

ATTACHMENT BOOKLET

NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2025

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Social Sustainability Policy NB-P-17

Policy Statement

Northern Beaches Council acts principally as a facilitator and enabler of social sustainability in order to build the capacity and resilience of the community to achieve individual and collective wellbeing. Community development activities are carried out in collaboration with individuals and service providers, including community groups, charitable organisations, government and non-government agencies and neighbouring Councils.

Council provides leadership and advocacy, promotes safe, inclusive and connected communities, supports community capacity building, provides referral and information services and essential infrastructure, including social infrastructure. Through these activities Council will work strategically with local services to maximise the efficiency and quality of service delivery to the Northern Beaches community.

Council encourages, enables and assists local groups and organisations to provide relevant services and activities for residents of the Northern Beaches and will consider providing services directly when there is an identified priority and where no other organisation has the capacity or ability to provide the priority service.

Principles

Social Sustainability is critical for a community's wellbeing and longevity. It is about creating inclusive and resilient communities that have the required skills, services, people and infrastructure to respond to and recover from social, political, environmental and economic change. With collaborative planning and commitment from the community we can ensure the Northern Beaches is a place that people want to live and work in the long term.

Community development activities will support community wellbeing and build community capacity and resilience. They will be conducted in accordance with the following foundational social justice and sustainability principles outlined in Council's Community Strategic Plan 2040 (Shape 2028):

Equity

There should be fairness in decision making, prioritising, and allocation of resources, particularly for those in need. Everyone should have a fair opportunity to participate in the future of the community. The planning process should take particular care to involve and protect the interests of people in vulnerable circumstances

Intergenerational Equity

Planning and decision making should ensure short term solutions do not compromise long term conditions and opportunities. The health, diversity and productivity of the environment must be maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations.

Precautionary Principle

Lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent any risks of serious harm to people or the environment.

Access

Everyone should have equitable and fair access to services, resources and opportunities to improve their quality of life.

Participation

Everyone should have the maximum opportunity to genuinely participate in decisions which affect their lives.



Rights

Equal rights should be established and promoted, with opportunities for people from diverse linguistic, cultural and religious backgrounds to participate in community life.

Scope and application

The Social Sustainability Policy provides a clear framework for Council and the local community to maximise the quality and effectiveness of community development services that respond to community outcomes and contribute to the vision of the Community Strategic Plan 2040 (Shape 2028):

'A safe, diverse, inclusive and connected community that lives in balance with our extraordinary coastal and bushland environment.'

The implementation of this Policy includes the following activities:

1. Leadership and Advocacy

Through social planning, Council investigates and documents community challenges and outcomes, in consultation with the social service sector and local residents, and provides research and planning information to assist the effective planning of social services and programs. Council advocates for the community to State and Federal Governments on issues that are under their remit, such as housing, transport and health.

2. Promoting safe, inclusive and connected communities.

Council supports the implementation of the Social Sustainability Strategy and encourages, supports and facilitates a range of community and cultural events and recreational activities that build resilience, encourages social cohesion and support people to feel safe, included and connected with community life. Council supports volunteering within Council and acts as an advocate for volunteering in the broader community.

3. Community capacity building

Council builds the capacity of the community and helps the community to determine and achieve its own outcomes, through partnerships and support with community, not-for-profit and charitable organisations. Council supports the building of connections, encourages collaboration and facilitates knowledge sharing across the social sector and other levels of government to enable program and service delivery that achieves collective outcomes. Community grants are provided to organisations delivering programs that build capacity in the community to address current issues.

4. Referral and information services

Council provides referrals and information that will help to connect people to the information they need to access services and participate in community life. This is provided through Council's website, libraries, community centres and customer service centres, e-newsletters, a range of media, poster, banners, brochures and by word of mouth.

5. Delivering Infrastructure

Council delivers critical infrastructure that enable people to be safe, connected and included in community life. This includes roads, parks, recreation facilities, town centres, sporting fields and social infrastructure such as community buildings, libraries, arts and culture facilities. Social infrastructure is available, affordable and accessible to the whole community, with subsidised accommodation provided to community groups and organisations. To maximise the use of community buildings and the sustainability of the social services sector, Council facilitates the co-location of services and the provision of community service hubs.



6. Delivering programs and services

Council partners with community organisations to deliver support services that respond to the changing needs of our community. Consideration will be given to the direct provision of community services that are responsive to community outcomes where there is a gap, and work to access a provider to deliver this service to the community.

This policy covers all activities undertaken in the area of community services, with the exception of children's services, governed by the **Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW) Act 2010** and library services, governed by the Library Act 1939.

References and related documents

- NSW Office of Local Government Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework ~~(2009)~~
- Local Government Act 1993, Chapter 3, Section 8 & Chapter 6
- Northern Beaches Council Community Strategic Plan **2040** ~~(Shape 2028)~~ **2018-2028**
- Northern Beaches Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan **2020-2024 - 2028**
- Northern Beaches Council Better Together Social Sustainability Strategy – 2040 ~~(under development)~~
- Northern Beaches Council Arts & Creativity Strategy – Connected through Creativity 2029
- Northern Beaches Council Community Centres Strategy 2021
- Northern Beaches Council Social Infrastructure Study ~~(under development)~~
- Northern Beaches Council Policy Framework

~~Previous Council Strategies:~~

- ~~Warringah Youth Strategy 2013-2023 – Warringah Council~~

Definitions

<i>Social Sustainability:</i>	The OECD definition of social sustainability blends traditional social policy areas and principles, such as equity and health, with emerging issues concerning participation, needs, social capital, the economy, the environment, and more recently, with the notions of happiness, wellbeing and quality of life.
<i>Community Development:</i>	working with communities to enhance well-being and build a stronger and more connected community. Community development principles include inclusion, empowerment, social justice, human rights, self-determination and collective action. Community development activities are aimed at reducing social isolation and empowering individuals to live within a supported community.
<i>Community Services:</i>	are direct services that are provided to the most vulnerable in our community, including services for seniors, youth, children and families, people with disabilities and carers, communities and in the areas of mental health, housing support, legal aid, migrant support



and domestic violence. Direct services are generally funded and within the remit of the NSW Department of **Communities and Justice Family & Community Services (FaCS)** and the Federal Department of Social Services.

<i>Capacity Building:</i>	The process by which individuals, groups and organisations, institutions and countries develop, enhance and organise their systems, resources and knowledge; all reflected in their abilities, individually and collectively, to perform functions, solve problems and achieve objectives
<i>Resilience:</i>	The ability of communities to respond positively to unexpected social, political, environmental and economic events.
<i>Wellbeing:</i>	A complex combination of a person's physical, mental, emotional and social health factors. Wellbeing is strongly linked to happiness and life satisfaction. In short, wellbeing could be described as how you feel about yourself and your life.
<i>Social Cohesion:</i>	A socially cohesive society is one that works towards the wellbeing of all its members, fights exclusion and marginalisation, creates a sense of belonging, promotes trust and offers its members the opportunity of upward mobility.

Community Strategic Plan

This Council policy relates to the Community Strategic Plan Outcomes of:

- Community and belonging - Goal 7 Our diverse community is supported to participate in their chosen cultural life
- Community and belonging - Goal 8 Our community feels safe and supported
- Community and belonging - Goal 9 Our community is inclusive and connected

Responsible Officer

Executive Manager Community, Arts & Culture

Review Date

~~July 2025~~ March 2029

Revision History

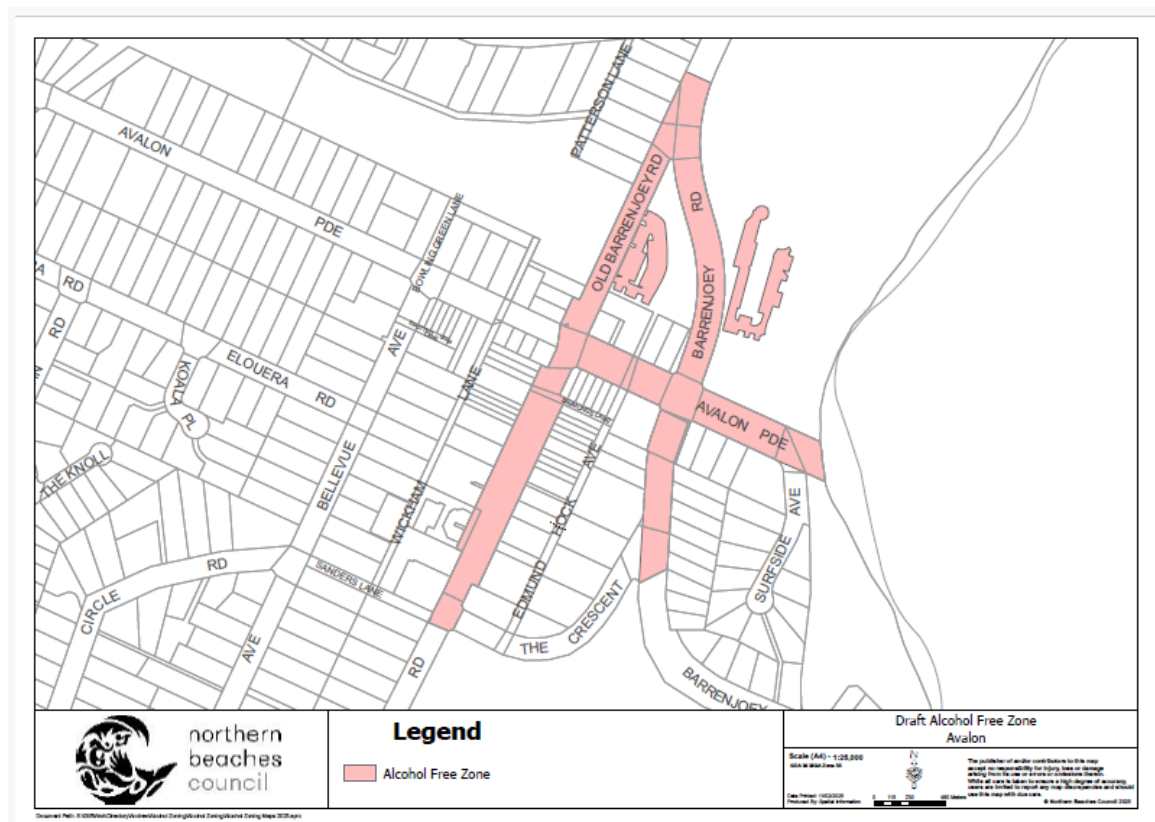
Revision	Date	Status	TRIM Ref
1	1 May 2021	First draft Social Sustainability policy	
2	3 Aug 2021	Final policy	2021/307349
3	24 Aug 2021	Adopted by Council – Version 1 created (effective date 24/8/2021)	2021/307349
4	26 Mar 2024	Policy reference NB-P-17 added	2021/307349
5	24 Feb 2025	Draft reviewed policy for Council consideration	

Summary of Assessment: Review of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ)

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Proposed Avalon AFZ:



Boundary description for proposed Avalon AFZ:

Old Barrenjoey Road from the junction with The Crescent in the south, along to the intersection with Barrenjoey Road in the north. Then south along Barrenjoey Road down to The Crescent. Avalon Parade from Old Barrenjoey Road to the east. All public carparks, streets and pathways within this area, including Avalon Beach carpark.

Recommend:

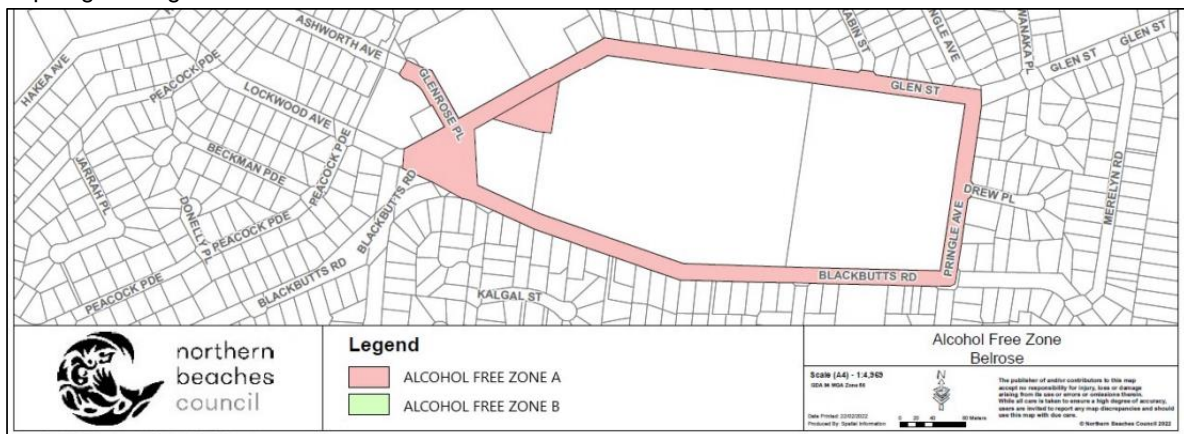
Establish proposed Avalon AFZ, with amended boundaries, for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

2. Belrose AFZ – Zone A

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data does not indicate that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.
- Decreased enforcement action over 3 year period. No activity over past 2 years.
- This area does not meet the criteria for establishment of an AFZ as set out in the guidelines.

Expiring 31 August 2025.



Boundary description:

Bounded by Blackbutts Road to the south, Glen Street and the newly constructed shopping precinct to the north, Glen Street to the west and Pringle Avenue to the east.

Recommend:

Not re-establish Belrose AFZ – Zone A.

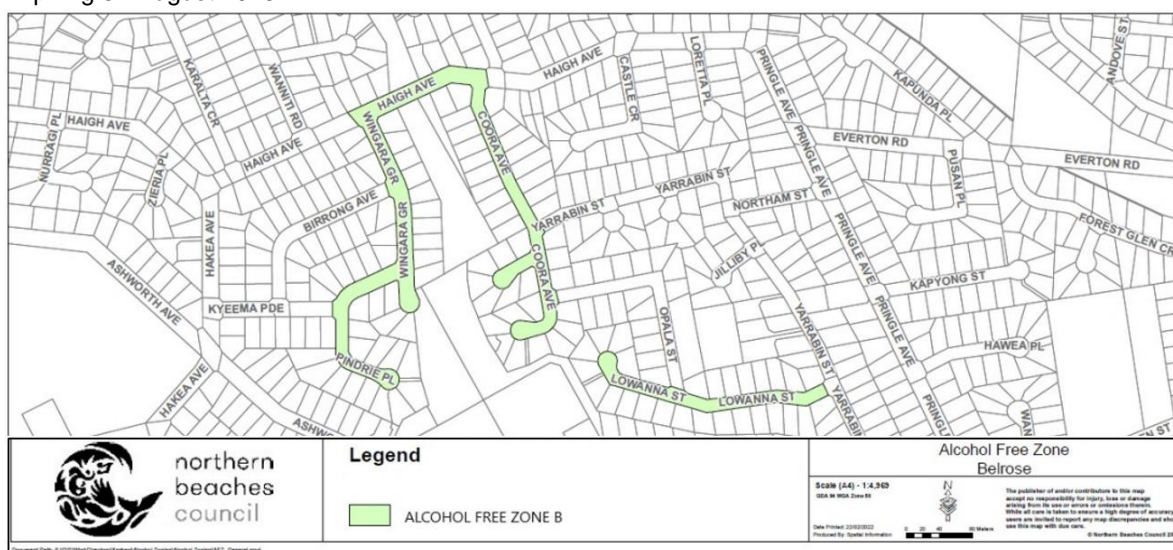
3. Belrose AFZ – Zone B

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Location has been subject to discussions / strategies / Police patrols since 2021.
- Wingara Reserve which was primary point of activity, has been since been made a 24 hour APA.
- Police data does not indicate that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years. No recorded incidents in AFZ.
- There is insufficient evidence to support the re-establishment of this AFZ in this location.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 31 August 2025.



