AGENDA

TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group will be held remotely via TEAMS on

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2020

Beginning at 6:00 - 8:00pm for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

Committee Members

Cr Sarah Grattan (Chair)	
Mayor Michael Regan	
Cr Rory Amon	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Graeme Laughton	
Emma Tonkin	
Andrew Chivers	
Wendy Dunnet	Newport Residents Association
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Tamara Lukic	Governance Officer

Quorum

A majority of members including the Chair or one of the elected Councillors.

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1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

All members are expected to attend the meetings or otherwise tender their apologies to the Chair and Governance at councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 13 AUGUST 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meeting held 13 August 2020, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting Date	Item No.	Responsible Person	Action	Due Date	Status / Comment
13/2 2020	6.1	K Menzies	Transport & Travel SRG be provided further updated on the implementation of the Northern Beaches Road Safety Plan during 2020 once adopted by Council.	Ongoing	Funding has been received. Work in progress.
14/5/2020	6.1	The SRG members	Members provide project ideas for funding from State Government to Michelle Carter.	Ongoing	Ongoing
14/5/2020	6.1	C Sawyer	C Sawyer to review a bike storage and report back at the next meeting.	13 Aug 2020	C Sawyer still looking at the bike storage opportunities
14/5/2020	6.3	The SRG members	Provide initial feedback to Council's Transport Network Team by 30 June 2020 via the Transport@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au email, attention Phil Devon Manager Transport Network.	30 June 2020	P Devon to provide the SRG members with an easier explanation of different types of roads
14/5/2020	6.3	P Devon	Schedule an additional Transport &Travel SRG meeting to workshop the EIS draft design and provides input for consideration by Staff and Councillors in formulating Councils EIS submission.	Pending	No update at this stage.
13/8/2020	6.2	C Sawyer	Provide the SRG members with Ausgrid options and costings at the next meeting.	Current	
13/8/2020	6.1	C Sawyer	Invite Hyundai hydrogen team to present on hydrogen vehicles at one of the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group meetings. •	Current	
13/8/2020	6.3	C Langford	C Langford to provide briefing on State government projects on shared paths and temporary footpaths for the SRG members	Current	
13/8/2020	6.4	M Carter	Investigate further on the ability of the tool to identify kids/students comments from parents comments	Completed	Email distributed to the members.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	**SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT**
REPORTING OFFICER	**SOCIAL PLANNING & STRATEGY COORDINATOR**
TRIM FILE REF	**2020/645000**
ATTACHMENTS	**1 ⇩Presentation_Social Sustainability Strategy**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the status and approach to develop a Social Sustainability Strategy and gather input from the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group.

SUMMARY

Council is in the process of developing Better Together, Social Sustainability Strategy 2041. This strategy will set a long term social direction for building skills and knowledge in the community that enable wellbeing and resilience.

Stakeholder engagement is critical to the development of the strategy and the Strategic Reference Groups are a priority group identified for consultation and input. This report and the presentation in the meeting will provide a foundation understanding of the project.

The workshop at the meeting will explore some key themes, challenges and opportunities that will inform the development of the strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Transport and Travel Strategic Reference Group note:

1. The Social Sustainability Strategy presentation.
2. The next Strategic Reference Group Engagement activity proposed for February 2021.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

A project is underway to develop a Social Sustainability Strategy (the Strategy) for Northern Beaches over a 20 year horizon, *Better Together, Social Sustainability Strategy 2041*.

The Strategy will be a key mechanism for Northern Beaches Council to achieve its commitment to the community in delivering the *Shape 2028* community vision "***A safe, inclusive and connected community that lives in balance with our extraordinary coastal and bushland environment."***

The Strategy will identify opportunities to enhance and support every member of the community to experience a safe, inclusive and connected community.

The proposed approach to developing the Strategy will provide Council and the community with:

- A **long-term social direction** that builds upon existing services, social resources and skills in the community
- A framework for **building the skills and knowledge of the community** to respond to social challenges through strong partnerships
- **Strengthen the ability of the community recover** from unexpected social, political, environmental and financial impacts.

The positioning of this Strategy has been mapped within the broader suite of Council strategies and plans. This is important to ensure that the interaction with other key documents such as Shape 2028, Towards 2040, Protect Create Live 2040, and Move 2030 is complimentary in scope and strategic direction.

