

Avalon Community Reference Group Workshop No. 4
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Demographic Presentation by ID consulting
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 See attached presentation

Workshop Activity – Avalon Town Centre Precincts	
Table 1	
Question	Response
Is there a preference for the Place Plan to be broad across the whole centre utilising principles that could apply to the centre as a whole or would it be better to create individual precincts within the centre that can be planned for more differently?	General consensus is that it would be good to have a combination of both the broad based principles with individual precincts.
<p>What are some suggested names for the southern portion of the town centre comprising Avalon Public School and Avalon Golf Course?</p> <p>Possible Name – Recreation and Education Precinct</p>	<p>General consensus is that Avalon Public School should be acknowledged as a use near the centre but does not necessarily need to be included in the identified precinct. However, need to identify connection between the school and the unnamed park on Old Barrenjoey Road.</p>
Is the precinct boundary appropriate?	<p>Recreation and Education did not really resonate with anyone.</p> <p>Alternative names for the precinct suggested included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenspace • Parklands • Public Green • Recreation space <p>Agreed that the name should not pre-empt any potential change to the golf course use. Are the names even that important?</p>
<p>What are some suggested names for the Avalon Village Centre?</p> <p>Is the precinct boundary appropriate?</p>	<p>Precinct boundary should potentially exclude the private properties in Bellevue Street and the residential properties in Avalon parade (west of backpackers and 2 x medical practices).</p> <p>This precinct should incorporate Dunbar Park as it is an integral part of the way the village is used.</p> <p>Agreed name – Village Hub Dunbar Park to be identified as The Village Green.</p>

<p>What are some suggested names for the Beach and Foreshore Area? Is the precinct boundary appropriate?</p>	<p>Precinct should be extended to include the community gardens and green park area within North Avalon and include Barrenjoey High School. Staff suggested it may be necessary to treat Avalon Primary School in the same sense as Barrenjoey High School.</p> <p>Suggested names:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beachside • Surfside • Beach and Dunes • Coastal Fringe – preferred name. <p>Should include fitness or exercise equipment.</p>
<p>What do you think about potentially changing the use of the Avalon Golf course in the longer term to provide access to a broader range of uses.</p>	<p>2 members suggested that council had previously asked the community this question.</p> <p>General consensus was that it may be appropriate to change the use of the golf course to other recreational or open space uses based on current low memberships and high annual cost to Council.</p> <p>Any change would require extensive community consultation before any change should occur.</p> <p>Some suggestions included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural amphitheatre /performance space/stage • Walking paths • Cycling tracks • Repurpose clubhouse to another use • Informal picnic areas including BBQs and tables and chairs. • BMX bike track for youth • Botanic gardens
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Table 2

<p>Is there a preference for the Place Plan to be broad across the whole centre utilising principles that could apply to the centre as a whole or would it be better to create individual precincts within the centre that can be planned for more differently?</p>	<p>General response from this table was that it would be better to not have individual precincts but rather a cohesive and integrated approach to Avalon.</p>
<p>What are some suggested names for the southern portion of the town centre comprising Avalon Public School and Avalon Golf Course.?</p> <p>Possible Name – Education and Cultural</p> <p>Is the precinct boundary appropriate?</p>	<p>The roundabout at Barrenjoey Road, Old Barrenjoey Road and Plateau Road (Kamikaze Corner) was identified as a gateway to Avalon with a need for a sense of arrival.</p> <p>The empty lot at the corner of The Crescent and Old Barrenjoey Road was also identified as a gateway site.</p> <p>The Golf Clubhouse was identified as a key site that could be better used and there was a desire for a better connection from the golf course into the village. The trees along The Crescent were identified as barrier.</p> <p>Activation of the golf course site was also noted as something that should be pursued.</p>
<p>What are some suggested names for the Avalon Village Centre?</p> <p>Possible Name - Village</p> <p>Is the precinct boundary appropriate?</p>	<p>The table suggested that Dunbar Park and the recreation centre should be included within this area rather than be a separate focus, as should Elba Lane where it stretches up past The Palms retirement village.</p> <p>Better access across Barrenjoey Road to the surf club and beach was noted as a key desire.</p> <p>The Telstra Exchange building was identified as a building that could be better used, ie a place for artwork to welcome people in to the village.</p> <p>The council car park at the western end of the village on Avalon Parade was identified as a key gateway site that should be better used. The bowling greens and club were also identified as important.</p> <p>The cinema was also identified as a key cultural site for the village.</p>

What are some suggested names for the Beach and Foreshore Area? Is the precinct boundary appropriate?	The table identified that the beach area was used for recreation but did not settle on a name. There was a desire for a better connection across Barrenjoey Road.
What do you think about potentially changing the use of the Avalon Golf course in the longer term to provide access to a broader range of uses.	The table talked about the need for better activation of the golf course. There was also talk that there could be other low impact and low scale recreation on the site.
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Parking Lot
Place Planning vs Place Making
Interrelations of the Place Plan and the CRG role with other projects i.e. Coast walkway, Art Space
Place Plan needs more broad engagement with Avalon Community. More stand up boards to promote it
Quick Wins do not appear to be happening
Quick win could be unique street furniture/ fitness equipment
Need more info on the broader Strategic Framework and planning for growth across the northern beaches
Need to have an end date for the Place Plan but also need to plan ahead for works to occur as part of the budget process.
Integrate Place Plan with Locality Statement for Avalon
How long are we supposed to be planning for?
Need a plan for visitors