
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Proposed Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) – Stage 3

Consultation period: 4 April 2022 to 8 May 2022

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1. Summary

This report outlines the outcomes of community and stakeholder engagement conducted from 4 April 2022 to 8 May 2022 as part of the proposal to re-establish existing Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) in Manly and establish new AFZs adjacent to existing AFZs in Belrose, Freshwater and Narrabeen.

The feedback collected during consultation on the re-establishment of the Manly AFZ indicated a mixed response. Some respondents identified feeling significant impact of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the areas surrounding East and West Esplanade and Ivanhoe Park. Other respondents reported no awareness of alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the proposed zone.

Respondents who commented in support of the proposed zone generally indicated that an AFZ would address alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the community, support their safety in the community, and would improve the community's ability to enjoy public spaces.




Respondents who commented against the proposed zone generally indicated that there was insufficient need for the AFZ and considered the proposal an over-regulation and impingement on community rights to use public space.


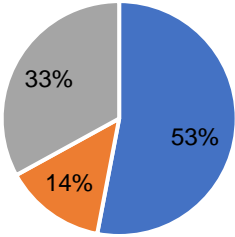






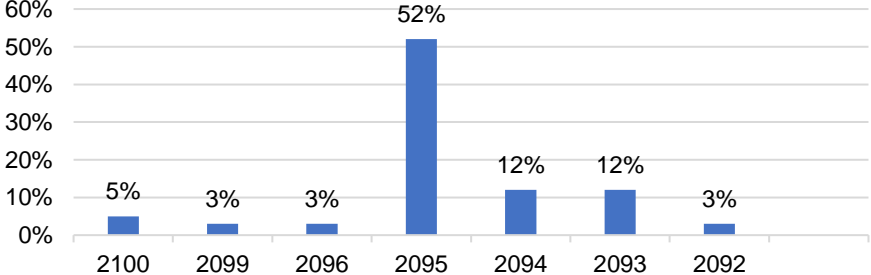
The feedback collected during consultation on the proposed new AFZs in Belrose, Freshwater and Narrabeen AFZs was largely supportive.

1.1. Key outcomes





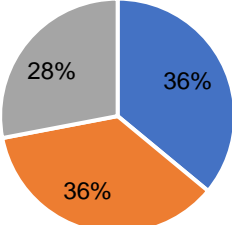



The total number of visits to the Your Say AFZ landing page was 418 and the number of visitors was 347. A total of 124 submissions were received via the four Your Say pages created for each AFZ in review, and via email.

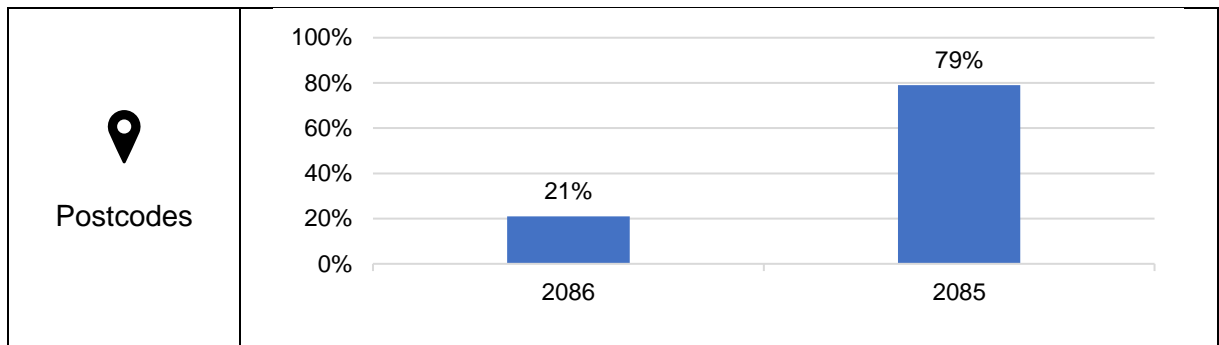
1.1.1 Manly AFZ (proposed re-establishment)

 Total unique responses	75		
 Have Your Say: visitation stats	Visitors: 293	Visits: 364	Average time onsite: 1min49sec
 How responses were received	Online Your Say Submission form Written responses (email/letter)		Completions: 74 Number received: 1





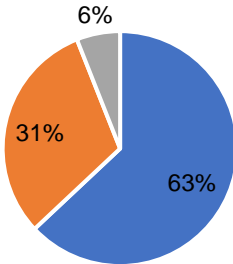


 <p>Online sentiment question:</p> <p>Do you support the re-establishment of the Manly Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ)?</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Support with changes Don't support Neutral/undetermined <p>Total online responses = 74</p>	
 <p>Feedback themes</p>	<p>Alcohol related antisocial behaviour</p> <p>Over-regulation</p> <p>Outdoor recreation</p>	<p>Enforcement</p> <p>Feels safer</p> <p>Zone boundary</p>
 <p>Gender</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Male Female Other id. N/A 	
 <p>Age groups</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <25 yrs 26-50 yrs 51-75 yrs 76+ yrs N/A 	
 <p>Postcodes</p>		

