

Summary Report of Public Notification

Project name	Proposal to lease Long Reef SLSC Clubhouse to Long Reef SLSC – Public notice
Your Say notification period	Thursday 1 June to Thursday 29 June 2023
Background	<p>Long Reef SLSC previously held a 99-year lease with Council over the former clubhouse which had 47 years remaining. The maximum lease term permissible under current legislation is 30 years.</p> <p>We are proposing to grant a 30-year lease term to Long Reef SLSC (ABN 78 012 537 376), ensuring continued use of the premises for volunteer surf lifesaving services by the club.</p>
Total number of submissions	15 (14 via online form, 1 email)
Summary of findings	<p>This report presents the results of the public notification process for the proposed 30-year lease to Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club, starting on July 1, 2023.</p> <p>The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive, with all respondents expressing support for the lease, recognising the Club's valuable contributions to the local community.</p>
Approach	<p>The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act 1993.</p> <p>A project page¹ was established on our Your Say platform and included project information and the road reserve closure area plan.</p> <p>The project was primarily promoted through resident letter notifications and signage positioned in a visible location at the entrance of the Club.</p> <p>Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the project page. An open-field comments box provided community members a space to share their comments. Email and written submissions were also invited. Contact details were provided should people have questions.</p>

¹ <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/proposal-lease-long-reef-slsc-clubhouse-long-reef-slsc>

How we engaged	
Properties notified by letter	106 letters
Signage installed on site	1 sign
Visitors to Your Say page	80 visitors

Findings		
Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Overall support	All submissions were in support of the proposal to grant a 30-year lease to the club. Support for the Club's community involvement and service are noted.	Council notes support for the proposal.
Term of proposed lease should be longer	Comments were made suggesting Council should offer a lease term of more than 30-years.	In line with the current legislation under Section 46 of the Local Government Act 1993, the longest tenure of lease that Council is able to enter into is 30 years with Ministerial consent.

Verbatim community and stakeholder responses ²	
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1	<p>I am writing to express my strong support for granting Long Reef Surf Lifesaving Club a 30-year lease on its building. As an active member of the community and a passionate advocate for water safety, I believe that granting this long-term lease will greatly benefit both the club and the community it serves.</p> <p>The Long Reef Surf Lifesaving Club has been an integral part of our community for many years, providing essential lifesaving services, promoting beach safety, and fostering a sense of camaraderie among its members. The club's dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to ensure the safety of beachgoers and respond to</p>

² Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

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	<p>emergencies promptly. Their commitment to saving lives and preventing accidents is commendable.</p> <p>Granting a 30-year lease to the Long Reef Surf Lifesaving Club would offer numerous advantages. Firstly, it would provide the club with a stable and secure operating environment. With a long-term lease, the club can plan for the future, and continue to provide high-quality services to the community.</p> <p>Moreover, the Long Reef Surf Lifesaving Club serves as a hub for community engagement and social activities. It organizes educational programs, training sessions, and awareness campaigns that benefit people of all ages. The club fosters a sense of belonging and community spirit among its members, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. By granting a long-term lease, the council would contribute to the longevity and sustainability of these vital community initiatives.</p> <p>In conclusion, a 30-year lease to the Long Reef Surf Lifesaving Club is an excellent idea. Doing so would acknowledge the club's exceptional contributions to the community, provide long-term stability, and facilitate its continued efforts in saving lives, promoting beach safety, and fostering community engagement. I believe that this lease agreement would be a win-win situation for all parties involved.</p>
2	<p>I am writing to express my strong support for extending the lease of Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club. This club has been crucial in ensuring beach safety, youth development, and social well-being in our community. Granting the lease extension will allow them to continue their valuable work.</p> <p>The lifeguards of Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club provide a sense of security for swimmers and beachgoers, making our shores safer. Extending their lease will ensure the continuity of this essential service, benefiting residents and visitors alike.</p> <p>The club's Nippers program plays a vital role in youth skills development, fostering a sense of community, teamwork, and leadership. By extending the lease, we invest in our community's future, empowering our youth with valuable life skills and a deep appreciation for the ocean.</p> <p>Furthermore, the club serves as a sanctuary, promoting social and mental well-being among its members. It provides a supportive and inclusive environment, fostering belonging and camaraderie. Extending the lease will sustain these invaluable benefits, promoting resilience, connection, and community cohesion.</p> <p>In conclusion, I urge you to consider the immense impact that Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club has had on our community. Their commitment to safety, youth development, and social well-being makes them an invaluable asset. Granting an extension to their lease will support their ongoing contributions and benefit our community as a whole.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require further information or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>
3	<p>Long Reef SLSC should be granted the 30 year lease on the clubhouse. The surf club has contributed invaluable to the local community over many decades. The security of a 30 year lease will allow the surf club to continue to provide</p>

