more literally democratic) voice at a political level. If this submission happens to spark any interest, you could check out Chapter 9 in the attached thesis (Walsh 2016), which has some evidence about what random citizens tend to think about neighbourhood change, when they spend a good period of time exposed to evidence and different viewpoints.</p> <p>Such processes take time, need commitment and don't come cheap. In my view the goal over the short term is to work on opening up the socio-political processes (even if for the period between CSPs) to not just elicit but also empower more deliberation and more reflection by a wider representation, especially younger people (say under 40s! – when I look at the photos in the Issues Paper everyone at the sessions seem my age or older!). For me the more recent research is suggesting a somewhat different setting/process to the Dee Why RSL Club exercise some years ago - useful as that was (see thesis). I'm aware much of this not new to some at Council, but perhaps there are points that help. Happy to discuss if any interest. Please keep up the good work.</p>
<p>Council seems to have 'overlooked' the very serious issue of wood heater smoke in your community strategic plan issue paper, even though the issues discussed are supposedly representative of the community as a whole! this is rather a gross emission for our collective health, which is also your duty of care, as it is a well known fact documented by the environment protection agency that wood smoke emissions from indoor wood burning heaters as well as outdoor pizza ovens, fire pits and other similar wood burning devices - all of these used alternatively for backyard burning in a different guise, which was banned last century.</p> <p>Wood smoke creates \$8million in health costs which could be prevented, as attested by the NSW Chief Medical Office, Kerry Chant. Why do we have a Chief Medical Office if their informed and considered opinion is completely ignored? As long ago as last century it was recommended that wood heaters be phased out of urban areas and this could well have been achieved by now. The NSW Building Code does not even mention wood heaters, thus ignoring the needs of the aged, disabled and very young in particular but everyone in general who may be affected by debilitating respiratory conditions. There is no community consultation whatsoever before wood heaters are installed, whereas in order to create a similar ambience one is able to purchase a gas- or electricity- generated heater.</p> <p>Open fireplaces in an area where the topography denotes that the inversion layer would prevent the dispersion of wood smoke is lethal; yet fails to be mentioned in the Building Code.</p> <p>All that local councils have been doing is circulating supposedly 'Educational Material', despite the grants given them over the years, during last century and into this one. Also, the advice given is to keep one's doors and windows closed to keep out the wood smoke. This is akin to making people a prisoner in their own homes, to which you have no right; and of course has been totally ineffective and a waste of money while people's health keeps deteriorating throughout each successive year.</p> <p>How is it possible that the smoking of tobacco is banned from the proximity of food, schools, children's playgrounds and swimming pools, to mention but a few locations, yet clouds of wood smoke may surround these areas for months at a time? By the same token, you consider emissions from factories and motor vehicles, so cannot afford to ignore the detrimental health effects of wood smoke.</p> <p>The Lung and Asthma Foundations are but two of the many learned medical bodies who have all the documentation containing the details you may need to check abovementioned facts. Simply stated, however, one could ask why an appliance which is polluting the very air entire neighbourhoods breathe should be allowed to be installed in the first place, ever, anywhere, in a supposedly enlightened society; making instead the very air we breathe similar to that found in Third World countries.</p> <p>Therefore, air quality has to be included in your community Strategic Master Plan Issues Paper if it is to be a fair and balanced one for all.</p>
<p>Strongly support and second the comprehensive submission already submitted to the Northern Beaches Council by the Clareville and Bilgola Plateau Resident's Association.</p> <p>Wishes to stress that Council planning should respect and enhance local differences within the area, as agreed with you at a meeting with APA officers earlier this year. Failure to integrate this planning concept relating to recognition of local distinctiveness carries the risk of blurring the unique characteristics of our Avalon Beach area.</p> <p>When the final plan is released for exhibition, it should NOT contain any extra unpleasant surprises added by Council executives the night before release as the Mona Vale Place Plan has done with lifting building heights in some areas to 6 storeys.</p>
<p>What is your interest in this project?</p>