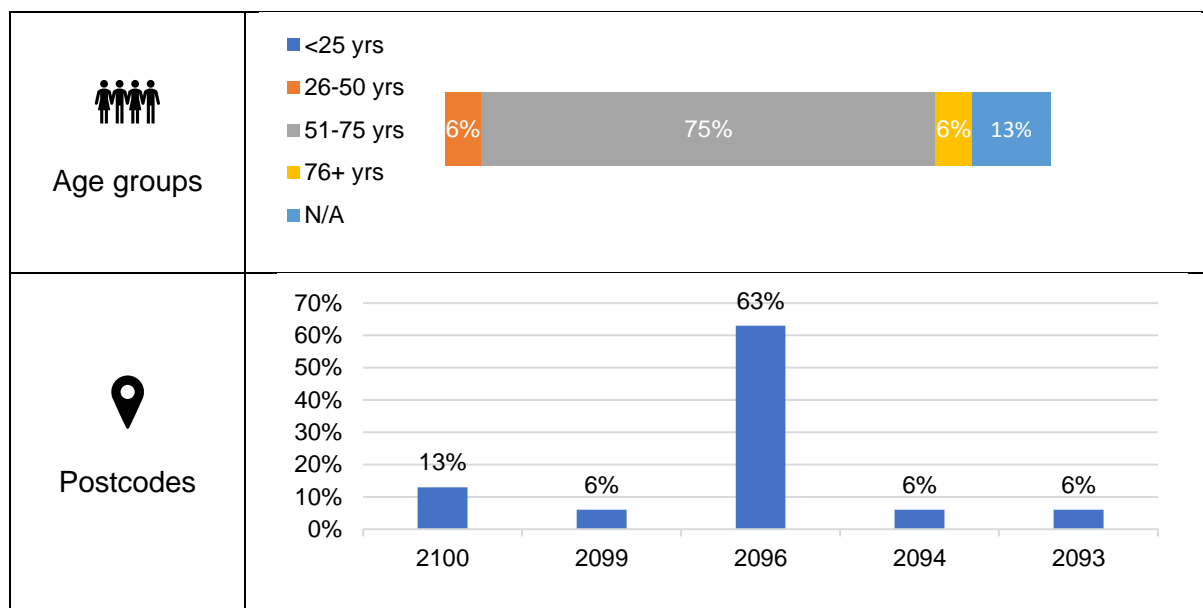
1.1.2 Belrose AFZ (proposed AFZ)

 Total unique responses	15		
 Have Your Say visitation stats	Visitors: 148	Visits: 165	Average time onsite: 1min37sec
 How responses were received	Online Your Say submission form Written responses (email/letter)		Completions: 14 Number received: 1
 Online sentiment question: Do you support the proposed amendment to the Belrose Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ)?	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">SupportSupport with changesDon't supportNeutral/undetermined</div> <div>Total online responses = 14</div>		
 Feedback themes	Alcohol related antisocial behaviour Over-regulation	Youth alcohol strategies Zone boundary	
 Gender	<div><div><div>Male</div><div>Female</div><div>Other id.</div><div>N/A</div></div><div><div>93%</div><div>7%</div></div></div>		
 Age groups	<div><div><div><25 yrs</div><div>26-50 yrs</div><div>51-75 yrs</div><div>76+ yrs</div><div>N/A</div></div><div><div>29%</div><div>29%</div><div>29%</div><div>13%</div></div></div>		





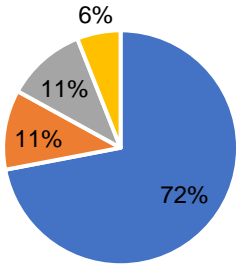




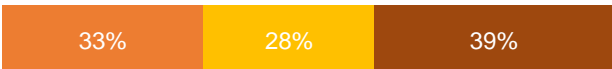

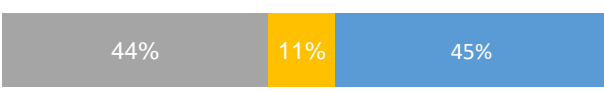

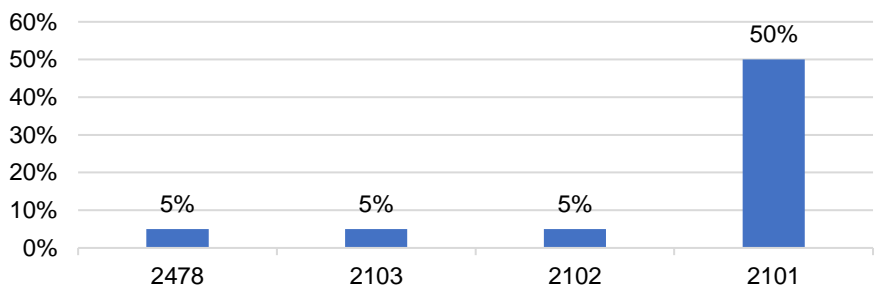
1.1.3 Freshwater AFZ (proposed AFZ)

<div></div> <div>Total unique responses</div>	16		
<div></div> <div>Have Your Say: visitation stats</div>	Visitors: 151	Visits: 159	Average time onsite: 1min 23sec
<div></div> <div>How responses were received</div>	Online Your Say submission form Written responses (email/letter)		Completions: 16 Number received: 0
<div></div> <div>Online sentiment question: Do you support the proposed amendment to the Freshwater Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ)?</div>	<div><div><div>■ Support</div><div>■ Support with changes</div><div>■ Don't support</div><div>■ Neutral/undetermined</div></div><div>Total responses = 16</div></div>		
<div></div> <div>Feedback themes</div>	Alcohol related antisocial behaviour	Enforcement	
<div></div> <div>Gender</div>	<div><div><div>■ Male</div><div>■ Female</div><div>■ Other id.</div><div>■ N/A</div></div><div><div>44%</div><div>38%</div><div>18%</div></div></div>		





1.1.4 Narrabeen AFZ (proposed AFZ)

 <p>Total unique responses</p>	18		
 <p>Have Your Say: visitation stats</p>	Visitors: 140	Visits: 156	Average time onsite: 1min 26sec
 <p>How responses were received</p>	Online Your Say submission form Written responses (email/letter)		Completions: 18 Number received: 0
 <p>Online sentiment question: Do you support the proposed amendment to the Narrabeen Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ)?</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Support with changes Don't support Neutral/undetermined <p>Total responses = 18</p>		

 Feedback themes	Alcohol related antisocial behaviour Over-regulation	Enforcement
 Gender	<div> <div> Male Female Other id. N/A </div>  </div>	
 Age groups	<div> <div> <25 yrs 26-50 yrs 51-75 yrs 76+ yrs N/A </div>  </div>	
 Postcodes		

1.2. How we engaged

 Print media and collateral	Northern Beaches Review: 1 ad Site signs used: Yes Stakeholder letter: 100	Distribution: Approx. 65,000 Number of signs: 30
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 editions Council (weekly) e-News: 1 edition Stakeholder email sent to representatives of resident associations in the local areas	Distribution: Approx. 22,000 subscribers Distribution: Approx. 180,000 subscribers

2. Background

An Alcohol Free Zone (AFZ) is used to prevent disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas in order to improve public safety. AFZs apply to public roads, footpaths, carparks and laneways in designated areas and are in force 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Once designated, AFZs are in place for up to 4 years and on expiry can be reviewed in consultation with Police and the community per the *Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones 2009*¹. If appropriate, Council can determine to re-establish the AFZ.