Developing the strategy with the community is crucial to ensure that what is developed represents a shared resource that capture the breadth of strengths, challenges and opportunities for all people living and working on the Northern Beaches.

This approach includes a detailed stakeholder engagement plan that seeks to maximise opportunities to incorporate collaboration and build partnerships with key stakeholders inside and outside of Council. This collaboration and partnerships is a critical delivery objective of the Strategy and is integral to its long-term success.

WORK TO DATE

Engagement has occurred with internal stakeholders through two internal working groups, one across Council and one from the Community, Arts and Culture Business Unit.

Feedback and input was gathered from a workshop with the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group in August.

This preliminary work has produced:

- Draft visions each of the three pillars (Safe, Inclusive and Connected) and a draft strategic framework.
- Detailed stakeholder identification.
- Strengths and opportunities mapping focusing on wellbeing, resilience and capacity building.
- Commencement of a draft issues/discussion paper documenting current state, population forecasts and key challenges facing the Northern Beaches in terms of Social Sustainability, and
- Identification of priority populations.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In developing a Stakeholder Engagement approach, the following key objectives were identified:

- Deliver an educative piece for internal and external sector stakeholders around the benefits of the Social Sustainability Strategy and how it is relevant to them; including other Council strategies (internal) and helping build community capacity by supporting the sector (external);
- Develop a community endorsed vision of the three key pillars - safety, inclusion and connectedness and capture the areas of strength relating to wellbeing, resilience and capacity building in the community which will inform action plans flowing from the Social Sustainability Strategy;
- Gather targeted feedback on key community issues and the experience of priority groups; and
- Leverage the rapport built in genuine engagement to achieve buy-in from key stakeholders for the ongoing delivery and collaboration with Council to address each priority area over the life of the strategy.

To achieve these objectives a four-phased approach to engagement is proposed.

CONSULTATION WITH THE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUPS

To create meaningful opportunities to contribute to the direction and content of the Strategy, we will engage with the Strategic Reference Group's in Phases 1 to 3.

Phase 1 - The Community and Belonging SRG was consulted at the August 2020

Phase 2 - All Strategic Reference Groups will be engaged individually at the November meetings.

Phase 3 - A dedicated workshop in February 2021, inviting participation from all members of all Strategic Reference Groups.

TIMING

The timeframe for delivery of a Social Sustainability Strategy is June 2021.

COVID19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

Consideration has been given to the impact of Covid19 on both the ability to meaningfully engage, and the context of any medium to long-term impacts of the pandemic on the community.

Given we are still in the midst of the pandemic response, it makes it difficult to fully comprehend or forecast what the primary and lasting impact of the pandemic will be on the community. To date the data and analysis coming from the research sector about the evolving impact on the community indicate it is primarily exacerbating existing social issues. Examples include an increase in domestic violence, household financial stress and an increase in mental health concerns.

Within the context of the Social Sustainability Strategy, this indicates that we can move forward with a long-term outlook and be confident that these issues will be captured within the proposed engagement process. More consideration will be made as the project progresses around the prioritisation of issues, as this is likely to be where we see changes in community need rather than the creation of new areas of focus. For example, the reduction and loss of income and employment experienced disproportionately by women and younger workers may affect the prioritisation of this priority group higher now than pre covid19.

Better Together

Social Sustainability Strategy 2041

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Why have a Social Sustainability Strategy?

The aims of the 20-year strategy are:

a **long term social direction** that builds upon existing services, social resources and skills in the community

a framework for **building the skills and knowledge of the community** to respond to social challenges through strong partnerships

Strengthen the ability of the community to recover from unexpected social, political, environmental and financial impacts.