<p>I have been resident for the past few years and intend to stay on long-term.</p> <p>What do you like about the Issues Paper?</p> <p>It identifies a broad range of issues that affect the Northern Beaches community.</p> <p>Is there anything we've missed?</p> <p>The serious degradation of air quality on winter nights by wood heater smoke pollution and the damage this causes to residents' health.</p> <p>What do you like about the Northern Beaches?</p> <p>The coastal environment and community spirit. Manly also has an excellent library, Hop, Skip &amp; Jump bus service and enjoyable events throughout the year.</p> <p>What do you think the challenges might be?</p> <p>1. Introducing a comprehensive wood smoke control policy, including banning new installations of wood heaters in medium to high density areas and incentives to phase out existing wood heaters in those areas. 2. Improving the inadequate public transport links 3 Preventing overbuilding from destroying the character of existing neighbourhoods 4.Housing and infrastructure planning to deal with increasing population</p> <p>What are your Ideas for the future?</p> <p>1. Beaches are smoke-free zones but this should be extended to the beach promenade and adjacent grassed areas. In Manly, these areas always crowded with people who go there to relax and enjoy the clean sea air. There are also tables by the promenade where people can eat – again these should be smoke-free zones in the same way as dining areas outside cafes. These are often people sitting on the beach wall smoking and their smoke wafts over the beach. There needs to be better signage and information, particularly for tourists.</p> <p>2. Wood heater smoke is a serious health hazard, which the EPA estimated to cause \$20 billion in health costs in NSW over 20 years. The NSW Chief Medical Officer, Kerry Chant, considers wood heaters so detrimental to health that she supports banning and phasing them out in urban areas. Despite this, the current position in the Northern Beaches is that wood heaters can be freely installed as long as they comply with the Building Code, which does not consider whether the smoke would penetrate neighbouring houses. Neighbours are not notified so there is no opportunity for them to voice their concerns. This would be a very serious issue for a neighbour with respiratory illness. The EPA recommends that chimneys be at least 1 metre above any structure within a 15 metre radius, or more, if the topography is hilly. None of this is incorporated in the Building Code.</p> <p>The Council should ban new installations of wood heaters in medium to high density residential areas. In other areas, new installations of wood heaters should require the approval of the Council and notice given to the public and neighbours in the same way as for a DA. Approval should only be granted if there are no objections from anyone in the vicinity who may be affected by the smoke, the EPA guidelines are followed and the wood heater complies with the latest emission standards.</p> <p>Open fireplaces are so polluting that new installations of these should be banned and use of existing ones only allowed if no neighbour objects.</p> <p>The present position is that all the rights lie with the polluters, the wood heater users, and all the costs are borne by the neighbours who suffer the detrimental health effects, and the community as a whole, who suffer degraded air quality. The neighbours have no say despite the fact that wood heater smoke is well-recognised by the government to be a serious health hazard. My suggestion is a fair one which would help redress the balance of rights between the polluters, their neighbours and protection of the environment.</p> <p>There is no necessity for anyone with access to electricity and gas to use a wood heater. Any new installation of a wood heater in an urban area is likely to be as a lifestyle or design feature for added ambience. Why should neighbours have to suffer serious health impacts for this? Why should an appliance which is capable of polluting the air of the whole neighbourhood not require any approval from the Council before it is installed? Why should this be allowed to continue in the 21st century when non-polluting forms of heating are easily available and there is full scientific consensus that wood smoke seriously harms health?</p> <p>Clean air is an increasingly rare and precious commodity in urban areas. The Northern Beaches is lucky in that it has generally has clean air except during winter nights, where the wood smoke concentration is hazardous for anyone with ill-health. Clean air is our most universally valuable asset and essential to the quality of life of everybody who lives here. Yet there is no mention in the Environment section of your Issues Paper about protecting the air we breathe from the wood heater pollution which is endemic in the Northern Beaches in winter. Air quality is the most important part of our environment and this issue MUST be addressed in any strategic plan for the well-being of our community.</p> <p>3. Manly's Hop Skip and Jump bus is a wonderful service which takes cars off the road for short journeys and enables the young, old, disabled and those without cars to get around locally. The clockwise Manly route gets very crowded during the weekends from about October to April. To alleviate pressure on the clockwise Manly route and also to facilitate access to the popular Fairy Bower and Shelly beaches, the Council should try running a limited service of the anticlockwise Manly route on weekends from October to April.</p> <p>4. With the vastly increased size of the Council since amalgamation, it is more important than ever that local community groups are involved and the precinct system should be reinstated to ensure that each precinct has a formal voice.</p> <p>5. There should be more cultural (and multicultural) events, by the sea if possible. Mosman has Shakespeare and classical music in the</p>
