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## Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

### Pedestrian and landscape improvements, Mona Vale Beach

Impact level: Four

Consultation period: 16 Dec 2021 – 30 Jan 2022

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# 1. Summary




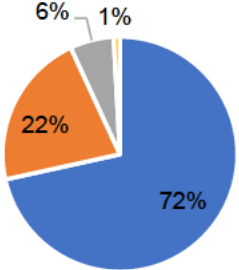


This report outlines the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement as part of a proposal to improve the pedestrian access and amenity at the northern end of Mona Vale Beach.

Response to this proposal was largely supportive (72 percent) with most feeling that the proposed pedestrian and landscape improvements would improve accessibility and usability of the area.




Many also cited the proposed path should be extended further south along Surfview Road and that the shared footpath should be widened.

We also heard from those who did not support the proposed pedestrian and landscape improvements with majority of those comments raising concerns about the overuse of concrete in a natural area.

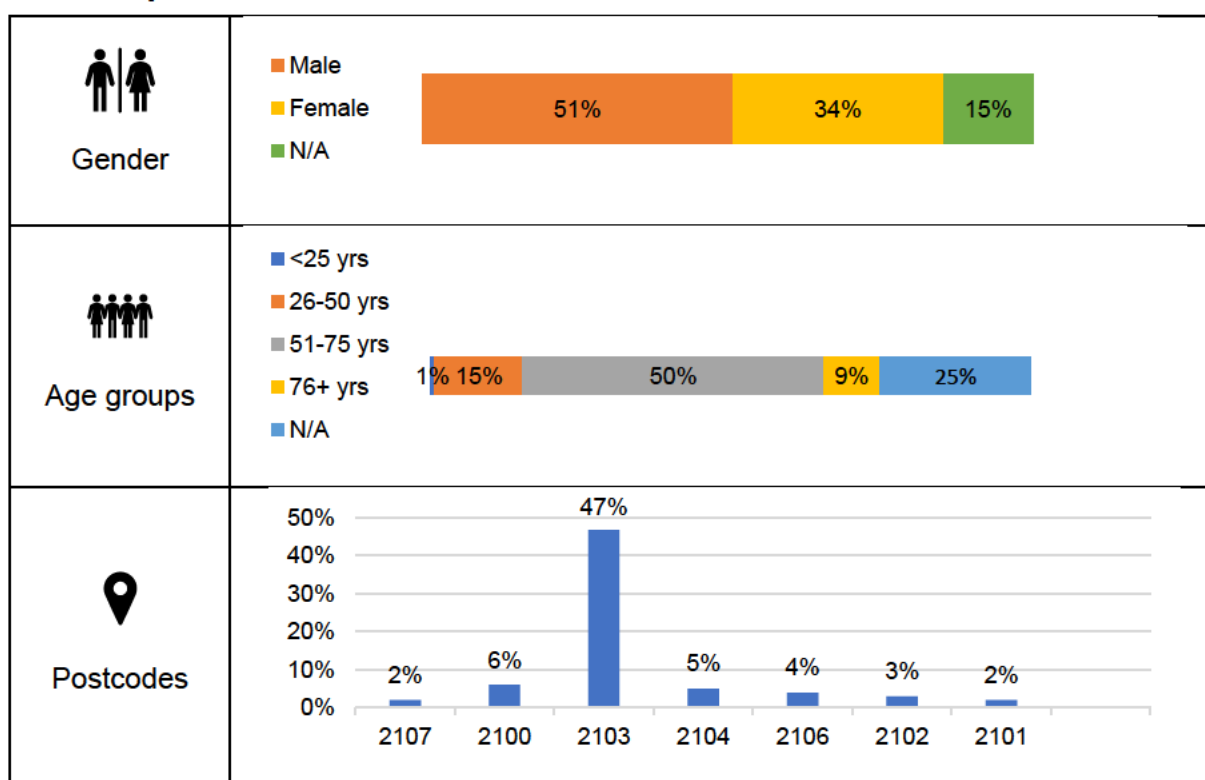
## 1.1. Key outcomes

 Total unique responses	120	
 How responses were received	Comment form: Written responses (email/letter):	Completions: 112 Number received: 8
 Online sentiment question: Do you support the proposed new footpath and landscape upgrades at Mona Vale Beach?	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Yes</li> <li>■ No</li> <li>■ Neutral</li> <li>■ Prefer not to say</li> </ul> <p>Total responses = 116</p>	
 Supportive comments	Better and safer access for all. Benefit to the local elderly. Great improvement.	Provides better wheelchair access. Much needed links to new surf club, main beach access and new toilet block.
 Key issues raised	Overuse of concrete. Maintain natural aesthetic. Natural design issues.	Access and usability. Additional facilities required.