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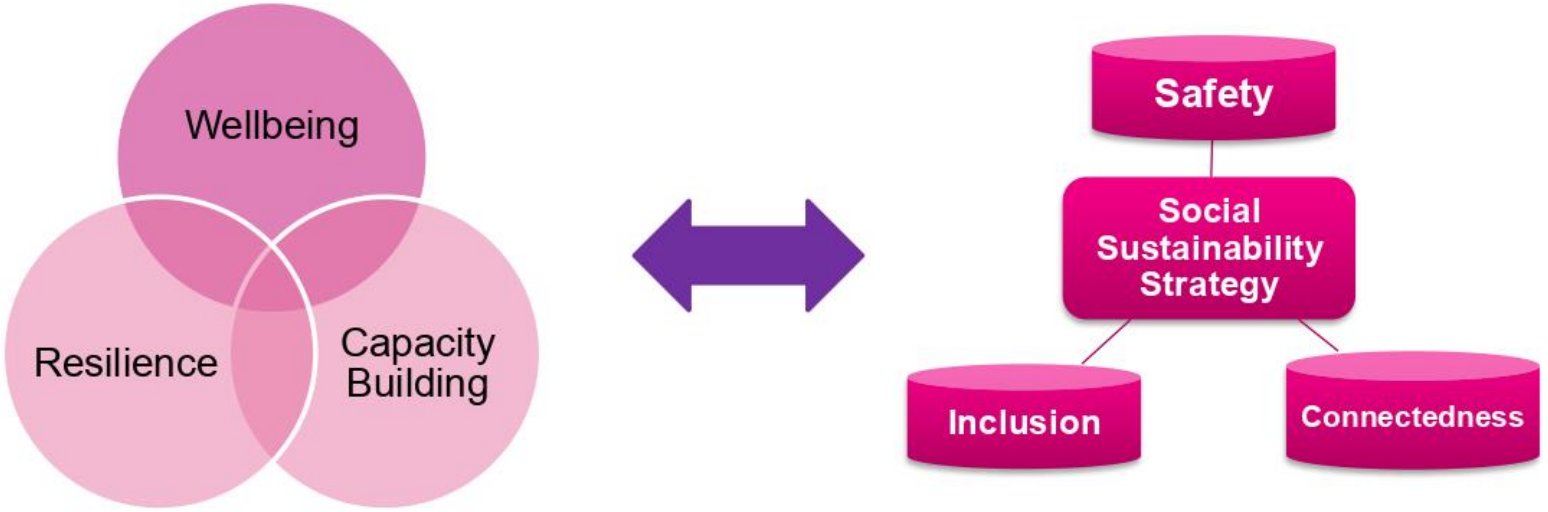
Where are we headed?

Collaborating with our community ensures we develop a shared resource that represents the strengths, challenges and opportunities for all on the Northern Beaches



What does Social Sustainability mean for the Northern Beaches?

Now

Active, inclusive and safe

Well served - hospitals and other public services

Well run - everyone participates

Fair for everyone

Thriving local economy - everyone contributes

3 pillars supporting a socially sustainable Northern Beaches

A **safe** community

An **inclusive** community

A **connected** community

2041

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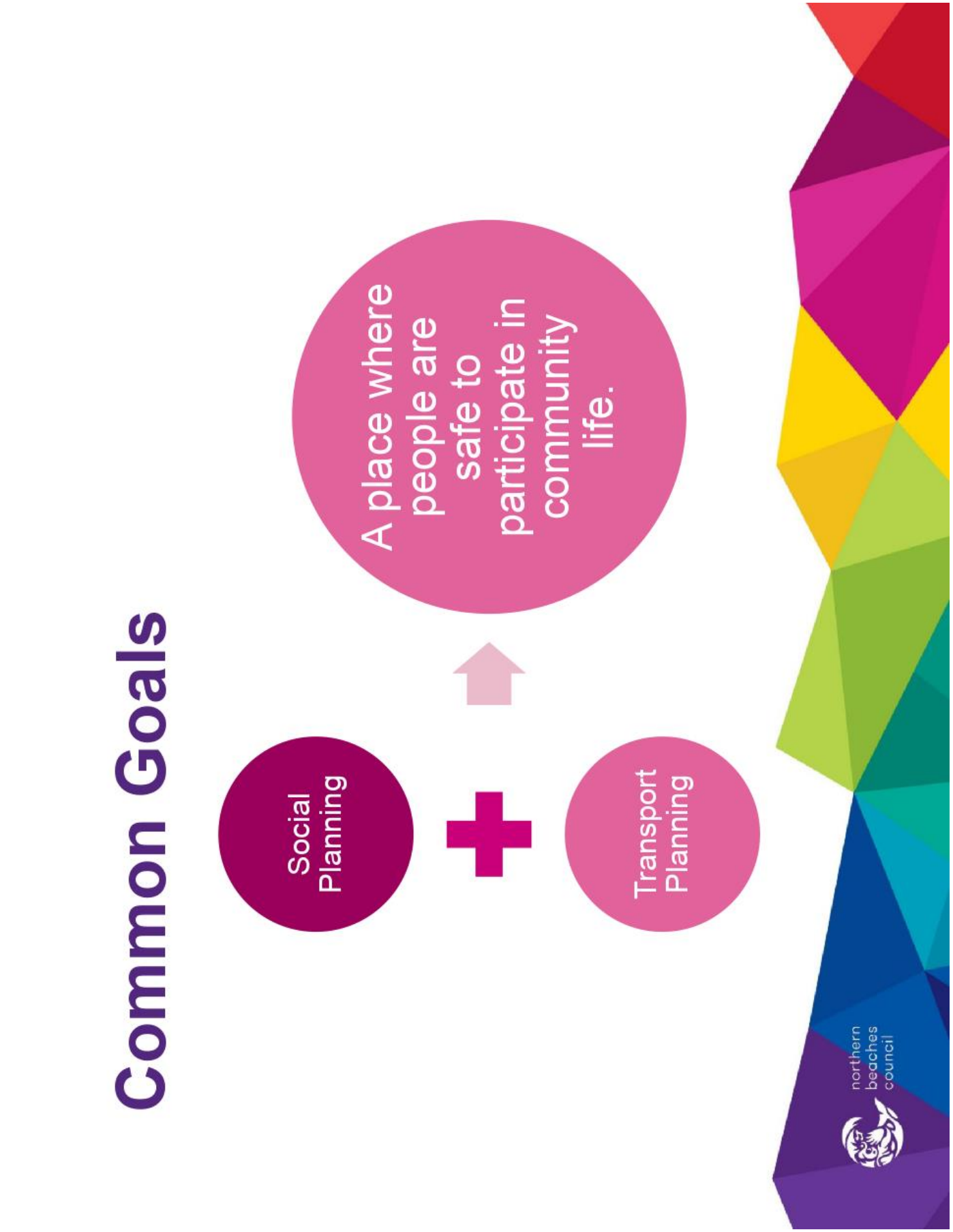
Planning Framework

