

## **Strategic Reference Groups, External Committees and Community Groups Engagement Structure**

### **Background**

Following the proclamation of the new Northern Beaches Council, a report was adopted by the Administrator thanking all previous committee members for their involvement.

Council has been working through the previous committees and working groups across the three former council areas and has developed the following approach during the interim council.

### **Objective**

To establish a consistent and effective communication approach to involving and collaborating with community groups and key stakeholders during the interim council period.

### **1. Implementation Advisory Group (IAG)**

Formed in May 2016 to support the Administrator during the Implementation Plan process. The IAG comprises of 3 previous Mayors and 3 previous councillors. The former mayors are each a chair of an LRC.

### **2. Local Representation Committees (LRC)**

Formed in May 2016 to support the transformation process and provide connection to the broader community. The LRCs comprise of 22 former councillors from across the three previous council areas.

There are 3 LRCs covering the themes:

- Economic
- Social
- Environment

### 3. Strategic Reference Groups (New)

The new Strategic Working Groups are aligned to Community Strategic Plan objectives, the LRC themes and address the key priority areas identified by each of the LRCs.

The SRGs replace the role of the previous formal special interest committees across the former council areas as detailed below. The scope, terms of reference, membership process, frequency of meetings, will be finalised prior to expressions of interest being called.

The SRGs will be guided to be a collective voice to the development of the strategic goals of the Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan. The SRGs will be chaired by LRC members and supported by Governance as required. They will provide input to the Vision and Priorities for the development of the Draft Community Strategic Plan. The timetable proposed for the SRGs is to meet twice in 2016, and on three occasions in 2017. Expression of interest will be invited from the ward representation (2) and from the wider Northern Beaches Community (5) for each SRG, as well as the LRC representation and staff support.

The SRG meeting notes will be forwarded to all LRCs for reference. The general principles of accessibility, sustainability, inclusiveness, equity and building social capital apply to all Strategic Reference Groups.

LRC	Strategic Reference Group (SWGs)	Previous Special Interest Committees
Economic LRC	1. Affordable Housing reference group	Affordable Housing Community Committee
	2. Economic Development and Tourism reference group	Economic Development Community Committee Economic Development and Tourism
	3. Place Making reference group	Enliven Pittwater Committee
Environment LRC	4. Natural Environment reference Group	Community Environment Warringah Coastal Community Committee Coastal Zone Management Community Working Group Harbour Foreshores and Coastline Management
	5. Waste and Recovery Management reference group	Waste Management Committee
	6. Sustainable Transport reference Group	Sustainable Transport
Social LRC	7. Art, Culture and Heritage reference group	Art and Culture Heritage and Local History Warringah Creative Space Advisory Group Manly Arts Festival Working group
	8. Community Safety reference group	Community Safety and Place Management
	9. Inclusive Communities reference group	Human Services and Social Planning Access and Mobility Committee
	10. Open Space and Recreation reference group	Manly Scenic Walkway Playground Management Public Domains Sports and recreation facilities
	11. Northern Beaches Youth	Manly Youth Council, Warringah Youth Advisory Committee, Pittwater Youth Consultants, KALOF

**4. Council Statutory Committees** (to be reformed)

1. Local Traffic Committee (Completed)
2. Audit and Risk Committee (to be reformed)

**5. Project Working Groups** (Continuing)

1. Church Point Upgraded Aesthetics Advisory Group
2. Ingleside Community Reference Group
3. Northern Beaches Flood Management (New umbrella group)
  - Manly Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Community Working Group (previous Manly Lagoon Catchment Coordinating Committee)
  - Narrabeen Lagoon Floodplain Risk Management Working Group
  - Newport Flood Study Community Working Group
  - North Narrabeen Flood Study Community Working Group

**6. Joint External Stakeholder Committees** (continue – representation to be appointed)

1. Narrabeen Lagoon State Park Advisory Committee
2. Currawong State Park Advisory Committee
3. Northern Beaches Local Emergency Management Committee
4. Warringah Pittwater State Emergency Service Advisory Committee
5. Warringah Pittwater District Service Agreement – Liaison Committee
6. Manly SES Advisory Committee
7. Warringah Pittwater RFS Bush Fire Management Committee
8. Warringah Pittwater RFS Liaison Committee (Sub Committee)
9. Manly, Mosman, North Sydney Bush Fire Management Committee
10. Manly Wharf Working group
11. Manly Meals on Wheels
12. Club Grants Panel
13. Sister Cities and Friendship Group Committee

**7. External Memberships** (continue – representation to be appointed)

1. Shorelink (Library)
2. NSW Public Libraries Association
3. Floodplain Management Australia
4. Greater Sydney Local Land Services Local Government Advisory Group
5. Shoroc Board
6. Shoroc Sub Committee - Kimbriki Centre
7. Sydney Coastal Council Group Inc.

