

## Avalon Community Reference Group Workshop No.3

Thursday 28 February 2019

Workshop Activity 1	
Avalon Beach Netball Courts Option	
Question/Issue	Response
If this proposal results in a loss of parking it may affect the ability of the chamber to run Market Day.	The netball courts can be designed to function as overflow parking for peak demand periods.
The surf club uses this space for helicopter landings.	The netball courts can be designed to allow for a helicopter to land.
What about a basketball court?	Netball poles can be designed to also allow for a basketball hoop however they are labour intensive to rotate the pole around depending on who is using the court. There is an ability to come up with a creative solution, say a half court.
Where do netballers currently train?	Research indicates that people are travelling as far as Collaroy to train
Seeing people playing netball in this area will enliven the area with more people being active	Noted
What about funding?	Council received a state government grant to fund the project.
What is the timing?	We are working as part of the Place Plan project. However we need to change the Plan of Management for the Avalon Beach Foreshore area to allow for the courts to be built. It is anticipated that the change to the PoM will go on exhibition in March and to council for adoption in May. A tender will then be issued with an expected completion in December.
Why was Avalon identified for the courts?	There are large numbers of netball players registered/playing north of Newport and they need space for training.
Will these courts be used for competition games?	The courts are for training only. Competition games will continue to be at Curl Curl (Abbott Road)
Trees?	There are currently a number of Norfolk Hibiscus trees that will need to be removed from the area. However they pose a hazard to people playing netball. New plantings will be used to replace those trees being removed.
What about the Newport courts? (beach carpark)	We won't block the car spaces in winter with the logs. There isn't space in that car park for additional courts.
New informal parking?	New parking is out of scope of the project. There are also concerns regarding the dunes and pedestrian safety. We want to get the courts built with the grant money while we have it.

## Workshop Activity 2

### Dunbar Park – Strengths and Weaknesses

**Table 1**

Strengths	Weaknesses
Accessible	Looking a little unloved
Well utilised wifi	Too hot/not enough shade
Good helipad	Flood levels/drainage and low level flood plain
Good marriage venue	Lack of street furniture (seats + table)
One of the only open meeting spaces	No public toilets in park
Informal sports	Lack of shade trees on pedestrian path
Gathering for mums	
Co-location with annexe, club + bowls	
Potential for outdoor music venue	
Markets/car boot sale	
Keep palms	
Income generating	
Pedestrian friendly positive	
Well connected to peripheral neighbourhood	

**Table 2**

Strengths	Weaknesses
Great central location	Noise from park impacts residents
Town meeting spot	Annexe opens the wrong way (to rear of park)
Village green	
Lots of uses/multi-use	
Open flexible	
Good events location	

### Improvements to Dunbar Park

**Table 1**

Who was/is Dunbar/Interpretative history
Pizza oven
Street furniture more picnic tables and chairs

Sensory + productive gardens – community garden group (potentially on the triangle of Dunbar Park)
Regeneration of culvert back to natural shape + completion (WSUD)
Art + About activation
Monthly night market/food stalls activation
Extension of annexe
Additional tree planting for shade along pedestrian path
New turf
Triangle/Dunbar
Additional foot bridge over culvert for connectivity
Clean up laneway woolies
Playground improvement
Define Dunbar Park Precinct
<b>Table 2</b>
Bring back night noodle markets
Plays/theatre in the park
Amphitheatre for local groups to use
Improve Patterson Lane (art, improve access way + treatment)
Youth could draw with chalk and decorate the rear of the buildings along the laneway
Temporary installation
Outdoor cinema with local filmmakers
Natural materials
Make benches in park art
Seats as part of landscape design
Give parts of the park specific functions
Lighting along pathway (solar lighting)
<b>Playground Ideas</b>
<b>Table 1</b>
Keep in current location/Perfect (Precedent Tramshed park)
Broader integration of public art with playground equipment/land art integrated into landscape
Bespoke – relevant to Avalon
Precedent – Palm Beach boat park
Retain open aspect/do not fence

Incorporate activity inclusive/DDA
Low key/no tricks or smarty pants/modest
Additional seating for parents/careers
What is priority age?
Keep to under 5's
<b>Table 2</b>
Sun in winter doesn't get into the playground however the trees provide adequate shade in summer
Get rid of the bark
Natural materials and + nature play
Art incorporated into design
Older kid playground near the skate park
Local carpenters/designers/landscapers involved in the project
Powerful owl themed playground (tree hollows)

<b>Parking Lot</b>
Need to dig deeper into the data. What about people that work from home? Who are they and what business are they in? Can we drill down into their business categories (ABS)
Avalon is not recognised on the Greater Sydney Commission Metro Plan/North District Plan. What does that mean for Avalon?
The pathways in Avalon are still unsafe. I joined this CRG to have these fixed.  The B1 interchange at Mona Vale is also difficult for people
We need to connect more with the business community. We need to retain and support local businesses to help them become/stay successful
The demographics show we have an ageing population in Avalon. We need to know what this means for the future
The arts centre proposal for the ground floor of the Avalon Golf Course clubhouse/Mona Vale civic centre was a surprise after we had spent many months working on a proposal that just involved Avalon. Avalon needs a space to display art as well as to teach and develop artists
Youth and younger people are not voicing their opinions. We need them to if we want to retain younger people in the area.  Commercial rents are too high in the centre.
We should bring in experts to test these ideas.  We need broader community engagement  What about the beach reserve?
Patterson Lane – café owner wants to trial activations in the laneway