Boundary description:

Pindrie Place, Wingara Grove through Haigh Street down Coora Avenue, Marina Place and Lowanna Street.

Recommend:

Not re-establish Belrose AFZ – Zone B.

4. Brookvale AFZ

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Initially assessed as suitable for removal however Police advised that there continues to be a high number of incidents reported at the location.
- Police requested this area be re-established as an AFZ due to concerns for public safety and given the area's high usage by the community.
- Police have provided additional evidence to support this AFZ.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 31 August 2025.



Boundary description:

Bus stops at Warringah Mall, Pittwater Road.

Recommend:

Re-establish Brookvale AFZ for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

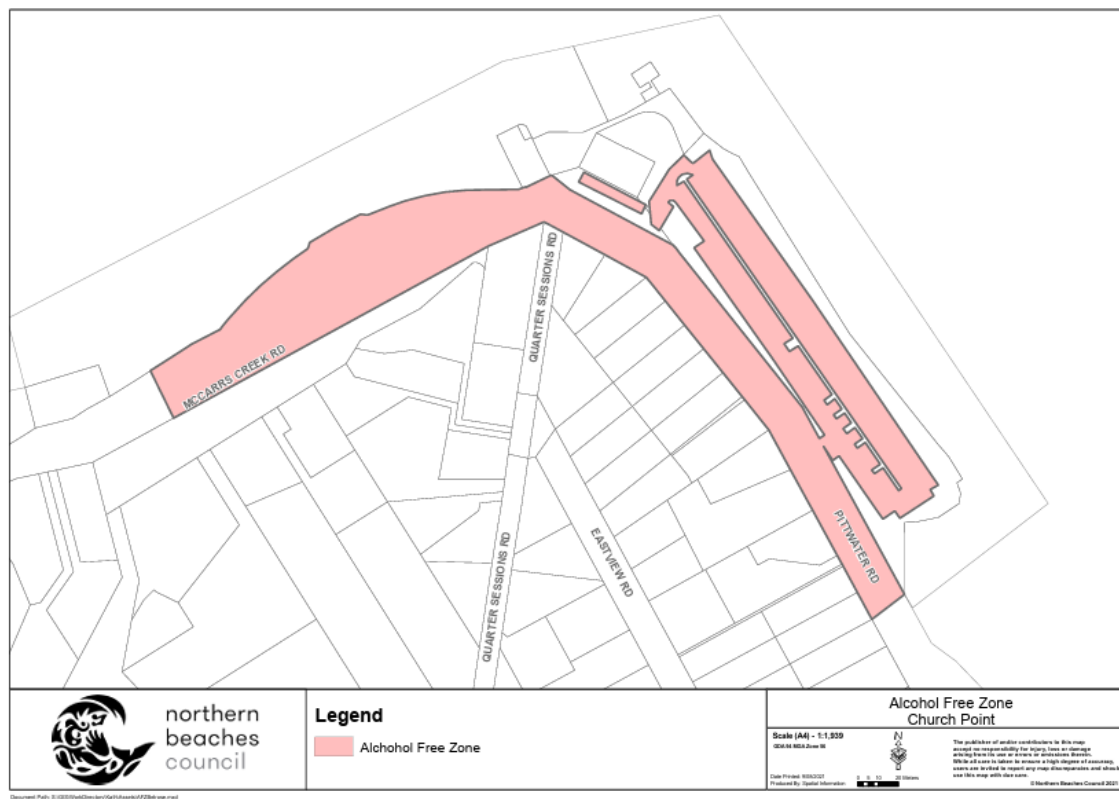
5. Church Point AFZ

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location is known to Council as a hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data does not indicate that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.
- Thomas Stephen Reserve and the Boardwalk areas are subject to long term complaints regarding outdoor drinking and alcohol related antisocial behaviour.
- This area meets the criteria for establishment of an AFZ as set out in the guidelines in terms of level of recorded incidents.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025.



Boundary description:

From the cargo wharf in McCarrs Creek Road to the eastern end of the Church Point carpark; and includes all public carparks, footpaths and streets bounded by this area.

Recommend:

Re-establish Church Point AFZ for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

6. Collaroy AFZ

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

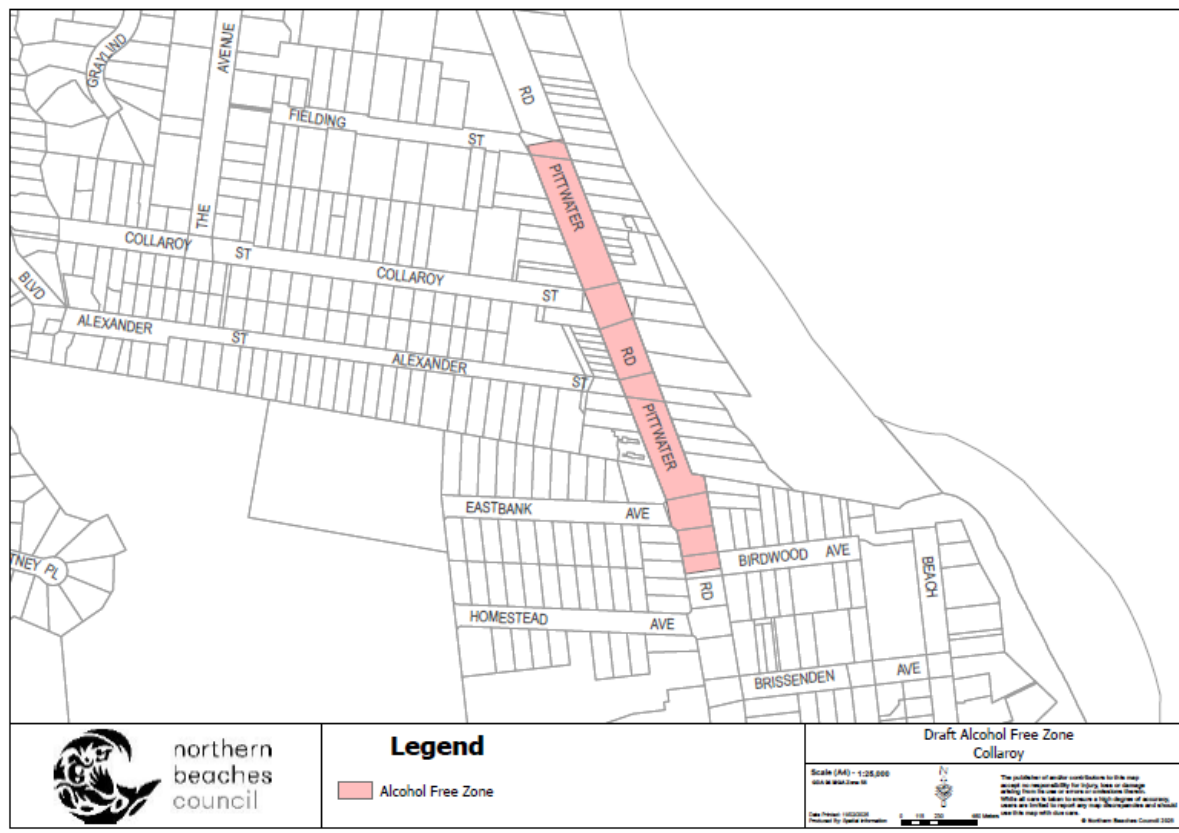
- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the last 3 years.
- It is proposed to establish a new Collaroy AFZ with reduced boundaries.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 31 August 2025.



Proposed Collaroy AFZ:



Boundary description for proposed Collaroy AFZ:

Pittwater Road between Birdwood Avenue and Fielding Street.

Recommend:

Establish proposed Collaroy AFZ, with reduced boundaries, for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

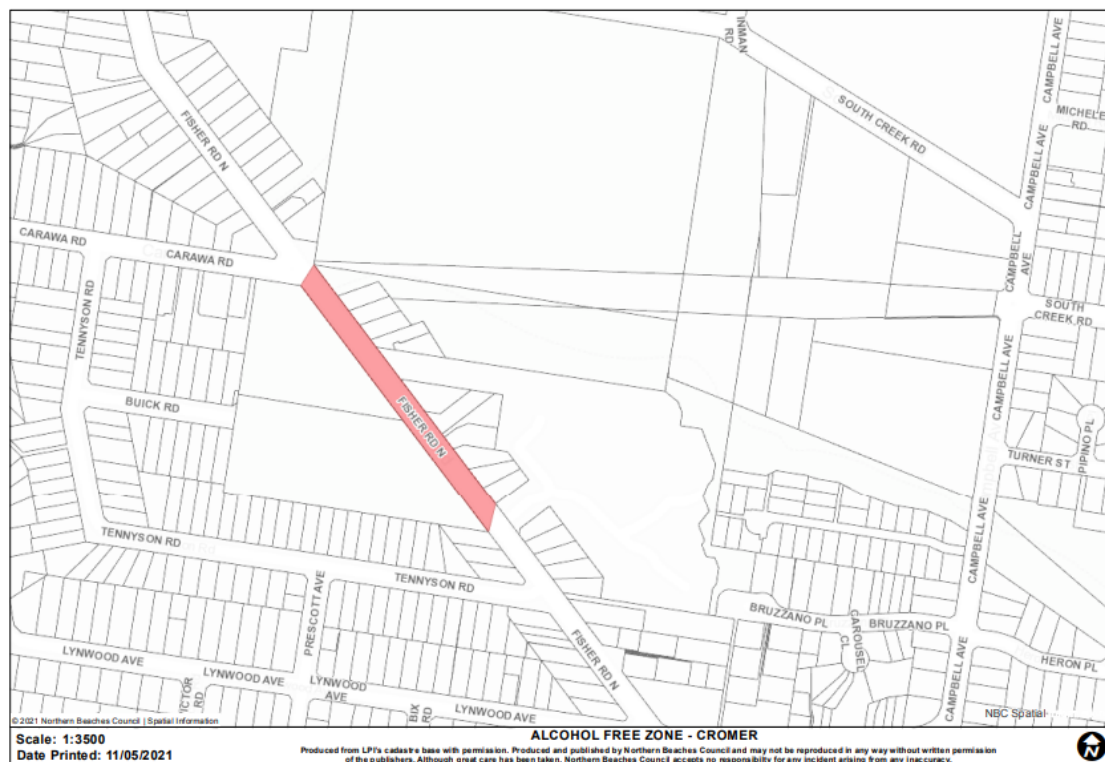
7. Cromer AFZ

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data does not indicate that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.
- With no recorded incidents this location does not meet the criteria for establishment of an AFZ as set out in the guidelines.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 31 August 2025.



Boundary description:

Fisher Rd North at Cromer Community Centre.

Recommend:

Not re-establish Cromer AFZ.

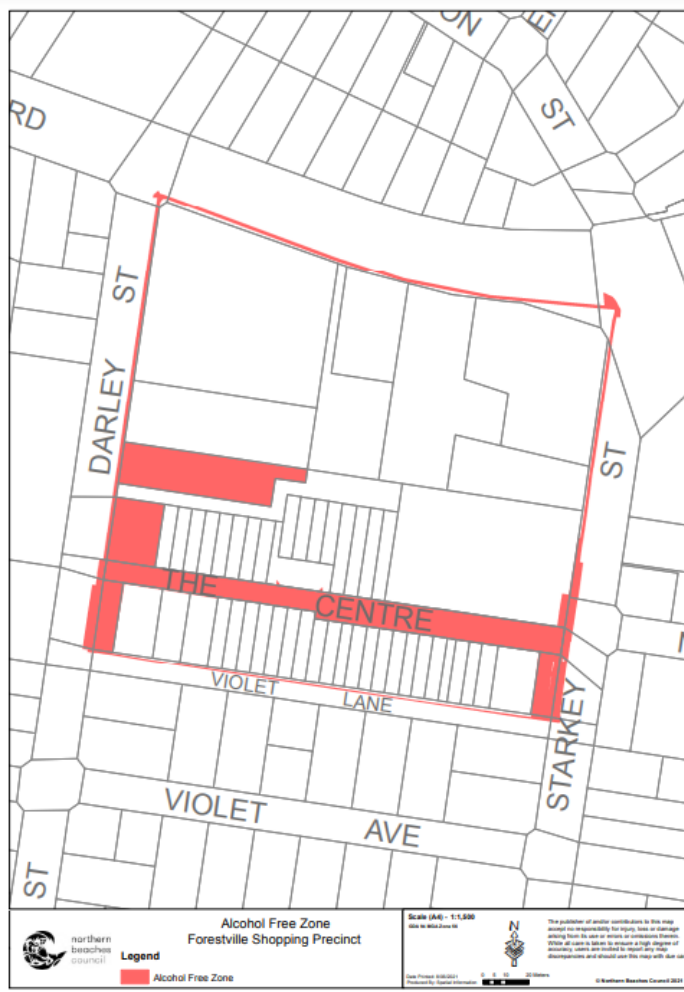
9. Forestville AFZ

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data does not indicate that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.
- This area does not meet the criteria for establishment of an AFZ as set out in the guidelines.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 31 August 2025



Boundary description:

Shopping Precinct bounded by Starkey St, Violet Lane, Melrose and Warringah Road.

Recommend:

Not re-establish Forestville AFZ.

