



MINUTES

PLACES FOR PEOPLE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held in the Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen on

THURSDAY 15 AUGUST 2019

**Minutes of the Places for People
Strategic Reference Group
held on Thursday 15 August 2019
in the Coastal Environment Centre, Narrabeen
Commencing at 6:00pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Ian White (Chair)	Councillor
Cr Candy Bingham	Councillor
Cr Stuart Sprott	Councillor
Caroline Ghatt	Play for all Australia
Stephen Pearse	Strategic and Place Planning
Jim Koopman	Strategic Planning and Community
Merinda Rose	Sporting Union
Les Irwig	Urban Planning and Culture
Miranda Korzy	Community Representative
Richard Michell	Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Historical Society
Kelvin Millsom	Northern Beaches Junior AFL Association, Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union

Council Officer Contacts

Louise Kerr	Director Planning and Place
Andrew Pigott	Executive Manager Strategic & Place Planning
Anne-Maree Newberry	Manager Strategic and Place Planning
Sherryn McPherson	Governance Coordinator

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Regan, Steven Lawler, Mark Lowe, Sita Mason, Maryann Novakovic and Suzanne Cairns.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 MINUTES OF PLACES FOR PEOPLE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 16 MAY 2019

Candy Bingham / Kelvin Milson

That the Minutes of the Places for People Strategic Reference Group meeting held 16 May 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

ITEM NO.	MEETING DATE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
1.0	16 May 2019	APOLOGIES That group acknowledged the loss and express our condolences to Caroline Ghatt.	A Pigott	Completed
5.1	16 May 2019	MY PLACE: AVALON That this item be brought back to the Places for People SRG in May 2019	A Newbery / A Pigott	Item included in Agenda Complete

5.0 AGENDA ITEMS

5.2 Northern Beaches Local Housing Strategy

Note 1: The group was reminded of their obligations in accordance with section 11 of the Terms of Reference, Model Code of Conduct for Strategic Reference Groups as the information being provided on this item is classified as confidential information:

- g) Confidentiality and Privacy: Members may have contact with confidential or personal information retained by Council. If so, members are required to maintain the security of any confidential or personal information and not access, use or remove any information, unless the member is authorised to do so.

Note 2: Miranda Korzy joined the meeting at 6:16pm.

A Pigott and L Nicolls from SGS Economic and Planning (SGS) provided an update to the group on this item.

Items discussed included:

- Housing capacity under the current framework
- Future demand
- Gap analysis and meeting future housing demands
- Capacity for affordable housing
- Setting housing capacity targets
- Dispersed urban/centralised diversity
- Transport centric urban renewal
- Land use planning approach
- Potential Land Use Strategy approach
- Mixed housing
- Influence Area
- Facilitate efficient housing markets (housing affordability)
- Facilitate affordable housing
- Affordable housing provision
- Planning mechanisms for affordable housing.

What is Council's position on the housing codes relating to low rise medium density?

Reference has been made by the Planning Minister that if councils can demonstrate how they can achieve housing targets then there may be an opportunity to turn off a number of SEPPs including the medium density housing code. However, the criteria Council would need to meet for this to occur remains unclear.

We are working with SGS on our housing strategy to demonstrate how we can meet our dwelling target and issues on diversity, affordability and types of developments that may occur to benefit the community.

How do you define demand?

Demand is determined by a number of factors including growth of population, the change in composition of the population and the preference for housing.

Will Council be attending to the needs of the community on a broader scale rather than just housing?

The Local Strategic Planning Statement is endeavouring to capture the broad range of issues that impact our current and future community. To this end we are preparing studies associated with housing, employment, environment, social infrastructure and demographics to inform this work.

What are the groups of people from the data collected do we need to prioritise for housing?

The types of housing requirements include:

- Families that would like a house but can't afford it with a preference not to live in a unit.
- Options for downsizing, kids leaving home, aging, reduction in family size.
- 20-35 year old demographic that are trying to enter the housing market.

Has there been any innovative models executed overseas to provide us with inspiration?

Yes, there have been several different models reviewed including a European approach with young people living with the older generations.

There was a study which focused on the functions of a secondary dwelling. The idea being that the secondary dwelling can be used by extended groups of families. Creating a flexible use of a household while being separated from the main house. It also identified that units are now being built on a varied size and scale.

In regard to the capacity of sites identified to deliver on affordable housing, does this meet transport / mobility needs?

Access to public transport and availability of private car parking spaces are items that are taken into consideration when designing planning controls. It is recognised that requirements for basement car parking can make some development not feasible.

Are they taking into consideration the sustainability as part of the project?

Yes, this will be taken into consideration.

