

ATTACHMENT 3

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Report

Proposed amendment to Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge Plan of Management, 2002 (Stage 1 of 1)

Impact level: 4

Consultation period: 22 January 2021 to 19 March 2021

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1. Summary¹

This report outlines the community and stakeholder engagement conducted from 22 January to 19 March 2021 as part of the public exhibition of the proposed amendment to the Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge Plan of Management (2002). The amendment would permit a future extension of the Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club building proposed by the Club.

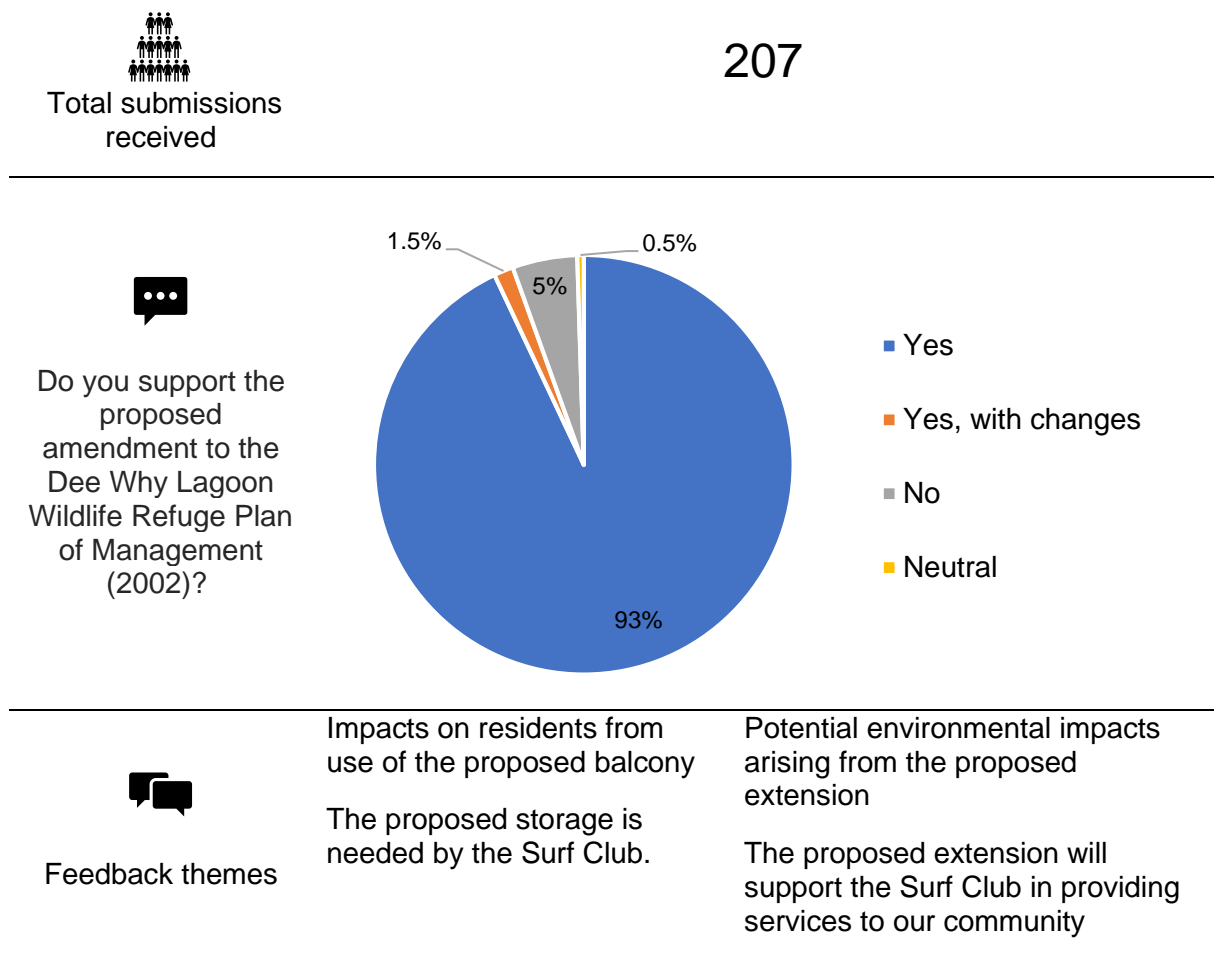
207 submissions were received with 192 supportive of the draft amendment. In addition, 11 submissions received were not supportive, three supportive with changes, with one neutral. The Friends of Dee Why Lagoon indicated support for the proposed amendment.

Respondents supportive of the proposal indicated that the Surf Club requires the storage to house their equipment so they could provide much needed services to our community.





