

Avalon Community Reference Group Workshop No. 6
Thursday 27 June 2019

<p>Attendance</p>	<p>Catherine Kerr Richard West Sue Boaden Ros Marsh Peter Mayman Sandra Morgan Billy Bragg Robert Hopton Matthew Fallon Cr Kylie Ferguson</p>
<p>Apologies</p>	<p>Cr Alex McTaggart Cr Ian White Conrad Grayson Tracey Whitney Sam Greecy Alvaro Del Campo Vanessa Tiernan Simon Sinclair Marilyn Guion Sophie Butler Peta Clark Sam Partington</p>

Urban Design Presentation by Breakspear Architects

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<p style="text-align: center;">Workshop Activity – Public Domain Upgrades</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Table 1</p>	
<p>Avalon Pde & Old Barrenjoey Rd Intersection/Shared Zone</p>	
<p>All options</p>	<p>Why can't traffic lights or a roundabout be an option? Agree that overall parking spaces must be maintained, don't want the loss of parking being an excuse to do nothing. Can lose some parking spots if council provides parking elsewhere.</p>
<p>Existing</p>	<p>Is this still an option? If not don't discuss.</p>

Option 1	<p>This option doesn't really achieve much.</p> <p>Suggest at minimum one crossing along Avalon Parade be moved further east to create better separation at intersection for cars and pedestrians</p>
Option 2	<p>This is the preferred option for the table.</p> <p>Like the idea of running a 7 day trial shared zone by implementing short term installation.</p> <p>Seating options along footpath would provide better sense of place.</p> <p>By having shared zone at northern end of Old Barrenjoey Road, will this reduce vitality of shops at the southern end?</p> <p>Need better activation along southern façade of Woolworths building (along Avalon Parade).</p> <p>Avalon Recreation Centre front entry is a barrier to any future shared zone. Would need levels and activation redesigned to integrate better with the street.</p> <p>Most participants prefer 2 way movements, however some can see benefit of making it one way if it improves traffic flows.</p> <p>Support different paving treatment in shared zone as it changes driver behaviour.</p> <p>Moving the crossings back in Avalon Parade is important to separate cars and pedestrians</p> <p>Shared zone improves safety.</p>
Option 3	<p>Most participants don't support 1 way traffic as it will push traffic along Central Avenue. Also problematic with no right turn into Old Barrenjoey Road from Barrenjoey Road 7-9am and 2-4pm.</p>
Green spine - Old Barrenjoey Road (south end)	
Old Barrenjoey Road (south end)	<p>Want to green the entire town centre. Could use other options other than just trees e.g. planter boxes/herb boxes</p> <p>Include designated areas for dogs to be left waiting near shops with doggie bubbler/water/ facilities</p> <p>Want lamp style lighting, not just poles. Also consider other types of ambient lighting</p> <p>Add bike parking along this end of Old Barrenjoey Road</p> <p>Need a balance of summer shade and winter sun in landscape treatment/ tree selection</p> <p>Invest in mature trees to provide instant effect</p> <p>Move bus stop back. Include decorative rail with climbing plants on it</p> <p>There is no shade in summer along Avalon Parade on southern side</p> <p>Level changes between the footpath and the bike lane may cause incidents for cyclists. Investigate if levels are actually better on other side and possible relocate cycleway to eastern side of Old Barrenjoey Road.</p> <p>Some people might object to loosing parking for additional tree planting. Trees should be planted within footpath area.</p>
Dunbar Park	
Dunbar Park	<p>Want a natural rustic look – don't want anything to 'polished'.</p> <p>Not sure about enclosing the rear of the structures</p> <p>Roof or no roof at the back of recreation centre area will depend on the use of the space.</p> <p>Keep some sun for winter</p> <p>Keep Dunbar park open, don't let the structures create sense of enclosure</p>
Laneways	
Patterson Lane	<p>Like the idea of a chess set at back of recreation centre</p>

	Like opening the back of rec centre on to the laneway and making it more public. However the courtyard is currently used by some groups in the recreation centre.
	Concept of revitalising the lane is good. Not sure if this is the best laneway to do first though. Suggested that Simmonds Lane or Lane near Woolworths might be a better option to begin with. Need to work with the landlords to ensure that agreement can be reached and something can be delivered.
	Existing café in Patterson Lane is busy but the building is apparently full of asbestos
Gateways	
Beach Gateway	Need to improve the service station side as a better vista and gateway/entry marker. Consider how to attract people from the coast walk (beach side) back across Barrenjoey Road and down Avalon Parade into the town centre.
	Need to discourage movements across Barrenjoey Road away from the traffic lights. Worried that footpath on northern side of terraces would encourage this.
	Like the proposed bus shelter design
	Like opening up the corner
	Managing the relocation of utilities may be expensive/difficult
	Wrap or curve the bench seating back toward the beach view. Can be potentially used as overflow to Xmas carols
	Want some sort of entry sign/public art piece as the entry to 'Avalon'. Must be bespoke/Avalon specific. Beach umbrella sculpture as shade near traffic lights
	Provide some shade near the lights
	Material palette needs to be well considered. No concrete
	Glen Murcott inspired approach – focus on distinctive Australian character and environmental sensitivity

Table 2	
Avalon Pde & Old Barrenjoey Rd Intersection/Shared Zone	
Existing	Works well, minimal history of accidents. However a lot of near misses. Current vehicles stop in the middle of the intersection. Current pedestrian crossings are not user friendly for people with a disability including wheelchairs
Option 1	Minimal change to existing (blisters and bike lane added)
	Removing turning lane increases traffic jam along Avalon parade
	Buses turning from all 4 approaches
	Put in a roundabout
	Relocate bus layover to Barrenjoey Road adjacent drainage channel
	No benefit for moving pedestrian traffic
	Like bike parking
Option 2	Shared zone better than being blocked off.
	Not clear how you would turn right from Avalon Parade
	Turning movements of buses?
	Bike lane and pedestrian crossing will cause an increase in traffic
	Currently traffic stops for pedestrians and cyclists
	Like dual entry/exit point in Woolworths car park
	Crossing north end of Old Barrenjoey Road not necessary
Cycleway and pedestrian crossing too close together	

Option 3	No comment
Green spine - Old Barrenjoey Road (south end)	
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Dunbar Park	
Dunbar Park	Great idea and concept
	Greener
	Vehicle noise to be reduced
	Lighting along entire park edge
	Drainage issues
	The stage idea and canopy vegetation
	Keep war memorial clear for Anzac Day services
	Relocate vehicle access to car park area so it aligns with the centre of the Park
	Add table tennis and seating near playground area
	Outside recreation centre (rear) consider half shelter or retractable structure.
	Add grass bricks to area outside recreation centre (rear) instead of all pavers
Laneways	
Patterson Lane	Need storage options within space behind recreation centre (currently there is a small storage area)
	Hard landscaping at rear of recreation centre needs to be softer e.g. grass bricks
	Add removable bollards at the Avalon Parade end to allow the lane to be easily closed off for events
	Currently lots of bins in this lane. Solutions to be developed to deal with visual impacts and servicing requirements.
Gateways	
Beach Gateway	Needs softer treatment and vegetation
	Delete top three rows of terracing
	Add an 'Avalon Beach' Sign in sandstone at Kamikaze corner
	How does the coastal walk access over this part of the reserve?