There are existing AFZs located in Manly that are due to expire on 6 July and 6 September 2022 and Council is proposing to re-establish the existing zones as a single Manly AFZ for a period of four years, from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2026.

Council is also proposing AFZs adjacent to the existing AFZs in Belrose, Freshwater and Narrabeen. This is in response to requests received from the community during the 2021 AFZ reviews.

The establishment and re-establishment of AFZs require community consultation as per Sections 644, 644A, 644B, 644C and 646 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the associated Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones 2009.

On 22 March 2022, Council endorsed the public exhibition of this proposal. Council considers submissions from the community and Police in determining the suitability of these AFZs.

3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities
- 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 Proposed Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) – Stage 3 was conducted between 4 April 2022 and 8 May 2022, and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute.

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

An existing landing page² on our Have Your Say platform was updated with links to project pages for each of the four AFZs in review during the consultation period. These pages included easy to read information about the AFZ boundaries and a site map.

¹ <https://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/Ministerial-Guidelines-on-Alcohol-Free-Zones-February-2009.pdf>

² <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/proposed-re-establishment-alcohol-free-zones>

The project was primarily promoted through onsite signage, our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels and stakeholder notifications. We also included an advertisement in the Northern Beaches Review.

Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the Have Your Say project page for each AFZ in review. 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.

Email and written submissions were also invited. Contact details for the project manager were provided as a channel for the community to ask any questions about this project.

5. Findings

Some common issues evident in submissions across proposed zones include:

- 17 submissions expressed a concern that AFZs are unnecessary, an over-regulation by Council and an infringement on their personal freedoms
- 28 respondents report ongoing alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the areas currently under review, either in the AFZ or in adjacent streets, parks and reserves
- 4 respondents who support the re-establishment of AFZs report that they feel safer with these zones designated
- 11 submissions commented that enforcement of AFZs is key to their effectiveness
- Some respondents mentioned multiple themes in their submission
- Some respondents made multiple submissions across one or more zones
- There were often mixed views relating to whether a community is experiencing issues with alcohol related antisocial behaviour or not
- Some submissions related to areas outside the scope of this project, for example consumption of alcohol in parks and alcohol related issues in other suburbs
- Some respondents referred to the existing AFZ rather than the area of the proposed AFZs.

See below a breakdown of the findings for each of the four AFZs in review.

5.1. Manly AFZ

Of the 75 online and emailed submissions received 50 (66%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (53%), or with changes (13%).

Comments from those who support the re-establishment of this AFZ include that regular alcohol-related antisocial behaviour is currently having a significant impact on some residents, particularly around the East Esplanade area. Comments were also received that

this behaviour impacts the ability of community members to enjoy public spaces and their perception of safety.

Comments from those not supporting the proposal include the perception that the ability of residents and tourists to enjoy Manly's events and various recreational amenities would be negatively impacted by an AFZ. Comments indicated that not all respondents are aware of alcohol related antisocial behaviour in Manly, and that others value the ability to socialise in public, particularly along the waterfront.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Alcohol related antisocial behaviour	15 submissions identified continuing issues of alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the Manly AFZ.	<p>Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.</p> <p>Council, Police and local service providers collaborate to identify and implement strategies to address alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the Manly area.</p>
Over-regulation	<p>3 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>10 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of AFZs.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of Police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>

Outdoor recreation	17 respondents conflated their comments regarding the proposed AFZ with their concerns about alcohol related antisocial behaviours that occurs in parks and reserves in Manly including East Esplanade and Ivanhoe Park.	<p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals.</p> <p>AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches.</p> <p>Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. East Esplanade is an APA between 8pm and 8am daily. Ivanhoe Park is an APA 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A full list is available on Council's website.</p>
	3 respondents expressed concern the AFZ would impact their ability to attend an event.	In the case of special events, Council is able to temporarily suspend an AFZ, or part of an AFZ, during which time additional strategies are in place to manage alcohol consumption and any alcohol related antisocial behaviour.
Enforcement	9 submissions commented that enforcement of AFZs is key to their effectiveness.	<p>Police and Council are able to respond to alcohol related antisocial behaviour in AFZs.</p> <p>AFZs allow the Police and Rangers to confiscate and dispose of alcohol if a person is drinking, if there is reasonable cause to believe the person is about to drink or has recently been drinking in a designated AFZ.</p> <p>Anyone refusing to co-operate with an enforcement officer request to hand over alcohol can be charged with obstruction, which carries a maximum penalty of up to \$2200.</p>
Feels safer	4 submissions expressed an increased feeling of safety in the AFZ.	<p>Council is committed to providing a safe environment for community members and visitors to travel in.</p> <p>Council is committed to maximising public safety and ensuring that open public spaces are safe and facilitate the healthy and active lifestyle that is important to the community.</p>

Zone boundary	2 submissions requested that East Esplanade and West Esplanade be excluded from the AFZ. 1 submission requested that the AFZ be reduced to not include 'all of Manly'	Council will consult with Police on any amendment requests for AFZs. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation, if appropriate.
	2 respondents requested that East and West Esplanade Parks be included in the AFZ.	AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals. AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches. Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas including these locations. A current list is available on Council's website .
	1 submission queried whether the West Esplanade promenade path are included in the AFZ.	East and West Esplanade Promenade footpaths are not part of the AFZ. They are part of the East and West Esplanade Parks and, as such, they are subject to the conditions of the Alcohol Prohibited Area in place at those locations which prohibit the consumption of alcohol between 8pm and 8am daily.

5.2. Belrose AFZ

Of the 15 online and emailed submissions received 11 (73%) support the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (40%), or with changes (33%). Comments from those who support the AFZ include reference to ongoing consumption of alcohol and related antisocial behaviour in and around Wingara Reserve. Some respondents questioned the need for and effectiveness of an AFZ in this area.