Respondents not supportive of the proposal felt that the building contains adequate storage and the noise, increased traffic and demand for parking arising from use of the proposed balcony for functions would be detrimental to neighbouring residents and the wildlife refuge.

15 submissions were considered unrelated to the proposed amendment and the proposed building extension. Matters raised in these submissions were related to; dogs, walkways,

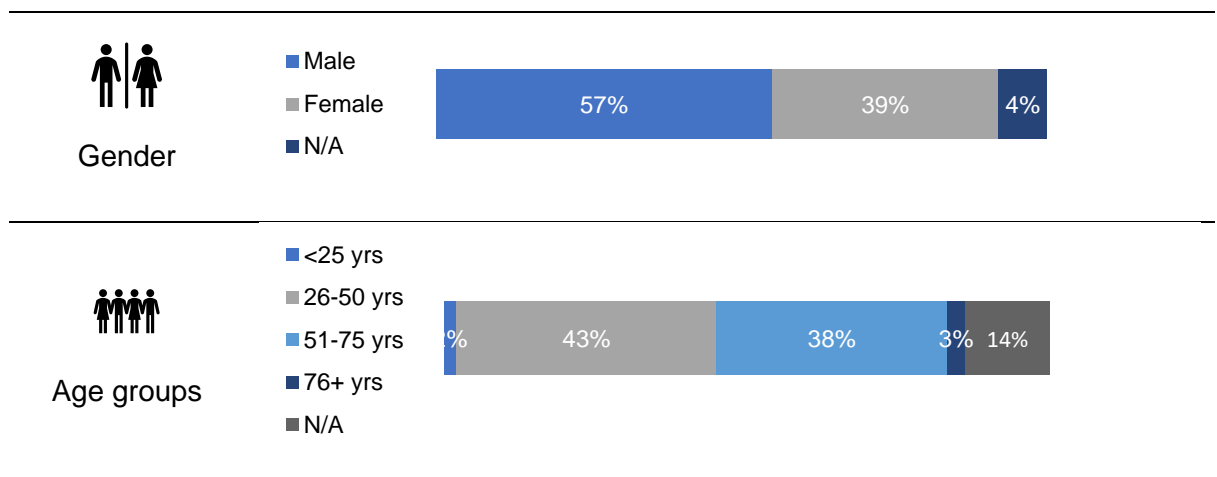
1.1 Engagement snapshot



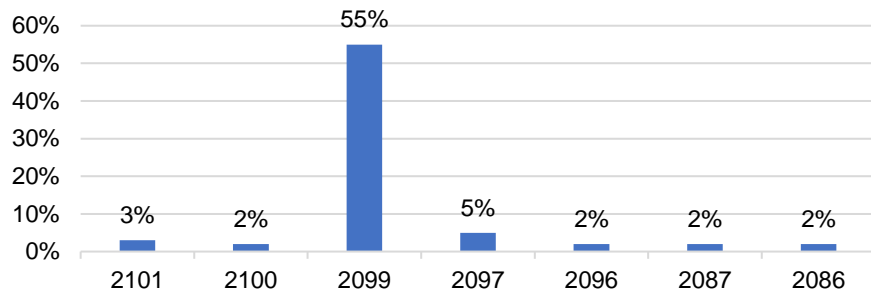
¹ Community and stakeholder views contained in this report do not necessarily reflect the views of the Northern Beaches Council or indicate a commitment to a particular course of action.

 Have Your Say	Visitors: 1985	Visits: 2366
 Print media and collateral	Letter drop: residences adjacent to James Meehan Reserve, Dee Why Site signs: Yes, 2 signs.	Distribution: surrounding area Number: 100
 Electronic direct mail (EDM)	Community Engagement (fortnightly) newsletter: 4 Council (weekly) e-News: 1 Stakeholder email: Friends of Dee Why Lagoon	Distribution: 20,000 subscribers Distribution: 150,000 subscribers
 Surveys and forms	Your Say submission form: 1 Email submissions: 3 Phone submissions: 1	Completions: 203

1.2 Who responded²



² Demographic data was gathered by request only. The data represented only includes those respondents who provided this detail.



Only the top seven postcodes are reflected on the graph.

2. Background

The proposed amendment to the Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge Plan of Management (2002) would authorise a future extension of the Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club building located in James Meehan Reserve, Dee Why, proposed by the Dee Why Surf Lifesaving Club. The Surf Club's proposal was for additional storage space on the ground level at the northern end of the building and an uncovered balcony above. The additional storage space would meet the Surf Club's current and future needs for storage, particularly for surf lifesaving equipment and surf craft. The proposed amendment was:

This Plan of Management expressly authorises an extension to the northern end of the Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club building of not more than 6.5 metres by 14 metres on the ground floor for storage space and 6.5 by 17 metres for a balcony overhead. There is to be no roof or screening on the balcony in order to retain ocean views and amenity from the surrounding area. The Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club building is to remain a two storey building. Safe general public pedestrian access around the building is to be integrated into the design.

