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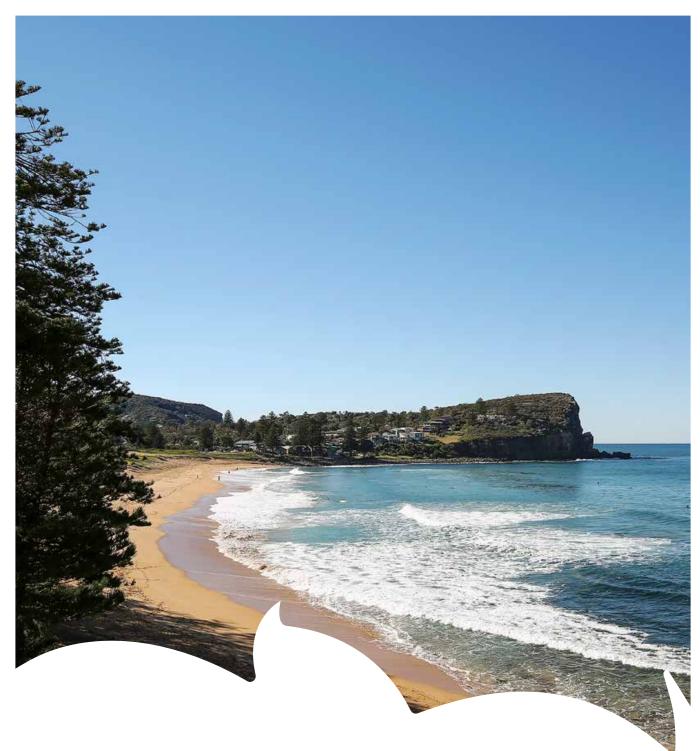
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Spotlight on Avalon - Snapshot and community engagement summary

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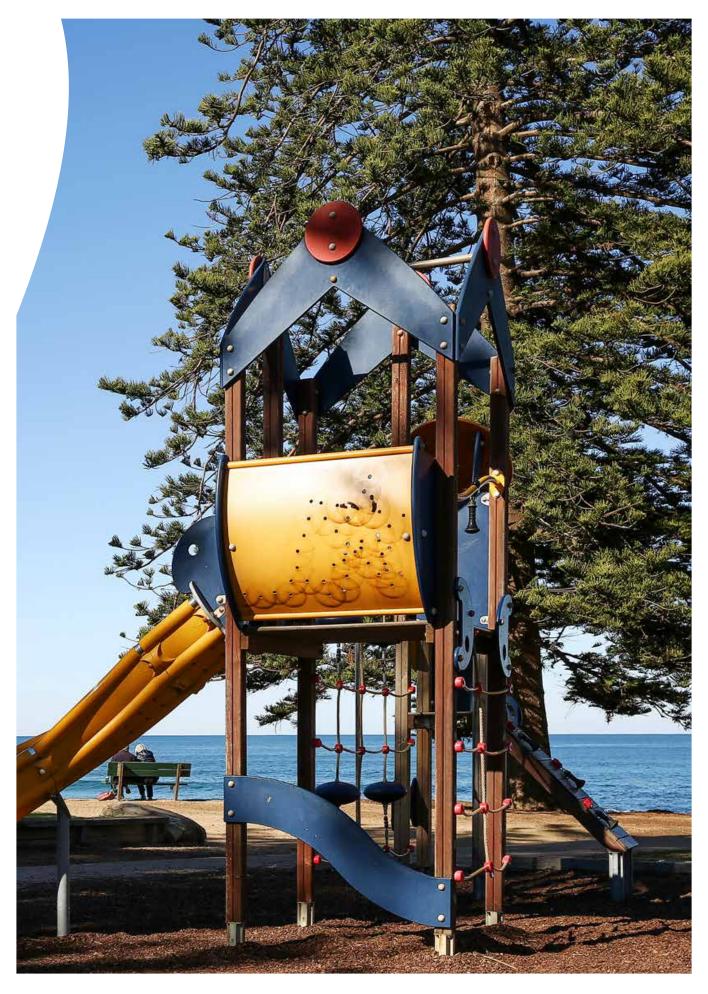
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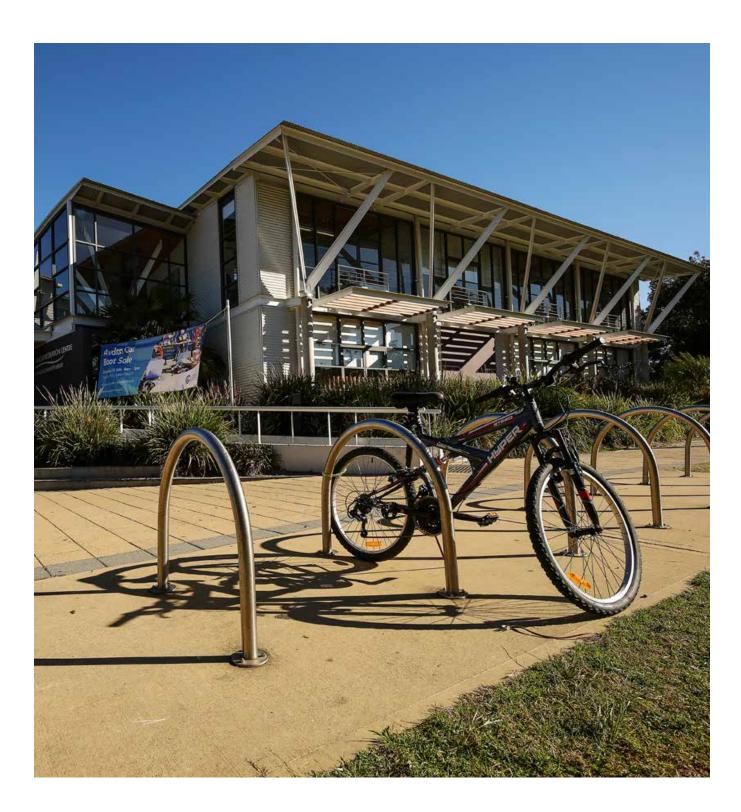
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1. Introduction

Northern Beaches Council (Council) is pleased to share 'Spotlight on Avalon', the snapshot and community engagement summary document of My Place: Avalon.

'Spotlight on Avalon' documents the aspirations, vision, priorities and ideas generated by the community and stakeholders for the Avalon village. Over a four-month community consultation period, thousands of ideas were captured reflecting the value of this unique seaside village, its eclectic coastal character and active community culture.

The shared community vision, care factor values, priorities and future directions for Avalon will inform and guide the preparation of Avalon Place Plan. The plan will be an action-oriented strategy that focuses on the community's connection to the place and it will articulate a clear and compelling vision for Avalon in the short and long term.



2. My Place Avalon

Northern Beaches Council is committed to creating great places that are safe, inclusive and accessible to all, where people want to spend time. It has initiated a place planning process called 'My Place' as an approach to planning, design and management of village and neighbourhood centres. Avalon is the first centre within Northern Beaches Council Local Government Area to undergo this planning process.

Between May and August 2018, the spotlight was on Avalon and the first phase of community engagement for My Place: Avalon commenced. During this phase, activity focused on inspiring ideas, researching and talking with the Avalon community about what they envisage the Avalon

of the future should look like from a social, natural environment, economic and cultural perspective.

My Place: Avalon focuses on the area within 400 metres of Avalon Village Centre, with a larger area of influence as illustrated in the Avalon Study Area Map.



Figure 1: Avalon Study Area Map



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The main objective of the Avalon place planning process is to inspire and stimulate the community to work with Council to create great places for all people to enjoy, now and in the future.

Part of this involved identifying quick improvements, as well as priorities for long term investment. Both will result in making the village even better and a place that people love and connect with.

Preparing the Avalon place plan will involve a broad range of stakeholders with a focus

on solving local problems with local solutions. Existing information and knowledge from both the community and Council along with ideas and aspirations gathered during community engagement will form the framework and roadmap for the development of the plan.



Figure 2: Community engagement as foundation of My Place: Avalon project



3. Spotlights on Avalon

We have captured a range of data and information regarding Avalon from a variety of sources, including Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Profile ID and business audits.

The Place

Avalon is located 37 kilometres from Sydney CBD at the northern end of the Northern Beaches, a compact and vibrant village centre positioned on the western side of Barrenjoey Road, within 300 metres of the beachfront. Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade are the two major local streets activated by food, retail, beverage and commercial operation.

The beach is a major attraction to Avalon, the surfing break is highly regarded by local and visiting surfers, and there is a strong tradition of Surf Life Saving and 'Nippers' junior surf lifesaving. It is also infused with a robust arts scene and a strong environmental ethos. Summer is the busy season in Avalon with visitors,

holiday-home owners and residents utilising the village and heach

The People

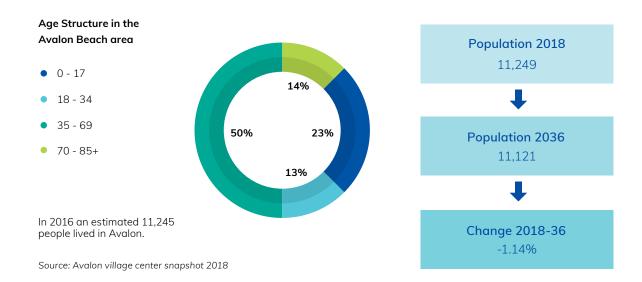
Avalon is a tight-knit community, with high rates of volunteering (24 per cent) a high number of active community groups, and a history of community-led arts and cultural programming.

In 2016, the dominant age structure for persons in Avalon Beach area were ages 35 to 69, which accounts for 50 per cent of total persons. The largest increase in persons between 2016 and 2026 is forecast to be in ages 75 to 79, which is expected to increase by 221 and account for 4.8 per cent of the total persons. Over the next 18 years, the overall population of Avalon is expected to fall by 128 people or minus 1.14 per cent (Source: ABS data 2016 and profile ID).





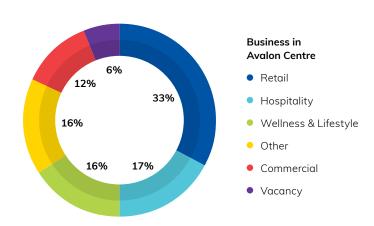




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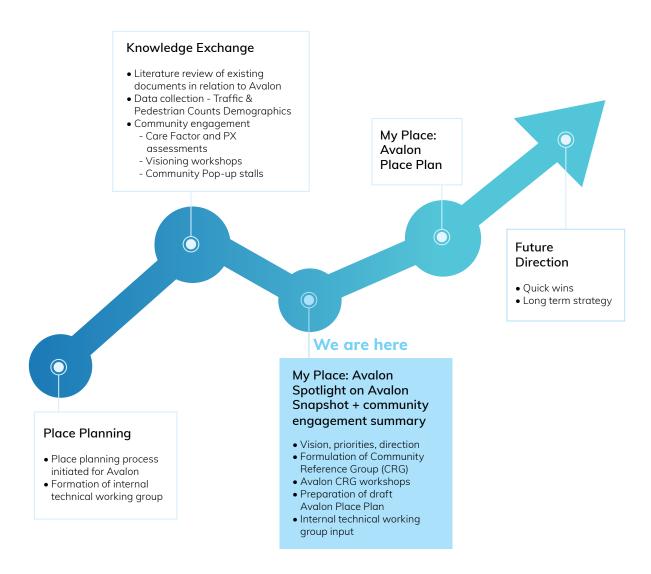
Businesses on the main streets largely provide services that cater to the local community with retail trade (33 per cent), food and beverage hospitality (17 per cent), and wellness and lifestyle services (15 per cent) being the dominant uses.³

Lifestyle and work-life balance are highly valued with 12.8 per cent of employed residents working from home compared to the Greater Sydney average of 4.4 percent. With over 3,000 Australian Business Numbers (ABNs) registered to Avalon, economic activity extends well beyond the main street. These businesses feature a markedly different industry mix to the town center, favouring professional services and creative industries.





4. Process to Date / Engagement Timeline





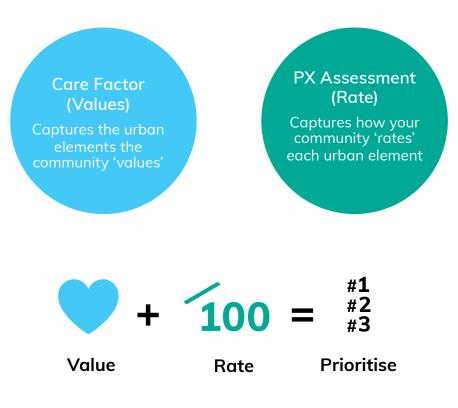
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5. What did people say?

Community consultation is the heart of the My Place: Avalon project. On 11 May 2018, Council formally commenced the first phase of community engagement of My Place: Avalon with the start of an online "Care Factor" survey and on ground Place Experience (PX) assessment surveys within the Avalon village.

The surveys allow the community to share what they most care about and how they rate the places they live, work and unwind. The surveys provide real data to define community priorities for urban environments. Priorities are set by combining the elements we value (love) with the urban elements that rated poor.

This work was followed with a series of community engagement activities, including Avalon visioning workshops, community pop-ups and online commentary form.





Community Engagement Activities

During the community engagement period, more than 1,512 contributions were collated and are being used as the foundation for My Place: Avalon project.

May - June 2018

Online Care factor Survey & ground PX assessment

June - July 2018

Two Sessions Avalon Visioning workshops

July 2018

Eight sessions Avalon communty Pop-ups + online commentary form.

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3







The community engagement activities captured feedback from a broad range of people that live, work and/or play in Avalon with 1,512 people engaged (14 per cent of Avalon's local population).



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5.1 Our Care Factor - What we value and care about

In order to capture what the community cares and values most about Avalon, Council initiated an online Care Factor survey with 847 responses collected. The values that the majority of the community care about fall within the following six Care Factor themes.

Nature, Environmen^a

75% of people care about elements of the natural environment (vegetation, views, topography, water etc).

One of Avalon's biggest assets involves natural features and the environment, green open space, native trees and plants.

Economic Vibrancy

58% of people care about the outdoor dining at restaurants, cafés and/or bars and local business

The community believes that the local businesses reflect the local community and values.

Cleanliness and Maintenance

57% of people care about the cleanliness and maintenance of Avalon village centre. Shared values include more care related to the recycling/ waste, and more frequent cleaning to keep streets tidy.

The maintenance of the streets is an important part of your respondents' ideal village centre.

Community Connections and Culture

48% of people care about the interaction with locals/other people in the area.

People aligned with the same values that a smile and customer service are valued by the community.

Street Design, Safety and Walkability

46% of people care about the ease to walk around and the look and function of the main streets within Avalon

This includes crossing streets safely and moving between different destinations with ease.

Transport

181 people care about more active public transport options within Avalon, including facilitating active transport, improving roads and traffic conditions and increasing public transport options.

What the community said

"Better landscaping, paving and planting around the village centre"

The intersection of Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade needs to be much safer for pedestrians and vehicles. "Many more walkways & cycle way linking waterways and surrounding suburbs to get people out of their cars & on foot or bikes"

'More recycling - promoting it and implementing with bins and supporting locals" Greater diversity of shops, less empty shop fronts

"Beautifications of entrance

"More art shows and music events"



What values does the community share?

Across all the Avalon community engagement activities, three key values are shared by the majority of the community.

Value 1: Creating a great place for youth and families:

Youth and families have been drawn out of Avalon due to the lack of access to educational facilities and work opportunities Youth and families are important demographics in Avalon as they generate activation for the community.

Value 2: Maintaining Avalon's distinct character:

Avalon has its own unique village character. It is important to maintain and enhance this uniqueness across recreational, residential, social, economic and cultural development in the area.

Value 3: Integration and care of nature and landscapes:

The community agrees that among Avalon's biggest assets are its natural features and environment (views, topography open space, native trees, etc.). The community is keen to continue to build a sustainable and natural Avalon, by designing street gardens and retaining/enhancing existing natural elements.





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What areas of concern does the community share?

Inclusiveness

Younger people in Avalon feel excluded from the decision-making process and community event participation. Sense of community in Avalon is strong but not within different generation

Connectivity and linkage:

The community is interested in having more direct public transport options to and from major centers, including Sydney CBD, and improved active transport connectivity locally.

Retail and vacancy rate:

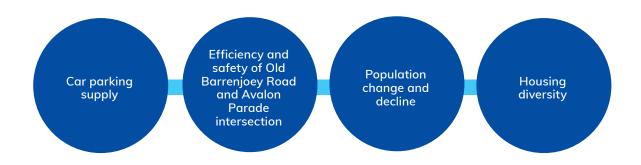
Although Avalon village has lower vacancy rates when compared to the surrounding Northern Beaches suburbs, the properties that are vacant are in some of the most prominent locations and vary significantly seasonally.

Population growth:

The community raised the need for local business survival throughout the winter season and to have longer trading hours. However, the density of housing whilst integral to the character of the area, potentially limits local business growth and sustainability

What are the contested issues for the community?

Like most communities, the Avalon community has conflicting interest and concerns around a number of key issues. These issues remain divided and unresolved and are described as 'contested'.





5.2 Our Rating - How the community rated Avalon

Place Experience (PX) surveys at four village locations were carried out on 11 and 19 May 2018 by Place Score. 188 local residents, workers and visitors completed a PX assessment. The PX score rated by Avalon community is summarised in the below table.

Location	Number of PX	Community rated PX Score
Avalon Parade (between Bellevue Ave and Old Barrenjoey Rd)	46	74
Old Barrenjoey Rd (between Avalon Parade and 61 Old Barrenjoey Rd)	48	75
Avalon Parade (between Old Barrenjoey Rd and Barrenjoey Rd)	46	70
Old Barrenjoey Rd (between the Crescent and Avalon Parade)	48	70

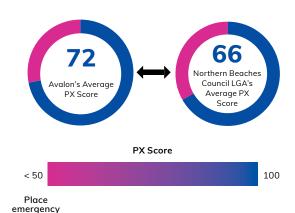




Figure 3: Avalon key locations PX score

What does this PX Score mean?

The PX Assessment score is rated out of 100. It reveals what urban elements are contributing positively or negatively to the communities experience of places. Avalon's average PX Score (72) is higher than the average for other town and village centres in the Northern Beaches local government area (PX Score (66)). Overall Avalon scored well, with the community highly rating/ or being essentially satisfied with the current streetscape and village environment.

While the PX scores are high, Avalon has the opportunity for improvement.

The place attributes that the community care about but rated lower due to poor performance were: (1) Ease of walking around; (2) Cleanliness of public spaces; (3) General condition of vegetation/street trees and other planting and (4) Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating. These four place attributes were identified as the priorities across all four key village survey locations.

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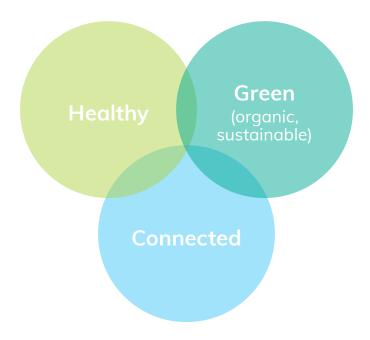
My Place: Avalon

5.3 Creating a vision

The Avalon visioning workshops held on 30 June 2018 and 4 July 2018 captured opinions from a broad representation of the Avalon community, including local residents, businesses, the education sector, arts and cultural groups, youth and school children and sporting organisations. Avalon visions were identified by the community during Avalon Visioning workshops, and aligned with the community feedback received during the eight sessions of community 'pop-ups'.

From this extensive engagement, the vision is that Avalon will be:

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





5.4 Our Priorities

The priorities for Avalon were identified when the six care factor values resulting from the community care factor survey were compared with how they are performing in the PX Score. These identified priorities were then further examined during the visioning workshops and community 'pop-up' sessions.

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 wate

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



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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



5.5 Our Directions for Avalon

During the engagement activities, the community were asked about their ideas for changes for Avalon:



Active Modes of Transportation and Improved Connectivity



Redesigned Intersection of Old Barrenjoey Rd and Avalon Parade



Enhanced Streetscape



Reduced Shop Vacancy, Increased Shop Diversity and unique local shops



Activated Avalon Village Centre during Winter Period and Night Economy





Increased Public Community Activities, Arts and Culture



More and better activities for youth



More Vibrant Outdoor Dining



Green Spaces with more planting and improved stormwater channel/creek



Increased Activation and Maintenance of Laneways



Increased Public Spaces to play, gather and relax



Improved / Updated footpaths and pavement



Improved Connectivity with Visual links / ease of walking



6. What's next?/Future Directions

The My Place: Avalon Community Reference Group (Avalon CRG) will be working with Council in the next phases of the project to prepare an Avalon Place Plan, with technical support from a range of experts, to identify 'quick wins', activations, and a longer term strategy for Avalon's future. This draft plan will then be placed on exhibition for community engagement and consultation.

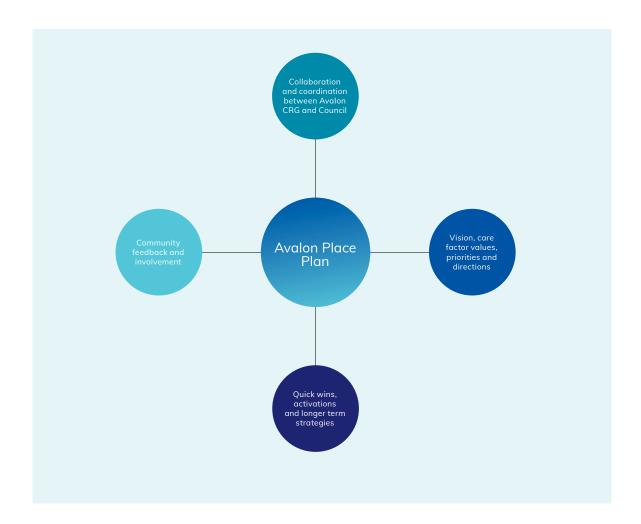


Figure 3: Key components of Avalon Place Plan



Attachment 1: Place Score and Assessment Survey







ABOUT PLACE SCORE

PLACESCORE is a place experience (PX) diagnostic, engagement, benchmarking, and data tracking platform that helps guide and measure more effective investment in urban environments.

PLACESCORE offers two sophisticated data collection tools, Care Factor and PX Assessments. Like a 'place census', Care Factor captures what your community really values. PX Assessments measure the community's lived experience.



Together they provide you with data driven directions for prioritising investment... a high 'Care Factor' and a low 'PX Score' denotes a high priority for investment.



AVALON TOWN CENTRE PROJECT SCOPE

Between 11th May 2018 and 11th June 2018 **PLACE**SCORE, on behalf of the Northern Beaches Council, collected Town Centre Care Factor surveys and PX Assessments via online and faceto-face surveys.¹

This Community Insights Report (CIR) includes:

- A summary of the survey respondents
- The key findings of the Care Factor survey
- The key findings of the PX Assessments
- The community's ideas for change

TOWN CENTRE CARE FACTOR SURVEY

- Which place attributes are most important to you in your ideal town centre?
- **711** respondents from across the Local Government Area
- The online survey was live from 11th May 2018 to 11th June 2018

TOWN CENTRE PX ASSESSMENTS

- How is each place attribute impacting your personal enjoyment of this place?
- 4 main street environments
- 188 local residents, workers and visitors completed a PX Assessment
- Face-to-face data was collected between 11th May 2018 and 19th May 2018

A total of 899 responses were collected during the research.





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This section provides an executive summary of key findings for Avalon.



AVALON TOWN CENTRE ABOUT YOUR RESPONDENTS



ABOUT YOUR DATASET

Data was collected via online surveys during the period 11th May - 11th June 2018. A total of 769 participated with 711 completing all questions (92% completion rate).

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IDENTITY ²	
Residents	92%
Visitors	16%
Workers	12%
Students	2%

TOP 3 COUNTRIES OF BIRTH

Australia	70%
United Kingdom	16%
New Zealand	2%

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ABOUT YOUR DATASET

Data was collected via face-to-face surveys during the period 11th-19th May 2018. A total of 188 participated with 188 completing all questions (100% completion rate).



IDENTITY ²	
Residents	67%
Visitors	19%
VISILOIS	1970
Workers	12%
Students	2%

TOP 3 COUNTRIES OF BIRTH Australia 63% United Kingdom 10%

China





AVALON TOWN CENTRE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY





711 local residents, workers and visitors completed a Care Factor survey.¹

WHAT WE ALL CARE ABOUT...

The Top 5 Town Centre place attributes valued by *all respondents* are:

- #1 Elements of natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water, etc.)
- #2 Overall visual character of the area
- #3 Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating
- #4 Vegetation and natural elements (street trees, planting, water etc.)
- #5 Cleanliness of public space

WHO CARES ABOUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

While most people care about the same place attributes, some groups differ:

Age

79% of people aged 45-64 care about 'Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)' compared to only 62% of people aged 25-44.

Visitors

41% of Visitors care about 'Interesting things to look at (people, shops, views etc.)' compared to only 31% of Residents.





AVALON TOWN CENTRE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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188 local residents, workers and visitors completed a PX Assessment on the 11th of May and the 19th of May.

This table summarises the PX score for each location.

LOCATION	NUMBER OF PX	TOTAL PX SCORE
Avalon Parade (btw Bellevue and Old Barrenjoey Rd)	46	74
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PERFORMANCE AND PRIORITIES

When the Care Factors are compared against their performance in the PX Assessments it is possible to identify priorities for town centre investment.

Across all locations the following attributes are generally most highly valued, but performing the poorest from the community's perspective.

These should be considered as overall priorities moving forward.

TOP 10 CARE FACTORS

What we care about most? [#CF Rank]	Ranking Gap (CF Rank - PX Rank):		
Cleanliness of public space #5	\$	-22	
Ease of walking around =#8	O _o	-16	
General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting #6	>	-15	
Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating =#3	řŕ .	-10	
/egetation and natural elements =#3	O o	-9	
Elements of the natural environment #1	*	-3	
Businesses that reflect the local community and values #8	∱x †	-2	
Overall visual character of the area #2	O o	+0	
nteraction with locals/ other people in the area #7	\$	+1	
Sense of safety =#8	∱x #	+7	





AVALON TOWN CENTRE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TOWN CENTRE PRIORITIES

The following table summarises the priorities for locations wihtin the Avalon Town Centre. Priorities are defined as attributes with a Top 10 Care Factor and low PX score/ performance rating.¹



LOCATION	PRIORITY 1	PRIORITY 2	PRIORITY 3
Avalon Parade (btw Bellevue and Old Barrenjoey Rd)	Ease of walking around	Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating	Cleanliness of public space
Old Barrenjoey Road (btw Avalon Parade and 61 Old Barrenjoey Rd)	Cleanliness of public space	General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting	Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating
Avalon Parade (btw Old Barrenjoey Rd and Barrenjoey Rd)	Cleanliness of public space	General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting	Ease of walking around
Old Barrenjoey Road (btw The Crescent and Avalon Parade)	Ease of walking around	General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting	Cleanliness of public space



AVALON TOWN CENTRE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COMMUNITY IDEAS FOR CHANGE

Participants were asked to share their small and big ideas to improve town centres in the Northern Beaches, 306 responses were received for Avalon.¹ Respondents' ideas were classified under themes in order to identify trends.

The dominant themes in Avalon were:

- 1. Active modes of transportation Safer crossings, wider and well maintained footpaths and bicycle paths
- 2. Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade intersection Roundabout, traffic lights, moving the pedestrian crossings and/ or closing part of the road to car traffic
- 3. **Retail offer and vacancy** Less empty shops, lower rent, greater and more diverse offer of restaurant, cafés and bars
- 4. Car accessibility and parking More and/or longer parking around town centre and Dunbar park
- 5. Places to play and relax Updated playgrounds and public spaces, additional benches and gathering places

"The intersection of Avalon Parade & Old Barrenjoey Rd needs to be much safer for pedestrians & vehicles. More seating in parks and streets."

"Better parking and traffic infrastructure. Parking is terrible and spread all over the place. The lack of traffic management at the intersection makes it worse."

"Greater diversity of shops, less empty shop fronts (but you will need to convince greedy landlords not to hold out!)"

"Better landscaping, paving and planting around the town centre!"

"Many more walkways & cycleways linking waterways and surrounding suburbs to get people out of their cars & on foot or bikes."





TOWN CENTRE CARE FACTOR

Your Care Factor data acts as a 'place census', identifying what is most important to your community regarding their ideal town centre. The data is valid for 3-5 years and can be used for a variety of strategic and tactical projects - from planning to place branding and activation.



KEY FINDINGS

Key community values and insights for Avalon City Council are:

Integration and care of nature and landscapes
The presence of elements of natural environment
(views, topography, water, etc) and of vegetation are
highly valued by the Avalon community.

Looks and cleanliness

The overall visual character and maintenance of your streets is an important part of your respondents' ideal town centre.

Social activities, connection and community

Respondents care about outdoor dining and drinking options, their interaction with locals as well as having businesses that reflect their community and values.

Different demographics care about different place attributes:

People aged 25-44:

- 31% of people aged 25-44 care about 'Spaces suitable for specific activities (play, entertainment, exercise, etc.)' compared to only 21% of people aged 45-64.

People aged 45-64:

- 79% of people aged 45-64 care about 'Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)' compared to only 62% of people aged 25-44.

Men:

- 32% of Men care about 'Amount of public space (footpaths and public spaces)' compared to only 23% of Women.

Women:

- 44% of Women care about 'Evidence of public events happening here (markets, street entertainers, festivals etc.)' compared to only 32% of Men.

Visitors:

- 41% of Visitors care about 'Interesting things to look at (people, shops, views etc.)' compared to only 31% of Residents.

Residents:

- 54% of Residents care about 'General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting' compared to only 45% of Visitors.





RANK ¹	OVERALL (N=711)	%	RANK	OVERALL (N=711)	%
#1 UNIQUE	Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)	75%	#6 CARE	General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting	53%
#2 COOK & FUNCTION	Overall visual character of the area	62%	#7 CARE	Interaction with locals/ other people in the area (smiles, customer service etc.)	48%
=#3 THINGS TO DO	Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating	58%	=#8 SENSE OF WELCOME	Businesses that reflect the local community and values	46%
=#3 Cook & FUNCTION	Vegetation and natural elements (street trees, planting, water etc.)	58%	=#8 Look & FUNCTION	Ease of walking around (including crossing the street, moving between destinations)	46%
#5 CARE	Cleanliness of public space	56%	=#8 SENSE OF WELCOME	Sense of safety (for all ages, genders, day/night etc.)	46%





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"1	Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)
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=#8	Sense of safety (for all ages, genders, day/night etc.)

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Female ²	441	78%	65%	56%	61%	59%	53%	50%	47%	46%	46%	
Age												
0-24	75	71%	67%	48%	56%	63%	48%	47%	44%	40%	49%	
25-44	164	62%	50%	52%	50%	56%	44%	48%	49%	45%	50%	
45-64	331	79%	66%	63%	62%	58%	55%	48%	47%	45%	46%	
65+	141	83%	63%	57%	60%	50%	60%	48%	43%	53%	40%	
Country of birt	h (To	p 3)										
Australia	501	75%	60%	57%	57%	55%	53%	52%	48%	47%	47%	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	111	79%	68%	61%	62%	59%	58%	40%	48%	52%	48%	
New Zealand	15	67%	40%	47%	60%	80%	53%	20%	40%	33%	47%	
Ancestry (Top 3	3)											
Australasian	325	74%	58%	56%	55%	55%	50%	49%	47%	49%	45%	
European (including United Kingdom)	322	77%	66%	63%	60%	56%	55%	47%	46%	43%	47%	
Mixed	37	68%	57%	43%	65%	65%	54%	51%	51%	57%	38%	







OVERALL

N=711 ¹	
*1	Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)
*2	Overall visual character of the area
-#3	Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating
#3	Vegetation and natural elements (street trees, planting, water etc.)
*5	Cleanliness of public space
*6	General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting
*7	Interaction with locals/ other people in the area (smiles, customer service etc.)
-#8	Businesses that reflect the local community and values
-#8	Ease of walking around (including crossing the street, moving between destinations)
=#8	Sense of safety (for all ages, genders, day/night etc.)