Comments directly related to the current proposal:

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Alcohol related antisocial behaviour	3 submissions identified continuing issues of alcohol related antisocial behaviour in and around Wingara Reserve.	Council and Police have consulted extensively on alcohol related antisocial behaviour in and around Wingara Reserve. This consultation, combined with community advice and feedback into the review of Belrose AFZ in 2021, have initiated the proposal

		<p>for the Belrose AFZ. The current proposal includes streets with direct access to Wingara Reserve to assist enforcement of this area.</p> <p>Council acknowledges these ongoing issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police, Council staff and local outreach services regarding areas of concern raised by the community.</p>
Over-regulation	<p>3 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of AFZs.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of Police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns about public drinking and related antisocial behaviour.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Youth alcohol strategies	<p>1 submission noted that local and state governments should look for effective ways of limiting underage youth from accessing alcohol.</p> <p>1 submission noted that the AFZ will not stop young people from drinking in Wingara Reserve.</p>	<p>There are a range of national and state-based strategies aimed at reducing opportunities for the availability of alcohol to young people.</p> <p>Northern Beaches Council works with local, state and federal agencies to identify and implement projects in support of these strategies, including</p>

		<p>through membership of the Northern Beaches Local Drug Action Team and the Community Drug Action Team.</p> <p>Northern Beaches Police have also conducted a range of community engagement and consultation strategies in the Belrose area with regard to youth alcohol use.</p> <p>These community based strategies complement the AFZ program.</p>
Zone boundary	<p>3 submissions requested new AFZs to include additional streets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashworth Ave between Glenrose Place and Hakea Avenue • Opala and Yarrabin Streets 	<p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by Police.</p> <p>Council and Police have consulted on the Belrose AFZ over the past 12 months. The proposed AFZ has been limited to streets with direct access to Wingara Reserve which has been experiencing alcohol related antisocial behaviour for some time. The proposed AFZ has been initiated after feedback from the community.</p>
	<p>1 respondent suggested inclusion of the whole of Glenrose Shopping Centre and the surrounding area.</p>	<p>Should the current proposal be endorsed by Council, the AFZ will include all streets adjoining Glenrose Shopping Centre. The shopping centre itself is not able to be declared an AFZ under the legislation as it is private property.</p> <p>Council will continue to consult with Police on requests for AFZs received during this process. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.</p>
	<p>1 respondent requested the zone be extended to include Wingara Reserve.</p>	<p>AFZs apply to roads, pathways and carparks only. Wingara Reserve is designated as an Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) from 8pm to 8am daily. APAs are enforced in the same way as AFZs.</p>

Comments outside the scope of the current proposal:

Outdoor recreation	1 submission expressed concern the AFZ would impact the ability to attend an event or picnic in parks.	AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals. AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches. Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council's website . In the case of special events, Council is able to temporarily suspend an AFZ, during which time additional strategies are in place to manage alcohol consumption and any alcohol related antisocial behaviour.
Alcohol related antisocial behaviour	1 submission identified related behaviour of young people gathering and consuming alcohol in the Frenchs Forest Bushland Cemetery.	Council acknowledges these ongoing issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police, Council staff and local outreach services regarding areas of concern raised by the community.

5.3. Freshwater AFZ

Of the 16 online submissions received 15 (94%) support the proposed AFZ in this area, either as proposed (63%), or with changes (31%). Comments from those who support the AFZ referred to ongoing alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the AFZ generally, and in the area subject to the proposed AFZ. The remaining comments were generally supportive of AFZs and the benefits the new AFZ will afford the community.

Comments directly related to the current proposal:

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Alcohol related antisocial behaviour	1 submission identified continuing issues of alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the proposed AFZ.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.
Enforcement	1 submission commented that enforcement of the AFZ is required.	Police and Council are able to respond to alcohol related antisocial behaviour in AFZs. AFZs allow the Police and Rangers to confiscate and

		<p>dispose of alcohol if a person is drinking, if there is reasonable cause to believe the person is about to drink or has recently been drinking in a designated AFZ.</p> <p>Anyone refusing to co-operate with an enforcement officer request to hand over alcohol can be charged with obstruction, which carries a maximum penalty of up to \$2200.</p>
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Comments outside the scope of the current proposal:

Alcohol related antisocial behaviour	4 submissions identified continuing issues of alcohol related antisocial behaviour in and around the Freshwater AFZ generally.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.
Outdoor dining	1 submission requested that Lawrence Street be removed from the existing AFZ to allow patrons of food outlets to enjoy a drink with their meal.	<p>Re-establishing these AFZs will not restrict existing liquor licences within approved outdoor dining areas. If the café/restaurant has a liquor licence for the outdoor dining area and community members are currently enjoying outdoor dining in this location, this will not change.</p> <p>When determining new applications for outdoor dining, Council considers many factors including existing or planned AFZs. AFZs do not preclude an outdoor dining application from being approved nor from the businesses ability to apply for a liquor licence for this area.</p> <p>The Ministerial Guidelines for Alcohol Free Zones state that 'In some circumstances an alcohol-free zone may be proposed for an area that includes footpath alfresco dining areas for cafés and restaurants which fall within the zone. When a council issues a licence for the use of public footpaths for such dining use in an alcohol-free zone, it must</p>

		impose conditions on the licensee (eg restaurant operator) about the requirements of the zone, including clear delineation and control of the licensed area from the alcohol-free zone.'
Additional requests	1 submission requested the AFZ to include the whole of Evans Street from Albert Street to Lumsdaine Drive.	All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by Police. Council will consult with Police on requests for AFZs. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation, if appropriate.
	1 respondent requested the AFZ be extended to include the Reserve at 46 Ocean View Rd, Freshwater.	AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks. AFZs are not able to be applied to parks, reserves or beaches.

5.4. Narrabeen AFZ

Of the 18 online submissions received 15 (83%) support the proposed AFZ in this area, either as proposed (72%), or with changes (11%). Comments from those who support the AFZ include reference to ongoing alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the Wellington Street carpark that negatively impacts other members of the community.