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	services to the community and it's members, past, present and future, with a level of confidence that may otherwise be lacking.
4	With a thriving volunteer community, LR SLSC is a club of proud and passionate caretakers of a beautiful piece of coastline. The council couldn't ask for better tenants for both the clubhouse and the beach.
5	I am fully supportive of this lease proposal and look forward to the Club's contributions to the area over that period and beyond.
6	I support the 30 year lease to LRSLSC.
7	Hi there. I am a member of Long Reef SLSC and fully support the 30-year lease for this great club. The level of community support which we offer through patrolling the beaches during summer, training our members to become proficient in essential skills (e.g. First Aid, CPR, etc.), as well as teaching the younger generation essential swimming and ocean-awareness skills, is second to none. Our brand-new clubhouse will help us further expand our volunteering activities to the benefit of the broader community. Another big thank you to the NBC for their continued support.
8	Having a 30 Year lease at Long Reef SLSC is a necessity, not a 'nice to have'. It's paramount to ensure the beach is safe and volunteers have a home from which to keep their skills up to date, train for new skills and to interact positively with the community, educating them to stay safe and swim between the flags.
9	Long reef is a great community and keep our beaches safe
10	Long reef have done a great job for many years looking after the community. I fully support Long Reef Surf Life Saving club.
11	<p>I fully support the increase to the Long Reef SLSC proposed Lease. As advised Long Reef SLSC gave up a much longer occupation of the old clubhouse for this proposed new lease over its new clubhouse.</p> <p>I have to admit my conflict [REDACTED] of Long Reef SLSC having been a member of Long Reef SLSC for over 60 years but Long Reef SLSC requires long term security of tenure over its new clubhouse to enable the volunteer Long Reef SLSC members to continue their lifesaving commitment to its and their community</p>
12	I agree that Long Reef Surf Lifesaving Club should be given a lease of at least 30 years. The club makes a significant contribution to the local community by keeping the beach safe, educating adults and children in beach safety and first aid and volunteering to assist with other community events such as fund raising for suicide prevention charities.
13	<p>It would be most appropriate for the Council to agree to an extended lease to Long Reef Surf Club due to numerous factors.</p> <p>These include;</p> <p>The volunteer services that the members have provided to the community over many, many decades to create a safe swimming environment,</p> <p>Provide first aid to swimmers and board riders,</p>

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	<p>Assist thousands of visitors over the years, Teach hundreds of young people the potential dangers of the surf environment, Promotes a healthy and community minded environment, And provides the community with care and a sense of belonging no matter what the age.</p> <p>The Surf Club has also invested decades of effort to seek approval, liaise with community and Council, design and build a new facility for current and future community needs.</p> <p>For these reasons it would be incomprehensible for Council NOT to support the Club with an extended lease.</p> <p>It could also be reasonably argued that the lease should be for at least 50 years.</p>
14	<p>I would like to support the granting of a 30 year lease for Long Reef Surf Lifesaving Club in the newly constructed clubhouse at Long Reef Beach. I have been a member of LRSLSC for the last 25 years and was on the community consultation group with Northern Beaches Council prior to construction beginning. I have held club management committee positions including as [REDACTED]. The clubhouse is fabulous asset we can all be very proud of, it's a beautiful building which will hold our activities and equipment in great form into the future. I think Council will do well to ensure that the Surf Club have surety of tenancy and function within the clubhouse for the next 30 years by granting a lease of this length.</p>
15	<p>Glad they made it a 30 year lease. Probably should have made it 99 years like the UK system. Not sure what the point of a shorter lease is considering NSW funds the clubs anyway. We should move to the QLD model where clubs can make money and put it back into surf life saving...</p> <p>Anyway i support the 30 years lease proposal</p>

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