



AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment Strategic Reference Group will be held online via TEAMS on:

THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2020

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

Committee Members

Cr Natalie Warren (Chair)	Councillor
Cr Alex McTaggart	Councillor
Cr Pat Daley	Councillor
Cr Stuart Sprott	Councillor
Sophie Scott	Community Representative – Manly Ward
Roberta Conroy	Bayview Church Point Residents Association
Alan Jones	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
Tom Hazell	Community Representative – Curl Curl Ward
David Tribe	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward
Nigel Howard	Community Representative – Frenchs Forest Ward
Viktorija McDonnell	Curl Curl Lagoon Committee
Marita Macrae	Pittwater Natural Heritage Association
Jacqueline Marlow	Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment
Billy Bragg	Community Representative – Pittwater Ward
Scott Markich	Community Representative – Narrabeen Ward

Council Officer Contacts

Todd Dickinson	Director Environment and Sustainability
Yianni Mentis	Executive Manager Environment and Climate Change
Ximena Von Oven	Governance Officer

Quorum

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

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Strategic Reference Group Meeting
to be held online via TEAMS
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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NEXT MEETING

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

Members should disclose any "pecuniary" or "non-pecuniary" interests in matters included in the agenda. The [Northern Beaches Council Code of Conduct](#) (the Code) provides guidance on managing conflicts of interests.

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4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 20 AUGUST 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held 20 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.

4.2 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Environment Strategic Reference Group held 10 September 2020, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	UPDATE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL ZONES REVIEW
REPORTING OFFICER	PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2020/705879
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To update the Environment Strategic Reference Group on the Environmental Zones Review, including the outcomes of recent community focus groups and survey responses.

REPORT

Meridian Urban planning consultants have been engaged to undertake a review of the Environmental zones in Council's Local Environmental Plans (LEPs). This work will inform the preparation of the new Northern Beaches LEP. As part of the first stage of this review, a series of focus groups were held with community members in early October 2020

The purpose of the focus groups was to engage with a broad range of landowners and community members across the local government area to obtain an understanding of the values, issues and concerns that could influence the design and application of Environmental zones across the Northern Beaches.

Council sought expressions of interest by letter to approximately 12,000 property owners, and emails to over 20,000 subscribers to attend a focus group. Council received 325 nominations to participate. As only 70 places were available, participants were randomly selected based on an analysis of their availability and to ensure representation from across the local government area. Council was also able to select representatives from all local resident associations or community groups that applied. All community members who missed out were provided with the workshop material and survey to ensure that they could contribute at an early stage in the Environmental Zones Review.

Meridian Urban presented to the focus groups, facilitating discussion amongst the participants. The agenda for the focus groups included: background information; Environmental Zone Review overview; place-based considerations; and next steps. The presentation was accompanied by a survey containing 12 questions.

The survey results and focus group discussion will be considered in the final Environmental Zone Review report, together with a number of technical studies as outlined on Council's [website](https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/planning-our-sustainable-future) (<https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/planning-our-sustainable-future>).

Meridian Urban will provide a presentation to the Environment Strategic Reference Group on the process undertaken to date, including the results of the survey. It should be noted that Council is in the very early stages of the Environmental Zones Review and there will be further opportunities for the community to have their say. This includes the exhibition of a LEP discussion paper scheduled for early 2021.

The following links are provided as background information to the Environmental Zones Review:

- Department of Planning, Industry and Environment - [Practice Note on Environmental Zones](#)
- Planning – Video - PIA – [What is Planning](#)

- Northern Beaches Council's;
- Local Strategic Planning Statement – Towards 2040 ([webpage](#) or [video](#)), in particular note the section 'Sustainability'
- Environmental Zones Review – [webpage](#)
- Local Environmental Plan (LEP) – search property online, go to "Planning" and see 'Zoning and Overlays' to see which LEP and zone affects a particular property. All LEPs and DCPs are listed on the left of this page.
- Greater Sydney Commission's North District Plan ([webpage](#) or [video](#))

Standard Instrument — Principal Local Environmental Plan ([Land Use Tables](#) and [Dictionary](#) describing land uses)

RECOMMENDATION OF PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE OFFICER

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the update and presentation on the Environmental Zones Review.

ITEM 6.2	SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT
REPORTING OFFICER	SOCIAL PLANNING & STRATEGY COORDINATOR
TRIM FILE REF	2020/645043
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Social Sustainability Strategy Presentation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the status and approach to develop a Social Sustainability Strategy and gather input from the Environment 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.

