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BRONTE PARK USER SURVEY

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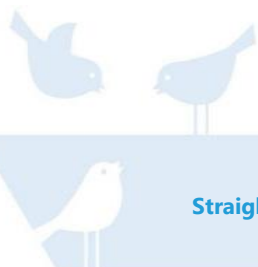
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Straight Talk was engaged to support Waverley Council (Council) to engage with and learn from pedestrian and stakeholder behaviour at Bronte Park and Beach to inform the update of its Plan of Management (POM). The consultation was undertaken during July and August 2016, and involved five different mechanisms to reach participants and gather feedback.

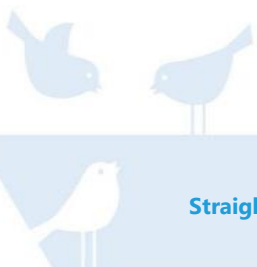
1. Two days of intercept surveying conducted at the end of July. Two consultants approached visitors across the park and beach area at random to assist them in completing a short survey about their perception and use of the area
2. An online survey was developed by Straight Talk and went live at the end of July for five weeks, until the start of September. The survey was advertised through the Waverley Council website and focused on gaining feedback from any Bronte Park and Beach users on their perception and use of the area
3. A stakeholder workshop was organised for mid-August, which was attended by representatives from 14 different local groups. The session was designed to allow participants to give feedback regarding their vision for the future use of the park and beach area
4. Waverley Council organised and ran a 'Have a Say Day' at the end of August to inform beach and park users about the Plan of Management (POM) and encourage visitors to complete the online survey
5. Two days of site observations were conducted at the end of August and one day at the start of September. Two consultants observed park and beach users across five key areas of the park and beach to report back on how visitors moved through and used the space and the facilities.

Key findings

- 👉 **A high proportion of visitors are Bronte locals.** The second highest user group comes from those who visit from the surrounding Eastern suburbs of Sydney
- 👉 **There is a broad spread of beach and park users.** Young and old families, teenagers, couples and retirees all share the space
- 👉 **Beach and park users are involved in a variety of different interests.** They make use of the space with active and passive, group and solitary activities. Most come to swim, walk/exercise and relax
- 👉 **Most people stay for 1-2 hours**
- 👉 **There are distinct areas of Bronte Park and Beach which influence how users engage with each space.** The main promenade is a high activity thoroughfare with many people exercising and jogging. This is in comparison to the Gully entrance where parents stand on the grass watching their children



- 👉 **Overall satisfaction levels with Bronte Park and Beach are high.** Feedback across the intercept and online survey indicate most users are happy with how things are working
- 👉 **Park and beach users hope to maintain the natural beauty and character of the place.** This involved not overdeveloping the open spaces and respecting the quiet ambience and family friendly atmosphere
- 👉 **Due to the extensive range of stakeholders and user groups in the area, suggested changes were generally fragmented and user-specific**
- 👉 **More generally, ensuring existing facilities are maintained to a higher standard than they are currently is important.** This includes the toilets, showers, pathways and facades of buildings
- 👉 **There is a concentration of users in certain areas like the Bronte Baths, the promenade and the picnic areas.** These are high footfall spaces which require maintenance and access for a wide range of users with different needs. The way people use these spaces can be quite varied. Some people are stopping to take in the view while others are focused on having ease of movement through the area
- 👉 **Future planning needs to take into consideration the appropriate balance of new development and the maintenance of existing facilities.** Planning ideas need to cater for the high proportion of regular, local users who prefer minimal interference to the current setting while also being mindful of providing for spikes in pedestrian volumes on the weekend and other busy periods.



2. INTRODUCTION

The consultation and research process involved designing and implementing a number of different methods to collect data from a range of users. This report details the outcomes of the consultation project.