What is the impact on us from a community perspective if we don't meet the demand for affordable housing?

This is defined in the Strategy which is broken down into the following three parts:

- Social housing or public housing – provided directly by the NSW Government by a public housing provider.
- Affordable rental housing – for households with very low, low or moderate incomes that are unable to access private market housing without financial stress. Often provided by Community Housing Providers and involves a discount on market rentals. Groups paying majority of their income on housing and being pushed out - housing is limited and Council can't meet that demand.
- General affordability – common benchmark is housing that does absorb more than 30% of the gross income of very low, low or moderate income households.

5.1 MY PLACE: AVALON

Note 1: Councillor Bingham left the meeting at 7:48pm and did not return.

Note 2: Les Irwig left the meeting at 8:02pm and did not return.

A Newberry provided an update to the group on this item.

A copy of the presentation provided to the group is circulated with the minutes at Attachment 1.

Items discussed included

- Our journey so far
- Avalon Community Reference Group
- Avalon Beach Vision
- Community Priorities
- Future Directions
- Transport
- Intersection options 1, 2 and 3
- APA Option
- Avalon Pop Up Beach Plaza
- Community Feedback
- Where to next
- Traffic, pedestrians and elderly residents are not effected as part of the My Place:Avalon.

ACTION

The Places for People group submit their feedback on the My Place: Avalon by 25 August 2019 via <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/avalon/comment-form>.

6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER / MEMBER	DUE DATE
5.1	The Places for People group submit their feedback on the My Place: Avalon by 25 August 2019 via https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/avalon/comment-form .	Reference Group Members	25 August 2019

The meeting concluded at 8:10pm

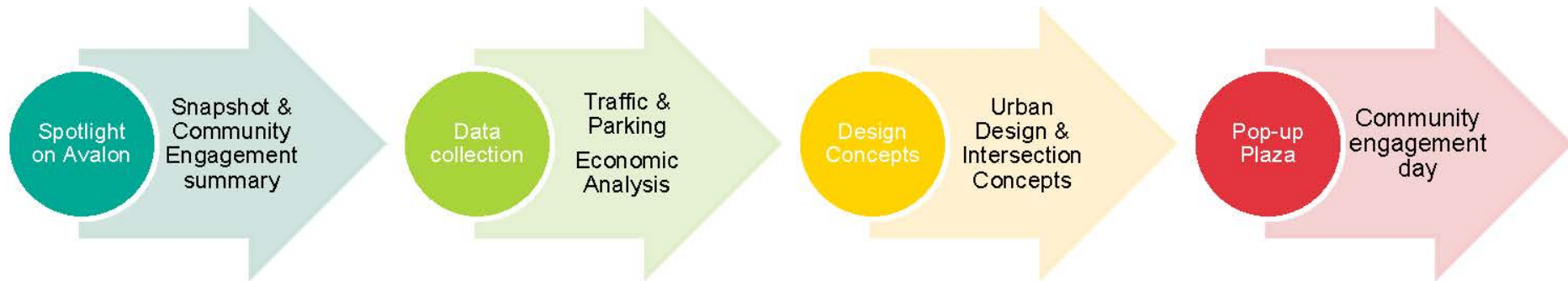
This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 7 pages numbered 1 to 7 of the Places for People Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 15 August 2019 and confirmed on Thursday 24 October 2019

My Place: Avalon

Planning for the future of Avalon Beach



Our Journey So Far



- Community Vision
- 6 Core Factor Values
- Priorities

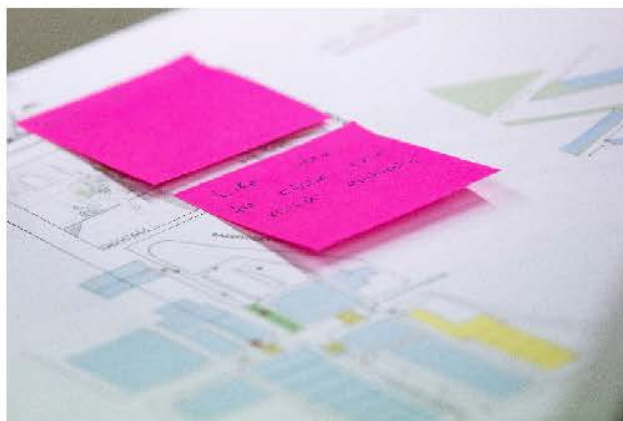
- Avalon Beach Parking Strategy
- Traffic analysis
- Avalon Beach Economic Analysis
- Dunbar Park community survey