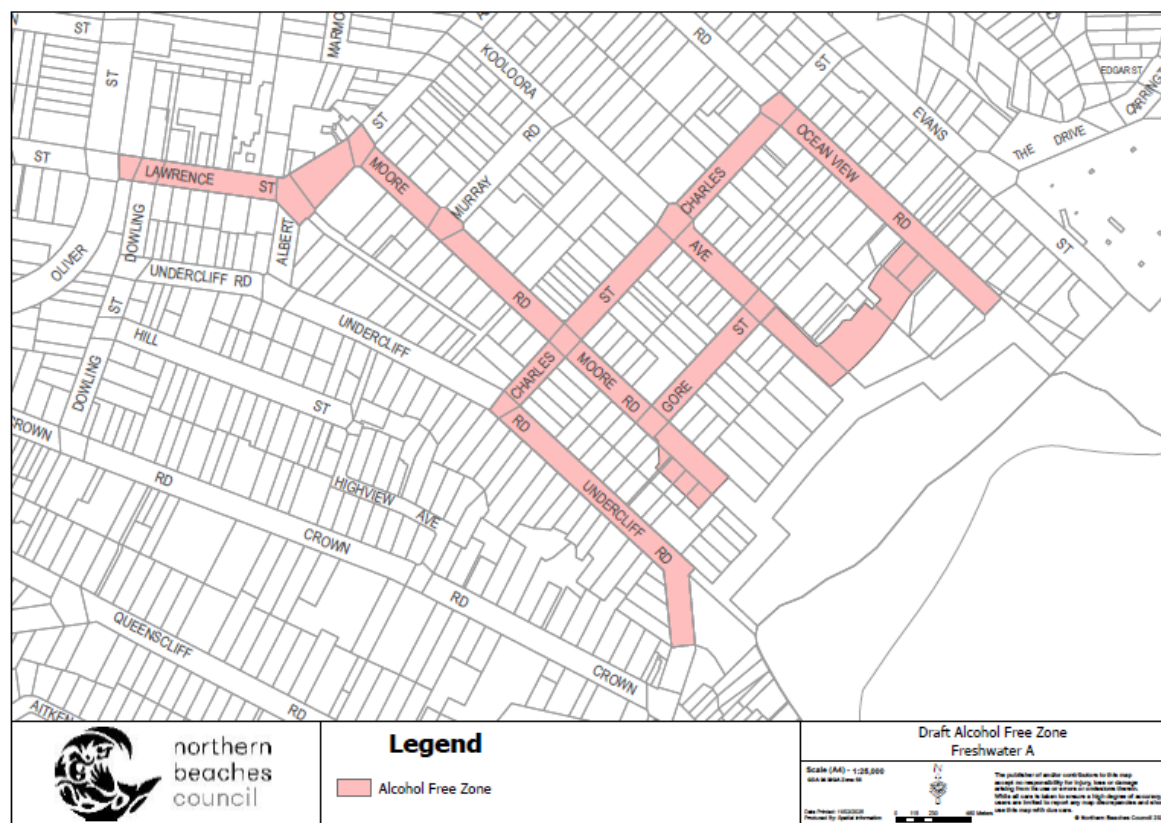
10. Freshwater AFZ – Zone A

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of some sectors of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years. In particular, the area surrounding Freshwater Reserve.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025.



Boundary description:

Lawrence Street from Oliver Street in the West, Oceanview Road in the north, down to Undercliff Road in the south, including the public carpark adjacent to Freshwater Beach and next to the Freshwater Surf Life Saving Club, and all public carparks, footpaths and streets contained within this area.

Recommend:

Re-establish Freshwater AFZ – Zone A for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

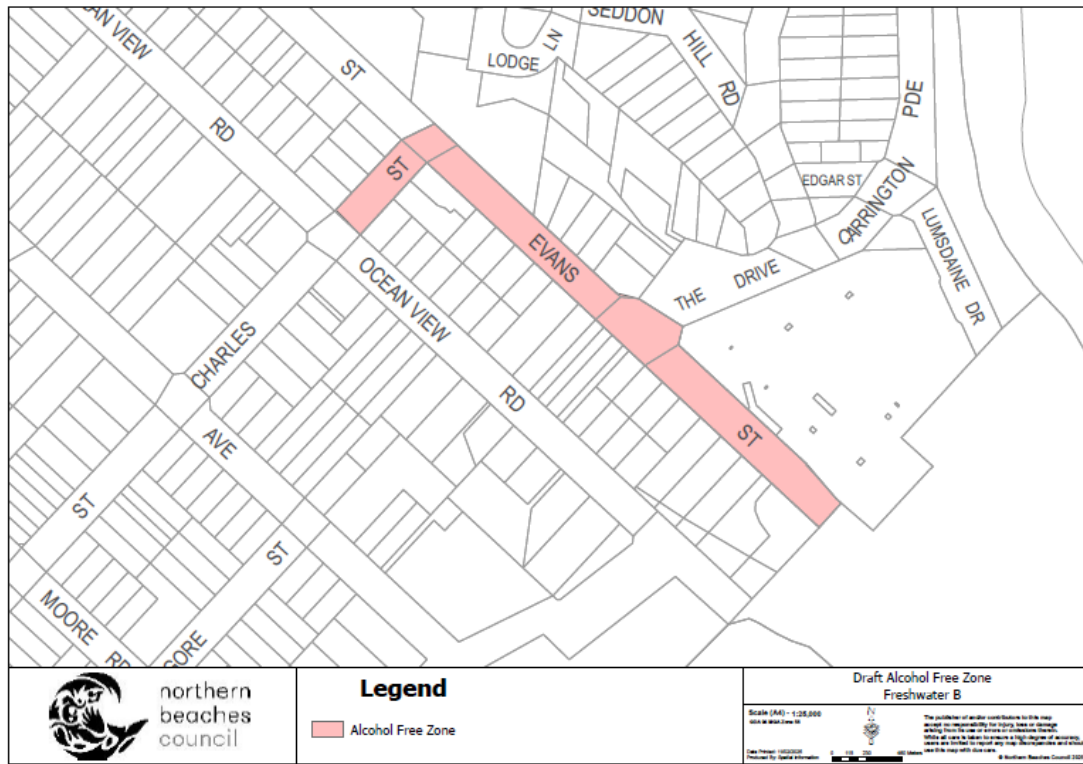
11. Freshwater AFZ – Zone B

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data does not indicate that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.
- No recorded incidents and as such does not meet the criteria for establishment of an AFZ as set out in the guidelines.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025.



Boundary description:

Charles Street through to Evans Street down to the junction of Lumsdaine Drive.

Recommend:

Not re-establish Freshwater AFZ – Zone B.

12. Manly AFZ

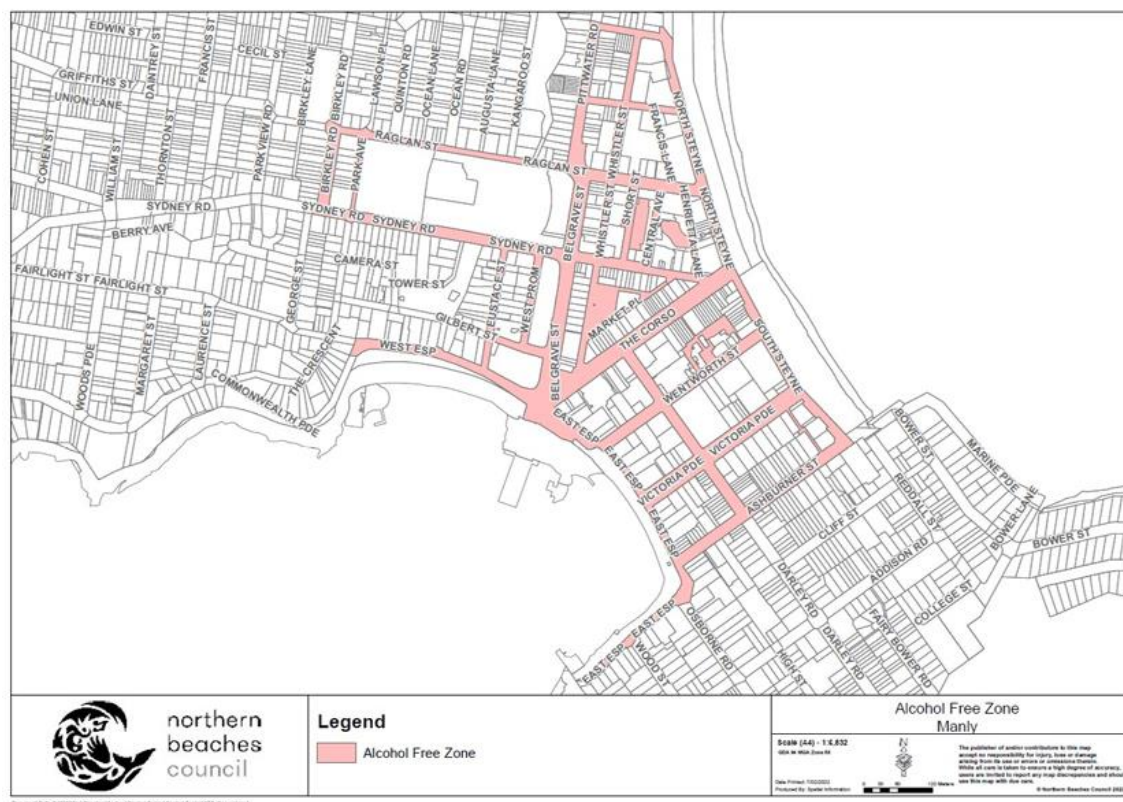
Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location is currently known to Council as a hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.

Manly has high levels of street drinking and alcohol related antisocial behaviour has been occurring throughout the AFZ. Continued Police and Ranger enforcement occurs with seasonal variations. East Esplanade Management Plan in place to address alcohol related antisocial behaviour at that location. Ongoing consultation with Police, including via Police Council Operational Meetings and Community Safety Advisory Committee.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025.



Boundary description:

Bounded by North Steyne and South Steyne in the east, along Ashburner Street, East and West Esplanade, Eustace Street. West along Sydney Road to Birkley Road and down Raglan to Pittwater Road, to Steinton Street in the north. Includes all public carparks, footpaths and streets bounded by this area.

Recommend:

Re-establish Manly AFZ for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

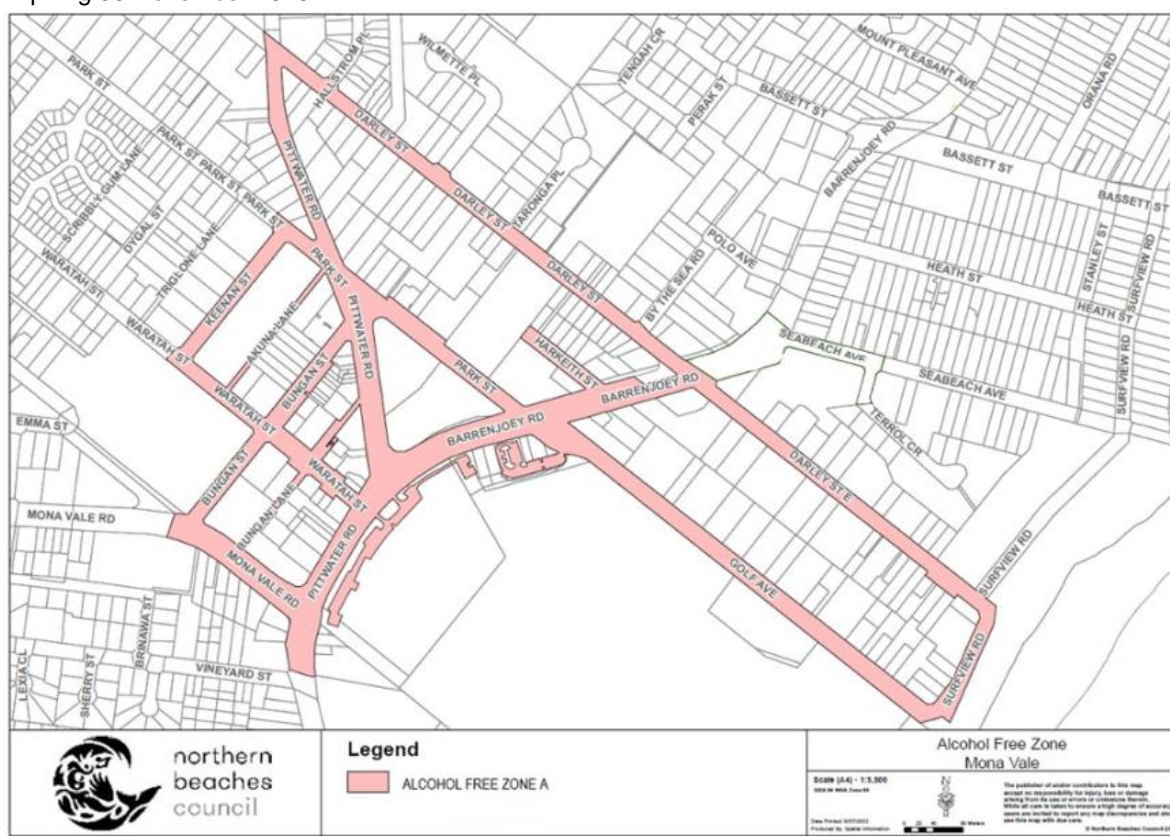
13. Mona Vale AFZ – Zone A

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- This location is identified as a current hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of some sectors of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years. In particular the Mona Vale central CBD area and beachfront (Surfview Rd).
- Some areas have no recorded incidents. These pockets do not meet the criteria for establishment of an AFZ as set out in the guidelines. Golf Ave and sections of Pittwater Rd and Darley Street are not recommended for this reason.
- It is proposed to include Surfview Road and Darley St East in this AFZ following analysis of police data.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025.



Recommend:

Establish Mona Vale AFZ - Zone A with altered boundaries for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

Combine with Mona Vale AFZ – Zone B to form a single Mona Vale AFZ (refer to page 18 for proposed boundary details).