## 1.2. How we engaged

 Have Your Say	Visitors: 623	Visits: 831	Average time on-site: 1mins 8secs
 Print media and collateral	Letterbox drop: Postcode 2103		Distribution: 978 households  Number of signs: 5 established
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 1 edition  Council (weekly) e-News: 1 edition  Stakeholder emails: 3		Distribution: Approx. 22,000 subscribers  Distribution: Approx. 160,000 subscribers  Distribution: 705 subscribers

## 1.3. Who responded<sup>1</sup>



## 2. Background

Currently, the northern end Mona Vale Beach is unpaved. The upgrade plans to include a proposed footpath and a proposed grass area.

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

The proposal aims to provide a more cohesive visitor experience safely linking pedestrians and bike path users between local cafe's, Apex Park, Mona Vale SLSC, amenities and lifeguard buildings.

The path will also provide an important connection as part of our iconic Northern Beaches Coast Walk that will stretch from Manly to Palm Beach.

### 3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- build community and stakeholder awareness of the project and how to provide comment
- provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way
- identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values.

### 4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Pedestrian and Landscape Improvements, Mona Vale Beach was conducted over a six week period, from 16 December 2021 to 30 January 2022.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017).

The project's impact level four Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan was devised on a single staged approach.

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 comment form embedded onto the have your say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

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.

We also invited comment through email.

### 5. Findings

Feedback received was largely positive with 72 percent of those who answered the direct sentiment question indicating that they supported the proposed pedestrian and landscape improvements.

Respondents who were supportive indicated that the upgrade will provide better and safer access to diverse members of the community including benefit to the local elderly population as there are multiple nursing homes nearby. Comment of support included:

“This concept is fantastic and will accommodate the increasing foot traffic at mona vale beach”.

“I am very happy with all the new work being done at Mona Vale Beach. The architecture is tasteful and the materials used are sensible for the marine environment”.

“This is a great upgrade to an area that is currently not easy to walk through”.

Many also cited the proposed path should be extended further south along Surfview Road and that the shared footpath should be widened.

There were many respondents who indicated that if Council adopted a more natural design-based approach, they would be supportive of the project.

While direct sentiment indicated support for the proposal, the additional comments collected during consultation from residents were largely focused on concerns and potential issues of the additional concrete proposed in the existing natural area.

There was also a strong desire to maintain the natural aesthetic and landscape in these comments. Table 1 and 2 below respond to key issues and questions raised.

**Table 1: Key considerations and our response**

Key consideration	What we heard	Our response
Overuse of concrete	Community members have concerns about the overuse of concrete.	The width of the concrete path has been reduced. Concrete has only been used where necessary to provide safe access for pedestrian movement and reduce ongoing maintenance interventions and cost burden.
Maintain the natural aesthetic	Mona Vale Beach’s natural aesthetic should be maintained including the vista unencumbered and replan the fencing.	Natural materials such as sandstone, turf, deco-granite and mulch have incorporated to maintain the natural aesthetic. The timber picnic tables and seats will be rejuvenated and reinstalled.  The existing 2 rail dune fencing south of the amenities with the flat rail will remain in place. The dilapidated 3 rail dune fencing will be replaced with a lower height 2 rail system to match the recently installed dune fence along the S.L.S.C. building.

Design	This same area was previously grassed and destroyed by the natural elements and another attempt to turf the area will be a waste of money.	The raised turf area will assist in preventing windblown sand covering the area and also reduce pedestrian foot traffic impacting the turf. The turf species selected is salt and drought resistant and extremely resilient to the environmental conditions. Irrigation will also be considered.
Protection of the environment	Concerns that the work will impact the existing foredunes	The works will not impact on the existing foredunes
Widening and extension of footpath	The path upgrade should extend south to Surfview Road and widen the footpath outside 10-16 Surfview Road to mirror the rest of the coastal walk path.	This is currently being investigated with planning and design in progress, however the works are outside the scope of this project.

**Table 2: Questions and Council's response**

Question received <sup>2</sup>	Council's response
Is the development an attempt to cover a potential litigation due to the Lifeguards not being located in the surf club?  Is this proposal connected to the lifeguards not being located in the surf club?	No - Prior to the approval of this location, a comprehensive engagement process was undertaken for this project with Beach Services, SLS NSW and the broader community. The details that can be accessed through this link on Council's website:  <a href="https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/MonaValeSLSC/mona-vale-beach-amenities-and-lifeguard-storage">https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/MonaValeSLSC/mona-vale-beach-amenities-and-lifeguard-storage</a>  The new Lifeguard facility is now placed so that resources can be deployed to area in and around the basin and pool area and the flagged area from the surf club south
Will the grassed area be regularly maintained?	Yes, the new grassed areas will be maintained as part of Council regular maintenance program in this area.
Are the grassed areas all accessible?	Yes, the grassed areas are accessible to all from the path entrance and can be used by people of all abilities.
Will there be a formal safety assessment? e.g. pedestrian and bike riders in close proximity plus toddlers picnicking in the same general area.	Safety in design factors have been considered in the development of the concept plan.