## **8. Other Working Groups and Committees**

1. Dee Why Lagoon South Catchment Flood Study Working Group (completed)
2. McCARRS Creek, Mona Vale and Bayview Flood Study Community Working Group (completed)
3. Avalon to Palm Beach Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Community Working Group (completed)
4. Dog Control Policy Review Working Group (TBD)
5. Manly LEP/ DCP working group (On hold)

## **9. Community Groups and Associations**

Representation and engagement of community groups and associations is important for Council. Council support common interest groups to form self-determined, self-managed community groups or associations.

### **Registration**

These groups can register their interest with Council and continue to play a role in Council decision making by providing information, community advice and by participation in the Community Engagement processes, to be held in community settings, via on site stalls, focus groups, surveys.

Council will provide online information packs with sample documents to assist Community Groups with the process to register their interest.

### **Level of Service**

Raising operational issues with Council for services will be managed via Customer Request (online) and items will be referred and dealt with by the business units.

Former locality and facility committees can apply for waiver of council venue hire for meetings for 12 months (~20).

Community groups can continue to be involved via:

- Email updates
- Council meetings
- Community Strategic Plan and Project engagement
- Access information online
- Representative roles for Strategic Reference Groups via EOI
- Community group meetings

### **Examples of Stakeholder and Community groups across the region include:**

- Community Gardens
- Sporting groups
- Manly Warringah Sporting Union
- Companion Animals
- Historical Groups
- Language Groups
- Church Groups
- Support Groups

- Volunteer Groups
- Animal welfare groups
- Northern Beaches Surf Life Saving Clubs
- Environment Groups
- Chambers of Commerce
- Rotary and Probus Groups
- Resident Associations and locality based groups (examples from across the region are detailed below)
  - Pittwater based resident and locality Groups: eg The Friends of the Bible Garden Memorial Inc, Avalon Beach Historical Society, Avalon Preservation Trust, Bayview - Church Point Residents Association Inc, Bayview Heights Estate Owners Group, Bayview - Ingleside Residents Association Inc, Bilgola Preservation Society, Careel Bay Residents Association, Clareville & Bilgola Plateau Residents Association, Coasters Retreat Association, Coastal Retreat Historical Society, Elanora Heights Residents Association, Friends of Bungan, Friends of Pittwater, Garigal Deep Creek Residents Association, Horseshoe Cove Association, Mackerel Beach Association Inc, Mona Vale Residents Association Inc, Newport Residents Association Inc, Palm Beach & Whale Beach Association Inc Scotland Island Residents Association (SIRA), Warriewood Valley Rezoning Association Inc, Warriewood Residents Association Inc, West Pittwater Community Association, Wilga Wilson Residents Association, Wirreanda Valley Land Owners Incorporated.
  - Manly based resident and Locality Groups: eg Little Manly, Ocean Beach, Fairlight, Clontarf, Fairy bower, Ivanhoe Park, North Harbour, Balgowlah Heights, Seaforth North, The Corso, Seaforth
  - Warringah based resident and locality groups: eg Terrey Hills Progress Association, Friends of Freshwater, Friends of Curl Curl, Curl Curl Sports Centre Group, Curl Curl Youth Group, Dee Why and Curl Curl Lagoon Group, Forestville RSL War Memorial Playing Fields Group, Harbord Literary Institute Group, John Fisher Park Group, Stony Range Group, Friends of Manly Dam, Collaroy Plateau Progress Association, Cottage Point Community Association, Duffs Forest Residents Association, Belrose Rural Community Association, Brookvale Valley Community Group, Killarney Heights Progress Association, Oxford Falls Progress Association.

Full list of Pittwater Registered Community Groups (see full list in Attachment 1):

[http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/community/community\\_groups/register\\_of\\_community\\_groups/list\\_of\\_registered\\_community\\_groups](http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/community/community_groups/register_of_community_groups/list_of_registered_community_groups)

LINCS database of community groups: <http://www.warringah.nsw.gov.au/live/community-support-services/community-directories/lincs-database>