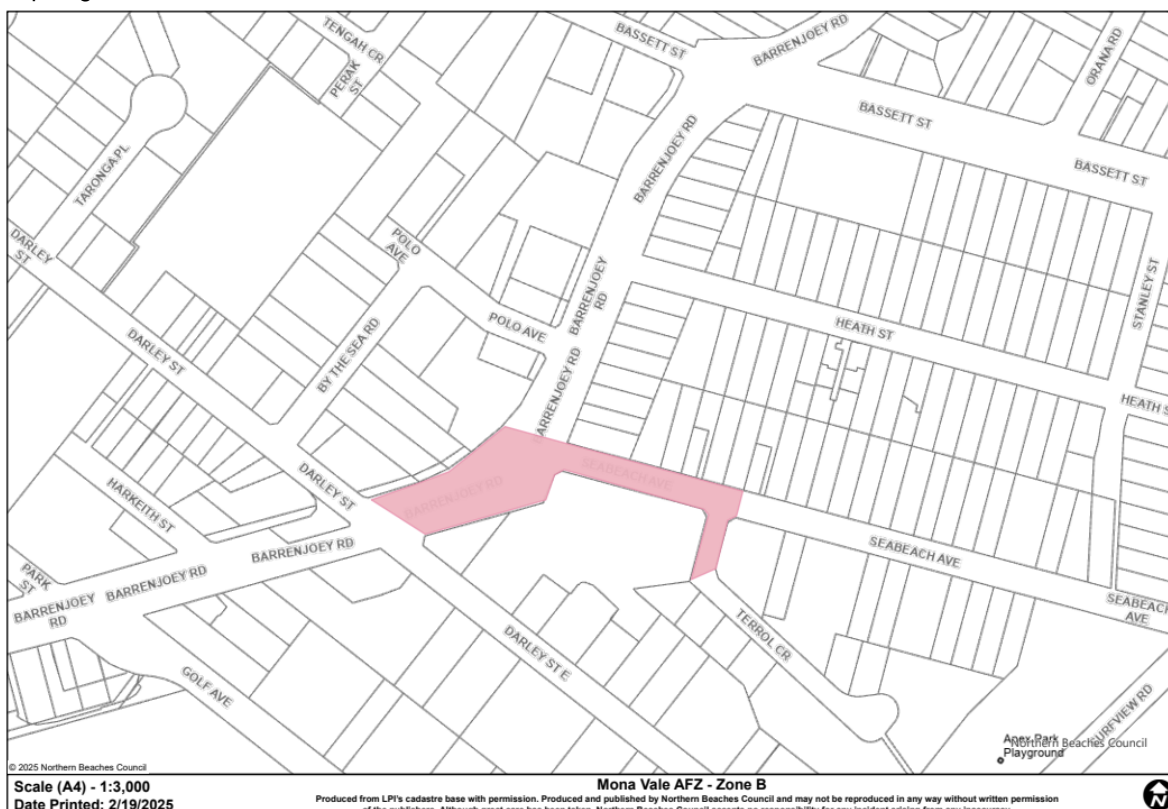
14. Mona Vale AFZ – Zone B

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- This location is identified as a hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025.



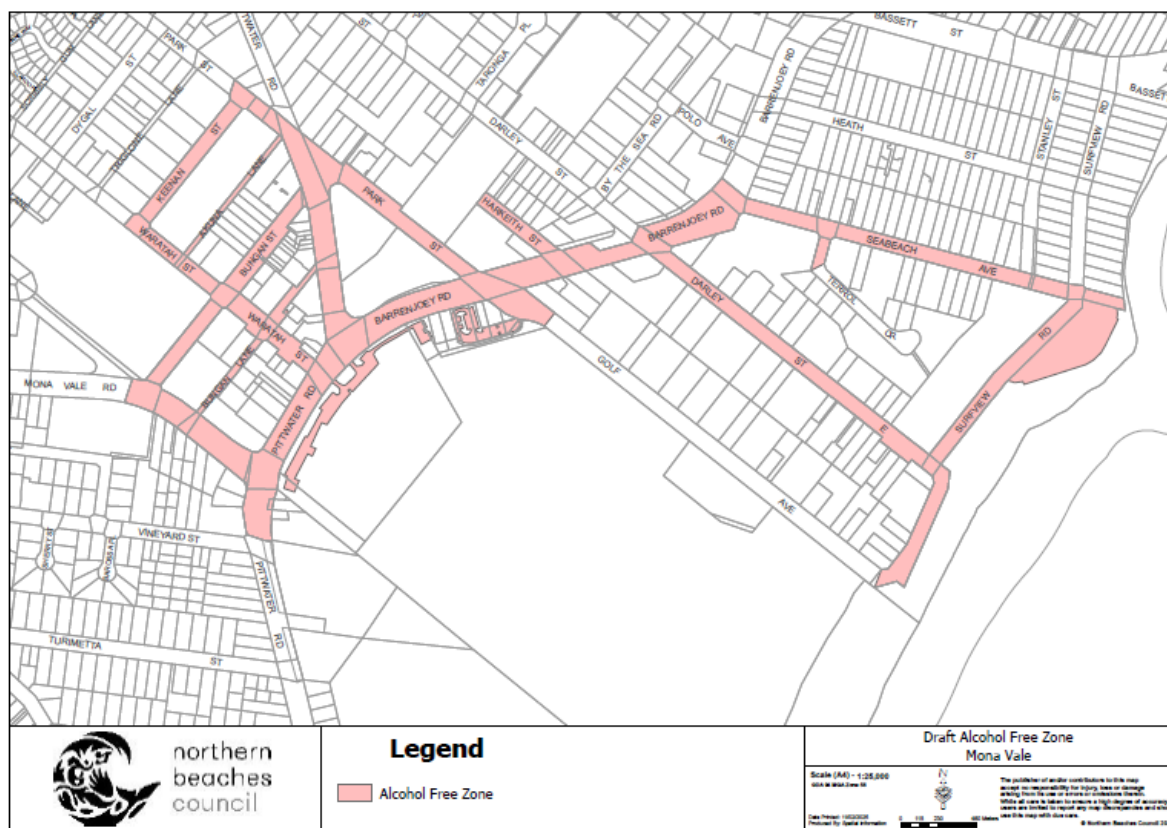
Recommend:

Establish Mona Vale AFZ - Zone B for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

Combine with Mona Vale AFZ – Zone A to form a single Mona Vale AFZ (refer to page 18 for proposed boundary details).

Proposed Mona Vale AFZ:

It is proposed to combine the altered Mona Vale AFZ - Zone A and existing Mona Vale AFZ – Zone B into a single Mona Vale AFZ.



Boundary description for proposed Mona Vale AFZ:

The area bounded by Golf Avenue at the Park and Ride carpark, down to the junction of Pittwater and Vineyard St in the south, to the junction of Monavale and Bungan Street in the west and the junction of Park Street to Keenan Street in the north. Barrenjoey Road from Park St to Seabeach Avenue and along Seabeach Avenue to Monavale Beach. Along Surfview Road to Golf Avenue. Darley Street East, Harkeith Street and Terrol Crescent adjacent to Seabeach Gardens Retirement Village. All public carparks, footpaths and streets contained within this area including Kitchener Park, Monavale Park and Ride and Monavale Beach carpark.

Recommend:

Establish proposed Mona Vale AFZ for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

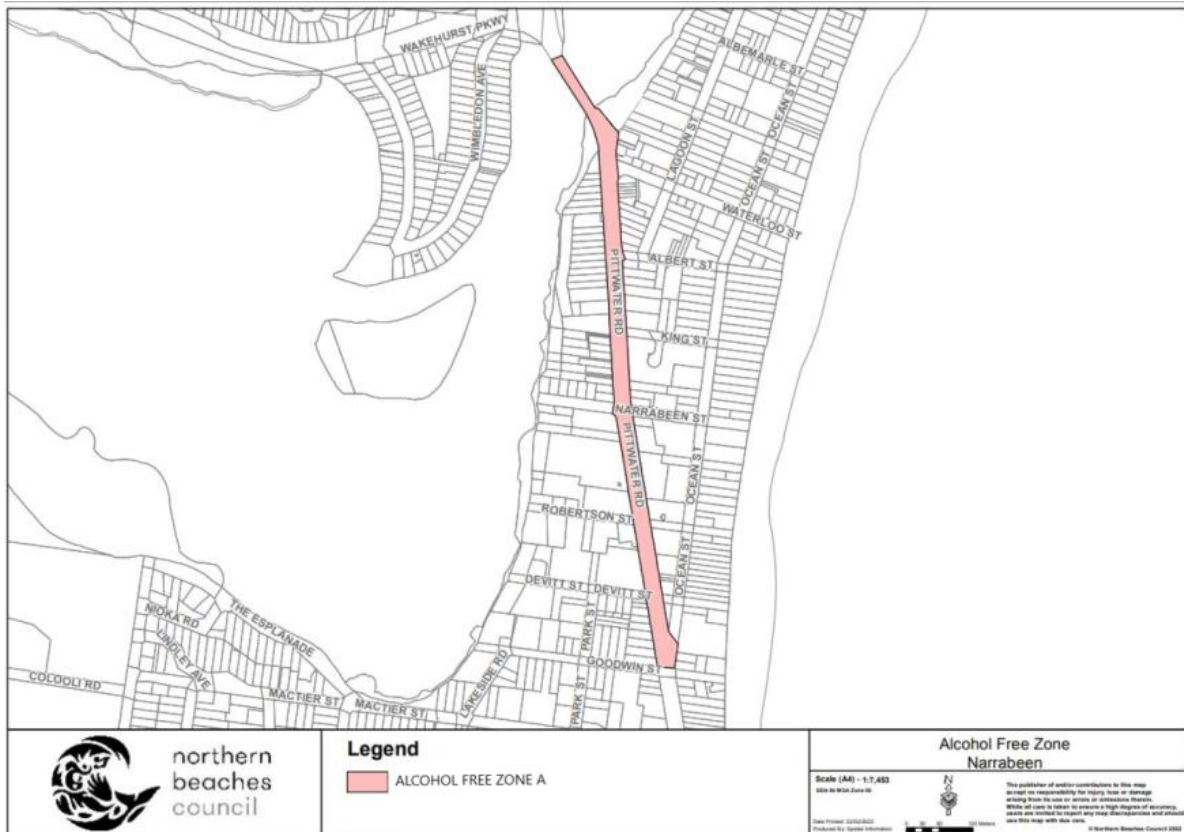
15. Narrabeen AFZ – Zone A

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 31 August 2025.



Boundary description:

Pittwater Road between Ocean Street to the south and the bridge over Narrabeen Lake to the north.

Recommend:

Establish Narrabeen AFZ - Zone A for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

Combine with Narrabeen AFZ – Zone B to form a single Narrabeen AFZ (refer to page 21 for proposed boundary details).

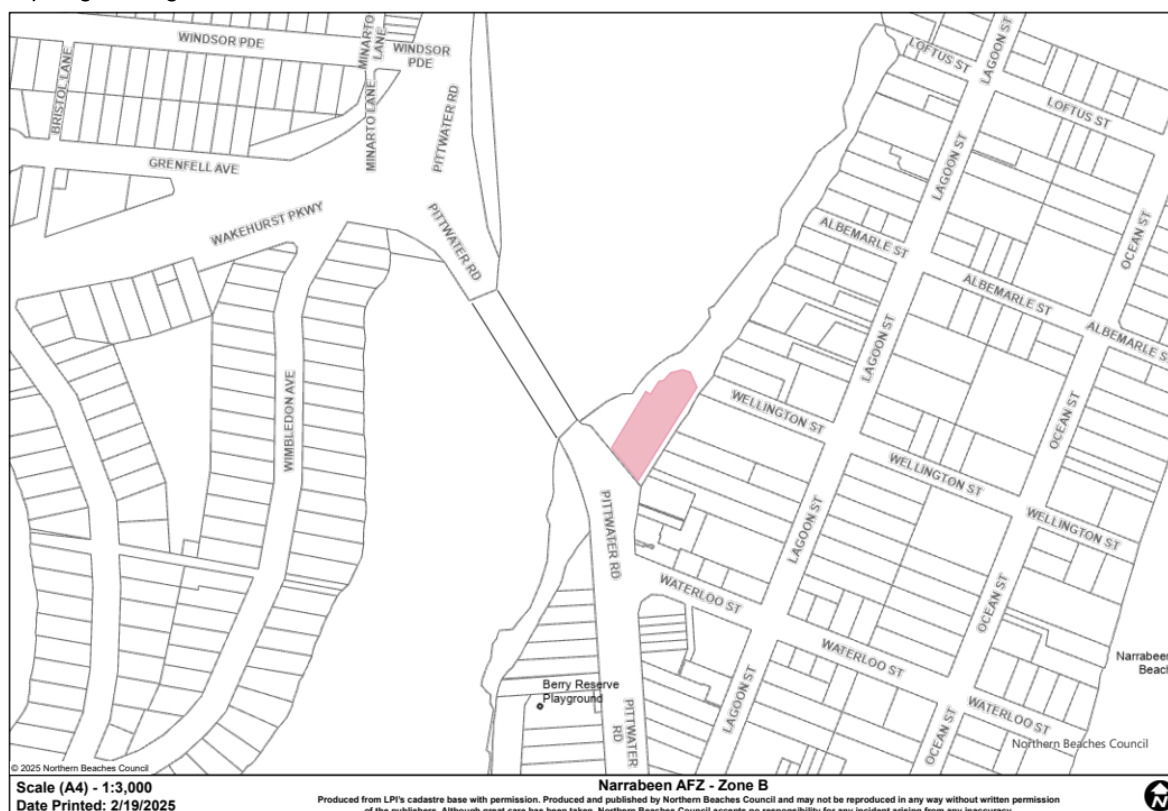
16. Narrabeen AFZ – Zone B

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- This location is known to Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 31 August 2025.



Boundary description:

Wellington Street carpark.

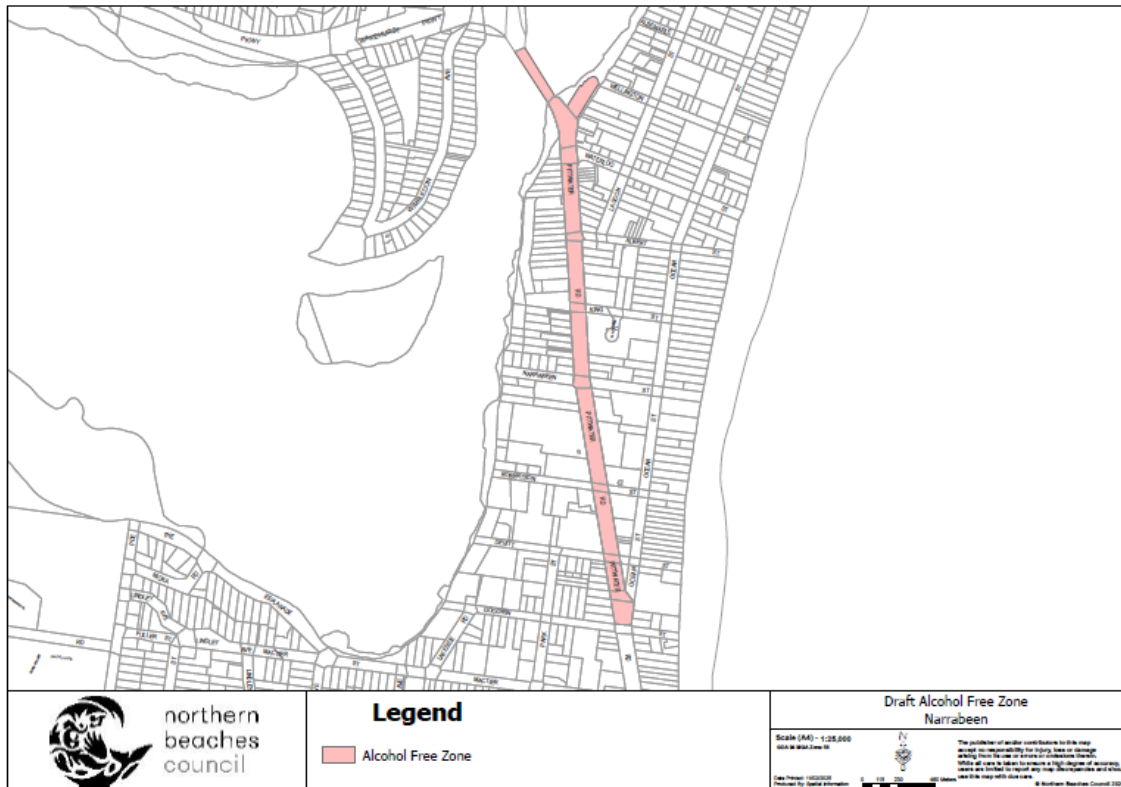
Recommend:

Establish Narrabeen AFZ - Zone B for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

Combine with Narrabeen AFZ – Zone A to form a single Narrabeen AFZ (refer to page 21 for proposed boundary details)

Proposed Narrabeen AFZ:

It is proposed to combine the existing Narrabeen AFZ Zone A and existing Narrabeen AFZ – Zone B into a single Narrabeen AFZ.