<sup>2</sup> Questions raised have been paraphrased where needed to ensure clarity or to cover multiple questions on the same topic.

What is proposed in the area to the south of the new clubhouse?	This area is to be left as open space and available for events and other recreational activities.
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## Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses

Number	Comments
1	Great improvement. Previously, wheel chair access from northern end of beach reserve to SLSC was via roadway/ car park.
2	It will link the new club and the main beach access to the new toilet block. It will look much better as well.
3	Looks fantastic, ticks all the boxes.
4	Looks good. However do not know why there are ugly pine trees which are not native
5	<p>Cognisant of the effort to keep or improve the green areas, the amount of concreting proposed is still astonishingly overwhelming. Concrete pathways are a disgrace and will end up (i) creating erosion consequences in nearby areas, (ii) increase the thermal mass of the area instead of absorbing or dissipating the heat, (iii) further destroy the natural landscape and push the urban aggression of an already tasteless suburb.</p> <p>Too many pathways to the beach, not commensurate with the actual size of the beach goes crowd. The whole area should be motor vehicle free and parking removed to the urban side with proper pedestrian and cycle paths crossing.</p> <p>Back to the drawing board to design a truly natural and harmonious place rather than an extension of the city</p>
6	The proposal looks great from the sketches. But as the "current" photos show, Council went to a lot of time, effort and money to turf this very same "surf side" area previously only to have, in a matter of weeks later "a South Easterly" literally blow hundreds of tonnes of sand off the beach and onto the brand new turfed areas killing all the new turf literally within days. Hence it's current appearance. Having turfed areas for people to sit and have their lunches etc. is a great idea, but with the plans must include some sort of barrier to stop the bulk of wind blown sand from getting to this point. I have also noticed there is also no reference to watering provisions noted. Storage tanks for rain water run off from both the club house, amenities and car park would be a great idea that can be used for watering the turfed areas and would ctually be a saving in the long term as this was the starting point with the "failure" of the previous attempt at turfing these areas.
7	It will provide better access to the beach and stabilisation for the existing trees. Perhaps more grass in the area nearest the cars would be a good idea to enable better usage of the shade and more useable space.
8	The vista looks good on a computer but is it going to be spoilt by signs in reality. 'No parking, no sitting, no dogs, no children running, no drinking, no bikes, no kites etc etc. The signage in Pittwater is endless, every beach, park you walk in has a plethora of them. Today I walked in the Warriewood Wetlands with my grand children and there are still signs left over the from 2020 bushfires. 'track closed due to bushfires' . The council is very enthusiastic about putting up signs, not at all good at taking them down. Please stop cluttering the environment with endless warnings that you can never enforce.
9	<p>I support the proposed footpath and landscape upgrade at Mona Vale Beach but would like to make the following requests.</p> <p>1/ Replace the proposed deco granite on the dune beach access paths with recycled plastic boardwalk, similar to Nth Narrabeen beach. This product is low to no maintenance, flexible and easy to walk on with bare feet.</p>



	2/ Remove all the Norfolk Island Pines before they kill somebody. Replace with endemic trees.
10	Who is going to water and maintain the grass, will there be a pop up watering system to keep it green. Without proper maintenance, it will deteriorate quickly.
11	I think it's a pity to pave paradise I just hope we won't end up looking like Manly or Dee Why I way prefer a natural look to concrete every where
12	The scope of work makes sense to be extended to incorporate the remaining area immediately to the north to provide a similar turfed viewing area or outdoor fitness/gym facility integrating with the existing cabana.  What is proposed in the area to the south of the new clubhouse where the builder has its compound? An alternate spot for an outdoor gym?
13	Looks beautiful
14	Yes s long as formal safety assessment in made of all activities and interactions between same. eg pedestrian and bike riders in close proximity plus toddlers picnicking in the same general area. What near misses have occur to date historically?
15	I think it makes sense and is a logical extension of the development of the new surf club and the toilet block at the basin.
16	I support these improvements they are long overdue.
17	I look forward to both footpath upgrade and grassed areas.
18	Very important to consider extending this walkway all the way through to the end of Surfview Road col de Sac.
19	More grass space to seat and enjoy view  More outdoor showers would also be beneficial in that space too
20	Prefer not to say yet. More information please.I love what has been done so far. I walk to the beach and have joined the surf club. All of my neighbors want a nice affordable restaurant which we will use regularly. There is no better view of the beach and ocean and we would live to be able to enjoy the new facility
21	Path looks great and will be so much safer and more accessible, however this area is frequently covered in sand drifting from the beach / since the council lowered the sand dune the last time/ need much more attention to dune stabilisation otherwise the new path will be covered in weeks.
22	Make the path at least 2.5m wide to cater for our high volumes of dog walkers, cyclists, prams, joggers and walking groups that use this much loved promenade.  Once the path reaches the Surf Club, continue it over the grassed area behind the dunes and all the way on the eastern side of Surfview Rd south. Around the outside bulb of the cul-de-sac and join to the coastal walk as it continues south along Mona Vale Golf Course. This extension will keep 95% of coastal walkers away from vehicles doing the 'cannonball run' down Surfview Rd cul-de-sac trying to avoid being blocked by vehicles that have followed them into the one-lane in-out laneway. Safety!!!! And enhanced Surfview Rd Coastal Walk capacity and experience!!!
23	But GRASS HAS PROVED PREVIOUSLY TO BE UNSUBSTAINABLE due to Summer, drought conditions and lack of Water ALSO PLEASE URGENTLY ADDRESS the Southern end of Surfview Road cul de sac to Golf Ave - WIDEN THE PATHWAY OUTSIDE 10-16 Surfview Road to mirror the rest of the coastal walk path and path alongside Apex path. That way the whole Mona Vale project will be uniform. Please give my proposal serious consideration - happy to meet with Council to discuss

