
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Marine Rescue Building, Bayview

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1. Summary



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Feedback also questioned whether the amenities and storage space were adequate in size for the current and future usage. Whilst other comments suggested the inclusion of wash zones.

The respondent who was not supportive felt that the proposal was not clear and not accurately presented, particularly in relation to the increase in size.

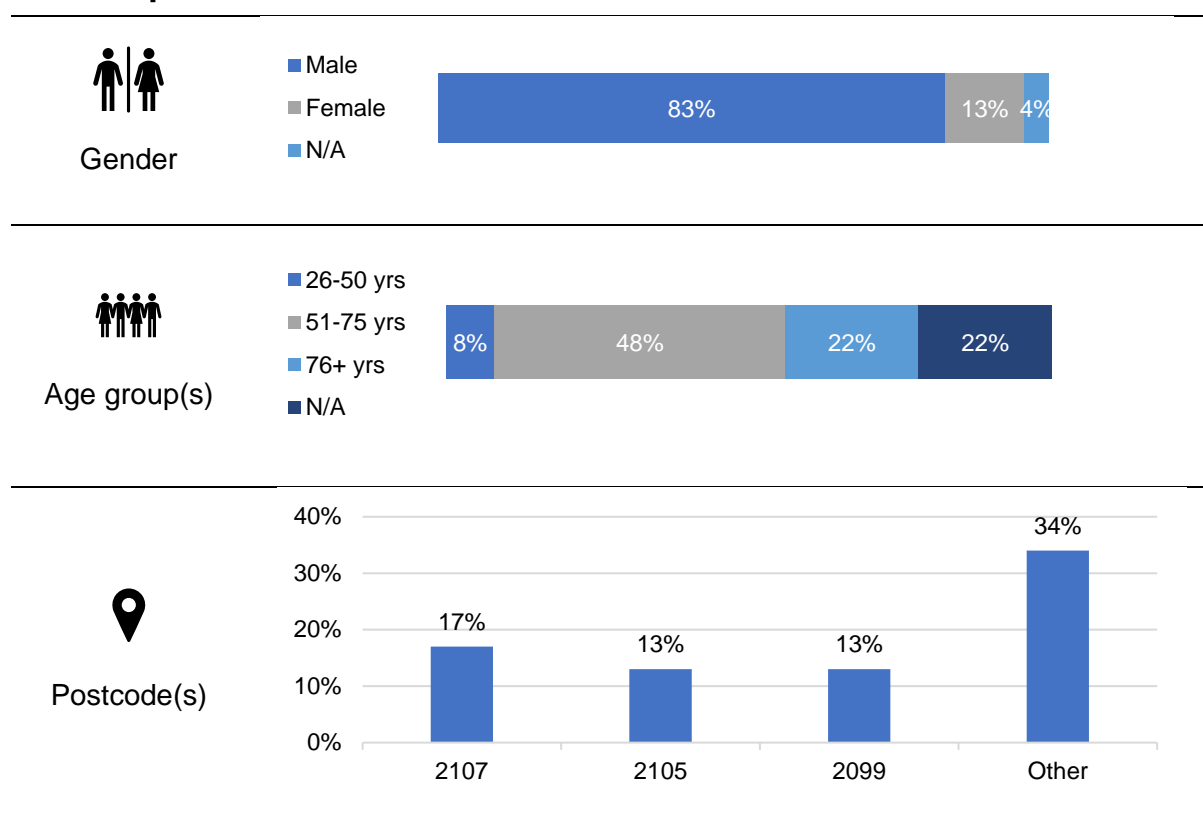
1.1. Key outcomes

 Total submissions received			23
 Feedback themes	Positive improvements to facility.	Environment and sustainability.	
	Adequate amenity space.	Pedestrian connectivity.	
	Landscaping and weed management.	Ongoing project updates.	
	Storage space.	Continued access for Pittwater Sailability (volunteer organisation taking persons with disability on the Pittwater).	

1.2. How we engaged

 Have Your Say	Visitors: 754	Visits: 655	Av. time onsite: 1 minute
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1.3. Who responded¹



2. Background

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the Marine Rescue Building, Bayview consultation.

We are proposing to replace the Marine Rescue Building at Rowland Reserve, Bayview, with a new single-story building in the same location.

The building was built over two decades ago using re-purposed demountable structures and is now showing ongoing signs of dilapidation.

We have worked closely with key stakeholders to help develop a design that meets their current needs while also meeting Council's standards.

