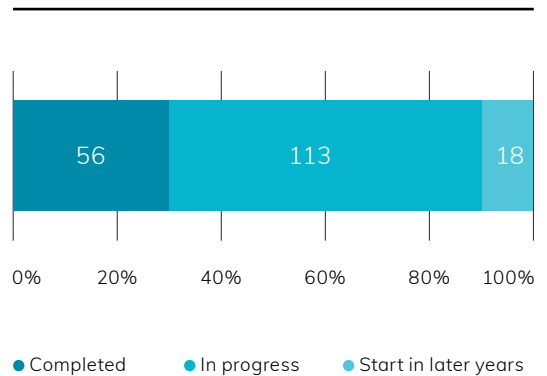


Local Strategic Planning Statement (Towards 2040) - Progress Report 2022/23

The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) requires a progress report to be provided via the Annual Report. Towards 2040 was adopted by Council in 2020 and endorsed by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). The LSPS guides our land use planning for a 20-year period. It has 187 actions for implementation in the short, medium, and long term across nine Directions. The chart below shows the overall progress to 30 June 2023, with 31% of actions completed, 59% in progress and 10% scheduled to start in later years.

Figure 4
LSPS actions progress to June 2023



Many actions in the LSPS relate to the current preparation of the new Northern Beaches Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and Development Control Plan (DCP), which will provide the key rules for future planning and development. Similarly, several actions are to be progressed within another significant piece of work, being, Council's Place Planning Program.

The Conservation Zones Review project was a highlight this year, attracting significant public interest and continuing the conversation with the community about future land use across the LGA. The project provides an evidence base for the application of environmental conservation zones across our local area.

The following materials were placed on public exhibition, generating a total of 935 submissions:

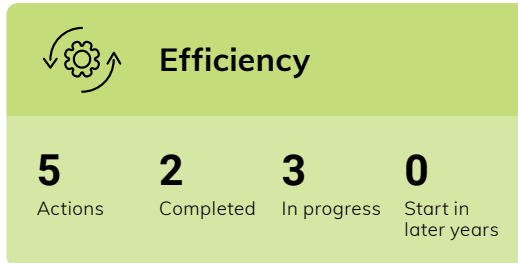
- Conservation Zone Review report
- eight technical studies, covering bushfire assessment; biodiversity assessment; watercourse, wetlands and riparian lands study; estuary planning studies (regarding coastal inundation) for Cowan Creek and North and Middle Harbour; stormwater management study; and geotechnical review
- interactive spatial maps, showing current and proposed zoning and providing explanatory mapping overlays and project information
- supporting project information.

The community's input, aspirations and local knowledge will help inform the finalisation of the land use zoning methodology, which will be incorporated into the draft LEP and DCP.

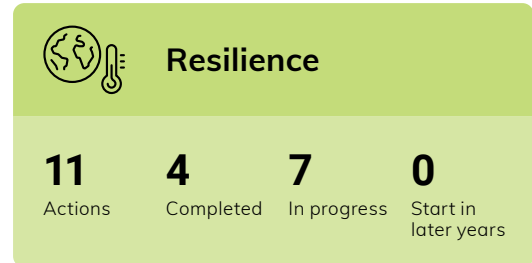
Outlined below are the key achievements this year for each of the nine LSPS Directions.



- Adopted the Northern Beaches Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy and Action Plan – Let's Play
- Placed the draft Northern Beaches Environment Study on public exhibition
- Developed the Coastal Action Plan
- Prepared eight technical studies to help inform the LEP and DCP, including: Biodiversity Assessment Deferred Lands; Biodiversity Planning Review; Cowan Creek EPL Study; Deferred Lands Strategic Bushfire Assessment; Geotechnical Review and Planning Controls; North & Middle Harbour EPL Study and Watercourse, Wetlands and Riparian Study
- Progressed coastal management programs
- Prepared draft Tree Canopy Plan and works underway to improve tree canopy through the Greening our City Grant Program
- Completed a Biodiversity Policy for Northern Beaches
- Drafted Local Character Study and Scenic and Cultural Landscape Assessment report and sought comment from community groups.



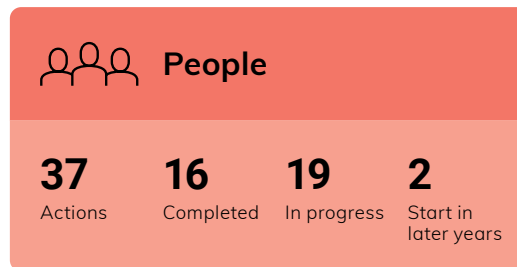
- Completed action plans for sustainable living and green neighbourhoods
- Progressed implementation of our Climate Change Action Plan
- Investigated LEP and DCP controls for energy water and waste efficiency, consistent with NSW Government policy
- Identified measures for improving building standards and sustainability for further review as part of the new planning control
- Commenced data collection for monitoring compliance with BASIX and Nabers sustainability measures