24	Will be very nice when completed.
25	New work will tidy up the whole area
26	That area has been grassed a number of times over many years, first by Warringah Shire Council and then Pittwater Council. Each time it has failed with the grass being covered by sand blown over it in southerly gales - the area faces directly into the wind from that direction. The proposed path is unwanted as it furthers the over development of Mona Vale beach - the concrete bunker recently built on the point and over-sized function centre overlooking the beach are ugly and overbearing from every aspect.
27	The protection of the Norfolk pines root system is a number one priority. Maybe need to consider some additional measures to protect the root system such as low ring fencing or light stucture around the base if necessary.
28	Just worried that the grass area won't survive as the council tried that some time ago & within months it was covered with sand & all the grass died off. Also council should consider extending this walkway south along Surfview to meet the path at the Mona Vale golf course with either a widened footpath or board walk or both as this area is a pedestrian nightmare on busy weekends just waiting for a bad accident to happen. I believe council is already considering a solution for this area but it should be tied in with the above proposal.
29	I do support the. upgrades but do hope they are better than the recent upgrades to the change rooms etc . I totally endorse the new amenities block in Apex Park but why not another Amenities Block on the lawn south of the new surf club? People from the south end of the beach will have to walk so far to use the toilet in the new change rooms or cross the road to get to the Apex Park amenities block and there are only 3 toilets there. There should have been toilets for the public in the new surf club. Also, I cannot see how the lifesavers can see ANYTHING from the new shower block area. The fence is in the way and I would have thought they would have had a vantage point from the roof. It is a lovely construction but my gosh there are such BIG flaws. Also, cleaning of the new shower areas etc is atrocious and not nearly as regular and good as when the council did it in the old block. I swim at the beach early morning every day but can no longer use the new shower blocks because of all the sand and general lack of hooks. These are things that can be fixed.
30	I am a regular at Mona Vale Beach nearly every day. I have seen grassed areas tried in the past and within a few months it turns back to sand and dirt again as the areas are not maintained. Either there needs to be regular maintenance and watering of the grass (automatic watering system?) or just leave it as it is.
31	Badly needed upgrade will both enhance the area and make it much easier and more pleasant to walk on.
32	I'm sure it will look great but you should give up the idea of grass. The first blow we get will cover the grass with sand and well be back to square 1. Remember you've tried this before and the result is as you see it today. The path is a good idea as is top dressing the root area below the pines. But save your money on the grass
33	You have managed to ruin the low key nature of this beach by building a giant Food Hall for Council Revenue purposes with a Surf Club attached spending around \$8M in public money but not allowing public to use it unless they pay or join club! The new unnecessary expansion to toilet block that apparently could not be accommodated in the massive SLSC/Westfield takes up yet more parkland all in an erosion zone. Hats off Council but do use some of the privatisation of public open

