
Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Proposed re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ)

Impact level: Level two (high, local)

Consultation period: 18 June – 18 July 2021

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1. Summary¹

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted from 18 June 2021 to 18 July 2021 as part of the Proposed Re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) project.

The feedback collected during consultation indicated a mixed response to AFZs generally and varied across the six proposed zones.

Respondents who commented in support of proposed zones generally indicated that an AFZ would support their safety in the community, make public spaces more family-friendly, and would address alcohol related antisocial behaviour in the community.




Respondents who commented against the proposed zones generally indicated that there was insufficient need to regulate the area and that police have sufficient powers to deal with alcohol related behaviour without impacting everyone’s right to enjoy public space.

1.1. Key outcomes


The total number of visits to the Your Say AFZ landing page was 1706 and the number of visitors was 1501.

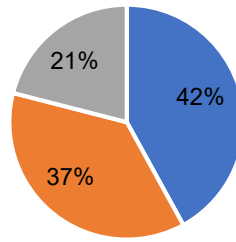
A total of 193 submissions were received via the Your Say page and email.

1.1.1 Belrose AFZ

	67
Total submissions Received	
	11
Have Your Say	Visitors: 254 Visits: 297 Av. time onsite: 1m46s
	+1 email submission
1 online Your Say submission form Completions: 66	
Surveys and forms	

¹ Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.


Sentiment



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined

Overall, do you support the re-establishment of the Belrose Alcohol Free Zone?


Feedback themes

Alcohol related antisocial behaviour

Signage

Zone Boundaries

Parks and Reserves

Over-regulation


Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A

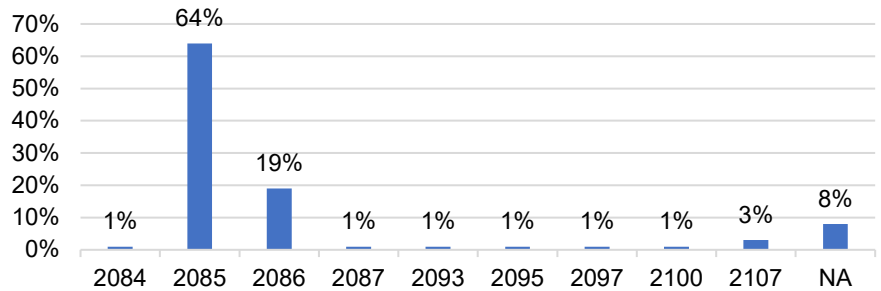



Age group(s)

- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A




Postcode(s)



1.1.2 Brookvale AFZ



Total submissions

13

Received



Have Your Say

Visitors: 194

Visits: 198

Av. time onsite: 30s



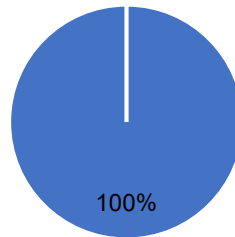
Surveys and forms

1 online Your Say submission form

Completions: 13



Sentiment



Support

Overall, do you support the re-establishment of the Brookvale Alcohol Free Zone?



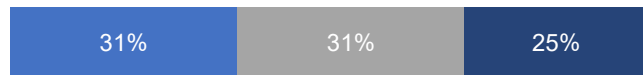
Feedback themes

Improved safety



Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A

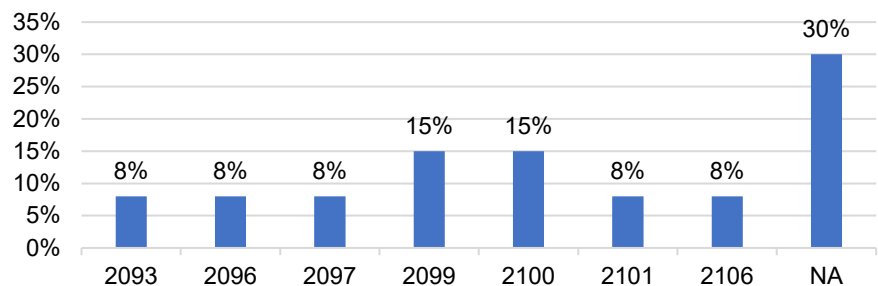


Age group(s)

- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A



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1.1.3 Collaroy AFZ



Total submissions

43

Received



Have Your Say

Visitors: 280

Visits: 309

Av. time onsite: 55s



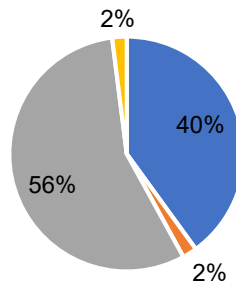
Surveys and forms

1 online Your Say submission form

Completions: 43



Sentiment



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined

Overall, do you support the re-establishment of the Collaroy Alcohol Free Zone?



