

My Place Avalon Community Reference Group

Workshop 1 - Outcomes

Workshop Activity 1 - VISION

TABLE 1

- 1) Relaxed coastal/estuarine village that is unique.
- 2) Encounters with creatures + nature on the doorstep.
- 3) Peaceful, quiet and safe atmosphere.
- 4) Nurtures and embracing natural environment

A connected community both physically and socially, where safe.

Notes: Social + physical (state of the footpaths)

Keep – traffic flowing, walkability, Pedestrian priority

Art community, local business entrepreneur, open space, casual

Avalon is a relaxed and peaceful coastal village, embracing and nurturing the natural environment, celebrating creativity and community connection.

TABLE 2

Avalon is a relaxed idyllic community which celebrates its unique village setting, embracing sustainability and creativity

Notes: Make Avalon Great Again

TABLE 3

Celebrating and valuing the natural environment, fostering small business vitality and a socially inclusive and relaxed community with a sense of belonging.

Notes:

Haven/calm, share values + common identity, sense of belonging, distinctiveness, vibrant active community, community wellbeing, enhanced, places that values + protects natural environment, socially inclusive, mixed economics.

Avalon celebrates and values the natural environment, fostering small business vitality and a socially inclusive and relaxed community with a sense of belonging.

The 3 draft visions, which will be posted on the CRG forum for voting, are:

- 1. Avalon is a relaxed and peaceful coastal village, embracing and nurturing the natural environment, celebrating creativity and community connection.**
- 2. Avalon is a relaxed idyllic community which celebrates its unique village setting, embracing sustainability and creativity**
- 3. Avalon celebrates and values the natural environment, fostering small business vitality and a socially inclusive and relaxed community with a sense of belonging.**

Workshop Activity 2 – Care Factor VALUES

TABLE 1 – Natural Environment & Sustainability, Transport & Connectivity

Natural Environment & Sustainability					
N0	Priority	Issue	Solutions	Challenges	Information/Expertise required

1	Maintain, improve and increase green spaces, general condition of vegetation, street trees, other planting and improving creek/stormwater channel	Increase tree canopy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put a value on trees • Plant canopy trees policy • Targeting planting for each area • Street trees • Tree replacement policy 		
2	Environmental Sustainability by limiting pollution and improving sustainable practices – community, infrastructure, business, opportunities	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQUIBS stormwater filters • Boomerang bags – reduced plastics • Education campaigns CEC – take three for the sea • Solar collection in public spaces/on buildings • Swing moorings in sea grass areas • Collection of waste from anti fouling, oil petrol pollution • Special garbage collections after special events/times/tourist areas 		
3	Retain village atmosphere	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low rise, no height increase • Transport options accessibility • No large fast food chains • More pedestrianisation and less cars • Reduce speed Barrenjoey Road 		

Transport & Connectivity					
N0	Priority	Issue	Solutions	Challenges	Information/Expertise required
1	Investigate intersection of Old Barrenjoey Road and Avalon Parade	Intersection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave it the way it is (2 votes) • Move crossing back from intersection (1 vote) • Reduce speeds in Old Barrenjoey RD • Reduce speeds in intersection • Paint streets red • Make Old Barrenjoey RD a pedestrian precinct 		
2	Facilitate active transport modes and footpath connectivity	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More busses to/from Palm Beach • Footpath hotspots ie Woolies laneway and Westpac bank laneway • Footpath connections from Avalon/Palm Beach 		

TABLE 2 – Community Connection & Culture, Cleanliness & Maintenance

Cleanliness & Maintenance					
N0	Priority	Issue	Solutions	Challenges	Information/Expertise required

1	Improve cleanliness of public spaces	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community awareness + education • Business awareness • Council enforcement • More activities for kids (tenuous link) • Increase frequency of collection • Better designed collection points 	<p>Trouble spots:</p> <p>Kids in sand dunes</p> <p>Woolworth and RSL laneways</p>	
2	Improve and update the condition of footpaths within the village centre and the connections to the centre from surrounding areas	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean up • 80s/90s paving – lack of uniformity • Missing links between village + schools • More but not at the expense of our street trees 		