	<p>space to "get busy" doing more unnecessary work and whatever you do make sure not ONE NEW CAR PARKING SPACE to accomodate a100 seat restaurant and similarly sized cafe is provided, after all people only go to the beach to eat, drink and look at the view.</p> <p>Thanks for ASKING THOUGH, unlike a massive seawall at COLLAROY which apparently needed no public input</p>
34	Long overdue with 2 nursing homes close
35	Leaving the beach front as Natural as possible makes more sense for environment and on the eyes compare to a concrete jungle.
36	Our beautiful Mona Vale Beach needs improvement on the northern end. At the moment it lets the rest down, since the new ammenities have been built , which are world class and look so lovely
37	are the grassed areas all accessible?
38	<p>Hello, This concept is fantastic and will accommodate the increasing foot traffic at mona vale beach. I would also like to add to this, the local residents of Surfview Road have been in discussions with Jorde Frangapoles from Council relating to the footpath, a new footpath to be installed on Surfview road from the cul-de-sac on the eastern side of our road to join up to the new beach club. We would very much like to see that included in your submission as part of completing this scope of works.</p> <p>Eva Havenstein emailed me on 22/12/21 to confirm council is proposing this extra piece of works to include a new footpath on the east side of surfview road to eliminate pedestrians walking on the road with competing traffic. We would be keen to hear if this section of path can be included in your proposed works order issued to local residents re the upgrades to mona vale beach. thank you [REDACTED]</p>
39	NO MORE CONCRTEETE
40	<p>I am very happy with all the new work being done at Mona Vale Beach. The architecture is tasteful and the materials used are sensible for the marine environment.</p> <p>The proposed landscaping looks attractive and appropriate, and should tie-in with the new surf sheds and the lifesaving clubhouse.</p>
41	<p>This is a great upgrade to an area that is currently not easy to walk through.</p> <p>Is it possible to look at widening the footpath in Surfview Road in front of 2-18 Surfview Road. This is a high foot traffic area and the current footpath is very narrow which means pedestrians have to walk on the gardens of the properties which is causing damage to the gardens and is unsightly.</p> <p>When the Bloody Great Walk is on ( as well as any other sunny day ) walkers can't get past each other and then end up on the road or the gardens which is dangerous.</p>
42	These changes are an improvement and are sensitive to the location.
43	This is the most stupid thing I've ever heard of. You are going to ruin the natural eco system and further disturb the peace of Mona vale. I've surfed here my whole life and never heard anyone complain. You're just looking for an excuse to spend tax payer money
44	The problem is you are trying to grow grass in the shade. Make sure you use a variety of grass that can thrive in low direct sunlight
45	Mona Vale Beach has suffered enough concrete and overbuilding. It is already just look like Bondi or Manly, our beach was the most natural on the Northern Beaches, please leave it that way.
46	I would prefer the area on the beach side of new surf club widened to include same size grasses area. The walkway has always been to narrow in this area.



47	Suggest the current northernmost narrow steps to the popular basin beach in front of the picnic facilities be widened, or a second set installed adjoining the current set to facilitate better traffic flow. Currently traffic can only go either up or down - not both or more than one or possibly two people at a time.
48	Last time council tried to grow grass in these areas, after some storms, it reverted back to sand... so was a waste of money. I can see this time the grass areas will be raised, but not sure this will stop it 'sanding' over. So even though I like the concept, I don't think it's viable as won't last.
49	it looks pleasing and practical - it will effectively allow people to use this beautiful location and feel proud.
50	<p>I think there is already too much development in the Mona Vale basin with the new HUGE surfclub and the oversized amenities block . Please just leave it as it currently is and retain the natural beauty of Mona Vale. People who live in Mona Vale like different things to people who live in Bondi or Manly. We don't all have to be the same.</p> <p>Development is not always best. We all love the beach because of its beauty, the ocean, fresh air and sunshine. Please DON'T turn it into a concrete jungle. The path on the other side of the road is sufficient.</p>
51	<p>It's already starting to look more and more like a man made concrete jungle down there. People can go to New York or Pitt Street to see City Scapes.</p> <p>We have amazing natural beauty, let's try and keep it that way.</p>
52	Please be aware that grass has never survived in this area. We have seen it grassed three times and eventually the wind, salt and sand have killed it. Could the seating be a little higher than the fence for clear viewing of the beach. The Surf Club should be directed to keep out of this area as it should be for the general community.
53	Looks great! Thanks for investing in making our area even better.
54	Overall it looks great. There is still scope to increase the the grassed picnic area at the north eastern corner of the car park by removing approximately 10 beach front car spaces north of the pedestrian crossing / showers and reducing the amount road.
55	<p>I was hoping that you would continue the lawn along to the surfclub as the current improvements are amazing. I am a little concerned about the sandstone edging and really the lawn could be flush with the footpath as it is in Palm Beach.</p> <p>My other concern are the Norfolk Island Pines. Please, please retain and protect these trees. They are such valuable shade and of course they secure the bank. The loss of any of those trees would be a tragedy and I am concerned that the work you plan to do around them will damage significant and structural roots. My other concern is that what you put around them allows water to the roots. These trees are used to receiving water from rain through the sand. Obviously the grass will take a small amount but adding a path and the deco granite may restrict water further. Otherwise its fabulous. Can't wait!</p>
56	Looks lovely.
57	previously the walkway was hazardous due to the tree roots on the sandy area for walking, many times I tripped.
58	<p>Looking great in parts! Particularly the new pedestrian path through the carpark.</p> <p>Feel overall it is good apart from a serious lack in grassy areas. Also think granite is totally off brief and feels very Manly or Bondi not for Mona Vale.</p>
59	Good to see the trees protected and pathway is a good idea. However there are some aspects of the plan that I believe need further consideration.