RECOMMENDATION OF SOCIAL PLANNING & STRATEGY COORDINATOR

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group:

1. Note the Social Sustainability Strategy presentation
 2. Provide feedback on:
 - A. Draft strategic framework
 - B. How social sustainability and environmental sustainability can work together
 3. Note the next Strategic Reference Group Engagement activity proposed for February 2021
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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
- 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
- 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



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



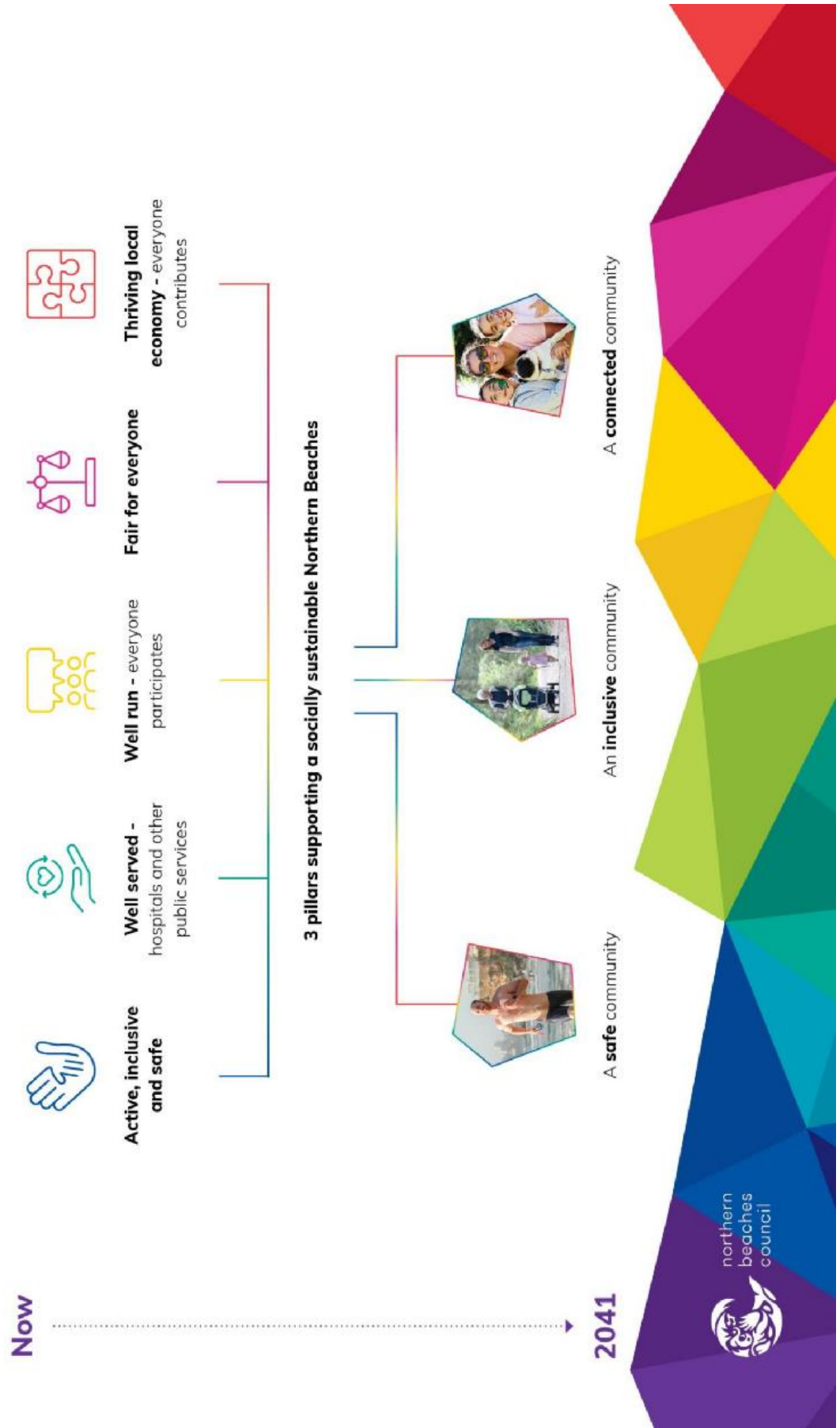
Strengthen the ability of the community to recover from unexpected social, political, environmental and financial impacts.

