

AGENDA

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Open Space & Recreation Strategic Reference Group will be held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017

Beginning at 5.00pm - 7.00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.

To Committee Members

Jean Hay (Chair)	Implementation Advisory Group
Duncan Kerr	Local Representative Committee - Social
Bob Giltinan	Local Representative Committee - Social
Stephen Beatty	Manly Warringah District Cricket Club
Jim Buda	Manly Warringah Cycle Club
James Channon	Tennis Northern Beaches
Lynne Czinner	Warriewood Residents Association
Caroline Ghatt	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Marissa Gidall	Resident – Pittwater Ward
Brent Manieri	Surf Life Saving NSW/Surf Life Saving Services
Lisa Matthews	Manly Rugby Football Club
Steve McInnes	Surf Life Saving Sydney Northern Beaches Inc.
Antony Pecar	Northern Beaches Cricket Council
Paul Smith	Resident – Narrabeen Ward
Chris Stead	Resident – Pittwater Ward
Wayne Stevenson	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Matthew Ward	Resident – Curl Curl Ward
Julie Whitfield	Resident – Narrabeen Ward

Council Officer Contacts

Steven Lawler	Executive Manager Parks and Reserves
Damian Ham	Manager Open Space Planning & Management
Jeremy Smith	Manager Park & Assets Projects
Christine Deaner	Senior Recreation Service Planner
Lynne Jess	Administration Officer Governance

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

Agenda for a meeting of the Open Space & Recreation Strategic Reference Group

to be held on Thursday 20 April 2017

in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why

Commencing at 5.00pm - 7.00pm

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2.0 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**2.1 NOTES OF OPEN SPACE & RECREATION STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD
16 FEBRUARY 20171**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Notes of the Open Space & Recreation Strategic Reference Group held 16 February 2017, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

NOTES

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2017

**Notes of the Open Space & Recreation
Strategic Reference Group Meeting
held on Thursday 16 February 2017
in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why
Commencing at 5.00pm.**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Jean Hay (Chair)	Social Local Representative Committee
Duncan Kerr	Social Local Representative Committee
Bob Giltinan	Social Local Representative Committee
Stephen Beatty	Manly Warringah District Cricket Club
Jim Buda	Manly Warringah Cycle Club
James Channon	Tennis Northern Beaches
Lynne Czinner	Warriewood Residents Association
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Council Officer Contacts

Steven Lawler	Executive Manager Parks and Reserves
Lynne Jess	Secretariat – Governance Support

Visitors

Damian Ham	Recreation Management Manager
Christine Deaner	Senior Recreational Service Planner
Louise Hardy	Community Engagement Officer

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Caroline Ghatt, Marissa Gidall and Paul Smith.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**3.1 NOTES OF OPEN SPACE & RECREATION STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD
3 NOVEMBER 2016**

DECISION

That the Notes of the Open Space & Recreation Strategic Reference Group held 3 November 2016, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP - 40 MINS

DISCUSSION

Louise Hardy, Community Engagement Officer, gave a presentation to the group, defining what the CSP actually was, and what it meant to the group and the community. Louise followed this with a PowerPoint presentation, looking back, where we were in September 2016 and what we did (Stage 1), advising the group that Council is now in Stage 2. Council wants to test the framework with the SRG prior to taking it to the community.

Stage 1 outcomes:

- Vision statement
- Well defined priorities
- Good community participation
- Overall support

Priority areas within the following areas:

- Environment
- Social
- Economic

Members participated in a workshop to consider the goals and strategic considerations and to suggest any additional goals that should be considered.

NOTE: There was nothing that related to recreation or sports - If support life style there needs to be more strategies about quality and area to participate in sporting facilities

- More walking trails and pathways
- Transport State Gov resp. Where is the transport plan, - sustainable transport are starting work on this next week
- Getting a shift away from transport and being able to walk to school
- Explicate mentions of transport – pick up specifics
- 16 talking about structured and unstructured recreations
- Ensuring there is sports amongst the Culture is stimulated through
- Places for people – ensure that new areas have space, sense of belonging – need for strategies for safety be design issues
- Equal assets for elderly
- Make sure people have opportunities to volunteer.
- Preserving open spaces in residential areas.

