



SOUTH NARRABEEN SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB BUILDING EXTENSION

WHAT WE HEARD

SEPTEMBER 2017

Background

The South Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club approached Council in July 2017 to request owner's consent to enable them to lodge a development application (DA) for proposed upgrade works to the existing building.

The proposal is to enclose the existing north western deck to create a new training/community room and to install a new awning structure over the existing north eastern balcony.

The Surf Club was advised that prior to granting owner's consent for this project, Council would conduct an engagement process with the broader community in accordance with the Northern Beaches Council Community Engagement Policy.

Community Consultation Methodology

The Engagement was carried out between 10 August 2017 and 10 September 2017.

The community engagement project arranged by Council consisted of:

- a dedicated project page on Your Say with project information, drawings and an online feedback form
- personally addressed letters sent out to 186 surrounding households (including property owners)
- receipt of comments.

Engagement opportunities were notified as follows:

- letter to surrounding residents as above
- advertisement in the Manly Daily on 12 August 2017
- Council's website and Your Say project page
- emails sent to Council's engagement database.

Community Engagement Results

The proposal generated a total of 11 written comments that were provided via online feedback forms generated through the Your Say project page.

The comments received were generally supportive of the proposed extension with comments such as:

- good utilisation of the existing space
- the training room will provide improved privacy to adjacent building
- the training room will be available to other community groups
- the awning will provide adequate protection from bad weather
- improved facilities.

Some concerns raised about the proposal were:

- resident concerns that the proposal may impact on street parking.
- the construction to consider noise reduction measures due to adjacent neighbours bedrooms.

Summary

In summary, the majority of the submissions were supportive of the proposal, submitted by the Surf Club, to create a new training/community room and for the installation of the awning structure. There were some concerns raised regarding possible impact on street parking and noise issues. It is it's unlikely that the proposal will significantly impact on street parking as the space is already currently in use and any noise issues while the training room is in operation can be addressed through specific DA conditions.

Below is a high level summary of the feedback received.

Comment theme	Comments received on the proposal
WHS and good use of existing space	Good use of space. Better utilisation of space, better for the members to train and for the community to use and better privacy for the adjacent unit holders. The training room is an excellent resource, again allowing the facility to have easier access and utilisation of its footprint.
Weather protection	The awning over the eastern deck provides protection from the elements creating better utilization of the hall and deck for the community. An awning out the back of the club will provide sun protection and provide a fit for purpose space out the back across a variety of weather conditions. When it rains there is not much protection from the weather and when the hall is being used the guests would be protected from the rain

Comment theme	Comments received on the proposal
Painting	No objections to proposal. Comment about whether the existing building colour will change.
Public toilets	Council to consider renewing the public toilets.
Education and community use	<p>Help educate better volunteer lifesavers, the space will also be available to the community for education in lifesaving skills for use at home.</p> <p>The proposed training room is vital as there is now a large amount of training that is required by members of the surf club and this room could also be used by members of the community.</p> <p>The club provides much needed support to the entire community through education, recreation, and safety on the beach. This investment and expansion supports the entire community.</p>
Parking	Any extension to a function space and café that already operates with very little parking provided is going to further compromise on street parking for residents with any extension of the Club and increase in business.
Noise	<p>Happy for this extension to be built as long as the construction and use considers the neighbours whose bedrooms are adjacent to this.</p> <p>Should be constructed with double glazed windows and air conditioned so that the sounds do not travel outside the room through open windows and doors.</p>
Outdoor furniture	Add chairs and shade in the grassed area.