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

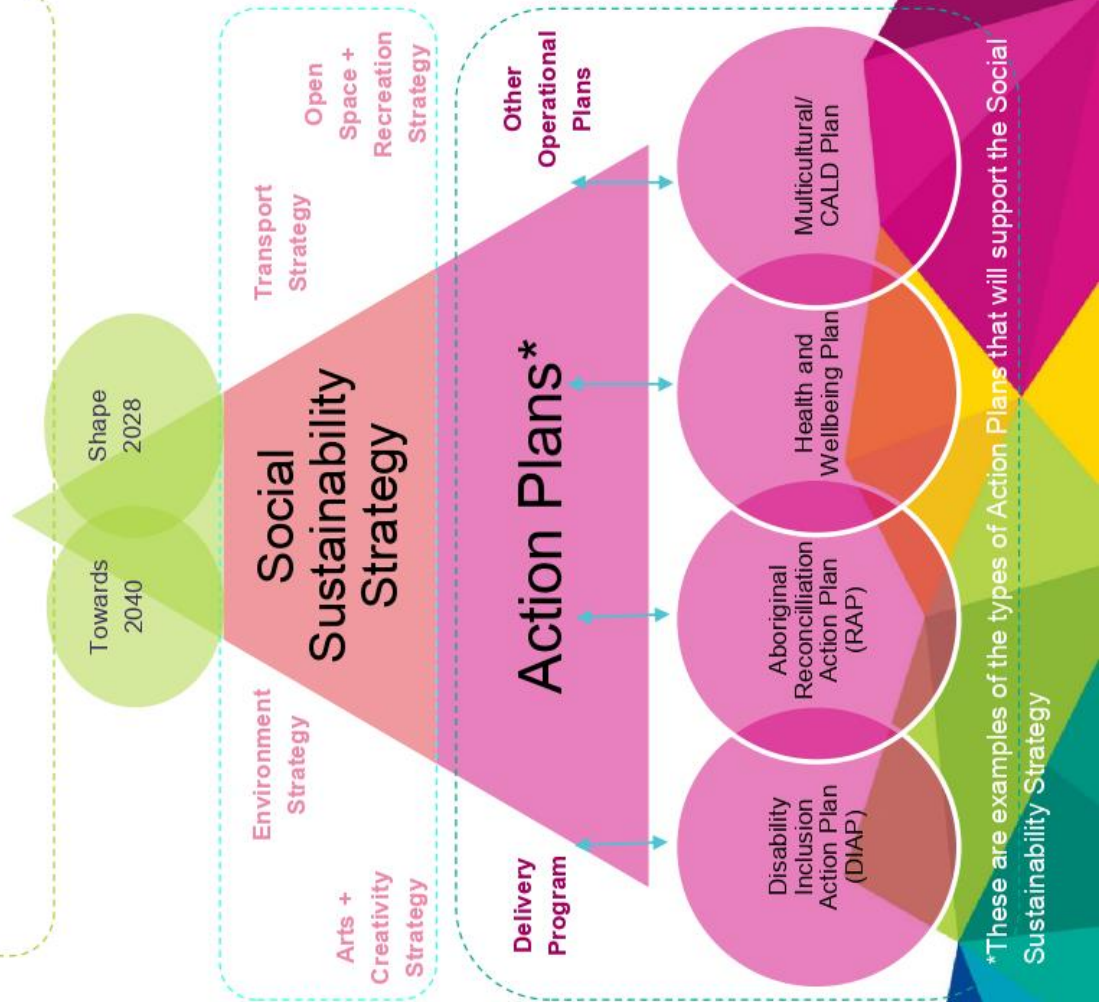


What does Social Sustainability mean for the Northern Beaches?