2.1. Background to the consultation

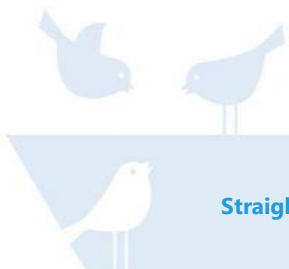
Waverley Council is conducting a number of interconnected projects as part of their focus on updating the POM for Bronte Park and Beach. The total area under observation includes Bronte Gully, Bronte Park, the north section of the coastal walk, Bronte Beach, Bronte Baths and the Cutting. Across all of these spaces there are a range of different facilities and areas which local residents and the general public utilise during the day. The purpose of the data collection is to renew information regarding how people use and interact with each space, given the last available data was collected more than ten years ago. Plans of Management identify users and provide guidance for short, medium and long term planning for parks to meet existing and emerging needs. The previous POM included some plans which were implemented and some plans which became obsolete due to unforeseen changes in the area over time. The Bronte Park User Survey was requisitioned specifically to collect current data to inform the planning and maintenance of the park and beach into the future.

In early 2016, Waverley Council initiated a six-stage POM Program. The entire program includes project start-up to determine the site boundaries and consultation strategy through to the publication of the POM report. The Bronte Park User Survey project is part of the second stage of the program which aims to provide the basis for site management and public consultation.

2.2. Scope of work

Straight Talk was engaged in July 2016 to collect information on users and pedestrian behaviour at and around Bronte Park and Beach. The research objectives were to identify and understand:

- The nature of current visitation – why people visit, what they like and suggested changes
- User profiles – what types of people are using the area
- Usage patterns around existing facilities and services – where do people go, how long do they stay and how do they interact with the built environment
- General levels of satisfaction – how do people regard the quality of the different site features
- Expectations for future developments and upgrades within the survey area – what recommendations do stakeholders and users suggest in relation to future planning and management



3. METHODOLOGY

3.1. Overview

This consultation process was designed to incorporate different methods to capture information from many different users and stakeholder groups. The purpose of doing this was to ensure the study was able to capture the depth and scope of current park and beach users, while inviting feedback regarding current perceptions of the area and its facilities. There were five different mechanisms for collecting data and engaging with different stakeholder groups and are outlined below:

3.1.1. Intercept surveys

Intercept surveys were conducted over two sunny days from 9am to 5pm on Thursday 28 July and Saturday 30 July 2016. Two consultants approached people at random across five key areas:

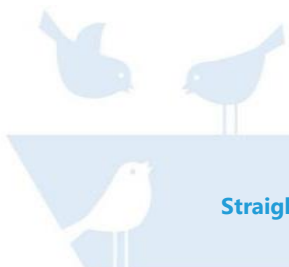
- Area 1: Bronte Beach – inclusive of the main walkway and the surf club kiosk area
- Area 2: Bronte Park – up to the children’s playground and including the seating and BBQ facilities
- Area 3: Bronte Baths – including users around the mini train and those coming down from the Cutting
- Area 4: The Coastal Walk – including the north side hill and undercover seats
- Area 5: Bronte Gully – the natural walkway along the creek.

Each consultant initiated contact with a broad range of people who were using, or walking through, the area and invited them to take part in a short, six-minute intercept survey. Each respondent was asked a range of questions relating to what their actual or expected activities were for that particular day, who they were with and whether they had any feedback for future plans or works for the area.

A total of 131 people completed the face-to-face intercept survey. Outcomes of the intercept surveys are reported in section 5.1.1.

3.1.2. Stakeholder workshop

A stakeholder workshop was conducted on Wednesday 17 August 2016, from 6.30pm to 9pm. Up to two representatives attended from a range of key stakeholder groups with an interest in the future planning for Bronte Park and Beach. These groups broadly included social and exercise clubs, public services – police and STA, precinct committee members and other community organisations. Twenty-three people attended the workshop which was hosted at the Bronte Surf Life Saving club function venue. This venue was chosen due to its central location and proximity to the park and beach area.



At the commencement of the session, Council presented on the project to update the current POM in order to alleviate any misconceptions about future development and plans for the area.

Straight Talk then facilitated a range of activities in which small groups of five to eight participants worked together to discuss their perceptions and anticipated solutions to creating short and long term changes for the area. After each main discussion point, there was an opportunity for each group to share their needs and concerns with the whole room. Key areas of dialogue focused on shaping a future vision, uncovering local values and delving into practical changes which could be incorporated into the maintenance or upgrade of facilities over the short to medium term.