	<p>1/The turfed seating platform. There have been several past attempts at establishing turf in this vicinity, all of which have failed due to lack of watering , sand incursion from the dunes and beach and the impact of heavy human traffic. The new turf around the recently completed amenities block is already showing signs of stress as no watering system was included and traffic is high. I'd assume the turfed seating platform will have less traffic, but at the very least a watering system is essential to its' ongoing viability.</p> <p>2/ Removal of existing tables and chairs. Currently there are at least two sets of picnic tables and benches in the proposed turfed seating platform area. It would be great to include these type of picnic facilities in the new plans. The two covered picnic facilities to the north are heavily used as are the existing tables in this area, so additional facilities would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>3/ Additional Picnic facilities/ Viewing platforms. Raised viewing platforms in the dune area similar to those at other beaches and at Surfview Road should be considered for the dunes east of the turfed seating platform. They could also include a picnic table.</p> <p>4/ The plan doesn't indicate what if any surface is between the turfed platform and the dune fence. It looks like this may continue to be regularly used so consideration of a durable surface would be worthwhile.</p>
60	<p>Raised grass area is good as reduced foot traffic may help grass to survive. Where possible reduce the fence height so that the top of the fence doesn't obscure a seated person's view of the ocean and the HORIZON. Thank you</p>
61	<p>Mona Vale Beach/Basin was without doubt the most beautiful and natural city beach in the world. Two massive overbuilds 'bookend' the beach, the \$1.1 million TOILET/ LIFEGUARD and the \$7.6 million SURF CLUB. Now Council Officers want to link the two with a MANLY/BONDI style promenade, destroying the natural feel of our beach, have they ever looked at how stunning our beach is, all they are interested in is CONCRETE. REALITY - the Council will build it regardless of views held by long term local beach goers, please put in your path but leave the rest natural.</p>
62	We don't need more concrete and structures at the beach.
63	Too much concrete. Leave the beach as natural as practical. Mona Vale is not like Bondi and I don't think anyone would like it to be!
64	Looks great
65	<p>1) Does it cut into the existing foredunes? 2)Is the development an attempt to cover a potential litigation due to the Life Guards not being located in the surf club? 3) will it be regularly maintained? Previous turfing etc died due lack of watering and being buried after dune reconstruction was not stabilised</p>
66	<p>Prefer to keep the beach as natural as possible, why oh why always concrete everything with a bit of lawn as dressing, This on top of the huge concrete surf club. I came, I saw, I concreted.</p>
67	<p>STOP installing concrete and those sandstone bocks everywhere - leave it as is; it looks great and won't create more heat or make this place look like Dee Why or Manly. We object to this ruining of our area - and this is yet another example of this. Atrocious design and presumptive premise; LEAVE PITTWATER ALONE!</p>

68	<p>The sensible and user-friendly landscaping of this areas will complement the new SLSC building and northern amenities/lifeguard facility and allow safe and comfortable pedestrian access between the two, and importantly from carpark to beach. An elevated grassed area is best given this area is subject to sand dune blowout during storms and high pedestrian activity - it should also be drought proof.</p> <p>I would suggest the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The main concrete footpath should be as wide as possible without impacting the Norfolk pines. Crushed granite paths have failed in the past as they were either not maintained, become uneven /eroded or covered in sand - they are also uncomfortable for barefoot pedestrians accessing the beach.</li> <li>2. Concrete should also be considered for the secondary pathway near the dune fence for the above reasons.</li> <li>3. The concrete pathway near the NE corner of the new SLSC building should be widened to allow pedestrian flow between the proposed café area and dune fence - this was a bottleneck previously with customers waiting for orders and pedestrian access.</li> <li>4. A redesign of the reserve area dune fencing should be considered. They should be strong enough to support seating without damaging the vegetation and also possibly have a layer of erosion proof geotextile fabric to control sand blowouts during major ECL's and storm events (this area has been turfed and grassed in the past only to be subject to drought or covered in sand).</li> <li>5. Have a plan when it comes to existing sand dune management, in terms of vegetation types and what happens when the the dune systems become too high and impact on the proposed area, carpark or new lifeguard facility in terms of viewing and safety.</li> <li>6. The relevant carpark sections should be resurfaced to ensure it is smooth under foot (consider that many user are barefoot).</li> <li>7. Allow for ATV (all terrain patrol vehicle) movement between the new lifeguard facility, beach access ramps and the main SLSC building, in terms of width and material. The Lifeguard ATV access and parking area should be identified to prevent damage to the landscaped area and potential conflict with pedestrians.</li> <li>8. Outdoor shower runoff or drainage from amenities cleaning should be designed to go into drains or the dune system and not flow over paths, stairs, beach access ramps or pond in the carpark.</li> </ol> <p>Thanks for the opportunity to provide comment on these pedestrian and landscape improvements for MVB. Please advise if require further input.</p>
69	<p>Looks great as well as making it more accessible for older citizens to walk along the back of the beach. Great outlook and walking path that can be shared by all.</p>
70	<p>Too much concrete which entices bike riders on footpaths who don't give way to pedestrians. Using a bike bell from behind a pedestrian usually isn't heard especially when there is traffic noise. time for pedestrians to be able to walk safely and without fear in public areas. If bike riders are on the footpath and there are pedestrians they should be dismounting after all cars are legally obliged to stop and not beep their horns at pedestrians.</p>
71	<p>I support an improvement on the area on the plan. The key issue is that it is in the most exposed spot at the apex of where all E to S winds will hit. Any planting will not last long and any pathway will be swallowed by the sand movement. Suggest something further back from the dune line would be better served.</p> <p>There is a long history of trying to improve this area and it has always battled the elements and lost.</p>