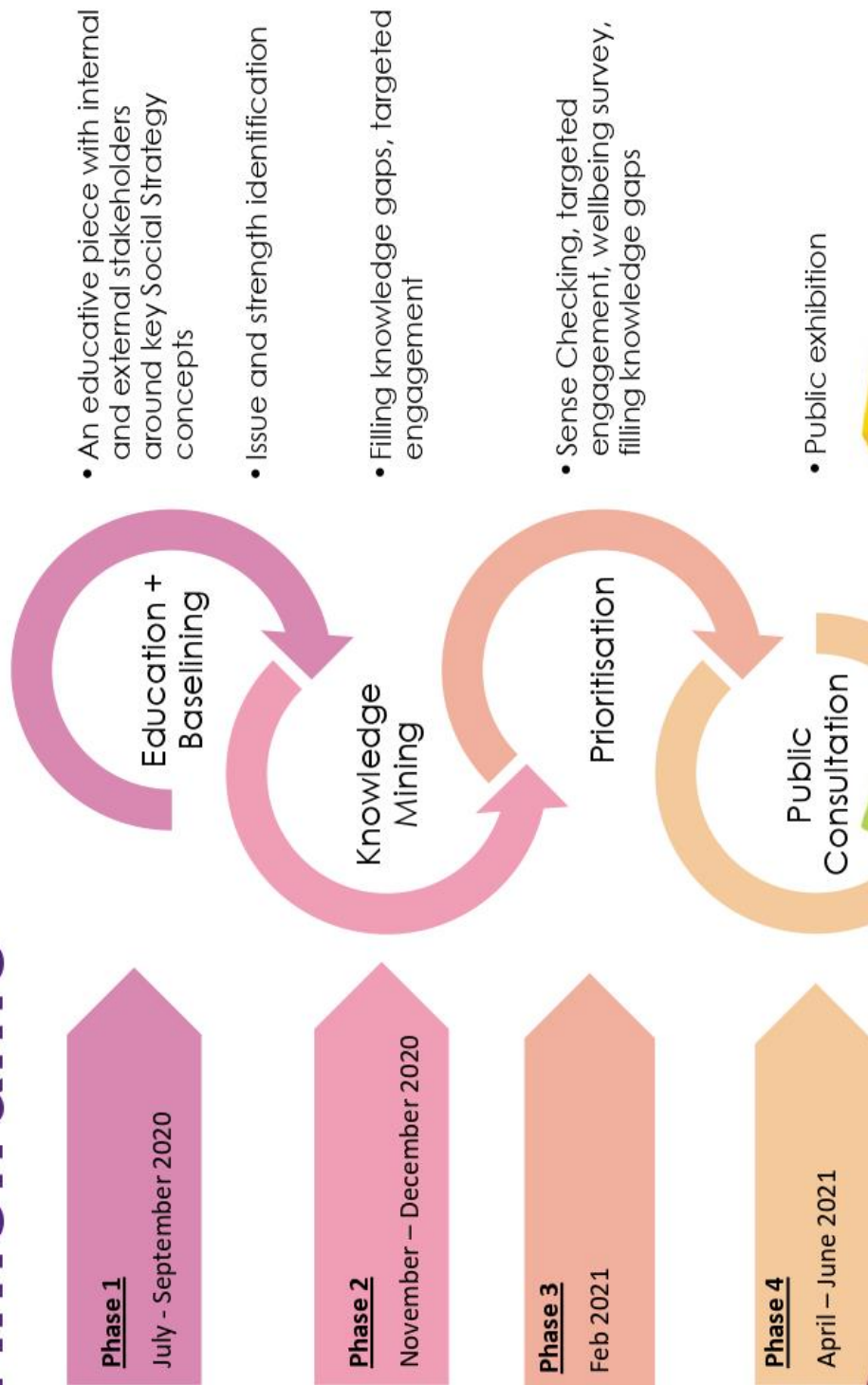


Planning Framework

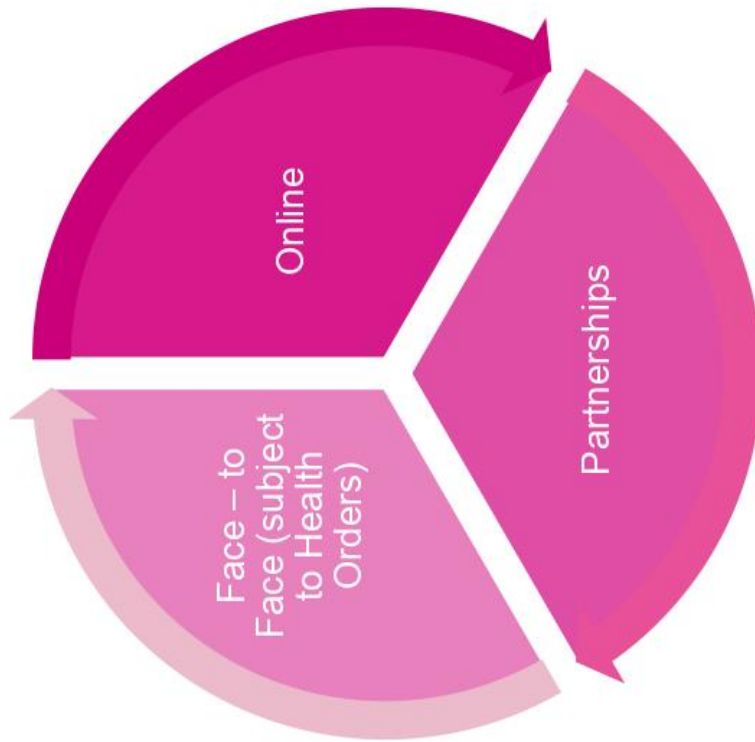
The Social Sustainability Strategy will align with the Community Strategic Plan vision.