Comments directly related to the current proposal:

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Alcohol related antisocial behaviour	4 submissions identified continuing issues of alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the proposed area.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.
Over-regulation	1 submission expressed that AFZs are an over-regulation of the community.	Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of AFZs Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of Police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns. AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Enforcement	1 submission queried the ability of agencies to enforce the AFZ.	<p>Police and Council are able to respond to alcohol related antisocial behaviour in AFZs.</p> <p>AFZs allow the Police and Rangers to confiscate and dispose of alcohol if a person is drinking, if there is reasonable cause to believe the person is about to drink or has recently been drinking in a designated AFZ.</p> <p>Anyone refusing to co-operate with an enforcement officer request to hand over alcohol can be charged with obstruction, which carries a maximum penalty of up to \$2200.</p>

Comments outside the scope of the current proposal:

Zone boundary	1 respondent suggested the AFZ be extended south of the bridge to include the Berry Reserve Car Park and the adjoining basketball court.	<p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by Police.</p> <p>Council will consult with Police on requests for AFZs. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation, if appropriate.</p>
	1 submission requested that the AFZ include the adjoining grass area alongside the lagoon.	<p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks.</p> <p>AFZs are not able to be applied to parks, reserves or beaches.</p>

		Berry Reserve (between Wellington St and Loftus St), Narrabeen is designated as an Alcohol Prohibited Area 24 hours, 7 days a week.
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Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Manly

A. Online submissions

Number	Comment/submission
1	I do not support the re-establishment of the Manly alcohol free zone. I recently attended the Play Manly concert and had an alcoholic drink while enjoying the bands, as did others. It was a great event. I would hate for this to have been not allowed. I believe it would keep people away from future events, if it is an alcohol free zone.
2	<p>I do not support the re-establishment of an Alcohol Free Zone at Manly.</p> <p>I am a local Fairlight resident who is a regular walker and cyclist, and I commute to the CBD every work day on the ferry. I also take part in local events (such as the recent Play Manly events), and most of my evening socialising (every week or two) tends to be Manly also. As such I am very regularly in the Manly CBD, often in the evenings and at night and in my experience any alcohol consumption that I have observed in public areas such as The Corso seems to be largely unproblematic.</p> <p>For example, I observed people having a drink at The Corso while watching the recent Play Manly concerts, which I went to most of. I was pleased that alcohol consumption was not prohibited, and indeed I shared a bottle of wine with my partner on one occasion. I observed that others having a drink were being well behaved. I also note that overall, I have seen relatively little public drinking on footpaths and roads, clearly most people prefer to go to licensed premises most of the time.</p> <p>While I am pleased with an obvious and regular police presence at Manly for public safety reasons, and to discourage things like underage drinking, I very much think that banning alcohol consumption around Manly will do little to improve public order overall. Rather, otherwise law-abiding people will be tempted to surreptitiously flout the law to enjoy a drink while gathering with friends or at an event, and that policing of this will generate quite a few more essentially unconstructive interactions between police and the public than needs to happen for genuine maintenance of public order, in order to prevent something that seems to rarely be a problem.</p> <p>Personally I tend to think that those who advocate for AFZs can in some cases be somewhat killjoy or wowser-ish in their outlook, and may get actually enjoy restricting the free activities of other adults. They may also conflate not wanting to see drinking at places like "The Office" on the East Esplanade with the purpose of the AFZ, and not be aware that this AFZ will not cover the Esplanade parks.</p> <p>In contrast, I think that adults should be free to enjoy the public spaces of Manly without excessive regulation. I note that the Police are and will continue to be active in the maintenance of public order and think that the current regime is quite sufficient for this.</p>
3	<p>Our family lives in Victoria Pde Manly. We are regularly accosted by alcohol affected people walk from a drinking session at Manly Cove. Often asking people not to urinate on our driveway, gate, or doorways.</p> <p>Alcohol unfortunately leads to anti social behaviour mainly occurring with visitors to our area partying and affecting the amenity for our family who are locals.</p>

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

4	<p>Having the space in from the beach “The office” is an extremely rare gem that Manly has to offer. I believe this is a respected zone and it would be such a shame to lose this attraction.</p> <p>In addition, I don’t believe that alcohol has been abused in these areas so don’t see the benefit of making it an AFZ other than implementing control over the streets for no reason. If it’s currently not a problem and hasn’t been one, why would there be a need to make it look like freedoms are being stripped.</p>
5	Found responses to defined boundaries in FAQs confusing - what is in the zone and when - in a pictorial/schematic form for avoidance of doubt and argument - ad freely made available to educate residents and visitors
6	It would be good to impose curfews after 29 for age in parks where people have picnics as well
7	An AFZ at least gives the basis for rangers/police to step in the case of unruly alcohol fuelled behaviour in an area well known for bad behaviour, public urination etc based on long sessions of drinking by groups of youths seeking a cheaper drinking alternative than the adjacent pub.
8	This is ridiculous. You are trying to block off just about all of Manly from any sort of hospitality events. Did you learn nothing from the disastrous experiment in Kings Cross a few years ago - closed venues, job losses and a dull dull city. Manly should be a lively, entertaining place where people have - God forbid- fun. Not a place for the walking dead.
9	<p>Council's proposed re-establishing Alcohol-Free Zones is fully supported but with the following comments.</p> <p>1) Include the East and West Esplanade Parks in the Manly AFZ.</p> <p>2) Allow consumption of alcohol along East and West Esplanade Parks between 1000 hrs to 1600 hours if Council is serious about protecting local communities and properties.</p>
10	This is not necessary as a permanent. It can be introduced when needed. The cost of policing is too much. It will also overburden a court system that is stretched. Please don’t turn Manly into a nanny village.
11	It is highly unlikely that Alcohol Free Zones prevent disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas. If someone chooses to consume alcohol it is their personal choice and not Councils. If their behaviour is disorderly, it is also their (unfortunate) choice and trying to designate streets where this can and cannot happen is pointless and a waste of ratepayers money, specifically, through consultation, paperwork, signage and enforcement costs.
12	More patrols as they have taken over the footpaths. East Esplanade is being used as a public bar without strong behavioural enforcements from rangers or police. Any licensed premises in Manly are policed with strong licensing laws, so why isn’t East Esplanade?
13	Closing public space for the use of gatherings among friends to sit and enjoy with a glass of wine forces people into commercial establishments or drives them away from Manly which for sure sometimes nobody wants. Being overly restrictive is unsupportive of the community and defeating the objective of getting visitors back to Manly.
14	Sitting outside having a beer or wine worked perfectly well during Covid, it added to the Manly experience and made it even more special, so it can work now!