- 4 intersection options presented
- 500 comments received

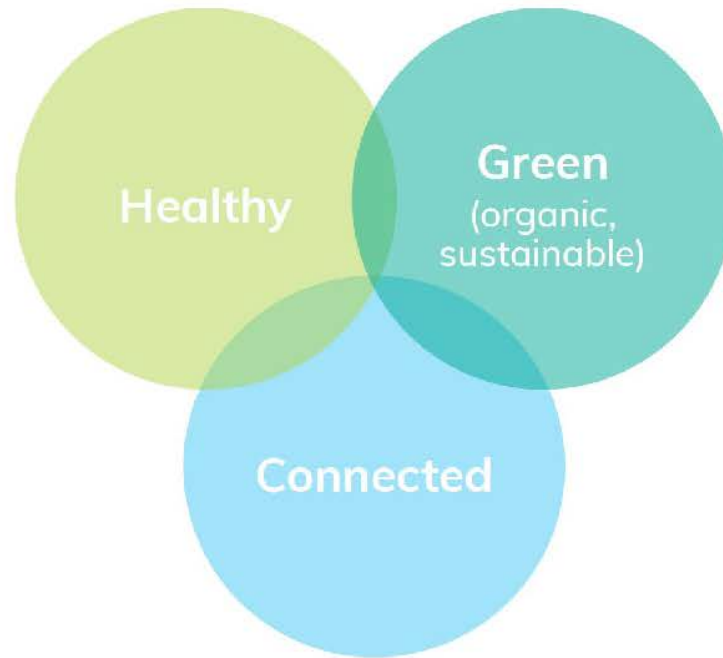
All work
undertaken in
collaboration
with Avalon
CRG

Avalon Community Reference Group

The Avalon Community Reference Group (Avalon CRG) consists of a diverse range of residents who represent different focus groups within the local community.



Avalon Beach Vision



“A relaxed and peaceful coastal village, embracing and nurturing the natural environment, celebrating creativity and community connection”

Community Priorities

Nature, Environment and Sustainability

Community Strategic Plan Outcomes:

- Protection of the Environment
- Environmental Sustainability

- Priority 1 Maintain, improve and increase green spaces, general conditions of vegetation, street trees, other planting and improving creek / storm water channel
- Priority 2 Environmental sustainability by limiting pollution and improving sustainable practices
- Priority 3 Retain village form / identity

Transport

Community Strategic Plan Outcome:

- Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity

- Priority 1 Improve intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade
- Priority 2 Facilitate active transport mode and footpath connectivity

Community Connection and Culture

Community Strategic Plan Outcomes:

- Community and Belonging
- Places for People
- Vibrant Local Economy

- Priority 1 Things to do in the evening
- Priority 2 Creative art space, public art, community art, water and light features
- Priority 3 Opportunities / activities for youth
- Priority 4 More and/or better places to play, gather and relax

Economic Vibrancy

Community Strategic Plan Outcomes:

- Vibrant Local Economy
- Partnership and Participation

- Priority 1 Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating
- Priority 2 Active Avalon village centre during winter
- Priority 3 More and/or better commercial diversity and local shops
- Priority 4 Active and improve laneways

Cleanliness and Maintenance

Community Strategic Plan Outcomes:

- Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Good Governance
- Places for People

- Priority 1 Cleanliness of public space
- Priority 2 Improve/update condition of footpaths

Street Design, safety and walkability

Community Strategic Plan Outcomes:

- Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Places for People

- Priority 1 Ease of walking around - with better accessibility, safety and linkage for pedestrians
- Priority 2 Streetscape design and beautification, more trees, footpath improvement, informal seating

Future Directions – Community ideas for change

Vibrant
outdoor eating

Enhanced
Streetscape

Redesign
intersection – Old
Barrenjoey Road &
Avalon Parade

Active transport
and improved
connectivity

Activate
Laneways

Active
modes of
transport

Activate centre during
winter and establish
night time economy

Improved
facilities for
youth



Transport

Transport, Infrastructure & Connectivity

Priority 1 – Improve Intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road & Avalon Parade

A number of options developed in consultation with Avalon CRG:

4 Options refined and placed on broader community consultation



Intersection Options

Option 1

INTERSECTION

OPTION 1

Minimal Change

- Minimal change to existing scenario
- Pedestrian crossings slightly setback
- Pedestrian crossing width shortened via wider kerbs
- Retains two way vehicle traffic in all directions
- Overall reduction of three (3) car spaces

ALL OPTIONS

- Introduce cycle lanes through town centre
- Relocate bus layover in Old Barronjooy Road to increase car parking
- Introduce one entry/exit point for car park near Woolworths
- Introduce new bike parking
- Introduce new landscaping

carpark entry exit: at north point only

existing parallel parking to remain

reconfiguration / realignment of footpath

carpark entry closed

existing crossing to remain

consolidation / realignment of pedestrian pathways

bus layover deleted/moved. 3 additional car parking spaces added

realignment of corner blister

new cycleway

loss of 3 carparking spaces to comply with Australian road standards

widening of footpath and corner blister

widening of footpath

loss of 3 parallel parking spaces

new cycleway



total overall change to carparking spaces: -3

Option 2.