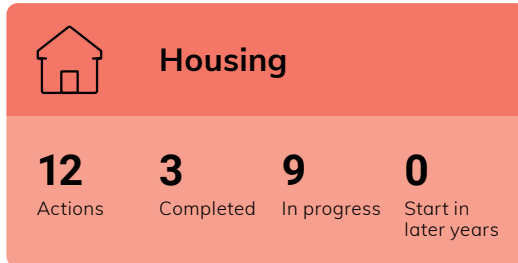
- Completed technical studies and mapping to identify areas that are exposed to natural hazards such as bushfires, flooding, or coastal inundation
- Exhibited the Conservation Zones Review, including an interactive spatial tool which identified high-risk areas proposed for conservation zoning to limit identification of development and inappropriate development in areas subject to natural hazards
- Progressed development of LEP and DCP controls to restrict development in high-risk hazard areas and protect the environment
- On the basis of technical studies, conservation zones identified for Ingleside to limit exposure to natural hazards through the LEP. Resolution of the draft LEP zoning framework is pending feedback from Department of Planning and Environment
- Progressed the application of the establishment of Australia's first Urban Night Sky Place in Palm Beach
- Annual monitoring for vector borne (mosquito) illness underway
- Investigations into mechanisms for minimising illegal dumping and land clearing underway



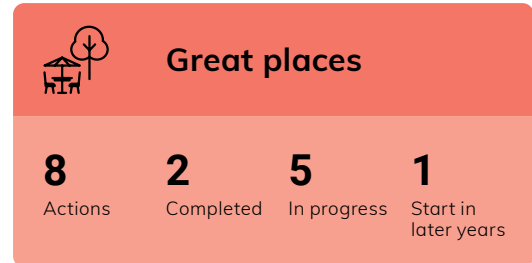
- Consistent with the consultation outcomes from the LEP/DCP Discussion Paper, progressed the approach to Special Infrastructure Zones as part of the new LEP
- Public exhibition of the draft Brookvale Structure Plan completed
- Progressed the preparation of technical studies to inform the infrastructure implementation plan, and for each precinct the preparation of a specific development contribution plan as required
- Continued advocacy with NSW Government agencies to increase the range of essential infrastructure applicable under section 7.11 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP &A Act), including green and sustainable infrastructure



- Completed construction of the Mona Vale Performance Space
- Adopted the Property Management Framework which addresses identified community infrastructure needs
- Drafted the Library Strategic Plan 2023 – 28 to improve community literacy and access to information
- Progressed the development of LEP and DCP controls to facilitate and incentivise joint and shared use, universal design, and multi-use community facilities as well as enable night-time economy
- Continued engagement with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and progressed mechanisms for strengthening the collaboration on an ongoing basis
- Progressed collaboration with the Aboriginal Heritage Office on establishment of methods for protecting Aboriginal heritage and ensure built environment projects are sensitive to Aboriginal cultural considerations
- Continued advocacy with the NSW Government to include the construction of a community hub at Frenchs Forest in the contributions plan



- Progressed the development of an Affordable Housing Action Plan
- Continued work with the NSW Government to identify measures for improving social housing in the LGA
- Progressed implementation of the Local Housing Strategy as part of the development of the new LEP/DCP and through implementation of the Frenchs Forest Town Centre redevelopment



- Completed the Northern Beaches Thematic History project
- Consulted local community groups on the Draft Local Character Study and Scenic and Cultural Landscape Assessment Report
- Progressed development of new planning controls in the LEP for built form, landscape, design excellence, heritage and local character
- Commenced scoping of the Modern Architecture Study
- Preparation of the Mona Vale and Manly place plans underway, with public exhibitions of the draft documents planned for early 2024 and late 2023 respectively
- Progressed implementation of the Heritage Strategy, including the Local Heritage Fund program and review of Moveable Heritage policy



Connectivity

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Actions

1

Completed

13

In progress

5

Start in
later years

- Scoped the public transport action plan for development in 2023/24
- Continued work to enhance a sustainable local transport network, namely through the Bike, Walking, Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plans as well as the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan
- Commenced implementation of the Northern Beaches Walking Plan through the New Footpath Program
- Completed the draft Northern Beaches Parking Plan
- Integrated active travel measures and connectivity considerations within the draft place plans for Manly, Mona Vale and Avalon



Jobs and skills

48

Actions

15

Completed

25

In progress

8

Start in
later years

- Prepared the draft Economic Development Strategy for Council endorsement
- Hosted the LGNSW Destination and Visitor Economy Conference
- Worked with Destination NSW on export-ready programs for businesses
- Progressed development of LEP/DCP controls relating to employment and job creation, namely as part of place based LEP projects for Brookvale (Brookvale Structure Plan); Mona Vale (Mona Vale Place Plan); Manly (Manly Place Plan); and separate Planning Proposals for the Frenches Forest strategic centre
- Commenced drafting of a night-time economy strategy
- Placed the Draft Brookvale Structure Plan on public exhibition
- Commenced implementation of the Avalon Beach Place Plan
- Continued collaboration with the Department of Planning and Environment, regarding the development of a Health and Wellbeing Precinct at the site of the former Manly Hospital
- Progressed planning and consultation for the Newport to Avalon and Whale Beach Road sections of the Coast Walk