Timeframe

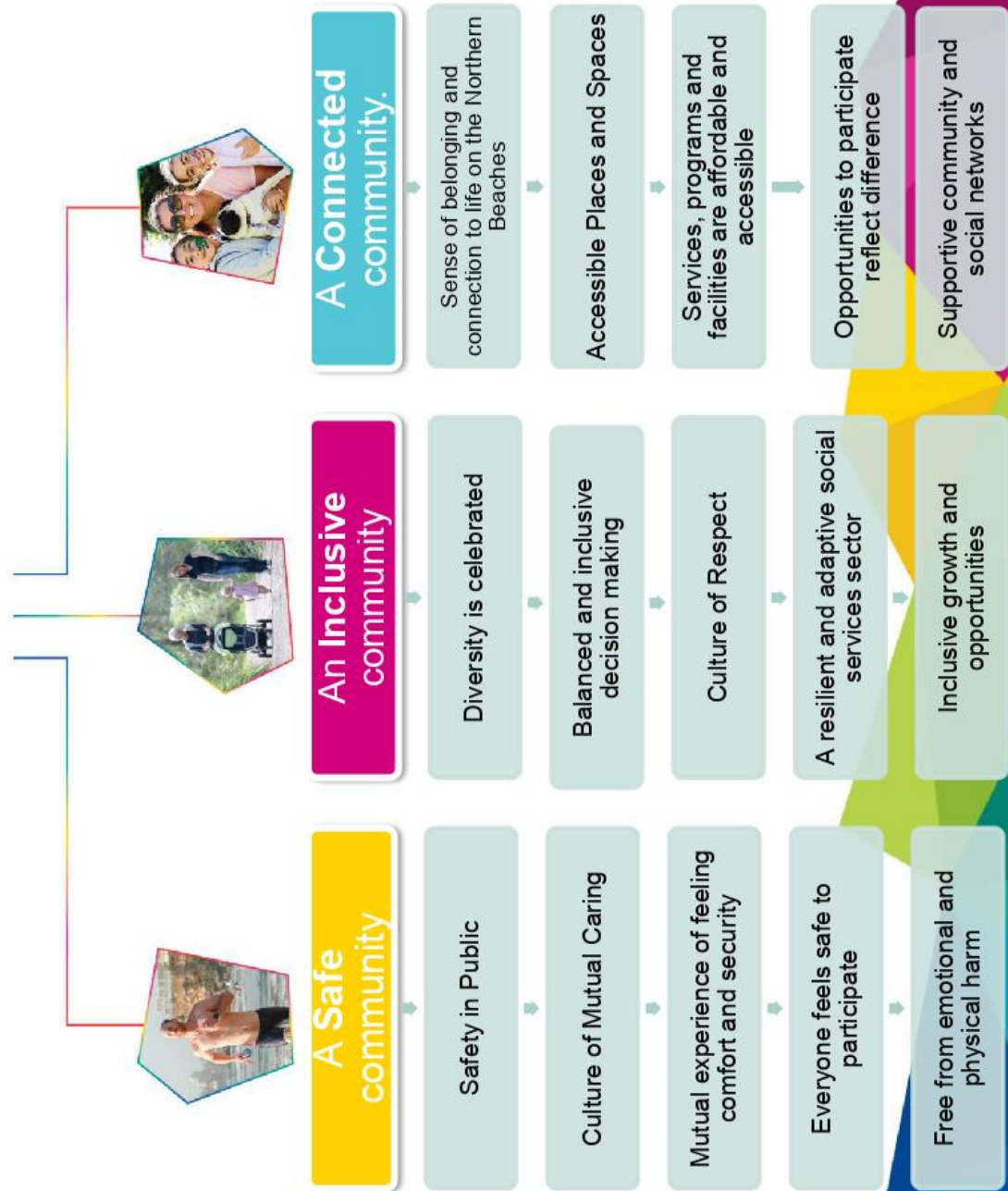


Suggested approach to Phase 2 Engagement



Draft Strategic Framework

3 pillars supporting a socially sustainable Northern Beaches



Our communities strengths

Thriving social and
sporting
opportunities



Socio-
economically
advantaged

Strong Not-for-
Profit presence



Social sustainability working with Environmental sustainability



Questions and next Steps

Super SRG Extraordinary Meeting– February 2021



ITEM 6.3	FEASIBILITY STUDY - NETWORK OF RECYCLING CENTRES
REPORTING OFFICER	MANAGER, WASTE SERVICES
TRIM FILE REF	2020/681257
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ A Network of Recycling Centres

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to brief the SRG on the outcomes of a feasibility study relating to how Council might establish a network of recycling centres across the Northern Beaches.

REPORT

At its meeting held on 25 February 2020, Council resolved:

That Council staff bring back a feasibility study to a council briefing within four months regarding how Council might go about setting up a network of distributed recycling centres throughout the Northern Beaches LGA, including details such as:

- *Identifying possible locations for recycling centres.*
- *An initial business plan and operating model that allows for expansion in stages.*
- *Any potential grants available.*
- *Visiting and benchmarking successful business models in other LGAs.*