Boundary description for proposed AFZ:

Pittwater Road between Ocean Street to the south and the bridge over Narrabeen Lake to the north.
Wellington Street carpark.

Recommend:

Re-establish Narrabeen AFZs – Zone A and B as a single AFZ for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

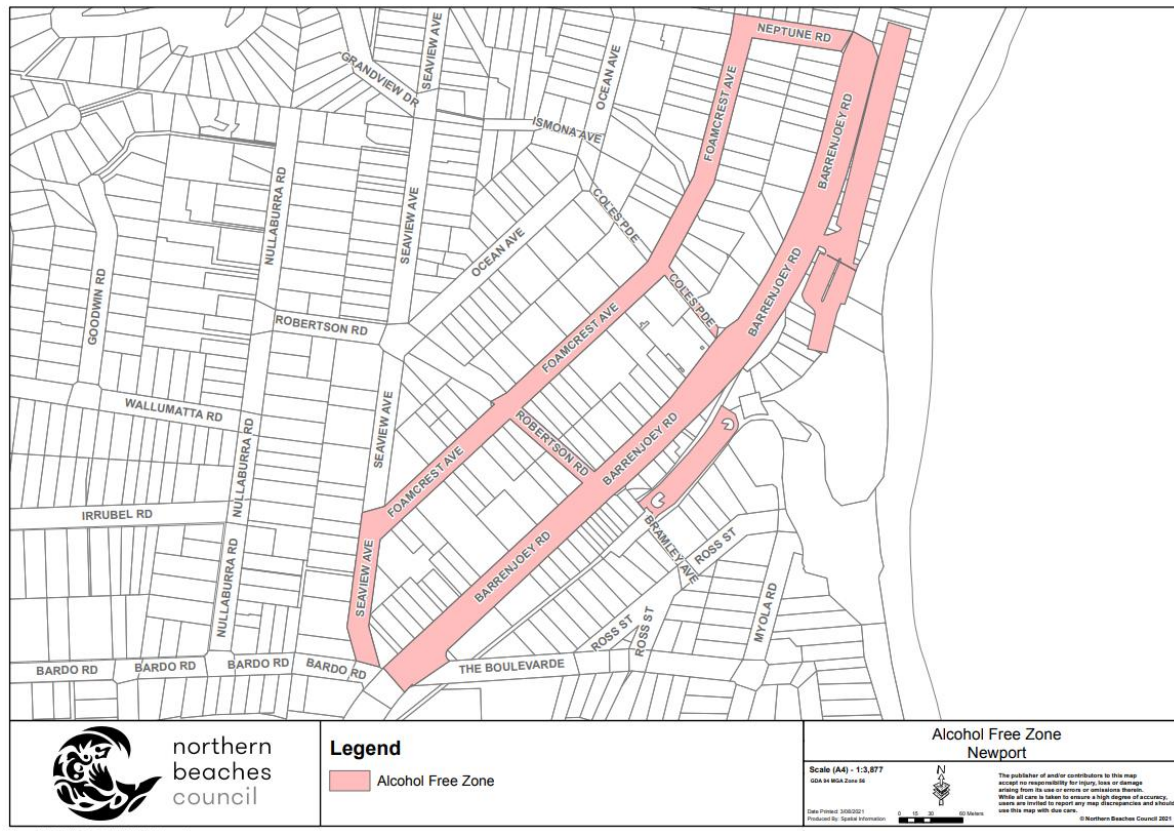
17. Newport Beach AFZ

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

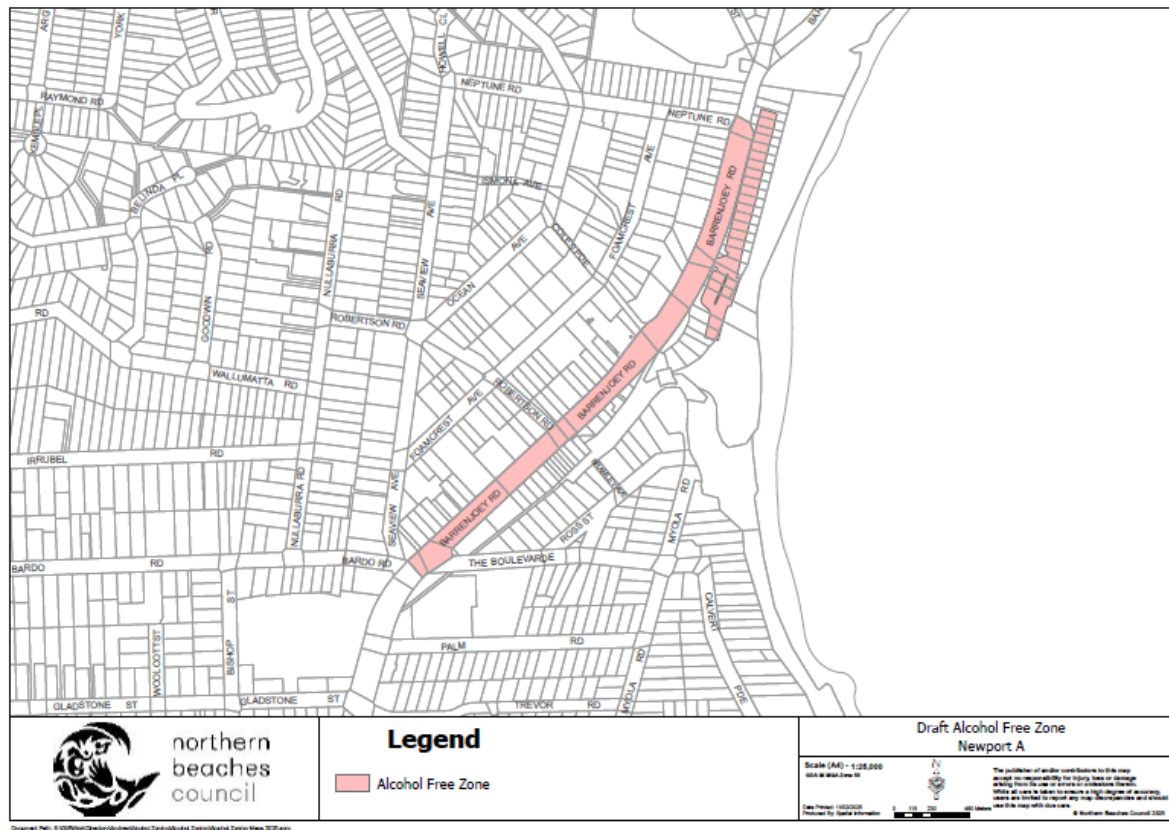
- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of some sectors of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years. In particular Barrenjoey Rd.
- This AFZ has areas with no recorded incidents. These pockets do not meet the criteria for establishment of an AFZ as set out in the guidelines. Areas excluding Barrenjoey Rd are not recommended for this reason.
- It is proposed to establish a new Newport AFZ – Zone A with reduced boundaries.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025



Proposed Newport AFZ – Zone A:



Boundary description for proposed AFZ:

Barrenjoey Road from The Boulevard to Neptune Rd and Newport Beach carpark. Includes all public carparks, footpaths and streets bounded by this area.

Recommend:

Establish proposed Newport AFZ – Zone A, with reduced boundaries, for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

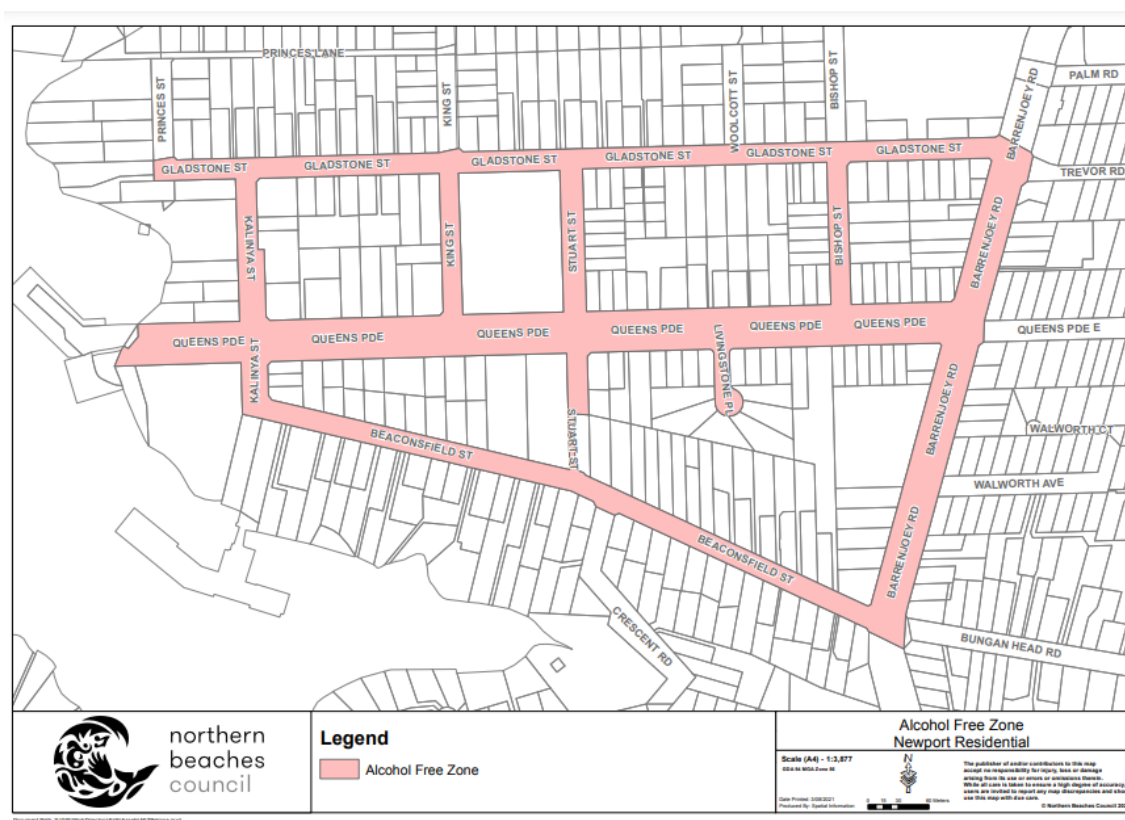
18. Newport Residential AFZ

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

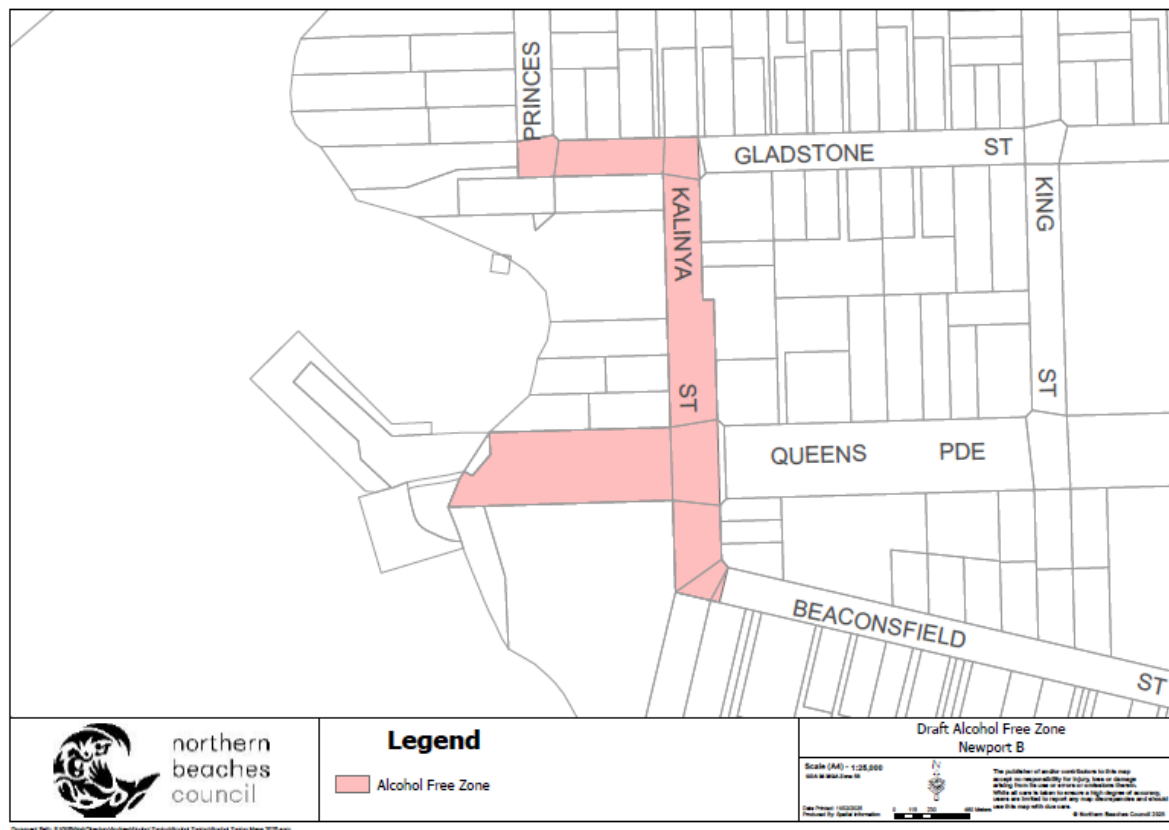
- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data indicates that public use of some sectors of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years. In particular Kalinya St.
- Some areas have minimal recorded incidents. These areas do not meet the criteria for establishment of an AFZ as set out in the guidelines. Beaconsfield Street, Queens Parade and Gladstone Street not recommended for this reason.
- It is proposed to establish a new Newport AFZ – Zone B with reduced boundaries.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025.