Community Connection and Culture

N0	Priority	Issue	Solutions	Challenges	Information/Expertise required
1	Things to do in the evening	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain our cinema (if we can) • Restaurants/café • Sports (indoor/outdoor), netball courts, skate park + lights • Places for youth to hang out – refer to Susan’s study • Increased frequency of outdoor cinema, free events, night markets, live music (link to high school) 		<p>Who is asking for evening activities?</p> <p>What did other areas say regarding night activities?</p> <p>What rules of operation need to change to accommodate evening trading?</p> <p>Experts – Town</p>

					planners/Place makers
2	Creative art space, public art, community art, water/light features	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street art – graffiti walls, visually attractive, laneway activation • Also gives youth something to do • Showcase our unique creative community • Build collaborative projects. Working together on community projects. • Could increase economic development 		
3	Increased opportunities and activities for youth		See priority 1		
4	Increased opportunities for and improve existing places to play, gather and relax	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleyways ie where Frank's café is, opportunity to get people off main roads • Seats in Dunbar Park • More people friendly streets/villages • Get people to park + walk to village, create more people friendly open spaces 		<p>What rules need to change to activate the alleyways?</p> <p>How much will it cost to activate the alleyways?</p>

TABLE 3 – Economic Vibrancy, Street design, safety and walkability

Economic Vibrancy					
N0	Priority	Issue	Solutions	Challenges	Information/Expertise required

1	Outdoor restaurant, café and or bar seating		N/A		
2	Activate Avalon village centre during winter	Quiet during winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule events that reflect Avalon (lack of accommodation) • Engage better with local business • ie, stop in Avalon to pick up hamper for picnic at Barrenjoey • Avalon has 5 choirs – events based on choirs 		
3	Improve the commercial diversity on offer with specific reference to restaurants, cafes and local shops	Decline of diverse retail in Avalon/Palm Beach		Demographics?	Commercial + Retail study of Avalon and Palm Beach
4	Activate and improve laneways		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to make distinctive laneways, accessible, safe + quirky • Close to cars at night and put out seating 		
Street design, safety and walkability					
N0	Priority	Issue	Solutions	Challenges	Information/Expertise required
1	Ease of walking around – with better accessibility, safety and linkage for pedestrians	Revamp streetscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible maintenance schedule • Safe of less mobile people (Beachwheels) • Crossing ramps don't align with markings 	<p>Cost</p> <p>Link to beach is dangerous</p> <p>Safe walkability along Barrenjoey Road from Careel Head Rd to Iluka</p>	

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2	Streetscape design and beautification, more trees, footpath improvement, informal seating	Avalon is bland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avalon should be unique and vibrant Avalon should reflect the local community and promote local artists and the art trail Distinct street furniture with a theme 	Cost Maintenance Imagination	Local artists Council design teams
		Shade/Shade tree policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council should have a policy regarding shade and shade trees Should include the village and the pool area Temporary installations 	Prioritization of spaces for shading	Information on local climate features and climate change Community preference's on areas of shading required
		General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seats at south Avalon Artist in residence 		

Parking Lot - Valuable Ideas for Future Consideration

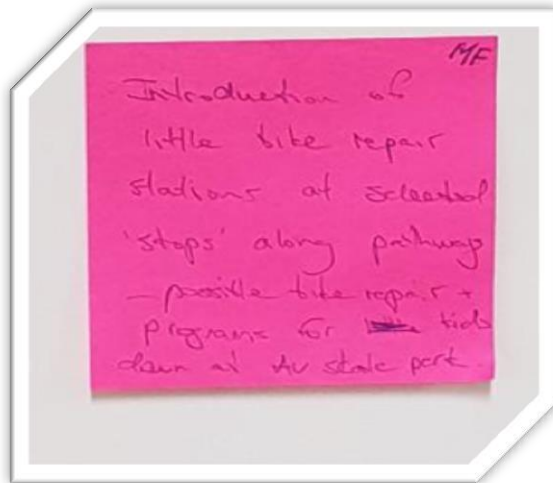
The Parking Lot was used at Workshop 1 to capture valuable information, ideas and data that was outside the scope of the workshop activity undertaken.

The purpose of the Parking Lot is to capture valuable and relevant information for future use and consideration.

The ideas and issues captured at Workshop 1 include:

- Need for distinctive design guidelines
- Accessibility – universal access for all

- In reference to connected – need to consider digital connectedness. Recent changes have made tele-commuting more possible. What role for Council?
- Laneway opportunities will help establish Avalon’s diverse and unique identity
- Introduction of little bike repair stations at selected ‘stops’ along pathways – possible bike repair and programs for kids at Avalon skate park.
- Care factor survey results – what did other localities rate and say about *‘things to do in the evening’*? Is it an issue for all localities and centres?
- Consider using Council facilities for solar power generation. High levels of tree cover makes solar challenging to install and run productively on an individual scale.



Actions & Required Information

Number	Action/ Information	Responsible team	Completed
1	Place Score/ Care Factor survey results for LGA relating to <i>'things to do at night'</i>	Strategic & Place Planning	
2	Demographics - understanding impacts and implications of population stagnation and decline.	Strategic & Place Planning	
3			