

5.0 Strategic directions and actions

The Northern Beaches has very good provision of open space, with a large area and large number of parks, open spaces and recreation facilities, although there is room to improve the quality and experience to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

Following the analysis of current open space and outdoor recreation facility provision, community input and consideration of future needs, this section outlines the strategic directions and actions that have been designed to ensure that we continue to meet the recreational needs of Northern Beaches residents.

5.1 Strategic directions

The strategic directions and actions respond to the identified needs for the Northern Beaches community. In particular, the strategic directions build on the opportunities and address the challenges identified throughout this document.

The actions detailed in section 5.2 are each aligned under the following six key strategic directions:

1. Inform and understand

Support the local and wider community to understand, use and care for the wide range of open spaces on the Northern Beaches.

2. Links and loops

Create a better connected and more accessible open space network, with improved walking and cycling connections.

3. Better and brighter

Enhance the use and quality of existing open spaces through targeted embellishments and design improvements.

4. Growth and gaps

Provide new and enhanced open space, and enable multipurpose use of space, to support residential growth and address key provision gaps.

5. Management and planning

Ensure management of open spaces, including planning, policies, processes and events are flexible, responsive and viable.

6. Ongoing maintenance

Maintain open space to maximise opportunities for users to access high quality spaces and facilities.

5.2 Action plan

This Action Plan section outlines the range of actions recommended to meet current and future community needs and recommended to be implemented from 2022 to 2036. Implementation is dependent on resourcing, funding and planning approvals, environmental assessments, and will be informed by community feedback. Grant funding and other external funding will also be sought as opportunities arise. The recommended actions:

- Are aligned with one or more of six strategic directions and are underpinned by the principles specified in section 2.0 and Council's Community Strategy Plan.
- May be delivered over multiple financial years.
- Will be reviewed and updated in years five, ten and fifteen.
- Are proposed to be considered in a timeframe linked to Council's Resourcing Strategy as follows

| Indicative Delivery Timeframe | Proposed Resourcing | Information about Resourcing |
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| Current 22/23 | Operational Plan and Budget 22/23. | 1. Council's Operational Plan and Budget 22/23 details actions planned to take place 22/23 and is year one of the Delivery Program 22/23 to 25/26. |
| Short Term 23/24 to 25/26 | Delivery Program 22/23 to 25/26 (years 2, 3 and 4). Actions with this timing are proposed to be undertaken and unfunded until approved in the Operational Plan and Budget (except where grants are approved) | 2. Council's Delivery Program 22/23 to 25/26 sets out the work Council proposes to undertake over the next four years as part of the delivery of community outcomes and goals of the Community Strategic Plan. The Delivery Program is informed by strategies and plans including this Open Space and Recreation Strategy. |
| Medium Term 26/27 to 31/32 | Long Term Financial Plan 22/23 to 31/32. Actions with this timing are unfunded until approved in the Operational Plan and Budget (except where grants are approved) | 3. Council's Long Term Financial Plan - sets out how Council will financially resource its commitments in the most sustainable way and is a rolling 10-year plan updated annually. |
| Long Term 32/33 to 36/37 | To consider for a future Delivery Program 32/33 to 36/37. Actions with this timing are outside the timing of the current Long Term Financial Plan and are unfunded until approved in the Operational Plan and Budget. (except where grants are approved) | See 3. above. |
| Ongoing Service | Operational Plan and Budget 22/23. Actions with this timing are proposed to be considered annually and are unfunded until approved in the Operational Plan and Budget. (except where grants are approved) | See 2 and 3 above. |

To support a user-friendly layout, acronyms are used to refer to the catchments:

- Brookvale-Dee Why (BDW)
- Frenchs Forest (FF)
- Manly (M)
- Manly Vale (MV)
- Terry Hills (TH)

Under the Resourcing column, acronyms used are;

- Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)
- Delivery Program (DP)
- Operational Plan and Budget (OPB)

Under the Responsibility column the following business units are referred to:

- Parks and Recreation (P&R)
- Environment and Climate Change (E&CC)
- Community Arts and Culture (CA&C)
- Property (P), Strategic and Place Planning (S&PP)
- Transport and Civil Infrastructure (T&CI)
- Capital Projects (CP)
- Environmental Compliance (EC)
- Place and Economic Development (P&ED)
- Waste Management and Cleansing (WM&C)