	Don't let the poor behaviour of one or two influence the enjoyment of the many!! Do make sure you have more regular bin collections though.
15	Manly town centre should be for all ages to enjoy safely. By retaining the AFZ it means alcohol can be enjoyed in places where people are safe (pubs and restaurants) not wandering the streets.
16	The existing AFZ should be left to expire and not reintroduced in any way. We ought not to be encouraging a nanny state where one can be prosecuted on futile or spurious grounds. Let people be responsible for their actions, and be free of arbitrary arrest or detention. Drinking alcohol responsibly in the street is not a serious issue warranting control.
17	Yes, alcohol (ab)use causes too much noise, aggression, littering and generally very uncouth behaviour. And please add East Esplanade park and beach to the AFZ. As a resident facing the "office" we literally have to close windows and doors against the noise on any dry and warmish evening. And entering or leaving our building is also hazardous as there are drunken characters who urinate and defecate around and in the entrance to our building in full view and foulmouthed. We have asked and asked to tackle this problem, all we need is a AFZ in the small park and beach in front of East Esplanade.
18	Couldn't we have the restrictions just during certain hours? There shouldn't be a good reason to be drinking on the street once the bars have all closed but some people are still not overly comfortable being in crowded venues if they haven't had Covid yet. A couple walking with a glass of wine in a keep-cup by the beach doesn't really seem like something we need to stamp out.
19	I have lived at [REDACTED] for 6 years and am a consultant emergency physician at northern beaches hospital emergency department. 'Disorderly behaviour' related to people drinking in the proposed zone, compared with just about anywhere else in the world is negligible. Movements such as this and the policing of 'the office' are not required or wanted by anyone apart from the affluent downsizing baby boomers and already heavy handed police department. Unfortunately they have the loudest voice. Manly used to have a vibrant, fun, and varied night life, it is now turning into a boring, gentrified retirement suburb where you can be arrested for walking into town holding a beer.
20	Helps keep Manly streets safer places for everyone and quieter for residents of the affected area.
21	I support the re-establishment of the Manly Alcohol Free Zone. In general, I support it permanently. Alcohol should not be used in public spaces at all. I hope having this activated for short intervals would be the start for permanent prohibition.
22	My apologies. Your explanation of the AFZ along East Esplanade is very ambiguous as it talks about the re-establishment of an alcohol-free zone along East Esplanade yet there has been no alcohol-free zone along East Esplanade during the last 4 years other than between the times of 2100 hrs to 0900 hours. If Council is serious about declaring East Esplanade a 24/7 alcohol zone then we would support this plan 100 pc. Just maybe you should rewrite your proposal to make it clear that Council is proposing a 24/7 alcohol ban along East Esplanade.
23	The failure of the NBC Rangers and the police in controlling the public nuisance anti-social behaviour by the groups of young people using the East Esplanade Park area surely is enough proof to the Mayor and several of his Councillors that they are allowing the consumption of alcohol after 4:00 pm has been a public order disaster for

	<p>local residents. Why should local residents have to accept participants in these unsupervised parties urinating/defecating/drug-taking on their properties just so some councillors can appeal to the participants of these alcohol-fuelled parties? By allowing these groups unfettered access to alcohol Council has turned what once was a family-friendly park area into a no-go zone after 4:00 pm on a Friday/Saturday/Public Holiday because of the drunken behaviour of visitors to Manly what with the swearing and abusive language, Before voting on this unwanted establishment of AFZ's Councillors should visit some of the current AFZ's on a good weather weekend and see for themselves just how bad the situation has become since Councillor Bingham had the drinking hours extended several years ago. PLEASE, for the sake of local Manly residents reject any moves by several councillors to re-establish unfettered drinking parties on Council reserves.</p>
24	<p>I fully support the alcohol free zones. They improve the atmosphere, creating a safer and more pleasant experience.</p>
25	<p>The map and description do not make it clear whether East Esplanade Park and the West Esplanade walkway are included in the AFZ although I would be surprised if they were not as they have been included in the past. Unfortunately some people can't be trusted to drink in moderation so everyone is saddled with not being able to have a glass of champagne and a picnic prior to watching the 9pm fireworks on New Years Eve. We used to be able to do that prior to the AFZ being enforced and it was a lovely family oriented occasion as it should be. Yes, I am in favour of the AFZ being re-established.</p>
26	<p>I assume this applies to East esplanade at Manly Cove.. if yes I'm all in favour BUT it needs enforcing which will require additional resources.. so make sure the resources are available to make the AFZ effective</p>
27	<p>Living opposite East Esplanade park has not been great with the amount of alcohol that has been drunk over the years. the worst part is the young men urinating in our gardens It has eased off a bit now since some of the covid rules have been lifted</p>
28	<p>Please exclude east esplanade and west esplanade from the AFZ</p>
29	<p>Alcohol is a huge problem in Australia. Public drinking sends the wrong message to our young folk that you can't enjoy nature without alcohol. It's against all common sense to enable drinking alcohol by the sea. There are plenty of private enterprises in Manly supplying alcohol. I have lived opposite the wharf, the crowds destroyed safety and sanitation, The wharf has been taken over by bars- let people drink there under the supervision of licensed premises.</p>
30	<p>Surely we can have one area of Manly that is alcohol free? The destruction caused by drinkers at "The Office" is a disgrace to the whole suburb. We need to ban alcohol there.</p>
31	<p>I think it will be a very poor decision to limit the freedoms of the Manly community, especially when your diagram suggests The Office on the harbour side would be a part of this.</p>
32	<p>Without the enforcement of the AFZ in Manly there is too much anti-social behaviour, with people leaving broken bottles and rubbish and negatively impacting the use of the area by others.</p>
33	<p>Not for that amount of time, and not all of Manly as in the map</p>