The outcomes of the workshop are reported in section 5.1.2.

In addition to the stakeholder workshop, the Bronte Precinct Committee and the Waverley Access Advisory Committee were consulted. Feedback from these sessions can be found in Appendix A.

3.1.3. Have a Say Day

On Saturday 20 August 2016, Council staff organised and ran an open stall in Bronte Park from 12pm to 3pm. The stall was set up to inform park and beach users about the POM and invite on-the-spot feedback via the online survey.

A total of 53 online surveys were completed at the session, the results of which were incorporated into the aggregate intercept survey results (see section 5.1.1).

3.1.4. Site observations

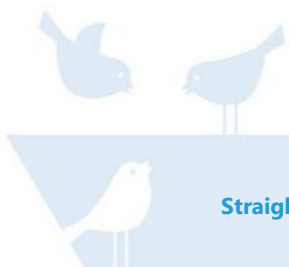
Site observations were conducted over two sunny days from 9am to 5pm on Saturday 27 August 2016 and 6.30am to 2.30pm on Thursday 1 September 2016. Two consultants observed park and beach users in five distinct areas, rotating through each space in 30 minute periods. The areas were broadly the same as those utilised in the intercept survey:

- Bronte Beach – the main promenade, the surf club and kiosk
- Bronte Park – the open space behind the main promenade back to the BBQ area
- Bronte Baths – around the entrance to the toilets and pool, back to the mini train; including the walkways coming down from the Cutting
- The Coastal Walk – the north side hill and the walk way coming down from Bayview St, as well as the coastal walk into Bronte Beach
- Bronte Gully – inclusive of the children's playground and the entering pathway into the gully.

The purpose of the site observations was to identify the types of activities being conducted, the transit routes being used through each area and if they were different to the set concrete pathways, and an approximate number of people in the space.

At each area for 30 minutes, one consultant noted the number of people using or passing through the area, and what they were doing. The total number of prams, bikes or mobility aids were also noted.

The outcomes of this activity are reported in section 5.1.3.



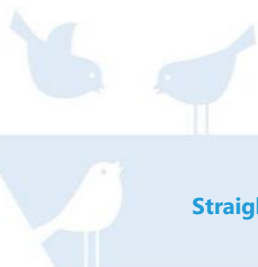
Online survey

Straight Talk developed an online survey in order to build a dataset of the demographics, attitudes and preferences of Bronte Park and Beach users. The survey reflected the content of the intercept survey and requested further information regarding feedback on general use of the area and evaluation of facilities.

The survey went live on Wednesday 27 July 2016 and closed on Sunday 4 September 2016.

People who were not available to complete an intercept survey on either of the intercept days were invited to take part in the online survey at a time more convenient to them. The online and intercept surveys were hosted and marketed through the Waverley Council website. There were also broad based communications including: posters, a letterbox drop and flyer advertising for the online survey and the Have a Say Day.

A total of 101 people completed this survey and the outcomes are reported in section 5.1.4, below.



4. CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

4.1. Overall findings

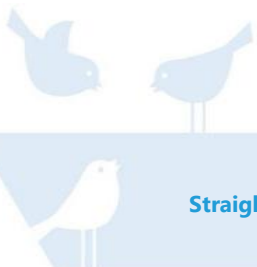
The following section outlines key insights from the consultation.

Who is visiting?

- 🐦 All ages. The type of people who visit are notably varied in their age and gender
- 🐦 Locals. The surveys suggest a high proportion of visitors are locals. 56% of intercept respondents and 74% of online survey respondents walk to the area. Face-to-face conversations conducted during the intercept surveys also indicate high levels of people who are either local (from Bronte) or from the Eastern suburbs
- 🐦 Young and older families, singles and couples
- 🐦 The intercept and online survey results indicate high levels of people visiting the park and beach area alone. However, it was observed during the site observation days that while many people do visit alone, most are in groups of two, walking or exercising together. This may have been due to people being more likely to complete a survey while they are alone
- 🐦 Small groups (less than five adults) and larger groups (more than five adults)
- 🐦 Mothers with prams
- 🐦 Notable numbers of dog walkers
- 🐦 Limited numbers of cyclists
- 🐦 Limited numbers of those who use a mobility aid. i.e. wheelchairs, walking frames, electric scooters

What are they doing?