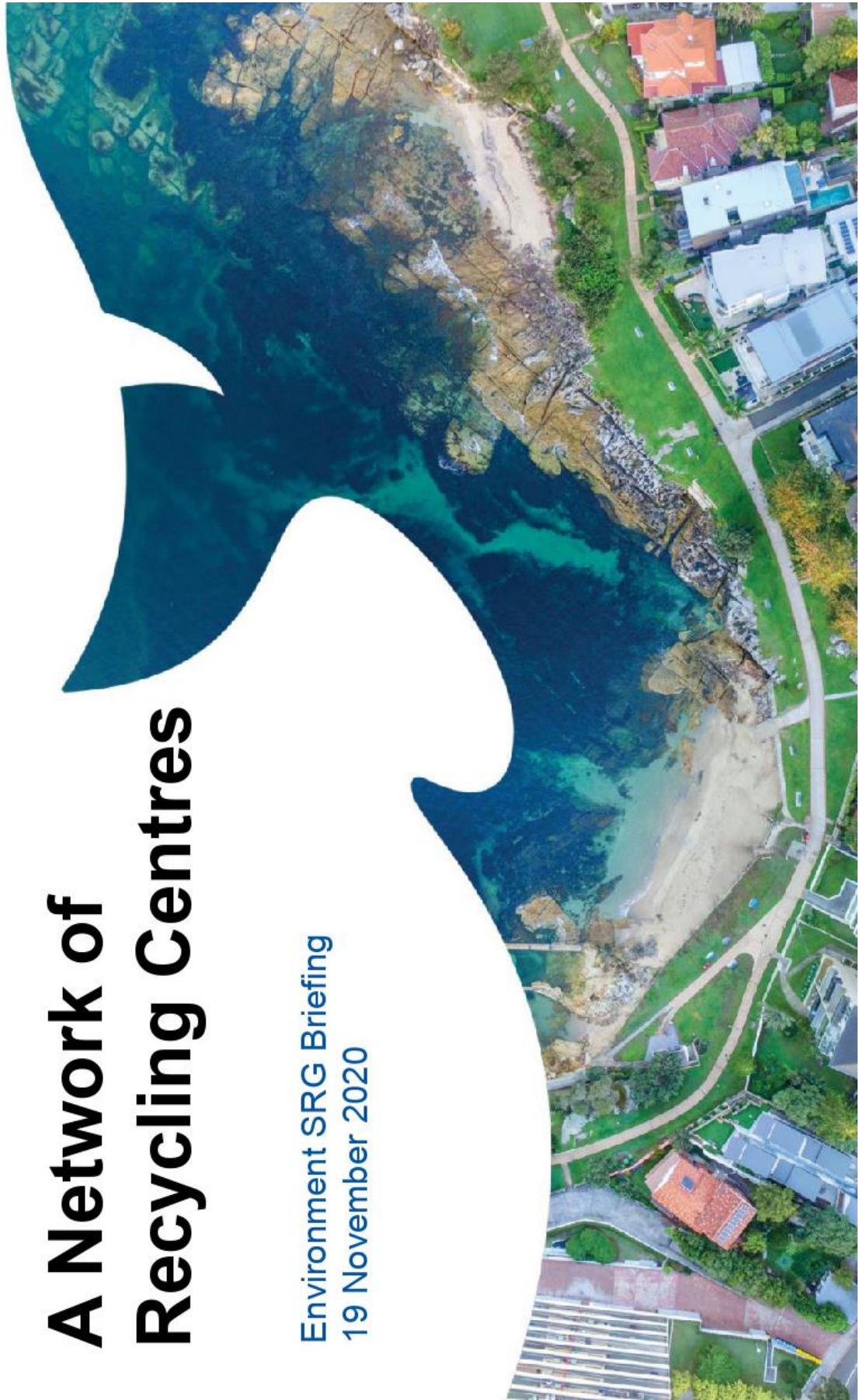
A briefing was presented to Council on 13 October 2020 and the attached presentation has been prepared for the information of the Environment SRG.

RECOMMENDATION OF MANAGER, WASTE SERVICES

That the report and presentation be received and noted.

A Network of Recycling Centres

Environment SRG Briefing
19 November 2020



Notice of Motion 57/2019

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Business models in other LGAs

Canberra Model



- Govt subsidises site costs
- Residents self-haul as no bulky goods collection service
- Open tender for management
- Run for profit
- Associated with tip sites

Business models in other LGAs

City of Sydney Model



- Council run event
- “Recycle it Saturday” events
- Drive through drop off days similar to Chemical Clean Out events
- Drop off items such as clothing and problem wastes similar to chemical cleanup

Potential Council operated network:

Location/site

New sites - central locations – accessible – close to transport

Warehousing - Estimated 4,000m² with 2,000m² undercover

Brookvale \$556,000 per annum - Mona Vale \$650,000 per annum

Pop up shops - \$48,000 to \$78,00 per annum (rates vary across the Beaches)

In sourced operations

- Staffing – warehouse, transport, retail, marketing
- Council funded (no grant funding could be identified)
- Bulky goods pick up/collection?
- Insurance
- Profit margin or cost cover?
- Responsibility for disposal of excess material (higher for pop-up shop models)

Outsourced operations

- Open tender
- Run for profit of the operator
- Council subsidy?
- Bulky goods pick up?

Issues for consideration

- Cost of leasing/ buying sites
- Location and access
- No grant funding could be identified
- Staffing
- Insourcing/outourcing operations
- Competing with established charitable organisations
- Illegal dumping and associated costs
- Impact of Covid-19

Potential Alternative Model

1. Create a Virtual Recycling Network
2. Partner with charitable organisations
3. Review Bulky Goods Collections
4. Continue to look for and explore other opportunities.