34	Manly at night is very intimidating around 'the office'. I also feel this area encourages underage drinking. Please do something to stop it.
35	Very much in favour of NO alcohol zone which includes "the office". I strongly support all the areas shown on your map as alcohol free. Manly should be kept safe for all users especially families. In recent years the office area has got out of hand with many people abusing the space and leaving their rubbish, unruly behaviour etc and indecent urinating on people's property. As a ratepayer, I do NOT want to spend my rates on, cleaning up the space and ensuring that a strong police presence to ensure the safety of all the users.
36	I do not see any issue with people enjoying a quiet drink in a public space provided they are not creating a noise disturbance, or leaving rubbish behind. I think the East Esplanade is a lovely venue to have a quiet drink and take in the beautiful view. This area allows those who cannot afford expensive/exclusive waterfront dining to have an opportunity to enjoy the surrounds.
37	As a long term resident of West Esplanade, I feel the AFZ has been an excellent tool that helps maintain a family and tourist friendly atmosphere along West Esplanade and around wider Manly. I fully support the re-establishment of the Manly Alcohol Free Zone.
38	The uncontrolled bad behaviour has continued unchecked and appears to have tacit consent. This will eventually become the image of Manly to wider Sydney
39	If a person wants to drink alcohol there are numerous pubs, clubs and restaurants in the zone to meet that need. If it is the view that people want whilst drinking then that is also covered by the above establishments. Unfortunately some people cannot behave when they drink alcohol and other people should not have to accommodate them. Those people who have to have a drink should go home and drink in comfort with others who are of a like mind.
40	East Esplanade has been a disaster. I have seen it start as a lovely casual area respected by locals to a feral disorderly place, taken over by the masses with boom boxes etc & creating a most unwelcoming entrance to Manly. There seems to be confusion with your definition stating The area bounded by... & then under the question Can I have a glass of wine & a picnic in the park? - stating that's permissible as AFZ only applies to roads & paths. It clearly doesn't - it's an area bounded by the paths etc. If it's alcohol free - then it's alcohol free. It's got to be consistently enforced or you have no way of penalising offenders - it will be open to interpretation
41	We wish to keep law and order in all outside family facilities. Alcohol served en-masse in outside gatherings usually ends with unwanted behaviour. We are not against having a drink but wish to do so socially at home or within registered premises with liquor licences. Too many people destroy the privilege which unfortunately needs to stop!
42	I remain unable to see the point of prohibiting drinking in the street whilst allowing drinking in nearby parks. I live in Sydney Rd Manly which is planned to be an AFZ. Currently there is ongoing drinking by adolescents in adjacent Ivanhoe Park. Sydney Rd opposite the park sees bottles discarded on the footpath most weekends indicating people are departing the Manly CBD whilst drinking, presumably in violation of existing rules. Presumably this is not policed as it most likely happens in the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings.
43	I support AFZ on roads, carparks and laneways

	I DO NOT support AFZ on footpaths as this could impact people simply walking to a bin or their car with a drink to get something. This is a bit silly and should be amended to allow common sense to prevail.
44	Let's have Manly locals enjoy their life
45	<p>I wish to add my voice in favour of renewal and extension of the Manly Alcohol Free Zone</p> <p>We are seeing increasingly infringements and lack of observance of current rules.</p> <p>We had bottles smashed and scattered in the gutter and on Whistler St last Wednesday 6/04/2022</p> <p>Not impressive with small children walking to St Mary's primary school.</p> <p>Council must recognise that there is little point in regulation without enforcement.</p> <p>0900 to 1600 hr rangers miss the action</p>
46	<p>I am a ratepayer and owner resident in Whistler St MANLY.</p> <p>An AFZ is important so that there is a clear distinction between the CBD venues serving alcohol and people setting up alcohol parties in the residential streets and surroundings of Manly.</p> <p>This gives Rangers and Police powers to prevent situations from getting out of control. It is abhorrent that entrances to residential buildings, schools and parks are being used as venues to gather, often until the early hours of the morning.</p> <p>I support the Council in reintroducing AFZs</p>

B. Emailed/written submissions

Number	Submission
1	<p>I noticed a notice attached to a lamp post in Manly seeking feedback on making the "office" – the foreshore on East Esplanade Zone an alcohol free zone.</p> <p>Can I record my protest to this proposed change.</p> <p>The office is a wonderful for the local residence in Manly to watch the sunset over the harbour.</p> <p>I live in Victoria Parade and have done so for 20 years. I find the opportunity to visit the office in the late afternoon and watch the sunset and picnic with alcohol enjoyable and should be retained.</p> <p>This is a well used location and I do not believe you can enforce the proposed change and nor do I believe it is necessary. The residents of the area who I have spoken to support my position. Unfortunately like me they were not aware of the proposed change.</p>

Belrose

A. Online submissions

Number	Comment/submission
1	I live on Pindrie Place and in many years have never seen any drinking of alcohol on the street. It simply isn't an issue and this amendment is a waste of time and money.
2	<p>As a resident of Pindrie Place I see no value of this extension, or indeed the AFZ at all. The only antisocial behaviour that occasionally occurs is at the playground / park in Wingara reserve, so isn't covered by the rules. Even if it was, the offenders aren't about to stop their behaviour due to regulations about alcohol. They seem more interested in vaping anyway.</p> <p>We have a great view of Pindrie Place and can honestly say the only time I have seen someone drinking in the street in the last few years, it was myself as the street Xmas party.</p> <p>It would be interesting to know whether anyone was charged under the previous AFZ. And whether when the zone expired, there was some increase in drinking in the street that couldn't be controlled.</p> <p>This will simply waste time and money on putting up signage that's ignored, clutters the streetscape and gives visitors the impression there is some serious antisocial behaviour issues as if we live on Manly Corso. It probably makes it less likely that any effective measures will be taken to address the rare issues we see locally, on the basis that the AFZ being created is a sufficient response already.</p> <p>All in all, complete waste of money on the signage. Fix up some roads or put a bin on the playground instead.</p>
3	The extension proposed to the current AFZ is consistent with the current AFZ so is a sensible idea which I support.
4	<p>I think the idea is good and it should be done..... but it is not going to stop the teenagers sitting in the Reserve drinking. Which is what they now do.</p> <p>I suggest you include the reserve between Wingara Grove and Coora Avenue or at the very least to walkway otherwise it doesn't solve the problem. There is more drinking down in the Reserve than on the Streets.</p> <p>Why not include the reserves as well that same as you had previously.</p>
5	<p>I agree with proposed AFZ with changes.</p> <p>I also like to add that local and state governments should look for effective ways of limiting underage youth from accessing alcohol.</p>
6	Have lived on Haigh Avenue for 4 years, there's no real alcohol related issues. The only thing is when the pub closes the youngens have nowhere to go. Let them be young!
7	The proposed amendment was requested and submitted on my previous application. Thank you for considering it and enacting my proposal.
8	I request also to make Ashworth Ave an AFZ between Glenrose Pl and Hakea Ave. Often young drinkers come out of the cemetery area and walk down Ashworth Ave towards Glenrose causing a lot of noise. This addition to the plan would complete the