This project is jointly funded by NSW Government and Northern Beaches Council

3. Engagement objectives

The objectives of the community and stakeholder engagement were to:

- provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way
- identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values.

¹ Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Marine Rescue Building, Bayview was conducted over a four-week period, from 10 March to 8 April, 2021.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017). The full documented engagement approach is outlined in the Marine Rescue Building, Bayview Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan January 2021.

A project page was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was primarily promoted through our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels.

Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the have your say project page.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Individual letters were placed in the letterbox of 1853, 1855, 1857, 1859, 1859A, 1861, 1863 & 1865 Pittwater Road, Bayview.

4.1. Stakeholder engagement

Council established a working group with Marine Rescue NSW, working together to develop a draft concept that would not only meet the needs of current users, but also meet Council's building requirements.

Key stakeholders were identified and consulted throughout including Marine Rescue NSW, Pittwater Sailability and Road and Maritime Services (RMS) (who currently lease a section of the depot).

5. Findings

The feedback collected during consultation revealed a high level of support for the proposed replacement of the Marine Rescue Building with comments citing the anticipated benefits for all users with several acknowledgements of the great service provided by Marine Rescue NSW.

Many people raised the dilapidated state of the building and its much need replacement.

Feedback also questioned whether the amenities and storage space were adequate in size for the current and future usage.

Comments were also received regarding environment and sustainability, particularly relation to the design and its construction.

Table 1: Feedback that requested specific changes to the proposal/draft

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Landscaping and weed management	Landscaping needs to include native and local endemic species. Weeds within the site compound need to be managed more regularly.	Native species and other suitable plants will be incorporated into any gardens altered as part of the project.
Environment and sustainability	The best global sustainability practices need to be implemented across the project including the choice of materials and delivery of construction.	The building will be constructed with sustainable materials where feasible, ensuring compliance with the Building Code Part J requirements.
Improved pedestrian connectivity	Improvements are needed to the pedestrian connectivity to Flying Fox Park through the construction of a new footpath.	Improved pedestrian connectivity to the playground is outside the scope of this project however, the request has been forwarded to relevant business unit for consideration.

Table 2: Questions and Council's response

Question	Council's response
Will the new design continue to provide Sailability with shed and storage space?	Yes, the President of Pittwater Sailability has been involved and informed to ensure the proposal will not impact their shed or usage of the depot.
Will the amenities space adequately meet current user needs?	The amenities space was designed in close consultation with Marine Rescue NSW who feel the space is adequate. There are two toilets and one shower for use within the building.

Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

1	<p><i>This base/building is TOTALLY in the WRONG place! buried in limited marine access with 4 knot speed limits and NO WASH zones it is all wrong.</i></p> <p><i>It should be no further south than Taylors Point, to give quick access to vesels in trouble.</i></p> <p><i>I acknowledge the current location has space for Fire and Rescue vehicles and Helicopters. But for so many other reasons this location is wrong.</i></p> <p><i>Note: I was a member of Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol and Marine Rescue for 25 years and worked on Sydney Harbour and Broken Bay as a Master for about 50 years.</i></p>
2	<p><i>It appears there is room for 12 people at once yet only 1 w/c? Coming back in off the water with up to 6 at a time and only 1 w/c? I would suggest a tinkering with the amenities side of things may be needed.</i></p>
3	<p><i>Marine Rescue do a fantastic job for the boating community, so I hope they get the building they want and deserve.</i></p>
4	<p><i>I firmly support this well over due and well needed facility upgrade.</i></p>
5	<p><i>The Pittwater Aquatic Club fully supports the proposal by Marine Rescue Broken Bay in building a new single level, training and administration base on its existing site at Rowland Reserve, Bayview. The new building is intended to replace the existing derelict structure that is over 50 years old.</i></p> <p><i>The site is key to Marine Rescue Broken Bay operations in delivering several vital services to our community. The organisation provides valued training services for the boating community which is their pro-active approach to achieving a core initiative. Operated by volunteers Marine Rescue coordinate and execute rescue & recovery services for the boating community and as well as property protection they often prevent injury and loss of life.</i></p> <p><i>As a volunteer organisation Marine Rescue provide a common interest for many and a space for community members to collaborate and share.</i></p> <p><i>Not only is the existing structure unsafe it has also become uninspiring. The facility must be attractive not only to local residents and visitors to the area it must also be an inspiring representation of the organisation in order to continue to attract new volunteer members.</i></p> <p><i>Marine Rescue Broken Bay is an essential community organisation and the 400 members of the Pittwater Aquatic Club and their families support the proposal to build a new single level, training and administration base in Rowland Reserve.</i></p>
6	<p><i>I support this proposal.</i></p>