The Social Sustainability Strategy will align with the Community Strategic Plan vision.

*These are examples of the types of Action Plans that will support the Social Sustainability Strategy


Common Goals
Social Planning
Transport Planning
A place where people are safe to participate in community life.
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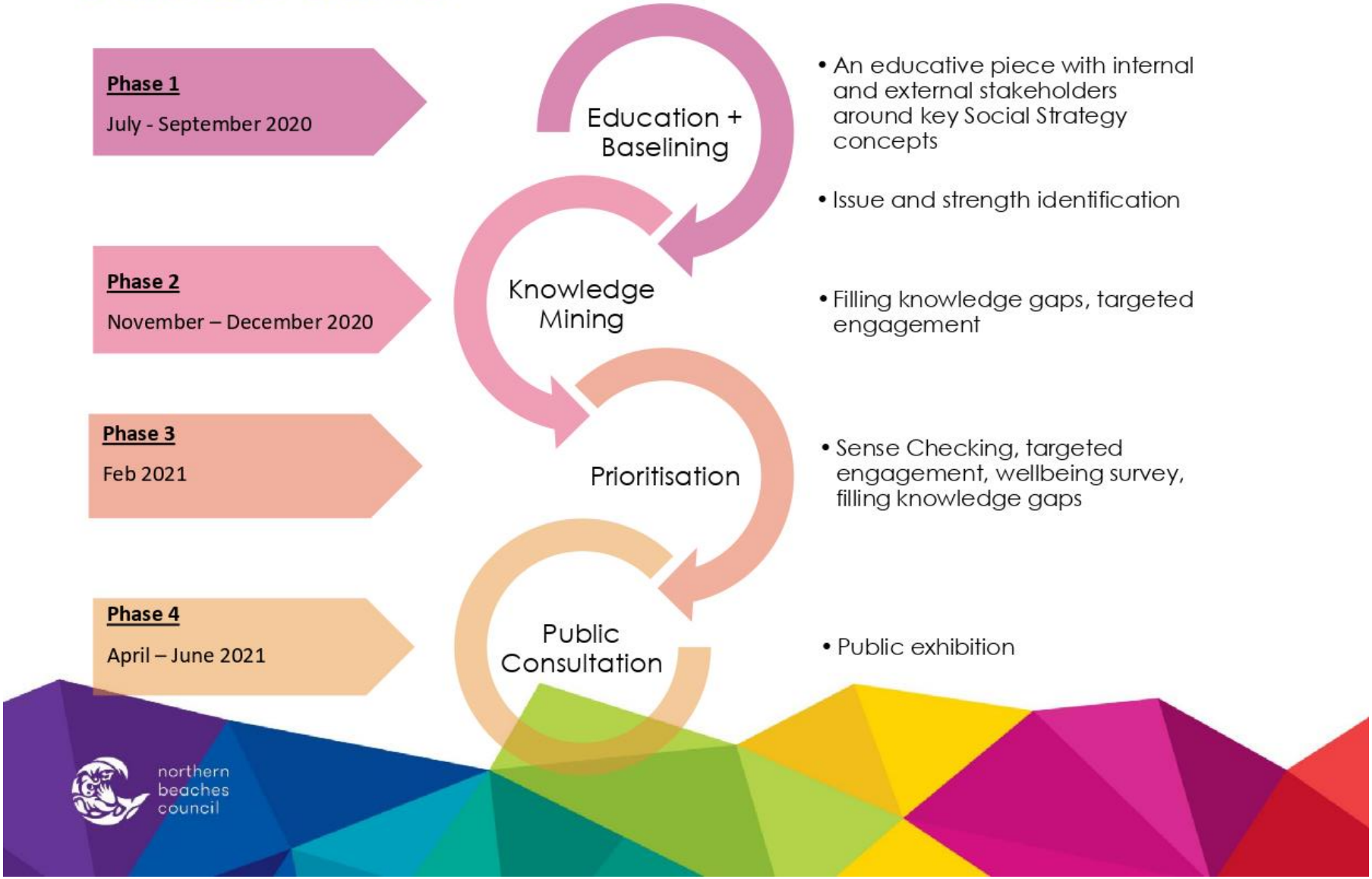
Timeframe


