MINUTES

PARTICIPATION & PARTNERSHIPS STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held in the Council Chambers, Dee Why on

WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2018

Minutes of the Participation & Partnerships
Strategic Reference Group Meeting
held on Wednesday 28 March 2018
in the Council Chambers, Dee Why
Commencing at 6:08pm

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Sue Heins (Chair)
Mayor Michael Regan
Cr Penny Philpott
Meegan Clancy   Manly Business Chamber
Stacey Mitchell
Antony Biasi
John Buggy   Belrose Open Space Corridor Association
Denice Smith
Craig Susans
Vanessa Tiernan

Council Officer Contacts

Melanie Gurney   Executive Manager Library Services
Andrew Grocott   Manager Community Engagement
Jasmine Evans   Governance Officer

1.0   APOLOGIES

The apologies from Cr Roslyn Harrison, Tammy Cook, Ina Vukic and Steve McInnes were noted.

2.0   DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests or conflicts of interest.

3.0   WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Members introduced themselves to the group briefly outlining their background and reason for their interest in the Participation and Partnership Strategic Reference Group.

4.0   REVIEW & ENDORSE INDUCTION NOTES

The group endorsed the induction meeting notes.

5.0   AGENDA ITEMS

5.1   WHAT MAKES UP A COMMUNITY GROUP

The SRG discussed who is our community and how to define a "group". They settled on the Northern Beaches community being the "end users" which includes residents, businesses, day visitors etc.

They reviewed the Community Group Model (prepared by Stacey Mitchell), which identified five different types of community groups with people brought together by:

- Interest
- Action
- Place
- Practice
- Circumstance

They also discussed an alternative model where Community Groups could be categorised into two groups:

A.   Established groups seeking resources (to meet a community need), with administrative support, members, and a defined structure or hierarchy.

B.   Groups seeking to raised awareness, or a specific action or outcome, comprised of volunteers with no formal structure or authority.

The group discussed how to communicate with different types of Community Groups and asked about Council's Community Engagement Framework.

Action: Andrew Grocott to provide an overview of Council's community engagement framework (including the policy, matrix and case studies) at the next meeting.

They also addressed Community Groups that are not organised bodies and the importance of inclusiveness for people who are part of the community but not associated with a group.

5.2   PRIORITISATION OF CSP GOALS RELEVANT TO THE SRG

This item included a presentation on the Local Government Area Community Profile (Attachment 1). The presentation included the following statistics for Northern Beaches:

- Population
- Subpopulation
- Ancestry
- Birthplace
- Language Spoken at Home
- Religion
- Age Groups.

The group discussed the importance of communication in achieving all of their CSP goals. They raised several issues currently hindering Council's communications, including:

- The public's general lack of knowledge about what Council is and isn't responsible for.
- Not enough circulation/promotion of good news stories from Council.

Some suggestions from the group:

- Council could reach a wider audience by improving third party messaging and developing a network of stakeholders to share relevant news with their communities.
- Targeted Facebook campaigns.
- The Mayors Message could include a standing item; *Weird and Wonderful Facts about the Northern Beaches.*

What the group would like to see from Council:

- A list of community groups in the Northern Beaches area.
- Case studies of how Council has engaged with the community about particular topics in the past.

Northern Beaches Council website Registered Community Groups page:
https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/have-your-say/registered-community-groups

6.0   GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
5.1	An overview of Council's community engagement framework (including the policy, matrix and case studies) to be provided to SRG.	Andrew Grocott	18/05/2018

