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Better Together 2040



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About this plan

This information is about the **Better Together plan** for the Northern Beaches Council.

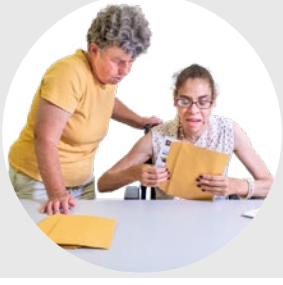
We will say **plan** for short.



The plan is about the people and community on the Northern Beaches.

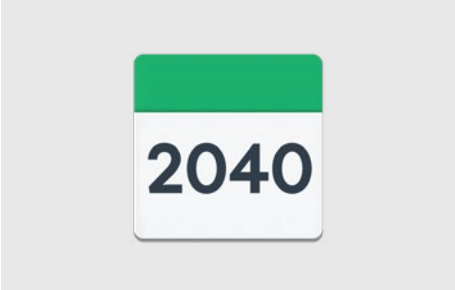






It says what we will do to make people feel

- Safe
- Part of things
- Supported.



This plan goes until the year 2040.



This information is a **summary** of the big plan.

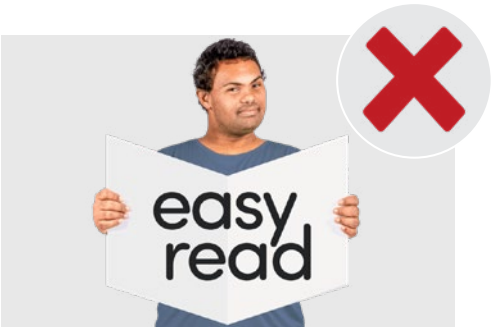


Summary means it only says the most important things from the big plan.



To read the big plan go to the website at

www.bit.ly/better-together-2040



The big plan is not in Easy Read.

Why we made the plan



We know communities can change over time.



This might be because people leave the area and other people move here.



This plan helps Northern Beaches Council get ready for changes in the community.



Some people in the community need more support than others.

This might be



- Young or old people



- Families



- People with disability



- People from other countries.



This plan helps Council make sure people get the support they need.



The plan also helps make sure everyone can be part of things in the community.



The plan has 4 big areas we want to work on.



This information tells you about the 4 big areas.

Area 1 is a safe community



We want everyone to feel safe in our community.



We will make sure people can get support with their **mental health**.



Mental health means how we think and feel.



We will do things to stop **family violence**.



Family violence is when someone in your family hurts you or other people in the family.



We will help children and young people stay safe.



We will make places in the area safe for everyone like parks and shopping centres.



We will support people to be safe when they do things online.

Area 2 is an inclusive community



We want to make sure our community is **inclusive**.



Inclusive means everyone can take part.



We will support people with disability to be part of the community.



We will make sure people can get the information and services they need.



We will help services in the area make changes to give people the right support.

Area 3 is a diverse community



We want our community to be **diverse**.



Diverse means lots of people who are all different.



Our community has people who

- Are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Come from other countries
- Are **LGBTQ+**.



LGBTQ+ means the different ways people love and feel about who they are.



We want to make sure everyone respects that people are different.



We will work together with different groups of people.



This might be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



We will work with services to make sure everyone feels safe and welcome.

Area 4 is a connected community



We want a community where people feel **connected**.



Connected means people support and look after each other.





When we are connected it helps us feel

- Healthy
- Happy.



We will support places where people in the community can meet.



This might be places that have things like arts or sports for people to do.



We will support community programs and **volunteering**.



Volunteering is when you do things in the community but do not get paid.





We will support people to get information like

- Things to do in their area

- Supports in their area.



These things will help make sure less people in our community feel alone.

How we will use this plan



Council will use this plan to help us make decisions.



We will work with community groups and services.



We will support the areas that need it most.



We will always look at what we can do better.



We will check how we are going with this plan every 5 years.

That means we will check



- What things we have done



- What changes made things better for people



- What is not working yet.



We will tell the community what we find out.

What this plan might mean for you







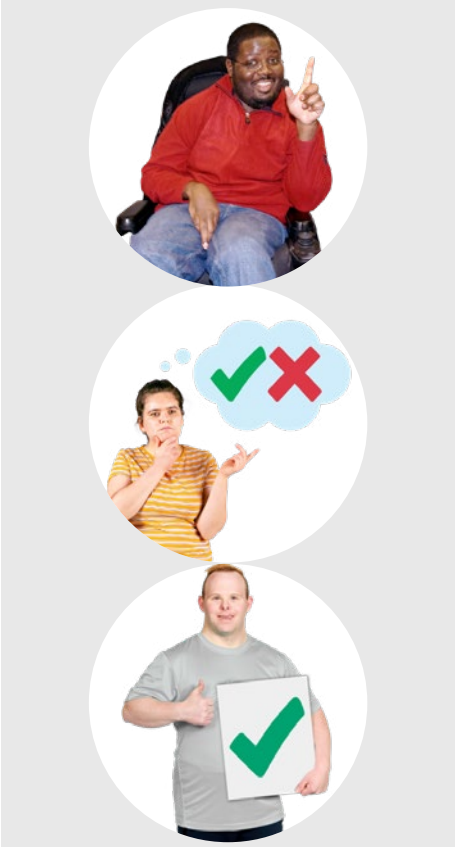
We hope this plan will help make it easier for you to

- Get support
- Use services
- Take part in things in the Northern Beaches.



We hope this plan will help you feel more safe in places in the community.

Have your say



You can share with Council

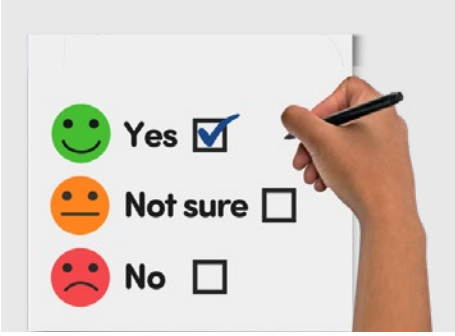
- Your ideas for the area

- What we can do better

- What you are happy with.



To do that you can fill in **surveys**.



A **survey** is a list of questions you can answer.



To do a survey go to the website

www.bit.ly/4dGoSJ3



You can also contact Council for more information.



You can

- Call us on **1300 434 434**
- Send an email to **council@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au**

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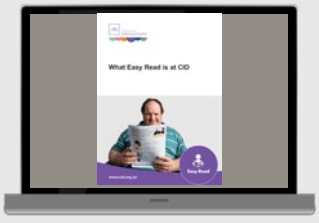
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