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Identity												
Residents	655	76%	61%	58%	60%	56%	54%	48%	46%	47%	47%	
Visitors	112	79%	63%	61%	53%	55%	45%	49%	53%	51%	48%	
Workers	85	73%	61%	54%	53%	60%	42%	49%	47%	45%	58%	
Students	13	77%	77%	31%	46%	54%	46%	69%	46%	46%	46%	
Neighbourhoo	d Typ	e										
Rural/Suburban (Low density)	362	75%	61%	57%	60%	53%	55%	44%	43%	46%	47%	
Inner-urban (Low-medium density)	281	75%	60%	59%	57%	60%	52%	51%	48%	48%	43%	
Inner-urban (Medium-high density)	57	68%	72%	63%	53%	58%	39%	61%	58%	37%	47%	
City (High density)	11	82%	64%	45%	73%	64%	64%	36%	36%	55%	64%	







PX ASSESSMENTS

Face-to-face PX Assessments were conducted with community members at four main street locations in Avalon. This section provides a summary of the data.



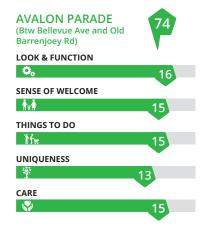
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YOUR HIGHEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

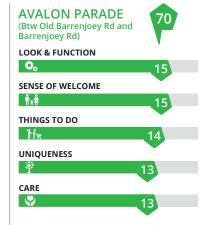
The following place attributes rated highest overall:

- *1 Service businesses (post offices, libraries, banks etc.)
- *2 Amount of public space (footpaths and public spaces)
- *3 Overall visual character of the area

YOUR LOWEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

The following place attributes rated most poorly overall:

- ***50** Unusual or unique buildings or public space design
- 49 Unusual or unique businesses/shops
- *48 Public art, community art, water or light feature



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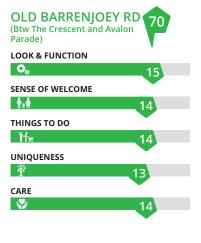
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- *1 Sense of safety (for all ages, genders, day/night etc.)
- *2 Grocery and fresh food businesses
- *3 Welcoming to all people

YOUR LOWEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

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- *50 Evidence of recent public investment (new planting, paving, street furniture etc.)
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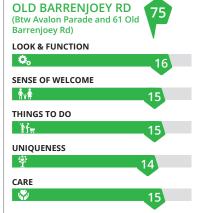
The following place attributes rated highest overall:

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- *2 Overall visual character of the area
- *3 Physical comfort (including noise, smells, temperature)

YOUR LOWEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

The following place attributes rated most poorly overall:

- *50 Unique mix or diversity of people in the area
- "49 Evidence of recent public investment (new planting, paving, street furniture etc.)
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YOUR LOWEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

The following place attributes rated most poorly overall:

- "50 Car accessibility and parking
- *49 Unique mix or diversity of people in the area
- *48 Diversity of price points (\$ to \$\$\$)



AVALON TOWN CENTRE HOW ARE YOUR MAIN STREETS PERFORMING?

BREAKING DOWN YOUR PX SCORES

This table identifies the PX Scores of your main streets filtered by different demographics.



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LOCATION	N=	Total PX Score	Men	Women	Age 0-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65+	Resident	Visitor	Workers
Avalon Parade (btw Bellevue and Old Barrenjoey Rd)	46	74	74	72	82	77	67*	64	71	77	74*
Avalon Parade (btw Old Barrenjoey Rd and Barrenjoey Rd)	46	70	71	68	73*	70	70	67	68	78*	64*
Old Barrenjoey Road (btw The Crescent and Avalon Parade)	48	70	69	71	75*	68	65	75	70	73*	64*
Old Barrenjoey Road (btw Avalon Parade and 61 Old Barrenjoey Rd)	48	75	75	73	77	76	71	69*	73	75	76*

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PX Scores

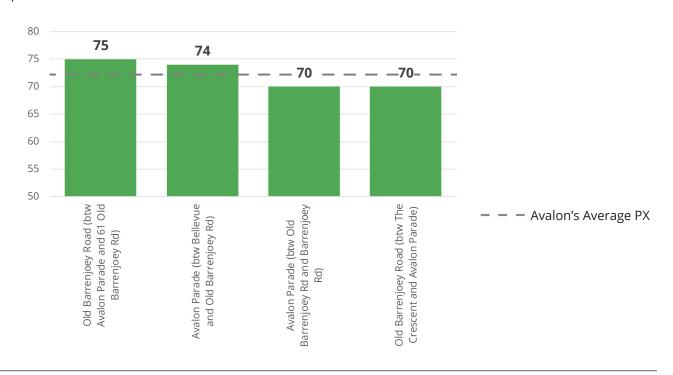




AVALON TOWN CENTRE HOW ARE YOUR MAIN STREETS PERFORMING?

IDENTIFYING THE PRIORITIES

This table identifies the attributes that most people rank as important against how they perform in each location. The lowest performing attributes are the priorities for each location.







UNDERSTANDING YOUR TOWN CENTRE

We have collected data based on suburb of residence as well as which town centre people are most closely associated with. You can plan to meet the values of your current audiences as well as market gaps.



AVALON AVALON PARADE



RANK	OVERALL (N=711)	%	RANK	65+ (N=141)	%
#1 TUNIQUE	Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)	75%	#1 I	Elements of the natural environment (views, vegetation, topography, water etc.)	83%
#2 Ook & FUNCTION	Overall visual character of the area	62%	#2 O LOOK & FUNCTION	Overall visual character of the area	63%
#3 N THINGS	Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating	58%	=#3	General condition of vegetation, street trees and other planting	60%
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#5 CARE	Cleanliness of public space	56%	#5 THINGS	Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating	57%
ANK	VISITORS (N=112)	%	RANK	WORKERS (N=85)	%

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#3	THINGS TO DO	Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating	61%	#3 CARE	Cleanliness of public space	60%
#4	CARE	Cleanliness of public space	55%	#4 SENSE OF WELCOME	Sense of safety (for all ages, genders, day/night etc.)	58%
=#5	SENSE OF WELCOME	Businesses that reflect the local community and values	53%	#5 THINGS	Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating	54%

Different from overall top 5

pxassessment



BETWEEN BELLEVUE AVE AND OLD BARRENJOEY RD

YOUR HIGHEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

The following place attributes rated highest overall:

- *1 Service businesses (post offices, libraries, banks
- *2 Amount of public space (footpaths and public
- *3 Overall visual character of the area

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BETWEEN OLD BARRENJOEY RD AND BARRENJOEY RD

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AVALON PARADE
(BTW BELLEVUE AVE AND OLD BARRENJOEY RD)

TOP 10 CARE FACTORS

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"Improving pathways/creating a cycleway/ thoroughfares throughout the suburb so it makes it easier to get in to Avalon without driving in."

> "The intersection of Avalon Pde & Old Barrenjoey Rd needs to be much safer for pedestrians & vehicles. More seating in parks and streets."

AVALON PARADE

(BTW OLD BARRENJOEY RD AND BARRENJOEY RD)
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AVALON OLD BARRENJOEY ROAD



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Different from overall top 5

pxassessment



BETWEEN THE CRESCENT AND AVALON PARADE

YOUR HIGHEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

The following place attributes rated highest overall:

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- Welcoming to all people
- Overall visual character of the area

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BETWEEN AVALON PARADE AND 61 OLD BARRENJOEY RD

YOUR HIGHEST RATED PLACE ATTRIBUTES

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OLD BARRENJOEY RD
(BTW THE CRESCENT AND AVALON PARADE)

TOP 10 CARE FACTORS

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"Affordable pop up spaces for businesses! Many small businesses cannot thrive because of huge rents. Short term 'pop up' rents could be the solution."

"We need more all day car parking during business hours. Town centre workers have to move our cars on business day to avoid parking fines."

OLD BARRENJOEY RD
(BTW AVALON PARADE AND 61 OLD BARRENJOEY RD)

TOP 10 CARE FACTORS

What we care about most? [# CF Rank] How it is performing (CF Rank - PX Rank):

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Outdoor restaurant, café and/or bar seating =#3	Ĭri=	-22
Ease of walking around =#8	O o	-16
Vegetation and natural elements =#3	Ф _о	-6
Elements of the natural environment #1	Ť	-4
Businesses that reflect the local community and values =#8	ħx₩	-4
Overall visual character of the area #2	O o	-1
Sense of safety =#8	†ix#	+
Interaction with locals/ other people in the area #7	8	+





COMMUNITY IDEAS FOR CHANGE

Care Factor respondents were asked about their small or big ideas to improve town centre in Avalon. 306 ideas were collected and classified in order to identify the recurring themes in your communities' ideas for change.



AVALON TOWN CENTRE OUR TOP 10 IDEAS

COMMUNITY IDEAS FOR CHANGE

Participants were asked to share their small and big ideas to improve Avalon's town centre. Their ideas are here classified under different themes in order to identify trends and measure the prevalence of an idea or issue.

IDEAS' CLASSIFICATION UNDER CARE FACTOR AND PX DIMENSIONS ¹	% (N=306)
Look and function	69%
Sense of welcome	58%
Things to do	45%
Care	42%
Uniqueness	34%

"Some quiet, less busy, more natural spaces to sit and read or chat to a friend or family."

AVALON'S TOP 10 THEMES ¹	% (N=306)	EXAMPLES
Promote active modes of transportation	27%	Safer crossings, wider and well maintained footpaths, pedestrian mall and bicycle paths
Redesign the Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade intersection	21%	Make the intersection safer by: changing it to a roundabout, installing traffic lights, moving the pedestrian crossings further down street, close parts of Old Barrenjoey Road to car traffic
Reduce shop vacancies and increase diversity	19%	Lower rent and/or vacancy rate, more restaurants, cafés and bars, support of local and/or unique businesses
Increase car accessibility and parking	13%	More and/or longer free parking in town centre and near Dunbar Park, facilitate car access
Improve public spaces to play, sit and rest	13%	More and/or better playgrounds, benches, places to relax and gather
Scale down car accessibility and parking	11%	Speed reduction measures, less cars and parking spaces, occasional or permanent pedestrian street in town centre
Protect the environment, fauna and flora	10%	More and/or better maintained tree plantings and green spaces, being environmentally conscious
Protect the identity and limit development	10%	Protect the current Avalon identity and what makes it unique, limit development and higher densities
Improve family friendly spaces	7%	Family friendly spaces and events, playgrounds that are adapted and safe for multiple age groups
Support arts and culture	6%	More public art, performances and cultural activities





My Place: Avalon

Attachment 2: Avalon Visioning Workshop Results



PLACE PARTNERS Placemaking Consultancy

AVALON VISIONING WORKSHOPS 1 & 2

OUTCOMES REPORT

Prepared for Northern Beaches Council, NSW

19 July 2018



PROJECT BACKGROUND

Northern Beaches Council is undertaking a planning process in collaboration with the local community, to develop a Place Plan for Avalon. The Place Plan is an action-oriented strategy focused on the community's connection to place. It establishes an area's vision and path forward, allowing incremental change that is aligned with the current and future community needs.

The Place Plan aims to:

- > create places designed for people
- attract the right uses to the right places
- provide a focal point for employment and deliver high quality urban design outcomes
- > improve connectivity in and around the centre, especially for pedestrians
- recognise the importance of streets as community spaces and destinations

As part of this place planning process Place Partners were engaged to facilitate two visioning workshops to capture aspirations for local place identity, identify priorities for the future of the village and ideas for change.

THE VISIONING WORKSHOPS

Two three hour workshops were held in Avalon on Saturday 30th June and Wednesday 4th July. Stakeholders were invited from a range of community organisations, educational institutions, businesses and residents' groups. 41 people attended the two workshops which took both groups through the same content and processes, as such, this report includes the combined findings from both workshops.

The objectives of the two visioning workshops were to:

- > Ensure all interested parties can have the opportunity to participate in the process
- Align community and council around a shared vision
- Engage the community to think about all perspectives of Avalon, and how they would explain its story
- > Allow the community to engage with any prospects for opportunity and change

ACTIVITY	DATE	ENGAGEMENT	#
Workshop	30 June 2018	Community Visioning #1 – 3 hours	7
Workshop	4 July 2018	Community Visioning #2 – 3 hours	34

The desired outcomes were to:

- > Share the project aims and process with key local stakeholders
- Provide the community with an overview of Avalon's current context; demographics, past engagement findings etc
- > Share the Avalon Place Score engagement findings
- > Understand the issues that the community would like to prioritise for the future
- > Understand the attributes that the community believe represent the identity of Avalon
- > Identify opportunities and ideas for the future of Avalon

ATTACHMENTS:



- > List of workshop attendees and their affiliation
- > Summary of key findings from workshops
- > Full list of responses and ideas

WORKSHOP ATTENDEES

NAME	AFFILIATION
Robert Deane	Avalon Badminton Club
Peta Clark	Barrenjoey High
Gerd Hollander	Avalon Computer Pals for Seniors
Catherine Kerr	Clareville & Bilgola Plateau Residents Assoc.
Billy Bragg	Avalon Community Garden
Julia Souter	Counselling & Psychotherapy
Alex Mc	Council
Sam Garner	Avalon Palm Beach Business Chamber
David Watson	Beach Without Sand – local surf shop
Sue Boaden	Barrenjoey Alliance for Arts & Culture
Craig Boaden	APA / PCA
Ros Marsh	Avalon Preservation Association
Peter Mayman	APA
Laura Field	Early Ed – Play for All
Simone Sinclair	Avalon Palm Beach Business Chamber
Maurie Overy	ABBC
Beatrix Twibill Hall	Barrenjoey High
Axel Akerman	Barrenjoey High
Jayne Denslure	Resident Cinema group
Miranda Korzy	Northern Beaches Greens
Greg Roberts	SIRA
Justene Gordon	Avalon Youth Hub – Burdekin Assoc.
Sally Mayman	Barrenjoey High School P&C Assoc. parent
Richard West	Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association Inc
Roger Sayers	APA
Leo Foster	Barrenjoey High
Adam Inger	Barrenjoey High
Rudy Nicholson	Barrenjoey High
Joel Walter	Barrenjoey High
Ben Walter	Barrenjoey High
Anna Walter	Avalon resident
Sam Creecy	Avalon resident
Helen Trollope	Avalon Hockey Club
Ben Trollope	Avalon Hockey Club
Clr Ian White	Councillor
Robert Hopton	Project Director, Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club



Carol Altman	Avalon Bowling
Marita Macrae	Director, Pittwater Natural Heritage Association
Pru Wawn	The Greens Member, Protect Pittwater
Janet Forrester	Communications Manager, Clareville and Bilgola Plateau Residents' Assoc.
Conrad Grayson	Member, Avalon Preservation Association
Clr Ian White	Councillor, Northern Beaches Council

Council members:

Andrew Pigott	Northern Beaches Council
Anne-Maree Newbery	Northern Beaches Council
Karen Buckingham	Northern Beaches Council
Liz Brown	Northern Beaches Council
Joyce Jiang	Northern Beaches Council
Brenden Gavin	Northern Beaches Council
Nikki Griffith	Northern Beaches Council



ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

THE FUTURE CHARACTER OF AVALON

The place character, or look and feel of an area is about capturing the 'essence' of Avalon, what makes it unique and special. The following words reflect the findings of the community attendees in the two workshops.

Our vision for Avalon is for a place that is healthy, green, organic and connected.

For the Avalon community this means:

- a GREEN, ORGANIC and sustainable place that celebrates the natural environment particularly the unique local landscape vegetation by protecting and building its quality and unstructured design
- a CONNECTED community, both physically and socially, where people can walk and cycle around and to the village, where all people of all ages and interests can gather and connect to each other and local business
- a HEALTHY community, both in terms of physical health and activity, as well as social wellbeing, a community that is open and encourages creativity and entrepreneurship

WHAT VALUES DO THE AVALON COMMUNITY SHARE?

The community is aligned around having a personal and professional investment towards a positive future for Avalon. There is a strong feeling of care and connectedness towards the village centre, and the community wants to see it become more vibrant and sustainable. Key areas where community attendees are aligned include:

- CREATING A GREAT PLACE FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES participants agree that Avalon can leverage its assets that make it a great place for families and youth. Youth and families have been drawn out of Avalon due to its distant proximity to educational facilities and work opportunities. Youth and families are among the top desired audiences for Avalon as they generate more income for businesses and are active in community events.
- MAINTAINING AVALON'S DISTINCT CHARACTER participants aligned around the fact that Avalon has its own features that make it stand out from its surroundings. This can be given credit to the unique recreational, social, economic, and cultural opportunities on offer here. There are a number of spaces such as the Avalon Golf Club or even the high school grounds that have the potential for multiuse treatment to create a more social and active environment, which would allow Avalon to further enhance its distinctive feel.
- VIBRANT AND SUSTAINABLE LOOK AND FEEL participants agree that one of the biggest assets to Avalon involves natural features and the environment. Open space, native trees and plants, Dunbar Park, and low-density housing all contribute to Avalon being an enjoyable place to experience. There are many ideas from the community that would further improve Avalon's sense of vibrancy and natural features, such as street gardens and retaining tree canopy.

ARE THERE ANY AREAS OF CONFLICT OR CONCERN?

The community attendees showed that Avalon faces conflicting interests and concerns surrounding inclusiveness, connectivity, population, and vacancy:

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- INCLUSIVENESS The sense of community in Avalon seems to be strong for those within the same generation, however, the younger population feels excluded from any decision-making processes and event participation. The younger population has been leaving Avalon as older residents move in, and youth are losing their voice as time moves on.
- CONNECTIVITY AND LINKAGES Workshop attendees are interested in having more direct public transport options to and from the Sydney CBD but are concerned that this will cause additional congestion. Making it easier for pedestrians to walk around is another area of concern that can be improved in correlation with street changes.
- POPULATION GROWTH Workshop attendees raised the interests to make the local businesses survive throughout all periods and to have longer trading hours, however, the demand for maintaining low-density housing and enjoying the peaceful environment will restrict the future business growth of Avalon. Introducing a mixed demographic with the influx in population is also a concern as most attendees wish to retain Avalon's current personality and feel.
- RETAIL AND VACANCY RATES Although Avalon Village has low vacancy rates when compared to the surrounding Northern Beaches suburbs, the properties that are vacant are in some of the most active locations in the area. Holiday houses being used only during Summer periods contributes to lack of Winter activity in Avalon, affecting businesses and social life.

WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY'S ASPIRATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF AVALON?

The workshop participants discussed throughout various stages of the workshop what their individual and group aspirations were for the future of Avalon. These three words capture the attendees' aspirations for the future of Avalon:

NATURAL – Elements of the natural environment is an attribute that the attendees agree can always be improved upon in Avalon as it provides a sense of vibrancy and energy that transforms a space, while also keeping the area relaxed and green. Encouraging environmental sustainability by retaining tree canopy for new developments and by maintaining sustainable low-density developments. Open space environments can be improved with more outdoor cafes and restaurants, in addition to more outdoor events and activities. Street gardens filled with organic edibles is another aspiration that most attendees were on board with.

CONNECTIONS – Attendees agree that more can be done throughout Avalon to improve social, cultural, physical and economic connections. In addition to better access and more regular intervals to and from the Sydney CBD, walking activities can be introduced for all ages including directional and wayfinding signage competitions, and dog days. Creating a car-free pedestrian plaza from Old Barrenjoey Rd to Avalon Pde will benefit retail and restaurants, encouraging increased social and physical interactions.

COMMUNITY – Attendees agree that the community is friendly towards each other, but a lack of avenues for displaying social interactions is an increasing issue. A sense of community is strong among Avalon's residents, but there is a lack of activities or things to do during the day and at night. There is a potential to utilise existing spaces such as high school grounds at night for an outdoor cinema, or Avalon Golf Club as a creative art space.







THE CHALLENGES THAT AVALON SHOULD PRIORITISE

- **1. STREET DESIGN, SAFETY AND WALKABILITY** Designing, implementing and maintaining safe street design with better accessibility and linkages for pedestrians.
- **2. POPULATION STAGNATION** Keeping Avalon relaxed and comfortable while also encouraging businesses to invest here longer-term, which will occur if population increases.
- **3. LACK OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES** High suicide rates among youth and many young families leaving Avalon can be attributed to lack of activities among other reasons. There is a severe lack of night life and art programs for youth.
- **4. DECISION-MAKING TRANSPARENCY** Attendees feel as though the minority is making all important decisions that do not relate to what the majority desire and need.
- **5. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MAINTAINING LOW-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT** A great issue related to population stagnation throughout Avalon involves the high rental prices, low-density developments, and not enough variety in property choice. Affordable housing is a challenge when this is the situation, considering Avalon attendees wish to maintain the local character.
- **6. REGULAR PUBLIC TRANSPORT** The lack of transport options to and from the Sydney CBD, and the travel time is a challenge for Avalon. Pedestrian and vehicle congestion is also a challenge within the Avalon Village.
- **7. OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG POPULATION** In addition to activities and transport, nearby educational facilities and job prospects can keep the young population in Avalon as there would be a reason to stay.
- **8. RETAIL VARIETY AND VACANCY** Avalon Villages' vacant shops and lack of variety are a challenge for the village centre, especially as attendees do not wish for franchises to take up the space. High rental prices and minimal activity in Winter are major reasons as to why there is little room for creative and long-term business ventures.

WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY'S IDEAS FOR CHANGE?

The participants shared numerous ideas for change and aspirations that could occur in Avalon. The following provides a high-level summary categorised by key themes:

- INCREASED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES Intergenerational activities with retirees and children teaching each other their skills, monthly noodle markets, utilising vacant spaces for outdoor cinema and art workshops, encouraging walkability with 'dog days', holding competitions for children involving street/footpath signage, outdoor chess boards, carols on the beach, street theatre, film festivals, community-held clubs, volunteer groups.
- RETAINING THE AMOUNT AND QUALITY OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS green and open spaces, natural light, fresh air, reduced noise and air pollution. Suggested planning controls on tree canopy retention include amending planning laws and policy where trees are not cut down for every development or some are at least retained. For instance, instead of 10m make it only applicable for those trees that are 8m or closer.
- ENHANCED STREETSCAPE ENVIRONMENT better connectivity, more vibrant art and vegetation, re-route buses through Barrenjoey Rd, refreshing laneways and pavement, car-free pedestrian plaza from Old Barrenjoey Rd to Avalon Pde.

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- **CAR ACCESSIBILITY AND PARKING** Implementing tiered parking spaces coupled with vertical gardens; Bowling Green Lane is a suggested location.
- **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND CULTURE** Indigenous acknowledgement through signage and labelling on heritage features, enhanced communication regarding advertisements for local activities, utilising existing spaces such as high school grounds at night.
- MORE ACTIVITY DURING WINTER PERIODS Council- and Chamber-funded lighting and vegetation throughout the village, transforming natural elements into Christmas theme during Winter (Christmas in July).

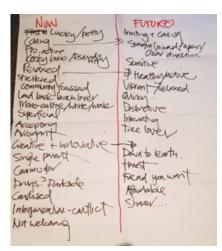


WORKSHOP 1 & 2 ACTIVITIES - DETAILED FINDINGS

DISCUSSION - PERSONALITY

Over 2 workshops, all participants were asked to imagine Avalon as a person you were having dinner with and "How would you describe Avalon now?". After people spoke up and formed an extensive list of defining characteristics, participants were then asked to describe "How would you want Avalon to be 10 years from now?". Certain characteristics crossed over, and others were improvements over previous descriptions.





The dominant themes across Avalon's features currently include generous, creative and relaxed, but also suffering from mental health issues. Avalon's future looks to have a healthier lifestyle and increased community involvement.

When asked about defining Avalon in its current state, respondents described Avalon as someone who volunteers, is healthy, status-driven, friendly, casual, relaxed, generous, a greenie, environmentally-conscious, arty, musical, asset rich, lucky, entrepreneurial, pro-active and old. Other characteristics defining Avalon involve being mono-cultural, conflicting with other generations, petty, a heavy drinker, on drugs, suffers mental health issues like depression, is the underbelly, isolated, cash-poor and mono-cultural.

Looking towards the future for Avalon, participants see it as healthy both physically and mentally, generous, involved, connected physically and socially, accepting, opportunistic and having environmental leadership. Future Avalon is also a tree lover, interesting, distinctive, sensitive, inviting and caring, down-to-earth and honest.

A key point to take away from this activity are that mental health and isolation are Avalon's key issues that the community wishes to change, and participants want to rid Avalon of these issues by encouraging a more community-oriented village. Another change people want to see is for Avalon to be more inviting and welcoming, in addition to constantly being distinctive and interesting.



INDIVIDUAL #1 – CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES – OVERALL FINDINGS BETWEEN THE 2 WORKSHOPS:

Participants were given two coloured sets of post-it notes and were asked to individually identify any challenges and opportunities that Avalon is facing. These were categorised under Avalon's themes, with an extra theme for any miscellaneous responses. Any repeat mentions are identified by the number near the point.

Theme	Challenges	Opportunities
STREET DESIGN, SAFETY AND WALKABILITY	Safe street design (8x) Design and maintenance of roads and street edges (5x) Pedestrian accessibility/linkages to Avalon Beach	Better connectivity around intersection (6x) Street art and streetscape (2x) Dunbar Park to Beach connection Pedestrian mall north of Avalon Pde Re-route buses into Barrenjoey Rd
ECONOMIC VIBRANCY	High rental costs (5x) Summer-oriented village, no activity in Winter (2x) Overdevelopment Overpopulation Unrecognised arts/cultural precinct	More unique retailers (4x) Enhancing the Village's character via art (3x) Street stands and pop-up stores (3x) Partnership between council and business owners Cinema underutilised
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND CULTURE	Diverse activities (10x) Night life (4x) Retain Avalon feel (3x) Reactivating the cinema (2x) Less young families	More facilities, events and spaces (6x) More attention to activities (2x) Indigenous acknowledgement (2x) Utilising existing spaces – high school grounds at night, etc.
NATURE, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY	Encouraging recreational park usage Regulating tree lopping Maintenance of native plants and trees	Street shade canopies (2x) Maintaining low density housing (2x) Maintaining cleanliness Street gardens Dunbar Park
CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE	Infrequent cleaning Unkempt and messy streets More care related to recycling/waste	Overall increase in maintenance/cleaning (4x) Open re-sell centres More bins around the Village
TRANSPORT	Minimal bus routes, especially getting to CBD (3x)	Bike paths and storage (5x) Increased signage for sites and walks
MISCELLANEOUS	Vacant houses Keeping Avalon as it is	Revitalisation of existing spaces (2x) Medium density development (2x) Sporting facilities Dog parking stations Limiting senior housing



GROUP WORK #2 – SETTING THE AGENDA

Workshop 1: In groups of 3-4, participants were asked what the greatest challenges for Avalon are in terms of sustainability and success. The challenges discussed by the participants surrounded four key themes regarding population, artistic expression, environment, and transportation.

Workshop 2: In groups of 3-5, participants were asked what the greatest challenges for Avalon are in terms of sustainability and success. The challenges discussed by the participants as being the most pertinent to Avalon related to themes of culture, affordability, transportation, and community.

CHALLENGE	DETAILS
POPULATION	In terms of population, the current stagnation in the region will not support Avalon Village's viability so something needs to be done to remedy this. The influx of properties being abandoned and only used for holiday homes has resulted in smaller populations during the Winter times therefore, decreasing activity and business in the area. Another challenge relates to the uncertainty as to whether residents would enjoy a larger population that is attracted to Avalon for its vibrancy or restricting that and continuing to maintain Avalon's quiet and relaxed feel, which unfortunately is not a sustainable long term approach.
ARTISTIC EXPRESSION	Avalon faces the challenge of reducing the high suicide rates among the region's youth population. Making Avalon an arts destination by implementing more effective arts programs for creatives in schools and repurposing the cinema are some of the challenges Avalon should tackle to welcome youth activities. There is a need for maintaining a relaxed atmosphere while at the same time enhancing the artistic culture.
ENVIRONMENT	Environment is a dominant theme as many participants are passionate about retaining the tree canopy, claiming that current planning laws are inadequate. The challenge revolves around planning controls: specifically replacing the vegetation loss on private properties and public spaces, particularly native trees and plants.
TRANSPORTATION	Transportation is another major challenge for Avalon residents. More effective and efficient public transport is needed to take people to and from Avalon into the city at regular intervals. In terms of pedestrian connectivity, there is the issue of making it safer and easier to move around the Village. Traffic management is another challenge as roads are constantly crowded in the area. Pedestrian and vehicle congestion is a prominent issue across Avalon.
AFFORDABILITY	In terms of affordability, one group wishes to maintain a low-density environment across Avalon as that is a major characteristic of the region's uniqueness and restricts population influx. However, the same group desired affordable housing. This is a challenge that relates back to the first workshop, in that the participants do not want an increase in population but at the same time want it to be more affordable. Affordability is also an issue due to Avalon's environment being a summer destination and the number of holiday homes that also impacts Winter trading and activity. This has a direct effect on the businesses in the area, resulting in businesses opening up only for summer periods as these periods are the most active.
COMMUNITY	Another challenge for Avalon involves community, where participants believe young people do not have enough opportunities or reasons to live in Avalon over other suburbs closer to Sydney's CBD. There is the challenge of welcoming a mixed demographic and inviting visitors during Winter periods, although some participants enjoy Avalon for how it is currently.



GROUP WORK #3 - IMAGE PLAY

Both Workshops provided each group with a bundle containing at least 8 images relating to a specific topic coupled with an A3 Image Play sheet and were asked to assign each image in terms of whether Avalon should consider having "Definitely Yes", consider partially "Maybe", or should never be considered "Definitely No". The group members justified their answers. Workshop 1 comprised three groups of 2-3 members each and Workshop 2 had six groups comprising 4-6 members each.

Workshop 1 topics included: Retail Space and Built Form, Street Furniture/Planting, and Street Edges/Paths. Workshop 2 topics included: Retail Space and Built Form, Night Time, Street Edges/Paths, Public Space, Street Furniture/Planting, and Public Art/Activation.

TOPIC	DEFINITELY YES	MAYBE	DEFINITELY NO
RETAIL SPACE AND BUILT FORM	Encouraging natural light. Art gallery. Open spaces, cafes. Bike garage. educational entertainment, unique shops, inviting storefronts (bookshelf). Food outlets (casual). Shopfronts with plants and greenery.	Modern architecture. Formal restaurants surrounded by greenery. More of the same.	Franchises like 7/11, Nandos, abandon uniqueness. Tall buildings, highrises, apartments. Retail. Concrete aesthetic. Additional buildings. Woolworths.
STREET EDGES / PATHS	Abundance of shade. Open, wide footpaths. Trees around shops. Limestone material. Increased seating. Pavement artwork. Street shops.	Vegetation but no space for people. Seating too close to street. Concrete material quality.	Sterile, uninspired paths. Narrow footpaths and tall buildings. Abstract paths.
STREET FURNITURE / PLANTING DEPARTITLY YIS DEPARTITLY YIS	Green walls. Trees planted around footpaths and pathways. Seating around natural elements. Landscape and infrastructure cooperation. Street gardens. Socially connected seating. Seating in sunlight.	Water fountain. Permeable pavement.	City-feel, concrete, hard furniture, bland. Barren benches lacking purpose. Lots of shade. Furniture proximity to streets. Contrived/artificial design.
PUBLIC SPACE	Informal but not extreme. Well-maintained footpaths. Fuzzy edges.	Fancy and expensive infrastructure. Fountains – wasted energy.	Hard spaces. Formal areas. Concrete footpaths. Don't want Dee Why or Double Bay.



OCTOPITAL FIS	Scenery. No barriers to entry. Increased greenery.		Large/tall areas. Bitumen.
PUBLIC ART / ACTIVATION DEPORTED YES DEPOR	Less-crowded and open air. Interactive and usable art.	Large scale nightlife activities.	Gratuitous and unoriginal. Cliché. Don't want to copy Melbourne's vibe.
NIGHT TIME DEFINITIVY YES WITH THE TIME TO THE TIME	New vibrancy, more inviting areas. Outdoor dining. Music atmosphere. Long trading hours. Alfonso's Café. Activating cinema and surroundings.		Same old Avalon. Bland and uninspired lighting and spaces.