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

7	<i>I support the proposed rebuilding of the Marine Rescue Broken Bay Building. This organisation provides a wonderful and much needed service to our community within a volunteer structure. This saves our community many costs so providing the organisation what is needed is the least the rate payer of the Northern Beaches especially those that live on boat only accessible areas of Pittwater. It is a shame that council has not proposed to provide additional garaging to ensure all equipment is protected from the weather and to acquire space within this compound for other uses.</i>
8	<i>Strongly in favour. Marine Rescue performs a vital community safety function and should not be operating from dilapidated premises. On the assumption that the proposed building meets the requirements of Marine Rescue, the project should proceed as quickly as possible.</i>
9	<i>The new HQ building is much needed and will enable Marine Rescue to continue to serve and support the local boating community as well as residents on the water in times of emergency.</i>
10	<i>Can you ensure and promote before and after construction that this special building is completed with Responsible thinking and practice. This requires using best global greener practices in material, construction, finishes, services and colours that optimise its use, function and long term benefit for the area and our biosphere. See https://srd.org.au for many directions and suggestions. Have you shown its purpose as a Rescue site must also be to Rescue ourselves from the Twin crises of dangerous Climate Change and mass species extinction this Council and the world are experiencing. Have you designed this development to be an OPAL site that optimises natural and native features for all life? Have you included employment for locals in its design, construction and later volunteers in its usage to highlight the cooperative nature of these rescues? Some extra help is available for nearly all the above from local sustainability award winning small business DesignOz P/L.</i>
11	<i>It would be good if this plan could include a path which connects the path which runs along close to Winnererimy bay to the one which runs along closer to Pittwater rd (connecting the Flying Fox cafe with the dog park). at the moment, if a pedestrian would like to move from one onto the other, they have to walk through a carpark with cars trailing boats. Just behind the Rescue Centre there is bushland where a safe pathway connection could be built.</i>
12	<i>Essential facility for the services provided to the public. The proposal design does not look overbearing or, out of place for the existing locality. Perhaps the only suitable addition would be a better antennae facility as Pittwater and its surrounds create a lot of 'hole' blackspots for radio transmissions.</i> <i>Very much in favour of keeping the Marine Rescue teams comfy, with better and more modern facilities. Fully support the proposal.</i>
13	<i>Marine rescue is manned by local volunteers and do an amazing job up and down the east coast and local enclosed waters.</i> <i>Having a purpose built home on Pittwater should be a given.</i> <i>Located close to the rescue vessels on Rolland reserve is of prime importance</i>

14	<i>Given the vital role that this volunteer organisation plays in saving lives, and that the proposal is low to no impact on residents in the suburb (there are no neighbouring residents), this replacement building should be a council priority.</i>
15	<i>I agree with the replacement of the existing building as proposed.</i>
16	<i>I don't have any issue with the proposed development, however I do have with the management weeds within the compound area as they impact on the adjacent bushland. Volunteers and limited funding is available to undertake weed control within the adjacent Koorowall Reserve, however weed vines and other species are not well managed within the compound area. Can the landscaping and planting be of local native endemic species and the weed control should be part of Council ongoing management of the compound area.</i>
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18	<i>As long as it has been developed with the full involvement of the members of the Marine Safety members, then I support it fully - they need it I note it doesn't seem to have shower facilities!? - the plan is very difficult to read. Good facilities to look after cold and wet members is a must To this end, air conditioning/ heating will be a must Thank you</i>
19	<i>Just do it.</i>
20	<i>Could Council please stop understating the continued urbanisation of our community. It is just not true to say "the design will require a slight increase of floor space from 116sqm to 180sqm." Your definition of "slight" = a new building that is 55% larger!! It was also difficult to ascertain the changed parking on the northern side of the building and the possible impact of current trailer boats wash down area.</i>
21	<i>I support the concept design for a new marine rescue building at Rowland Reserve, Bayview.</i>
22	<i>Sailability, sailing for the disabled has a shed on site with boats, life jackets, and lot of materials. Is the shed to remain? Sailability operates on Wednesday and Saturday. On Wednesday afternoon the disability class from Pittwater High School attends. At other times disabled arrive in minibuses and are brought in private cars.</i>
23	<i>I would like to support ANY upgrade to MRNSW facilities at Bayview. This is a valuable rescue and community service that integrates with all emergency service organisations within the Northern Beaches. It should be a fit for purpose permanent building.</i>

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