Feedback themes

Over-regulation

Zone boundary

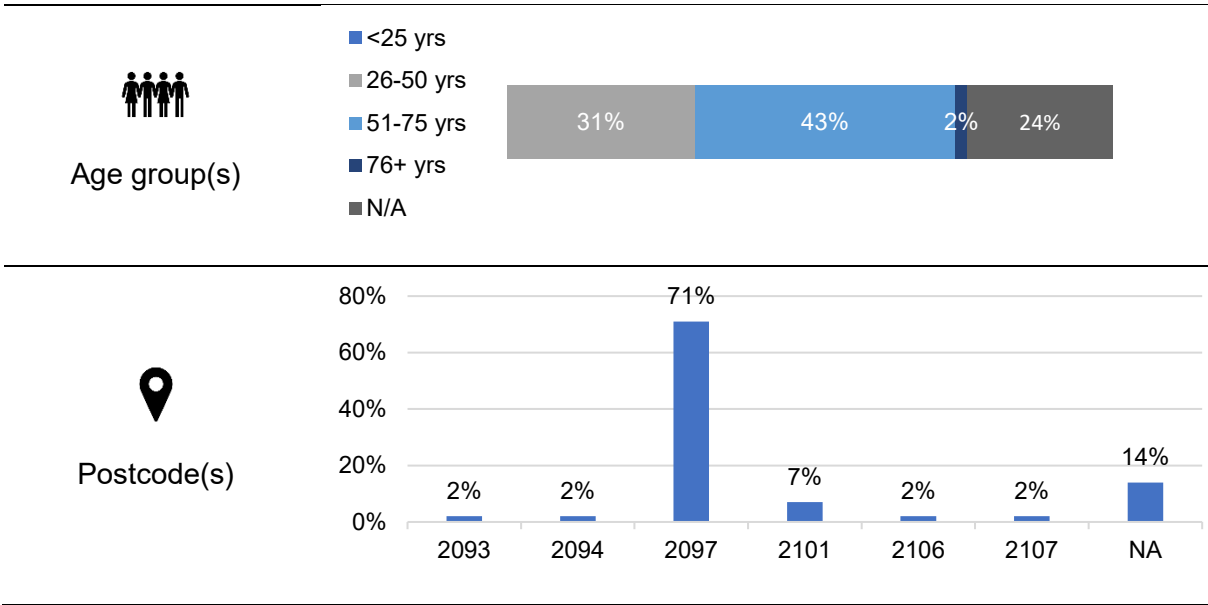
Outdoor recreation



Gender


- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A






1.1.4 Cromer AFZ

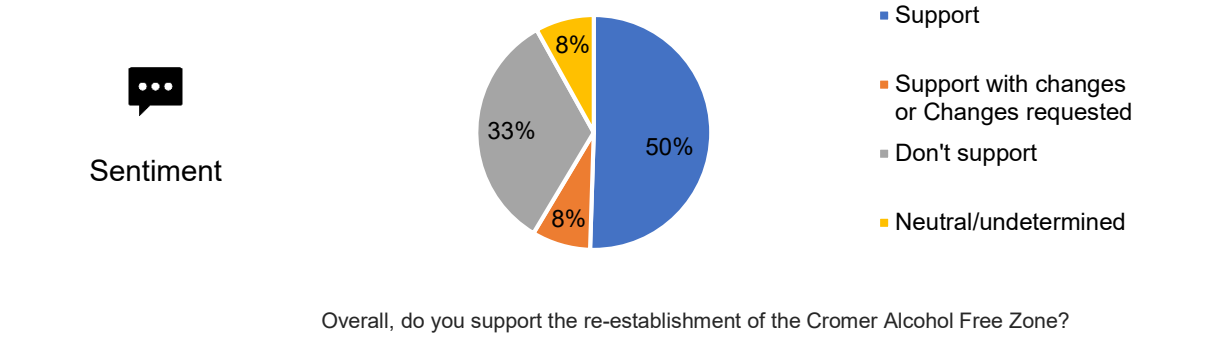
 Total submissions Received **12**

 **Have Your Say**

Visitors: 123 Visits: 115 Av. time onsite: 35s

 **Surveys and forms**

1 online Your Say submission form Completions: 12



 **Over-regulation** **Enforcement**

Feedback themes



Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A

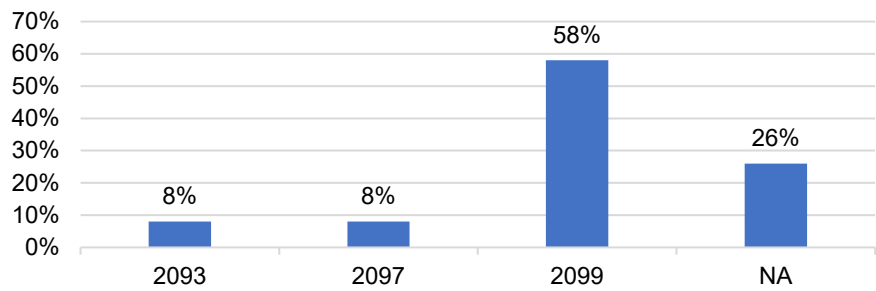


Age group(s)

- <25 yrs
- 26-50 yrs
- 51-75 yrs
- 76+ yrs
- N/A



Postcode(s)



1.1.5 Forestville AFZ



Total submissions

12

Received



Have Your Say

Visitors: 91

Visits: 100

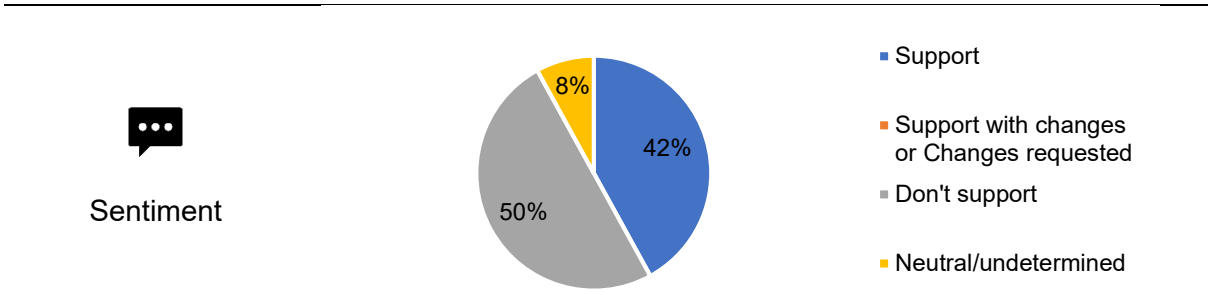
Av. time onsite: 41s



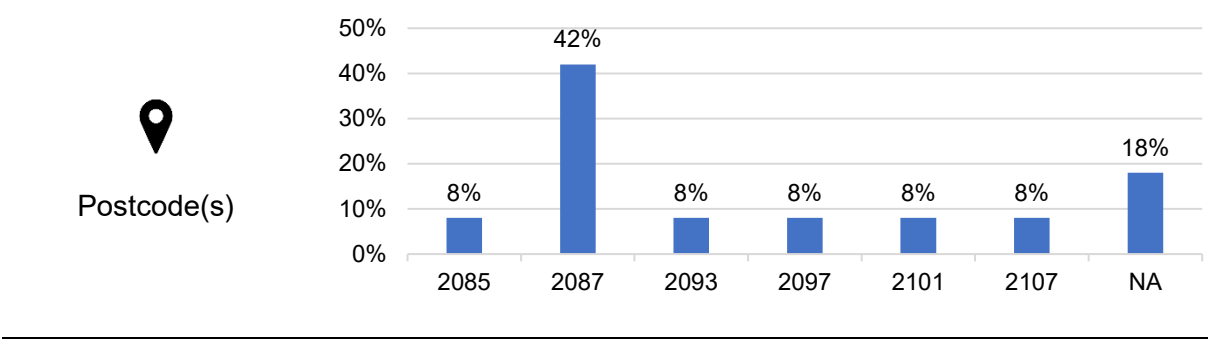
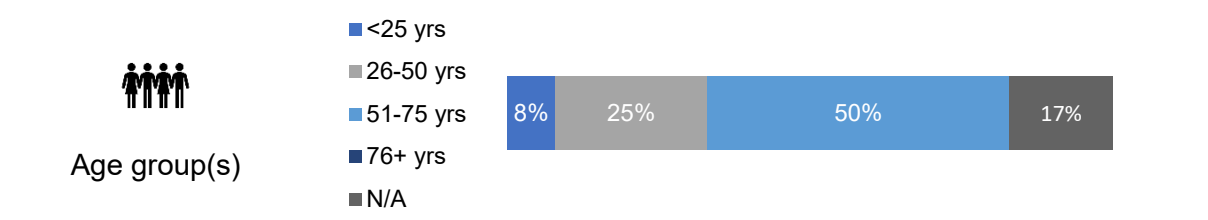
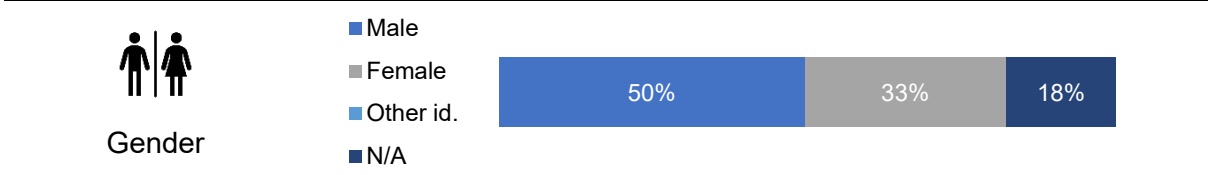
Surveys and forms

1 online Your Say submission form

Completions: 12



Overall, do you support the re-establishment of the Forestville Alcohol Free Zone?



1.1.6 Narrabeen AFZ



Have Your Say



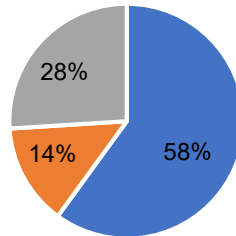
1 online Your Say submission form
Completions: 42

+1 comment included in Collaroy submission form

Surveys and forms



Sentiment



- Support
- Support with changes or Changes requested
- Don't support
- Neutral/undetermined

Overall, do you support the re-establishment of the Narrabeen Alcohol Free Zone?



Feedback themes

Alcohol related antisocial behaviour
Over-regulation

Outdoor recreation
Zone boundary
Outdoor dining



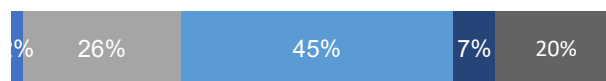
Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other id.
- N/A

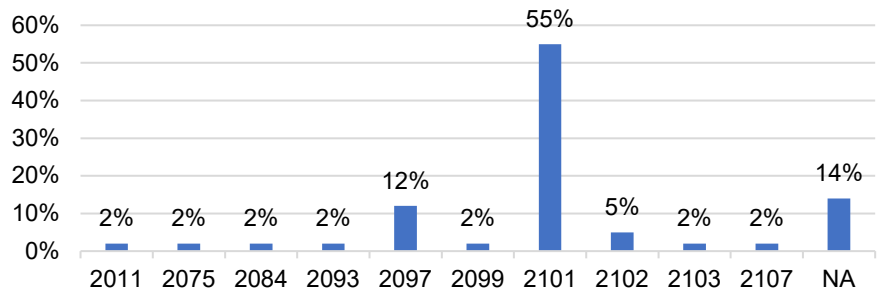


Age group(s)

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- 26-50 yrs
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- 76+ yrs
- N/A





Postcode(s)



An additional 3 submissions were received by email in relation to areas not subject of the current proposal.

1.2. How we promoted the project

 Print media and collateral	Northern Beaches Review: 1 advert Site signs: Yes, in all AFZ locations	Distribution: 65,000 copies Number: 45
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 2 Council (weekly) e-News: 1 Stakeholder email: 15	Distribution: 20,000 subscribers Distribution: 150,000 subscribers

2. Background

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted as part of the Proposed re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones project from 18 June 2021 to 18 July 2021.

Existing AFZs in Belrose, Brookvale, Collaroy, Cromer, Forestville and Narrabeen are set to expire on 2 September 2021. Council is seeking to re-establish the six AFZs for a further period of up to 4 years.

The establishment and re-establishment of AFZs require community consultation as per Sections 644, 644A, 644B, 644C and 646 of the Local Government Act 1993, and the associated Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones 2009. On 15 June 2021, Council endorsed the public exhibition of the proposal to re-establish Alcohol Free Zones.

Council considers submissions from the community and police in determining the suitability of re-establishing these AFZs.

3. Engagement objectives

- Objective 1: build community and stakeholder awareness of participation activities (inform)
- Objective 2: provide accessible information so community and stakeholders can participate in a meaningful way (inform)
- Objective 3: identify community and stakeholder concerns, local knowledge and values (consult)

4. Engagement approach

Community and stakeholder engagement for the Proposed re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones project was over a four-week period from 18 June 2021 to 18 July 2021.

The engagement was planned, implemented and reported in accordance with Council's [Community Engagement Matrix](#) (2017). The full documented engagement approach is outlined in the Proposed re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (June 2021).

A project page² was established on our Have Your Say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format. There was a main page with general information about the review of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) that linked to project pages for each of the six AFZs in review during the consultation period. These pages included information about the AFZ boundaries and a site map.

The project was primarily promoted through onsite signage, our regular email newsletter (EDM) channels and stakeholder notifications. We also included an advertisement in the Northern Beaches Review.

Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded onto the Have Your Say project page for each AFZ in review. The form included a question that directly asked respondents for their level of support on the proposal.

An open-field comments box provided community members a space to explain or elaborate on their support, not support or neutral sentiment as well as any other feedback they wished to contribute.

Email and written comments were also invited. Contact details for the project manager were provided should anyone have a question.

In line with the requirements of the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones, correspondence seeking submissions was forwarded to the Northern Beaches Police Area Command, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Aboriginal Heritage Office and 58 Liquor Licensees adjoining the zones.

5. Findings³

A summary of observations for each proposed AFZ follows. Some common issues evident in submissions across all areas include:

- Some respondents submitted the same comment across all six proposed AFZs
- Some submissions related to areas outside of the AFZ boundaries and requested extension of the proposed zones
- Some respondents mentioned multiple themes in their submission
- There were often mixed views relating to whether a community is experiencing issues with alcohol related antisocial behaviour or not
- Some submissions related to areas outside the scope of this project, for example parks and reserves, rockpools, or AFZ related issues in other suburbs.

² <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/proposed-re-establishment-alcohol-free-zones>

³ Note: This report represents what Council has heard as accurately and transparently as possible by using consistent quantitative and qualitative analysis techniques.

5.1 Belrose AFZ

Of the 67 submissions received 53 (79%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area, either as proposed (42%), or with changes (37%). It should be noted that many of these supportive submissions included comments regarding anti-social behaviour in the parks and many of the changes suggested relate to the extension of the proposed zone to encompass Wingara Reserve. While these comments do not directly relate to the AFZ on exhibition, they demonstrate a level of community concern over alcohol being consumed in public areas and alcohol related anti-social behaviour in an area directly adjacent to the AFZ.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	20 submissions identified continuing issues of alcohol related anti-social behaviour.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.
Zone boundary	12 requests have been received for extended zone in Belrose to address antisocial alcohol related behaviour adjacent to the Wingara Reserve area.	All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police. Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.
Parks and Reserves	9 submissions raised concerns about the impact of the AFZ on community recreation in Lionel Watts Reserve and the community generally. 20 requests were received to include Wingara Reserve in the AFZ.	AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals. AFZs do not apply to parks and reserves. Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council's website . Wingara Reserve was declared an Alcohol Prohibited Area (APA) on 26 June 2012, as well as all other parks & reserves within the (then) Warringah Council Local Government Area. The APA applies between the hours of 8pm and 8am every day.
Over-regulation	6 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-	Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-

	regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.	<p>establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Signage	1 submission noted out of date signage	<p>Council will replace signage following re-establishment of AFZs.</p> <p>Council is undertaking an audit of AFZ signage across the LGA. The community will be invited to report out of date signage to Council to assist this process.</p>

5.2 Brookvale AFZ

Of the 13 submissions received, all (100%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area as proposed and no objections were raised by the community. The comments received supported the establishment of the AFZ in this area for the impact it will have on increasing community safety in an area where people use public transport. It was noted that this is an area where children often wait for buses.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Improved safety	3 submissions noted that the AFZ at Brookvale will provide a safer space for people using public transport.	Council is committed to providing a safe environment for community members and visitors to travel in.

		Council is committed to maximising public safety and ensuring that open public spaces are safe and facilitate the healthy and active lifestyle that is important to the community.
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5.3 Collaroy AFZ

Of the 43 submissions received 24 (56%) did not support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area. There was a mixed response in the support for this AFZ. While many respondents were generally supportive of the proposal either as is (40%), or with changes (2%), many others observed no need for AFZs in this area and/or expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation of the community.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	<p>9 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p> <p>8 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation and impinge on community rights to use public space.</p> <p>Police already have powers to address alcohol related behaviour.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Outdoor recreation	<p>7 submissions expressed concern about being able to enjoy public spaces, have picnics, and enjoy a glass of wine at the beach.</p> <p>It was noted that outdoor recreation is particularly important to the community</p>	<p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals.</p> <p>AFZs do not apply to parks, reserves or beaches.</p> <p>Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol</p>

	during COVID 19 and is beneficial to mental health.	Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council's website . Council recognises that COVID 19 has significantly impacted on our ability to enjoy our usual lifestyle and to connect with neighbours, friends and family. Council is working with local service providers to support the community and provide open spaces that support community participation in an active and healthy lifestyle.
Zone boundary	1 request has been received for an extended zone in Collaroy.	All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police. Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.

5.4 Cromer AFZ

Of the 12 submissions received 7 (58%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area either as is (50%), or with changes (8%). The small number of comments received were generally supportive although there was concern that enforcement of such a small zone was unlikely to be well resourced.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	2 submissions expressed a negative sentiment in that AFZs are an over-regulation.	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime.

		AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.
Enforcement	<p>2 submissions commented that this is a very small zone that does not attract enforcement resources.</p> <p>Observations were made that without resourcing and penalty there is no community benefit to having the AFZ.</p>	<p>Police and Council are able to respond to alcohol related anti-social behaviour in AFZs.</p> <p>AFZs allow the Police and Rangers to confiscate and dispose of alcohol if a person is drinking, if there is reasonable cause to believe the person is about to drink or has recently been drinking in a designated AFZ.</p> <p>Anyone refusing to co-operate with an enforcement officer request to hand over alcohol can be charged with obstruction, which carries a maximum penalty of up to \$2200.</p>

5.5 Forestville AFZ

Of the 12 submissions received 6 (50%) supported the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area either as is (42%), or with changes (8%). There was a mixed response in the support for this AFZ. While half of the respondents were generally supportive of the proposal, the other half observed no need for AFZs in this area and/or expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation of the community.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Over-regulation	<p>3 submissions expressed a negative sentiment that AFZs are an over-regulation by Council.</p> <p>Police already have powers to address alcohol related behaviour.</p> <p>3 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.</p>	<p>Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones.</p> <p>Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns.</p> <p>AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. <p>AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.</p>
Outdoor dining	<p>2 submissions expressed concern for impact of AFZs on the ability of community members to participate in outdoor dining at cafes and restaurants.</p> <p>Concern for impact on local businesses.</p>	<p>Re-establishing these Alcohol Free Zones will not restrict existing liquor licences within approved outdoor dining areas. If the café/restaurant has a liquor licence for the outdoor dining area and community members are currently enjoying outdoor dining in this location, this will not change.</p> <p>When determining new applications for outdoor dining, Council considers many factors including existing or planned AFZs. AFZs do not preclude an outdoor dining application from being approved nor from the businesses ability to apply for a liquor licence for this area.</p> <p>The Ministerial Guidelines for Alcohol Free Zones state that 'In some circumstances an alcohol-free zone may be proposed for an area that includes footpath alfresco dining areas for cafés and restaurants which fall within the zone. When a council issues a licence for the use of public footpaths for such dining use in an alcohol-free zone, it must impose conditions on the licensee (eg restaurant operator) about the requirements of the zone, including clear delineation and control of the licensed area from the alcohol-free zone.'</p>

5.6 Narrabeen AFZ

Of the 43 submissions received 31 (72%) support the re-establishment of the AFZ in this area either as proposed (58%), or with changes (14%). A small number of comments received indicated that existing laws are sufficient to address any issues arising in the area and questioned the need for an AFZ in this area. A small number of submissions advised of continued antisocial behaviour and crime near Narrabeen Bridge.

Theme	What we heard	Council's response
Alcohol related anti-social behaviour	2 submissions commented that the area has ongoing issues with alcohol related anti-social behaviour.	Council acknowledges these issues and will pass on a summary of advice to Northern Beaches Police and Council staff regarding areas of concern raised by the community.
Over-regulation	4 submissions raised concern that AFZs involve over-regulation by Council. 5 submissions observed no or occasional alcohol related behaviour and do not consider that AFZs are required.	Council consults with Police in the establishment and re-establishment of Alcohol Free Zones. Each of the AFZs was established on the advice of police and in consultation with the community in response to local concerns. AFZs are designed to improve public safety by preventing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • disorderly behaviour caused by the consumption of alcohol in public areas • the escalation of irresponsible street drinking to incidents involving serious crime. AFZs can be an effective public space management tool to address community concern for specific locations and provide Police with an additional tool to use in 'hot spot' locations. AFZs also provide a legislative base under which Rangers can take action in these areas.
Outdoor dining	2 submissions expressed concern for the impact of an AFZ on the ability of community members to participate in outdoor dining at cafes and restaurants. Concern for impact on local businesses.	Re-establishing these Alcohol Free Zones will not restrict existing liquor licences within approved outdoor dining areas. If the café/restaurant has a liquor licence for the outdoor dining

		<p>area and community members are currently enjoying outdoor dining in this location, this will not change.</p> <p>When determining new applications for outdoor dining, Council considers many factors including existing or planned AFZs. AFZs do not preclude an outdoor dining application from being approved nor from the businesses ability to apply for a liquor licence for this area.</p> <p>The Ministerial Guidelines for Alcohol Free Zones state that ‘In some circumstances an alcohol-free zone may be proposed for an area that includes footpath alfresco dining areas for cafés and restaurants which fall within the zone. When a council issues a licence for the use of public footpaths for such dining use in an alcohol-free zone, it must impose conditions on the licensee (eg restaurant operator) about the requirements of the zone, including clear delineation and control of the licensed area from the alcohol-free zone.’</p>
<p>Outdoor recreation</p>	<p>1 submission expressed that community members want to be able to enjoy public spaces and have picnics.</p> <p>Outdoor recreation is particularly important to the community during COVID 19, and is beneficial to mental health.</p>	<p>AFZs only apply to roads, pathways and carparks in the areas indicated in the proposals.</p> <p>AFZs do not apply to parks and reserves.</p> <p>Some open spaces across the LGA have been declared Alcohol Prohibited Areas. A current list is available on Council’s website.</p> <p>Council recognises that COVID 19 has significantly impacted on our ability to enjoy our usual lifestyle and to connect with neighbours, friends and family. Council is working with local service providers to support the community and provide open spaces that support community participation in an active and healthy lifestyle.</p>

Zone boundary	5 requests have been received for an extended zone in Narrabeen.	<p>All requests for AFZs must be agreed to by police.</p> <p>Council will consult with police on requests for extensions to the AFZs currently proposed. This consultation will occur outside the current process and progress to public consultation if appropriate.</p>
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Appendix 1 Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Some of the online Your Say submissions do not appear in this table as the respondent only answered the sentiment question and did not provide further comment.

a) Comments received in online submissions

Belrose

Number	Comment/submission
1	Existing alcohol free zone, namely the area bounded by Haigh, Wingara, Lowanna and Coora Avenues, should be retained as an Alcohol Free Zone and included in the new proposal. The Alcohol Free Zone should include the reserve behind Glenrose shops and bounded by the aforementioned Avenues as it has been the scene of some anti social behaviour in the past.
2	We live across the road from Lionel Watts Oval & have sometimes been disrupted through the night by young people who have been drinking so would prefer that this wasn't an area where young people drinking can congregate.
3	The AFZ seems to have worked well let's keep it going!
4	It should be extended through to Ashworth avenue and Hakea ave.
5	Absolutely support the re-establishment of non-alcohol zone. How do we make it inclusive of no addictive substances (eg. Drugs) as well? Also with the number of children and young people in and using the facilities in this area, I feel it absolutely necessary for it to be a safe place for them - free of the exposure of people under the influence of drugs and alcohol.
6	Please include the public walkway that leads from the shopping centre into and including the cul-de-sac of Coora ave Belrose in the planning. This has previously been included in the AFZ and so I am wondering why it has been omitted in the plans for the period of August 2025 ? Very concerned Resident of Coora ave Belrose.
7	Please include the public walkway that leads from the shopping centre into and including the cul-de-sac of Coora ave Belrose in the planning. This has previously been included in the AFZ and so I am wondering why it has been omitted in the plans for the period of August 2025 ? Very concerned Resident of Coora ave Belrose.
8	It is vital that this Belrose Alcohol Free Zone is re-established since it has been the subject of recent rowdy behaviour by teenagers who have been drinking alcohol and disturbing the peace and serenity for residents and visitors.
9	The existing plan needs to be extended to the area directly behind Glenrose Shopping Centre to include the now beautiful pathed area of the reserve. Great to see that the improved area is being used extensively by locals and of course by perhaps under aged adults. Evidence is often found of alcohol and drug used implements. We know that the line must be drawn somewhere, but this reserve really should be included.
10	It is disappointing that the reserve behind Glenrose Shopping Centre is not included in this action. This is the major area of concern for the surrounding neighbourhood where drug and alcohol abuse and subsequent damage to public and private property takes place and where Neighbour Watch has recently started. In past regulations the area bounded by Haigh, Wingara and Coora Avenues has been declared an Alcohol Free Zone. We ask that this area also be included in the new regulations.
11	Unless there is a specific issue of regular drinking and antisocial behaviour in this area, which I have never known in the 46 years I have lived here, this appears to be over

*Personal details have been redacted where possible. Spelling and grammatical errors have been amended only where misinterpretation or offence may be caused.

	regulation. Current drinking and drunkenness laws should already cover occasional issues.
12	The whole of Lionel Watts should be alcohol free.
	I believe alcohol has been used responsibly in this location at family BBQs and community sporting events. I do not support the introduction of an alcohol free zone in Lionel Watts Reserve.
13	I'm displeased with the rubbish left behind from teenage binge drinking in parks and reserves. The problem and elephant in the room of course is the lack of parental action and guidance.
14	Yes the AFZ should remain in these areas.
15	Yes. This area must be a AFZ. Council MUST ensure that ALL signs indicating that an AFZ applies are updated with current dates. If Council can update all street signs with NBC Logo surely it can ensure that these AFZ signs reflect the correct dates.
16	Exclude Club houses.
17	With all the difficulties of lockdown it seems really short sighted to limit people further. To be able to have a picnic with family and a glass of wine or beer drinking responsibly should be allowed, Suggest hours limited to 11pm.
18	I would like the reserve behind Glenrose Shopping Centre to be included in the AFZ. This is an area that has experienced trouble in the past.
19	I support the re-establishment of the Belrose Alcohol Free Zone but I am VERY CONCERNED it is NOT being extended to cover a larger area of streets and reserve behind the Glenrose Shops down past the tennis courts to Haigh Avenue, as it has been in the past. Particularly behind the shops in the reserve near the tennis courts there have been many people drinking, smoking and generally causing problems for some considerable time. We live in Wingara Grove and have had empty beer bottles etc. thrown over the back fence into our garden. Also recently we had a grandson who came off his scooter on the path out the back of the shops and ended up in hospital with a leg fully of glass from a smashed beet bootle. which required many stitches. You only have to walk down that path to see examples of the problem most evenings. I therefore strongly request that you ensure the alcohol free area extends to cover this.
20	I am a resident in Coora Avenue, Belrose. Currently the areas bounded by Wingara, Haigh and Coora Avenue has been declared an "Alcohol Free Zone Area" although, it's term expired in 2016. Perhaps under the proposed "Belrose AFZ", the current areas I previously mentioned, should be included or they should definely remain as is. The current AFZ has been very successful in controlling the alcohol and drug abuse previously experienced. So, please give serious consideration the our current AFZ to remain or it be included in the Belrose proposal.
21	The area behind Glenrose shops and Wingara Reserve is where most of the trouble happens through alcohol, and drug abuse by local teenagers leading to vandalism/graffiti etc.
22	The zone should include the whole of Wingarra Reserve as this is a major problem area.
23	This plan although good is still inadequate. There has always been a alcohol free zone in the Wingara and Coora Ave precinct. There definitely needs a AFZ to be re zoned as soon as possible as we are constantly groups of teens and young adults with alcohol on Wingara Reserve. There is constant damage being done to the back of Glenrose and the children's park on the reserve. There is a urgency to this.
24	I support the re-establishment of the alcohol free zone but believe it should be extended to include the Wingara Reserve and playground area behind Glenrose shops. This area is of concern to us as residents. We are aware of multiple instances of

	<p>alcohol consumption in the reserve and the subsequent anti-social behaviour and malicious damage that follows it.</p> <p>Please take this under consideration and extend the AFZ to include Wingara reserve.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
25	<p>I fully support the re-establishment of the alcohol free zone but believe it should be extended to include the Wingara Reserve and playground area behind Glenrose shops. This area is of concern to us as residents. We are aware of multiple instances of alcohol consumption in the reserve and the subsequent anti-social behaviour and malicious damage that follows it.</p> <p>Please take this under consideration and extend the AFZ to include Wingara reserve.</p> <p>Thanks.</p>
26	<p>Please include Wingarra Reserve in the AFZ because of frequent drug-use and anti-social behaviour in this Reserve. I have seen youths damaging private property and breaking limbs of trees. I believe that Coora Avenue, where I live, Lowanna and Wingarra Roads should be included because of alcohol use and damage to property.</p>
27	<p>I would like the areas to also include the pathways and reserve behind Glenrose Shopping Centre, tennis courts and play ground.</p>
28	<p>What about the reserve behind the Glenrose Shopping Centre? The playground and reserve is a constant drug and alcohol abuse area.</p>
29	<p>It is imperative that the Belrose Alcohol Free Zone be re-established in order to assist the Police in dealing with the antisocial behaviour that occurs in the precinct.</p>
30	<p>I've lived here for a long time, used to live over the road from the eagles clubhouse.</p> <p>Most problems caused in that location are from underage drinkers on a Friday and Saturday night who can be a nuisance . They shouldn't be allowed to drink there anyway and should be moved on. At best you could put a midnight curfew on alcohol in that area to stop any car park gatherings of older teens.</p> <p>These proposed changes won't change anything really and will just be a hindrance for the vast majority of responsible adults.</p>
31	<p>I would like to see the area extended to include the areas to the rear of the glenrose Shopping Centre.</p>
32	<p>I do not support this what so ever. How much more of a nanny state can we become? Some of the events we enjoy most as a family are the events and held at Lionel watts. Events such as the mimosa fireworks, Christmas carols, outdoor movie nights. To be able to share a picnic and wine with friends is part of the Australian experience. Turning this area into an alcohol free zone would just be another blow to people's liberties. Let people enjoy their freedoms and self regulate or there will surely be more harm than good.</p>
33	<p>The area is home to a raft of community events that have been running for years and allow families to bring a picnic including alcohol. There has never once been a problem at any of these events. This change to alcohol free is totally unnecessary and will be to the detriment of these events, some of which are important fundraisers (such as the mimosa fireworks, part of the appeal for parents is being able to bring a drink to enjoy with their picnic or meal). Please do not do this. We are not a nanny state.</p>
34	<p>It's a community area With loads of sports and family events these We're alcohol is consumed</p>
35	<p>We have a wonderful community in the Belrose/Frenchs Forest area. With great facilities for all to enjoy.</p> <p>Changing the legislation around making this an alcohol free zone will change the way we interact in this area. Alcohol consumption is not abused in this area and as a community we pull together if and when the need arises.</p>

36	I live at [REDACTED] a short distance from the proposed AFZ. I support its reestablishment but suggest it should be extended to incorporate the land enclosed within the boundary of Lionel Watts park and showground, or if not possible at least the skate park and synthetic playingfield. Kids drinking excessive alcohol on and around the oval late at night can be a problem. Once drunk, older kids tend to leave rubbish including broken glass behind, and a times can damage property on their way home.
37	Very happy to support the AFZ. My only concern is how it's policed.
38	I say Yes, plus Wingara Reserve behind Glenrose Shops should also be included.
39	Why, if people can still drink in the park? Lionel Watts is a social gathering place for many families, having bbq's and picnics. In addition sometimes meet at the dog with their dogs and share a beer. Would be a shame to loose that
40	Why should law abiding adults be prevented from enjoying a beer in a public place? I have had 2 beers in that vicinity in the last 2 years yet the proposal now criminalises that despite me and my friends not causing any commotion or civil unrest.
41	It is disappointing that the reserve area behind Glenrose Shopping Centre is not included in this action. This is a major area of concern for the surrounding neighbourhood where drug and alcohol abuse and subsequent damage to public and private property takes place regularly and where Neighbour Watch has recently started. In past regulation the area bounded by Haigh, Wingara, Lowanna and Coora Avenues has always been declared an Alcohol Free Zone. We ask that this area also be included in the new regulations,.
42	I don't believe the sports fields at Lionel Watts should be alcohol free zones. I believe there are many sports played on these fields that enjoy a social beverage after the game or whilst watching the game. I also think it would seriously impact the club houses.
43	A lot of under age drinking takes place in area and destruction of property occurs particularly in the basement car park of Glenrose shops. Regularly find broken glass beer bottles in the bus stop at shops.
44	Need to included in the Haigh, Wingara, Lowanna and Coora Avenue in the Belrose Alcohol Free Zone.
45	Haigh Ave, Lowanna Street, Coora Avenue, Wingara are all need to included in this Alcohol Free Zone plan as recently there are way too many unlawful activities happened arround these area.
46	We find loose alcohol bottles in the park even now every week. Including broken glass. We fully support the alcohol free zone
47	In past regulations the reserve area behind Glenrose bounded by Haigh, Wingara, Lowanna and Coora Avenues has always been declared an Alcohol Free Zone. This area regularly attracts groups of youths drinking alcohol and causing damage to property at the back of Glenrose. A sign has recently been erected on the back gate of Glenrose to advise that the gate will be closed at night due to the recent youth issues in the area. My family requests that this area also be included in the new regulations.
48	Please include the Wingara Reserve area directly behind the Glenrose Centre. Drink and drug abuse in and around the reserve is the single biggest social issue in the area.

Brookvale

Number	Comment/submission
1	I think we are going about this in the wrong direction All areas should alcohol free UNLESS proscribed Can not we go to a beach a park a game of footie/netball a family picnic etc with the need to consume alcohol so we can enjoy it??? Would police a better control of parties and community facilities

2	Children frequently wait for buses at these points. Having folks drinking and mixing with children around there is not acceptable.
3	a safe area for people using public transport
4	I absolutely support an AFZ in the proposed area - there is no need for people to be drinking alcohol in these areas and those using public transport or walking through the area have a right to feel and to be safe.

Collaroy

Number	Comment/submission
1	I totally agree that the streets, pathways and carparks should always be alcohol free for the safety of the general public. The drinking of alcohol should be completely banned in these areas, so as to allow the public to go about their daily activities without the possibility of threat from those under the influence of alcohol.
2	Extend to Stuart Street
3	Please keep a little bit of our freedom. There's not much we can do anymore in this country without the government taking away our independence
4	The grass area within car park between Jenkins street and Fielding street is a popular picnic zone. It is very unfair that travellers from the west of Sydney cannot use the rare available grass areas a glass of beer or dine is fine. I live directly opposite and have no opposition. It would be selfish if locals to deny visitors such freedom
5	I have been in the area for years and do not see a regular problem with alcohol that warrants turning the area into a nanny state. I have children in the designated area see no problem! Just the few always making their opinions ahead of the majority. Thanks
6	There should not be an alcohol free zone in Collaroy or Narrabeen
7	It does not need to be alcohol free. Leave us be
8	Absolutely against this proposal. Collaroy has two pubs and a bunch of licensed restaurants. If we want to live in a retirement village with lights out by 7:30pm, we should move to one!
9	We do not need anymore intrusive rules on our lifestyle, there is enough already and I walk this path almost every day with my 2 year old and do not see any alcohol problem that would require such a ridiculous law to be imposed.
10	I have lived across the road from the northern Collaroy Beach car park for the past 7 1/2 years and have never seen any alcohol related inappropriate behaviour. This restriction is only for a very small sector of Collaroy - only the roadway and footpath. It may relate to the days when the Collaroy hotel had a name for large amounts of guests packed together and a high drinking culture but the takeover of that hotel as well as Responsible Service of Alcohol would seemingly have reduced that. The only people I see with alcohol are those carrying it home (packaged) from Liquorland or who walk across the road to sit on the beach and have a quiet glass of wine. The map indicates that the restricted area is only the roadway and footpath and therefore sitting on the beach with a glass of wine is quite permissible. Why can't residents carry that glass across the road? There is no need for such a restriction.
11	I believe that you will push people away more into the areas to drink further down the beach where you don't have rubbish bins, amenities so therefore you will have more people littering and using peoples boundary's on the beach to go to toilet. Collaroy is beautiful and family friendly... many parties are held for kids birthday parties where you can have a few drinks, BBQ etc

12	It's lovely to sit out with friends and be able to have a safe drink during the lock down period. Fantastic for mental health and for families to actually be able to see each other. I have never seen an issue with drinks being allowed in this area.
13	There is no unruly behaviour in this area that justifies or warrants an alcohol free zone. Families gather and have bbqs and to say that no alcohol can be consumed in a safe way is ridiculous.
14	I am opposed to Collaroy being alcohol free zone. That takes away a free right to enjoy ourselves at the beach with friends and socialise with a few alcoholic drinks. I am a local resident at Collaroy for 16 years and I have never experienced out of control behaviour at the beach due to people enjoying themselves with a few alcoholic drinks. We don't not need draconian nanny - state laws that prevent normal pleasurable adult leisure time. If there late night alcohol fuelled a antisocial behaviour occurring this should be managed as a separate issue, by that police. The pleasure of sharing wine and a picnic shouldn't be taken away from us.
15	That's the stupidest idea I've ever heard
16	It's really not necessary. The area you have highlight is not used in the same that, for example, 'The Office' is in Manly and is instead used mostly by families for picnics during the day. To take away the ability of families to enjoy a champagne or a beer while, for example, celebrating a birthday or an engagement is the 'Nanny State gone mad'. The only beneficiaries of this policy would be the pubs and clubs next door - and if that is the true motivation, to increase their revenue then this is a disgrace. It's simple - I'm a local resident, there's been zero to minimal issues in these areas you've listed and to take away people's ability to use a beautiful area for a couple of sundowners or a family picnic is a joke.
17	Children frequent this area. Having folks drinking and mixing with children around there is not acceptable.
18	I support this as the map shows it's only along the main strip of Pittwater Rd and does not include picnic areas of Collaroy Beach.
19	With all the difficulties of lockdown it seems really short sighted to limit people further. To be able to have a picnic with family and a glass of wine or beer drinking responsibly should be allowed, Suggest hours limited to 11pm.
20	i think we should be allowed to enjoy a drink down by the beach. i have lived in Collaroy for 23 years and haven't experienced people behind badly. Why ruin people's fun - an alcohol ban is unnecessary
21	I think the non-drinking on streetways is sensible. I hope it does not restrict residents who wish to have quiet drink at beach or beach picnic grounds. These types of activites seem to occur without causing any interference with others enjoyment of those areas.

Cromer

Number	Comment/submission
1	Seems like a small section of road way that wouldn't warrant policing by any authority or benefit the public to restrict
2	This zone has had no resources allocated to it to police the restriction previously, unless an active penalty system exists a zone seems to be a waste of resources.
3	If you're obscenely drunk I understand but if I take a can of beer walking my dog I think that should be allowed
4	Children frequent this area. Having folks drinking and mixing with children playing there is not acceptable.
5	Happy to continue this AFZ. Thank you.
6	Good idea.

	Unless we have a teen drinking issue at the ovals walking down the street with a drink should not be banned
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Forestville

Number	Comment/submission
1	Unless there is a specific issue of regular drinking and antisocial behaviour in this area, which I have never known in the 46 years I have lived here, this appears to be over regulation. Current drinking and drunkenness laws should already cover occasional issues.
2	Not necessary
3	The designated area appears to be excessive, as it includes residential areas as well as commercial / retail area. 1. What evidence is there that this boundary extension into residential areas is required? 2. Is this boundary supported by all the residents affected? I recommend that agreement by residents affected is a necessary condition before acceptance of this boundary.
4	Nothing wrong with having a glass of wine or beer with your dinner at somewhere like Thai garlic or base 'n' burger
5	With all the difficulties of lockdown it seems really short sighted to limit people further. To be able to have a picnic with family and a glass of wine or beer drinking responsibly should be allowed, Suggest hours limited to 11pm.
6	i like drinking here outside at the cafes and restaurants. there isn't a problem with people drinking here why does it have to be now a zone

Narrabeen

Number	Comment/submission
1	Yes. I would prefer that the Alcohol Free Zones are renewed and EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THEM TO BE SMOKE-FREE ZONES! Tobacco smokers blatantly stand/sit and puff their cancer sticks directly underneath NO SMOKING signage from the Cancer Council - and similarly choose to ignore any NO ALCOHOL signage with glass in hand!! Therefore I would request that you make this NO ALCOHOL signage marked to go hand-in-hand with a NO SMOKING notice - preferably on the same sign - so that those suffering from asthma, heart/respiratory conditions of any and every kind, particularly those who were affected by the COVID-19 VIRUS, are enabled to breathe air free from smoke and alcohol.
2	I don't agree with alcohol being consumed in any public spaces, especially where there are children about.
3	Many people travel through this area carrying and consuming alcohol and no damage has been done to property or injury incurred to others. Overpolicing and draconianism is becoming a problem within the Northern Beaches Council.
4	Why was it made an AFZ in the first place? We're there problems? As the area does not have excessive pedestrian traffic it seems a bit OTT
5	I support the AFZ in principle. But would like to see it extended from the bridge North along the lakeside encompassing the the council carpark as far as Albermal st. This area particularly in front of Woolworths is a major meeting place for a group of regulars who gather there there every drinking. They also have no regard for for Covid

	restrictions. I have had to call the police to to make them aware of their drunken behaviour also urinating in the lake.
6	This is a busy and family orientated area that needs protecting from the frequent and drunken local gatherings.
7	I am a business owner on Narrabeen main Pittwater road near the post office. Over the last year there has been a massive increase in alcohol related antisocial behaviour. Also drugs. We see this on a daily basis, have encountered break ins, and witnessed physical altercations with drunk people, two of which we had to call police and arrests were made. Everyday, on the lakefront in front of Woolworths there are the same group of people drinking. Can someone please contact me to discuss further, as I can share further detail.
8	Any alcohol restrictions that curtail anti social behaviour and drunken behaviour is to totally endorsed.
9	I think the AFZ areas should not include the developing food precinct near the Narrabeen bridge. Restrictions may impact these businesses unfairly and limit their potential for growth and expansion.
10	I think the issues are from the caravan park and people coming in during holiday times. Don't punish the locals
11	Being able to have a social drink, safely out doors has been a life saver during covid. There are never any issues with people having a couple of quiet drinks in parks etc. I don't see the need for alcohol free zones, especially on a weekend or Friday night.
12	There is no unruly behaviour in this area that justifies or warrants an alcohol free zone. Families gather and have bbqs and to say that no alcohol can be consumed in a safe way is ridiculous.
13	There is no need. We have drunk and disorderly laws if required. Stop trying to dictate peoples' lives
14	Why does this even exist? It is not necessary and seems to only reflect the road anyway, who sits on the road and drinks? There really isn't any trouble in this area.
15	This area is a popular area for having a quiet meal. Having folks drinking and causing a nuisance around there is not acceptable.
16	only needs to be around bridge area
17	Especially the zone outside Woolworths as it is hardly ever patrolled by ranger
18	I do not support the restablusment of AFZ. There are sufficient laws in place to manage and prevent antisocial behaviour. We need to allow people to make good choices and to also ensure they can support local businesses by purchasing drinks and food from local outlets to consume in shared spaces. With Covid creating an even greater need fir the use of outdoor spaces to connect and socialise in the community, bringing back AFZ seems like an extremely retrograde step. there comments apply to all the suggested AFZ. It is essential to consider the very difficult restrictions in place at a a time when we need to be more community minded. In many overseas countries people can picnic, go to festivals, go the beach with alcohol and there are minimal problems. Please don't let a tiny minority spoil choices for the law abiding majority. Whilst I live on the North Shore I am regularly at many Northern Beaches places. Thank you
19	With all the difficulties of lockdown it seems really short sighted to limit people further. To be able to have a picnic with family and a glass of wine or beer drinking responsibly should be allowed, Suggest hours limited to 11pm.
20	There should not be an alcohol free zone in Collaroy or narrabeen
21	I'd like to see the AFZ take in the lagoon foreshore and beach reserves

b) Feedback received in emailed submissions.

Wed 7/07/2021 3:45 PM
[Redacted]

Att: [Redacted] Belrose AFZ

To: Council Mailbox
Cc: undefined

You replied to this message on 7/07/2021 4:57 PM.

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Previous AFZ Signage.docx .docx File

Dear [Redacted],
I am writing to ask why the Reserve immediately behind the Glenrose Shopping Centre has not been included in the proposed Belrose AFZ. It is disappointing that the Reserve is not included in this action given its history of anti-social disturbances. This is a major concern for the surrounding neighbourhood where drug and alcohol abuse and subsequent damage to public and private property takes place regularly and where Neighbour Watch has recently started. In past regulations, the area bounded by Haigh, Wingara, Lowanna and Coora Avenues has always been declared an Alcohol Free Zone. We ask that this area also be included in the new regulations.

I have attached a copy of recent Police correspondence with residents FYI and photographs of previous AFZ signage FYI.

Sincerely

[Redacted signature block]

Previous Signage



Wed 14/07/2021 3:56 PM
[Redacted]
Re: At [Redacted] Belrose AFZ

To: [Redacted]

Hi [Redacted],
Thanks for your prompt reply to my email last week.
In view of your comments, I would like to raise three matters.

- (1) I am assuming that your note that the APA for Wingara Reserve was declared on 26th June 2012 means that it is still current and in operation. If this is so, could a APA Notice to that effect be added to the Council pathway sign at the back entrance to the Wingara Reserve from the Glenrose Shopping Centre and also to the one at the Haigh Avenue northern bottom entrance to the Reserve? If this declaration is no longer in operation could it please be reinstated?
- (2) Could the Streets I mentioned in my earlier submission, namely, Haigh, Wingara, Lowanna and Coora Avenues that were previously an AFZ (still have the AFZ signs up - now outdated), also be declared AFZ and retain that status?
- (3) Given that AFZ's only apply to roads, footpaths and carparks and Councils intention to declare Blackbutts, Pringle and Glen Streets an AFZ, what is the alcohol status in respect to the enclosed playing fields and showground areas?

As you will appreciate it is a far better proposition for Council to help reduce the risk of possible anti-social behaviour and property damage than leave it entirely to residents to try and resolve when it occurs.

Should I add items (1) and (2) to my original submission or leave them to your attention?

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]



Wed 14/07/2021 3:50 PM

Alcohol free zone Belrose

To Council Mailbox

To Whom it may concern

Whilst I think the proposal for the AFZ in Belrose is good I do feel the area needs to be extended to the Wingara and Coora Ave precinct. There are constant issues with alcohol in this area. Teenagers and young adults congregate on the reserve and drink and cause damage. The back of Glenrose is a constant target and the children's playground to. There is noise pollution to and there has been the occasional physical fight happening to. The area has been a AFZ in the past the zone needs to be renewed.

Thanking you

c) Feedback received out of scope of the current review:



Mon 21/06/2021 4:48 PM

Alcohol Free Zones

To Council Mailbox

Hi,

I would like to see the Fairlight Rockpool area become an enforced Alcohol Free Zone.

It has become an area overrun with young people who have no regard for anyone. Their behaviour is disgraceful and the Police aren't interested in doing anything. The noise later in the evening and after midnight is beyond a joke and a lot of residents are fed up. It's time for a change and some peace and quiet.

Regards,



Tue 22/06/2021 1:53 PM

Community Safety Plan AFZ

To Council Mailbox

Submission

Due to the proximity of The Newport, the retention of these zones is pretty well essential to maintaining order in this residential area.

With the best intentions, a venue such as The Newport, selling alcohol, will at some stage eject disorderly customers...where do they go ? into adjacent residential streets.

Before the installation of AFZ, Derain Park was regularly haunted by drunken people after closing time at the Arms. AFZ have gone a long way to mitigate this.

Please ensure continuation of AFZ as listed.

Thank you



Mon 21/06/2021 5:05 PM

Community Safety Plan

To Council Mailbox

Why isn't the area around the Newport children's playground an alcohol free zone there are people drinking all day on the benches next to the fence and very close to the children.

> From [redacted]
> Sent: Tuesday, 22 June 2021 3:25 PM

> To [redacted]
> Subject: Re: Community Safety Plan

> Hi [redacted]

> Thank you for your quick response. The park is on Barrenjoey Road in front of the Newport Surf Club.

> Regards [redacted]



Tue 22/06/2021 4:51 PM

To [redacted]
You replied to this message on 22/06/2021 5:25 PM.

Hi [redacted]

The issues are during the day and directly next to the children's park where there are BBQs and shade cover. The problem is dependent upon weather at this time of year they tend to sit in the reserve which is away from the children but in the summer they use the shade cover.

Regards [redacted]

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