Development is for the purposes of Club storage particularly for surf lifesaving equipment and surf craft and a balcony to meet the current and future needs of the Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club.

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 amendment was conducted over an eight-week period, from 22 January 2021 to 19 March 2021, and consisted of a series of activities that provided opportunities and platforms for community and stakeholders to contribute.

The goal was to gauge the level of support for and to understand feedback relating to the proposed amendment to the Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge Plan of Management (2002).

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 Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (December 2020).

A project webpage³ was established on our have your say platform with information provided in an accessible and easy to read format. The project page included site plans, background information about the Plan of Management, a summary of the proposed amendment to the Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge Plan of Management (2002) and links to relevant Council documents.

The project was promoted via onsite signage, resident and stakeholder notifications, our Council E-News and our community engagement newsletter.

Feedback was captured through an online submission form embedded into the project page. 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.

E-mail and written submissions were also invited. Contact details for the project manager were provided should anyone have a question.

COVID-19 restrictions at the beginning of the consultation restricted our ability to hold face to face sessions. As an alternative, community members were provided with the option of booking a telephone meeting with the project team to ask questions or seek further information on the proposal.

We asked a uniform set of questions of participants in all activities. Results provide responses across a spectrum of demographics, expertise, experience and understanding of our local government area.

5. Findings⁴

The majority of submissions were supportive of the proposed amendment with 192 (93 percent) supportive, 11 (5 percent) not supportive, three (1.5 percent) supportive with changes, one (0.5 percent) neutral. The Friends of Dee Why Lagoon indicated support for the proposed amendment.

Those who supported the proposed amendment indicated that the extension to the Dee Why Surf Lifesaving Club building would play an important role in allowing the club to continue to provide services to the community into the future with many citing need for additional storage space.

A summary of submissions supportive of the proposed amendment and Council responses is outlined in Table 1.

Reasons for not supporting the proposed amendment included:

- the Club already has adequate storage space that could be used more efficiently to meet their needs

³ <https://yoursay.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/dee-why-lagoon-wildlife-refuge-plan-management>

⁴ Note: This report represents what Council has heard as accurately and transparently as possible by using consistent quantitative and qualitative analysis techniques.

- there is opposition to the proposed balcony due to the potential impact on residents from noise, traffic and parking demand arising from functions held on this balcony. There are ongoing noise issues with functions held in the existing surf club building.

A summary of submissions not supportive of the proposed amendment and Council responses is outlined in Table 2.

A summary of submissions not related to the proposed amendment and Council responses is outlined in Table 3.

Table 1: Thematic summary of submissions supportive of the proposed amendment and Council responses

Theme	What we heard	Council response
The proposed extension supports the Surf Club to continue to provide important services to our community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The extension would enable the club to continue to support our community into the future. • The extension has minimal impact on the park and other use and will improve facilities for surf club volunteers. • The club is a social hub that provides important beach safety services, emergency services, opportunities for volunteering and sport and supports local youth development. • The surf club is 'run down' and needs an upgrade. • The balcony could be used for social purposes including a café. • Friends of Dee Why Lagoon support the proposed change to the Plan of Management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted • A café is not included as part of the proposed extension.
Additional Storage Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current storage is inadequate. • There is a lack of space to store rescue equipment with easy access, every time members are on patrol. • The equipment should be stored to maintain its integrity and security. • Additional storage will enable new rescue equipment to be housed such as All-Terrain Vehicles and aerial surveillance drones. • Need to store rescue craft close to the beach for quick action during patrol hours and out of hours. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted

Table 2: Thematic summary of submissions not supportive of the proposed amendment and Council responses

Theme	What we heard	Council response
Surf Club building extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed extension may not be needed if the Club used their current storage space more efficiently. Will there be further extensions? Who is funding the proposed extension? Will the Club stop using the adjacent park for storing their equipment when the extension is built? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Club have confirmed that the proposed additional storage space is required to the Club's current and future needs for storage, particularly for surf lifesaving equipment and surf craft. The Council is only considering the current extension proposed by the Surf Club. The Club will fund the extension The Club does not have approval to permanently store equipment in the park adjacent to the surf club building. The Club is given approval to use the park on a temporary basis when they hold lifesaving events at Dee Why beach.
Balcony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong objection to the balcony from nearby residents. Noise from functions held in the current surf club building has been an ongoing issue for nearby residents. The proposed balcony, if used for functions, would create more impact on nearby residents from noise and increased traffic and demand for parking. If the balcony is approved how would Council ensure compliance regarding impacts such as noise and parking? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The feedback regarding the balcony will be thoroughly considered through the planning and design of the proposed extension including the Development Application process as well as in any agreement between Council and the Club for use of the extension. Council supports the position that nearby residents should not be unreasonably impacted by noise arising from use of the proposed balcony and the existing surf club building. The rationale for the proposal is not to provide a function space on the balcony but to provide additional storage space to meet the Club's current and future needs for storage.
Traffic and parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extension will increase traffic and demand for parking and may restrict access for people with a disability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed additional storage will not increase the demand for parking. Traffic and parking impacts would be considered through the Development Application process for the proposed extension.
Wildlife Refuge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extension will impact the wildlife refuge and is not consistent with the Plan of Management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendment is in keeping with the core objectives of the area of the Wildlife Refuge categorised as General Community Use as well as the identified