Phase 1
July - September 2020
Education + Baselining
• An educative piece with internal and external stakeholders around key Social Strategy concepts
• Issue and strength identification
Phase 2
November – December 2020
Knowledge Mining
• Filling knowledge gaps, targeted engagement
Phase 3
Feb 2021
Prioritisation
• Sense Checking, targeted engagement, wellbeing survey, filling knowledge gaps
Phase 4
April – June 2021
Public Consultation
• Public exhibition
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Suggested approach to Phase 2 Engagement

Draft Strategic Framework

3 pillars supporting a socially sustainable Northern Beaches

A **Safe** community	An **Inclusive** community	A **Connected** community.
Safety in Public	Diversity is celebrated	Sense of belonging and connection to life on the Northern Beaches
Culture of Mutual Caring	Balanced and inclusive decision making	Accessible Places and Spaces
Mutual experience of feeling comfort and security	Culture of Respect	Services, programs and facilities are affordable and accessible
Everyone feels safe to participate	A resilient and adaptive social services sector	Opportunities to participate reflect difference
Free from emotional and physical harm	Inclusive growth and opportunities	Supportive community and social networks

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Our communities strengths

Thriving social and sporting opportunities

Safe ways to participate

High rates of volunteering

Self- sufficient economy with the majority of people employed locally

High levels of Community Safety

Socio-economically advantaged

Strong Not-for-Profit presence

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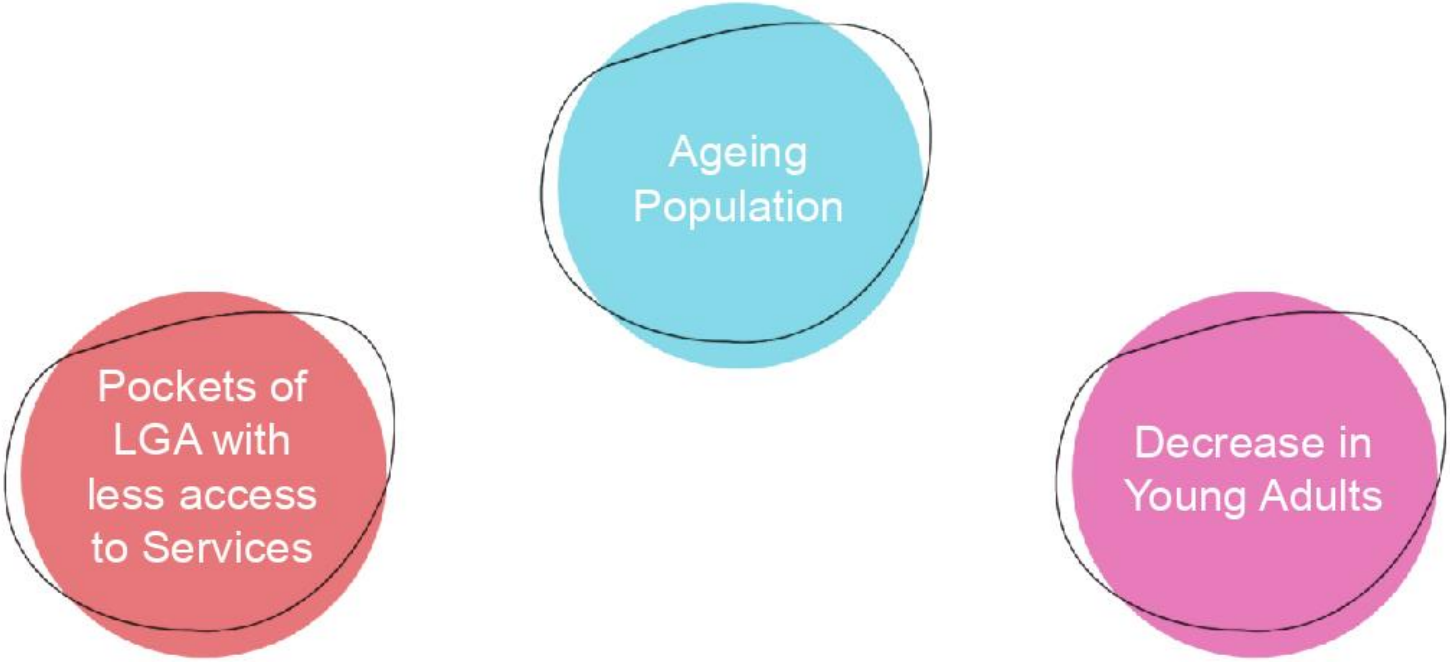
Key issues intersecting Transport + Social Sustainability



Next Steps

Super SRG Extra-ordinary Meeting– February 2021

Thankyou + Questions

ITEM 6.2	**AUSGRID/JOLT ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE INITATIVE**
REPORTING OFFICER	**ACTIVE TRAVEL OFFICER**
TRIM FILE REF	**2020/687748**
ATTACHMENTS	**NIL**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the progress of the development of the delivery of electric vehicle charging infrastructure utilising existing Ausgrid infrastructure, in conjunction with JOLT.

SUMMARY/REPORT