WORKSHEET #4 – IDEAS AND INSPIRATION

This worksheet asked participants in groups to come up with No Cost (\$0), Low Cost (\$5,000), and High Cost (\$10,000) ideas for making Avalon a place they aspire to live in and be a part of. Ideas were considered so that attendees could think about ways that they themselves can potentially contribute to the activation of the region. The responses are as follows:

NO COST	- Encouraging/increasing walkability through activities (dog day, kids more involved with
(\$0)	signage, stencil competition for footpath signage)
	- Public access to art (murals, artist shows, public dancing, street art)
	- Clubs (volunteer groups, cinema club, local restaurants, etc.)
	- Film club (summer movie nights, indoor days)
	- Young artist submissions for graffiti/paint
	- Council-donated vegetation (plants/trees)
	- Getting more people involved in the 'green team' or other local groups
LOW	- Intergenerational activities (monthly noodle markets, utilise vacant spaces for retirees
COST	+ kids to mentor one another)
(\$5,000)	- Pop up stands (Bands, workshops, theatre)
	- Hop-on hop-off community bus with bike racks
	- Car-free pedestrian plaza from Old Barrenjoey Rd to Avalon Pde
	- Outdoor chess board
	- More night trade for businesses during summer (Council- and Chamber-funded lighting
	and vegetation, transforming large tree into Christmas theme in July)
HIGH	- Carols on the beach, film festivals, street theatre
COST	- Repurposing & Retaining cinema as community asset (inclusive community creative
(\$10,000)	hub through crowdfunding & sponsorship)
	- Refreshing laneways/pavement (Intersection) – similar to Port Macquarie
	- Tiered parking space @ Bowling Green Lane – environmentally sympathetic with
	vertical garden
	- Northern Old Barrenjoey Rd closure – developing a Plaza with public seating



OPTIONAL WORKSHEET - PRIORITY FOR THE FUTURE OF AVALON

In this activity, participants were given the option to fill out this form asking their Priority for the Future of Avalon, "What opportunity would you prioritise to make Avalon a better people place?", "What challenges does it address?", and "In what ways will activating this opportunity benefit your community?". Nine people responded and their responses are summarised below:

- Year 7 student) More choices for bike riders and walkers safety, transport, storage, parking
- > (Year 7 student) Bus services running earlier and later connectivity, linkages
- > Vibrant village with interesting businesses viable in Winter as well as Summer offering retail discounts in Winter
- Plaza connecting Dunbar Park changing traffic flow, increase in green space, central artistic space, night markets, connecting spaces for all ages
- Environmental sustainability by limiting pollution and sustainable building practices community, infrastructure, business, opportunity,
- Improved footpaths and streets that are well designed and connected commitment to high quality, celebrates Avalon's distinct lifestyle, pride, connections.
- Outdoor community seating and social areas improved economy, social health, better use of town resources
- Establishment of Avalon Creative Art Space using Avalon Golf Club exhibition space, education, creativity, inclusive, destination



My Place: Avalon

Attachment 3: Avalon Pop-Ups and online summary



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Summary of Pop-Up Submissions

My Place: Avalon



Social vision. Healthy Community - Physical health & social well- being; community activities; creativity and entrepreneurship.

Environmental vision. Green, organic and sustainable Avalon – Sustainable; values natural environment; protect and enhance natural quality and design.

Social vision. Connectedness within Avalon – Accessible active transport; socially connected community.

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POP UP BOARD 1 - What is one	
word that describes your ideal	
Avalon?	
Unique x2	
For the people	
Awesome x2	
Paradise x2	_
Community / friendly x7	1
Parks	q
Relaxed	
Environment x3	op Up
Getting rid of the greed	7
Unmanaged)
Pittwater	_
Peaceful	
No development	
No change x4	
Less is more	
Australian ecosystems	
Transport more active	
Still	
Great	
Local representation	
Green x3	
Fun	\sim
Blue	()
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Village	op Up 2
Community x2	Q
People	0
Avalon is very good as it is and has been	Ь
for last 50 years	
Woolies completely plastic free (no plastic	
veggie bags; paper packaging) The most beautiful place to live	
The most beautiful place to live	
Plastic-free	
Fresh air	
Low density x2	





POP UP BOARD 1 - What is one]	
word that describes your ideal		
Avalon?		
No traffic lights		Cocial vision Hoolthy Community
Artistic		Social vision. Healthy Community - Physical health & social well- being:
Friendly		community activities; creativity and
Unique		entrepreneurship.
Keep village atmosphere x 12		
Perfect		Environmental vision. Green,
Keep village character and greenest	\mathcal{C}	organic and sustainable Avalon –
around	Q	Sustainable; values natural
Peaceful		environment; protect and enhance natural quality and design.
No development	_	natural quality and design.
Better walk and bike tracks	Рор Ир	
More trees	رح	Social vision. Connectedness within Avalon – Accessible active
No more development		transport; socially connected
Love it as it is x 3		community.
Keep low scale no buildings over 2		
storeys x 5		
One Council in Pittwater alone		
A new park		
Environment		
Keep it preserved		
Tree cover		
Easy		
Neat		
Vibrant		
Chill vibe	op Up 4	
Look clean and kept clean	<u>d</u>	
Maintain status quo		
Community	Q	
Iconically beachy	0	
Relaxed	Д	
Love it the way it is x 5		
Keep village atmosphere x 4		
Beautiful		
Avalon = too busy. Not a village anymore		
Lovely		
I just love it		



POP UP BOARD 1 - What is one word that describes your ideal		
Avalon?		
Low density zoning		Social vision. Healthy Community -
Carless Avalon	2	Physical health & social well-being;
More green space reserves		community activities; creativity and entrepreneurship.
Like Avalon the way it is x 2		ond opionical ship.
Retain the village vibe x 4		
Retain new dog park. Best thing!	Рор Ир	Environmental vision. Green,
Bar all boats moored up in our streets	0	organic and sustainable Avalon – Sustainable; values natural
No chain stores	_	environment; protect and enhance
Relaxed/laid back		natural quality and design.
Cool		
Amazing		Social vision. Connectedness
Cute		within Avalon – Accessible active
Lovely		transport; socially connected
Nice		community.
Haven		
Lots of nature		
Spectacular	9	
Suitable and inclusive		
Spontaneous	\(\(\)	
Exquisite		
Great	σ	
Beautify Avalon	Pop Up 6	
Special	<u> </u>	
Colorful		
Surfing		
Super		
Beautiful		
Paradise		
Nice to have nature walks		
Fabulous		



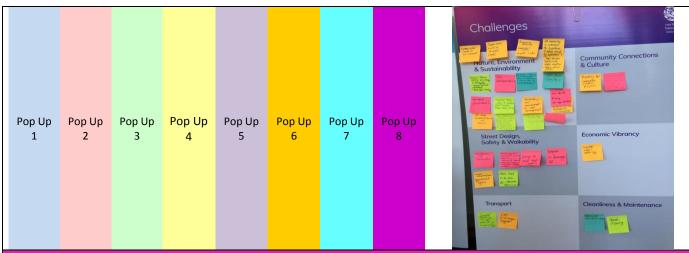
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Maintain environment	oľ
cleaner greener place	Ь
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More P. C?	
great place to live	
less cars	
community sharing	
acceptions	
happy and fun	
less rubbish	
preserve / respect historical buildings &	
houses x 2	
relaxing place	
Chill place	
keep village safe and sound	
interesting	
keep relaxed village atmosphere x 4	∞
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unique	U
less car less people	d
calm and great beach	lo,
easy going	Ь
more people friendly spaces to meet gather out doors	
community spirit x 2	
plastic free	
keep it unique no over development or fast food outlet	
lovely as is	
nature	
no more development. renovate instead of knocking down	
stress free	
More green space	
relaxed	
environmental	
pedestrian friendly	

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Nature, Environment, & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety, & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Loss of natural environment	Don't lose informality	Footpaths are uneven in many places in shopping area	Rents in Avalon shops too high	New Keoride is excellent and should be expanded - creates mode transport shift	Lack of vision dirty streets with rubbish
Resisting state government pressure for more and higher density development	Character	Too much clutter on the pavement better pedestrian access/space	Keeping development under control/reasonable	Parking have to be early or you can't get a spot	Rubbish bins cluttering laneways



Challenges can be thought of as obstacles or issues that exist in Avaion, or concerns you may have.					
Nature, Environment, & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety, & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Over-emphasis on development	Stop reacting to only one complaint	Leave the intersection as is	Lots of empty businesses	People use town centre parking for beach	Footpath regular maintenance to assist safety
Removal of trees and canopy	Community garden near Woolworths is not being as a community garden	Leave the intersection as it is - context with community culture	Seasonal centre (we like it when it is quiet though)	Parking not long enough	Street cleaning
For a council based in Dee Why to understand the needs of Avalon	Loss of village feel	Leave intersection as is. Have patience	Laneways could be more vibrant - café culture - like Melbourne	Improve parking without making it overwhelm the village	Actually get rid of plastic bags
Risk of potential development	Intersection works as is because you have to slow down as that's the vibe of Avalon	Leave the intersection as it is	Landlords want too much rent	Not enough parking to sustain businesses	Encourage people to put items in bins after use instead of stuffing up environment
Retain tree canopy	People are coming for the tradition of Avalon and then changing it	Intersection allows/enables walkability	Large rents inhibit sustainability	Cars should use lights on Barrenjoey Road to access Avalon	Maintain existing paving and garden beds
No more developments or units	Losing the community vibe	Slow down/speed sign - 5 km at intersection	Retail owners are forcing people out of stores with high rents	Getting into the City on one bus	Clean streets and drains before we get bad weather



Nature, Environment, & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety, & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Save the environment	Council needs to treat community as customers	Intersection works well just too many people	16 cafes - too many/much impact on economic sustainability / vibrancy	Lots of congestion in streets from parked cars. Parking one side only	General clean up - maintain the demand service and police the service, i.e. only place items out the night prior to clean up
No high density	Funding for creative community projects	Enough trees in village	Hard for start ups	Too many cars/car- centric!	Too much broken glass and rubbish on pathways
As environmentally friendly as possible. Think about environmental consequences of actions in our community life	Smoking outside Woolworths and nearby café - this is an ongoing problem.	Not enough economic investment in village centre appearance	Unaffordable living for young people = loss of youth culture	Disabled parking is not policed (Woolies)	Less plastic cups, plates, cutlery more biodegradable stuff
Low density housing	Don't let Avalon become just another city village. Architecture and spaces need to keep beach, Pittwater, bush vibe, local village 50 kms from city	Roads are congested with parked cars	Housing becoming apartments	L90 is no longer frequent	Get rid of litter



Nature, Environment, & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety, & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
No major development	Keep vibrant beachside village surrounded by bush- covered hills where locals meet and can do their daily business. Protect!	Footpath needed from Avalon to Clareville	Shops keep closing	Improve bus services through Avalon have more L90s through the day	People don't pick up rubbish
Council stormwater discharge in Pittwater - uncontrolled, polluted, damages sea grass	Maintain connections to schools and shopping	Put car parking out of centre and get people to walk in	Organic growth despite the negative impact that Council has on	No B line	Graffiti needs to be addressed -same tag around Avalon
Stopping overdevelopment	Typography of signage and size; cohesive uniformity	Footpaths are dangerous someone fell 2 weeks ago	Limited retail offering	Boats on trailers constrict traffic	more natural take away cutlery, e.g. Wood, bamboo, better for environment/ less plastic wrapping
Woolworths is getting rid of plastic bags, which is a good place to start to help the environment	Playgrounds not appropriate for young kids	Work needs to be done for intersection of Avalon Pde and Old Barrenjoey Rd	Police in local area	B line - bring through to Newport	educate people to recycle everything, less rubbish



Nature, Environment, & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety, & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
No more units	AirBnB	Main intersection roundabout or lights	Don't close off streets (Bad for business)	Commence direct bus service from Palm Beach and Avalon. No intermediate stops to Mona Vale or deviation to Newport pub.	More biodegradable things which are cheaper cotton cloth & wooden etc
"Poo Creek" needs to be improved	No big development and high rise	Maintenance of footpaths	Cost of sidewalk rental	L90 timetable designed to fail. If you live that far north and intend to go to town you would leave before 9:10 and return after 3pm. Reinstate L90!	Recycling bins especially on market days Avalon Boot Sales
Loss of native trees (age)	No density increase	Encouragement of "walk to school" efforts in an attempt to ease safety/traffic congestion around schools	Investigate ways for the community to trade hard waste for recycling "Garage Sale Trail" etc. not just Car Boot	Better bus transport at night	More Cleaning more bins, recycling bins
Invasive species	No height increase	Paving (beach) path service (?)	Shops closing	Map and tourist info at main bus stop	More recyclable products and less plastic



Nature, Environment, & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety, & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Asparagus fern	Overcrowded due to over population leading to a loss of village connections/caring	Paving on street needs improving	Need new and different shops	Better bus service to Palm Beach at night	Return to twice yearly street throw outs
Mynah birds	Lack of activities for youth -provide more activities to engage youth	Footpath on Barrenjoey Road	Traffic lights	Lack of infrastructure investment	Less sale of plastic bags at shops
Getting the community to understand importance of taking care of environment	No boats to be moored up in all streets	Stop private encroachment on public footpaths	Seats for people to sit on	No traffic lights - roundabout instead	encourage people not to throw away wrappings from lunch in to environment
Illegal dumping	Stop Avalon's people going to Newport	Love the walkway from Palm Beach Ferry to Gov. Phillip Park	Lower rents in Avalon cheaper rents may mean cheaper prices	No traffic lights or roundabout - the "scramble" makes it Avalon	
Plastic waste	Mental health issues	No traffic lights - maintain street design as is	Rents for shops very high. Could this change?	No traffic lights	
Enforce recycling	Nothing for youth to do	Roundabout at Avalon crossroads or lights	More encouragement for Pop Up Shops in public spaces	Congestion and over-population	



Nature, Environment, & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety, & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Reduce red lid garbage	Avalon Golf Course Club Lounge - art gallery, café, workshop spaces	Development encompass sustainable building technology design buildings that don't require air conditioning. High density should not mean 8+ storeys. Studies show variation of 3 - 4 storeys keep a human scale	High rents for shops	Lack of access	
Tree protection	Public hire space for community activities	Intersection at Old Barrenjoey and Avalon Parade is an issue	High rents of shops	Current transport can't sustain the population increase	
Careel Bay - protect what remains. Keep dogs away!	More green in the village	No traffic lights	Remote location	Disappointed B-line stopped coming to Newport	
Protecting our environment. No over development	More places for youth	No traffic lights	Expensive	Through buses no changing buses at Mona Vale	
Limit to two storeys in large developments	Fence the dog off leash area from soccer fields please	No traffic lights at intersection	Shop rentals are expensive	Northern Beaches Metro Rail - future!	
Save land for reserves	Dogs to be exercised in dog areas only	No traffic lights	Empty shops	More L90s during the day	



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Maintain natural vegetation on slopes surrounding Avalon	Roaming dogs	No traffic lights	Cheaper accommodation especially for families	Reinstate L90 all day E88 etc. so that we can get from PB, Avalon to CBD on 1 bus	
Sustainability: no over-development of areas that cannot take it. Building from boundary to boundary reduces gardens/nature and therefore sustainability	Unleashed dogs in on lead areas	We do not want traffic lights in our village	Inexpensive restaurant choices	Should have been full community consultation (letter box drop) on decision to scrap B- line to Newport	
More public green space	Isolation for youth	Pool path needs non- slip resurface for everyone	Shops: city rent + low traffic unsustainable	Good regular bus service - discourage cars	
Development pressure	Don't smoke outside of cafes or near children / playgrounds	Zebra crossing on laneways	High rents and unoccupied shops	No lights at Kamikaze Corner	
Coffee cups and plastic	Dog park too small, mud bath	Overall impact of cars within the village vs pedestrians - circulation and ambience	No lower cost housing = no vibrancy = giant retirement village	No traffic lights	



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Maintain Bilgola Bends as iconic gateway	Library is important +1	Walking tracks - better signage to connect beaches	Businesses leaving	No red lights in Avalon!	
Protect canopy trees	Danger of over development	Skateboards not on footpaths (enforcement of rules)	Sad to see long term businesses leaving - rents too high	No train	
Save environment and preserve trees	no more development	Cars vs people in centre of village streets, lanes, carparks - overall ambiance needs to be a village	No chain stores	School parking is a nightmare	
Preserve the nature of Avalon	Only low density, no more medium density. Medium density does not belong here	Don't pedestrianize Old Barrenjoey	Empty business - rent too high	School parking /drop off need reviewing	
No more units Central Road	More off leash areas timed?	Against higher density due to lack of infrastructure	Empty business	Maintain Kerbside	
Unleashed dogs	No medium and high rise development	South Avalon footpaths connections needed	No medium density	Public transport poor improving	
Too many dogs	No more development within the suburb and commercial	Walking path improvement up to North Avalon/Palm Beach sign	[No Economic Vibrancy sticky notes from Pop Up 6]	Poor transport to the city	



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More green	No high rise +4	No high rise	Rent too high, too many vacancy	More parking	
More trees	Improve golf course currently costing council \$ hundreds and thousands	No high rise	Have cheaper rents for shops-pop up shops	Provide direct feeder bus to B-line not via Newport loop	
More kindness to animals	Keep golf club going for social aspect	Regulate parking in residential streets - especially parking both sides when no footpath	Too many vacancy	Should be trams in Avalon	
Retain natural open areas	Keep the relaxed, laid back lifestyle	Against high rise	Lack of a night time economy	Car congestion around public school. Drop and pick up	
Busy all the time	Keep the golf course going	Wider footpaths easier for pedestrians	Empty shops/rents too high	B Line stopped! Less environmental destruction & really need improvement more L90 & express bus	
Barrenjoey Rd and Careel Head Rd heavy flooding - flood mitigation needed	Less emphasis on gluten free	No boat trailers parking on street	Greedy land lords mean were losing independent retailers	Buses to Central or Town Hall	



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Creek	Need to keep the village community feel that Avalon has	Roundabout in Avalon	Variety of retail decreased over years, where have the useful shops service gone. Now it is mostly cafes and clothes shops	Lack of public transport	
Stop cutting down trees	Keep Australian values	Intersection	Shop spaces full -keep us shopping more	Policing of parked boats trailers	
Banning wood burning stoves	More emphasis on gluten free	Bins on footpaths not kerb	More incentives for locals to shop locally	House limited & express buses to Manly, so people can get to work & connected with others	
Smoking	Encourage pride in what we have to keep it	Footpaths Palm Beach to Careel Bay	Chemist warehouse sign pollution	Out of peak hours smaller bused 30 seaters	
No more cutting down trees	No large development. Only one way in and one way out	Paving on footpaths needs consistent maintenance	Council to keep outdoor dining fees down	Parking needs to be addressed	
Plant trees & shrubs which are native to the area (not only Australia)		Painting around the kerb corner on Central Rd near Ruskin Rowe, for the safety at night	No greedy landlords so shops can afford to stay open	More L90's going through Newport, Avalon & Palm Beach	



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More green area for public		Turfing of the street verges after works	Have to go to Warriewood for lots of things	Too many loading zones, take over parking spaces	
Don't develop the golf course		Intersection		Poor transport from Palm beach	
Too many dog unleased dogs, dog pool in the park is an issue		Improve Avalon pool		Poor public transport to Mona Vale- B line to Newport would not fix issues	
More police to patrol the area		Domination of cars, so reduce		Don't move bus route to George Street +2	
Deflate the Ego. Stop the loveless act		Traffic lights of Barrenjoey / Avalon parade with right hand turn signals on posts- every pedestrian to cross (all together)		191 bus to Bilgola Plateau to operate in both directions	
Respect + remember the past and the good things		No traffic lights at Old Barrenjoey/Avalon parade. A small roundabout would work			



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Keep sense or space		Small/easy drive over roundabout-signs saying give way to the right all round. Keep pedestrian crossing			
No change to the natural character		More freedom for tables on street for café life to thrive			
Use zebra crossing		Paving trip hazards			
Keep natural green space		Intersection roundabout			
Defibrillator Avalon Pool		Mobile phone XXX down near high traffic areas			
People camping overnight in car park		Intersection roundabout won't work- awful to see lights			
Green tree canopy kept in Avalon		The crossroad			
More rangers patrolling off leash dogs in Careel Creek + Palm Beach		Paving around Avalon made safe, even easy to trip			



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Don't down grade any open natural space							
No plastic in sea							
Pick up more rubbish							
Education on Indigenous heritage in the area, signs, place							
Need proper recycling							
Don't rezone to higher density housing							
Get rid of plastic bag							
Green spaces not utilised enough							





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More trees in town centre	No public toilets on holidays/weekends as Rec Centre closed	Pedestrian crossings should not be right at the junctions -push back	Not going to change as small number of owners own majority of shops	L90 more regularly	Build what people want and maintain it
More street trees like Newport	Keep library services	Designated walkway in Woolies carpark	Solve issues of empty shops	Pedestrianize Old Barrenjoey Road outside Woolies	Change big bins practice - particularly in laneways



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No high rise	Pop Up café in laneway between Dunbar Park and Post Office - should be a community gathering space	New paving	Encourage entrepreneurial approach	Advocate for 1 in every 4 Bline buses up to Palm Beach	More regular care/maintenance of Council garden areas- nurturing protection of young trees in these areas e.g. Elba Lane
More flower gardens	More art shows	Creative, dynamic people to create solutions for intersection problem	Bike racks - down in village and bike paths in right of ways in North Ave, to Pittwater improve economic vitality	Provide more through services from Palm Beach go back to frequent L90, don't need B- line up here	Less use of poisons in weed control - hand weeding far more effective
More street art	More music events	Pedestrianize Old Barrenjoey north of intersection to exit at Woolies car park	Encourage locals to shop locally	No B-line to Avalon	Local bins emptied more regularly
More trees in town centre	Community garden needs to be linked more - maybe have them throughout Avalon	Consider pedestrian precinct near difficult intersection	Put in pedestrian plaza North Barrenjoey Road from intersection	More beach parking	More recycling - promoting it and implementing with bins and supporting locals
More planting at gateway to Avalon - obvious planting	Giant chess	Small roundabout at intersection	Rents affordable for businesses.	Widen Keoride opportunities assistance modal shift from car	Regular care/maintenance of Council garden areas



POP UP BOARD 3: What are some of the opportunities for change you feel are present in Avalon related to each of the following areas? Opportunities for change can be thought of as solutions to existing problems or ideas of how to solve current issues. Nature, Community Street Design, Cleanliness & Environment, & **Connections &** Safety, & **Economic Vibrancy** Transport Maintenance Sustainability Culture Walkability Intersection too More street Keep Kamikaze Less plastics and dangerous - move No loss on trees Less empty shops entertainment Corner as is more recycling crossings back Cinema is important Restore creek next to Christmas lights at Intersection traffic Never widen the Provide soap in to Avalon, amount Woolies Christmas lights at peak hour Bends public toilets screens (?) Council need to listen More landscaping and care for vegetation / and not have Support home Pedestrians should Bottle recycle New paving required maintenance - like predetermined business in Avalon machine rule space Mona Vale agenda Off leash trial dog park was a great Block off Old Get commuters on **Bring back Council** Canopy - green skyline Reduce rents for success and there Barrenjoey - turn into cleanup (without public transport or is important small businesses should be a having to call) a plaza bikes permanent one North Avalon Road to Swimming Cheaper rents means Cars should be last Maintain the Kevin Avenue - make A return and earn opportunity for more inexpensive priority - think vegetation clearway in peak machine dogs/timed food, etc. European plazas times Community don't Central Road parking Outdoor dining This is a key area to Consistent rubbish Height restrictions want this to change as should only be on charge sliding scale improve bins it's so good now one side at all times Dogs should not be permitted on Turn north of Bring back regular Regular beach and Avalon/Palm Beach at intersection into No negative corners

within Town Centre

L90 services like

every quarter hour

bush cleanups by

locals and schools

Good walkability

community culture

improvement

any time. Reason-

safety and protecting

the environment



Nature, Environment, & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety, & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Public water fountains to fill their own bottles	Revert to Pittwater Council	Fix footpaths more	Cinema is important to Avalon, amount screens	Mini bus between Palm Beach and Avalon	Clean with Enjo
Proper dog park and water facility	After a certain time of day, dogs are allowed on the beach	Car parking out of centre	Encourage retail - empty shops (rent too high?)	Buses through to Palm Beach	Cleaner public surf toilets
Doggie park	More bins around	Restore Mona Vale Hospital for the Avalon community Frenchs Forest is too far away	More pop up busking, street art, performance supported by Council money	Restoration of bus services for residents north of Mona Vale	Maintain existing infrastructure better, e.g. cleaning rock pools
Public areas planted with native plants only	Free, fun activities for kids to exercise	More natural design for beach seats	Turn cinema into cultural hub with smaller cinemas	Free bus for under 18	Clean footpaths
Clearing weeds in our bush areas.	Improve pick-up location in Avalon Primary School	Pedestrianize Old Barrenjoey Road outside Woolies	Art space	Have buses Palm Beach -Avalon to Wynyard and vice versa but not B-line!	Public toilets available after hours
Work on recycling waste	A community co-op selling fresh local produce run by our community as a non- profit	Add a footpath on "The Crescent"	Add nightlife/evening activities for families or in general	Reconfigure Barrenjoey Rd (west side especially) - no need for 3 lanes - cars just speed up making more noise and danger. Could reduce width and improve direct pedestrian access from village to beach	Extra bins on South Avalon headland



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Less plastics sold in shops, more recycled naturally made bags	Dog beach	Intersection visual impacts is important	More street cafes	Return to old parking policy 2 bed = 2 car spaces	Woolies laneway clean please!
Playgrounds that suit toddlers (fenced) with equipment they can enjoy	Shelter in skate parks	Concrete - pale colour for bare feet	Promote and support small local business run by local people. Keep \$ here!	More public transport to reduce cars	Sweep streets more regularly
Provide food for birds	Want street buskers	Wheelchair access everywhere	Provide subsidies to encourage economic activity	Parking on one side of the street only in urban areas	Clean the Pavers
Update playground	Services and activities for the elderly	Bike paths that are safe	Programs to encourage start ups	Like the intersection maybe roundabout, no traffic lights	Less plastic bags and more natural bags
Unique, nurturing, restorative, creativity-inspiring function of the natural native bushland-based environment must be kept for residents/visitors alike	Volunteer services	Cycle path to Palm Beach	Activity in empty shops	Move crossings back from intersection	Clean pavement
2 roundabouts too much coming down the hill - bad position	Festivals	Safe place to walk at top of Kevin Avenue (Just a line on the road would do)	Avalon = possum yarn industry capital of Australia	Flowers and garden beds around intersection	Better quality footpath, particular for prams and wheelchair



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More recycling on all items	Art exhibitions	Dedicated cycle paths around Avalon to Palm Beach	More live music venues - great talent around here!	No traffic lights	More repairing of stuff instead of being a throwaway society
More public recycling bins for sorting	Exercise equipment in parks	Pedestrian walkway along Hudson Pde	Affordable housing for young people	Main road clearways on weekends	Ban all plastic take away cutleries
Too much plastic wrapping on shop items	More notice boards outside Avalon Rec	No development on golf courses - keep them open and public. Clean green space	More music venues	Faster bus to Manly	less plastic cutlery when buying takeaway food more bamboo wood and natural product
More trees	Seats outside library	Laneways are important	Terrace housing facing Wickham Lane with gardens	Express to Manly 199 -> E99	Education about respecting our environment -fines for littering
Less plastics given out by shops - more natural	More services/facilities focused on ageing group	More cycle paths which link to form a cycle ride	More street art, sculptures	B-line should come past Avalon	Get rid of the cars that camp overnight and are dumped in the car park
Maintain solar access into village streets, lanes, parks, spaces to keep sunny beach vibe	Coffee culture is important	Parking weelie stoppers	Shops open later	We need E88 to be extended (hours)	Pavements need more regular cleaning
Careel Creek needs to be cleaned	Awareness of community safety and options to report	Make dedicated cycleways, particularly on the Bends	A cap on nail / brow bars, cafes- need more shop diversity	Small roundabout at intersection	Maintain and improve current standard



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Clean up Careel Creek	Dog Days Out and investigate time share options for dogs on beaches - winter before 8am and after 6pm. Dog Play in village park	Don't put a roundabout at the intersection or lights. Leave as is.	More natural products selling in shops - clothes, bags, etc.	Boat and trailers off the road	Avalon village paving similar to Mona vale, Dee Why and Bluestone
Clean up Careel Bay Creek for wildlife health	Better village signage to toilets and public facilities and events - tourist friendliness	Walkability - not cars	Cheaper rents for shops and cheaper prices for items bought	No traffic lights at intersection	Pavement re-tiling high pressure jet cleanings
Maintain visual links to bushland hills around village as key influence on ambience	More galleries for art etc.	Improve and promote importance of people and pedestrians and place in village over cars. Widen footpaths and crossings and park lane connections	More pubs	Traffic light at George St or roundabout	
"Edible Streets" - consider planting lanes or edges of path with edible plants	Council notice board with what's happening outside office	Improve link to beach for pedestrians from village - wide crossing in front of petrol station	No more pubs unless you like Manly!	Fix "the intersection"	



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Use local native plant species throughout village to keep coastal/rainforest vibe	Winter events	Use lanes as pedestrian spaces and connections. Reduce impact of car whilst keeping access	Blow up the pokies	Express bus to Manly	
Acknowledge landscape topography in creating unique character and protect visual, solar, micro climate, access etc.	Art work/sculptures at public parks/beaches/town centre	Better network of walk and bike tracks	DVD rental machine locally	New bike paths	
Retain the environment	Installation artworks and murals	Keep or increase incidental seating throughout village - low walls, seats where locals chat	Night time economy	More frequent L90s from Palm Beach to City	
Encourage solar power	More ambulances to Avalon	Improve intersection at Old Barrenjoey and Avalon Pde	Live music	Roundabout at Old Barrenjoey/Avalon Pde intersection	
Rate reduction for tree cover on private property	More support for community library and surf club and other community initiatives	"Bike Access" - improve links from surrounding areas and bike racks in village	A good pizza place	Path improvement leading into Avalon	
Protect natural tracks (Bengalli Headland and Lighthouse)	Stronger paramedic workforce in Avalon/Northern peninsula	Put roundabout at Old Barrenjoey and Avalon Pde	More art, sculptures, music	Mona Vale - Newport -Palm Beach direct route - no loop	



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Gross Pollutant Traps to ensure water quality	Allow carts on Avalon golf courses	No high rise development (not like DY)	Support retail through off season	Palm Beach 199 route and Newport 199 route combined all the way and increase frequency	
Annual fee for pet ownership	Repairs to paths on Avalon Golf Course	Longer hours in carpark	More nightlife for youth	Longer and later transport services	
More open space!	Maintain status quo	More carparks	Extra parking tickets \$60 instead of \$120	Express buses from Avalon to City - no stops	
Maintain 700 square metre block size	Improve pedestrian access links to the village from surrounding areas. Improve signs, maps, awareness of pathways, etc.	Traffic calmer to be painted brighter colours	Pop up stores in empty spaces	Limited bus service to Manly	
Dogs on beaches before 8am after 5pm	More info, more consulting with public, let them know about planning etc.	Roundabout more attractive	new rental system to give everyone a chance	Event centre/precinct with facilities (don't always do in park)	
More discounts at cafes for bringing your own cup for takeaway = less cup rubbish	More events, activities, and outings for seniors	Footpaths Hudson to Hansford - dangerous walking	Shop keepers should bring the rent down	Increase frequency of bus times to allow school children to get home quicker	
More trees	Fenced dog parks	Not cluttered	Bring back L90s regular service day & night	Extend 40 kph speed limit from North to South to cover Avalon intersection	



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More recycle bins for various containers, etc	I like the dog park at Avalon and new design for Careel Bay	Avalon Parade and Old Barrenjoey Road intersection needs lights for safety	People tired of changing at Mona Vale- more straight through buses	Bike racks on buses	
Educate community and shop owners on reduction of plastic	Community events	Nice streets	Small bus for transport around Avalon, no B16 empty buses	More bike paths for more exercise and bike riding	
Less plastic bags at supermarkets/shops; more natural bags at shops	Rotunda in park	More police presence	Send B-line to Palm Beach	New entryway to Woolies from Barrenjoey Road	
More paper straws or bamboo and less plastic as rubbish	Maintain health service up this end	Footpaths on Riverview and Cabarita, George	More parking space	Publicity campaign around the intersection	
No paper bark trees - more lush vegetation	Concerns on inappropriate planning controls i.e. density	More lights and on longer at night	More outdoor coffee shops for meeting places	Move bus stop down south of servo	
Creek smells - dumping grounds	Love that everyone can play at Dunbar Park	Move crossings back away from intersection	Longer parking time so less parking fines	Roundabout at Old Barrenjoey/Avalon Pde intersection	
Fill in/ landscape creek	Public toilets open after office hours	Central Rd- roads not ready for flats - large number of people	Music/social bar for 30+ market	New roundabout at Barrenjoey Rd/Avalon Pde	
Utilise space between Woolies and Barrenjoey Road	Community events in evenings	Promote use of bikes instead of cars for small drives to village	Bulk health food store scoop (competition)	Extend B-line to Avalon	



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Encourage people to bring back bags	More community events like Car Boot	Pedestrianize Barrenjoey/Avalon. Square in middle = a true village	café close too early - good to be open till 5pm at least	Train going to the City	
Flower baskets, no plastic signage, village atmosphere	Need youth laser tag bowling	Path improvements to Avalon	Keep business vibrant	Mini buses like Hong Kong, like Hop Skip Jump	
More greenness, more trees, patches of plain grass for children to play on	More dog friendly areas	More greening of streetscape	Have regular market- like stalk once a month or every 2 months	Keep Keoride	
More trees	More youth events, music	Less signposts (combine existing signs)	Modernise/market initiatives/ night time economy	Pedestrianize Old Barrenjoey Road	
Redo landscape at Avalon Beach	More to do for youth, more facilities	Put pavers in front of McGraths in main intersection	No small businesses allowed in suburban street	Widen entryway into Avalon SLSC	
More beach clean ups	Love the dog park in Avalon	Roundabout :-)	Cheaper rents for shops and have cheaper prices for good clothes	More dedicated cycle ways	
Protect our large tree canopy	Activation of laneways. Art?	Roundabout at intersection	Regular night market, area by skate park would be great	Avalon to city direct bus	
Avalon headland inadequate fencing	More sports events for youth, skateboard comp, surfing	Roundabout at intersection	Night life now totally missing	Increase timing of green man at Barrenjoey rd	



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Restore staff from the past	Upgrade kids park, more interesting, imaginative. No bark on floor. Artificial or sand surface	Educate young people about safety at intersection	Support small & local business	Happy with B line and keoride	
More water outlets throughout Avalon, reduce plastic bottles	New play equipment for youth	Plantings and paving could be much improved	More variety of retail	Small community buses	
Remember the past	More for youth positive activities	More greening in main street; creative nice environment	Music café aimed at youth	Make the B-line go to Palm Beach call it the L90, that works ?	
No Plastic bag	Major events i.e. polo, food and wine, surfing	Car-free centre	Rent more affordable so shops don't sit empty for long periods	191 night bus till 10 pm	
Retain Environment & less building	Places for people to sit and chat and gather, e.g. not just single benches	Yellow Brick Road lighting needed feels unsafe	affordable retail rentals	Driving everywhere lessened	
Less development more green space	Quicker response needed to community enquiries	New rubber floor for Dunbar Park playground		Relieve car congestion around school -introduce the bus service to reach wider community, small buses rather than big	



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Incentives to reduce landfill waste, rate discount for monthly collection	Different play equipment for youth	Pedestrianize Old Barrenjoey Road		an actual express bus from Palm Beach to Avalon	
Dog free area on beaches during certain hours	Different play equipment for youth	General beautification (footpaths)		better public transport B line to Avalon	
every plants protected	More community hub at the beach	Pedestrianize Old Barrenjoey from Woolies to Avalon Pde		woolies end of Old barrenjoey road should be no right turn	
maintain & improve anything that looks after natural environment	Dogs allowed on beach	Beautification of entrances		The B Line to Avalon +2	
keep unchanged	Father Chris O'Reilly Youth off the Street initiatives	Pedestrianize Old Barrenjoey Road		more bike paths	
more support bushcare group- existing support is appreciated	Offering space to new ideas ie electric bike station	More "Go Slow" signs on roads		re route major traffic outside of main drive	



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increase green space reguired for new building and add on th property land	Seating, BBQs, update park at beach	Pedestrainise Old Barrenjoey to Woolies		Trams	
plant out curbside- native climate resistant planting	Someone for youth to talk to Thur, Fri, Sat nights	Public sculpture			
landscaping middle of Barrenjoey Road similar to Newport main street	More entertainment options for youths	No high rise			
permanent recycling station (bottles, old phones)	School should open basketball court every holidays	Map at bus stop (main) to tell tourists where things are and where they can top up Opal card			
Due to recent storms. Bring back 10 m clerance of trees to houses to reduce risk of falling trees on houses. Very concerned	More unleashed dog areas	Pedestrianise Woolies to Avalon Pde			



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preserve village atmosphere control height of buildings	Maintain friendly village character	Put roundabout outside fire station			
Save hillside road newport, keep as bay reserve to preserve	better play equipment in parks in Avalon like Mona vale has	Proper median strip on Old Barrenjoey, like Newport			
have indigenous trees of the area planted as street scape and parking areas	Dog beaches, timed/seasonal +1	Signs to tell people where public toilets are			
food swaps	No more development without imporve for infrastriucture	Footpath on southern side of Avalon Pde between Bellevue and Ruskin Rd			
	new play ground simmilar to Mona vale and Newport	Pedestrianise plaza, Avalon Pde to carpark exit			
	More european feel village and no traffic light	Lights at intersection			
	Support service late at night for youth	pedestrainise old barrenjoey road			



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	Renovate house & building rather than pull down and destroy	Improve pedestrain and street design			
	Batteds back on Avalon rec centre	Leave intersection as it is			
	Control the population growth	roundaboud in the intersection			
	limit the development for granny flat	connecting paths to Town centre			
	Upgrade play ground	watkins Rd needs a path			
	Cricket nets at the field across from avalon public school	Traffic lights at the intersection			
	Stop shutting down live music venus	Paving needs upgrading especially Old barrenjoey, recently bad fall			
	our community to develop our own core values	Lighting on Marine Pde and yellow brick road			



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	listen to public about what they would like or not like, also consultation	footpaths on Queens Ave and wollstonecraft Ave please			
	in door 50 m pool for multi-use year round	pathways around Hudson pde for safe walkking			
	ensure these is enough seating for public in public places shops and parks	Flower tubs in Avalon			
	rocket park style playground at Dunbar park	Speed camera to catch drag racers on barrenjoey rd			
	need a service NSW in Avalon	Pedetrainise Old Barrenjoey road +1			
	Street markets- Café life street music art	parking stickers - extra stickers per houshold and cheaper for extra			



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	part time dog access to beaches in winter	Enforcement of give way signs at intersection			
	upgrade the skate park	we want silver service			
	dog allowed on beach	free motor cycle parking			
	reclaim Dunbar park from Av RSL (southern side of Dunbar park)	House limited stops to manly & express buses to Manly to connect to the ferry			
	Golf club should be public space , e.g picnics	bring Back L90			
	free community events- band, music, BBQ, picnic, talks	bring back L90 wasn't a problem before			
	playground improvement	have L90 more often and expresses these services have been cut dramatically bring back services			



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	public outdoor pool at Dunbar park/back or bowling club	Small local community bus			
	music/social centre for youth	No traffic lights at intersection +2			
	indoor heated pool for pittwater area	No B-Line to Avalon			
	Golf club used as a youth hub	1 bus service from brigidene to the North			
	upgrade beach playground currently too old	No b-line bus to Newport, we keep the trees			
	utlise bowling green	Ni B-Line keep keoride+1			
	less population density in Avalon and the pittwater area. Don't need to accommodate more people	No B-line			



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	encourage face to face communication rather than computer online	More off street parking requirements			
		parking on one side of Riverview Rd only			
		improve public transport			
		more parking			
		B-Line to Palm Beach			
		B-Line to Avalon			
		More parking rangers			
		More parking to enforce parking restriction			
		more parking			
		Nicer street lighting & seating & better bins, quality please			



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		put in a roundabout and move the crossings location so there is no car build up			
		Traffic passive calming measures in intersection in paving			
		moving crossings back at intersection			
		if you cant pedestrianised, put a roundabout at the intersection			
		keep low level height to buildings			
		more CCTV Public bikes lanes walk ways away from the road (shade needed at yellow bricked road)			



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		Build a bridge over Barrenjoey rd			
		pedestrianize entire of Avalon centre			
		pedestrianize shopping streets			
		car parking lighting			
		definitely no traffic lights - we are pedestrian friendly & should stay that way			



No traffic lights at intersection . Manners are part of our community values		
No traffic lights on Avalon parade		
No traffic lights at intersection keep as is		
No traffic lights in Avalon parade		
get rid of scruffy advertising		
Community gardens		



Northern Beaches Council

Summary of Online Submissions

My Place: Avalon



Social vision. Healthy Community - Physical health & social well- being; community activities; creativity and entrepreneurship.

Environmental vision. Green, organic and sustainable Avalon – Sustainable; values natural environment; protect and enhance natural quality and design.

Social vision. Connectedness within Avalon – Accessible active transport; socially connected community.

POP UP BOARD 1 - What is one word that describes your ideal Avalon? Laid back x 2, relaxed x4, unique x2 local beach community x4 Safe

Artistic

Aitistic

Connected

Vibrant

Friendly x5

Beautiful

Untouched natural paradise away from development

Welcoming

No development

Village x13

Green x2

Pedestrian style

Mellow

Local friendly inhabited by people I've known years

Special

Quieter

Perfect

Paradise

Unchanged

Beachside natural

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	Need for continuous footpath on southern side of Avalon Parade between the end of the walkway from Chisholm Avenue and shopping centre. Need roundabout or lights at intersection of Avalon Pde & Old Barrenjoey Rd	Continue Keoride On Demand Pick-Up service and the B Line bus service			



Flooding, Rubbish in creeks and beach	Heavy traffic - especially in Summer months. Street lights could be provided along the pathway in Dunbar Park - make this area and path safer at night		So many empty shops for lease along Old Barrenjoey Road - could these be used for pop up shops, art spaces or community uses? No big retailers e.g. woolworths - the small local shops are what makes Avalon village		
Limiting medium and high density and overdevelopment (from NSW Governmnent & developers) so as to retain the current green environment	Upgrading the centre strip down Old Barrenjoey Rd. Pedestrianising Old Barrenjoey Rd north			Actually creating a high quality Creative Space at Avalon (ie not a cheap solution designed to cost as little as possible)	NBC being more communicative & responsive
Lack of composting bins	Loading zone on Edmund jock lane affects disabled access to facilities in my shop. Could be moved further down the street or on opposite side	Diagonal parking on Avalon Parade	High rents don't attract more business and current business owners struggle with this too	Perhaps a local version of sculptures by the sea with local art in the parks	Footpath repairs
More emphasis in this area generally. Focus on Beach, Trees, Parks,	Possible pedestrian mall outside woolworths. Reduce speed on Barrenjoey Rd intersection with AValon Pde	More public transport in the suburbs based on E88/E89 and E90 buses. Keep cars and piublic transport out of Avalon CBD as much as possible	Council to assist in reducing rentals for shops in Avalon	Exploit golf club basement for an arts centre whilst retaining golf course	More of it



Poo Creek (sorry don't know correct title).					In summer whilst we take on additional visitors to the beach, the garbage collection from these public areas needs to be more frequent and possibly at the end of the day.
The State Governments laws which are allowing our trees to be cut down. So many homes up here a "holiday homes" we need to put something in place to stop people leaving these home vacant and/or renting out as holiday rentals.	All residents need to be able to walk out of their home safely so council need to be alot smarter in its tiny budget spend on ensure the "black spots are fixed.	Every resident should have a bus stop within 400m of their home which goes at least every half an hour throughout the day which gets them into the CBD in approxamitly an hour (as Ebuses can). The fact that our public transport doesn't is shameful, NBC!			
Noise and plastic pollution are both lousy. You cannot go into a shop in Avalon without bloody dreadful music blaring at you	Pedestrian ease, oversized, mostly empty bus on the Stokes Pt run; the Old Barrenjoey / Avalon Pde intersection is a nightmare	Crazy to run a mostly empty bus on the Stokes Pt run - convenience is brilliant but parking/traffic is a nightmare	We need a pedestrian mall on weekends from Edmund Hock to Bowling Green lanes & from Woolies car park to Simmonds lanes with shops and cafes using footpaths, pedestrians using the street	Adventure playground for kids near the skatepark would be wonderful and bring families to that area, reducing antisocial behaviour	The twice yearly verge pickup system should be brought back to increase re-use/repurposing of furniture /reduce amount going to landfill and reduce illegal dumping



The removal of native trees need to be looked at as way too many are being taken down & a lot are for better views, the wildlife need trees to survive	Ocean related murals would be very nice, footpaths need to be fixed as there are a lot of trip hazards	We need to get back the more frequent L90 instead of having to change buses at Mona Vale to get to Avalon also the 199 should not go down Beaconsfield street, Newport!			
Getting rid of Warringah Council	Pittwater does not need Warringah Council or its sub contracted "places" group to tell them to leave Pittwater to its own devices.	Warringah Council, the NSW state government and the GSC guarantees that they will try and jam in more population into The Northern Beaches and sell it all off to private interests like Meriton, Taylor etc	Pittwater does just fine without Warringah Council	We have what we need in Pittwater no need for Warringah Council to think we need anything or act like they care by paying a "places" group to put up smoke and mirrors questionnaires!	We look after ourselves thanks
	Driving west on the Laneway next to the post office needs pedestrian warnings that it is a road. OR a pedestrian crosAvalon Pde faces directly into the sun in winter The pedestrian crossing is dangerous. The pavements are an accident waiting to happen.		Rents are unsustainable. Avalon has a history of unique retailers. This needs to be encouraged.		Pavement have to be level and consistent.



developers wanting to overdevelop and challenge height restrictions	poor quality, dirty and badly maintained footpaths in the CBD	we now have to take two buses to travel to Sydney. The L90 was a popular and	no idea	no idea	insufficient rangers to respond to complaints about dogs on the beach and overflowing commercial rubbish bins in the
		efficient bus service which now only runs once an hour.			streets of the CBD including Hock and Patterson Lanes.
My main concern is that our Council has no affinity with Avalon and that changes will be forced on us .	Look after footpaths better.	Change parking on back streets which are bus routes, IE Central, Riverview and Cabarita roads and Patrick Street to be one side only. Quite ridiculous for bus drivers to squeeze through between parked cars.			
too many granny flats, too many cars parking on the streets from over development of multiple living dwellings	No footpaths	No E88 buses in the middle of the day; poor L90 bus service in the middle of the day		Poor connections for the community in terms of cultural/art opportunities - see North Sydney Community Centre for a dynamic program that caters for all ages and skill levels.	



Street parking of boats and both sides parking in narrow roads. At least one side paved paths	Current Keo ride concept continue testing but if not used sufficient just replace the old long buses with double decker upgrades and feed in more as you go south	Current mix of intimate night clubs/bars and atmospheric restraunts to be encouraged. Current food shop availability suffices between Avalon and Newport then to Mona Vale for larger food selection	Voluntary community groups to be encouraged to gain /encourage ownership of culture and participation both for community health and personal health	Current waste disposal system good including green waste
Don't need traffic lights at main intersection. It works well except for a few impatient out of towners on weekend and public holidays. Could encourage pedestrians to cross at other places. Elderly need to be considered; they can feel unsafe around kids.	Difficulty parking will get worse in the future as more people live in the area permanently and blocks of land can be subdivided as per State SEPPs	shops situated a long walking distance distance from Woolies car park will have less customers	Avalon is a hub of artistic talent looking for a studio space. It is a village so it should be easy to maintain the community spirit. Pittwater Council worked hard at this. The NBCouncil/Council is not trusted by long term residents.	The way departments are organised at NBCouncil will determine the feeling of ownership of particular areas causing either a "couldn't care" attitude or one of pride. Staff must feel a sense of ownership of their area and work to keep it in good condition
We need a roundabout.			More art in the streets	
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					of the following areas?
Challe	enges can be though	t of as obstacles (or issues that exist in A	vaion, or concerns yo	u may nave.
Indian miner birds are becoming a worry as they are increasing in numbers	Foot parts on Avalon Pde are not good for every one young and old which are well used by the Avalon Palms retirement				
Keep village atmosphere. Absolutely no high rise					
See above question 2	See above question 2	See above question 2	See above question 2	See above question 2	See above question 2
No concerns	No concerns except for regular maintenance	The buses turning into Avalon Parade and then into Old Barrenjoey road is a concern.	Too many opportunists thinking Avalon is the goose that laid the golden egg and not doing due diligence whether their business is viable and sustainable. Try to make Avalon into something it isn't is a real issue.	No concerns	No concerns.
	Footpaths would make it safe between Therry St and Careel Bay Wharf. Poor nursing home residents in wheelchairs share the road which is challenging	Buses to George st at least!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!			Careel Bay Wharf is a trip zon
SEE all previous - this is unnecessarily bureaucratic and	SEE all previous - this is unnecessarily bureaucratic and	SEE all previous - this is unnecessarily bureaucratic and	SEE all previous - this is unnecessarily bureaucratic and repetitive	SEE all previous - this is unnecessarily bureaucratic and repetitive	SEE all previous - this is unnecessarily bureaucratic an repetitive

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Businesses and their	Pathways down the	Buses need to move	Businesses need help to pay	Greater links to the past	Fines for businesses who do not
rubbish. Plastic, broken	lanes near the school.	out of the centre of	the large rents and owners	and the indigenous links of	clean up their rubbish or
glass and butts getting		Avalon, School traffic	need to be encouraged to	Avalon need to be	rubbish surrounding their shop.
into our water ways.		needs to be better	rent long term empty shops.	established.	
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		afternoon.			
	No traffic lights needed				
	for Old Barrenjoey and				
	Avalon Parade as it				
	works well as it is.				
	Avalon has always been				
	more about pedestrians				
	than drivers. I have lived				
	here and been both for				
	38 years and not seen				
	any accident or				
	aggressive behaviour.				
	Keep the footpath				
	approaches to				
	pedestrian crossings free				
	of vegetation to aid				
	drivers views .				
	Make intersection 3 way	Better late night		There is nothing for	Get rid of plastic ware if
	not 4! Far too	transport so people		teenagers to do except	possible
	dangerous. Would give a	aren't dumped off		hang around the beach at	
	great, relaxed pedestrian	the B1 to wait near a		night and nowhere for	
	mall feel	pub alone.		them to socialize safely	
Trees removed	More footpaths bike	Express city and			
constantly- wildlife and	tracks and lanes	manly buses no			
enjoyment of area		parking trailers			
affected		caravans boats on			
		roads			
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	More areas for people to cross the main road.				
			Use vacant For Lease premises for community, volunteer or pop up shops. New commercial enterprises may arise out of people creatively uses these spaces while they are left idle.	The music scene in Avalon is great but requires ongoing support of residences, businesses & chamber of commerce. In addition, Busking should be encouraged on our streets to artists can show case their talents & add the village vibe.	
Stopping the developers putting dense housing in an area that needs to keep it's beauty	Changing the crossroads at Avalon Parade to being a traffic light system.	No comment	Ensuring Avalon doesn't become a ghost town with empty shops	Money from Northern Beaches been spent around Manly and more densely populated areas of the council region	Ensuring that Avalon isn't lost with the new council merger with maintenance issues
Maintenance programme needed . Obviously no money as maintenance staff appear to do bare minimum .	Pedestrian crossings are dangerous at busy times. Lights on the yellow brick road were out for weeks - again dangerous	More direct buses to city .getting home from MONA Vale at night is poor.	Shops that are relevant - not ridiculously expensive . Find a way to encourage landlords to lease their premises - incentives?	More markets etc . Stop banning things on one or two complaints .	Drainage channel looks disgusting. Makes place look slummy witness rubbish and graffiti. Remove all the deadwood from behind the beach as it keeps falling on the wire fences.
		Putting on small school buses to relieve the morning and afternonon car congestion.			



Keep natural landscape impact as urban areas	Reduce visual impact of cars throughout village.	Hard to live in Avalon without a car for	Pressure on less profitable essential services as the	Poor employment + few cheaper housing options	Generally pretty clean but biz could be more aware of refuse
grow. Bush, beach +	Maybe needs shuttle	each adult member	village grows + wider	means young graduates	impacts on pedestrian
bay feel in	bus, multi story carpark	of a family	pressure from visitors not	20-30yrs move away +	experience, eg wool worths
vibe/aesthetic needs to	or overflow summer		locals. Vibrant mix + no	leave parents alone in big	rubbish/deliveries in laneway
be kept. Its not just any	parking. Keep it people	Village transport for	supersized biz/fast	houses	
city/beach side village,	friendly spaces + all ages	elderly	food/shop outlets etc. Lots		Canal can be pretty unsightly
its Avalon			of entrepreneurial	Some of us choose to live	and smelly at times
		Access to city during	independent small scale biz	this far from the city but	
		non-peak hour needs	is great	want to access	
		to be quicker		contemporary different	
				mulit-cultural connections	
		199 to Manly is too		between different	
		slow		community groups +	
				activities, locals, its what	
				keeps us vibrant.	





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Plant more native dune plants and reserve areas for bee hives	Preserve any aboriginal sites and acknowledge their connections	Coastal walk path all the way from Palm Beach down to Manly should be ultimate goal	Close off main streets on weekends during the day to foot traffic only	B-Lines a great start. Needs to be expanded, inc more priority road/lights for them. More dedicated bike paths too.	Offer more recycling bin options in public spaces



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Stop large trees being cut down by new residents	Council continue supporting AB annual surf swim community event - free parking for visitors benefits local businesses. Support local artistic and creative community	Plant local Cabbage tree palms main intersection & in streets. Fix any uneven footpaths	We have enough market days - locals now stay away as there are too many visitors. We don't want a buzz. Just a nice well landscaped town centre with maybe tree lighting for relaxed eating out at nights	Do not reduce current car parking - needed for local families, elderly, less able bodied people to shop	Make businesses keep laneways clean
		We need a continuous footpath on the southern side of Avalon Parade. This would enhance pedestrian safety by allowing walkers to avoid crossing Avalon Parade at the end of the walkway between Chisholm Avenue and Avalon Parade.		The Keoride On Demand Pick-Up Service has been a great innovation for public transport users.	



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The creek running up along the high school - always full of rubbish - could be better managed		Need a roundabout at intersection Old Barrenjoey and Avalon Parade - so many near accidents with pedestrians and drivers not knowing who gives way. Track alongside creek and high school could be formalised	There are a lot of empty shops for lease, especially along Old Barrenjoey Road - opportunities for pop up shops? art spaces? community uses?		Footpaths are dirty - could be cleaned.
Resist medium and high density and overdevelopment (from NSW Government & developers) so as to retain the current green environment	Create a high quality creative space in Avalon. Place signage at southern end eg around Kamekaze Korner saying "Welcome to Garigal Country"	Pedestrianise Old Barrenjoey Rd north of Avalon Pde to the current carpark exit (which expand into entrance and exit). Do not be tempted to "solve" a current small issue at the OBJ Rd & Avalon Pde intersection with traffic lights.		NBC to propose that every 4th Bline bus goes all the way to Palm Beach, otherwise terminating at Mona Vale (NOT Newport).	Improve maintenance, be responsive to reported issues.
Green recycling/ composting bins or a community composting facility	More tourism driven advertising	Close laneways for more street markets etc	Lower rents to entice more variety of stores	B line to avalon	More wooden boxes around trees along Avalon Parade foot paths like the same on old Barrenjoey with booth seating.



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A better park for children to play. The park in Dunbar is small and cold in the dark. Also the bark is sharp and outdated. Needs rubber flooring	ls great	4 ways crossing on Avalon parade is a DEATH TRAP!! Will it take a child being hit and killed to do something about it. I hope not! I don't think I've ever come across an intersection like it. Needs a roundabout with only 2 crossin	Needs more family friendly places to go. A great pub would be awesome!	Is good	lt's good
Maximise Green space & tree plantings, Retain golf course.	More visible emphasis on the History of the local area REF Avalon Historical Society	Retain "4 ways" NO Traffic lights; Reduce speed at cnr Barrenjoey Rd and Avalon Pde to 50Km/hr; Possible pedestrian mall outside woolworths	Ensure council assist in reducing shop rents in Avalon. NO major fast food outlets. NO high rise	follow suggestions made by CABPRA, Palm Beach, Avalon and Newport residents associations re E88, E89 and E90 services	More Please
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More bins near beach	More use of Dunbar for markets etc	No traffic lights inside Avalon village!	More markets	Direct bus from palm beach-Avalon to city	Fine
Make Avalon plastic free, ban ALL power tools on Sundays.	Create 1 quiet day a week where there is NO music in shops and cafes or on street. The noise pollution is ridiculous.	Create a pedestrian precinct along Avalon Pde from Bowling green to Ed Hock Lanes, & from Woollies car park exit to Simmons lane	Ban traffic from the Avalon Pde Barrenjoey intersection every Saturday and Sunday. Allow cafes & shops to use the footpaths, pedestrians to use the roads.	Replace Stokes Pt bus with a mini bus and make Patrick St one way between Elvina & Therry Sts	Change the verge cleanup system as there is too much illegal dumping on top of legal / booked rubbish and everything goes to landfill



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Removal of native trees needs to be looked at ASAP as way too many native trees are being taken down!! Balloons need to be banned permanently also fireworks should also not be used at all! Restriction to major developments and high rise buildings	We need to have proper unleashed dog areas not the ridiculous unleashed trial park which is in Avalon now, this is a disgrace, is very muddy with no access to water for the dogs to swim, allowing dogs on the beach between certain times would be good	Ocean related murals would be very nice, footpaths need to be fixed as there are a lot of trip hazards		We need to get back the more frequent L90 instead of having to change buses at Mona Vale to get to Avalon also the 199 should not go down Beaconsfield street, Newport!	Gutters and bins need to be cleaned a lot more frequently than they are especially in holiday times
Get rid of Warringah Council from Pittwater.	No connection with Warringah Council	We like it the way it is without private corporation and Warringah Council interference.	No Warringah Council interference	More 190 buses and no B-Line past Mona Vale	Pittwater Council worked really well.
Remove the steel posts around the trees in old Barrenjoey rd	Pass	Remove the steel posts around the trees in old Barrenjoey rd	Good as it is.	Remove the steel posts in old Barrenjoey rd	Good as it is.
	We need a designated art space	Village pavements evened out. People regularly trip and hurt	Rents are not sustainable		



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more green, no high rise	permanent home for the Avalon Beach Historical Society collection	no traffic lights	no idea	pedestrian plaza on part of Old Barrenjoey Road north of Avalon Parade	more rangers to control all the overflowing commercial rubbish bins left out on the streets
More and indigenous trees. No high rise. No traffic lights in the village.	Continue support for the excellent Community Centre and Avalon Seniors	More footpaths on Riverview and Cabarita Roads	Manage rent levels better so that small shops are sustainable.	Continue the 192 and 191 bus service with smaller buses	Look after footpaths better
		I object to any changes to our main 4 way intersection as it is the core of our pedestrian style of village. Traffic lights are nor needed and would decimate our sense of communal village mingling. The only thing needed is enforced 25			
		traffic lights are not compatible with a pedestrian-friendly village.			



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Need to maintain current pockets of bushland as they are - not building under water tanks at Bilgola. These areas are precious - Bangalley headland, Palmgrove area. These should not be given over for development	Opportunities to attend craft/art/cultural events in our community. Avalon Golf course building would be excellent for this upstairs gallery and cafe. Downstairs workshops and dirty (pottery etc) art spaces.	No traffic lights at the intersection of Avalon Parade and Old Barrnejoey Road - the current pedestrian crossing adds to the walkability fo our area where pedestrians determine traffic flow NOT traffic lights		We need a consistent bus service into the city from Palm Beach - B line is not acceptable for those of us living north of Mona Vale	
Green Atmosphere ,Pedestrian friendly , more trees, less concrete	Art Precinct in Avalon Golf Course Plus more School sports access in Avalon golf Course	Pedestrian Plaza in North Old Barrenjoey Rd, walking and cycle pathways as funds provide	No High Rise appartments or commercial buildings, No corporate Fast Food	B Line Buses extend to Palm Beach and Avalon replace 199. No lights in Avalon Parade & Old Barrenjoey Rd	Cleanliness above Pop art - maintain current level of waste management
Need to get rid of Indian mynahs and cockatoos in garbage bins in the centre of Avalon	Very good	If concerned for road safety, how about a footpath between Surfside Avenue and the Serpentine	Good	For city link, bring back the L90. Faster than B-line from Avalon.	Not so good after a Saturday night



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	Local artists commissioned to beautify the streetscape with street art.	A Landscaped roundabout at the intersection of Avalon Pde and Old barrenjoey Rd.		A minibus rather than the large bus doing the local circuit of Bilgola and Stokes Point.	
Maintain & increase tree cover; avoid high rise bldg and overdevelopment; reduce & clean up litter in parks, streets and beaches/waterways	na	NO traffic lights in Avalon village centre!!!; improve pedestrian access and reduce car dominance	na	na	see above
Colourful flora in tubs along Old Barrenjoey Rd and Avalon Parade		On NO account and in no circumstances should the main intersection be controlled by traffic lights. This intersection is SAFE and has a good record. Lights will encourage pedestrians to run the gauntlet and motorists to shoot red lights.		It's ok as it is.	
please leave it as it is. No more trees should be cut please	Avalon has a great community	it's fantastic as it is	I guess it could do with more restaurants	it's fantastic as it is	beautiful



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
	Keep our village life as it was before all the shop top housing came to Avalon. Foot paths are so needed every where	Better footpaths planter boxes and better planting	More colour from planting colourerful gardens	More E88 buses more often	Miner birds are back in Avalon shopping centre they were removed befor time to do it again before the numbers increase
		No boat trailers parked on roads			Garbage collections to finish by sunrise
No highrise to be built	We are multicultural - just look at the range of restaurants in Avalon. We all benefit from this change	Footpath repair Avalon Parade	More opportunities to employ people within a 20 km radius	This is good with the B line and 199 to Manly	Clean now in winter, but that changes with "visitors" from other areas being "tossers". More clean ups then.
More care of dunes	Maintain as is	No traffic lights at Old Barrenjoey Road/Avalon Parade. These would forever change the character of the village.	Maintain as is	No B-Line roundabout at Newport	Clean the stormwater drain north of Woolworths



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
No change Avalon has an excellent track record in relation to nature, environment and sustainability	No change Avalon has an excellent track record in relation to community connections and culture.	No change		No change	
Significant planting like Newport in the centre of old Barrenjoey road . Not pathetic timber bollards .	Public toilets in shopping area please. 2 hour parking limits for residents gives no time to do anything as well as support local businesses	For years I've made my children avoid the 4 way intersection. Often cars just don't stop. It's been so terrifying as a mother!!		Buses should not terminate at Avalon they should continue to palm beach . We have no b line and buses stop way before our street. Very very Poor service!!! Kids are often left stranded	Please stop trailers parking at the end of George St (before Careel Bay wharf) it looks like a tip. Neighbours don't own the trailers. People should keep their unused boats ets in their own yard.
Leave it alone! No new development. Keep existing low building profile. No medium density.	celebrate our local history	NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS, OR ROUNDABOUT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. COBBLED MAIN INTERSECTION TO SLOW CARS	business responsibility	I drive, I walk, I ride my bikeadequate car parking	council responsibility



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
The rubbish in the park closest to the service station and Woolworths is disappointing. The park is littered with cigarette butts, broken glass and is very dark at night. The park is close to the large drain/creek and is dangerous in high rains also.	There is very little links with with our indigenous heritage in Avalon.	The crossings work well in Avalon and add to the pedestrian nature of Avalon. It is difficult to cross the road near the school unless walki Hall the way to the school crossing.	There are many empty shops of which many have been long term.	Buses should be restricted to the main road (Barrenjoey road) . Stopping in Avalon is dangerous and does not suit the 'village feel'.	Cleanliness on the main streets is good although the back lanes and park near the service station are filthy, especially the lane behind Woolworths which is often littered with ribbons ans hundreds of cockatoos pulling apart the skip bins.
Avalon is unique and a one of a kind a special village, please let's not over develop or bear foot environment.	Traffic lights would take this away we used to be known as the bare foot boulevard	Footpaths need updates and power poles need to go	?	What roads!!	More maintenance for road leaf cleaning as well as footpath cleaning in the village
More shrubs in between current trees in median strip to make it complete and not for cars to park illegally				No traffic lights necessary for Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade. It works well as is and part of the reason why pedestrians matter more than drivers.	



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
To be kept as natural as possible		No more traffic lights especially the intersection of Avalon Parade and Old Barrenjoey Road. In 38 years we have never witnessed an accident there. Everyone takes a responsible approach.			
Ban plastic straws and plastic take away coffee lids.		7,7		Place the form one lane sign at the lights at Avalon Parade ONE HUNDRED meters further north and mark the road indicating the lane ends. Thank Y	
Fix Careel Creek. It often smells. You need to get rid of the concrete so nature can take it's course and clean the water No more plastic bags or single use plastic's		Fix the intersection to make it three-way not full. It is unsafe and too dangerous. Near misses all the time and children aren't allowed to walk to school.		Later night connections on the Keo ride between Avalon, Palm Beach and Mona Vale	



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
		The avalon pde old barrenjoey Rd crossing is a major issue. It should be turned into a square for the community. The traffic issues would resolve themselves be safer and create a real village feel removing all through traffic in the process.		There are some implications from the close off option above: those items should be listed with discounts if this option with the community	
The tree cover needs preservation. Give rate reductions for tree cover. Make trees valuable.	Minimum block size 700sq m preserve character of area- flora and fauna	More footpaths, bike lanes, centre intersection is fine but if tourists need help a roundabout. Roundabout George/Barrenjoey. Ease traffic on Kevin. No boats caravans on street.	Got enough already- no more	E88 runs every hour or half hour to city. Express to manly. Bike lane on Bilgola Bends. Coordinate traffic lights esp Newport and Mona vale. 24 hour clear ways on Pittwater rd	



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Community event days for awareness.	More local events espically for the youth culture. Dunbar Park should be a hive of activity every month with a free or donation even happening to create a sense of community.	Anything new is built with sustainable products that blend into the environment.			rubbish bin areas should include all three types of recycling at every point.
			Open up unused/For Lease premises for community use or pop up shops. The activity within them may generate enough business for people to consider in investing into a full time business in that space.		



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Conservation of the existing environment, ensuring Avalon keeps it's natural beauty and reserves	More Community activities - seems Northern Beaches Council only focus around Manly and more kids programs for the school holidays	Crossroads on Avalon Parade needs to be addressed (not just with traffic lights - lazy option!), too dangerous	Sort out land owners greed and keep Avalon vibrant	Better transport or on demand	Have no comment, seems that it's quite clean.
Educate the community and encourage local participation to support our environment. Create activities or actions that involve the community encourage families and young people.	Host and encourage a variety of cultural events that suit all age groups that are affordable to attend.	Better walkways for the aged and disable - assess for all to visit our parks beaches and village. Add some character to our main streets, potted colour, festive lights, plants, wall murals, pod seating etc	Keep rents reasonable so our shops can thrive - encourage interesting and sustainable businesses to the area that locals will support and tourists are drawn to! A blend of shops lets just not be coffee shops and restaurants!	Service is getting better keep up the good work. The only thing I would like to see is a service free that takes our aged or disable to and from the bus stops.	Footpaths in the village of Avalon need an upgrade. Outdoor areas that are clean and visually appealing will encourage tourist and locals to spend and enjoy the local area. Lawns in our parks need more love!



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
	I think we are very well connected in Avalon and there is a lot on offer for all ages	Footpath up Park Ave is needed as it is busy with cars and you have to walk on the road very dangerous for mothers with pram and small children walking to school	Avalon is becoming quite a sad place with empty shops as the rents are too high and the businesses can't survive	I don't want to change transport to get a B Line why can't they send every second one to Palm Beach , we had double decker that came around the bends	I think council could make it more colourful with planting some troughs with seasonal flowers would look great
No high rise	We embrace all cultures - just observe the variety of restaurants and cafes from different cultures	Layout is good but some footpaths could be improved especially for older walkers and there are a lot of us	Some of our shops are closed - perhaps some advice for types of business needed to save residents going elsewhere	Good with bus199, L90 and B line from Mona Vale	Generally good in Winter but Summer brings some visitors who are "tossers"
Preserve open spaces. Clean up drainage channel - remove rubbish.	Murals on buildings. Markets, food and wine.	Lighting important walking at night. Better crossings in the village - dangerous at times. Kerbing and guttering.	Do something about empty shops. It makes the place look as if it's dying a death. Encourage shops to do specials for locals.	Better timetable to city. B line from Palm beach to city , or more L 90 services	Trim and maintain unkempt trees and shrubs. Fine shop owners for trashing the environment. Kerb and gutter. Remove graffiti regularly. Use cameras to catch offenders.



Nature, Environment & Sustainability	Community Connections & Culture	Street Design, Safety & Walkability	Economic Vibrancy	Transport	Cleanliness & Maintenance
Planting of Native vegetation only. Trap and remove Indian Mynha birds. More drink stations	I love street art.			Mini Buses transporting residents from nearby areas to reduce cars and parking problems.	The pavements need to be cleaned more often along with gutters and laneways
Avalon is uniquely located 50kms from city beachside nestled in surrounding vegetated hills off the main road between the beach and the bay. Many residents choose to live + travel far to work because of its natural environment. The solar access + low rise and multitude of business/public services mean it's a friendly family all age village. Keep it simple, keep it natural.	Many artist, designers, creative people in Avalon working from home with occasional travel to city. Av village is a vital part of this pffering good range of biz services + facilities for all ages. Library, rec centre who cant access villages further away (Newport, MV). Please keep accessible events etc multi age based so families friends + strangers can live + meet	Avalon is a sweet friendly village where people of all ages can walk + meet + congregate. Its solar access + microclimate + views to treelined hills, low-rise set the scene + proximity to beach. But the streets are dominated visually by cars. Widen footpaths where possible, provide incidental seating walls + furniture in pockets + lanes for free gathering + performance	Avalon is not just a weekend tourist destination full of cafes. It is a functioning business hub for local residents and home base businesses. Keep it small scale, with vibrant mix + day/night activities. Public facilities, supermarket, small scale shops + food is ideal. Explore employment opportunities for young adults + cheaper housing	Village bus to Palm Beach/Careel Bay – free. More E88s to city in non-peak hours. Lobby for no stop B4 Narrabeen to speed up E88. Improve morning school bus on main road interchange + access by foot to village reducing lanes on westside of B'joey road servo. Provide overflow weekend parking in summer for non-residents/tourists during week/short stay car park only inside village. Improve cycle/ped access to residential areas	Reconsider commercial garbage bins in lanes + other pedestrian areas. Reduce plastic use in shops. Keep footpaths signage boards grouped/to a minimum. Select streamline footpath surface to reduce tripping points Warn of cars entering/exiting between buildings Improve signage Let café owners use + maintain streetscape.



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Avalon Beach Place Plan



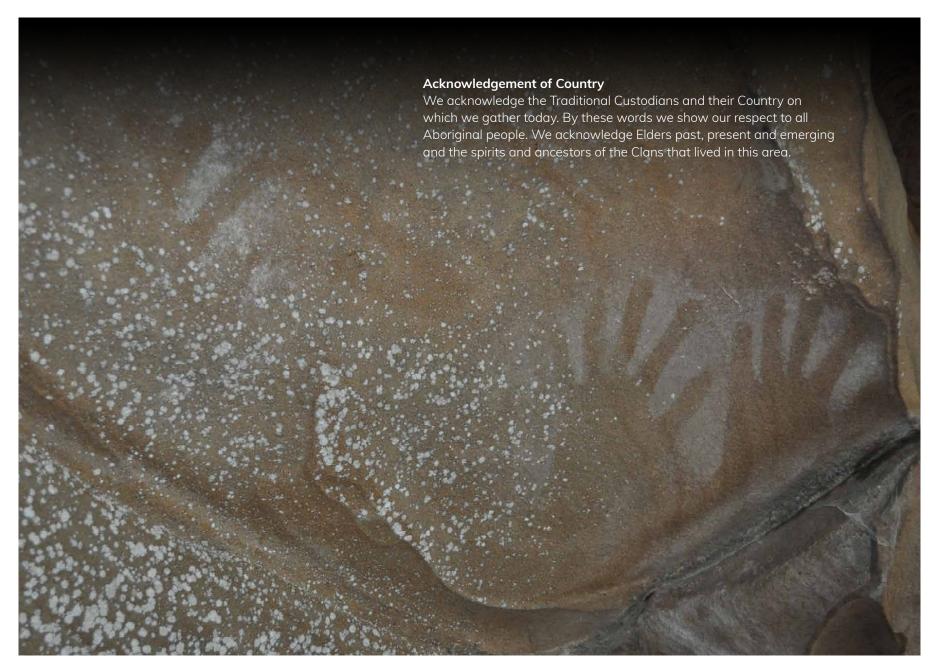
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Message from the Mayor



The people of Avalon Beach have developed a vision for Avalon Beach as:

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

Council is working with the community to make Avalon Beach a great place for all people to enjoy, now and long into the future.

The Avalon Beach Place Plan articulates a clear and compelling vision for Avalon Beach's urban landscape, identifying short-term improvements as well as long-term priorities.

Our detailed and thorough community consultation process with the locals of Avalon Beach allowed us to engage with many people and gave us critical insights into the values and concerns most people care about and what that they believe Avalon Beach should be like in the future, from social, natural, environment, economic and cultural perspectives.

Avalon Beach is the first village within the Northern Beaches to undergo a place planning process of this kind.

The Avalon Beach Place Plan presents a historic opportunity to realise the community's vision.

I thank everyone for their active involvement.

Michael Regan Mayor







Introduction

The My Place approach

Northern Beaches Council is working to create great places that are vibrant, safe, inclusive and sustainable right across the Northern Beaches.

We have initiated 'My Place', a place planning approach to planning, design and management of local town centres.

The approach focuses on people's connection to their local area and encourages them to work with us.

Our approach requires us to watch, ask questions of and listen to the people who live, work and relax in a particular 'place' to discover their needs and their aspirations.

Community participation and involvement is essential during all aspects of My Place, so that we can develop a Place Plan that truly reflects community expectations and aspirations.

It takes a place to create a community, and a community to create a place.

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Avalon Beach is the first centre to undergo the My Place planning process. We refer to this as My Place: Avalon.

Specific emphasis has been placed on ensuring that all members of the community have an opportunity to engage with the process and to share their ideas and thoughts about what is best for Avalon Beach now and in the future.

The outcome of this approach is a Place Plan, which is an evidence-based framework to enhance the physical and social aspects of a 'place'.

The Avalon Beach Place Plan identifies and considers the features that make Avalon Beach such a special and unique place. It identifies what the community values most and provides an action plan that align changes with the community's current and future needs and aspirations.

Place plans are not developed in isolation; they sit within a broader strategic planning framework that includes the Greater Sydney Region Plan, North District Plan, Towards 2040 (our Local Strategic Planning Statement) and other local policies such as local environmental plans and development control plans.

What is Place Planning?

In essence, place planning is about working with the community to develop local solutions for local problems.

The Avalon Beach Place Plan was developed with the local community through extensive community engagement activities.

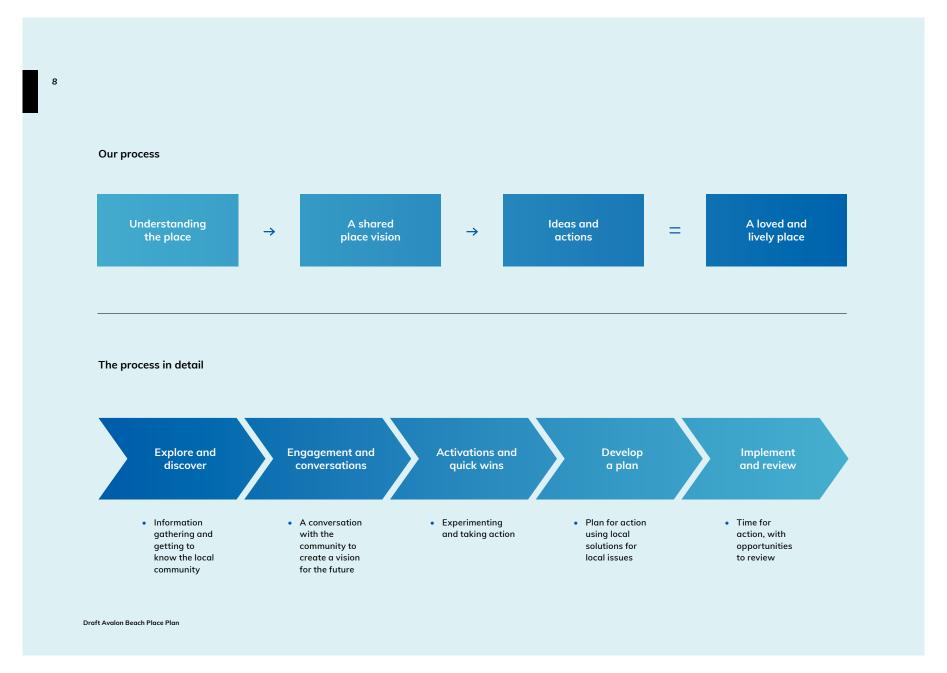
The Place Plan centres on public domain improvements and programs that aim to support and build capacity within the local community.

The plan will not incorporate any changes to the current land use planning controls applying to the area in Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014, such as building heights, zonings and density, and only minor amendments to Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan, including urban design guidelines and Avalon Beach Local Character Statement.











How to read this plan

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Local context

Sets out what we know about Avalon Beach.

Community vision

Outlines the community's desires and aspirations for Avalon Beach.

Guiding principles

Reflect the community's vision guiding the preparation of the Plan.

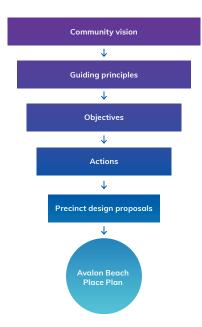
Objectives

Set the overall purpose and specific goals that underpin each guiding principle.

Actions

Represent the individual initiatives and projects to achieve the objectives.

Preparation and development of Avalon Beach Place Plan



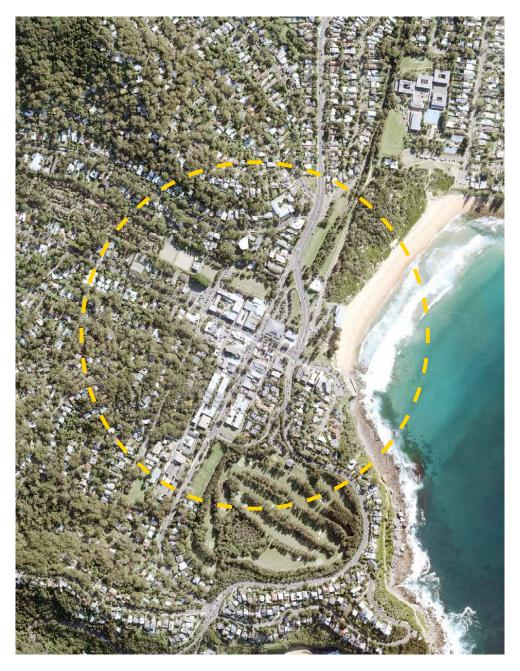
What we know about Avalon BeachOur Place

Avalon Beach is a coastal village on the northern peninsula of the Northern Beaches, flanked by a popular surf beach on the east and Pittwater on the west. The area is renowned for its natural beauty, laidback atmosphere and robust arts and culture scene.

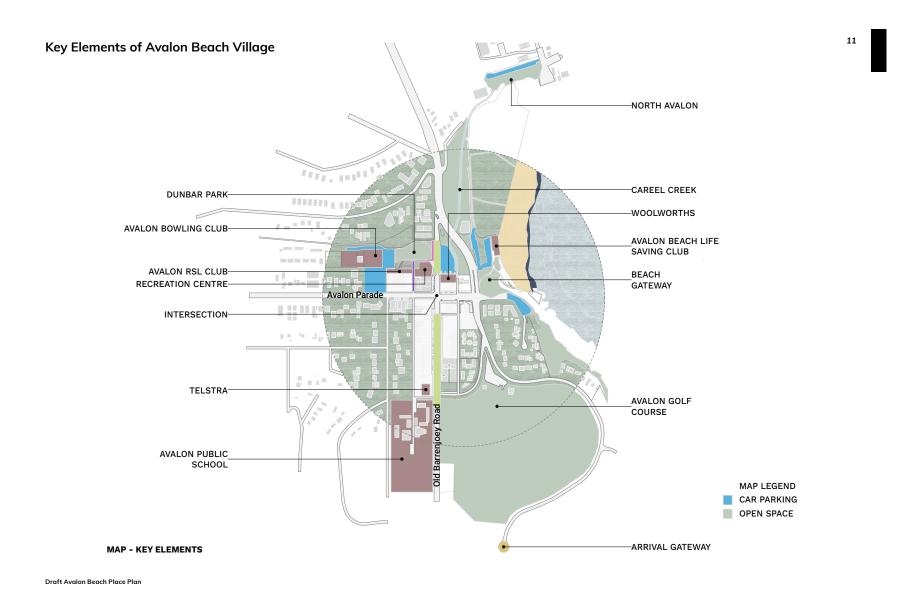
The area is characterised by sustainability culture and is known for its distinctive 'Avalon' style.

The Place Plan is focused on the area within 400 metres of Avalon Beach village centre. However a broader area of influence stretches northward to Palm Beach and encompassing the suburbs of Clareville and Bilgola Plateau is also considered.

Avalon Study Area Map







Our Community

Avalon Beach enjoys a strong sense of community with many active community groups, high rates of volunteering and a history of community-led arts and cultural programming.

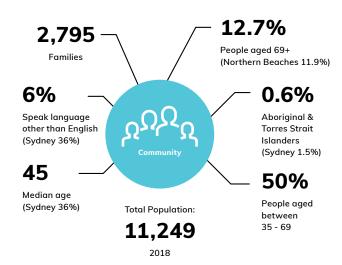
The area remains relatively constant and by 2036 the population is likely to increase by 1.6%. The Avalon Beach population is getting older with a median age of 45 years compared to 36 for Greater Sydney. The groups where we see the most growth is the pre-retiree and retiree age groups.

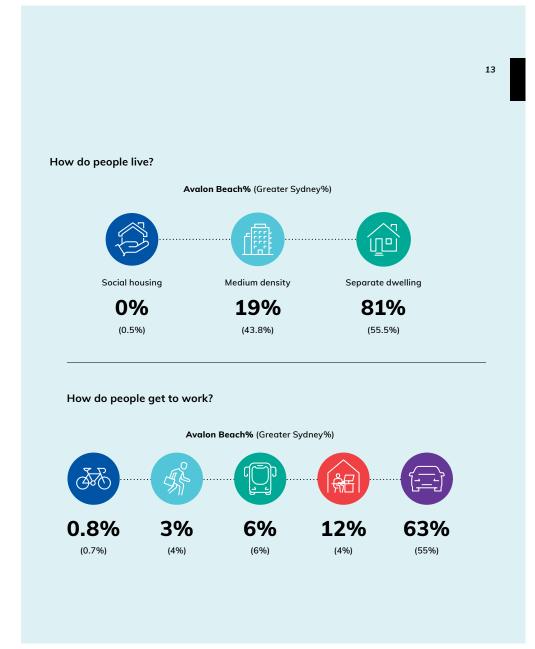
Population





Community snapshot





Your Say: Avalon Beach Community engagement

Community consultation is at the heart of My Place: Avalon. We undertook a range of engagement activities with the Avalon Beach community to gain a clear understanding of their thoughts, passions and aspirations.

After our initial community consultation in May and August 2018, we presented our findings in My Place: Avalon Spotlight on Avalon - Snapshot and community engagement summary, January 2019 (Spotlight on Avalon document). Spotlight on Avalon reported on more than 1,500 contributions and thousands of ideas that reflect the aspirations, visions, values and priorities of this eclectic coastal community.

Our additional community engagement built on and refined the initial work.

We established an Avalon Community
Reference Group which represent a broad cross
section of the Avalon Beach community who
hold an intimate understanding of the area. The
Reference Group helped us to further develop
the key issues and actions for Avalon Beach.

From these activities, we've been able to present a clear community vision for the future and a range of local solutions and actions to achieve the vision.









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Consultation activities



Care factor survey and site assessments



Visioning workshops



3 Pop-up stalls and on-line survey



Avalon Community Reference Group



Dunbar Park user survey



Avalon Beach Pop-Up Plaza



Youth workshop (Barrenjoey High School)



8 My Place: Avalon draft Place Plan exhibition

Consultation timeline



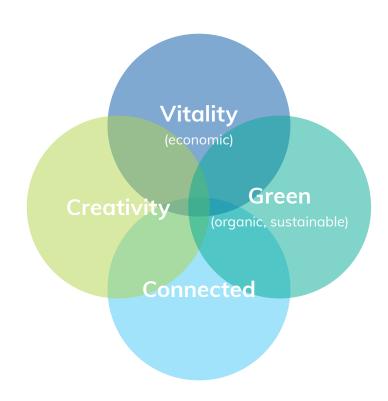
Vision

Community vision

The community vision developed with the local community has informed the development of the Place Plan and will guide decision making.

The community's vision is that Avalon Beach in 2030 will be:

"A relaxed, peaceful and vibrant coastal village, embracing and nurturing the natural environment, celebrating creativity and community connection."



The journey ahead

How are we getting there?

We have already started making progress and taking small steps towards the vision through a range of quick wins and the commencement of associated projects, including:

Dunbar Park Christmas tree lights 2019

Dunbar Park playground improvements 2021

Avalon Beach netball and half court basketball courts 2021

Northern Beaches Coast Walk Public Art Trail



Plan on a page NORTH AVALON URBAN EGDES OF DUNBAR PARK -PATTERSON LANEWAY BEACH GATEWAY Avalon Parade -INTERSECTION -GREEN SPINE GATEWAY Old Barrenjoey Road

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MAP - AVALON PLAN

-ARRIVAL GATEWAY

Guiding principles

Five interlinked key principles will guide the realisation of the community's vision.

The Place Plan is underpinned by guiding principles identified by the community and includes short term and long term actions.

The guiding principles are underpinned by an integrated, sustainable planning approach that balances, economic, environment, social and cultural impacts and opportunities.



Green and Clean



Vibrant and Diverse Economy



Improved Connections



Community Culture and Creativity



Active and Distinctive Spaces





Green & Clean

Stewardship of the natural environment that protects and enhances the unique local ecosystem.

Objectives

- Increase the urban tree canopy and create quality green streets and public spaces.
- Manage, protect and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity of the area, with a focus on Avalon Beach Village and surrounding area.
- Empower the community to embrace waste avoidance, reduction and re-use.

Actions

- Incorporate recycling waste bins (customised with local artist works) into streetscape enhancement works.
- Investigate opportunities to naturalise
 Careel Creek and stormwater drainage
 systems within and surrounding the Avalon
 Beach Village.
- Integrate landscape design with water and stormwater management.
- Increase tree and vegetation planting throughout Avalon Beach, with species endemic to Avalon Beach to increase biodiversity.
- Incorporate features into landscape works to support local fauna and biodiversity.
- Encourage walking and cycling throughout Avalon Beach Village centre to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

- Protect the quality and quantity of existing native bushland and open space from encroachment from new development.
- Incorporate sustainability outcomes such as green architecture and Biophilic design, into development approvals process, where possible.
- Integrate greenery and vegetation into buildings, laneways and car parks, such as green laneways,green walls and roofs and green pavement treatment.









Green walls



Solitary native bee/insect hotel



Green pavement treatment

Vibrant and diverse economy

Providing a vibrant and diverse local economy for growth and resilience that reflects the uniqueness of the area.

Objectives

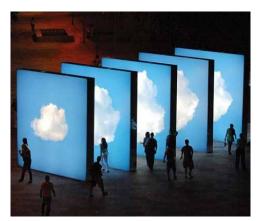
- Establish a diverse and resilient local economy that services and supports the needs of the local community and celebrates Avalon Beach's unique character.
- Support local businesses, especially in the winter months, through a diverse range of programs and initiatives.
- Create opportunities for an evening economy.

Actions

- Create an annual program of events that celebrate the unique character of Avalon Beach.
- Extend on the Connected Through
 Creativity 2029 through a busker program
 to provide entertainment in designated
 areas of Avalon Beach Village in
 collaboration with local businesses.
- Develop an online business walkabout map, promoting Avalon Beach businesses and attractions to visitors and the wider Greater Sydney area.
- Trial a monthly market with a focus on fresh produce, arts and crafts.
- Encourage unique and diverse retailers by working in collaboration with local businesses to establish mentoring programs and initiatives to support local start-up businesses and young entrepreneurs.
- Encourage temporary uses in vacant shops, supported by the Avalon Town Centre Retail Analysis, to retain a vibrant village.

- Encourage landowners and developers to utilise vacant land within Avalon Beach Village for temporary uses, installations and events.
- Develop a How to Guide on event planning, permit processes and approvals to encourage small-scale community-led projects.
- Maintain the integrity of the existing land zoned B2 Local Centre to retain a range of retail, business, entertainment and community uses in Avalon Beach Village.
- Work with local businesses to run a 'Shop Local' campaign to highlight the importance of supporting local retailers.





Temporary evening activations



Monthly market days



Temporary treatment of vacant shops



Unique local businesses



Temporary street activity



Live music and performances

Improved Connections

Connecting the community through better links to and within Avalon Beach Village with a focus on sustainable modes of travel and linking bush to beach.

Objectives

- Prioritise people over cars by improving accessibility for all and increasing walking and cycling opportunities to and within Avalon Beach Village.
- Improve the functionality, safety and pedestrian experience of the intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade.
- Ensure the provision and management of parking spaces is sufficient to meet anticipated demand, outside summer peak periods.

Actions

- Implement the recommendations of the Avalon Beach Parking Study including an integrated signage plan, simplified parking controls and the relocation of long-stay parking spaces.
- Establish a framework to collaborate with Transport for NSW to optimise public transport routes and improve amenity and frequency of services.
- Renew and construct new footpaths and create wide pavements that link activity areas, transport and beach, as recognised by the Avalon Pedestrian Accessibility and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Walk Northern Beaches.

- Create a low-vehicle speed pedestrian environment throughout Avalon Beach Village by using urban design and traffic calming methods within the Village.
- Stage the upgrade to the intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade including trial of a temporary one-way shared zone to inform permanent road and streetscape improvements.
- Incorporate bicycle facilities in strategic locations throughout the Village.





Encourage cycling



Prioritise people over cars



Make it safer and more enjoyable place for pedestrians



Make it easier for people to walk within the village



Create low-vehicle speed environment

Community Culture and Creativity

Supporting a cohesive community connected through creativity and respecting cultural heritage.

Objectives

- Embrace and build on the Connected
 Through Creativity 2029 Northern Beaches
 Arts and Creativity Strategy.
- Support, promote and celebrate Avalon Beach's creative and cohesive community culture.
- Celebrate and promote cultural places and acknowledge and recognise Indigenous culture and stories.

Actions

- Increase opportunities for art in public spaces, including street art, art installations and sculptures that complement the character of Ayalon Beach.
- Foster opportunities to celebrate the communities creativity through village laneways, open spaces, vacant shops and land via outdoor installations and outdoor galleries, art boxes and pop ups.
- Incorporate and encourage art in public spaces, performance spaces and cultural activities in community places to increase vibrancy.
- Explore opportunities to establish new or expand existing film festivals.
- Expand opportunities presented by the Coast Walk Public Art Trail to encourage people to detour off the trail and explore Avalon Beach Village.

- Recognise and celebrate the local heritage of the area, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, through interpretative information, signage and an online heritage trail.
- Create a sense of arrival into the Village through local art and signage that reflects the heritage and creativity of the area.
- Install wayfinding signage directing to key places within the Village and adjoining recreational areas.





Wayfinding



Art and sculpture installations



Expand existing festivals and events



Celebrate local creative culture

Active and Distinctive Spaces

Creating flexible and distinctively unique public spaces that enhance community interaction and experiences.

Objectives

- Improve the overall look and feel of the Avalon Beach Village and create unique places for people to meet, gather and relax.
- Promote natural surveillance and safety through street activation and improved lighting in key locations.

Actions

- Enhance and activate spaces within Avalon Beach Reserve and north Avalon car park.
- Provide a range of ambient lighting within the Village.
- Identify opportunities to ensure playgrounds are inclusive, adapted and safe for multiple age groups.
- Advocate for multi-use of existing spaces and facilities such as school grounds outside of operational hours.
- Install outdoor seating throughout the Village and Dunbar Park to provide places for people to meet and gather.
- Provide a range of outdoor activities, exercise and sporting structures in open space areas that complement the natural setting.

- Continue to explore opportunities to improve and upgrade the design of laneways, with a focus on alternative pedestrian connections, opportunities for art and more landscaping.
- Prepare urban design guidelines and controls for Avalon Beach Village that reflect the unique and distinctive character of the locality, embrace sustainability concepts, exemplary and biophilic design.





Ambient lighting



Outdoor activities in strategic locations



Street furniture to provide opportunities for people to gather and relax



Exercise stations in open space areas

Place Precincts

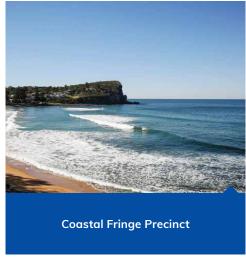
We have grouped Avalon Beach Village into three distinctive place precincts based on existing and future activities.

These precincts provide diverse opportunities for positive change aligned to the guiding principles. This includes enhancing community spaces and streetscapes, creating active and lively places for the community to meet, gather

and relax, improving connections throughout the Village for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles and providing new facilities for young people.

The place precincts are Coastal Fringe, Village Hub and Southern Gateway.







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Village Hub Precinct

Centrally located, the Village Hub Precinct provides a diverse range of retail, commercial, open space and civic uses to support people residing in the surrounding suburbs extending beyond Avalon Beach.

The Village is a destination for the community to meet, gather and enjoy the diverse offerings.

The Village is a great place for pedestrians, with connections throughout the Village, along laneways and other links. There are opportunities to improve walking links between the Village and surrounding residential areas.

The area features smaller blocks and generally low scale development of two or three storey buildings.





Village Hub Precinct

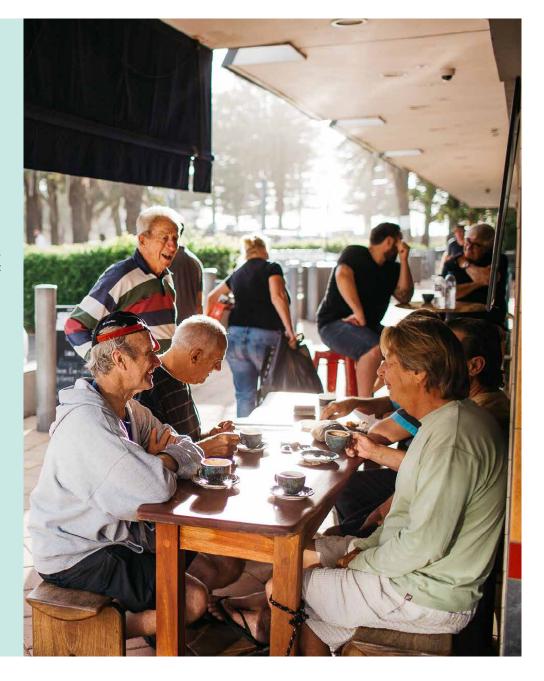
Designing the place

Upgrade the intersection.

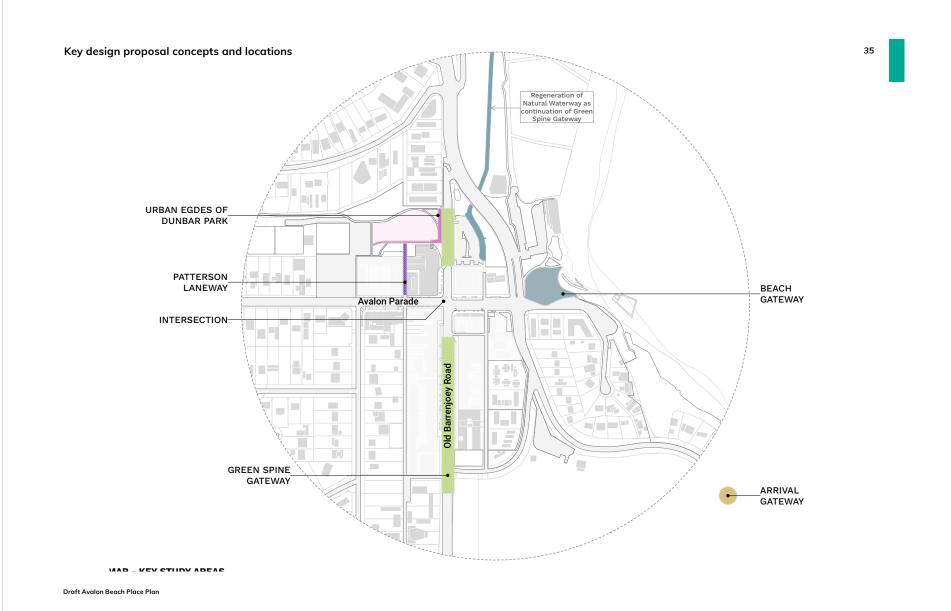
Upgrade the streetscape and public areas along Avalon Parade and Old Barrenjoey Road, incorporating new pavement treatments, street furniture, ambient lighting, landscaping and public art.

Improve Dunbar Park and playground.

Redesign Patterson Lane as an example of uplifting underutilised laneways into lively and active places with a variety of uses.







Intersection design

The question of what to do with the intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade is a hotly contested issue. Information gathered from the community over the past 25 years has consistently raised and identified safety concerns for both vehicles and pedestrians.

Overall the community feedback received during consultation strongly supported a pedestrian plaza for this space, followed by a shared zone. There are a number of traffic movement and distribution challenges for the broader road network associated with a pedestrian plaza. Given this, the preference from a traffic perspective is a shared zone.

Intersection improvements will achieve a greater balance between pedestrian and vehicle movement to create a safer pedestrian environment within a causal and laid-back village atmosphere.

In moving forward, a temporary one way south bound shared zone of Old Barrenjoey Road north (between Avalon Parade and the current entrance to the Woolworths car park) will be established for a trial period (minimum of six months).

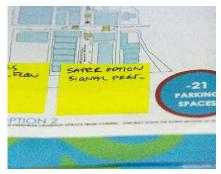
This will allow the footpath to be widened and the street to be pedestrianised. The installation of street furniture and vegetation will also allow the community to use and experience the space in a new way.

The trial will also provide the opportunity to test the street design concept in real-time so that people can voice their views and provide feedback before a permanent street design is endorsed.



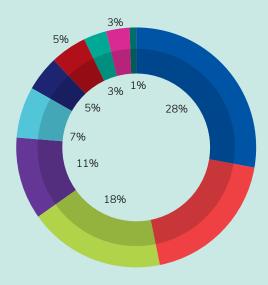








Avalon Pop Up Plaza - intersection change



- Full closure (28%)
- No preferred option selected (19%)
- Option two shared zone (18%)
- Unrelated comments (11%)
- No change (7%)
- Roundabout (5%)
- Option one minimal change (5%)
- Option three one way (3%)
- Avalon Preservation Association option (3%)
- Traffic lights (1%)











Avalon Beach bus route concept

Relocation of Old Barrenjoey Road (north) bus stop

The existing bus stop and layover located in Old Barrenjoey Road (north) will need to be relocated as part of the temporary trial of the one way south bound shared zone. We have liaised with Transport NSW and the new service provider to develop an alternative option, including revised route for the 191 and 192 bus services. The bus stop and layover will be relocated to Barrenjoey Road, north of the Shell service station. The relocation will improve connectivity between the local bus service loop and bus services that connect Avalon Beach to Mona Vale, Dee Why, Manly and the City.

The 191 and 192 bus routes will operate as a figure 8 style service.





Potential design solutions - temporary installation for the trial shared zone.



Informal opportunities for people to gather and relax



Using timber and stone



Appropriate planting to soften area and create vibrancy



Unique furniture that reflects the community's artistic flair



Repurpose objects to inject creativity

Streetscape improvements

Proposed improvements include:

Resurfacing footpaths and roads

Street planting and landscaping

Street furniture

Art and performance spaces

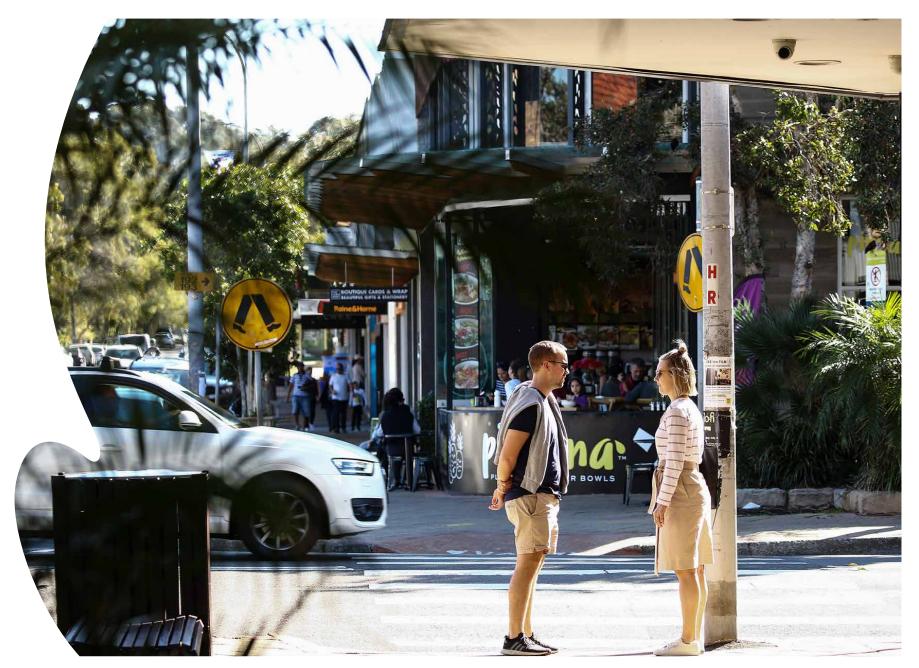
Bicycle facilities

Improved street and ambient lighting

The streetscape today is characterised by inconsistent footpath paving and street furniture, untidy streets and laneways and underutilised street width in Old Barrenjoey Road (south).

Some elements are compatible with the style and character of Avalon Beach and these elements will guide the design and types of materials used for future improvements.





Resurfacing

Streets can be quality spaces that support businesses and community interactions:

Widening the footpath in specific localities and resurfacing existing roads, footpaths and pathways will create a more uniform and attractive appearance. Creating a more enjoyable and safer place for pedestrians and retaining the casual vibe of the Village.







Bicycle facilities

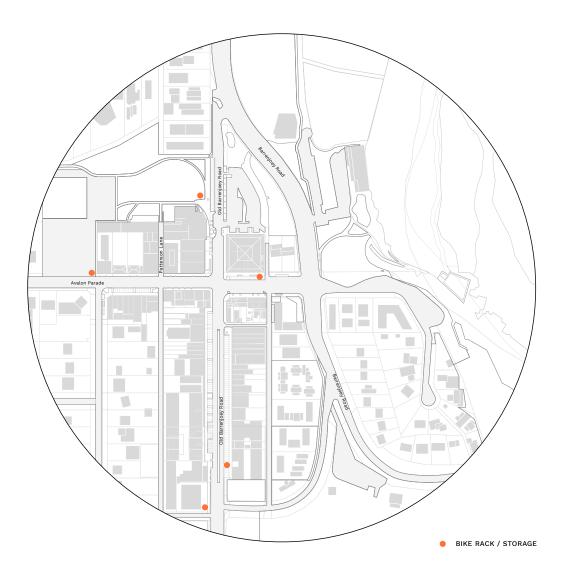
Cycling increases physical activity to promote and maintain good health, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, reduces traffic congestion and helps improve the flow of traffic.

The Northern Beaches Bike Plan 2020 aims to expand, improve and maintain the Safe Cycling Network. The Network is a safe and connected cycling environment that enables people of all ages and abilities to move safely between places and into residential areas.

Recreational cycling on the Northern Beaches has experienced a resurgence during the COVID-19 pandemic with more people than ever choosing this form of transport. Bicycle storage structures will be provided in strategic locations throughout the Village to support and encourage the local community to cycle to the village centre and beach.







Street furniture

Well-designed street furniture throughout the village will enhance the sense of liveliness and provide comfortable places for people to meet and gather.

Potential design solutions are informed by appropriate existing streetscape elements that reflect the unique style and laid back vibe of Avalon Beach. Furniture items includes:

- street benches and plinths
- garbage bins that support recycling and reflect the creative flair of the area, such as an NBN Rapt with Art project
- bollards
- wayfinding

Potential design solutions



Bespoke timber benches in strategic locations



Bollards using natural material



Integrate local artwork into universal street elements Combine the use of concrete, sandstone and timber.







Street planting

The natural beauty of Avalon Beach will be drawn into the village with increased street planting, garden beds and trees to provide a more comfortable, beautiful and healthy environment.

The focus is to increase the urban tree canopy and integrate greenery and vegetation not only into the streets and laneways, but also the built form.

Careel Creek could be regenerated to provide a green spine extending northwards and a valuable connection to Avalon Beach Reserve.

Potential planting solutions



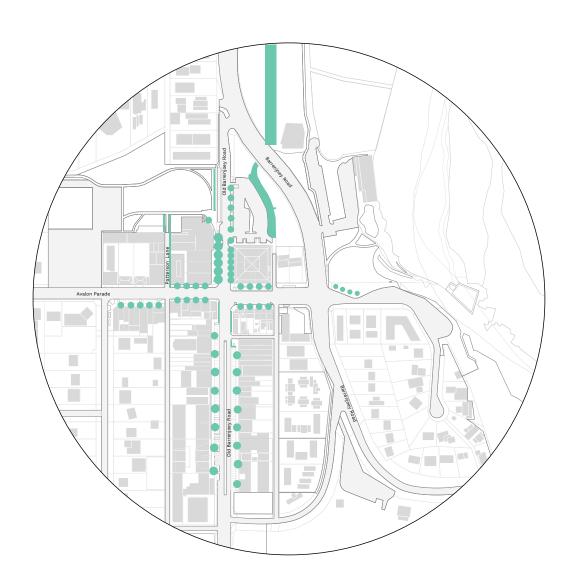
Planting to incorporate endemic native species



Regeneration to increase biodiversity and habitat values

Image source: McGregor Coxall





Arts and performance

A range of public infrastructure in key locations throughout the Village will be designed for performances and bring people together. Elements include shelters, platforms and stages that incorporate power to support events such as busking, music sessions, outdoor cinemas and markets.



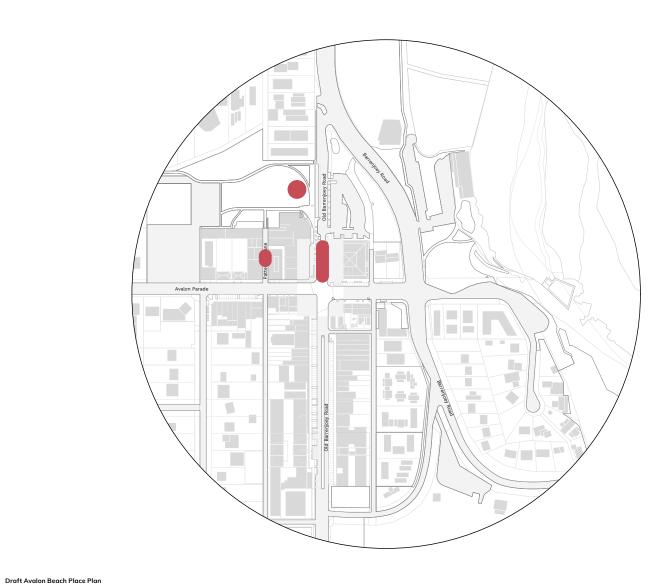
Spaces to support local performances





Street art to enliven the streetscape and laneways





Lighting

Creating a vibrant, safe and enjoyable nighttime environment requires additional layers of lighting, extending beyond traditional street lights. The approach is to provide additional lighting along Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade and key destinations and pedestrian linkages such as Patterson Lane, Dunbar Park and Avalon Beach.

Proposed lighting will incorporate architectural feature lighting, promenade lighting and up lighting of key natural elements.

Possible design solutions







Feature lighting to activate spaces



Continuous well lit connections



Ambient lighting



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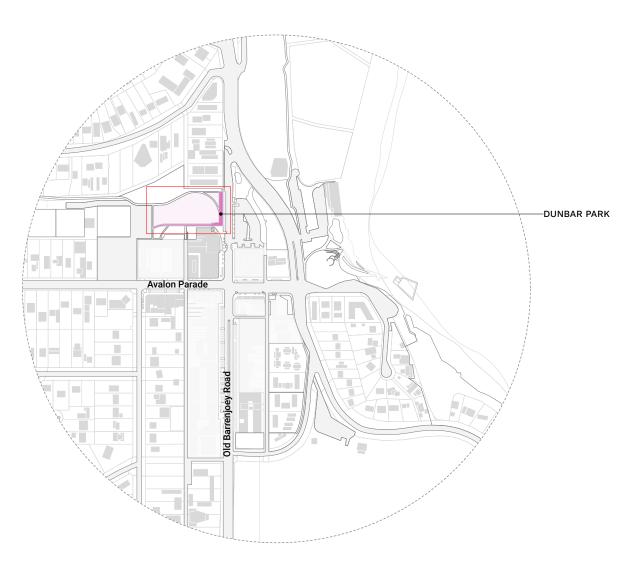
Dunbar Park improvements

A range of improvements for Dunbar Park will make the park more appealing and useable for a range of activities, including performances and events and comfortable places for people to meet, gather and play.

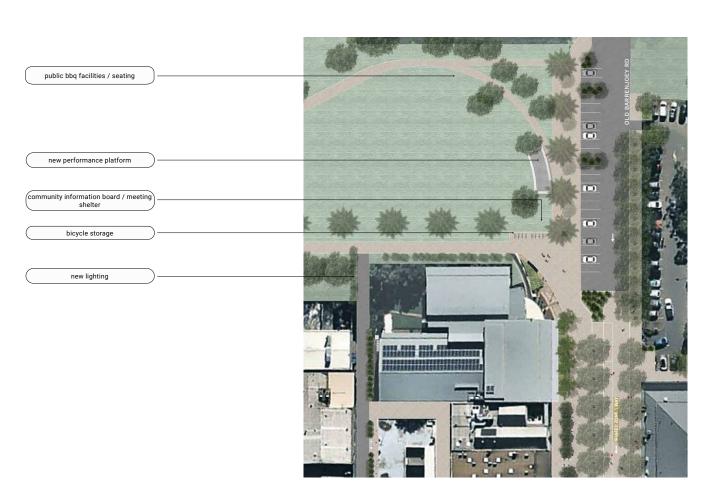
- add additional lighting, to provide a sense of liveliness and safety.
- increase public seating to provide opportunities for people to gather and relax, including seating, picnic benches and tables.
- increase native planting.
- install new bike parking structures

- increase footpath width and wooden seating platforms along the park edge
- provide a shelter for shade and weather protection along with opportunities for arts
- extend access to toilet facilities for park users.





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Indicative design solutions





Design palette of natural materials



Installations to celebrate local artists and creatives



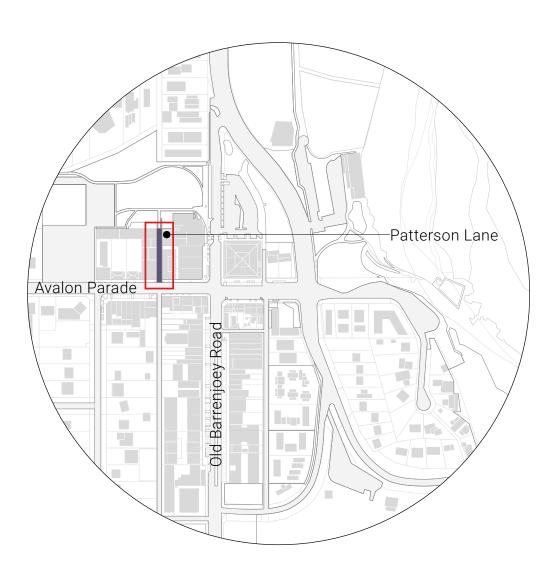


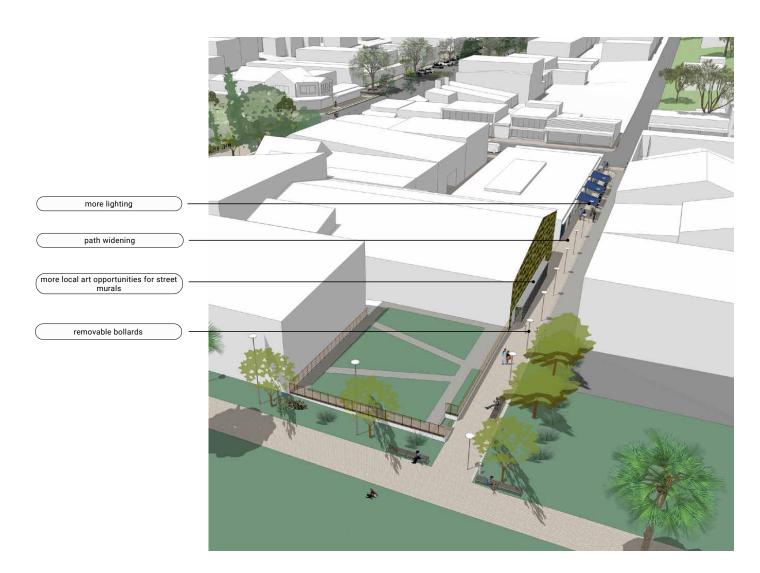
Patterson Lane redesign

A range of improvements will activate Patterson Lane and bring more people into the area.

- reinforce and improve pedestrian connection between Dunbar Park and Avalon Parade
- add lighting to provide a sense of liveliness
 and safety
- increase public seating
- incorporate planting to green and soften area

- encourage the opening up of facades to create activity along the laneway.
- provide shade and weather protection to the commercial area via awnings or landscape treatments using cable trellis and vining.
- incorporate street art and installations, with an emphasis on local creatives.







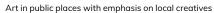
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Potential design solutions







Street furniture and activity



Reflect indigenous history



 $Increase\ pedestrian\ connectivity\ through\ laneways$







Celebrate creativity





gn Provide a roster of different art displays



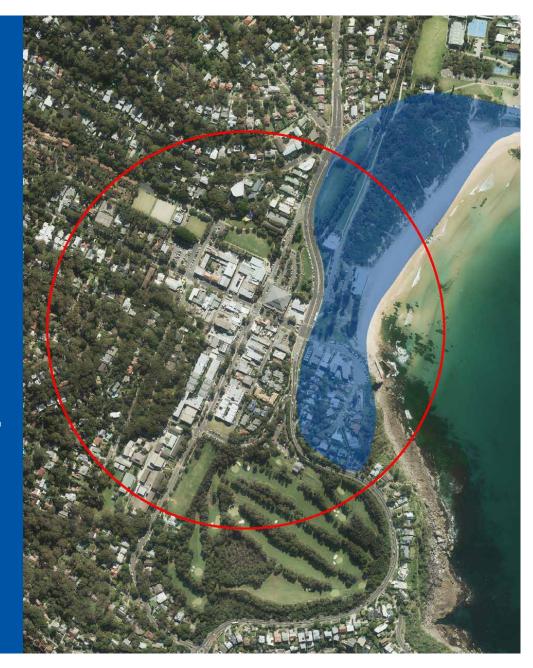
Coastal Fringe Precinct

The Coastal Fringe Precinct encompasses the natural areas of Avalon Beach and the foreshore area. It extends from the rock platforms of Bilgola Headland to the south and stretching north towards Avalon Headland and North Avalon lookout. Barrenjoey Road forms the western boundary of the precinct, providing physical separation from Avalon Beach Village.

Distinguishing features include the natural beauty of the area, incorporating prominent coastal vistas, vegetation and a linear open space system that connect people from the beach, Avalon Headland and the residential suburb of North Avalon.

The precinct reflects the strong local connection to beach and surf culture.

Avalon Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) is a key feature and a focus for social interactions and gatherings.





Coastal Fringe Precinct

Designing the place

Improve pedestrian connections linking village to beach.

Widen the footpath with distinct paving.

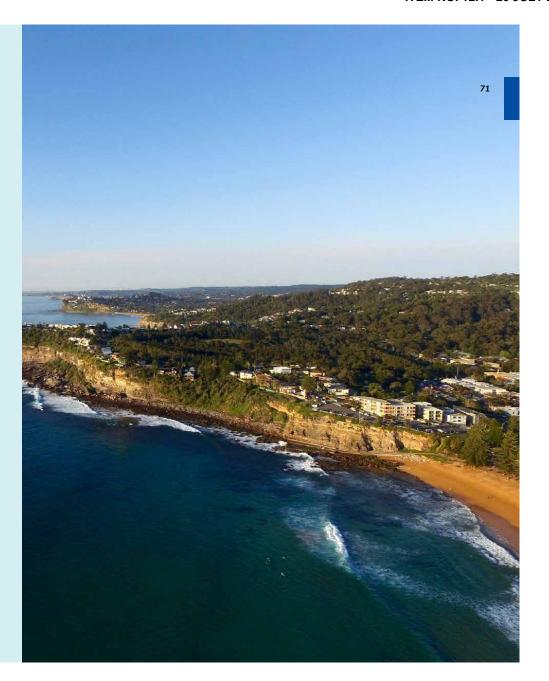
Incorporate new planting along Avalon Parade.

Provide new public seating.

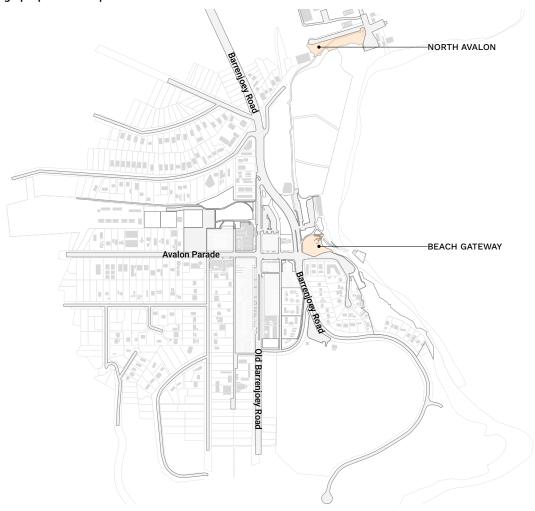
Improve the bus shelter.

Enhance North Avalon Beach car park and reserve.

Protect and enhance environmental values.



Key design proposal concepts and locations





Beach Gateway

Proposed improvements focus on creating a functional and attractive entry statement and a stronger connection between Avalon Beach Village and the beach.

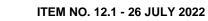
The entry to Avalon Beach Village and beach does not celebrate the areas scenic beauty. The area is dominated by the utilitarian transport corridor of Barrenjoey Road and an inaccessible embankment that masks the beauty and vistas of Avalon Beach and the foreshore beyond.

There is poor connection to Avalon Beach, narrow pedestrian pathways and a lack of seating and rest areas to meet and gather.

- Create a terrace embankment on the corner of Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade to allow wider footpaths and additional seating for bus passengers.
- Widen footpaths on the eastern side of Barrenjoey Road.
- Make it easier for people to walk between the beach and the Village.
- Add planting along Avalon Parade.
- Introduce bike infrastructure.
- Improve ambient lighting, including the bus zone and shelter.
- Provide new signage.





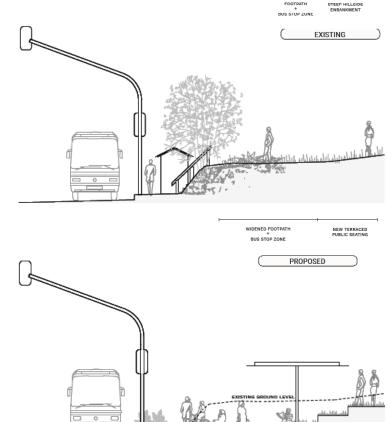












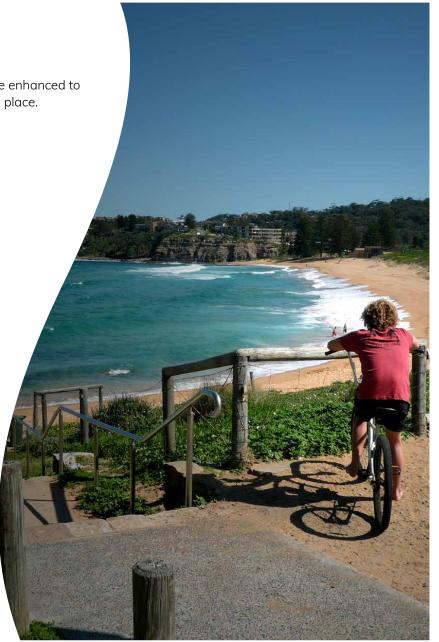
North Avalon car park and Des Creagh Reserve

The area has a range of unique qualities that can be enhanced to increase use of this naturally beautiful and peaceful place.

Proposed improvements are low key and support the existing relaxed and peaceful vibe of the area.

Additional seating and benches set near the fringe of the landscaped edges will provide options for people of all ages to get together while low scale viewing deck and seating will allow people to relax and enjoy the views.

- provide opportunities for a range of uses such as, informal sport and exercise, children's play and picnic area
- provide low scale viewing deck with seating to capture coastal vistas.
- add planting in strategic locations.











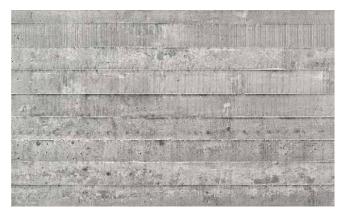


Potential design and material

- simple design form with traditional and classic beach elements.
- off-form concrete.
- hardwood.









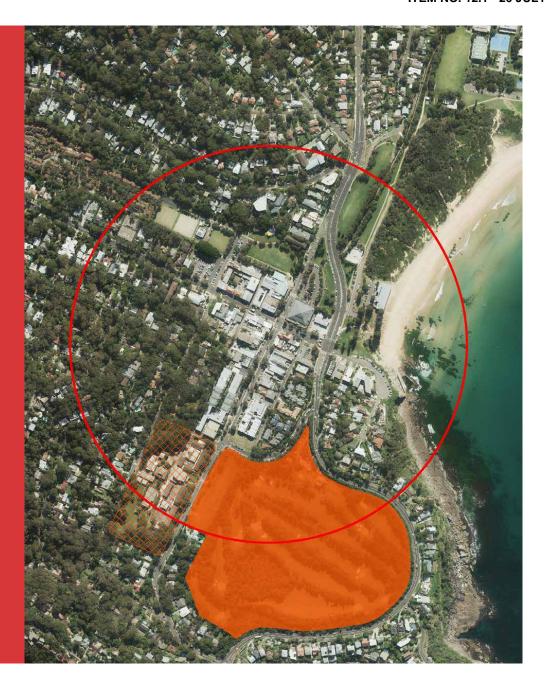


Southern Gateway Precinct

This Southern Gateway to Avalon Beach includes Avalon Golf Club and open spaces.

The Precinct is characterised by established high-value native vegetation that contains areas of high biodiversity and connectivity to surrounding environmental areas such as Angophora Reserve to the west.

Avalon Public School is sited in the west of the Precinct.





Southern Gateway Precinct

Designing the place

Explore opportunities to incorporate additional active recreational facilities into the area.

Work with the local community to design a distinctive southern gateway statement.

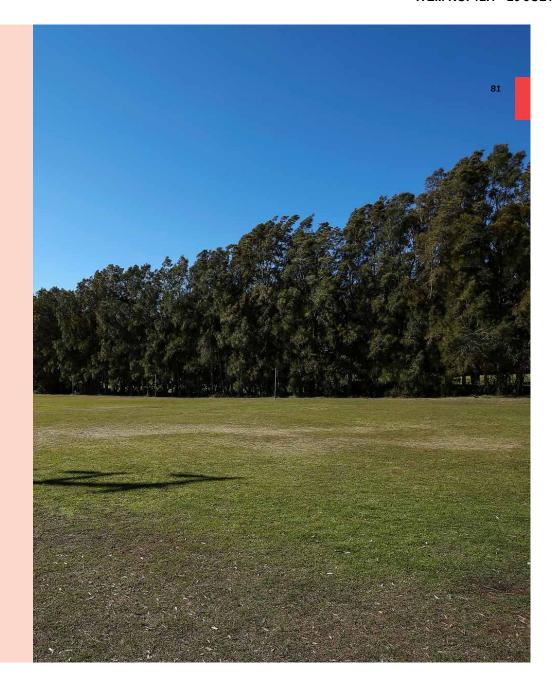
Incorporate wayfinding signage.

Develop a local storytelling trail that links with the Coast Walk Public Art Trail and celebrates the heritage, creativity and community of Avalon Beach.

Explore opportunities to build on the Avalon Workshop in relation to local arts and culture.

Work with local property owners to develop temporary uses on prominent sites and vacant land.

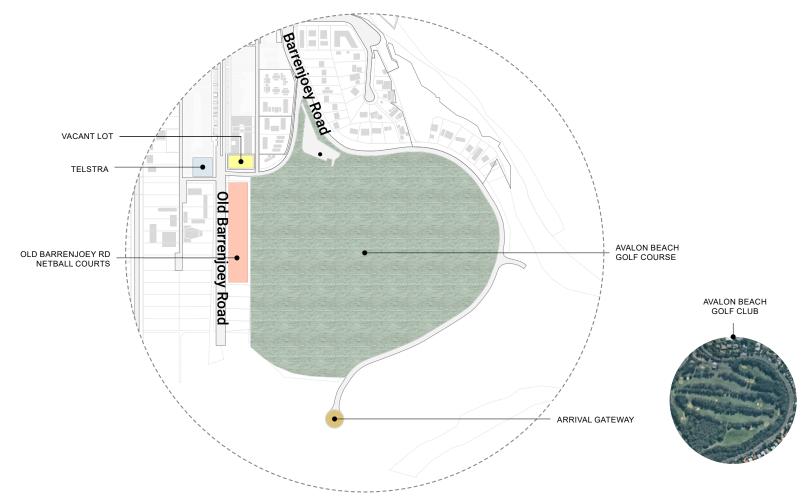
Create an off-road bicycle facility aimed at young people on section of open space opposite Avalon Public School.





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Key design proposal concepts and locations





Avalon Workshop





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Proposed design solutions









Temporary seating to increase activity, create interest in disused and under utilised spaces.

















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Where to next?

Implementation

The Avalon Beach Place Plan is a framework for community-led action. It seeks to achieve the community future vision for the area through actions and precinct design proposals and provides recommendations for enhancing and revitalising Avalon Beach through public space and infrastructure improvements, programmes, events and activations.

Timeframe

The Plan will be implemented through a staged approach, with each action allocated an indicative timeframe for delivery.

Indicative timeframes include:

Quick wins <2 years

Short-term 1 - 3 years

Medium-term 3 - 5 years

Long-term 5 - 10 years

Funding

The Avalon Beach Place Action Plan recommendations will need a source of funding.

While Council is ultimately responsible for funding there are varied methods of funding available that could be considered These include:

- 1. Council
 - Capital Works Program
 - Section 7.12 contributions
 - Grant applications (State/Federal government)
- 2. Public private partnership
- 3. Crowdfunding

Key

Low (\$0 - \$15,000)

(\$15,001 - \$500,000) Medium

High (\$500,001 - \$5,000,000)

Significant (\$5,000,001 upwards)



Indicative Cost

Approximate cost ranges are outlined as low, medium, high or significant. The costings are indicative only and represent a general guide.





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No.	Action	Responsibility	Cost
Quick	wins (1-2 years)		
L	Incorporate recycling waste bins in strategic locations (customised with local artist works) into streetscape enhancement works.	Council	⑤
2	As part of streetscape enhancement works increase tree and vegetation planting throughout Avalon Beach with species endemic to Avalon Beach with the intention of increasing biodiversity.	Council	66
3	Create an annual program of events that celebrate the unique character of Avalon Beach.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	6
	Develop an online business walkabout map, promoting Avalon Beach businesses and attractions to visitors and the wider area.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	6
;	Trial monthly markets, in Dunbar Park, with a focus on fresh produce, arts and crafts.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	6
6	Explore opportunities to establish new or expand existing film festivals and outdoor cinema nights.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	©

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7	In-line with the Connected Through Creativity 2029 Northern Beaches Arts and Creativity Strategy develop a busker program to provide entertainment in designated areas of the village in collaboration with local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	6
8	Provide pop-up play spaces and active play elements in Dunbar Park, such as table tennis and chess.	Council	6
9	Work with local Business Chamber and businesses to run a 'Shop Local' campaign to highlight the importance of supporting local retailers.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	6
10	Introduce a staged approach to the intersection upgrade of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade including a trial of a temporary one way shared zone to inform permanent road and streetscape improvements.	Council Transport for NSW	66
11	Prepare urban design guidelines and controls for the village centre that reflect the unique and distinctive character of the locality, embrace sustainability concepts, exemplary and biophilic design.	Council	6
12	Redesign of Dunbar Park playground to incorporate nature play and universal access.	Council	6 6
13	Create an off -road bicycle facility aimed at young people.	Council	66
14	Encourage temporary uses in vacant shops, supported by the Avalon Town Centre Retail Analysis, to retain a vibrant village.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	6

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No.	Action	Responsibility	Cost
15	Encourage unique and diverse retailers by working with local businesses and Local Business Chamber to establish mentoring programs and initiatives to support local start-up businesses and young entrepreneurs.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	(5)
16	Develop a "How to Guide" to provide information on event planning, permit processes and approvals to encourage small–scale community-led projects.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	6
Short	-term (1-3 years)		
17	As part of streetscape enhancement works provide a range of ambient lighting within the village and along the southern edge of Dunbar Park to provide a sense of liveliness and safety.	Council	3 3
18	Improve the pedestrian experience by renewing and constructing new footpaths, creating wide pavements that link activity areas, transport and beach, as recognised by the Avalon Pedestrian Accessibility and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Walk Northern Beaches.	Council	0000
L9	Review and amend Dunbar Park Plan of Management and the Ocean Beaches Plan of Management to support actions outlined in the Plan.	Council	(S)
20	Protect the quality and quantity of existing native bushland and open space from encroachment from new development.	Council	6
21	Review the Development Control Plan to ensure sustainability outcomes, including green architecture and Biophilic design.	Council	6
2	Encourage land owners and developers to utilise vacant land within the village for temporary uses, installations and events.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	⑤

No.	Action	Responsibility	Cost
23	Work with local property owners to develop temporary treatment and uses, such as street art, planting and seating, on prominent sites and vacant land.	Council	(5)
24	Investigate opportunities for unlimited access to colocated toilet facilities for Dunbar Park users.	Council	(S)
25	Provide a safe pedestrian environment along the Barrenjoey Road corridor to connect the Village with the Surf Club and recreational facilities to the east. Thus connecting the Coastal Fringe and Village Hub precincts safely, whilst acknowledging the requirement for traffic movements along Barrenjoey Road.	Council and Transport for NSW	
26	As part of the streetscape enhancement works install outdoor seating in strategic locations throughout the village and Dunbar Park to provide places for people to meet and gather.	Council	® ®
Mediu	ım-term (3-5 years)		
27	Implement the recommendations of the Avalon Beach Parking Study, including the preparation of integrated signage plan, simplification of parking controls and relocation of long stay parking spaces.	Council	66
28	Increase opportunities for art in public spaces, including street art, art installations and sculptures that complement the character of Avalon Beach and increase vibrancy.	Council	6
29	Expand opportunities presented by the Coast Walk and Public Art Trail to encourage people to detour off the trail and explore the village.	Council Local businesses and/or Local Business Chamber	6

No.	Action	Responsibility	Cost
30	Install wayfinding signage in key strategic locations throughout all precincts, directing to key places within the village and adjoining recreational areas.	Council	6
31	Advocate for multi-use of existing spaces and facilities such as school grounds outside of operational hours.	Council	6
32	Encourage active transport within the village centre by improving the existing pedestrian network connecting the surrounding residential areas to the village centre and increase cycling infrastructure.	Council	6
33	Encourage businesses and entertainment that support a vibrant village centre and evening economy, whilst minimising potential noise conflict and balancing the needs of current and future residential uses above street level.	Council	⑤
34	Maintain the integrity of the existing land zoned B2 Local Centre to retain a range of retail, business, entertainment and community uses.	Council	(S)
35	Activate Patterson Lane through a range of improvements focused on enhancing the overall amenity of the area, supporting pedestrian access and providing ambient lighting. Initial work to focus on street art and installations, upgrading pavement treatment and enhancing interface with Dunbar Park to improve amenity and support pedestrian access.	Council	000
36	Foster opportunities to celebrate the communities creativity through village laneways, open spaces, vacant shops and land via outdoor public art, installations, art boxes and pop ups.	Council	6
37	Increase seating opportunities throughout the village for people to gather and relax, including, seating, picnic benches and tables.	Council	6 6

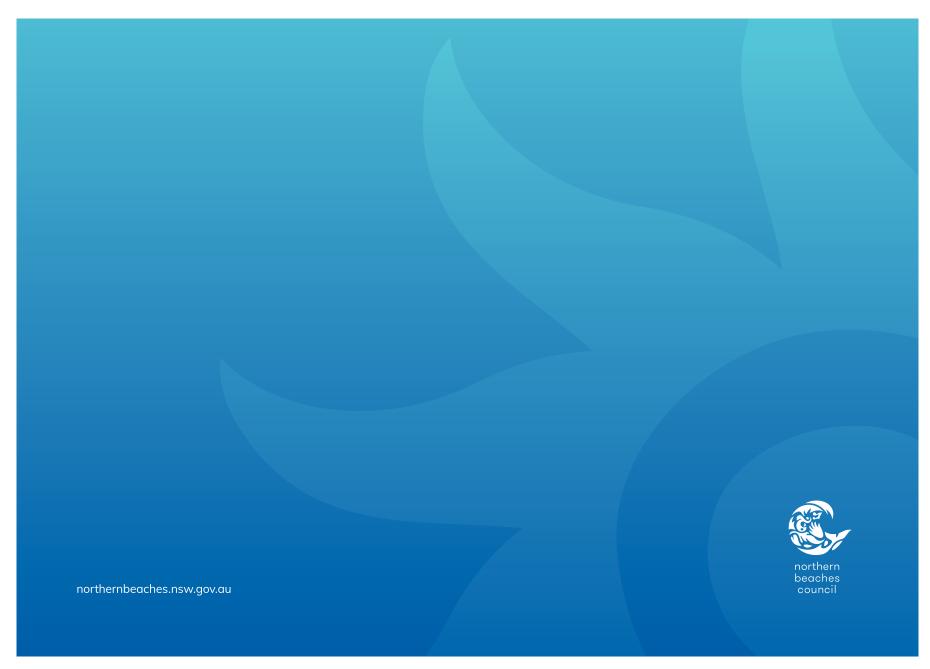
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38	Provide a range of outdoor activities, exercise and sporting structures in open space areas that complement the natural setting.	Council	6
39	Recognise and celebrate the local heritage of the area, both indigenous and non-indigenous, through interpretative information, signage and online heritage trail. Explore opportunities to link with the Coast Walk Public Art Trail.	Council	6
40	Celebrate arrival into Avalon Beach through local art and signage which reflects the heritage and creativity of the area.	Council	66
41	Explore opportunities to build upon the Avalon Workshop in relation to local arts and culture.	Council	6 6
42	Activate the edges of Dunbar Park by increasing the footpath width and the provision of benches and seating.	Council	66
43	Provide a shelter in Dunbar Park for shade and weather protection along with opportunities for arts and a performance space.	Council	000
44	Create a low-vehicle speed pedestrian environment throughout the village through urban design and traffic calming methods.	Council	000
Long-	term (5-10 years)		
45	Investigate opportunities to naturalise Careel Creek and stormwater drainage systems within and surrounding the village centre.	Council	66
46	Incorporate art in public places, performances spaces and cultural activities in community places to increase vibrancy.	Council	© ©

No.	Action	Responsibility	Cost
47	Incorporate urban greenery and vegetation into the built form and laneways, such as green laneways and greenways.	Council	6
48	ldentify opportunities to ensure playgrounds are inclusive, adapted and safe for multiple age groups.	Council	6
49	Continue to explore opportunities to improve and upgrade the design of laneways, with a focus on creating alternative pedestrian connections throughout the village, opportunities for art and increased landscaping.	Council	© ©
50	Undertake improvements outlined in the North Avalon car park and Des Creagh Reserve design concept, including two sets of picnic tables along the edge of Des Creagh Reserve and exercise equipment along the 'yellow brick road' south bound towards skate park.	Council	6
51	Provide low scale decking and bench seating at southern edge of the North Avalon carpark.	Council	© ©
52	Undertake improvements to Beach Gateway as outlined in the design concepts, including terracing of embankment on the corner of Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade, relocation of the existing bus stop away from Barrenjoey Road and widening of the eastern footpath.	Council	0000

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Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Public Exhibition of draft Avalon Beach Place Plan (Stage 2 of 2)

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1. Summary

This report outlines the outcomes of the second stage of community and stakeholder engagement for the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan undertaken from Monday 15 February 2021 until Sunday 16 May 2021.

The feedback received during the public exhibition of the draft plan was mixed with the most contested aspects of the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan (the Place Plan) being the cycleway, specifically due to safety concerns, loss of car parking spaces and mature trees, the terracing associated with the beach gateway design and the one-way shared zone contributing to increased traffic congestion.

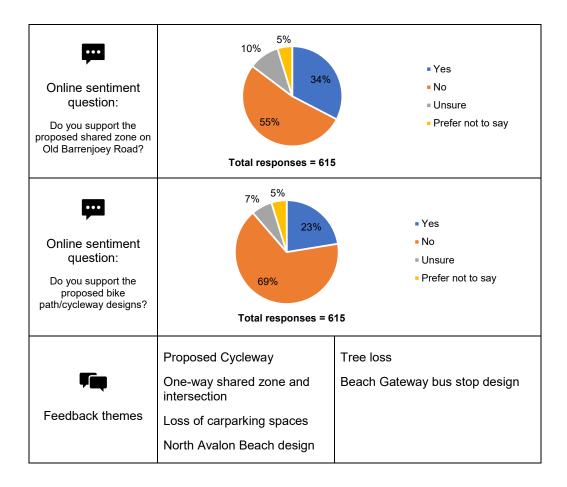
Those who supported the plan citied cycleways as an important and viable alternative to cars and separating cars, bike and pedestrian creates a safer environment for everyone, the benefits of the beach gateway design in increasing the width of the footpath in the locality, Dunbar Park improvements and increase lighting within the village

1.1. Key outcomes

††† ††††† †††††† Total unique responses	736	
How responses were received	Submission form Written responses (email/letter)	Completions: 615 Number received: 119
Online sentiment question: Do you support the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan?	2% 16% 31% 52% Total responses = 615	YesNoUnsurePrefer not to say







1.2. How we engaged

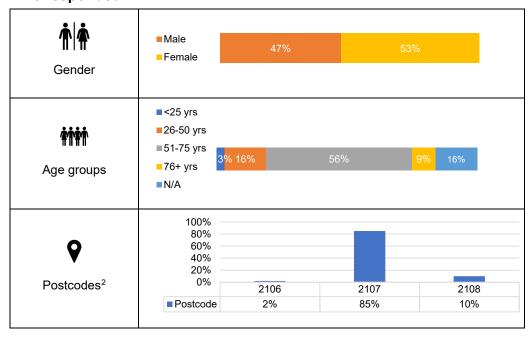
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Have Your Say: visitation stats			
東	Overview: 1		Views: 219
Videos			
	Pittwater Life: 1 article		Distribution: 32,000
	Peninsula Living: 1 article		Distribution: 87,000
	Letterbox drop: 2107		Distribution: 7,000
Drint madia and	Letters to Business Owners:		Distribution: 122
Print media and collateral	Site signs used:		Number of signs: 8
Collateral	Collateral availability: Avalon Beach Library		Number: 1





Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 7 editions Council (weekly) e-News: 4 editions Stakeholder email: 2	Distribution: 22,000 subscribers Distribution: 180,000 subscribers
Face-to-face sessions	Pop up: 4 Focus group: Local Business 2 meetings Workshop: 2 Avalon Reference Group	Attendance: 55 Attendance: 3 Attendance:17
ä	Meeting: Avalon Beach Public School x2	Attendance: 10
Key stakeholder engagement		

1.3. Who responded¹





¹ Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail. ² Respondents were identified from 21 postcode areas. The majority of which were from the areas identified



2. Background

The purpose of the public exhibition of the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan is to provide the community balanced and objective information on the development of the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan to assist in understanding the local problems identified and the solutions developed to address them, while also providing equal opportunities for the broader community to participate and express their views and opinions.

The development of the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan has been undertaken over two stages. This report outlines the feedback received during the second stage, the public exhibition of the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan.

Initial community consultation commenced in May and August 2018 and was captured in the My Place: Avalon, Spotlight on Avalon - Snapshot and Community Engagement Summary, January 2019 (Spotlight on Avalon).

To underpin the plan's development, build upon and refine the initial information collected in 2018 we established the Avalon Community Reference Group (Avalon CRG). The group had representation from a broad cross section of the Avalon Beach community who had an intimate understanding of the area. The group participated in ten meetings to refine and present a clear community vision for the future of Avalon Beach coupled with a range of local solutions and actions to achieve the vision. The draft Avalon Beach Place Plan was developed with significant input from the Avalon CRG and exhibited for broader community feedback.

During the development phase of the draft Place Plan additional broader community activities were undertaken including two visioning workshops, Dunbar Park User Survey, Avalon Beach Pop-up Plaza and a youth workshop with Barrenjoey High School students. The project was primarily promoted through our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels, site signs and notification letters and project page.

3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- Provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way
- Identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge, and values
- Communicate to community and stakeholders how their input was incorporated into the planning and decision -making process
- Seek out and facilitate the involvement of those affected by or interested in the project

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan was conducted between 15 February and Sunday 16 May 2021 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) and Community Participation Plan (Plan Making and Development Assessment) (2020).



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A project page was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format. During the public exhibition a range of engagement activities were undertaken, including mailout distribution to all residents in the 2107 postcode, letters and scheduled one on one meetings with local businesses, four pop up sessions, regular community engagement newsletters

Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded into the have your say project page. The form included three questions that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the draft place plan, the proposed bike path/cycleway designs and proposed shared zone on Old Barrenjoey Road, Avalon.

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 comments were also invited.

5. Findings

The submissions received during the community engagement were reviewed and considered by Council.

A detailed Summary of Submission is provided in Table 2 (the Table) it outlines the key issues raised and Council's response.

The Table summarises the feedback received in response to online questions regarding support for the Place Plan, the proposed cycleways and the one-way shared zone and other submissions forwarded to Council via email during the exhibition period.

Online comments revealed that there was mixed support for the draft Place Plan, cycleways and one-way shared zone and this was also reflected in the written submissions received.

There were concerns raised in relation to the cycleway design, including claims that it will result in substantial loss of car parking spaces, mature trees and cement separation barriers will create trip hazards for pedestrians. Alternatively, many submissions raised the benefits of cycleways including reduction in traffic congestion, environmentally sustainable mode of transport and separating cars, bikes and pedestrians provides a safer environment for everyone.

Other concerns raised included the one-way shared zone and intersection design. While the online survey results did not show strong support for the design proposal, written submissions received did reflect the benefits of the redesign and the need to improve the dangerous and confusing intersection. Suggestions were provided on how to improve the intersection design, including installation of traffic lights or a roundabout. These ideas have been extensively investigated and Transport for NSW do not support these options due to impacts on Barrenjoey Road, which is a State Controlled Road.

Table 2: Summary of Submissions



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Theme	Issues, change requests and other considerations raised	Council's response
Car parking	Parking is lacking in Avalon. Concentration on better street parking and improved access to existing parking areas is preferable.	The findings of the Avalon Beach Parking Strategy 2019 (the Strategy) include: Off street car parks are operating above practical capacity (>90% occupancy) during peak periods on Weekdays.
	spaces and in view of extra parking for sporting activities on Saturday will decrease parking for parents shopping on Saturday mornings who work full time. Does not want a loss of parking as it will affect local businesses. Does not support removal of Car spaces. Would like to see extra parking in the Woolworths car park. The illegal parking in the middle of the road is a consequence of not enough parking. That is at its worst at school drop off and pick up, nights and weekends Would like to see a multilevel carpark. Capacity. However, distrib not consistent across the closest to the commercial exhibiting high occupancy Similarly, away from the nunder the Village, certain unrest supply is underutilised. Whilst the drop off arrange Primary School are accept arrangements are causing issues. The area appears to have disabled parking spaces. The intersection redesign and fool locations in Avalon Parade and Coresult in the loss of 17 existing call However, this is offset with additivation being gained in Old Barrenjoey R of car parking spaces due to the footpath widening is 11	 On street parking occupancy is generally well below capacity. However, distribution of the occupancy is not consistent across the Study Area, with streets closest to the commercial centre of the Village exhibiting high occupancy levels. Similarly, away from the main commercial centre of the Village, certain unrestricted on street parking supply is underutilised. Whilst the drop off arrangements at Avalon Public Primary School are acceptable, pick up arrangements are causing significant congestion issues. The area appears to have sufficient number of
		The intersection redesign and footpath widening in specific locations in Avalon Parade and Old Barrenjoey Road will result in the loss of 17 existing car parking spaces. However, this is offset with additional car parking spaces being gained in Old Barrenjoey Road (north). The net loss of car parking spaces due to the intersection redesign and
	Do not want car parking increased as would like to see people ride bikes or walk to Avalon Town Centre.	A no change scenario for Avalon Parade and Old Barrenjoey Road is no longer an action. The intersection needs to be upgraded to meet Australian Standards. To do this there would be a need to remove eight car parking spaces to ensure compliance with relevant Australian specifications in relation to the separation distance between parking spaces and the approaches to pedestrian crossings
		The request for a multi-level car park is not supported based on the findings of the Strategy, the predicated low population growth for the Avalon Beach locality, the visual impact and cost. The Strategy identifies a range of suitable alternative options to increase car parking provision and increase the turnover of parking
		We support the concept of encouraging people to ride and walk into the Avalon Beach village and this is reinforced in the Northern Beaches Bike Plan 2020 and Northern Beaches Walking Plan 2019 which encourage residents to participate in healthier and more sustainable options of transport such as walking and cycling. Increasing opportunities for people to cycle into the village centre from adjoining residential areas reduces greenhouse gas





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		emissions, reduces pressure of car parking spaces and reduces congestion and traffic flow issues.
Removal of Trees	Does not want any more trees to be removed down the middle of Old Barrenjoey RD, needs more street dividers (Similar to Newport). Should work around the trees and	and vegetation planting, with additional tree and vegetation planting identified for Dunbar Park, the beach gateway and throughout the Avalon Beach Town Centre. Careel Creek has also been identified as an opportunity for regeneration to provide a green spine extending from the village
	add more. The trees form a connection between the reserves and the beach. Bring the birds into town, provide	northwards to Avalon Beach Reserve. Our policy is to not remove mature trees unless there is a safety hazard, significant infrastructure being damaged that cannot be repaired in any other way or to facilitate works agreed to by the community and the tree's root zone will be compromised.
	shade and give people a sense of calm.	In the case of Avalon Beach every attempt will be made to preserve mature trees, however the full impact on trees cannot be confirmed until critical root zones are calculated during the detailed design phase.
	They are an important component of Avalon's special character.	The exact location of new plantings is dependent on the final Place Plan and subsequent detailed design phase.
	Want more detail on where the new plantings will occur.	There is no proposal to remove trees at North Avalon, in fact the draft Place Plan identified the opportunity for additional planting in this locality.
	Don't support the removal of trees at North Avalon.	
Place Plan	Submissions received through the online form indicated that 31% of submissions supported the place plan, while 52% did not. Please note that the figure is not inclusive of submissions that were emailed directly to Council and includes individuals making	During the early community engagement activities cycleways were identified as a priority action and represented the highest theme for 'community ideas for change' at 27% of respondents wanting to promote active modes of transport – safer crossings, wider and well-maintained footpaths, pedestrian mall and bicycle paths, with suggestions including "Many surrounding suburbs to get people out of their cars and on foot or bikes."
	multiple submissions. Supportive of Place Plan	The cycleway design provided the local community, including people of all ages and abilities, a safe cycling route that links residential areas to Avalon Beach village and key destinations, including schools and the beach. Furthermore, cycleways and active transport are clearly
	Cycleway needs to take into consideration safety of pedestrian at the OBR and AP intersection.	linked to the community vision and guiding principles. However, like there was support for the cycleway there was also opposition an on balance it is recommended not to progress with this option.
	Supportive of design of street furniture, should replace wood with recycled plastic.	As the Local United Cinema is privately owned, Council can contact the owner and encourage renewal





Place Plan looks amazing and look forward to the proposed changes

Access to outdoor entertainment areas should be more inclusive to those with a disability.

Bike ways are very much needed despite a few loud voices against some of the design.

Wonderful, the village needs a revamp and I believe the plan keeps the village feel without over developing.

More seating, bike lanes, wider pathways, art space and native plantings are really needed.

The population is rapidly growing in our community and parking spots are already tight. Cycling needs to be a viable alternative to ensure Avalon Village remains a pleasant place to visit and a low carbon community

Where cars, bikes and pedestrians are separated so everyone is safer.

Several alternate options were submitted to Council with the aim of decreasing carbon emissions. Many were in support of Councils cycleway in theory with variations

Want investment in the local United Cinema and precinct.

Support the Place Plan but would like to know how the shared zone will work between vehicles, bikes and pedestrians.

Council will initiate a minimum 6-month trial of the one-way shared path to provide the opportunity to test the street design in real-time. The outcome of the trail will determine the final intersection design.

Roundabout and signal options are not supported by Transport for NSW due to impact on the state road corridor and associated safety and congestion issues.

The tender for Northern Beaches Buses has been finalised and Keolis Downer is the new operator of the local bus services. The trial of the On-Demand service between Palm Beach and North Narrabeen will be made permanent. Around 540 customers use this service each day to connect to major public transport hubs and routes like the B-Line.

Action 18 of the draft Place Plan states "Improve the pedestrian experience by renewing and constructing new footpaths, creating wide pavements that link activity areas, transport and beach, as recognised by the Avalon Pedestrian Accessibility and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Walk Northern Beaches".

Council supports the use of local creatives and artist.





Would like to see local artists commissioned to undertake art work

Traffic light for the intersection needs to be investigated.

Want to know if NSW RMS and council able to downsize buses to reduce emissions and accommodate fewer persons.

Supports proposal to utilise green one of the Avalon Bowling Club.

Does not want change, Avalon is fine as it is.

All Avalon needs is some maintenance done.....stop trying to change her we love it like it is.

Would like to see money spent on fixing the footpaths and maintenance of the Centre.

We are being promised a relaxed coastal village. We already have a relaxed coastal village.

Cycleway

Submissions received through the online form indicated that 23% of submissions supported the cycleways, while 69% did not. Please note that the figure is not inclusive of submissions that were emailed directly to Council and includes individuals making multiple submissions.

Supports the Cycleway Support APA Bike Plan.

Do not support reduction of speed limits

Forget a dedicated cycle path bifurcation on Old Barrenjoey Rd. That would be a disaster and only cause high anxiety between the During the early community engagement activities cycleways were identified as a priority action and represented the highest theme for 'community ideas for change' at 27% of respondents wanting to promote active modes of transport – safer crossings, wider and well-maintained footpaths, pedestrian mall and bicycle paths, with suggestions including "Many more walkways & cycleways linking waterways and surrounding suburbs to get people out of their cars and on foot or bikes."

The cycleway designs and active transport are clearly linked to the community vision and guiding principles of the Place Plan.

The cycleway design provides the local community, including people of all ages and abilities, a safe cycling route that links residential areas to Avalon Beach village and key destinations, including schools and the beach.

The Avalon Preservation Association alternate bike plan seeks to divert bike traffic into local laneways. There are two relevant reference documents outlining best practice design





community and the Lycra brigade who travel at high speeds

There should be additional bike facilities in Avalon such as storage areas in appropriate areas, but the bike path should go through the back streets away from shoppers and pedestrians.

Intermingling cyclists is a dangerous outcome in particular for the elderly and young children pedestrians.

The Plan makes no reference to the type and size of the bicycle traffic, nor its directions or timing.

Can you ride skateboards on cycleways?

There are various proposed plans for bicycle traffic. None of the plans address what happens to cyclists when they reach Avalon Parade. Having the cycleway by-pass the shops improves the safety of pedestrians and cyclists but what happens to what happens to bicycles where the riders are also shoppers?

Wants signs from Northern Beaches Council reminding cyclists that it is illegal for people over 16 to ride on pavement.

their bikes when on the footpaths.

Bicycle lanes are important as are public walking foot paths along the main roads

The cycleway – disrupt residents getting in and out of Old Barrenjoey Rd (South).

Loss of 30 parking spaces including disabled parking.

and guiding the planning and design of cycleways and cycling facilities, these include:

- Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 6A: Paths for walking and cycling, and
- Transport for NSW Cycleway Design Toolbox, Designing for Cycling and Micromobility.

The reference documents do not recognise or support the use of laneways for designated cycleways.

aneways are narrow and have been designed and designated predominately for the servicing requirements of businesses, including loading and unloading of goods, garbage collection, additional parking and in the case of Avalon Beach, providing vehicular access to residential units and secondary dwellings.

Incorporating cycleways into the laneways is considered unsafe due to the following:

- Narrow width of laneways, doesn't allow the required dimensions for a 2-way cycleway (minimum 2m width for cycleway),
- Conflict with vehicular traffic and parking arrangements, especially delivery and garbage trucks and vehicles accessing residential properties,
- Lack of natural surveillance

Comments relating to reduced speed is a response to the Avalon Preservation Association alternate bike plan that was incorporated into the exhibited draft Place Plan. The Place Plan does not include any recommendations to reduce speed limits.

The cycleway is designed as part of the Safe Cycling Network which provides a safe and connected cycling environment that enables people of all ages and cycling School children need to learn and be ability to move safely between residential areas and educated on the rules of dismounting destinations, such as schools, shops and the beach in a low speed cycling environment. It has not been designed for weekend road cyclists, who will continue to ride on Barrenjoey Road, which offers more challenges. In relation to the cycleway encouraging high bike speeds the top speed for road cyclist under ideal conditions, such as long flat terrain is 40kph, 10 kph lower than the predominate speed limit of the Avalon Beach village.

> The draft Place Plan includes bike storage areas throughout the Village centre.

> The cycleway will increase pedestrian safety as it removes bicycles from the footpath and onto a designated bike lane. During up front community engagement, issues were raised regarding conflict between pedestrians and bike riders on





The concrete divide between the cycleway and the road – would be a trip hazard

Have there been any surveys carried out of bike movements in the village?

Extending the cycleway across Barrenjoey Road would be dangerous for cyclists and motorists.

Oppose the bike path due to loss of trees involved.

footpaths. The cycleway addresses this issue by removing bikes from the footpath and into a designated lane, thereby ensuring the footpath is a safer pedestrian environment.

The cycleway design will not include long cement barriers as indicated by the Avalon Preservation Association in their exhibition material. The design allows pedestrians to move easily across the cycleway lane without negotiating long or high structures designed to separate the cycleway from parking areas

The draft Place Plan caters for two-way traffic. While the design does not specify or provide details on the size and type of bikes that will use the cycleway, it is anticipated standard recreational bikes will be used.

Skateboards, foot scooters and rollerblade riders can and must use the designated cycleway if provided. Detailed information regarding this topic is available on the NSW Government website

https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/pedestrians/skateboardsfootscootersandrollerblades/index.html

The two proposed plans for "bicycle traffic" outlined in the draft Place Plan are:

- Council's cycleway that is designed as part of the Safe Cycling Network which provides a safe and connected cycling environment that enables people of all ages and cycling ability to move safely between residential areas and destinations, such as schools, shops and the beach. As outlined in the Northern Beaches Bike Plan adopted in July 2020.
- Avalon Beach Pedestrian Bike Path Alternative Connections was prepared by Avalon Preservation Association. The Alternative Connections uses laneways as a cycleway.

As indicated earlier there are two relevant reference documents outlining best practice design and guiding the planning and design of cycleways and cycling facilities, and these reference documents do not recognise or support the use of laneways for designated cycleways.

Laneways are narrow and have been designed and designated predominately for the servicing requirements of businesses, including loading and unloading of goods, garbage collection, additional parking and in the case of Avalon Beach, providing vehicular access to residential units and secondary dwellings.





The cycleway is considered to have minimal impact on residents' access and egressing their property on Old Barrenjoey Rd (South). Under current conditions residents traverse the footpath to gain access to underground parking and must give way to pedestrians. The cycleway presents a similar situation, in which vehicles entering the car park must give way to cyclists using the cycleway.

Claims that 30 parking spaces will be removed due to the cycleway design is not correct. The intersection design and footpath widening will result in the loss of a total of 17 parking spaces and additional parking spaces will be gained in Old Barrenjoey Road (north) due to the relocation of the bus stop and layover. Therefore, the total loss of car parking spaces is 11 with no disabled parking spaces being removed.

The cycleway design does not incorporate a long concrete divide between the cycleway and car parking spaces. There are many types of materials and structures that can be used to divide the cycle path from the road, such as planters which have been used along The Strand, Dee Why. There will be breaks in the structure to allow for prams/wheelchairs and walkers to access the footpath from the road.

Surveys regarding bike usage were undertaken as part of the draft Pittwater Bike Plan and the Northern Beaches Bike Plan. Survey results showed Avalon Beach residents were one of the highest respondents to the Northern Beaches Bike Plan survey.

The designated cycleways do not continue across the road or intersections. The design shows that the cycleway feed into pedestrian crossings or traffic lights with pedestrian signals.

The cycleway design would have resulted in the loss of six trees located in the middle of Old Barrenjoey Road (South) and three immature trees along the western footpath edge. Extensive replanting was proposed as part of the Place Plan.

Intersection & Shared one-way Zone

Submissions received through the online form indicated that 34% of submissions supported the one way shared zone, while 55% did not. Please note that the figure is not inclusive of submissions that were emailed directly to Council and includes individuals making multiple submissions.

Council acknowledges the communities' concerns regarding the safety of the Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade intersection. A temporary one-way south bound shared zone on Old Barrenjoey Road (north) for a trial period of a minimum of 6 months. The trial period will provide an opportunity to test the intersection and street design concept in real time before endorsing a permanent redesign concept. We have has been successful in securing funding for the temporary trial from the





The Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade intersection is dangerous and needs to be fixed. Too many crossings very confusing

Support the 6 month trial of the oneway shared zone, but worried about the effect on the Fire Station on Old Barrenjoey Rd North.

Supports the one-way shared zone and 6 month trial.

Intersection should be a roundabout.

Proposed intersection design for Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade could be confusing. Just add traffic lights

The closing of the Avalon Parade Woolworths section of Old Barrenjoey Rd. will inevitably contribute to queueing to the traffic lights, and more queueing of the same traffic returning from Woolworths.

Does not want intersection changed

Council's plan does not fix the problem of the intersection and the plan provides little detail of how the intersection will work

Disappointed that the full pedestrian mall is not proposed. It is a wasted opportunity. A 3 way intersection would be more appropriate.

Prefers a full mall design with no through traffic intersection, but understands the compromise.

Would be better to block of thoroughfare at night to enable street vendors to operate Department of Planning and Environment, Streets as Shared Spaces program.

A roundabout at the intersection of Avalon Parade and Old Barrenjoey Road was investigated and is not supported by Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services) due to impact to the state road corridor (Barrenjoey Road) and associated safety and congestion issues.

Traffic lights at the intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade has been investigated and Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services) are not supportive as the lights would interfere with the traffic flow on Barrenjoey Rd which is a State Road under the care and control of Transport for NSW.

Traffic modelling has been undertaken to determine the best way to address the issues surrounding the Old Barrenjoey Rd and Avalon Parade intersection. The traffic modelling data in association with community feedback has been used to develop the intersection and shared one-way shared zone concept.

Shared zones are not a new design concept and have been successfully implemented throughout many Australian cities.

A full pedestrian plaza presents several traffic movement and distribution challenges for the broader road network which are difficult to resolve.

Council undertook traffic modelling to determine the best way to address the issues surrounding the Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade intersection.

All northern traffic leaving the Woolworths carpark will not need to use the one- way shared zone or traffic signals at the intersection of Avalon Parade and Barrenjoey Road. This traffic will continue to exit the Woolworths carpark under current conditions and head north along Old Barrenjoey Road towards Barrenjoey Road intersection.

The major impact is to western and southern traffic entering the Woolworths carpark, which will need to proceed through the signal intersection (Avalon Parade and Barrenjoey Road) and enter the carpark from the north.

Transport for NSW (Roads and Maritime Services) has provided in principle support for the removal of the No





Do not support the road closure

Mall and pedestrian area are not commercially successful, Avalon is fine as it. Traffic flow to Woollies will be affected.

One-way shared path will cause more traffic problem. Traffic will increase congestion.

To reduce congestion at the Avalon Parade / Old Barrenjoey Rd intersection, it may be best to limit the directions that vehicles can go when reaching the intersection from the north.

The lights at the intersection of Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade need to be reconfigured to the frequency of signalled left hand turns.

Residents on the Plateau wanting to access Woolworths are forced to enter the roundabout (already dangerously busy) or travel down Old Barrenjoey Rd and make at right turn against traffic to go through the lights and turn left (risking pedestrians crossing from the beach).

One-way shared zone with a North bound lane would be much better

What consideration has been given to limiting car access to one way on the south side of the intersection?

Residents to the North will have no access to Woolworths prior to 9am as the No Right Turn sign prohibits this, the only option will be to go down Central Road and approach from Avalon Parade.

Right Hand Turn between 7am to 9am from Barrenjoey Road into Old Barrenjoey Rd North. This issue will be resolved with the sign being removed during the trial period and impacts monitored to inform the final design concept. Subject to the adoption of the Place Plan, formal approval will be sought as part of the Traffic Committee approval for the trial one way shared zone at the August meeting.

The tender for Northern Beaches Buses has been finalised and Keolis Downer is the new operator of local bus services. The trial of the On-Demand service between Palm Beach and North Narrabeen will be made permanent. Around 540 customers use this service each day to connect to major public transport hubs and routes like the B-Line.

The bus stop and layover in Old Barrenjoey Road (north) will need to be relocated and the 191 and 192 bus service routes altered as part of the temporary trial process.

Council staff have liaised with Transport for NSW and the service provider to develop an alternative option to relocate the bus stop to Barrenjoey Road, north of the Shell service station. The relocation will improve connectivity between the local bus service loop and bus services that connect Avalon Beach to Mona Vale, Dee Why, Manly and the City. While the 191 and 192 bus routes will operate as a figure eight style service.

Barrenjoey Road is controlled and managed by Transport for NSW (Roads and Martine Services) who do not endorse or support a new vehicle entry into Woolworths car park from Barrenjoey Road.

The one-way shared zone and intersection design has been informed by traffic data and feedback from the Avalon Beach Community Reference Group and the broader Avalon Beach community. In addition, the proposed design of the 6 -month trial one-way shared zone of Old Barrenjoey Road will be placed on public exhibition to seek community feedback prior to the commencement.

The works proposed will convert the section of Old Barrenjoey Road to a shared zone in line with the Technical Direction and is supported in principle by Transport for NSW Network and Safety Services The shared zone will be appropriate marked and sign posted to ensure people are aware of the change traffic conditions.

The deliveries to the store are from Avalon Parade and not directly affected by the proposed trial shared zone.





Biggest concern is the buses turning into Avalon Parade and into Old Barrenjoey road in the shared vehicle and pedestrian zone.

Have the supermarket carpark entrance on Barrenjoey Road.

Suggest a pedestrian tunnel connecting the village and beach and close off Old Barrenjoey Road and make a walkway.

The proposals for Old Barrenjoey Road North should be deferred from the draft Place Plan and considered as a separate urban design project when further information is available in relation to bus services, loading zone arrangements and a detailed traffic analysis of proposed changes.

Would like Council to introduce a Shared Zone on Old Barrenjoey Rd between Bellevue and Edward Hock and on Avalon Parade between The Crescent and Dunbar Pk of at least 30kmh (preferably even lower if possible).

Do not support the proposed introduction of a one way shared zone along Old Barrenjoey Road.

A 3 way intersection would be more appropriate.

The proposal does not meet the requirements of the relevant technical directions issued by Transport for NSW and will hinder the store deliveries. We request that this proposal be removed from the Draft Plan.

Additional traffic modelling will be undertaken once a trial of the one way system has been undertaken to refine the operation of the proposed changes and it should be noted that the current access restriction in the am peak on the northern approach will also be removed as part of the project.

We will continue to work with Woolworths on access issues relating to the laneway and address limiting access during peak delivery periods.

Council's Transport Network team are reviewing options for the internal layout and configuration of the current carpark, including relocation of entry and exit points.

During the 6-month trial period the intersection will be designed and clearly signed posted, in line with Austroads Road Guidelines.

A pedestrian tunnel connecting the village to the beach is not supported due to environmental issues and safety concerns.





	If Council chooses not to remove the one way shared zone, we recommend Council undertake	
	additional traffic analysis before implementing any changes to:	
	Assess the impact of additional traffic through the traffic-signal controlled intersection	
	of Avalon Parade and Old Barrenjoey Road; and	
	Assess the impact of additional traffic along the rear lane, particularly in terms of the safety and timing of Woolworths delivery operations.	
	A proposal to move the vehicle entrance to Woolworths from its present site to adjacent to the exit, is endorsed. At least reviewed to benefit the flow in and out of the car park.	
	Intersection needs to be clear this is a shared space	
Avalon Golf Club	Avalon Golf course should be decommissioned and turned into a botanical garden	Council has no intention or plans to change the current use of the Avalon Beach Golf Course. The site will remain a golf course and associated uses will be consistent with the land categorisation and zoning.
	Preserve the golf course as open space whatever happens to the Golf Club	The site is currently zoned RE1 - Public Recreation under Pittwater LEP 2014 and there is no intention to change the zoning of the area.
	The golf course is underutilised	
	Keep Avalon Golf Club in its entirety	
	Why not consider a means of having a dirt bike circuit around the perimeter of the Golf Course? As the proposed area looks small	
	Wants viability of golf course reviewed for needs of the youth.	





	Strongly support the retention of Avalon Golf course as community green spaces and for retaining habitat for our wildlife. Don't support the off -road dirt bike	
	next to the golf course.	
Avalon Bowling Club	Keep Avalon Bowling Club as it is and open space.	There are no plans to change the use or zoning of the Avalon Bowling Club. Avalon Bowling Club is zoned RE1 Public Recreation and the zoning will remain.
	Strongly support the retention of the Avalon Bowling Club as community green spaces and for retaining habitat for our wildlife.	The Avalon Beach Parking Strategy (the Strategy) confirms that the current parking supply will be sufficient to cater for expected demand, associated with moderate to low population growth, outside summer peak.
	Would like to see extra parking at the Bowling Club car park. Possibly add	The Strategy contains a range of recommended actions to improve the parking supply, including:
	another storey to the existing car park.	1.Introduction of time restrictions to unrestricted spaces – maximise turnover of spaces,
	Avalon Bowling Club to incorporate a	2.Prepare integrated signage plans (assist motorists to find car parking),
	stage on the outer grass area for entertainment would be excellent.	3.Increase parking supply near Avalon Beach to cater for peak summer demand.
	Currently Green #1 is widely used and could be a cultural hub for the Avalon Village –a 'village green' of sorts attracting events and	Based on the findings of the Strategy and as previously stated above, additional car parking supply can be provided via other options which will not have detrimental visual impact or high construction cost.
	supporters from sports activity to more social and cultural fixtures. The Avalon Bowlo has some under cover secure storage on site and has experience in running music and community events. Broader use will also enhance the operations and use of the Avalon Bowlo as it continues to broaden itself from being historically singularly a lawn bowls club.	Many submissions mention the Avalon Bowling Club submission that offers the use of the front bowling green as a multipurpose/stage. During the formal exhibition of the draft Place Plan, no submission from the Avalon Bowling Club was received by Council. Council extended an opportunity for the Club to submit their submission, with a formal submission being provided 2022. The submission outlined the Clubs future plans. The Clubs proposed plans are in- line with the Community vision and guiding principles of the Place Plan. The Clubs submission has been forwarded to Council's Property team for consideration.
Dunbar Park	Currently there is an element of antisocial behaviour well into the night on most weekends at Dunbar Park. A dedicated BBQ area will only exaggerate this behaviour. Any BBQ / seating areas are fine but should be located as far away as possible from	The removal of the fencing at the rear of the Avalon Recreation Centre (the Recreation Centre) is no longer supported as the area is heavily utilised by patrons as a breakout space. The fence therefore will remain in its current location and the area will continued to be used by patrons of the Recreation Centre.





the residential side of the park. Preferably to the western or southern edge.

Don't support BBQ facilities.

Don't support seating.

Does not want a stage erected in Dunbar park.

Would like Dunbar Park to remain as is.

Leave the area behind the community centre as grass as it may attract skateboarders and have after hour's security issues.

Anything that targets teenage activity should be placed in public view.

I would suggest having public toilets in Dunbar Park, this is a necessity especially when Avalon Recreation Centre is closed.

Supports activation of Dunbar Park with weekly/monthly market - great idea for Dunbar Park to have easy access for regular markets.

Support the performance stage but move to the western north western side of park.

A BBQ and solid table tennis tables in Dunbar Park get a tick.

Support the proposal for Dunbar Park

Outdoor art at Dunbar Park will be vandalised.

Does not want a new toilet block in Dunbar Park.

The BBQ facility and seating complements the use of the playground area and should be located in this location. The BBQ facility and seating will be located on the southern side of the playground away from residential uses to the north of the park.

The community has raised concerns regarding the lack of lighting in Dunbar Park. **Action 17** of the Place Plan seeks to increase ambient lighting in Dunbar Park and the village. This will increase natural surveillance, improve safety and reduce anti-social behaviour.

The relocation of the multipurpose shelter, to the western edge of the Park has been investigated and the preference for the operation of the Park is to retain the shelter on the eastern boundary as this location does not interfere with the current and future uses of the Park.

The design intention and concept plan for Dunbar Park is to protect and retain the central open space and reinforce the Park's role as a community space. **Action 5** of the Place Plan states, "*Trial monthly markets, in Dunbar Park, with a focus on fresh produce, arts and crafts*".

While **Action 26** of the Place Plan states, "As part of the streetscape enhancement works install outdoor seating in strategic locations throughout the village and Dunbar Park to provide places for people to meet and gather".

Upfront community engagement regarding Dunbar Park identified access to toilet facilities as an issue for park users. Options for access to toilet facilities for park users will be investigated as per **Action 24** of the Place Plan which states, "Investigate opportunities for unlimited access to colocated toilet facilities for Dunbar Park users".

The relocation of the pedestrian crossing to the north of its current location will be considered during the detailed design of the trial one way south bound shared zone and dependent on Australian Standards (Austroads) that relate to the placement of pedestrian crossings from the entrance and exit of Woolworths car park and other safety factors.

The concept of locating the markets at Dunbar Park is to complement the surrounding businesses and encourage people to stay longer in the centre. Locating the markets in the primary school grounds would require negotiation with and approval from the Department of Education.

The Avalon Beach netball and half-court basketball courts were completed last year near Careel Creek in the Coastal





Like the proposed performance space in Dunbar Park.

Fringe Precinct. The addition of basketball or netball courts in Dunbar Park is not supported.

Proposed improvements for Dunbar Park are sound but new pathing and facilities should remain around the perimeter to enable and encourage active family sports. i.e., don't encroach on the size of field to allow sports field games.

A community garden in Dunbar Park is supported, the request was forwarded to Council's Parks Assets- Planning Design and Delivery team for consideration.

Dunbar Park needs to be maintained as a community space for regular markets (sustainability in reusing unwanted items), and cultural events to showcase local talent.

Enhancement of Dunbar Park including linkage to the community centre and Patterson Lane.

Dunbar Park already a meeting place for many age groups adding more seats could add more comfort as well as encourage people to walk and ride their bikes.

Congratulations on quick wins at Dunbar Park and the two basketball courts and the basketball half court.

Supports a proposal put forward by Avalon Bowlo, to utilise green 1, in Lieu of Dunbar Park. This area is already utilised in the fashion outlined for Dunbar Park. Outdoor cinema/ cinema festivals

Toilets in Dunbar Park, in a visible to the public part of the park. This would not only serve the public well (as when the centre is closed, access to the toilets within isn't available), but it would serve the actual centre better.





Wants pedestrian crossing moved further north to pick up end of the track from Dunbar Park.

Approve of attractive plantings.

Would like to see a Community
Garden in Dunbar Park

Avalon community fairs could be held in the Primary school grounds and on the large vacant parkland opposite the school instead of Dunbar Park.

Would like to see an exercise/basketball/netball area similar to The Tramshed and the one recently built Newport.

Would like to see better lighting in Dunbar Park to make it safer during the early morning and night.

Avalon Bowling Club offers an alternate concept to maintain Dunbar Park as an open community space. Dunbar Park is not fenced, and any ticketed event requires some form of policing.

These parameters are in place on Green #1.

The proposed changes to Green #1 (eastern green)would enhance the proposed shelter/stage/screen by providing a venue that is more intimate and would allow events to run concurrently in the two separate areas.

Additionally, Avalon Bowlo has a proven history of managing events on this site as described and by taking on overall management responsibility allow further income opportunities to maintain the Club, its





	facilities and access to the community.	
Des Creagh Reserve/ North Avalon	Do not add concrete structures to Des Creagh or North Avalon. The design for Des Creagh Reserves needs to be reviewed as the proposed space will attract antisocial use.	The concept design seeks to retain the low key and natural elements of the Reserve and provide enhancements to allow the community to continue to use the space for informal gatherings. Based on community feedback the number of seats and tables along the boundary of the Reserve have been reduced and the viewing platform has been removed and replaced with a simple deck to reflect the current use of the area. The fence along the northern boundary of the car park will be retained.
	It would be great to join bike tracks with the surrounding areas not just North Avalon but Clareville and Bilgola.	Connectivity of bike paths is identified and addressed in the Northern Beaches Bike Plan 2020, through a range of Directions and specific actions. Of relevance to Avalon Beach is:
	Keep Des Creagh Reserve as open space. Important for passive	Direction 1 – Expand, improve and maintain the Safe Cycling Network.
	recreation	1.1 – Expand the Safe Cycling Network,
	Does not support seating and tables	Action 6 – Ensure proposed Safe Cycling Network is incorporated in future Place Plans
	at North Avalon. Natural quality to be retained.	Avalon Beach locality has two identified District routes, being:
		D23 – Avalon local centre to Old Wharf,
	The fence on the boundary of Barrenjoey High School is property	D24 Avalon Beach to Careel Bay
	of the Department of Education. It needs replacing and should not be removed.	The draft Place Plan did not propose to change car parking layout, or installing BBQs at North Avalon.
	Leave the parking bays as they are.	Suggestions relating to the maintenance of the steps and inclusion of additional bike racks have been referred to the Park Assets – Planning, Design and Delivery team for consideration and action.
	Not sure what the benefit of a viewing platform at Nth Avalon is for. The current arrangement works perfectly OK.	Suggestions to replace the run-down low fence have been referred to the Park Assets – Planning, Design and Delivery team for consideration and action.
	Keep beach steps maintained and sand to cover the exposed rocks at the bottom of the stairs, to mitigate trip hazards.	
	Add additional seat at the top of the steps (similar to the existing ones)	





	Maintain and add additional bike racks on hardstand near amenities block.	
	Keep the beach front open space as is.	
	Maintain crushed granite area as is.	
	Repair and maintain the 2 current bench seats as is or similar – no concrete	
	Replace the run-down low fence between the crushed granite and grassed areas, with new fence of similar to current fencing to allow sitting on.	
	Keep open grassed area for rescue helicopter facilities and ambulance.	
	Put exercise equipment near the skate park.	
	Do not support the placement of BBQ's, or hard seating	
	Provide small number of shade trees around the perimeter of the reserve.	
	Repair and maintain the yellow brick road, particularly wet/boggy area near the bridge and creek.	
Lighting	Better lighting is needed on the footpath from north Avalon to south Avalon- they are always broken.	Council has joined the National Cities Power Partnership program to reduce our carbon emissions, along with other Australian towns and cities.
	Migratory bird friendly lighting.	Our new electricity contract has zero emissions, reducing our total emissions by 80 percent and replaced thousands of streetlights with efficient LEDs.





	Ground lighting: Lighting should be low energy and environmentally responsible More lighting around the school zone. Street lighting to be improved throughout.	Lighting improvements have been targeted for Village, especially Dunbar Park and the Patterson Laneway. Action 17/18 states "As part of streetscape enhancement works provide a range of ambient lighting within the village and along the southern edge of Dunbar Park to provide a sense of liveliness and safety."
	More ambient lighting.	
Terracing/ Beach Gateway		The Beach Gateway concept seeks to improve the functionality of the bus stop for bus patrons, improve pedestrian movement through the area, specifically linkages to the Village and Avalon beach and beautify and celebrate the arrival into Avalon Beach.
	Supportive to allocating funds to upgrade the seating, terracing, and re planting remove those disgusting wooden steps.	The slope of the hill presents a range of challenges to achieving suitable outcomes in the vicinity of the intersection and bus stop. The narrow width of the eastern footpath in front of the bus stop makes it difficult to design a suitable solution that improves connection between the beach and Avalon Beach village, while also providing bus patrons a safe waiting area.
		The terracing of the area allows additional width to be achieved with the lower terraces being designed as breakout seating for people waiting to catch buses, which supports social distancing requirements.
Bus Stop – Barrenjoey Road	Moving the bus stop further away from the traffic light is a safe and positive action. As a heritage item, the existing shelter fits in with the	The bus stop is not listed as a Heritage Item under the Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014.
	unique character of the village and should be maintained but allow easy access for people with decreased mobility. Bus stop should be moved	Relocating the bus stop to the north has been considered and investigated, however Transport for NSW has confirm they do not support the proposal due to the requirements to cater for bus queuing and separation distance requirement from the vehicle entry to the Avalon Beach Surf Life Saving Club and beach parking.
	(approximately 50/100 meters) north of the existing one – away from the traffic lights and public access to the Beach.	Council agrees that the bus stop needs to be moved further away from Barrenjoey Road and off the footpath for the safety of bus patron using the area and to improve pedestrian movement through the site. The site represents a
	Fix the bus stop southbound on Barrenjoey Road near the beach, by moving it slightly to the north and setting it back into the slope a little.	key pedestrian and cycle linkage providing connection to Avalon Beach village, the beach, North Avalon and Careel Bay.





	This will improve pedestrian safety around the bus stop.	
	The bus stop should be moved back from the traffic lights as proposed.	
	Needs to have the Avalon bus stop moved off the footpath to make way for elderly and people with limited mobility	
	The corner by the bus stop is currently not only an eyesore but dangerous for pedestrians who wish to walk around the corner in an easterly direction up Avalon Parade towards Surfside Avenue	
	Create a bike rack behind where the bus stop is now.	
	Move the bus stop on Barrenjoey Rd North near the skate park. Then no need to do the work.	
	The bus stop works well as it is.	
	Widening of the footpath area at bus stop crossing Barrenjoey Road to the service station would allow more pedestrians, biker's mobility scooters, etc., to cross.	
Laneways	Laneway safety would deteriorate with future increased traffic – bikes, but especially e-scooters.	Agree. The use of laneways for bike paths is not supported. The introduction of bike routes in laneways will create conflict between existing laneway uses, such as business servicing requirements, garbage collection, business access
	Lanes off Old Barrenjoey Rd have been ignored in the plan i.e.	and parking and will create an unsafe area, especially for children and teenagers who don't have the necessary visual perception to navigate such hazards.
	Simmonds & Edmund Hock. Council laneway off Bellevue Ave has no name, no signage, no lighting.	Other Laneways haven't been ignored. The approach was to select one laneway to showcase how these generally underutilised areas can be reimagined. Patterson Lane was ultimately chosen, because of its strong existing linkages to Dunbar Park which acts as an alternative connection between the park and the Village. Furthermore Action 49 of the Place Plan states, "Continue to explore opportunities to improve and upgrade the design of laneways, with a focus





	Need to utilise the laneways running parallel to Old Barrenjoey Rd.	on creating alternative pedestrian connections throughout the village, opportunities for art and increased landscaping".
	The laneways will benefit from lighting and improved surfacing and will help expand the village.	
	Upgrading of the under-utilised laneways with paving and street furniture and opportunity for outdoor dining.	
	Make use of all our laneways for community use and provide better lighting.	
	Patterson Lane to be made more of a community hub similar to Melbourne laneways and Sydney birdcage.	
	Support the use of Patterson Lane as spelled out in the Plan. Similar plans should be undertaken for Wickham and part of Simmonds Lanes.	
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Ocean Pool	The rock pool - Needs to keep natural look. A disadvantage of erecting artwork in this fence area is that the fence is occasionally	All submissions have been noted and considered. The minor improvements to the Avalon Beach Rock Pool
	damaged by large seas.	have been removed from the Place Plan.
	Supports the improvements around the ocean pool.	
	Not supportive of art installation near the rock pool.	





	While extra seating is welcomed at the rock pool area, but the concrete seating (p77) would be ugly. The proposed fence/wall improvements at the Rock pool makes no mention of improved storage of goods by pool users. Suspended milk crate style pigeon holes or hangers for towels etc. would be helpful. Maroubra Beach facilities have free, sponsored locking storage lockers as another example.	
Community Engagement	Community Engagement was not extensive.	Community engagement undertaken as part of the My Place: Avalon has been extensive with a diverse range of community engagement activities undertaken.
		Initial engagement activities commenced in May to August 2018 and included:
		Online Care factor Survey, face to face surveys and ground assessments 1 May to 1 July 2018 –.
		A total of 848 responses were collected during the survey period.
		Two Visioning Workshops with key stakeholders held on 30 June 2018 and 4 July 2018
		8 Pop ups held between 11 July to 28 July 2018.
		Avalon Beach Community Reference Group (Avalon CRG) was established representatives.
		10 Avalon CRG meetings held between the 17 October 2018 and April 2022.
		Dunbar Park User Survey undertake
		 Pop up Plaza held on 27 July 2019 to gain feedback on 3 intersection options. (501 comments received on the proposed intersection designs).
		Barrenjoey High School workshop
		Community exhibition of the draft Avalon Beach Place Plan was undertaken for a period of three months commencing February 2021 to May 2021 and included:
		Letter distribution to residents in Postcode 2107 which includes the suburbs of Avalon Beach, Palm Beach, Bilgola Heights, Clareville and Whale Beach
		Two Business Owner drop-in sessions held on 9 March 2021 and 18 March 2021 at the Avalon Recreation Centre.





		4 Pop ups held on the following dates:
		1. 29 April 2021
		2. 1 May 2021
		3. 13 May 2021.
		4. 15 May 2021
Careel Creek Restoration	The waterway from Avalon through Dunbar Park and Stapleton to Pittwater needs to be preserved. The Plan fails to consider Careel The waterway from Avalon through Dunbar Park and Stapleton to development and preparation of the draft Place aligns strongly with the Community Vision and principles. Page 50 of the draft Place Plan state Creek could be regenerated to provide a green extending northwards and a valuable connection.	Restoration of Careel Creek was considered during the development and preparation of the draft Place Plan, as it aligns strongly with the Community Vision and guiding principles. Page 50 of the draft Place Plan states "Careel Creek could be regenerated to provide a green spine extending northwards and a valuable connection to Avalon Beach Reserve."
	Careel Creek is a wasted opportunity. It is fundamental to the environment of Avalon. It is	This was reinforced in. Action 45 which states "Investigate opportunities to naturalise Careel Creek and stormwater drainage systems within and surround the village centre."
	surprising to me that Careel Creek is not addressed as a significant opportunity for Avalon as a place.	The suggestion to cover the drain (Careel Creek) at the front of Woolworths car park is not supported as it contradicts the community's vision for Avalon Beach and the guiding principle 'Green and Clean'. The local community highly
	Wants Careel Creek to be an actual creek and not a drain and should have natural rocks and native painting. A priority.	values the natural environment with an emphasises on protection and enhancement of the unique local ecosystem.
	Prioritise the naturalization of Careel Creek and storm water drainage within and surrounding the Avalon Village	
	Careel Creek to be naturalised to connect the village with the wetlands.	
	Renaturalisation of Careel Creek – should be reprioritised to sooner than later.	
	Naturalising Careel Creek – too expensive for little benefit.	
	Open up the space in front of Woolworths by covering the drain and making it a pit stop for bicyclists travelling along Barrenjoey Rd	





Mobility	While there is reference to 'mobility' in the Plan, there are no references to improving conditions for people with a disability. Walking and cycling are fantastic when you have the ability. When for some reason you don't, either permanently or temporarily, negotiating shops and public places becomes difficult and impacts quality of life.	Universal access has been considered in the preparation of the Place Plan and is a critical issue, especially for an ageing population such as Avalon Beach. The Place Plan seeks to improve pedestrian pathways and linkages in line with the "Avalon Pedestrian Accessibility and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Walk Northern Beaches". No disabled car parking spaces will be removed as part of the design concepts. Action 18 of the Place Plan states, "Improve the pedestrian experience by renewing and constructing new footpaths, creating wide pavements that link activity areas, transport and beach as recognised by the "Avalon Pedestrian Accessibility and Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Walk Northern Beaches".
General Comments	Wants more art work lights. Wants to see roundabout art on an entry into Avalon. Says to shop locally on our way through. Avalon residents should shop at Avalon and not Mona Vale.	Arts and culture are an important focus for the Avalon Beach community and the Place Plan seeks to celebrate and encourage growth in this sector. Action 36 of the Place Plan states, "Foster opportunities to celebrate the communities creativity through village laneways, open spaces, vacant shops and land via outdoor public art, installations, art boxes and pop ups".
	The interface between manmade and natural capital in the Avalon area is at great threat through ever increasing development.	In response to the threat of increasing development and its impact on nearby natural wildlife protection areas and habitat is noted. However, the Place Plan does not seek to increase development, change current zoning or planning controls related to building height or density.
	Ecological studies must be required and integrated with the proposals.	Controlling dog numbers is outside the scope of the Place Plan. The design proposals outlined in the Place Plan are high level plans which require further refinement via a detailed design analysis process. During the detailed design analysis stage, a range of factors will be investigated and considered, including environmental impacts.
	Allow dogs to enjoy off-lead swimming at North Avalon beach before 9am in Winter, and before 8am in Summer.	Off leash dog parks and permitting dogs on beaches is a broader Council issue, that is outside the scope of the Place Plan.
	South Avalon Beach - A shelter and improved access should be prioritised, as well as improved	In response to favouring pedestrians over cars and providing opportunities for kids and other people to ride bikes safely, the Place Plan does place a strong emphasis





access from the beach to the main street. Pedestrians should be favoured over cars. There must be a way to make this happen in consultation with RMS and traffic experts

on active transport initiatives and seeks to improve active transport options and pedestrian connectivity between Avalon Beach village and the beach.

Avalon needs a foot path continuing from Careel Head Road to Iluka...where there is sidewalk.

The request seeking to continue the footpath from Careel Head Road to Iluka has been referred to Council's Transport Network team for consideration.

People need a place to actually go to on the main road.so kids can ride to school, and there is not a traffic jam every morning with each mom driving their child in to school.

Community housing options are extremely low in Avalon Beach. A key consideration of the Local Housing Strategy, 2021 is addressing the current and future shortage of dwellings for social and affordable housing.

Needs an infrastructure that enables people to go places without driving to a location to walk.

The Place Plan supports the continuation of outdoor dining. Design proposals seek to widen footpath in strategic locations to provide additional opportunities for this to occur.

Include housing options for community housing for people who

This is out of scope, boat and caravan storage is the responsibility of the boat/ caravan owner.

community housing for people who cannot survive the rental stress, some accommodation for homeless young people so that they can continue to attend local schools and meet educational milestones without getting displaced regionally.

Police services and the location of Police Stations is outside the scope of the Place Plan.

Promoting food and restaurant culture by providing ample outdoor dining space where possible

The fencing of the headland has previously been considered by Council. The current preference is to work on suicide prevention in collaboration with other service providers. We have erected Lifeline help seeking signage at the entrance and exits of Bangalley Headland walk. While a range of strategies focused on reducing youth suicide have been initiated, including Northern Beaches Adolescent and Family Counselling Service, Avalon Youth Hub and One Eighty (youth mental health service)

Boats, trailers and caravans to be stored at an area in Ingleside, or other suburb, which should be purchased by Council and users pay fees to Council.

Conservation of Koalas and their habitat is an important issue however, it is outside the scope of the Place Plan.

Reinstate a Police station in Avalon.

The request for a high rise hotel in Avalon is not supported by Council. Community consultation undertaken as part of the Place Plan process has strongly reinforced Avalon Beach communities' preference for lower scale development that respects the natural setting and scenic quality of the area. On this basis the request for high-rise hotel development is not supported and no changes are proposed to the built form controls.

Use the money to put a fence around Bangalley Head to prevent suicides.





Avalon Beach once had a significant Koala population which has decline, more needs to be done to protect Koala populations and habitat within Pittwater.

Wants a high -rise hotel in Avalon.

Wants a live music corner for buskers near Rec centre.

Southern façade needs to be taken back from Woolworths and let small shops engage with pedestrians on Avalon Parade

Wants the development of an arts precinct and new community centre facility.

A business owner who leases a property in Avalon Parade. Wants to know if they are able to have tables and chairs outside due to longer bus stop as it would be unfair to existing coffee shops to down grade them.

Wants to see a bridge put across the easement connecting Elaine Avenue, with Barrenjoey School's back gate) near Careel Creek). Children cross down into the storm water drain to cut across to the bus stop on Barrenjoey Road.

Wants to know why there is no focus on the poor retail occupancy on existing developments and why are shops allowed to be left vacant for tax benefit of owners.

Says there should be subsidies for younger, more vibrant up and coming local businesses to have retail space.

The draft Place Plan proposes to incorporate a multipurpose shelter and performance stage in Dunbar Park for community use, also the design concepts for the Village hub precinct include areas for art and performance, such as Patterson Lane and the shared zone. Furthermore, **Action 7** of the Place Plan states "In-line with the Connected Through Creativity 2029 Northern Beaches Arts and Creativity Strategy develop a busker program to provide entertainment in designated areas of the village in collaboration with Avalon Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce"

The Woolworths building is privately owned and Council has no controls to require changes to the southern façade. However, Council would support activation of this façade.

Creativity, arts and culture is important to the local community. The establishment of the Avalon Workshop will allow additional opportunities for local arts and culture, and this is reinforced in **Action 41** of the Place Plan which states "Explore opportunities to build upon the Avalon Workshop in relation to local arts and culture".

Council has contacted the business owner in Avalon Beach to discuss concerns regarding outdoor dining.

The request to place a bridge across the easement connecting Elaine Ave with Barrenjoey High School has been forwarded to the Transport Network and Park Assets – Planning, Design and Delivery teams for consideration and action.

The issue of retail occupancy and vibrancy of the village was investigated and considered in the Avalon Town Centre Retail Analysis and a range of Actions are included in the draft Place Plan, including:

- Action 14 of the draft Place Plan states "Encourage temporary uses in vacant shops, supported by the Avalon Town Centre Retail Analysis, to retain a vibrant village.
- Action 15 of the draft Place Plan states "Encourage unique and diverse retailers by working with local businesses and Local Business Chamber to establish mentoring programs and initiatives to support local start-up businesses and young entrepreneurs".









Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses can be viewed on Council's Your Say page.

^{*}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.





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