The meeting concluded at 8:06pm

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 5 pages
numbered 1 to 5 of the Participation & Partnerships Strategic Reference Group meeting
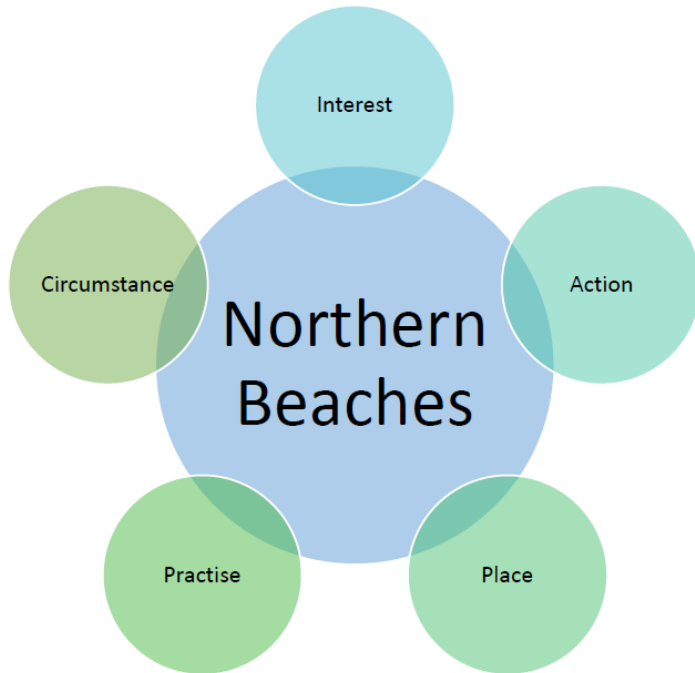held on Wednesday 28 March 2018 and confirmed on Wednesday 6 June 2018

Local Government Area Community Profile

Participation and Partnerships Strategic Reference Group

What is a Community Group

A community is defined as a unified group of people who have an important characteristic in common.

Interest — People who share the same interest or passion
- Sporting Bodies/Clubs & Activities
- Surf Life Saving / Sailing Club's
- Hobby
- Political

Action — People trying to bring about change
- Charitable / Non Profit
- Volunteers
- Lions/Rotary/Toast Masters

Place — People brought together by geographic boundaries.
- Progress Associations
- Resident Action Groups
- School P&C's

Practise — People in the same profession or undertake the same activities.
- Chambers of Commerce
- Professional Networking Events

Circumstance — People brought together by external events/situations.
- Progress Associations
- Resident Action Groups

Diagram circles: Interest, Action, Place, Practise, Circumstance surrounding **Northern Beaches**

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Population

- " The Census usual resident population of the Northern Beaches Council area in 2016 was 252,878, living in 101,629 dwellings with an average household size of 2.64."

- The **2016 Estimated Resident Population** for the Northern Beaches Council area is **266,344,** with a population density of 10.38 persons per hectare.

- Estimated Resident Population, factors in an estimate of those missed in the Census and those who were overseas on Census night. It is usually higher than either Census count, and is also updated annually after the Census, providing preliminary estimates for up to 5 years.

- The Census counts people where they are on the night of the Census (enumerated population) and also by where they usually live (usual residence).

Area:	Benchmark area:	Comparison year:
Northern Beaches Cou	Greater Sydney	2011

Population

	NEW 2016		
Northern Beaches Council area - Total persons			
Population	Number	%	Greater Sydney %
Estimated Resident Population	266,344	--	--
Enumerated Population	248,564	--	--
Usual Resident Population	252,878	--	--

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Subpopulation

- Sub-population groups and key statistics from the Census (usual resident) population, include gender, citizens, employed persons and Indigenous population.

- Population and subpopulation figures provide the context for the size of the population and growth rate within the Northern Beaches Council area.

Selected subpopulation categories

Northern Beaches Council area - Total people (Usual residence)	NEW 2016		
Population group	Number	%	Greater Sydney %
Males	123,507	48.8	49.3
Females	129,370	51.2	50.7
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	1,394	0.6	1.5
Australian citizens	211,526	83.7	79.5
Eligible voters (citizens aged 18+)	158,308	62.6	60.0
Population over 15	203,023	80.3	81.3
Employed Population	129,684	96.5	94.0
Overseas visitors (enumerated)	2,749	--	--

Ancestry

- "The three largest ancestries in the Northern Beaches Council area in 2016 were English, Australian and Irish."
- Ancestry defines the cultural association and ethnic background of an individual going back three generations.