Council is committed to ensuring that the transport needs of our Northern Beaches community are met today and also for tomorrow. This includes catering for innovation in the future to provide the infrastructure to support new technology that improves the way we move to, from, and around the area.

In order to assist the transition to electric vehicles (EV) in the Northern Beaches Council Area, Ausgrid has engaged JOLT to deploy free 15 minute public charging in selected locations across the Northern Beaches Local Government Area (LGA).

The JOLT electric charging point will be connected to existing Ausgrid Distribution Kiosks (DK) and will be supported through paid advertising, similar to the current bus shelter model.

Six locations have been selected under the Ausgrid/JOLT initiative:

1. Park Street, Mona Vale (within the existing council car park)
2. Bungan Street, Mona Vale
3. Rowe Street, North Manly (cnr Pittwater Road and Oliver Street)
4. Oaks Avenue, Dee Why
5. Darley Street, Forestville (within the existing council car park)
6. 30 Dowling Street, Freshwater.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Transport & Travel Strategic Reference Group:

1. Support the Ausgrid and JOLT proposal detailed in this report.
2. Receive updates on the outcome of the community engagement and Traffic Committee approvals.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

Electric vehicles (EV) are transforming the global market for passenger and freight vehicles and technology is advancing rapidly.

The Ausgrid/JOLT initiative will provide the following benefits to Council and the community at no financial cost:

- Zero-cost fact charging
- Reduce the cost of EV ownership
- Reduce pollution and emissions
- Improve visual aesthetics of the DK
- Provide network safety messaging and emergency warnings through advertising panels

Existing Ausgrid DK sites will be transformed, within their existing footprint, to EV charging stations providing 15 minutes of free charge to users.

To enable the transformation of the DK and to provide free charging, paid adverting will be placed on selected panels.

Council will convert existing parking spaces to 'EV parking only' to support the initiative and will not be contributing financially towards the installation of EV infrastructure.

Ausgrid and JOLT will be responsible for all works and costs relating to the transformation of the existing DK sites to EV charging sites.