Proposed Newport AFZ – Zone B:



Boundary description for proposed AFZ:

Kalinya Street Newport. Gladstone Street between Kalinya and Princes Street. Queens Parade west of Kalinya Street. Includes all public carparks, footpaths and streets bounded by this area.

Recommend:

Establish proposed Newport AFZ – Zone B, with reduced boundaries, for a period of up to 4 years from 1 September 2025.

19. Palm Beach AFZ

Summary of assessment of existing AFZ:

- Location not currently coming to attention of Council as hotspot for inappropriate street drinking.
- Police data does not indicate that public use of the existing AFZ has been compromised by street drinkers over the 3 years.
- There is insufficient evidence to support the re-establishment of this AFZ in this location.

Existing AFZ:

Expiring 30 November 2025.



Boundary description:

Ocean Road from the rock pool end, through to the junction with Palm Beach Road; and all public carparks, streets and pathways contained within this area.

Recommend:

Not re-establish Palm Beach AFZ.

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17 February 2025
Police Ref: D/2025/113973

Kylie Walshe
Executive Manager,
Community, Arts & Culture
NORTHERN BEACHES COUNCIL

Dear Kylie,

AFZ Review 2025 – Initial Assessment – Police Response

In response to your request for a review of the 19 Alcohol-Free Zones (AFZs) within Northern Beaches Local Area, dated 6 December 2024, please find the following information.

Background: AFZs apply only to road related areas such as streets, adjacent footpaths, laneways, and public carparks. Council designated areas as AFZs with the aim to reduce street drinking and associated antisocial behaviour and crime. Police and Council Rangers patrol these areas. All existing AFZs are due to expire between 31 August 2025 and 30 June 2026.

Police Review: A thorough review has been conducted for each alcohol-free zone. The recommendations are based on the crime incidents reported in these areas. Police support the initial assessment provided by Council for all 19 Alcohol Free Zones however also believe the Brookvale / Warringah Mall bus stop should remain as an AFZ. Our review noted a high number of Police incidents reported at that location. Since the start of 2023, there have been more than 40 incidents including assaults, street offences, drug detections and property damage; many linked to alcohol.

If this location does not have an AFZ, there are concerns that it will lead to an increase in alcohol-related incidents, compromising public safety, additional strain on law enforcement and a negative impact on community wellbeing given the areas' high usage by the community.

Police data is available to support our position and can be supplied if requested.

Yours faithfully,



John P Duncan
Detective Superintendent
Commander Northern Beaches PAC

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Proposal to Rename Old Reub Hudson Oval to Panucci Field, John Fisher Park Reserve, North Curl Curl





Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report
Proposed renaming - Old Reub Hudson Oval to Panucci Field
Consultation period: 5 September to 6 October 2024

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1. Summary

Council received a request from the family of the late Francesco Panucci (1887 – 1970) to consider renaming Old Reub Hudson Oval at John Fisher Park, North Curl Curl as Panucci Field (the request). The Panucci family aims to recognise the socio-cultural contributions made by Francesco Panucci to the local area.

In the 1940s, Francesco Panucci owned land at John Fisher Park (including the oval), established a market garden here and sponsored Italian immigrants to the Northern Beaches. Sponsorship included providing 'maintenance guarantees' such as accommodation, employment and support until they were able to support themselves. At that time, Italian and Chinese market gardens and sponsorship arrangements were common in the Curl Curl, Brookvale and Dee Why areas which contributed greatly to the rich multi-cultural and social history of the Northern Beaches.

The Panucci's land was resumed by Council in 1970 to implement its planning scheme and later became part of the Reub Hudson Sporting Complex at John Fisher Park (which was named to recognise Reub Hudson's contributions to sport).



There are two sportsfields at John Fisher Park named after Reub Hudson, Old Reub Hudson Oval and the adjoining Reub Hudson Oval. The Hudson family were consulted in response to the request. The Hudson family indicated they have no objection to renaming Old Reub Hudson Oval on the understanding that the Reub Hudson Oval name is retained.


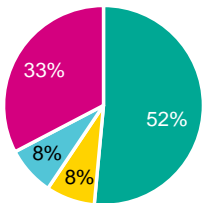

Following a review of the request and consultation with the Geographical Names Board of NSW the naming proposal was publicly exhibited from 5 September to 6 October 2024.

There were 98 submissions received with the majority of submissions supporting the naming proposal. Many submissions commented that this is a fitting tribute to the contributions of Mr Panucci to the socio-cultural heritage of the area. Of the submissions that were not supportive, respondents expressed a preference to retain the existing name, to rename the oval after another sportsperson or a name which recognises First Nations people and language.

This report provides details about the public exhibition of the naming proposal, analysis of the feedback received, responses to key matters arising from the feedback and includes the verbatim responses (Appendix 1).

1.1. Key outcomes

 Total unique responses	98	
 How responses were received	Online Comment form via Your Say Written responses (email/letter) Petition	Completions: 89 Number received: 8 in support Number received: 1 petition with 41 emails in support

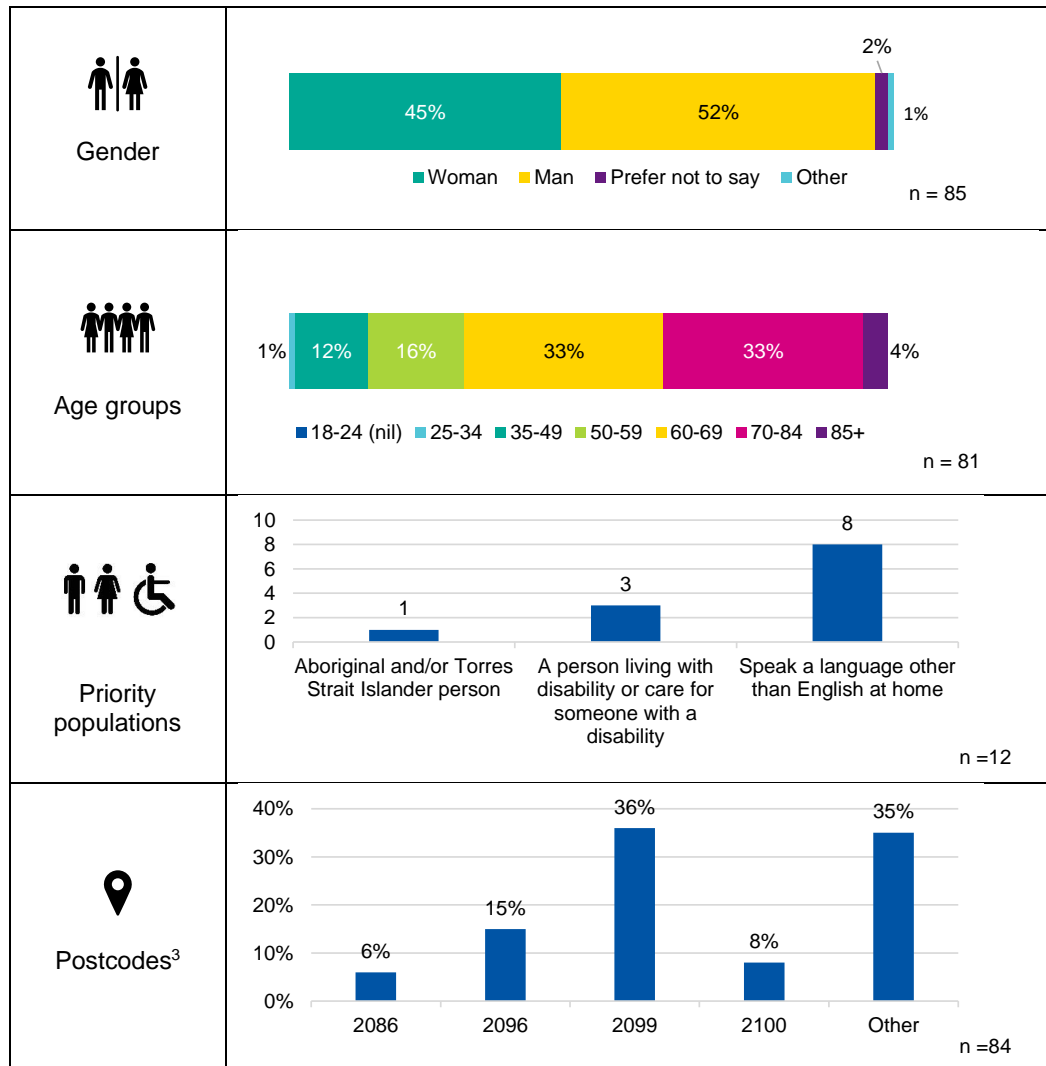
 <p>Online sentiment question: How supportive of the proposal are you?¹</p>	 <p>■ Very supportive ■ Somewhat supportive ■ Not very supportive ■ Not at all supportive</p> <p>Total responses = 89 via your say</p>	
 <p>Feedback themes</p>	<p>The naming proposal is a fitting tribute to Mr Panucci</p> <p>There are currently two ovals that are named after Reub Hudson</p>	<p>Retain the existing name or rename after another sportsperson</p> <p>Preference for a First Nations name</p>

1.2. How we engaged

 <p>Have Your Say: visitation stats</p>	Visitors: 1,134	Visits: 1,336	Average time onsite: 1 minute 29 seconds
 <p>Print media and collateral</p>	<p>Letterbox drop:</p> <p>Site signs used:</p>		<p>Distribution: 164 properties</p> <p>Number of signs: 4</p>
 <p>Electronic direct mail (EDM)</p>	<p>Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 editions</p> <p>Council (weekly) e-News: 2 editions</p> <p>Stakeholder emails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting groups • Curl Curl Lagoon Friends • Creative Space gardening group. 		<p>Distribution: 21,800 subscribers</p> <p>Distribution: 58,200 subscribers</p> <p>Distribution: 15</p>

¹ Percentage may not add up to exactly 100% due to rounding

1.3. Who responded²



² Demographic data was gathered by request in the online form. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.

Some totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

³ Other refers to postcodes with fewer than 5 responses.

2. Background

This naming proposal aims to recognise the contributions of the late Francesco Panucci by renaming the Old Reub Hudson Oval at John Fisher Park to Panucci Field.

The request was made by the Panucci family and is supported by the Hudson family.

The naming proposal is consistent with Council's Naming our Reserves, Facilities and Roads Policy and public exhibition sought the community's feedback and sentiment in support or otherwise.

3. Engagement objectives

Community and stakeholder engagement aimed to:

- build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities
- provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way
- identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values
- communicate to community and stakeholders how their input was incorporated into the planning and decision-making process.

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the proposed renaming of Old Reub Hudson Oval to Panucci Field was conducted between 5 September and 6 October 2024 and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities for community and stakeholders to contribute.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Strategy](#) (2022).

A project page⁴ was established on our Your Say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format.

The project was primarily promoted through our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels as well as through on-site signage and emails to key stakeholders.

Feedback was captured through an online comment form embedded onto the Your Say project page. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

An open-field comments box asked community members to explain or elaborate on their level of support on non-support, as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Email and written comments were also invited.

Some people forwarded their comments of support directly to the applicant via email and these were forwarded to Council. They have been counted as one petition and the comments have not been included in the verbatim submissions as the authors have not provided Council permission to publish them.

⁴ <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/proposed-renaming-old-reub-hudson-oval-panucci-field>

Some people provided feedback via more than one method, e.g. via the applicant, via Your Say and/or via direct email to Council. In these cases, comments are counted once per individual and any duplicates have counted as one response.

5. Findings

We received 98 submissions in total, including one petition. The petition included a further 41 emails in support of the proposal. Overall, 73% of submissions supported the proposal.

Of the 89 submissions received online through Your Say, 53 submissions (60%) were either “very supportive” or “somewhat supportive.” A further 8 submissions in support were provided by letter or email directly to council.

Comments, among other things, included that it is a fitting recognition and commemoration of Mr Panucci’s support for Italian immigrants and their families and the associated socio-cultural contribution to the area.

Of those submissions that were not supportive, respondents expressed a preference to retain the existing name, to rename the oval after another sportsperson or a name which recognises First Nations people and language.

Table 1. Public Exhibition of the proposal to rename Old Reub Hudson Oval as Panucci Field: Key Themes and Responses

Theme	Summary – What we heard: issues, suggestions, requests and other considerations raised	Response
The naming proposal is a fitting tribute to Francesco Panucci.	The majority of submissions supported the proposal because it honours the contributions made by Francesco Panucci to the local area and his support for Italian immigrants.	This naming proposal aligns with the Council and the GNB naming policies. It is considered that the naming proposal is appropriate given the significant social and cultural contributions made by Francesco Panucci to the local area.
There are currently two adjoining ovals that are named after Reub Hudson.	There was support for having two distinct names for the ovals currently known as Reub Hudson Oval and Old Reub Hudson Oval.	Clearly defined names will assist the community to identify the correct oval, particularly for visiting sports teams. It also provides an opportunity to recognise not one but two local people of merit.
Retain the existing name or rename after another sportsperson.	A small number of submissions expressed a preference to retain its existing name, or another sportsperson’s name.	The majority of comments supported the naming proposal. The adjoining sportsfield will retain the name Reub Hudson Oval. The Hudson family have no objection to the naming proposal.

Theme	Summary – What we heard: issues, suggestions, requests and other considerations raised	Response
Preference for a First Nations name	A small number of submissions expressed a preference for a First Nations name.	This naming proposal aligns with the Council and the GNB naming policies. It is considered that the naming proposal is appropriate given the significant social and cultural contributions made by Francesco Panucci to the local area.

Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

To view all verbatim comments, please click the link below:

<https://eservices.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/ePlanning/live/Common/Output/Document.aspx?t=webdoc&id=Rmlc%2FwmjN%2FYV0A60ki4OEg==>

**Personal details and inappropriate language have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.*

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RFS

Meeting Minutes

	Description
Meeting	Bush Fire Management Committee - Northern Beaches District
Convened by:	Guy Baddock – Executive Officer
Attendees:	As per attendance sheet
Location:	Northern Beaches EOC/FCC /Online Teams
Date and time:	Tuesday, 5 March 2024 commencing at 1000hrs
Apologies:	As per attendance sheet
Minutes by:	Sam Dolan, District Administration Officer

1. Minutes

1.1. Welcome

Chair: Judy Lambert (NCC)

No objections to Judy acting as Chair for the meeting.

1.2. Apologies

As per attendance sheet.

1.3. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of BFMC Meeting – 5 December 2023

- Council provided some feedback. Changes to be actioned.

Moved by: Daniel Broadley (Crown)

Second by: Ben Robb (NPWS)

Carried.

Acceptance of Attendance Sheet for 6th June 2023

Moved by: Nick Skelton (NCC)

Seconded by: Daniel Broadley (Crown)

Carried.

1.4. Matters arising

John Holman – Ongoing matter. No change since the last meeting.

BFMC Contact list to be sent out – carried over.