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<p>Rotunda on Balmoral Beach. The Northern Beaches should have its own outdoor stage by the sea, which could be used for live performances as well as showing films..</p>
<p><b>NO MENTION OF PITTWATER</b></p> <p>We are dumfounded and concerned that the paper makes no meaningful mention of the Pittwater area. It is as if all of Pittwater has been excised or scrubbed out of existence. This is extremely demeaning for all our residents. After all the previous Pittwater LGA had the most intense community of interest of any council in NSW. (Refer in part to the 89% of residents wanting to continue as an independent council.) The CSP Issues Paper is also very generic with many parts applying equally to any of a number of other councils in Greater Sydney. The real strategic differentiators within the NBC, like Pittwater, must be highlighted, explained, prioritised and nurtured.</p> <p><b>PITTWATER'S KEY DIFFERENTIATORS</b></p> <p>Pittwater, an area of unique natural beauty, was founded on the concept of "a community of connected towns and villages inspired by bush, beach and water". This unique concept must be embedded within the NBC Vision, objectives and strategies. Our community and visitors love this special place and do not want to see inappropriate development or high rise as contemplated within the Draft Mona Vale Place Plan. To ensure we protect Pittwater's unique natural environment and rare village qualities into the future we ask that the Pittwater LEP to be retained in roughly its current form.</p> <p><b>POPULATION INCREASE</b></p> <p>There is an implicit unchallenged acceptance of population growth and increasing State Government targets. This we dispute. Our infrastructure including roads and sewage is already at capacity. The natural beauty of Pittwater and other NBC areas are a vital part of Greater Sydney's attractiveness and must not be compromised.</p> <p><b>TOURISM</b></p> <p>Tourism plays an important part in the NBC economy but must be managed very carefully. Turning the Pittwater villages including Mona Vale into another mini Gold Coast is not the answer. Nor is assuming that what is good for Manly applies to Mona Vale or Newport or Avalon. More support for the arts and art based businesses, culture and small family businesses would be more appropriate for Pittwater.</p> <p><b>TRANSPORT</b></p> <p>Transport is probably the Number 1 issue within the NBC. However the CSP Issues Paper does not address the issue of discouraging car ownership, increasing public transport service coverage into the suburbs, properly funding active transport solutions such as walking and cycling, resisting pressure to build car parks and using demand management techniques instead etc. Nor does it address the special needs of the offshore communities on Pittwater.</p> <p><b>INDUSTRY</b></p> <p>The Issues Paper concentrates on Dee Why/Brookvale and French's Forest as evolving strategic centres but says nothing about the future role of Warriewood, Mona Vale or marine based businesses.</p> <p><b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b></p> <p>Only passing mention is made of the need for affordable housing for the elderly, workers and younger families. One solution is to encourage more terrace type living using good sustainable design principles.</p> <p><b>GOVERNANCE</b></p> <p>It is unfortunate that key strategic aspects such as good governance, planning, finance and community participation have been left to the next iteration of the CSP process due in March/April 2017. We would trust however that the following key values will be incorporated and more importantly implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respect for all residents, community associations and communities of interest</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Respect for the physical environment and fully embracing the principles of sustainability</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The employment of best practice in planning in relation to the built environment eg Place Making and Active Transport</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fostering an ethos of consultation and genuine two-way communication</li> </ul>
<p>This 'issues' paper is laden with jargon, which many in the community may not fully understand.</p> <p>Here are some examples of the jargon used in this document.</p> <p>Place base values</p> <p>Natural hazard management</p> <p>Connected community</p>