- 🐦 Most commonly, walking, jogging, exercising, relaxing and socialising
- 🐦 Activities are spread across all areas of the park and beach
- 🐦 Most people say they generally stay for one to two hours
- 🐦 Some people come multiple times per day



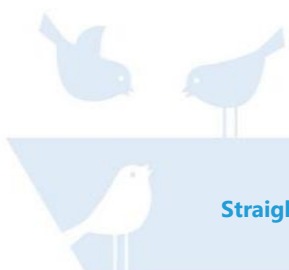
- 👉 There is a strong, underlying community network based on the presence of generational residents, as well as the ubiquity of a number of active clubs and organisations. These groups drive regular visitation, as well as providing a vehicle for the consistent use of the facilities and an appreciation of the natural beauty of the area
- 👉 Some activities are more common in certain areas and at certain times of the day (see section 5.3 site observations)
- 👉 Many people enjoy the use of the grass areas as this provides open space for small and large group activities. This is popular through midday and into the afternoon while it is still light
- 👉 Most activities are self-organised. People appear to bring all the items they require to entertain themselves but rely on the use of amenities (toilets, showers, change rooms) and sometimes purchase food. Around 50% of those surveyed said they make use of the Bronte Road cafes on their visit to the park and beach.

What do they like about the area?

- 👉 The natural beauty
- 👉 The strong sense of community
- 👉 Undeveloped quality of the space
- 👉 The variety of different characters and environments across the Gully, the park, Bronte Baths and the beach
- 👉 The heritage and connection to local history
- 👉 Feedback across each consultation activity has consistently demonstrated that most park users and stakeholders are satisfied with the facilities available to them and the condition of the general area.

What could be changed?

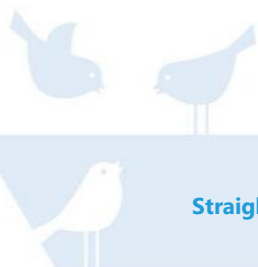
- 👉 More frequent, more focused maintenance of amenities. There is a lot of interaction with the built environment. The amenities, the kiosk, the shelters and the BBQs are highly used. Feedback from the stakeholder workshop indicated that many would like these facilities to be updated or maintained more regularly
- 👉 Upgrade pathways, infrastructure and building exteriors
- 👉 More obvious policing of littering to ensure cleanliness during and after high use periods like the weekend and holidays
- 👉 Improve and manage pedestrian access from transport options on the south side i.e. the bus stop, Bronte Cutting, parking spaces positioned on a steep hill
- 👉 Create better access around Bronte Baths (pool and toilets) in consideration of the elderly and those who use wheelchairs.



What needs to be considered in future planning?

- 👉 Maintaining the natural, casual feel
- 👉 Catering to high proportions of Bronte and Eastern suburbs locals who want to keep the area low-key
- 👉 Being prepared for sudden and frequent spikes in user numbers during warmer weather and on the weekends
- 👉 Developing safer and more appropriate interchange routes between buses, cars, taxis and pedestrians along Bronte Road
- 👉 Creating better access options for emergency services, the elderly and those with wheelchairs in general. 32% of people surveyed had trouble getting around the park and beach due to: distance, topography, access provision to the pool or wheelchair access.

To note: While there were low numbers of those observed to be elderly or using mobility aids, this may be due to existing difficulties getting into and around the park and beach area.



5. REVIEW OF FINDINGS

The following section outlines findings from each consultation method.

5.1. At a glance: The intercept and online surveys

Feedback from the intercept and online surveys offered many similarities. There were a number of behaviours and attitudes which were highlighted as being important across both samples.