INTERSECTION

OPTION 2

Shared Zone

•Introduction of shared pedestrian/vehicle zone in Old Barronjoey Road (north end)

•New paving treatment to indicated shared zone

•Existing crossings set back in Avalon Parade (east end) and Old Barronjoey Road (south end)

•Retains two way vehicle traffic in all directions

•Overall reduction of six (6) car spaces

carpark entry exit at north point only
pedestrian crossing relocated north

existing parallel parking to remain

reconfiguration / realignment of footpath

carpark entry closed

consolidation / realignment of pedestrian pathways

pedestrian shared zone

bus layover deleted/moved, 3 additional car parking spaces added

realignment of corner blister

new cycleway

loss of 6 carparking spaces to comply with australian road standards

loss of 2 parallel parking spaces

widening of footpath and corner blister

widening of footpath

loss of 3 parallel parking spaces

new cycleway



total overall change to carparking spaces: -8

Option 3

INTERSECTION

OPTION 3

One Way

- Introduction of one way zone in Old Barrenjoey Road (north)
- Widen footpath along Old Barrenjoey Road (north-east side)
- Pedestrian crossings slightly setback and reduced width (same as Option 1)
- One way vehicle traffic Old Barrenjoey Road (north end heading south)
- Overall reduction of three (3) car spaces

carpark entry exit at north point only

existing parallel parking to remain

reconfiguration / realignment of footpath

carpark entry closed

existing crossing to remain

consolidation / realignment of pedestrian pathways

bus layover deleted/moved. 3 additional car parking spaces added

widening of footpath

realignment of corner blister

new cycleway

loss of 3 carparking spaces to comply with australian road standards

existing parking and bus stop to remain

widening of footpath and corner blister

widening of footpath

loss of 3 parallel parking spaces

new cycleway



total overall change to carparking spaces: -3

APA Option

A SHARED PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT (AVALON BEACH FOUR WAY PEDESTRIAN STUDY)

New Street Planting Species:
Melaleuca quinquenervia
Casuarina glauca
Eucalyptus delegatensis
Uyeronia olivacea
Cordia alliodora

WIDEN vehicular ENTRY/EXIT and realign northern parking stalls.

Existing trees and layout to remain.

Minor adjustments to existing layout.
Reduce carpark stall length for increased foot/pedestrian zone.

Existing kerb alignment to remain.

Parallel parking to remain.

Hi-MOV vehicle entry to remove pedestrian conflict.

Minor adjustments to existing layout.
Trees to remain — paving upgrade.

Old Rimmerley Road realigned to 2 lanes.
No vehicle restrictions. Define new shared
showway with distinctive paving.

Adjustments to existing kerb alignment
to accommodate DROP OFF ZONE.

NARROW existing entry/exit from 4 lanes to
2 lanes and ramp up to shared zone.

3 of 4 existing crossings to remain as per
current locations.



Existing Date Palms to remain

NEW pedestrian dedicated path.
Minor adjustments to existing carpark
layout required.

NEW TMD parking stalls. Qty. approx. 16

Existing channelised stormwater channel

Existing parking stalls to remain

REINSTATE bridge crossing

ONE WAY ramp/circulation

NEW ACCESSIBLE parking stalls x 6

NEW DROP OFF ZONE

NEW wide through connection from
Dunbar Park towards beach

Potential to remove secondary services access

NEW Cabbage tree/elm clumps (landmark
plantings)

NEW youth plaza to respond
to Avalon Beach Cultural
Asset Report by Susan Dodson.
Location identified as
significant cultural asset by youth

NEW widened pedestrian access,
increase from 1m to 3.7m

NEW widened retaining wall position (bus
stop waiting zone)

(not to scale)



AVALON
PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION

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gym. studio

Project: Avalon Beach Pedestrian
Study
Client: Northern Beaches Council
Prepared By: Gillian Smith - TSPS
Date: Jan 2019

Avalon Beach Pop-up Plaza

Avalon Beach Pop-up Plaza event

Saturday 27 July 2019



Avalon Pop-up Plaza

<https://vimeo.com/352403245/1fef74ac4c>

Community Feedback

Current results indicate the following preferences:

1. Plaza
2. Option 2 - Shared zone
3. Option 1/ No change
4. Option 2 and APA



Where to next?