72	I prefer the more natural look of the beach rather than the Dee Why style of beach area.
73	Please make sure you do not make the mesh fencing as high as the new one in front off the toilet block. It blocks out the view. Thanks,
74	Having the grassy areas impacts Apex Park considering it removes the whole factor of having a picnic there, where you could just have a picnic right in front of the beach. Changes to Apex Park should be made that it could have more tourist attractions to make it seem that Mona Vale Beach is a place that you can go to without having to leave Mona Vale for more things to do.  I feel like at the state of it right now this development is creating more opportunities, but in comparison to Dee Why Beach there is eatery right at the beach, and restaurants further down the road from it. Creating a similar landscape to Dee Why for Mona Vale would drastically impact its place in the Northern Beaches.
75	It is great to see that the pedestrian crossing at surfview road and Seabeach is going to be continued through to the beach. Currently it is of no use as there is no continuity and in many occasions there is a car parked at the edge of the crossing in the car park, making it impossible to use by wheelchairs, walkers(used by the elderly, there is a retirement village on the corner of Seabeach), prams, beach trolleys(used by parents with kids) and bikes.
76	Hi there - The proposed upgrade looks very good and is a VAST improvement on what was there before, but has any thought been put in to at least upgrading the picnic area to suit the proposed upgrade (re turfing or pavement near the fencing to clear the rough stones/mud). It may look unfinished without this and the proposal plan seems to end at the amenities block.
77	Yes, this all looks great. What I would like to see added, though are: 1. facilities to get a drink, wash feet and take an outdoor shower on the grassed area east of the intersection of Darley Street East and Surfview Road. 2. equipment to allow people to exercise in Apex Park eg chin up bars etc
78	I am unsure if the fencing plan and type. The fencing installed in the front of the new toilet facility is not suitable for maintaining views or to sit on and view the surf. This is miss represented in the montage. If the fence in the extended to the new landscape area is the same as the new fencing and you can't sit in the fence or as it is currently you are making a mistake.
79	This looks a brilliant design and has my full support
80	The current space is unusable with a stroller and not ideal for children on scooters or bikes either.
81	Pathway will be great and good idea to have a solid surface from the surf club to the amenities block. Provide more picnic tables or benches / seating only along pine tree area, but provide a more solid surface under these instead of just the deco-granite as I have seen this wear away or be washed away or end up on the new pathway making a slip over hazard. Use paved pods or solid drainage cell paving under the seating and tables. Possibly have a slightly raised edge, not high enough to be a trip hazard, for the deco-granite to pathway join so the deco-granite won't end up on the pathway for people to slip on. Make the seating edge higher on the beach side as looking at the plans and diagrams, it is only going to be approx. 300mm high. Use the big sandstone blocks so you can sit on a 500-600mm high edging to view the water. Or randomly place some of these along the smaller planned edge. You could adjust the equitable