Moved by: Daniel Broadley (Crown)

Seconded: Ben Robb (NPWS)

Carried.

1.5. Correspondence In

- Guy Munro – BFDP update request.
- Gary Hansen – Council RFFF Funding FY2024.
- Bill Dunlop – FAFT Comments.
- Ant Muyt – FAFT works update.
- Ben Robb – Ellis Trig HR funding variation.
- NPWS Agency Report
- NCC Agency Report
- Northern Beaches Council Agency Report
- Northern Beaches ECC Bush Fire Activity Report
- Harbour Trust Report
- NSW DPE OSL Report

1.6. Correspondence Out

- DRAFT Meeting minutes – Tuesday 5 December 2023
- Northern Beaches BFRMP Template Submissions.

1.7. Hazard Reduction (HR) Program Update

- RFS – completion of 16 burns. Nothing occurred since last BFMC. Program currently sits at 79 locations this season. Considerations to bring the number down each season on the HR program as the current program is unachievable. NPWS has a 5-year program.
 - Nick Skelton – is there a minimum size that we do not need to put on the list. i.e. cultural burns.
 - Guy Baddock (RFS) - it is the risk value.

ACTION: Hazard Reduction Sub-committee creation. (Exec Officer to invite agency participation).

Moved by: Nick Skelton (NCC)

Seconded by: Ben Robb (NPWS)

Carried.

1.8. Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP)

Guy Baddock (RFS) – provided an update to the committee.

David Walton (NBC) to sign as the chair. Good to go the BFCC for endorsement.

1.9. Ignition Prevention Plan (IPP)

Guy Baddock (RFS) – no update – RFS submitted. No engagement this fire season

1.10. Fire Access / Fire Trail (FAFT) Plan

Daniel Broadley (Crown): Expires next year. Requested a review.

Bryan Germain (RFS Area) – RFS HQ is developing a new way to do the plan. BIPs (sic). On target for 2025 when all district FAFT plans are due.

Guy Baddock (RFS) – pull a subcommittee together to start the process (RFS and key agencies). Meeting invite to be sent out. One Operational subcommittee to cover the various projects.

Bryan Germain (RFS Area) - Jamie Carter leaving the service going to Forestry. Paul Best will be the new contact.

1.11. General Business

Agency Reports:

- NPWS – As per agency report attached.
 - RFS access to NPWS trails. Solution has been put in place to make NPWS aware of when RFS access trails.
- Guy Munro (Ausgrid) – helicopters will start north of the region and make their way south. Website will have the map which will provide dates. Drones will also be used. Hazard Reductions - thank you for sending through when it might impact Ausgrid infrastructure. Please continue to send through maps with details.
- Fire + Rescue. Provided an update on status of hazard reductions.
- Matt Horwood (NBC) – As per agency report attached.
- Anthony Porrello (OSL) – As per agency report attached.
- Sydney Water – all good.
- Daniel Broadley (Crown) – APZ update. Fire trails – update. Transfer of land Allambie Heights occur this year. From Crown to Metro Aboriginal Land.
- Peter Jansen (Harbour Trust) As per agency report attached.
- Nick Skelton (NCC). As per agency report attached.
 - Access to SharePoint – issue has been escalated.

Other Business: Nick Skelton (NCC) – has a subcommittee been set up to include Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council?

Guy Baddock (RFS) – Advised that they have been attending online.

- Daniel Broadley (Crown): Need to consider not burning him out as he has a lot he needs to attend.

Meeting closed: 10:55am

Table 1: Documents referred to in the meeting.

Document title	Date
BFMC Organisation Report - Harbour Trust Report	1 March 2024
BFMC Organisation Report - Northern Beaches Council	5 March 2024
BFMC Organisation Report - NSW DPE OSL Report	5 March 2024
BFMC Organisation Report – NPWS	5 March 2024
BFMC Organisation Report – NCC	5 March 2024

Table 1: Next meeting

Date	Start time	Finish time	Location
4 June 2024	10:00 Hours	12:00 Hours	Northern Beaches FCC



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



BFMC - 001/2024 - ATTENDANCE SHEET 4 MARCH 2024

Participants	Present	Apology	Absent
Paul Gammon			
Madalyn Rogan RFS			
Bryan Germani RFS			
Chris Harris RFS		✓	
Gray Lambert NCC			
Matt Horwood NBC			
Gordon Smith NBC			
Samuel Woodrow NPWS			
Ben Robbs NPWS			
Kyle Skelton XCC			
Daniel Bradley Crown			
Simon Gray NBC			
Isobel Smith NBC			
	ONLINE		
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SUE KIENZ NBC			
RUSSEL JOHNSTON FRNSW ?			
ANTHONY PORRILLO OSL			
MATT MILDWATER FRNSW			
GUY MUNRO AUS GRID			
CARETH BIRCH NBC Lemo			
BIN ZHAO Transport NSW			
PETER JANSEN SYD HARBOUR TRUST			



BFMC - 001/2024 - Attendance Sheet - 5 March 2024

Participants	Present	Apology	Absent
Todd Dickinson		X	
Michael Morris		X	
Russell Johnson	X		
Matt Horwood	X		
Judy Lambert	X		
Chris Buckley	X		
Sue Heins	Online		
Kel McNamara		X	
Sharna Jobson	X		
Gareth Birch	X		
Rick McInnes		X	
Guy Baddock	X		
Sam Dolan	X		
Scott Molenaar	X		



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Apologies:	As per attendance sheet
Minutes by:	Sam Dolan, District Administration Officer

1. Minutes

1.1. Welcome

Chair: Scott Crosweller, Group Captain Northern Beaches RFS

1.2. Apologies

As per attendance sheet.

1.3. Acceptance of Minutes

Draft Minutes of BFMC Meeting – 5 March 2024 - Carried over.

Moved by: Matt Horwood (NBC)

Second by: Ben Robb (NPWS)

Carried.

1.4. Matters arising

Carried over.

1.5. Correspondence In

- Agency Reports
- Funding Application
- BFCC correspondence

1.6. Correspondence Out

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1.7. Hazard Reduction (HR) Program Update

Scott Molenaar (RFS) – no progress so far with Hazards Reductions. Report sent out as it stands. Seeking submissions for this season.

Matt Horwood (NBC) – Risk plan burns 5 years, burn to be put on annual works program. 13 council burns 3 are on the risk plan.

Discussion occurred regarding priority of burns (P1 and P2). NBC program burns on the 23/24 are risk plan tied, some are quite old. May be prioritise the HR list.

RFS – NBC list to be reviewed and looked at during the September meeting. Old program still works on the old risks' ratings.

Chris Harris (RFS GSAC) - Annual works program, Guardian new piece will be in the new financial year.

Matt Horwood (NBC) – Report has been submitted.

Ben Robb (NPWS) – Report will be submitted.

Daniel Broadley (Crown Lands) – Report has been submitted.

Anthony Parrello (NSW DPE OSL) - Report has been submitted.

Guy Munro (Ausgrid) – Report has been submitted.

Matthew Midwater (FRNSW) – Agency report has been provided.

1.8. Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP)

Guy Baddock (RFS) – Plan signed and with the BFCC – May need to make some amendments due to change of some data. Will allow some burns to be closed off. Will be done through the sub-committee.

1.9. Ignition Prevention Plan (IPP)

Same as last year.

1.10. Fire Access / Fire Trail (FAFT) Plan

Items covered in agency reports in section 1.7. Hazard Reduction (HR) Program Update.

1.11. General Business

RFS – Elvina Fire Trail complex

- One issue that has been raised is the Powerful Owl mating and breeding season.
- Funding request has been submitted.

- Has gone thru the approval process. NBC will project manage the program.
- NPWS requested a change from Cat 7 to Cat 9.
- RFS suggested data to be submitted to review trail classification for vehicles.
- Funding 40K functional maintenance to go ahead, planning and design \$80K
- RFS Recommendation – council to start looking at the permissions.
- Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council and their permissions. – Brian Germain to provide an update.

Chris Harris (RFS) – Grant funding in before 9 June.

- If you have funds for this FY. Do not put in new funding for the same works as they will cancel out current FY funding.
- Suggest contacting Grants team for assistance.
- NBC asked about overspend vs under spend.
- Matthew Mildwater (FRNSW) – FRNSW have already submitted their funding requests.

Anthony Parrello (NSW DPE OSL) – Asked about the current HRC situation.

- Guy Baddock (RFS) – has been resolved to an extent. Issue was layer due to mapping layer on endangered species. Scott Molenaar will review and if a new HRC has to been issued, it will be. Update has been done and there should be no further issues.
- HRCs – Scotland Island issued under arrangement with Council. Will engage with Council to potentially change over to permit program. Further discussion occurred regarding this issue with the committee.
- Discussion occurred regarding cultural burning.

Fire trail for the Rifle Association

- DA conditions have been issued by the Council. Trail used to access the club. Access trail is Crown Land which is leased to the Association. Concerns regarding the access of the new trail due to it being steep with a creek line. NPWS has ground truthed it.
- Further discussion occurred regarding this topic.

Guy Baddock (RFS)

- Tower removal at Terrey Hills. Thank you to Ausgrid for assisting with getting tiger tails organised.

Daniel Broadley (Crown Lands) – Special fire protection areas identified. Submit to the BFMCs to notify them of areas that might need further investigation. To be discussed at the sub-committee instead of the BFMC meeting.

Meeting closed: 11:18am

Table 1: Documents referred to in the meeting.

Document title	Date
FRNSW - Northern Beaches BFMC Agency Report	30 May 2024
Crownland - BFMC Organisation Report - Northern Beaches	4 June 2024
ECC - Bush Fire Activities BMFC Report - Northern Beaches Council	4 June 2024
BFMC Organisation Report - Northern Beaches - Northern Beaches Council	4 June 2024
Northern Beaches BFMC - NSW DPE OSL Report	4 June 2024
Ausgrid BFMC Organisation Report - Northern Beaches	4 June 2024
NPWS - BFMC Organisation Report - Northern Beaches	4 June 2024
BFMC draft minutes - 001-024 - 5 March 2024	

Table 1: Next meeting

Date	Start time	Finish time	Location
3 September 2024	10:00 Hours	12:00 Hours	Northern Beaches FCC



BFMC – 002/2024 - Attendance Sheet 4 July 2024

Participants	Present	Apology	Absent
Guy Munro Ausceid.	✓		
Chris Morris (RFS GSAC)	✓		
Ben Robbs NPWS.	✓		
Matt Horwood - Council	✓		
Scott Crossweller	✓		
Brendan Smith - Council	✓		
ARCHIE BROADBENT Crown	✓		
Sue Harris - Council	✓		(arrived 10:37 am)
ISOBEL	✓		(ARRIVED 10:50)

ONLINE

GREG RICE FRNSW	GARETH BIRCH NBC
MATT MILDWATER FRNSW	ANTHONY PORELLO OSL
NAOMI ZEIGLER TRANSPORT NSW	
NICK SKELTON NCC	
BEN FALLOWFIELD NBC	
YANNI MET NBC	

APOLOGIES JUDY LAMBERT NCC
RUSSEL JOHNSTON FRNSW?



RFS

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Apologies:	As per attendance sheet
Minutes by:	Guy Baddock

1. Minutes

1.1. Welcome

Chair: Scott Crossweller, Group Captain Northern Beaches RFS
Moved: Daniel Broadley
Second: Yianni Mentis
Carried

1.2. Apologies

As per attendance sheet.

1.3. Acceptance of Minutes

Draft Minutes of BFMC Meeting – 5 March 2024.
Draft Minutes of BFMC Meeting – 4 June 2024.
Moved by: Judy Lambert / Matt Horwood
Second by: Matt Horwood / Daniel Broadley
Carried.

1.4. Matters arising

Nil

1.5. Correspondence In

- Agency Reports

Crown Lands – FAFT (looking to certify trails).

Northern Beaches Council – APZ works ongoing (per report).

HR Burning – Nil complete to date. Works ongoing. 17 priority burns (ready). 11 (being made ready).

Updating website to incorporate burns for council.

FAFT – veg and trail works (per report). Update provided regarding FAFT and functional maintenance works throughout the Elvina Bay, Morning Bay and Manly Dam areas.

National Parks & Wildlife Service – HRs / trail works ongoing / Never fail – pistol club – cascades east

Pre – Season checklist – completed

FY25 Allocations Letter – Council received. No action required.

BFCC correspondence

1.6. Correspondence Out

- Email – Ignition Prevention Plan (BFRMP)

Feedback still outstanding. To be closed remotely.

1.7. Hazard Reduction (HR) Program Update

Scott Molenaar (RFS) – HRs

Matt Horwood (NBC) – Annual works plan update.

Matt Horwood – Data error in new risk plan. Needs changing. Talking to RFS HQ for change ideas.

Guy Baddock – Data inject is the easier approach.

Matt Horwood – Errors include HRs, some APZs.

Guy Baddock – Talk to RFS HQ for changes.

Daniel Broadley – Spatial alignment needs to be accurate.

ACTION:

Guy Baddock – Matt Horwood / Daniel Broadley (make representation).

Matt Horwood (NBC) – Report has been submitted.

Ben Robb (NPWS) – Report delivered.

Daniel Broadley (Crown Lands) – Report delivered.

Anthony Parrello (NSW DPE OSL) – No report.

Guy Munro (Ausgrid) – Report has been submitted.

Matthew Midwater (FRNSW) – No report.

1.8. Bush Fire Risk Management Plan (BFRMP)

Above.

1.9. Ignition Prevention Plan (IPP)

Update given.

1.10. Fire Access / Fire Trail (FAFT) Plan

Ingrid Harms – Works undertaken for Elvina.

Matt Horwood – Quote pending. Trails within the communities are Council / NPWS.

Guy Baddock – Private land agreements.

Matt Horwood – 2 outstanding (functional maintenance).

Ingrid Harms – Perimeter trail works ongoing.

Matt Horwood – Can we get an update on the FAFT funding?

Guy Baddock – Will make representation to Chris Harris.

1.11. General Business

Chair endorsement for Council (Matt Horwood) –

- Discussion had regarding members, alternates and observers, and BFMC processes. and process.

Resolution for discussion at next meeting.

BFMC endorsement for minutes to be reported to Council.

- Discussion had regarding minutes being tabled at Council meetings.

Conversation from Judy Lambert, Matt Horwood, Guy Baddock, Sue Heins.

Membership invites to other agencies

- Resolution at the next meeting.
- BFMC supportive of approved minutes being reported to Council.

Guy Baddock – Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP) removals

Motion: NSPs located at schools in accordance with request from the Department of Education.

First: Matt Horwood

Second: Daniel Broadley

Carried

Refer to sub-committee for NSP review.

Guardian access discussion had for broader NSP review.

Scott Molenaar – Permit and burning notification.

Guy Baddock – NSP on guardian?

