

B2 GUIDING OBJECTIVES



OBJECTIVE 1

Enhance and protect the Bush, Beach & Water character.

Why?

Streets and open spaces account for over 30 percent of land within the LGA. These public spaces are critical to the liveability of their urban contexts and need to represent the character and environmental conditions that is unique to the Northern Beaches.

Materials and elements have a strong focus toward sustainability and climate resilience, mitigation of heat island effects and water sensitive urban design to protect the significant coastal, bush and lake landscapes.

Potential barriers to implementation

- harsh environmental conditions limit opportunity for some materials in certain areas
- a vast LGA means managing material costs is a significant consideration
- consideration toward the existing materials across the LGA, and selecting future materials that will seamlessly integrate as new open spaces are delivered incrementally over time



OBJECTIVE 2

Encourage social activation through street design.

Why?

Streets account for approximately 70 percent of all public open space, with parks and plazas accounting for only 30 percent overall. The primary function of streets is to transport pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles. They are the places we gather and connect with our community.

Balancing the various demands of communities; function, climate, amenity and movement, is key to achieving liveable streets and in turn, functioning neighbourhoods. It is vital that we cater for social interaction, creative and cultural pursuits, and activity in public places.

Potential barriers to implementation

- achieving generous footpath and comfortable streetscape environments for people mean that often parking or carriageway widths need to reduce
- limitation to implementing bike lanes due to lack of available street width