Area:	Benchmark area:	Comparison year:
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Northern Beaches Council area - Total persons (Usual residence)

2016

Ancestry	Number	%	Greater Sydney %
English	103,450	40.9	25.3
Australian	78,905	31.2	23.5
a Irish	32,750	13.0	8.6
a Scottish	26,579	10.5	6.4
Italian	12,286	4.9	4.2
German	9,985	3.9	2.5
Chinese	8,067	3.2	10.1
Dutch	4,782	1.9	0.9
New Zealander	3,632	1.4	0.8
French	3,253	1.3	0.7

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Birthplace

- " In 2016, 14% of people in the Northern Beaches Council area, came from countries where English was not their first language."
- Country of Birth data identifies where people were born and is indicative of the level of cultural diversity in the Northern Beaches Council area.

Area:	Benchmark area:	Comparison year:
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Northern Beaches Council area - Overseas born (Usual residence)

2016

Birthplace	Number	%	Greater Sydney %
United Kingdom	23,055	9.1	3.7
New Zealand	6,027	2.4	1.8
China	3,566	1.4	4.7
South Africa	3,471	1.4	0.7
United States of America	2,463	1.0	0.5
Italy	2,266	0.9	0.8
Brazil	2,172	0.9	0.2
Germany	1,970	0.8	0.4
India	1,826	0.7	2.7
Philippines	1,627	0.6	1.6

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Language spoken at home

- " In the Northern Beaches Council area, 15% of people spoke a language other than English at home in 2016."
- They indicate how culturally diverse a population is and the degree to which different ethnic groups and nationalities are retaining their language.

Language spoken at home - Ranked by size

Language (excludes English)	NEW 2016 Number	%	Greater Sydney %
Northern Beaches Council area - Total persons (Usual residence)			
a Italian	3,396	1.3	1.3
a Mandarin	3,305	1.3	4.7
Portuguese	2,650	1.0	0.4
French	2,278	0.9	0.4
German	2,277	0.9	0.3
Spanish	2,220	0.9	1.2
Cantonese	1,801	0.7	2.9
Filipino/Tagalog	1,222	0.5	1.3
a Armenian	1,206	0.5	0.2
Serbian	1,162	0.5	0.4

Religion

- "In the Northern Beaches Council area in 2016, the largest religious group was Western (Roman) Catholic, 24.2% of all people, while 34.0% of people had no religion and 7.9% did not answer the question on religion."

- The Northern Beaches Council area's religion statistics provide an indicator of cultural identity and ethnicity when observed in conjunction with other key variables.

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Northern Beaches Council area - Total persons (Usual residence)

2016

Religion	Number	%	Greater Sydney %
Western (Roman) Catholic	61,219	24.2	24.2
Anglican	45,097	17.8	12.0
Uniting Church	6,858	2.7	2.0
Presbyterian and Reformed	5,543	2.2	2.0
Christian,nfd	4,772	1.9	2.2
Buddhism	3,701	1.5	3.9
Pentecostal	2,715	1.1	1.1
Baptist	2,086	0.8	1.2
Greek Orthodox	2,052	0.8	2.4
Hinduism	1,651	0.7	3.5

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Age Groups

- The Northern Beaches Council area had a similar proportion of pre-schoolers and **a higher** proportion of persons at post retirement age than Greater Sydney in 2016.

- The Age Structure of the Northern Beaches Council area provides key insights into the level of demand for age based services and facilities.

- Service age groups divide the population into age categories that reflect typical life-stages.

Age structure - Service age groups

Northern Beaches Council area - Total persons (Usual residence)

Service age group (years)	2016 Number	2016 %	Greater Sydney %
Babies and pre-schoolers (0 to 4)	15,672	6.2	6.4
Primary schoolers (5 to 11)	24,678	9.8	8.8
Secondary schoolers (12 to 17)	18,675	7.4	6.9
Tertiary education and independence (18 to 24)	17,796	7.0	9.6
Young workforce (25 to 34)	29,575	11.7	16.1
Parents and homebuilders (35 to 49)	57,742	22.8	21.1
Older workers and pre-retirees (50 to 59)	33,206	13.1	12.2
Empty nesters and retirees (60 to 69)	25,258	10.0	9.5
Seniors (70 to 84)	23,338	9.2	7.5
Elderly aged (85 and over)	6,945	2.7	2.0
Total	252,885	100.0	100.0