Some key points:

- 👉 **Responses across both surveys outline typical behaviour across a wide age range of users.** The median age range of respondents for the online survey was 46-60 years old compared to a median age range of 31-45 years old for the intercept survey. Although there was a higher proportion of respondents aged 46 years and older for the online survey, the intercept surveys were able to capture feedback from those aged 18-45 years old.
- 👉 **Overall, the users of Bronte Park and Beach are highly satisfied.** When intercepted at the park or the beach, over one third of respondents said there was nothing which would make them use the area more
- 👉 **Most are satisfied with the facilities.** Respondents were asked to rate the facilities generally, on a scale of 0-10 (Extremely unsatisfied - extremely satisfied) and very few rated 5 or below
- 👉 **High levels of local resident usage.** Many people walk to the area and visit daily
- 👉 **Users feel safe in the area.** Over 90% of respondents said they felt safe and comfortable, which is also indicated by the high proportion of people who visit the area alone
- 👉 **Visitors who meet in small groups of five adults or less, are common**
- 👉 **One to two hours is the most popular length of stay**
- 👉 **There are generally even proportions of those who visit the cafes along Bronte Road while visiting the park and the beach.** 40% of those intercepted and 50% of online survey respondents said they planned to visit one of the cafes
- 👉 **Responses indicate there is adequate seating.** Around 70% of online and intercept respondents said this was the case (note: seasonal factors should be taken into consideration as consultation was conducted during winter)
- 👉 **Swimming and walking are the most popular activities.** Correspondingly, the beach is the most highly used and the most valued element of the area



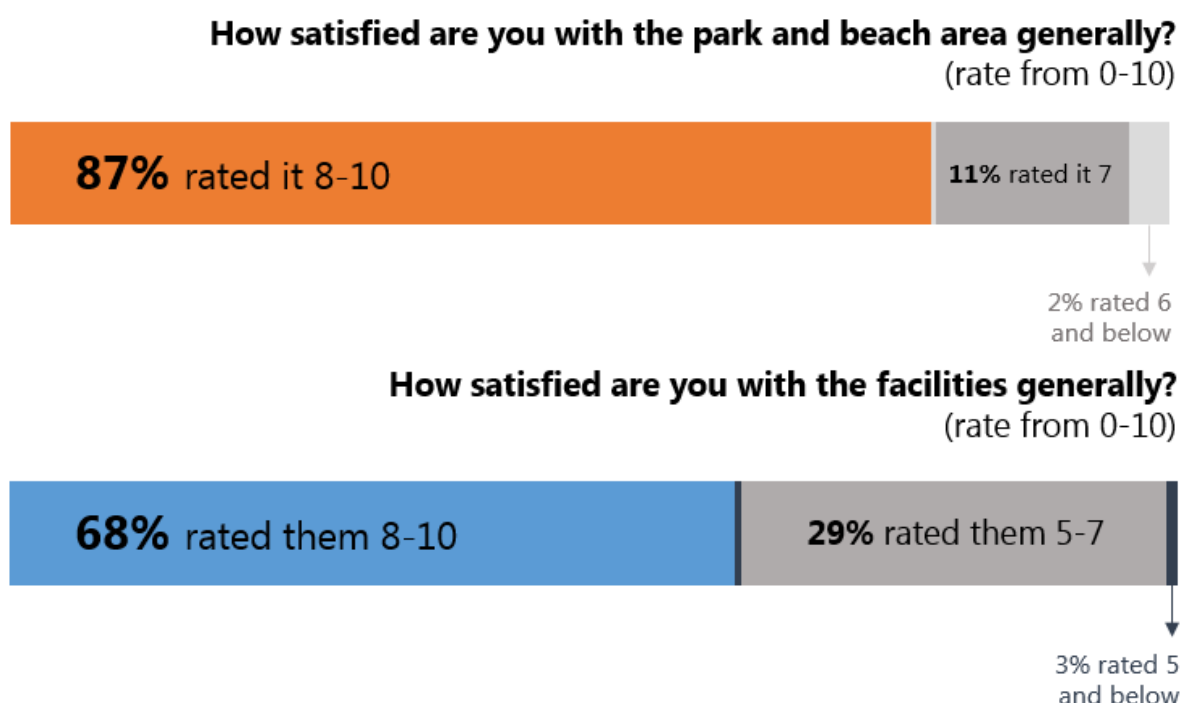
🔥 **A high proportion of people said they did not have difficulty getting around the area.**

However, some commonly cited reasons for impediments across the park and the beach include: the recent storm damage to the coastal walk, the steep gradient in front of the bus stop on Bronte Road and up the hill for parking as well as the lengthy distance between facilities which can make things difficult for elderly users.