DECISIONS OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & PLANNING

That the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group participate in a workshop to assist in the development of the Community Strategic Plan.

4.2 NORTHERN BEACHES SPORTSGROUNDS STRATEGY

Christine Deaner, Councils Senior Recreation Planner - circulated a and discussed copy of the Sports Ground Structure presentation for the members.

The following topics were discussed

- Current Status of the Sportsground Strategy project
- Discussion paper and key issues - Do we have enough sports fields for our community?
- The shortfall in supply and what are Council's options
- Review of golf course
- Strategic Directions

C Deaner highlighted the shortfall in supply of sports fields and outlined the options available to Council.

Options: 1 – do nothing

Options: 2 – Better use of existing sports grounds

For example: improve capacity of fields by installing / upgrading lighting and drainage, maximise use by improving allocation of sports fields and work with schools to have more community use.

Options: 3 – Convert existing sports fields to synthetic

This action increases sustainable capacity from 35 to 54 hours a week as they can be used for longer hours and in wet weather without negatively impacting on surface quality.

Options: 4a Acquiring additional land as part of new developments

Options: 4b Convert existing open space to sports fields e.g. golf course land

Options: 4c Acquire and additional land

Listed below are some other suggestions members put forward that would make more grounds available for the community.

- More lights on sports fields and more night time play

- Work on a strategic way to reduce playing hours for training and sport competition
- Synthetic sports fields

C Deaner – advised that Council were looking at all open spaces, not just golf courses to meet the shortfall in land for sportsgrounds. Members were also asked for ideas for the next meeting.

DECISION OF SENIOR RECREATIONAL SERVICE PLAN

That the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group note the Sportsgrounds Strategy project update and participate in a discussion to inform the Strategy.

4.3 RECREATION PLANNING FRAMEWORK PROJECT

DISCUSSION

Damian Ham, Manager Open Space Planning and Management, provided an overview of the Recreation Planning Framework project. Sport and recreation assets of the three former Councils are currently being identified and mapped and sport and recreation strategic documents of the three former Councils are being review. Based on the outcomes of the review a prioritised 4 year program of sport and recreation planning projects will be developed. Future sport and recreation strategic documents will bring together the work of the tree former Councils and a single strategic approach will be developed for the Northern Beaches.

DECISION OF RECREATION MANAGEMENT MANAGER

That the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group note the overview of the Recreation Planning Framework Project and participate in a discussion about priorities.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 5.00pm at Dee Why Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why **Thursday 27 April 2017.**

The meeting concluded at 7.10pm

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 5 pages numbered 1 to 5 of the Open Space & Recreation Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 16 February 2017 and confirmed on Thursday 6 April 2017

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 4.1	CONNECTING THROUGH WALKING AND CYCLING PROJECT - WORKSHOP
REPORTING OFFICER	ASSET MANAGEMENT MANAGER
TRIM FILE REF	2017/086371
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

PURPOSE

Council recently announced a project to connect the Northern Beaches for walking and cycling with a focus on integrating walking paths and cycleway links to B-Line transport hubs and services. This project is to be funded and delivered in partnership with the State Government and the Stronger Communities Fund.

BACKGROUND

A brief presentation on the project will be given to the Strategic Reference Group.

Members wishing to become familiar with this project prior to the meeting may do so via the following link - <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/connecting-northern-beaches>

DISCUSSION

A workshop will be conducted at this SRG meeting about this project.

RECOMMENDATION OF ASSET MANAGEMENT MANAGER

That members of the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group participate in a workshop on the Connecting Through Walking and Cycling Project.