	AFZ for the area and prevent drinkers going to Glenrose PI as well. I recall Ashworth Ave was also part of a pre-existing AFZ so I see no reason to remove it now.
9	On the basis that there is a BWS within the Glenrose Shopping centre, please include the whole of that centre and the surrounding areas in the AFZ
10	Alcohol does not mean rowdy behaviour. Many families might like to attend an event, have a picnic with cheese and wine. Event organisers should ensure sufficient security and patron behaviour.
11	I support these areas but wonder why Opala and Yarrabin Streets have not been included. The idea seems to be that when purchasing alcohol from Glenrose Village it can not be consumed in public until you are well away from the Centre so the addition of these streets would help with this proposal.

B. Emailed/written submissions

Number	Submission
1	<p>As a resident living within the designated zone for the re establishment of the AFZ, I thoroughly support this proposal.</p> <p>There is a huge problem in this immediate area with youths who gather in groups on Wingara Reserve and menace the surrounding streets. Their antisocial behaviour often involves alcohol, vaping, nangs and smoking bongs, graffiti etc evidenced by the trail of refuse they leave behind.</p> <p>Whilst the AFZ's on their own probably won't have much of an impact on their behaviour, it will assist the Police in their law enforcement duties. Neighbourhood Watch has been up and running in this area for the last 16 months and work on encouraging the residents to report all antisocial behaviours etc to the police. The AFZ's in the designated streets and the zones that govern parks and the Lionel Watts Oval etc are mechanisms in place to assist in the overall safety of the community. The signage of the AFZ's again serving as a reminder as to what is not permitted and therefore reportable when not abided by.</p> <p>This is an important measure in keeping the community safe.</p>

Freshwater

A. Online submissions

Number	Comment/submission
1	I suggest the Council and police look at ways to stop alcohol being consumed in parks and the beach in Freshwater after say 10pm. Now that the pub has been given approval to operate later with live music, the noise, rubbish and other antisocial activities, which are already a problem, are sure to increase disturbing the residents further.
2	Our property at [REDACTED] has been directly affected by use (abuse?) of alcohol in surrounding streets and parks. Drunken loud behaviour, vandalism of cars and dumping of refuse in our car park, and (drunken) loitering around the entrance of our building have worsened in recent years because the AFZs are selective: covering parks but not adjacent streets pushes drunken revellers up from the beachfront parks to our property. Rate payers deserve expansion of AFZs in Freshwater as the suburb attracts more and more people who are drinking to excess, yelling, dropping their bottles and food refuse on our property and surrounding streets and making it hard to enjoy a peaceful weekend - and sleep!
3	Lawrence Street should be removed from the AFZ to allow patrons of food take-away outlets to have a drink with their food.
4	I live at [REDACTED] and would prefer the whole of Evans St from Albert St to Lumsdaine drive be included. During summer we regularly have sign posts uprooted, car side view mirrors removed or broken, plus always an array of empty or half full bottles littering our footpaths. Not to mention the smell of urine near the fence lines.
5	Without the enforcement of the AFZ there is too much anti-social behaviour, with people leaving broken bottles and rubbish and negatively impacting the use of the area by others.
6	Simply very happy with changes which should not impact normal reasonable behaviour.
7	Elderly people in Freshwater need to be safe from drunken youths on our footpaths
8	I support AFZ on roads, carparks and laneways I DO NOT support AFZ on footpaths as this could impact people simply walking to a bin or their car with a drink to get something. Alternatively, walking from Freshwater bottle shops to the beach with a drink in hand on a hot day. This is a silly rule and should be amended to allow common sense to prevail.
9	The benefits of the present area need to be extended to the proposed extension.
10	As there appear to have been problems on the streets nominated I support continuing and extending the alcohol free streets.
11	The alcohol free zone should also include the reserve at 46 Ocean View Rd as this pathway linking Curl Curl to Freshwater is regularly used by young people consuming alcohol on their way to/from the Diggers and Harbord Hotel.

Narrabeen

A. Online submissions

Number	Comment/submission
1	We support the Wellington Street addition to AFZ. Drinking should not take place on the street, car parks or footpaths. But who will enforce this? Will NB council attend each afternoon/ evening to move these people on and stop them using the lake as a toilet. This is a very small area and is used by many people for fishing and enjoying the lake.
2	As a local living next to Woolies/BWS, I very strongly support the re-establishment of these alcohol free zones.
3	Unfortunately, this area near the carpark and associated Woolworths liquor outlet has become an alternate "beer garden" that seems to be preferred by a certain percentage of people due to it allowing like minded associates to attend, and all this without the normal supervision that would be customary in a hotel or "pub" situation and where they would also be subject to the normal RSA requirements. In previous times, this area has become a haven for quite a number of folk who have been known to over-indulge and with that, become quite boisterous, loud and with a fare bit of swearing also involved. I definitely support the AFZ in this area.
4	A definite yes to this amendment
5	We are already totally over-regulated. I do not support the AFZ in the first place and certainly do not want to see it extended further
6	I agree to the adding the new area proposed however it is currently the car park Included should be the adjoining grass area alongside the lagoon it is a meeting and drinking place for many men both during the day and evenings The rubbish left behind is a disgrace. Their boisterous, drunken behaviour is threatening to shoppers and walkers by
7	We support the AFZ extension into the carpark of Wellington Street. The regular gatherings on the lake in the car park are rather concerning particularly when they use the lake as a toilet!
8	Yes I agree to the proposed extension. Too many people spending hours there drinking and smoking. Tin cans have been affixed to trees for cigarette buds.
9	Suggest to extend it south of the bridge to include the Berry Reserve Car Park and if possible the basketball court.
10	Yes, I agree with the submission of extending the zones to include Wellington Street carpark
11	Supported.
12	it's a frequent alcoholic gathering area.

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