1- Create a virtual recycling network

- [Recycling Near You](#) map
- Does not require site setup
- Leverages off existing networks
- Initial change should be low cost
- Benefit charities
- Makes it easy for the community to do the right thing
- Integrate the bulky goods booking pages with recycling options:
 - Direct people to the map
 - Explain how things can be reused before they book
 - Explain what will happen to items after they are collected
- Promote on Council website - social media – other publications
- Will increase community understanding
- Can complement our overall waste management program

2 - Partner with charities

- Working group formed comprising National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO), Red Cross, Lifeline, St Vincent De Paul, Salvation Army and Council
- Ensure we maintain communication – leverage off their expertise understand each others priorities and abilities to help each other
- Event based collections – Red Cross Collection Event - Trial 2021
- Education support services

3. Review waste collections

- Review opportunities with URM to target problem waste streams
- Integrate findings from recent Mayoral Minute

4. Continue to explore other opportunities

- TAFE – explore opportunities to do trade training with recovered waste
- Continue to explore innovative options from across the country with NACRO
- Look into establishing a Circular Economy program for Northern Beaches

A Network of Recycling Centres Questions?

ITEM 6.4	COMMERCIAL FEASIBILITY OF THE PROVISION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES FOR SCOTLAND ISLAND
REPORTING OFFICER	SENIOR ENVIRONMENT OFFICER - COAST
TRIM FILE REF	2020/683277
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To update the Environment Strategic Reference Group on the outcomes of the feasibility study and community consultation for the provision of water and wastewater services for Scotland Island.

SUMMARY REPORT

In 2017 Northern Beaches Council received \$300,000 from the NSW State Government's Stronger Communities Fund to investigate the commercial feasibility of the provision of water and wastewater services for Scotland Island.

Numerous reports were prepared including a final draft Case for Investment report which recommends implementation of a fully reticulated, Sydney Water funded, operated and maintained system for both water and wastewater. Based on detailed analysis, the study identifies preferred options for both water and wastewater provision that are the most efficient and cost-effective in the long term.

Water supply preferred option:

- Fully reticulated water supply from existing Sydney Water main at Church Point
- New pipe bore to Harold Reserve on Scotland Island.
- Possible pressure booster pump in Harold Reserve to pump water to upper island.
- Pipe network to all properties on the island.
- Dwellings connect household plumbing to new boundary connection point.

Wastewater/sewerage preferred option:

- Dwellings connect household plumbing to a new pressure tank with pump located on each property.
- This tank and pump is typically owned and maintained by Sydney Water.
- The pump discharges sewage via an island network of pipes to Harold Reserve then to a new pipe bore under Pittwater and the existing Sydney Water infrastructure at Church Point.
- An alarm system is located on the exterior of the house that sounds if the system malfunctions.
- This system is similar to the wastewater scheme completed for Dangar Island on the Hawkesbury River in 2008.

The final draft Case for Investment report estimates construction of both systems to be \$68.4 million equating to approximately \$185,000 per lot in 2019 dollars (ex GST, based on 370 lots). This cost estimate is significantly less than Sydney Water's previous investigation into the feasibility of a wastewater-only scheme. Sydney Water's study found wastewater-only costs to be

\$82 million (in 2015 dollars) or \$235,000 per lot. This equates to approximately \$92.3 million in 2019 dollars or \$260,000 per lot. Sydney Water figures were based on 350 lots.

Community engagement included provision of all draft reports online on Council's 'your say' page with opportunity for community feedback. Staff also visited the island to undertake a number of community forums to answer community questions about the reports. Details of the community feedback have been collated in a Community Engagement Report.

The final draft reports and Community Engagement Report will be presented to Council at the meeting on 24 November 2020 with the recommendation that they be forwarded to Sydney Water and state government, and that Council request the Scotland Island water and wastewater project be programmed by Sydney Water for implementation.

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR ENVIRONMENT OFFICER - COAST

That the report be received and noted.

ITEM 6.5	STAFF UPDATE
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
TRIM FILE REF	2020/652001
ATTACHMENTS	1 ↓ Zero Waste to Ocean Charter - Summary of Comments for Environment Strategic Reference Group

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide an update to the Environment Strategic Reference Group (ESRG) on recent projects undertaken by the Environment & Sustainability Division.

REPORT

Offshore Waste

Bush Fire Risk Management

A fine fuel collection has been arranged for the week commencing 23 November 2020. Bulk bags have been delivered to all communities and residents associations notified.

Offshore Waste Service Review

A review of waste services to the offshore communities is continuing. A phone survey and 'your say' survey have been completed. An inspection of all wharves showed that any potential improvements are very location specific and need to be considered on a wharf by wharf basis. A current task being completed is ensuring there are no leaking or split bins on wharves and that all bins are secure. Initial meetings with key stakeholders, engineers, contractors and equipment suppliers have been held to commence developing options, but differing potential options for each location need to be evaluated and discussed with the communities before an update to Councillors on 17 November.

Narrabeen Lagoon Entrance Management

Council is developing the Narrabeen Lagoon Entrance Management Strategy which will investigate all aspects of entrance management, including sediment transport, flood benefits, entrance efficiency and dynamics and the long-term costs and sustainability of entrance-specific options. A key outcome will be a preferred long-term management option.