CONSULTATION

Council will commence engagement through the Your Say page to seek community feedback on the proposal. Following this, a report will be prepared for a Traffic Committee Meeting to be held in early 2021 to seek approval to upgrade the existing parking space to electric vehicle charging.

Ausgrid and JOLT will be required to seek all necessary Development Application approvals from Council relating to the infrastructure.

TIMING

Council will commence community engagement with local stakeholders for all of the proposed locations detailed in this report. It is likely that the item will be placed on the Traffic Committee agenda in February 2021 for approval relating to the EV parking spaces, following community engagement.

ITEM 6.3	**STREETS AS SHARED SPACES UPDATE**
REPORTING OFFICER	**ACTIVE TRAVEL OFFICER**
TRIM FILE REF	**2020/687779**
ATTACHMENTS	**NIL**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Strategic Reference Group on progress relating to the Streets as Shared Spaces projects that Council was successful in receiving grant funding for both Category One and Category Two opportunities.

SUMMARY

The Streets as Shared Spaces grant funding was awarded to Northern Beaches Council to implement temporary interventions as a response to Covid-19.

A temporary intervention is an approach to neighbourhood building and activation, using short term tactical methods to test projects quickly. These projects use techniques such as pilots, pop-ups, short term treatments and semi-permanent changes to try ideas.

Temporary interventions provide an opportunity to innovate our streets and spaces to support active and safe travel needs and exercise during COVID-19.

Council was successful in receiving grant funding for the following interventions:

Category One activations:

Tania Park, Balgowlah Heights	Sunday 11 Oct: 6am - 4pm Sunday 15 Nov and Sunday 13 Dec: 6 – 9.30am
The Stand, Dee Why	Thursday 29 Oct – Sunday 1 Nov
Robertson, Road Newport	Friday 13 Nov 5pm – Sunday 15 Nov
Waratah Street, Mona Vale	Sat 21 Nov – Sunday 22 Nov

Category Two activations:

12-month trial projects in the following locations

- Manly
- Bilgola

RECOMMENDATION

That the members of the Transport & Travel Strategic Reference Group:

1. Support the remaining interventions for Category One.
2. Consider the Category Two projects and provide a submission to Council as part of the engagement that is currently underway.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

Category One activations:

Council has undertaken two successful activations in the following locations:

Tania Park: full day closure to vehicles between 6am - 4pm.

- Positive feedback received by members of the community that participated in the car free event.
- Mixed feedback from residents in the area relating to access for vehicles for recreation, access to the dog park and suspected parking impacts.

Two-part day closures between 6 – 9.30am to occur in November and December.

The Strand Dee Why: four-day closure to vehicles between Thursday 29 October and Sunday 1 November, with bump in/out either side.

- Positive feedback from members of the community throughout the weekend. A survey undertaken during the event that showed almost 89% of respondents enjoyed being able to use the Strand as a pedestrian and 80% would strongly support the road closure on a longer-term basis (out of 620 responses).
- Mixed feedback from the local restaurants relating to trade and parking impact.
- Concerns relating to traffic impacts and safety on the surrounding streets.

Two remaining activations in commercial areas to occur in Newport and Mona Vale.

Category Two activations:

Council is currently engaging with the community of two proposals relating to a 12-month trial in Manly and Bilgola. The deadline for comments to be received at Council has been extended to Sunday 22 November 2020.

The Manly project seeks to improve the active travel connection from the intersection of Darley Road with Wentworth Street all the way to Kangaroo Lane to the north via Sydney Road and Belgrave Street.

The idea is to provide:

- more space for safe cycling with dedicated cycle ways
- a 10 km/h posted speed limit in nominated areas of Darley Road, The Corso and Whistler Street
- more space for businesses with additional outdoor seating on Darley Road, The Corso and Whistler Street
- a safer space for walking.

The Bilgola projects seeks to provide a safer space for local residents and visitors using The Serpentine.

The changes include:

- more space for cycling with cycle lanes on the uphill sections of The Serpentine
- a 10 km/h posted speed limit
- planter boxes, pavement paintings and marked parking bays.

Both projects aim to trial adaptive use of road space to improve connectivity, safety and in the case of Manly provide additional space for the community to enjoy alfresco dining, provide an additional element for both residents and visitors to enjoy Manly's unique atmosphere.

The concept is for a rapid implementation as a Covid response measure and once consultation and planning is finalised it is aimed that the work will be completed within 4 weeks.