Recreational activities

Place making

Community connectedness

Social connectedness

Holistic and integrated open space planning

Urban Villages

Innovation hubs for emerging industries

Key workers

Greater self-containment

Business incubators

This paper interchanges the words 'issues' and 'challenges' throughout the document. Some are core and some are not and some are key. The headings 'Specific issues' could be changed to 'Matter for Considerations'.

The definition of an issue is 'an important topic or problem for debate or discussion.'

While the definition of a challenge is 'a task or situation that tests someone's abilities.'

50% of the document is photos. Excellent photos, however this is not a realestate promotional brochure. The photos cannot be viewed in their entirety when viewed electronically online as some of the photos are across two pages.

The map on page 6 is deceptive in that it includes the land area covered by the Sydney Harbour National Park as well as the Garigal and Kuringai National Parks. Even though these National Parks are highly valued by the residents and visitors of the Northern Beaches the land manager is the State Government not the Northern Beaches Council.

The map on Page 10 is a repeats the map on page 6 and confirms that approximately 50% of the land area is National Parks but does not show the boundary of the NB Council. A description of the physical Local Government area, which has been made elsewhere, should accompany this map. The transport corridors in and out should be included as well.

Page 11

The statistic column is interesting but does not inform the 'environmental footprint'. Is it the 'carbon footprint' of the or just interesting statistics?

Does the persons/KM2 density include the National Park area? If it does this is not an accurate representation of the population density for the NB Council area.

The column should include the quantity of domestic waste collected and the landfill diversion rate.

NBs has a high number of people who remain in the area for work.

What is the number of cars that travel daily from one of the Northern beaches three access points, Warringah Rd, Spit Bridge and Mona Vale Rd. How many people commute to their workplace or school outside the NBs on public transport.

Page 12

This statement in the first column, "The challenges we face are complex and cannot be solved in isolation – we must work together across all levels of society to tackle challenging environmental issues, which largely are driven by population growth and consumption patterns.

We are now in a stronger position to influence and invest in our long term future and effectively manage difficult environmental issues."

Is directly contradicted by this statement in the second column

"Climate change is a global as well as a local problem and there are many issues that are outside of Council's immediate span of influence. "

NB Council should be protecting local amenity not values?

Climate change does not 'relate to everything we do' it is affected/or impacted by everything we do.

(see page 14)