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the balcony is used as a function space, the noise could adversely impact the wildlife refuge. 	<p>Recreation, Education, Social and Heritage values.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed extension does not include the establishment of a function space on the balcony.
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Table 3: Thematic summary of submissions not related to the proposed amendment and Council responses.

Theme	What we heard	Council response
Dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure dogs are prohibited from the Wildlife Refuge and install more dogs prohibited signs. Suggestions for a trail from the surf club building to Long Reef beach (suitable for walking, riding and dogs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dogs are prohibited in the Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge and all beaches, this includes Dee Why Beach (former Warringah Animal Management Policy, PL370). Signage related to dogs in the Wildlife Refuge will be reviewed. Given that dogs are prohibited at Dee Why Beach and the Wildlife Refuge a walking trail for walking dogs as suggested is not feasible. A walkway from Dee Why to Long Reef has been raised in community engagement in the past. However, this matter is not currently being investigated as there are other priorities.
Dee Why facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities at Dee Why Beach need an upgrade including the rock pool and the toilets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These ideas can be considered through Council's annual capital works budget process.

Appendix 1 - Verbatim community and stakeholder responses*

Number	Do you support the proposed amendment to the Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge Plan of Management?					Submission
	Yes	Yes, with changes	Neutral	No	Prefer not to say	
1	X					<p>As an active patrolling member of Dee Why Surf Lifesaving Club for 30 years, I support the proposed changes to the clubhouse to add extra space for storage of lifesaving equipment.</p> <p>The proposed changes do not block views from nearby properties or from the adjacent open areas of the reserve. Safe pedestrian access around the changed north end appear to be maintained. I understand that Surf Lifesaving is now more recognised as part of NSW emergency services and needs to be able to maintain equipment and readiness to help in emergencies on a 24 hour basis.</p> <p>Also as a Northern Beaches ratepayer and beaches and reserve user, I am happy with the proposal shown in the council documents.</p>
2				X		<p>Submission by Executive Committee The Surfrider Building 98 Dee Why Parade Dee Why 2099 19 March 2021 Background We reference the Council's notification: "The following amendment to Action 63 details the Club's current proposal: This Plan of Management expressly authorises an extension to the northern end of the Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club building of not more than 6.5 metres by 14 metres on the ground floor for storage space and 6.5 by 17 metres for a balcony overhead. There is to be no roof or screening on the balcony in order to retain ocean views and amenity from the surrounding area." The Council released the following diagram in relation to the proposal. The Council advised that the current PoM Management Action 63 already permitted extension to the surf club building. The development works described in the existing Action have been completed. We note that Action 63 formerly allowed for a 30% increase in the Club's floor-space and extending the balcony eastwards towards the beach from the first floor new northern function room. Despite the successful completion of this development, the club now proposes a much larger addition of an open-air</p>

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

rooftop terrace and wrap-around balcony to the north, of dimensions 17 metres by 6.5 metres, over the roof of the proposed equipment store of 14 meters length, by 6.5 metres in width (extended to the north).

The light blue section shows the Club proposal's footprint to the north.

Our Current Perspective

Functions and events are frequently held in the two public-hire function rooms on the first floor (large Black Swan hall at the south and newer Northern room). We note Friday and Saturday nights are often fully booked under normal circumstances. These rooms have two balconies that face the beach. As such, the new proposal is actually a much greater encroachment at the north of the building, where the rooftop terrace and addition to the beachside balcony is designed such that it will most likely generate very much higher levels of noise from party revellers and music. Such noise will project to our building directly because the rooftop terrace would be all along the north elevation, and would also wrap around the club building to the west, to directly face our residents. We already have disruption enough from the Black Swan main hall, with loud noise emanating from thin windows to the west, which are often left open.

These regular functions generate a great deal of disruptive noise that is destructive to the peace and level of amenity that are to be reasonably expected in our residential apartment block, the Surfrider Building, and nearby units.