ITEM 4.2	CONNECTING THROUGH PLAY PROJECT - WORKSHOP
REPORTING OFFICER	RECREATION MANAGEMENT MANAGER
TRIM FILE REF	2017/086373
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

PURPOSE

Council recently announced a project to upgrade the playgrounds of the Northern Beaches, funded and delivered in partnership with the State Government and the Stronger Communities Fund.

BACKGROUND

A brief presentation on the project will be given to the Strategic Reference Group.

Members wishing to become familiar with this project prior to the meeting may do so via the following link - <https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/connecting-northern-beaches>

DISCUSSION

A workshop will be conducted at this SRG meeting to further develop some of the criteria for this project.

RECOMMENDATION OF RECREATION MANAGEMENT MANAGER

That members of the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group participate in a workshop on the Connecting Through Play Project.

ITEM 4.3	NORTHERN BEACHES SPORTSGROUNDS STRATEGY - DISCUSSION PAPER
REPORTING OFFICER	SENIOR RECREATION PLANNER
TRIM FILE REF	2017/086375
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

PURPOSE

To provide the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group with an update on the Northern Beaches Sportsgrounds Strategy project.

BACKGROUND

At the last meeting of the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group, on 16 February 2017, an update was provided on the completion of the first stage of the project including key findings of the research. These findings informed development of a discussion paper for community input.

A Sportsgrounds and Golf Courses Discussion Paper was released for community input on 8 April 2017. Submissions can be made until Sunday 7 May. Please view the online project page at <http://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/sportsgroundreview>

On the project page the community can:

- Read the Discussion Paper and Sportsgrounds Needs Analysis and Golf Market Assessment reports and other supporting documentation
- Complete an online feedback form and find out about community drop in sessions
- Join the project register to receive ongoing project updates

A random telephone survey is also being conducted as part of the community engagement for this project. All feedback received will inform the draft Sportsground Strategy. The timeline for development of the Strategy is as follows:

- 30 May 2017 - Draft Sportsgrounds Strategy presented to Council
- June 2017 - Public exhibition of Draft Sportsgrounds Strategy
- 25 July 2017 - Final Sportsgrounds Strategy presented to Council

DISCUSSION

A workshop will be conducted during this SRG meeting to seek feedback on the Discussion Paper.

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR RECREATION PLANNER

That the Open Space and Recreation Strategic Reference Group participate in a workshop on the Sportsgrounds and Golf Courses Discussion Paper.

ITEM 4.4	DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE
REPORTING OFFICER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & PLANNING
TRIM FILE REF	2017/101000
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

ISSUE

Update on the development of the first Community Strategic Plan (CSP) for the Northern Beaches Council.

BACKGROUND

The development of the CSP is currently in Stage 2, with a Discussion Paper released and various community forums held throughout the Northern Beaches. Almost 300 people have attended forums so far, and provided valuable feedback on the draft goals and strategies. All 11 SRGs were consulted in their February 2017 meetings, with a workshop on draft goals and strategies for the Discussion Paper.



Consultation details and the full Discussion Paper can be found at <http://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/communitystrategicplan2>

DISCUSSION

All comments from the SRGs were considered and analysed. The comments were generally thoughtful and helpful in understanding that Council was on the right track with the Discussion Paper goals and strategies. The comments varied in relevance from strategies for the 10-year CSP, to actions for Council's next Operational Plans and Delivery Programs, and actions that Council could consider in future service delivery.

Where it was considered relevant, some of the goals and strategies were 'tweaked' and adjusted at this stage to provide greater clarity and definition. The comments will still be used in the context of further adjustments to CSP goals and strategies, and considerations for future planning and performance targets.

With regards to the specific comments raised in February by the Open Space and Recreation SRG, the following was noted:

A variety of comments across the CSP strategies were noted for consideration in future Delivery Program actions. These related to active and passive open space, and users, particularly in Council public spaces.

The next steps in developing the CSP include a focus group to be held in April, further refinement of the goals and strategies, and production of the draft CSP document in May-June. This will then be exhibited for final community feedback in July-August 2017.

RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & PLANNING

That the SRG note the information update on the development of the Community Strategic Plan