	access on the other side or install a ramp to access a higher grassed viewing terrace. If it's only low, people will just step over the edge and walk through it but if it's high and you have to access it via a ramp or steps, people will enter the area and stay for a view or picnic etc.
82	LAST TIME THEY TURFED FROM THE DRESSING SHED TO THE SURF CLUB THE GRASS DIED IT WAS PLACED STRAIGHT ON SAND
83	<p>I support the plan but with revisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You have removed the 2 tables and chairs from the grass area, which are not only a loved place to eat and watch the surf, but also hold plaques for locals who have lost their lives. This includes one of my best friends who died way too young. We expect the tables and plaques to be reinstalled as originally promised.</li> <li>2. For generations, locals have sat on the fence to watch the surf and check the waves. This will continue. Sitting on your sandstone wall and on the grass will not suffice to view the surface as the fence blocks your eyeline, preventing you seeing the waves as they move through rip bowl. So the fence needs to retain a surface that can be sat on. A flat top would be an ideal upgrade to the current circular top.</li> <li>3. The removal of any parking spots at Mona Vale Beach should not be entertained. It's terribly under the required parking needs as it is, which is a terrible burden on locals and local neighbours. Add parking spots, do not remove them.</li> <li>4. A foot wash tap and bubbler should be installed at the top of the southern most path in this concept plan so people can easily wash feet and get a drink without going to the far toilets. The disgusting and despicable removal of the toilets from the approved plans for the main surf club without the proper consultation of the community has dramatically impacted the use of the beach. A tap here would help in a small way ease that burden.</li> </ol>
84	<p>New facilities and plans look great. A couple of points on work so far:</p> <p>Shower drainage in new change rooms is not working very well. There is sand build-up as drainage from showers is directed away from shower grill around and under seat/bench.</p> <p>There is a lot of water erosion from new showers under stairs to beach.</p> <p>And one very special request. As the beach flags are usually placed in line with Darley Street East, could we have two showers and a foot wash near the cycle rack at Darley Street East like at the end of Golf Avenue. See photo. Thank you.</p>
85	<p>IT is not user friendly. Loss of open laydown /play space.</p> <p>The dune fence is too high. As the new one at the amenities block is too height and blocks views, bad coastal design.</p> <p>The grass to go to the existing fence and the fence stays at existing height, have a look at how it is used.</p> <p>The design is not for beach people, too many trip points</p>
86	Excellent work, this has been needed for some time, thank you.
87	The proposed 'upgrade' ...cement paths everywhere is APPALLING. Totally out of character with Pittwater 'natural environment'. Council MUST become more sensitive to Pittwater needs and issues. There is huge and increasing concern in Pittwater at Northern Beaches Council total lack of awareness of planning 'natural' environmental upgrades consistent with Pittwater environment, instead, continually destroying that unique environment with ever-increasing use of concrete which is most definitely totally inappropriate.

88	please flatten the top of the wooden fencing posts because we all lean on the fence with our coffee keys phone and look out to sea. this acts as a ledge . the new wooden fence is rounded and annoying
89	This is an excellent idea and would be assisted by disability friendly access to the beach on the Basin side, which is currently only accessible via stairs.
90	Your planned improvements as part of the Northern Beaches Coast Walk to safely deliver the community to the new facilities at Mona Vale are very welcome. Could I ask you to consider the Surfview Rd South residents' proposal to build an extra path on the Eastern side of the cul-de-sac to further improve the safety of the community and complete the Beaches Walk in this area, This extension to your plans will help cope with the significantly increased pedestrian flow, a situation that is inadequately addressed by the current path on the Western side.
91	I would like to see a plan for the south end of the surf club grassed area to include under cover tables and chairs as they are on the north side of the surf club.
92	<p>I think there is too much concrete and not enough grass. Ideally the grass runs all the way to the fence line. There is excessive use of concrete around the beach area on the current plans. Please increase the amount of grass within the proposal.</p> <p>Also please consider the memorial tables, like the table for Alex Jarvis that has been there as a beacon for many locals since his early passing. Please make sure this does not leave this area.</p> <p>A single shower next to the walkway where there is currently a temporary tap, would be ideal too.</p> <p>Thanks for all your work and please take these submissions seriously for the locals who will use this every day into the next decade.</p>
93	Too much concrete not enough grass, please increase the amount of grass and don't concrete the whole beachside pls.
94	<p>I would like to draw to your attention the proposed landscaping at Mona vale beach south of the new amenities block.</p> <p>This area is used heavily by locals to gather socially and especially for surf checks by local board riders. As a result of this the fence height is relevant and critical to successful use of the area. The current height of the new fence erected in front of the new amenities block is not conducive to effective use of a viewing area it will completely block the view of the ocean when either standing or sitting on the proposed sandstone blocks.</p> <p>We would strongly propose that council would keep the fence height at the current height south of the amenities block as is and without the hessian cloth as the dunes in this area are already stabilised.</p>
95	<p>The proposed upgrade looks impressive and is supported. It's a huge improvement on the current situation.</p> <p>At the same time could something be done about the blight of street signage clutter on the beach, which is also a prevalent feature across the N Beaches.</p> <p>At the intersection shown in the photos there are 16-17 poles and signs in a distance of around 30m. New ones have been installed in the last year or so, with no attempt to aggregate signs on existing poles, or use yellow lines instead No Stopping signs. Frankly, it's a horrible visual mess that depresses us every time we visit.</p>

	I would appreciate an assurance that the project will include signage reduction at this location and that any new signage is used sparingly and uses existing poles wherever possible.
96	<p>Other Maintenance - Please consider moving existing tables and building new tables with benches side on to the ocean. This avoids one row with their back to the ocean, the other row with their view impaired.</p> <p>The new amenities block is terrific.  Why located so far from the main beach area?  Why is the lifeguards amenity so far from the surf beach?</p>

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