The smaller northerly room would now also become a concern, with noise from revellers on the balcony being direct, close (within around 50 metres) and immediately facing our residential units to the west. The Refuge's values, intend uses and purpose We note The Council's Plan of Management (PoM) takes a "values-based approach to land planning and management, identifying the Refuge's key values, role and purpose so that these assets may be protected and enhanced."

The PoM appears to be founded on two key general principles:

- Conserve a significant natural area
- Provide a range of low key, predominantly passive, recreational and educational opportunities that are complementary to the Refuge's natural heritage values.

The PoM defines the value and use of the Refuge as relating to low-key public recreational facility and acknowledges that the Dee Why Lagoon Wildlife Refuge is a major scenic and open space feature of the Northern Beaches. DP#233606 is designated Community Use land.

Further, the Council has adopted for the Refuge the objective that it will "preserve and manage the beaches and coastal open space as the people's space [our emphasis], ensuring broad community access and availability to a diversity of recreational settings and opportunities for current and future generations. We are of the firm view that the proposed amendment is not in keeping with the purpose for which General Community Use Land is intended, or the Council's core objectives for the area of the Wildlife Refuge, which is categorised as

					<p>General Community Use.</p> <p>General Community Use Land - specific purpose use by particular sections of the public</p> <p>The core business of the Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club (DYSLSC) is surf and water safety for the public and surf club members. The Club has provided this valuable service for over 80 years to the local community.</p> <p>The building itself functions as a central point that is large enough to accommodate surf training events, youth and nippers, and related club events. These usually terminate in daylight hours.</p> <p>The core business of the DYSLSC is arguably not to run a commercial-scale entertainment venue (such as that offered by the Black Swan Lounge), where the functions do not cease until 1-2 am on many nights, with the attendees often loitering in the carpark adjacent to our residence, sometimes for several hours after functions have ended. This is despite the licence for the Black Swan Lounge only allowing functions until 11 p.m.</p> <p>Role of land</p> <p>Council needs to balance and integrate needs of not only the Surf Club, and the Council as manager, but also the needs of the community, and particularly those of the nearby residents such as ours, whose homes are in the most immediate vicinity to the surf club and whose domestic amenity would most probably be further detrimentally affected by the proposed amendments. We stress that this surf club is located in a high-density residential area and due consideration must be given for residents living in the immediate vicinity of the surf club.</p> <p>Although we understand that the SLSC building may need upgrading from time to time, for purposes that are central to its core business, we nevertheless reference the Council's PoM, Action Plan:</p> <p>Action 63: permitted the Club to increase its floorspace and extend a first-floor balcony eastwards towards the beach. The development works described in the existing Action have been completed. However, the club now proposes a much larger addition of an open-air rooftop terrace and balcony to the north, over the proposed equipment store of some 110 square metres (extended to the north, all the way to the service road.).</p> <p>Action 63 needs to be read in the context of Action 64, which clearly states that any further modifications of the SLSC building must include, inter alia:</p> <p>1) "minimising the further loss of open space", a loss that affects all of the general public.</p> <p>With respect to this, the proposed additions would lead to a further loss of public space to the extent of a ground floor area of 14 metres by 6.5 metres, which is also considered significant loss of the ocean vista to the public, and neighbouring residents.</p> <p>2) as well as "impact on neighbouring properties".</p> <p>We reference noise infringements that are highly likely, with the proposed balcony/outdoor rooftop area, consistent with the many years of similar unreasonable noise problems to-date, due as a direct result of public-hire functions at the Black</p>
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					<p>Swan main lounge, which unduly intrudes on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by those of us who live only around 50 metres distant from the SLSC.</p> <p>Further, we note that as far as the extension already carried out on the north side of the club under Action 63, the clubhouse itself provides a noise break that protects the local residents from noise infringements that might emanate from the East-facing balcony extension. The proposed northern balcony does not have such a building buffer between it and nearby residents.</p> <p>Current and future permitted use</p> <p>The proposed additions would extend the north function room into a significantly large wrap-around open-air balcony. This room already accommodates groups of around 40-50 but we are concerned it could be used in future to accommodate much larger numbers, permitting potentially a doubling of the patronage, given that the balcony would double the usable floor-space.</p> <p>Any future leases or licences and management</p> <p>We already have disruption from the Black Swan lounge, with loud noise emanating from windows facing us at the west. The smaller northerly room would now also become a concern, with noise from revellers on the rooftop deck and balcony being direct, proximal (within around 50 metres) and immediately facing our residential units.</p> <p>It is noted that the Club holds a Deed of Grant with Council that provides for the continuing use and occupation of the DYSLSC. The Deed does not incorporate the upstairs Black Swan function hall, although the Club has use of the hall and responsibility for hiring the hall to members of the public. The SLSC co-ordinator arranges for hall hire, however, in practice this means there is no actual mechanism to effectively deal with noise and crowd control problems at the time of any hire-event. Nor is responsibility taken for the noise and other problems of drunken patrons who remain on community use land adjacent to the club for extended periods after an event.</p> <p>Where there are noise infringements, we have been advised to contact Council rangers. In reality, however, duty rangers do not attend after hours, especially not after midnight when most functions finish. Further, the police also do not attend until after midnight, and rarely then, unless there are more serious concerns.</p> <p>Many years of living in this place, has consistently demonstrated concerns. Once approved, the rooftop balcony area cannot be managed or policed by duty rangers, nor are the Police able to assist with the deleterious impact of drunken and rowdy crowds at night nor loss of amenity from loud music that typically continues all evening.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>We, the Strata Committee for the Surfrider apartment building at 98 Dee Why Parade, Dee Why, living adjacent to the Dee Why Surf Club strenuously object to the inclusion of a rooftop terrace balcony on the north side of the Club, above a surf club extension on the ground floor.</p> <p>This objection is based on the long-established history of the hiring-out of the Black Swan Lounge</p>
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						and the hall upstairs at the surf club for late night functions. Noise has been a serious and repeated issue, and the proposal would make the situation even more untenable for nearby residents.
3	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
4				X		I am a owner resident of the Surfrider apartments opposite the DYSLSC. I am concerned about the noise level that will occur if functions at night have access to the new balcony. It is already noisy when functions are held inside so this addition will only make the situation worse.
5	X					Gives more storage for Lifesaving equipment
6	X					As a member of DYSLSC I know that the club desperately needs more space for rescue equipment. The proposed extensions will provide this, as well as improvements to the north room, giving the club opportunity to rent this space out as well as for the enjoyment of members past and present..
7				X		The surf club is big enough as it is.
8	X					If the proposed extension promotes the safe-keeping of SLSC resources (reducing the cost of long-term damages to/theft of equipment) this is a sound amendment.
9				X		This goes well beyond the needs of a surf club. A balcony of this scope is not required for its primary function and can serve no other real purpose than creating an entertaining venue. The function of the clubhouse is surf safety not for creating a venue that can be hired out for profiteering. Nothing more than "masking" the future intent of the building. The wetlands are sensitive and all-hours noise from this venue will be detrimental to wildlife. The venue will attract more parking, in an already high risk pedestrian environment and as such will not make a safer environment for the community.
10				X		Please do NOT extend the surf club.
11	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
12	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>