Guy Baddock – Update on cultural burning in Northern Beaches.

Nick Shelton – Do you want us at the meeting?

Guy Baddock – Not at this stage.

Ben Fallowfield – Is there a schedule or works plan?

Guy Baddock – Not at this stage. We are working towards this with applied flexibility.

Sue Heins – Is there a priority list against risk?

Guy Baddock – I don’t know if this is how they plan their areas to burn.

Scott Crosweller – A higher level discussion occurred previously.

Ben Fallowfield – Fire behaviour index (FBI) – Is it consistent with what we are seeing?

Guy Baddock – Further review/refinements to FBI calculations expected. Seeking a common narrative.

Meeting closed: 11:18am

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BFMC Organisation Report – Ausgrid	3 September 2024
Crownland - BFMC Organisation Report - Northern Beaches	3 September 2024
ECC - Bush Fire Activities BMFC Report - Northern Beaches Council	3 September 2024

Table 1: Next meeting

Date	Start time	Finish time	Location
3 December 2024	11:00 Hours	12:00 Hours	Northern Beaches FCC



BFMC - 003/2024 - Attendance Sheet (3 September 2024)

Participants	Present	Apology	Absent
Guy Baddock	✓		
Brendan Smith	✓		
Daniel Broadley	✓		
Benjamin Shade	✓		
Judy Lambert	✓		
CHRIS DARAE	✓		
Scott Crosweller	✓		
Ingrid Harms	✓		
Matt Horwood	✓		
Yianni Mentis	✓		
Nick Shelton		✓	
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Public Notice Summary Report

Project name	Proposed Lease and Licence of Dee Why Beach Shed
Public notice period	14 November 2024 –19 December 2024
Background	<p>Northern Beaches Council proposes to grant a lease and licence to an experienced operator to manage a café at the Dee Why Beach Shed, located at Oaks Avenue and The Strand, Dee Why Beach Reserve (Part Lot 1 DP94791 and Lot 3 Sec 11 DP 6953), for a term of up to 15.</p> <p>As the landowner, Council has provided public notice in accordance with relevant sections of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p>
Total number of submissions	7
Summary of findings	7 submissions were received during the notification period.
Notification approach	<p>This public notice was implemented and reported in accordance with Section 47 of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>.</p> <p>The notice was promoted through letters to adjoining properties, on-site signage and a notification page established on Council's website.</p> <p>Contact details were provided should people have questions.</p>

How we notified	
Properties notified by letter	184 letters
Signage installed onsite	3 signs
Council website	https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/council/news/proposed-lease-and-licence-dee-why-beach-shed-cafe

Document administration	
Version	1.0
Date	8 January 2025
Approval	Content provided and approved by Property Commercial & Tourist Assets Team
Status	Final
Notes	Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.

Findings		
Theme	What we heard	Council Response
Positive Community Sentiment	Positive feedback on the café's contribution to the community. There is enthusiasm for a lease renewal, with hopes for a refreshed venue and improved offerings.	The proposed lease and licence is supported.
Operating Hours	There was one submission preferring to keep operating hours as is, and another advocating for an extension in operating hours until 9 PM.	Current operating hours are until 5 pm, Monday to Sunday as per the development consent conditions. While some Council beachside cafés have extended operating hours beyond 5pm any change in operating hours would require a modification to the development consent.
Future building works and expanded operations	Opposing views were raised in relation to expansion of outdoor seating, building works, and an increase to cafe patrons.	The publicly exhibited lease and licence plan area does not propose an expansion or alteration of the proposed dining footprint. Any future proposed change to this area would need to be publicly notified again. The roof is part of the lease area but remains non-

		<p>trafficable. Any proposal to activate it would require Council approval and potentially a modification to the development consent.</p> <p>The current development consent limits the number of seated patrons to 20, and any expansion to this would require a modification to the consent.</p>
Considerations for future tender business operator	In addition to the expanded operations considered above there was a suggestion to provide a longer lease term to warrant significant capital investment of up to \$1million from a future operator.	While the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> allows leases and licences up to 30 years (with Minister consent), Council staff considers this location is unsuitable for significant expansion or intensification of operations. A lease and licence term of up to 15 years provides adequate tenure for reasonable capital investment.
Noise disturbance	One submission advised that noise disturbances from delivery trucks have been experienced.	Noise complaints are managed by Council's Environmental Compliance team under the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> and the <i>Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979</i> . Existing development consent conditions under the Planning & Assessment Act restrict delivery hours to: Monday–Friday, 6:30 am–8:00 pm, and weekends, 8:00 am–8:00 pm. These conditions will continue under any new lease. Investigations are undertaken into noise complaints in accordance with Council's Compliance and Enforcement Policy
Discontinuation of cafe	One submission requested that Council not re-lease the premises as a café and requested that the premises be returned to storage for SLS purposes.	The current authorised use of the site is as a café. The site was repurposed as a café over a decade ago, with surf lifesaving storage relocated to the refurbished Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club. The café has

		since become a valued community asset, and it is recommended that its current use.
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APPENDIX 1 Verbatim Community & Stakeholder Responses

Website Submissions

1	20879	I have been coming to the beach shed cafe for the past 8 years on a regular basis. This is without a doubt the best spot on the Northern Beaches to enjoy a beverage and something to eat with family and friends. I look forward to a new lease being granted to an experienced operator so my family and friends can keep creating memories. Thank you
2	21060	Lovley spot, great for families and community. Would love to see it support a northern beaches local with the lease.
3	21225	Amazing spot, love having my coffee there with friends. Great community feature.
4	21505	<p>We refer to Council's letter in relation to the Proposed Lease and Licence for the Dee Why Beach Shed Café and make the following submission in relation to that proposal on behalf of the Owners Corporation at Strata Plan 2912. We are residents of a three storey building consisting of nine units at 149 Oaks Avenue, Dee Why and are very familiar with the current operations of the Beach Shed Café and many of us are regular customer of that establishment.</p> <p>This café has been a welcome addition to the local area and provides good quality but simple snacks and light meals as well as coffee and other refreshments to those who enjoy being near the water at the southern end of the beach. We note that Council is proposing to release a tender for a lease and licence for up to 15 years, with a specific purpose of enabling the refurbishment and ongoing operation of the café for that long term duration. Our concern is the potential for significant expansion of the café's operations to increase the operator's returns on what may be a substantial investment in refurbishment and operations, and the subsequent impact that this will have on the residents in the immediate vicinity. In particular, we are very concerned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenderers may seek to expand the size of the café well beyond that permitted under the existing DA for the current facility. That could come through the addition of further floor space at the ground level, or by adding one or more stories to the existing café. Tenderers may also seek to increase the seating that can be accommodated in outdoor areas, resulting in a substantial expansion of capacity. Any increase in customer numbers would result in more congestion on the pathway near the café and on the roads in the immediate vicinity, and further 2 detrimental

		<p>impacts on parking, which is already at a premium. The reason provided for the limit in seated customer numbers to 20 under the existing DA determination, namely, to ensure that the amenity of the surrounding locality is maintained, remains as valid into the future as it has been up until today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenderers may seek to expand the hours of operation beyond those permitted in the existing DA determination. The current DA permits operations up to 5pm on seven days per week. Any extension of these hours (later or earlier) will have a detrimental effect on residents in the immediate vicinity by creating additional noise during the normally quiet early morning or evening hours. The reason provided for the limit in working hours under the existing DA determination, namely, to ensure the intensity of use is controlled and protect the amenity of the surrounding area, remains as valid into the future as it has been up until today. • Tenderers may seek to offer live or amplified music to cater for or support increased capacity. Any live or amplified music would have a serious detrimental impact on nearby residents. Noise carries a long way in this area, and residents already tolerate announcements from the beach life guards as well as announcements and music at the events in Ted Jackson Reserve such as New Years Day, Anzac Day and various community running events, at a sound level that is equivalent to an amplifier being in the room next door. This would not be tolerable on an ongoing basis from a nearby café. The reason provided for the ban on live or amplified music under the existing DA determination, namely, to ensure that residential amenity is protected from uncontrolled music, remains as valid into the future as it has been up until today. • Tenderers may seek to expand the provision of cooking services beyond the reheating, toasting and boiling currently permitted. Any move to expand the cooking activities that take place on the premises would cause significant impact to residents from cooking smells which would be most unwelcome and would seriously impact on the amenity of the surrounding area. • Tenderers may seek a liquor licence which would have a detrimental impact on nearby residents by increasing the noise level significantly, particularly at lunch time and in the afternoons. Such a move would be completely at odds with the current Alcohol-free zone, which applies in the immediate local area on adjacent streets and footpaths, and this would have a major impact on the amenity of the surrounding area. It would also introduce the significant risk of accidental 3 drowning associated with serving alcohol immediately adjacent to the sea, which can be very rough at times. We submit that Council, in seeking tenders for up to a 15 year term for the Beach Shed Café, and
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		notwithstanding the proposed refurbishment of the premises also ensures the facility remains alcohol free, and that provisions 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13 of the existing DA relating to hours of operation, seating capacity and outdoor dining, music and food preparation remain in place under any new approval associated with this facility.
5	21583	As a Dee Why local, I would love to see this iconic waterfront café—right on the sands of Dee Why Beach—get a much-needed refresh and bring better offerings to the community. I appreciate the council's efforts to provide a long-term lease, enabling a new operator to invest and plan for the future.
6	21670	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I have been a long time resident of Dee Why and know the area very well. I have been a patron at the Beach Shed Cafe countless times.</p> <p>With extensive experience in Hospitality Management, I can confidently say that a cafe (in its current form) would not be a viable competitor to the 8+ other coffee venues on the Dee Why Strand. Which is a shame, as a venue in that location could, with the right funding, vision and council approval, be a focal point for the community and draw visitors from around Sydney.</p> <p>In short the problems with the current licence are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The exterior of the building looks rundown (particularly the fenced-off roof). 2. The seating is limited and intrudes into the same space as busy pedestrian traffic. 3. The coffee/cafe market is saturated along the Dee Why Strand. A business could thrive there, but it would need to do something to differentiate itself from the abundant competition. 4. The grass behind the Beach Shed (and scrub that makes up the rest of lot 1 DP 947971) is inaccessible, unsightly, and does not provide a good habitat for local flora & fauna. No visitor to Dee Why is ever seen taking photos of it. 5. With high rents to consider, hospitality venues should try to generate revenue all day, every day, to just get by. With that in mind, any venue should ideally be licenced hours should be extended to 9pm (or later if they add their own restroom facilities). <p>I would submit a tender myself (in conjunction with other highly</p>

		<p>experienced operators) if the Northern Beaches Council agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend the licenced area to cover more of lot 1 DP 947971 - primarily to landscape the slope to create an aesthetically pleasing garden for native flora and additional seating capacity. This could be worthy of the Botanic Gardens and extend potentially from the Beach Shed to the Dee Why Surf Club. Extend the licence area and landscaping. 2. Grant permission to reinforce the roof to allow for seating, taking advantage of one of the best views on the Northern Beaches, away from pedestrian foot traffic. 3. Grant permission to extend the licenced hours should be extended to 9pm (or later if restroom facilities are invested in). That would be a matter to modify the DA operational hours for the site, and Council management approval. 4. If hundreds of thousands (even 1m+) is invested into landscaping, a licence period of longer than 15 years may be needed to justify the investment.
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Submission 6: attached images provided





Email Submission

7	2024/836481	<p>Dear [REDACTED]</p> <p>Once again I am writing in regard to Lease breaches by the Beach Shed.</p> <p>Last Thursday morning (14/11/24), we returned home from overseas. Once again we were disturbed that night by multiple deliveries - Four deliveries all prior to 5.30am.</p> <p>Firstly, at around 2.30am there was a milk delivery, then the bread/pastries delivery, then another small delivery of what looked like cakes. After all of this, at approx 5.20am another truck pulled up ([REDACTED] was the name on the side of the truck). Immediately when it pulled up, its alarm/horn went off and stayed on for around 20 long minutes. It was obviously a fault with the alarm system of the truck. For 20 minutes the whole neighbourhood was beset with this disgraceful and ILLEGAL harassment. Once it was resolved, the driver delivered two large boxes down to the beach shed. Then to top it all off, Because they address their [REDACTED] deliveries to our address because they dont have a legal address, our doorbell rang at around 8am looking for the Beach Cafe.</p> <p>Consequently, we were afforded very little sleep.</p> <p>Whilst watching all of this happen, I noticed that the Council sign that was erected at the top of the stairs was pulled off by a male and [REDACTED]</p> <p>The fact is, Council's sign has been stolen.</p> <p>Luckily, we were able to take a photo of the sign earlier on Thursday. For your information, an image of the sign is below.</p> <p>I understand this is in fact a "Public notice" required by Council to inform the local residents of a proposed new Lease? If this is the case, then why are the immediate local residents (us and our neighbours) not notified in writing as is protocol for any DA of this type that Council undertakes? One would assume after all of the issues this property has caused over the entirety of its existence to the local community, the decent thing for Council to do would be to formally notify each and every neighbour along this block of Oaks Ave. In this regard, I point out that when we applied for a DA for some alterations about 20 years ago, Council notified 48 so called neighbours!</p> <p>This curious approach by Council and the added issue of the sign being removed presented the real possibility of us once again not knowing what is intended by council....or maybe that</p>
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		<p>is the desired outcome? If we had not managed to notice the sign before it was removed, then there was every chance that we and our neighbours would not have been able to voice an opinion on what Council is proposing.</p> <p>I also note that the sign is not a call to action for neighbours nor an invitation for comment as is the usual protocol. It is a confusing proposal that is easily interpreted as an invitation to apply for the Lease.</p> <p>██████ I would like some direction now as to how i lodge my strongest objection to this proposed new Lease to be allowed to proceed. I am sure you will understand my reasons for objecting. Not only has this business and Council's subsequent lack of controls given so much grief to my family and our neighbours over the past nine years but also, as witnessed last thursday night, these multiple issues persist and persist. No matter what you or Council's property department say they are going to do the issues still continue. It is therefore completely out of line for Council to continue with this site as a cafe and for Council to think for one minute that a new Lease is in the community's best interest.</p> <p>I implore that Council does not renew the Lease for the current operator. Further, i propose that the Council finally shuts the Lease down completely and gives the structure back to the Lifesavers for their use so there is some sort of community value in the site - the current use is a proven disaster for the local community.</p> <p>As you are well aware ██████, all I have ever requested from Council is that they follow their own protocols and policies when dealing with this matter. Not only has this not been observed throughout the current Lease term of this business, but now the standard protocols and policy of Council once again is being ignored throughout this latest proposed action to sustain a business that lacks controls, facility and decency in its community interaction.</p> <p>I would appreciate direction on how i can pursue an outcome for this site that is in line with community expectations.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>
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Submission 7 attached image provided:

