



AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Environment Strategic Reference Group will be held in the Flannel Flower Room, Dee Why Civic Centre on

TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2024

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

Committee Members

Cr Kristyn Glanville (Chair)	Councillor
Mayor Sue Heins	Mayor
Cr Michael Gencher	Councillor
Cr Stuart Sprott	Councillor

Individual or organisation representatives with specific expertise/experience:

Alan Jones	Individual – Curl Curl Ward
Nigel Howard	Individual – Frenchs Forest Ward
Jamileh Jahangiri	Individual – Manly Ward
Roberta Conroy	Individual – Pittwater Ward
Sarah Baker	Individual – Frenchs Forest Ward
Joeline Hackman	Northern Beaches War on Waste

Community members or group representatives with broad range of strategic views

Natalie Warren	Community representative - Curl Curl Ward
Malin Frick	Community representative – Manly Ward
Billy Bragg	Community representative – Pittwater Ward
Jacqueline Marlow	Friends of Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment representative

Council Officer Contacts

Todd Dickinson	Director Environment and Sustainability
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Lauren Reti	Senior Advisor Governance

Quorum

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

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to be held on Tuesday 4 June 2024
in the Flannel Flower Room, Dee Why Civic Centre
Commencing at 6:00 PM**

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1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2.0 APOLOGIES

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

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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

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A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3.

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A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.

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4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH 2024

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Environment Strategic Reference Group meeting held on 7 March 2024, copies of which were previously circulated to all members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

6.0 WASTE & CIRCULAR ECONOMY

ITEM 6.1 CREATING A LOCAL CIRCULAR ECONOMY

ISSUE

To provide an update on Council's progress towards creating a local circular economy.

BACKGROUND

Northern Beaches Council is committed to developing a local 'circular economy', where materials are used for as long as possible at their highest value through repair, reuse and recycling.

This commitment is demonstrated in the 'Waste and Circular Economy Strategy 2040', adopted by Council in March 2024. In the Strategy, Council commits to:

- establish a convenient and accessible circular economy hub by 2030
- reduce kerbside bulky goods sent to landfill (25% reduction by 2030, 50% reduction by 2040)

Council has already taken the following important steps to help achieve these targets:

- Council recently closed an Expression of Interest for 'Giving Kerbside Bulky Goods a New Life: Separate Collection and Processing of Recyclable Household Bulky Goods'. A large number of expressions of interest were received, covering a broad range of materials including electronics, mattresses and furniture. Council will proceed to a Request for Tender prior to choosing the most suitable whole of supply chain model(s).
- Council is undertaking an extensive project, with a consultant, to assess the feasibility of different models to establish a Circular Economy Hub or Network across the Northern Beaches. We are exploring options including physical, online or pop-up reuse and repair hubs, a tool library, and repair cafes, customised to cater for the needs of Northern Beaches residents. Research includes tried and tested operations both regionally and internationally.

Our community is also keen to do their part. Our last Reuse and Recycling Event on 18 May saw 542 cars attend to drop-off their pre-loved clothing, accessories, Manchester, electrical items, bikes, small metal items and excess cardboard. Council partnered with charities, social enterprises and businesses to host the event – all donated goods will be reused, repaired, resold or recycled.

DISCUSSION

The Coordinator, Waste Education will provide an overview of the work Council is undertaking towards developing a local circular economy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group notes the contents of this report and any accompanying information.

Reporting officer	Coordinator Waste Education
TRIM file ref	2024/351583
Attachments	Nil

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION & BIODIVERSITY

ITEM 7.1 PROJECT OSPREY

ISSUE

This report seeks to brief the Environment SRG on a proposed project to improve habitat availability for the threatened Eastern Osprey (*Pandion cristatus*).

BACKGROUND

The Eastern Osprey (*Pandion cristatus*) is a threatened native bird of prey which occurs within coastal environments, estuaries and waterways across eastern Australia. A key threat to the species is urban development, which has contributed to a significant loss of suitable nesting habitat (tall trees close to waterways) across its range. 'Project Osprey' seeks to address this loss of natural nesting habitat by trialling an artificial nesting platform at a suitable location within the northern portion of the LGA. This would represent the first project of its kind within the Sydney region.

DISCUSSION

On at least two development sites locally, ospreys have been recorded using temporary construction cranes in lieu of natural nesting sites. This raises animal welfare and conservation concerns when the cranes and osprey nests are required to be dismantled, in addition to causing construction delays and additional costs on private development sites.

In order to address this emerging issue, Council proposes to supplement the availability of suitable habitat within the region by installing an artificial nest platform at an appropriate location (i.e., near aquatic foraging habitats) in the north of the LGA. This would involve installation of a 23m (installed height) timber pole with a specialised artificial nesting basket mounted on top. Locally native landscaping is proposed to be planted at the base of the pole to provide a buffer from foot traffic and screen the pole footings. Should an osprey pair establish a nest on the structure, it is proposed to establish a monitoring program, with the potential for installation of an 'osprey cam' to publicly stream their behaviour and promote public awareness via a 'citizen science' model.

Ospreys have successfully taken up artificial nesting platforms at numerous other locations in Queensland, South Australia and northern New South Wales. However, to date an artificial nesting platform designed for this species has not been attempted within the Sydney region. Council is proposing to take the lead through this pilot project, which may in future provide a blueprint for other sites in our LGA and councils wishing to supplement nesting habitat for threatened birds of prey.

Consultation will be undertaken via a YourSay page, signage, information in Council's EDM newsletter, and letters to residents within the vicinity.

The project has been developed in partnership with the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) and in consultation with internal and external stakeholders including Parks & Recreation, Environmental Health, the Aboriginal Heritage Office, and NSW Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries). In addition, the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment & Water (DEECCW) has offered a 50% financial co-contribution to the project, conditional upon delivery timeframes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the report.

Reporting officer	Acting Team Leader, Biodiversity & Planning
TRIM file ref	2024/353554
Attachments	Nil

8.0 CLIMATE CHANGE & SUSTAINABILITY

ITEM 8.1 NEW NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN UPDATE

ISSUE

New Northern Beaches Local Environmental Plan Update

BACKGROUND

- The Planning Proposal for Council's new comprehensive Local Environmental Plan (LEP) will be considered by Council at its meeting on 17 June 2024.
- The Planning Proposal outlines the content, justification, and intended effect of the new LEP, which will replace Council's four current LEPs: Manly LEP 2013; Pittwater LEP 2014; Warringah LEP 2011; and Warringah LEP 2000.
- The Planning Proposal contains several provisions and new controls that will support the protection of the environment.
- If endorsed by Council, the Planning Proposal will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for a "Gateway Determination" for a formal public exhibition.
- A new Northern Beaches Development Control Plan (DCP) is also under preparation and will be exhibited together with the Planning Proposal – anticipated in early 2025.

DISCUSSION

The Northern Beaches LEP will be Council's principal land use planning document to guide and regulate the development and conservation of land in the LGA.

The Planning Proposal provides a plain English explanation and justification for the provisions proposed to be included in the new Northern Beaches LEP, including its proposed aims, land use zones, development standards and other planning controls.

Merging four existing LEPs into a new consolidated LEP for the LGA is complex. While there are many similarities in these documents, there are differences too. These factors must be reconciled to create a single, clear, and fair LEP, consistent with State and local policy direction, and with legislation governing the preparation of an LEP in NSW.

A summary of proposed key changes in the new LEP is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That the ESRG notes the contents of this report and accompanying presentation.

Reporting officer	Manager, Strategic & Place Planning
TRIM file ref	2024/350696
Attachments	1 LEP Key Changes - ESRG 4 June 2024



Planning Proposal:
Northern Beaches Local Environmental Plan

Key Changes

May 2024

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LEP PROPOSED KEY CHANGES

Land use zones

- **The Planning Proposal includes 24 land use zones to apply across the LGA** – consolidated from 15 zones in MLEP2013, 21 zones in PLEP2014, 18 zones in WLEP2011, and two locality statements in WLEP2000. The application of zones, and the permissibility of land uses within each zone, will generally remain the same, however the permissibility of certain land uses in some zones has changed to achieve consistency across the LGA.
- **A number of rural and residential properties will be re-zoned to a Conservation zone** because of Council's Conservation Zones Review, including in Oxford Falls Valley, Belrose North, Ingleside, and Bayview, as well as in some urban locations where high environmental values have been identified (see Consultation section below and Appendix H to the Planning Proposal – *"Conservation Zones Review – Outcomes and Implications"*).
- **Zones under the Standard Instrument LEP planning framework will be applied to the 'deferred lands' (Belrose North and Oxford Falls Valley)** currently regulated by WLEP2000, based on the Conservation Zones Review, analysis of land use and character, and consideration of the directions of the Northern Beaches Local Strategic Planning Statement – *Towards 2040*. This is discussed in further detail below.
- **Reallocation of land zoned C2 Environmental Management, RE1 Public Recreation and W1 Natural Waterways** to ensure these zones align with their primary use based on an assessment of these current zones and lands managed by Council.
- **Retain permissibility of certain housing types in Manly LEP 2013 R2 zone** to facilitate opportunities for more diverse and affordable housing, consistent with Council's Local Housing Strategy. The broader range of land uses currently permitted in residential zones in MLEP2013 will be maintained through 'additional permitted use' provisions to be identified in Schedule 1 of the LEP.
- **Registered clubs will be permitted in the RE1 Public Recreation zone and RE2 Private Recreation zone** subject to them being 'incidental or ancillary' to a recreation facility on the land consistent with several existing sites across the LGA.
- **A range of infrastructure related land uses will be permitted** in zones throughout the LGA to align with permissibility under SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, for example, schools and emergency services facilities.
- **Road reserves have been rezoned either RE1 Public Recreation or C2 Environmental Conservation to reflect Council managed reserve boundaries.** Remaining road reserves have been left out of the draft LEP zoning map and will be completed by Council following confirmation from the Department of the proposed zoning to place on public exhibition.

Housing

Consistent with the Northern Beaches Local Housing Strategy, the proposed changes to housing provisions seek to enable greater housing diversity while protecting local character and amenity in residential areas by controlling for bulk, scale and sizes of lots that can be used for additional housing.

- **Attached dual occupancy development will be permitted in the R2 Low Density Residential zone** throughout the LGA with a minimum allotment size of 800sqm and 18m site frontage, with detached dual occupancy development being permitted on sites with a dual street frontage (WLEP2011 does not currently permit dual occupancy in the R2 zone).
- **Housing Diversity Areas will apply within 400 metres walking distance of land zoned E1 Local Centre** at Avalon, Newport, North Narrabeen, Freshwater and Belrose, within which boarding houses and hostels will be permitted in the R2 zone on sites of 1,000sqm or more.
- **Secondary dwellings (e.g. 'granny flats') provisions will be harmonised** to apply a maximum floor area of 60sqm, or 25% of the total floor area of the principal dwelling (whichever is greater), and 75sqm if attached to the principal dwelling. The height of detached (e.g. 'stand-alone') secondary dwellings will be limited to 5.5m in C4 and RU2 zones.
- **A maximum floor space ratio (FSR) standard will be introduced in low density residential zones**, based on locality and lot size, to better regulate the bulk and scale of development. This will replace existing FSRs applying under MLEP2013, and is a new requirement in other parts of the LGA.
- **New minimum allotment size and street frontage requirements will apply to certain types of medium density housing** (multi dwelling housing, residential flat buildings and the like), replacing current density controls in MLEP2013 and PLEP2014, apart from the Warriewood Valley Release Area, which retains density controls which are linked to environmental capacity.
- **A new provision for housing mix will be introduced to apply to residential flat buildings comprising 10 or more dwellings**, requiring a minimum 20% 1-bedroom and 20% 3-bedroom dwellings to be included in the design. The intent is to ensure greater diversity in dwelling types and promote housing choices for various sectors of the community, living needs, and budgets.

Centres

Consistent with the Greater Sydney Region Plan, North District Plan, and Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS), the following changes are proposed to protect the viability of centres, encourage business opportunities, facilitate good design outcomes, and promote vitality and amenity:

- **The maximum building height will be changed in some centres:** In local centres (excluding Mona Vale), increase from 8.5m to 9.3m, and from 11m to 12.4m, to facilitate greater floor to ceiling heights. In Brookvale Industrial area, increase from 11m to 18m. At Warringah Mall, establish a height limit of 30m consistent with existing development. In Frenchs Forest Business Park, apply a height limit of 11m generally and 21m for 'employment generating development'.
- **The existing Active Street Frontages clause applying in MLEP2013 (to Balgowlah, Manly and Seaforth Centres) will be extended** to apply to additional larger local centres including Avalon Beach, Newport, North Narrabeen, Narrabeen, Collaroy, the Strand at Dee Why, Freshwater, Forestville and Manly Vale, to promote pedestrian-friendly environments and retail activity.
- **A new clause, Development in Local Centres, will be introduced to consider the scale and function of development proposed in smaller neighbourhood centres** across the LGA. This is proposed in response to the NSW Government's recent Employment Zone Reforms which saw the merge of the former B1 Neighbourhood Centre and B2 Local Centre Zones into one E1 Local Centre Zone, and as a result, a loss of centres hierarchy.
- **Design Excellence considerations will be applied more broadly to all Strategic Centres** in Manly, Dee Why, Frenchs Forest and Mona Vale, to Warringah Mall, and to larger local centres in Avalon, Balgowlah, Belrose, Collaroy, Dee Why-The Strand, Elanora Heights, Forestville, Frenchs Forest, Freshwater, Manly Vale, Mona Vale, Narrabeen, North Narrabeen, Newport, Palm Beach, Seaforth and Warriewood. The clause aims to ensure a high standard of architectural and urban design for new buildings or external alterations of existing buildings.

Environment and Natural Hazards

The engagement for this project confirmed that the protection of the unique environmental values of the Northern Beaches remains of critical importance to the community.

Guided by the broad range of environmental technical studies and strategies developed by Council and directly informed by the Northern Beaches Environment Study as well as technical studies which provides specific planning recommendations, the Planning Proposal takes an evidence-based approach to protecting the environment:

- **New or updated LEP clauses are proposed to apply more broadly** across the LGA based on technical studies exhibited in 2022 as part of the Conservation Zones Review:
 - Bushland and Biodiversity clause – based on new mapping from the Biodiversity Planning Review and Deferred Lands Biodiversity Assessment, the clause aims to protect and conserve native fauna and flora.
 - Waterways Wetlands and Riparian Land clause – based on updated mapping from the Watercourse, Wetlands and Riparian lands study, the clause aims to protect and maintain water quality, bank and bed stability, ecological process, and aquatic and riparian habitats map.
 - Geotechnical planning – based on the Geotechnical Review and Planning Controls study, the clause designates land with a planning class (G1 to G7) based on its geology, topography, position and slope, and includes updated mapping of landslip areas identified as 'G5 Narrabeen Slopes >15 degrees' and 'G7 Coastal Cliff Zone'.
 - Coastline hazard management – based on existing adopted maps, the adopted Manly Coastal Risk Planning maps and new mapping identified through the Estuarine Planning Level studies for Cowan Creek and North and Middle Harbour, the clause aims to avoid significant adverse impacts from coastal hazards.
- **A new Scenic Protection clause will be introduced** to apply across the LGA to protect the scenic and environmental qualities of ridgelines and escarpments and natural landforms including rock outcrops. It is based on existing provisions in WLEP2011 and WLEP2000.
- **Retention of foreshore building lines identified in MLEP2013 and PLEP2014 and updating of related LEP clause** to establish additional matters for consideration e.g. retention of landscaping. It is not intended to apply the clause more broadly across the LGA currently, as additional research is required which is beyond the scope of LEP work.
- **A Stormwater Management and Water Sensitive Urban Design clause will be applied** to all development with consent across the LGA to reflect the recommendations of Council's Stormwater Study, implementing the risk-based framework for waterway health, which includes different priorities and outcomes for different catchments.
- **Minimum requirements for landscaped area in low density residential zones will be included in the LEP** and updated (currently in DCPs) based on a detailed analysis of recent dwelling-house approvals and current requirements.
- **On flood prone land and steeply sloping land (>30%), existing special considerations clauses in PLEP2014 facilitating an increase in the height of buildings will be extended** to apply to such land throughout the LGA provided there are no additional environmental impacts. This provision will enable resilience measures such as raising the height of a house above flood levels.

Sustainable development

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) identifies environmental sustainability as a core community aspiration: *“Our community aspires to be leaders in managing our resources sustainably and for the long term to ensure that development is balanced with our lifestyle and environment”* (CSP 2022: page 28). This aspiration was re-iterated in the engagement for the LEP/DCP Discussion Paper, with community members expressing a strong interest in environmental sustainability and urging Council to become a leader in this field and reduce the environmental footprint of buildings.

While the community expectations are clear, from a planning perspective sustainability is complex. This area is largely governed by State policies (the Sustainable Buildings SEPP) and national standards (National Construction Code – NCC).

Currently, councils are not permitted to set higher standards than those included in the Sustainable Buildings SEPP and the NCC. However, councils can make policy and plans in areas that do not conflict with these standards.

The following change is proposed to address the identified community aspiration (and noting that Council is taking other action outside of the LEP to promote sustainable development throughout the LGA – see the Environment and Climate Change Strategy):

- **A new clause for Environmental Sustainability will be introduced to apply to large-scale development (greater than 1,500sqm floor area) in Employment and Residential Zones requiring consideration of a range of design principles** including water and energy demand reduction, indoor environmental quality, heat absorption reduction, urban greening, passive design, and transport initiatives promoting reduced car dependence. A scored checklist will support application of the clause.

Deferred Lands

Land within Oxford Falls Valley and Belrose North (known as the 'deferred lands') is currently subject to WLEP2000, which is a 'place based' LEP no longer supported by the NSW Government.

Changes will occur in translating WLEP2000 into the required LEP format set by the Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006, as standardised land use zones, clauses and definitions must now be applied.

Land within this area will be zoned a mix of RU4 Rural, C3 Environmental Management, R5 Large Lot Residential, R2 Low Density Residential, RE1 Public Recreation or SP2 Infrastructure Zone under the new LEP, based on the Conservation Zones Review, analysis of land use and character, and consideration of the directions of the Northern Beaches Local Strategic Planning Statement – *Towards 2040*.

Other key proposals for the Deferred lands include:

- **Sunset clause:** The current permitted uses of all land in the deferred lands will be retained for a period of two years under a "sunset" clause in the new LEP to allow landowners to make applications for those uses during a transitional period. Development consents granted during this transitional period must be commenced within five years of the consent being granted.
- **APUs:** Selected sites will be subject to "additional permitted uses" (APUs) – land uses permitted in addition to those normally permitted under the relevant zone, based on the current nature of land uses in the area.
- **Retention of minimum lot size controls** for the subdivision of land and for the erection of dwelling houses in areas zoned RU4 and C3 to maintain existing character. Land proposed to be zoned in other zones e.g., R2 and R5 will be subject to changed controls reflecting controls in similar areas in the Council area.
- **Application of Split Zones** (usually part C3/ part RU4) on large lots where some of the land may have been cleared and no longer presents environmental values that would trigger a conservation zone.
- **Application of zones other than conservation zones** based on site-by-site assessment of existing values and uses.

ITEM 8.2 PALM BEACH HEADLAND URBAN NIGHT SKY PLACE
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ISSUE

To provide the Environment Strategic Reference Group with an update on the Palm Beach Headland Urban Night Sky Place project.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, Council resolved to progress an application to designate the Palm Beach Headland as an Urban Night Sky Place under Dark Sky International (formerly the International Dark Sky Association).

An Urban Night Sky Place (UNSP) is defined by Dark Sky International as a municipal park, open space, observing site or other similar property near or surrounded by large urban areas, and whose planning and design actively promote an authentic nighttime experience amid significant artificial light.

The Palm Beach Headland area refers to Governor Phillip Park and Barrenjoey Headland.

DISCUSSION

Council staff have worked with the UNSP Working Group and NPWS and have submitted the application seeking designation. To submit the application, staff have undertaken community consultation, developed a lighting management plan, upgraded lighting in the area to meet the guidelines, taken night sky measurements and proposed guidelines for future education and outreach events.

A further verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environment Strategic Reference Group note the report.
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Reporting officer	Manager, Environment Resilience & Climate Change
TRIM file ref	2024/361728
Attachments	Nil

9.0 RESILIENCE AND NATURAL HAZARDS

ITEM 9.1 COUNCIL FLOOD RESPONSE TO STORM EVENTS

ISSUE

The Stormwater and Floodplain Engineering Team within the Environment and Climate Change Business Unit have several critical roles during storms. This short report and presentation will outline some of the activities the team undertake, using the recent April storms as an example.

BACKGROUND

The Stormwater & Floodplain Engineering Team critical roles prior to and during storms include:

Preparations prior to storms

- **Stormwater asset inspections**

Critical stormwater assets are those assets that are likely to result in more significant financial, environment and social cost in terms of impact should they fail during storms. All critical assets are regularly inspected as well as prior to major storm events.

- **Preparing lagoon berms**

When Curl Curl and Dee Why lagoons are closed to the ocean, a shallow channel can be excavated through the beach sand berms so the lagoons open themselves when the water rises to the appropriate levels. This can also be undertaken at Great Mackerel Beach when conditions are appropriate.

Works and intelligence during storms

- **Opening of Manly Dam Valves**

Council owns and manages one valve at Manly Dam, which is used for lowering the water level of the dam. It is opened at a prescribed water level, as per an agreed process with Sydney Water.

- **Lagoon entrance openings**

Manly and Narrabeen Lagoon are opened before and during storms when water levels reach pre-determined trigger levels. If opened at lower level or too early these lagoons will likely close during/prior to the storm and potentially exacerbate flooding.

- **Advice on projected peak flood levels**

Council uses multiple rain and water level gauges situated strategically across the Council area. Council also uses a predictive flood model that can estimate the peak flood levels of the lagoon during a storm based on rain forecasts, tides and other factors. Council provides this info and other intelligence to the lead agencies during emergencies.

- **Investigations and recovery after storms**

We undertake post storm maintenance of stormwater systems, and also apply on-ground actions including investigating damaged infrastructure and localised flooding and taking appropriate measures to resolve the issue before the next event.

DISCUSSION

A presentation will be provided.

RECOMMENDATION

That the ESG notes the contents of this report and the accompanying presentation.

Reporting officer	Team Leader, Floodplain Planning & Response
TRIM file ref	2024/361102
Attachments	Nil

10.0 SUPPORTING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

ITEM 10.1 NET ZERO EXPO

ISSUE

To provide an update to the ESG on the expected outcomes and proposed evaluation of the Net Zero Expo to be held on 2 June 2024 at the Tramshed Arts and Community Centre, Narrabeen.

BACKGROUND

The Net Zero Expo is a significant event coordinated by the Environment and Climate Change Unit of Council, primarily supported by Greener Communities team staff. The event will be conducted at the Tramshed Arts and Community Centre on 2 June 2024 and will showcase Council's commitment to supporting the community in providing a collective direction towards achieving a net zero community by 2050.

The event will be consistent with commitments made by Council in our Local Strategic Planning Statement, our Environment and Climate Change Strategy, and our recent Waste and Circular Economy Strategy, supported by approved action plans and sustainability programs.

DISCUSSION

The Manager, Greener Communities will provide an overview of the event, including a summary of expected outcomes and an outline of how we propose to evaluate the success of this event.

RECOMMENDATION

That the ESG notes the contents of this report and any accompanying information.

Reporting officer	Manager, Greener Communities
TRIM file ref	2024/362012
Attachments	Nil