13	X					The surf club needs the extra space to accommodate current and future equipment. It will have minimal environmental impact.
14	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
15	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
16	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
17	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
18	X					I approve of the extension the surf life savers do a wonderful job and extra space will make it easier to store the new types of equipment the need to carry on the work.
19	X					The proposed amendment is modest and makes no material impact on lagoon and the surrounding environment. The expansion of the building will be over an existing driveway which appears to be only used for surf club equipment. The development will further enhance the club and give the community another location they can use
20	X					I feel Dee why Surf Life Saving club plays a very important role in our community, in providing emergency services, Training and sport.
21	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
22	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
23	X					Thank you to the SLSC for their support to local community. More storage and a balcony would be great and no hindrance to local residence or wildlife.
24	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
25	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
26	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
27	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
28	X					The expansion is minor in regard to the size of the Plan of management and has zero effect on the wildlife. The expansion is into open area and pathway.
29	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
30	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
31	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
32	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
33	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
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35	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
36	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
37	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>

38	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
39	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
40	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
41	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
42	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
43	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
44	X					Agree with proposal
45	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
46	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
47	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
48	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
49	X					Need to support the valuable work that the Dee Why Surf lifesaving club provides to the whole community
50	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
51	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
52	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
53	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
54	X					Surf Life Saving is an integral part of beach management. The lifesavers do a wonderful job assisting council lifeguards, as well as learning valuable life skills around first aid and water safety. I support this application whole-heartedly.
55	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
56	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
57	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
58	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
59	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
60	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
61	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
62	X					The lifeguard and surf lifesavers provide an essential community and surf safety service which we must support. Growing needs means rescue craft need storage close to beach access for quick action during hours when flags are up and also out of hours when most emergencies occur along the coastline. Dee Why Surf Club provides the most appropriate out of hours access to launch rescue craft for coastline rescue services and this is supported in evidence from the many call outs we hear about and read about in the media. I strong recommend this expansion of those service capabilities with this proposal.
63	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
64	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>

65	X					I support the proposed extension to assist in the operations of surf lifesaving
66	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
67	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
68	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
69	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
70	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
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75	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
76	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
77	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
78	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
79				X		There is a lot that can be done WITHIN the club BEFORE expanding. If you reorganize surfski and other equipment storage there is plenty of room for lifesaving equipment.
80	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
81	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
82	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
83	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
84	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
85	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
86	X					It will do no harm to the wildlife or environment but will be very beneficial for the surf club who protect the beach
87	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
88	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
89	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
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112	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
113	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
114	X					I support the extension of Dee Why SLSC for the storage of vital lifesaving equipment.
115	X					surf club is a valuable community use of the space. Also could you please work on a dog walking trail from the club through the lagoon to Longreef instead of making us walk along the main road.
116	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
117	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
118	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
119	X					Would be great if there was a cafe in the upstairs space. Perfect location and views for more people to enjoy.
120	X					Surf life saving clubs and their members provide an invaluable service to the community and increased resources required by the club needs to be housed securely.
121	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
122	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
123	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
124	X					Surf life saving club house does need update looking to the future of the club. I wanted to put in 2 post codes but not allowed Home is 2095 Work is 2097
125	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
126	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
127				X		The noise that emanates out over the Dee Why lagoon when the club is hired out is dreadful & the surf club do not police the volume at all. There is no-one held accountable for the noise pollution & by adding to the surf club with doors that are not kept shut to keep the noise in creates problems for others. This proposal must be stopped at this point for the consideration of neighbours.
128	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>

129	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
130			X			Much larger signs (No Dogs Allowed) I am a photographer and the there a lot of people that walk their dogs in the reserve and disturb the birds. There is a place not far from there where dogs can go unleashed
131	X					Commonsense plan to provide better storage and facilities that benefit the whole community
132				X		This is a sensitive environmental and developments in the area should only be approved if they are a necessity. This application is purely for sporting competition and doesn't warrant further disruption of the natural environment. There is already plenty of space for rescue equipment deployed at the beach - namely a few rescue boards and jet skis. The proposed extension is actually to facilitate sporting equipment that is used in paddle races, and has nothing to do with actually saving of lives.
133	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
134				X		<i>No further comment provided</i>
135	X					Friends of Dee Why Lagoon support the proposed change to the POM.
136			X			I do not understand how the wildlife refuge will benefit from expansion of surf club facilities. Does the refuge have enough resources to continue its work? Thank you
137	X					The storage area is currently inadequate for both council and Surf Life Saving equipment. The proposed building expansion does not encroach on the natural environment and appears to be fully contained within existing footprint, just reducing driveway size.
138	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>

139		X				<p>I am ok with the club's extension plan for storage as per the plan. The only change I would like to see is a written condition on the club not to store surfing equipment on the parkland and other connected land types adjacent to the club. A blind eye by council was turned re the club storing trailers/transport frames behind the nearby public toilets for years as they slowly rusted and weeds colonised them. This equipment was only finally removed when the toilets recently were renovated. I expect it's only a matter of time for the club to start doing this sort of thing again. So I would like a written condition that the club does not store equipment in the parkland or adjacent wetland connected spaces at any time as a condition of allowing this extension and the amendment to the lagoon plan.</p> <p>Council also need to consider that there is still enough space for a mini bus to turn around in the area between the new extension and the toilets. Many disabled groups drop their clients in that area as then there is easy flat access to the frontage. So mini bus ability to turn around safely needs to be checked.</p>
140	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
141	X					Please provide a walking wetlands path across and thru lagoon! Family days riding and recreation

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143	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
144		X				All lagoons in the NBC region should have 5 meters wildlife protection and riparian zones - that means no pedestrians, dogs off leashes etc - let the rare and unique wildlife have a place to grow too!
145	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
146	X					I've been a member of the club for 20 years and know what a central part it plays in community, not just for lifesaving, but as a social hub. Youth that otherwise would be wandering the streets come down and use the club as their centre, supervised and motivated by the adults who are down there almost every night of the week. But what we need to continue and expand these activities is space. Because we also house the gear for the professional lifeguards (and all the other stuff we need to keep this show running) everything is packed in liked a well-organised sardine tin. I strongly support this proposal for a modest extension to one of the most important social hubs in the community.

147	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
148	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
149	X					The public and Council need to all they can to ensure that the life saving work of the club are not hindered.
150	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
151				X		No the DY SISC club has enough space for all of its "life saving equipment "it is already a building being impacted by coastal erosion why add to the liability for the community. The modern SLSC to rescue people only needs space for rubber duckies n drones not row boats. If you want to row boats go to a rowing club. SLSC should affiliate themselves with rowing/kayak clubs as a side business to help subsidise them selves
152	X					There must be no obstruction to pedestrian access west of the current building between the building and the beach, no obstruction to pedestrian access on the northern side or on the eastern side between the club and the road and parking. No public parking must be commandeered for tradies or others working on the building at any time during construction and no waste must be left in the area. Access round the building is already compromised on weekends as surf events take place to the detriment of the general public including the loss of car parking due to boat trailers and extra competitors taking up the limited spaces locking out residents. An extension to the premises must not include reserved parking which will disadvantage local residents further.
153	X					Community Service, Youth Development, a healthy passage from teenager to young adult, and a meeting place for our retirees. A simple question with only one possible answer. Let the building begin.
154	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
155	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
156	X					Yes i absolutely support this amendment. The club is a valuable community space.
157	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
158	X					The DYSLSC definately could do with additional space to store and lock up its lifesaving equipment.
159	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
160	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
161	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>

162	X					The extra storage at the Dee Why surf club is required by the surf club. It is also important to note that the Council Lifeguard services is on duty 7 days a week for 9 month's of the year. The area suggested in the new extension needs to have an area exclusively caged off for use by the Council Professional Lifeguards. This area needs to be large enough to cater for the existing and future operational needs of the Council service. In the current building an area is caged off for this purpose however the area is under size which causes congestion and some WHS issues of access and storage. It is important in the DA process that Council's Beach Service is consulted in the size of the area required.
163	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
164	X					Looks like a good proposal to me. I support it.
165	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
166	X					I belong to the club, and can see the lack of space needed to store rescue equipment with easy access, every time we are on patrol.
167	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
168	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
169	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
170	X					The proposed extensions will provide much needed storage space for patrol equipment
171	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
172	X					Certainly welcome any improvements to the club Thanks
173	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
174	X					The change has minimal impact on the park area and will improve the club facilities for these volunteers who do a great job for the community.
175	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
176	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
177	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
178	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
179	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
180	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
181	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
182	X					Our children are members of DYSLSC and we value the opportunities to learn about the ocean and outdoors that are provided by the club. The club provides a valuable service to all those who attend at DY beach. Additional storage for equipment ensures that the club can continue to do so in the future.

183	X					The surf club is an important part of the community and performs a critical role in keeping beach goers safe
184	X					This would be an upgrade which would provide significant community benefit by enabling the surf club to provide better support and services.
185	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
186	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
187	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
188	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
189	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
190	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
191	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
192	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
193	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
194	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
195	X					The proposed plan appears well thought out and will provide a huge benefit to members of the surf club with little impact on the public enjoyment of the area.
196	X					<i>No further comment provided</i>
197	X					The proposed extensions to the existing surf club building will not impact on the sand dunes, vegetation or wildlife refuge.
198	X					the equipment should be stored to maintain its integrity in case of need
199	X					I support the additions to the surf club and the proposed amendment to the DY Lagoon Refuge Plan.
200		X				All lagoon should have a 10 meters (or up to house boundaries) riparian wildlife exclusion zone so the unique NBC wildlife can grow and develop a better NBC experience for all - this means no people or dogs can access this area !

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202	X				Low impact outcome and a community enhancement...let's go.
203	X				Would have to agree with this proposal as it fits in with the local area, the Surf Life Saving Club is an essential part of living on any beach side region and the proposed extensions can only be to the betterment of the services provided by the SLSC. Must also add that the car park attached to the DYSLSC is of invaluable value to the local businesses who would suffer if this car park was not in existence.
204	X				We have no objection to the below management plan change, I believe that Dee Why Surf life Saving club plays essential role in keeping the beach safe and educating the wider community in first aid and water safety. The amendment includes provisions for additional storage and a balcony on the northern end of the building. The extra space is required to accommodate surf life saving equipment and surf craft. No other changes to the Plan of Management (PoM) are proposed. The surf club building is in the area of the Wildlife Refuge categorised as General Community Use and the proposal is in keeping with the core objectives and values of the area.

205	X					I support the development application made by Dee Why SLSC to extend their storage facilities.
206	X					<p>I think it's a great idea This building needs to be modernised and revamped visually all over. Currently it's run down</p> <p>It would be great for the club to also have allow a really good chef upstairs and open it up for dining to the public (like Avalon have done) and or a cool looking funky cafe with a basic menu for surfers, locals, families and tourists too As does the swimming pool the whole area needs an upgrade Why waste money on putting art work up when the state of the bathrooms are revolting. They need to be redesigned and a cafe for kids or small open shop would go off there too Just some common sense would be amazing and more appealing for all of us in the community</p>
207				X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to the proposed extension • Former Vice President of Dee Why SLSC • Questions the need for additional storage. Abusing the space, not using it effectively, resulting in saying they need more space • People abuse the system of using equipment there – some gets damaged and not stored properly • They've had an extension before. When does it stop • Not a high priority club like Manly or Freshie. Only modest membership. There's a limit to how big the surf club building should get relative to membership numbers • Could make better use of existing space and store things better. Existing storage is poorly designed. They should use what they've got • They used to store the IUBs elsewhere but members complained of having to walk between storage and club/beach • Who will to fund the extension, Council or the club? (phone)