The next stage of the Strategy is the initial community consultation period. This will involve the preparation of an Options Paper which will outline the scope of the Strategy including the long term management options that are being investigated and their respective benefits and disbenefits. The community will be asked for their feedback on the options that have been shortlisted for investigation through the Strategy:

- Ebb-Tide Channel
- Mobile Sand Pumping
- Installation of low flow pipes.

Council is also developing a short instructional video using local coastal experts to explain the processes occurring at the entrance.

Zero Waste to Ocean Charter

Council adopted the Zero Waste to Ocean Charter at its meeting on 25 August 2020. Part 3 of the Resolution required Council staff to write to all Australian coastal councils to encourage them to develop their own charter to improve our shared waterways. To date Council has received a variety of responses from the following councils: City of Melbourne, Brisbane City Council, Frankston City Council, Woollahra Municipal Council, Borough of Queenscliffe, City of Canada Bay, and Tweed Shire Council. The attached document contains a summary of the responses received.

A copy of the Zero Waste to Ocean Charter is available on Council's website at this link:

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/environment/pollution>

Bush Fire Management Policy

The draft Bush Fire Management Policy has been updated with comments from the recent ESG workshop and also includes comments from Council's internal stakeholders. The draft Policy is listed on Council's 'Your Say' webpage for 28 days of public exhibition, closing on 2 December 2020.

Bush Fire Season Preparation

Council's 'Bush Fire Prevention' brochure was recently distributed to residents with the October rates notice. Further information was posted on our website, social media, Mayor's message and news articles. Additional green waste service pickups for water access-only communities throughout Pittwater have been organised.

Council is working with the Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC) and fire agencies to plan, prepare and undertake prescribed burns throughout the LGA. 41 burn proposals have been identified from Fire Management Plans and Bush Fire Risk Management Plans for inclusion in the 20/21 program. As at 6 November 2020, 12 proposed burns have been completed (25 ha), 22 are ready to burn (56.4 ha); preparation is underway for 5 burns at low risk sites (3.6 ha), and 2 burns have been removed from the program.

Council is also working closely with the BFMC and NSW Rural Fire Service to maintain an extensive APZ network throughout the LGA. The network includes 368 separate APZs, including 250 in extreme risk sites. All extreme APZs in Council's responsibility have been worked.

Council has also audited and undertaken maintenance as required to its 29 fire trails which are all passable for fire agencies.

Work in Environment and Climate Change to support the LEP/DCP Process

ECC staff are undertaking a number of technical reports to inform the LEP/ DCP process. These include Environment Study, Biodiversity Planning Review (including deferred lands review and survey), Riparian Provisions, Geotechnical Engineering Study, Stormwater Strategy and Estuarine Planning Levels Studies for the Harbour and Cowan Creek.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the Staff Update report.

ZERO WASTE TO OCEAN CHARTER
ESRG 19 NOVEMBER 2020
FEEDBACK FROM OTHER COASTAL COUNCILS

Frankston City Council

"Firstly, Council commends Northern Beaches Council on this initiative to develop the Charter and thank you for sharing it with us."

"The charter and its guiding principles have been discussed with our Waste and Recycling department and will be taken into consideration during the development of Council's new Waste Master Plan."

Brisbane City Council

"I commend you and Northern Beaches Council on adopting this Charter and would like to assure you that Brisbane City Council (Council) is doing its part to prevent waste ending up in the ocean."

Woollahra Municipal Council

"Thank you for sharing Northern Beaches' Zero Waste to Ocean Charter with Council. I have passed this on to our new General Manager, Mr Craig Swift-McNair. We support the principles of the Charter and have many actions in place with the same aim of improving the water quality of Sydney Harbour and our oceans. We are very pleased to read about the actions planned by Northern Beaches Council, which complement our actions on the southern side of the harbour."

City of Melbourne Council

"We are currently refreshing our Waterways Strategic Blueprint for 2020-22 so your correspondence is timely. The information provided in the Northern Beaches Council Zero Waste to Ocean Charter will form valuable input into the strategy and offers some key aspirations for consideration."

"I would like to thank you again for sharing this charter and congratulate you and your team on your enthusiasm for protecting our waterways and oceans."

Borough of Queenscliffe

"I have just joined the Steering Committee for the project to update the regional catchment management strategy. I will share you charter with the Catchment Management Authority and encourage them to think seriously about incorporating similar principles into our strategy."

"Thank you for taking the time to share the charter with me."

City of Canada Bay Council

"We commend Northern Beaches for adopting the Zero Waste to Oceans Charter. The protection of our environment and sensitive waterways is a highly important matter."

"Thank you again for writing to us about this important matter. It is always valuable to gain insight on how these key environmental protection issues are being addressed in other areas, and we again commend Northern Beaches Council for its commitment to protect waterways and the environment."

Lane Cove Council

"Thank you for sharing the Northern Beaches Zero Waste to Ocean Charter with Council."