<p>'natural hazards' cannot be managed, however the risks of damage to the local, natural and built environment caused by extreme weather events can be mitigated by actions by local government.</p> <p>Issues and challenges are confused on this page.</p> <p>In this page the 'environmental footprint' should perhaps be referred to as the 'carbon footprint', which would then more accurately reflect the issues or considerations outlined in the bullet points. However, even then this statement is nonsensical "Large environmental footprint of the area, especially as related to energy and water consumption "</p> <p>Page 13 is a mishmash of confused statements about the environment and its management and the need to preserve and protect it.</p> <p>Page 14 'Natural hazard Management' is jargon used by Local Government staff. The community may not consider an extreme storm event a 'natural hazard'. The residents and wider community would better understand a statement about mitigation of damage caused by extreme weather events which are becoming more frequent and severe.</p> <p>Council has responsibility to ensure the community assets are protected through maintenance and other mitigation measures and residents are aware of those same risks and take the appropriate action to protect their own property</p> <p>Page 15</p> <p>'Environmental Opportunities'</p> <p>How can the Northern Beaches deliver "greater choice for consumers to access sustainable energy choices"?</p> <p>Pages 17 &amp; 18 are superfluous</p> <p>Pages 19 &amp; 20</p> <p>"The profile shows that northern beaches is home to a relatively large proportion of children and of seniors, and a relatively low proportion of young people aged 15 to 24."</p> <p>Really? Is it possible those aged between 15 and 24 are studying away from the Northern Beaches? In fact the statistics paint a very dim picture of the NBs young people on page 26 with only 10.2% of 15 to 19 year olds which are part of the the 11% of the total population of young people 15 to 24 partially engaged in either work or study. There is only one tertiary institution on the NBs and that is an International College. How many travel out of the NBs to secondary school?</p> <p>Areas with a high proportion of 'seniors' are perhaps living in the many seniors and aged care facilities'. NBs has a very high proportion of War Vets living in such accommodation compared with other local government areas.</p> <p>No doubt housing prices are of concern as the housing stock remains static against the predicted increase in population and the natural demographic changes as families with young children increase.</p> <p>Demographers have got it dramatically wrong on the NBs previously with the closure of schools and TAFEs in the area.</p> <p>Page 19</p> <p>Recreational facilities should include the number of community gardens as this is a new and growing 'sport'.</p> <p>Page 20</p> <p>Social Issues</p> <p>'Arts and creative management' is not a 'social issue'. It is a valuable community activity along with sporting activities and should be supported as such. Young girls dominate the Northern Beaches Eisteddfod however it receives minimal support from Council.</p> <p>"While we share many values and core aspirations, the northern beaches is not homogenous and we need to recognise unique local features and values while working on regional priorities. "</p> <p>How are we not homogenous? Do we have a diverse or multi cultural community? Is there an acknowledgement of the different ethnic communities on the NBs and where do they live?</p> <p>What are 'core aspirations' in this context?</p> <p>What is the 'perceived quality of life' on the NBs</p> <p>The list of 'specific issues and risks to social cohesion' is doesn't reflect the discussion preceding the list.</p> <p>Perhaps the heading "Specific issues" could be changed to 'Matters or Ideas for Considerations' since the community is being asked to consider various ideas and concepts and an 'issue' in this context could be viewed as a problem which is a negative concept.</p> <p>'Equity of access to support services across the northern beaches'</p> <p>What is the Council's role in delivering these services, what services does the council consider are in fact 'social services'? Is childcare as social service to be delivered by Council or the private sector? Most 'social services' are delivered by State, Federal or NFP</p>
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organisations.

Page 21

Health, Wellbeing and Safety.

Specific issues, how will council ensure 'Equitable access to health, family and aged care services across the northern beaches' ?

What about cultural diversity?

Recreation and Open Space

The statements on page 18 and 21 contradict each other where it says that the NBs is "home to a relatively large portion of children and seniors". Is the population going to grow older or increase in numbers or both? This section does not acknowledge the increasing number of 'unstructured activities' such as walking groups, bike riding, exercise groups, beach activities, dog walking, swimming groups all of which may occur in locations other than council maintained sports facilities.

"As our population grows and gets older, it will be a core challenge to provide and maintain accessible recreation facilities that cater for a broad range of community needs that extend beyond isolated functions and particular sports. In this regard, key issues include:

- Whole of life-cycle consideration for provision of recreation and sporting facilities, investing in quality products and creative solutions
- Holistic and integrated open space planning that integrates a range of uses within each area
- Equitable access to recreational facilities for new and emerging sports
- Upgrading existing facilities to ensure accessibility for the whole community"

Page 26 The Economic profile statement does not reflect the statistics pictograms. Why are young people depicted as lying about on a couch? If only 10.2% of young people are only partially engaged in work or study what are the rest of the young people doing? Surfing? Or hanging about in the Corso? Or are they fully engaged in study or work?