5.1.1. The intercept survey

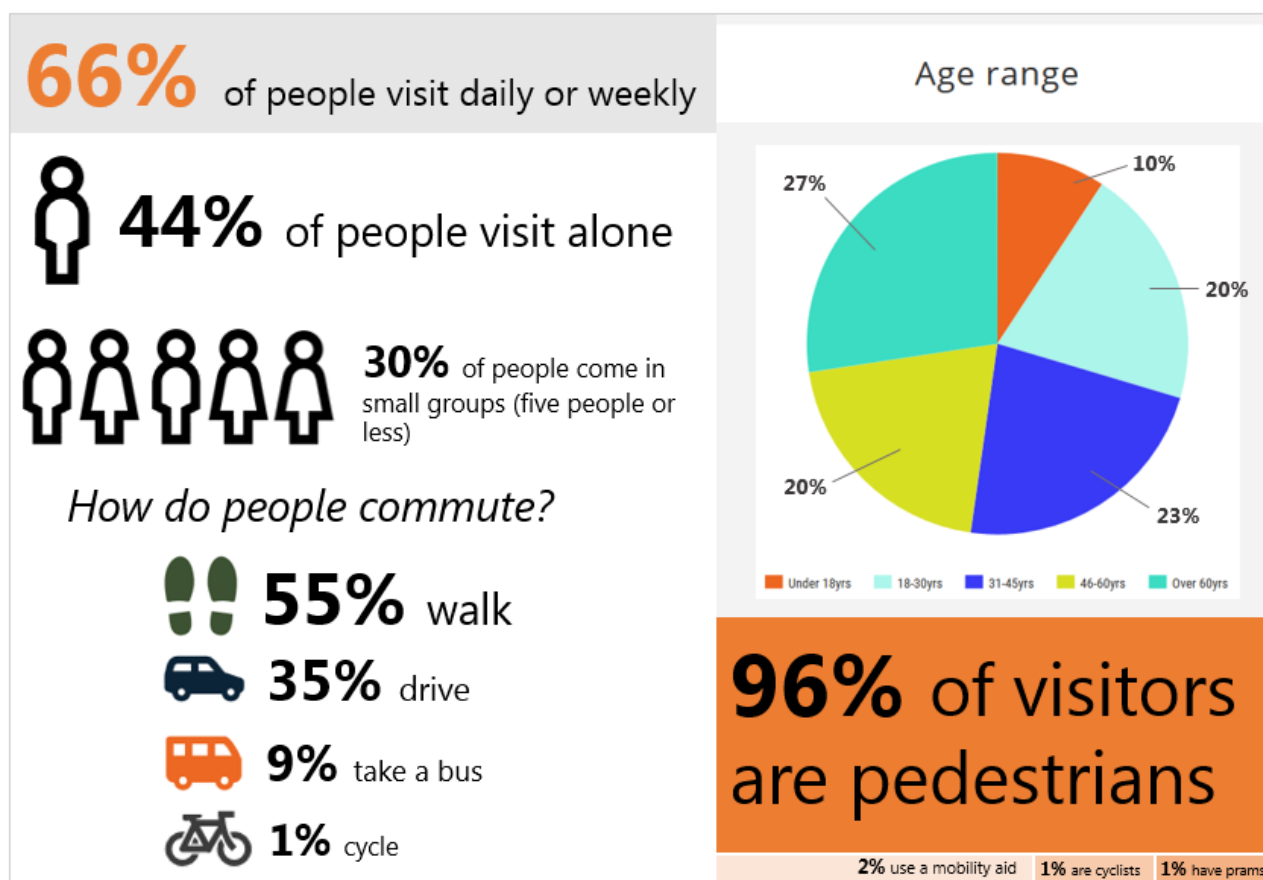
Intercept surveys were conducted on a week day and one weekend day to ensure that all respondents were broadly representative of the different types of park and beach visitors. This was intended to be reflective of visitors over the course of one week during winter.

Table 1: Overall satisfaction levels (Using a scale of 0-10 where 10 represents extremely satisfied)



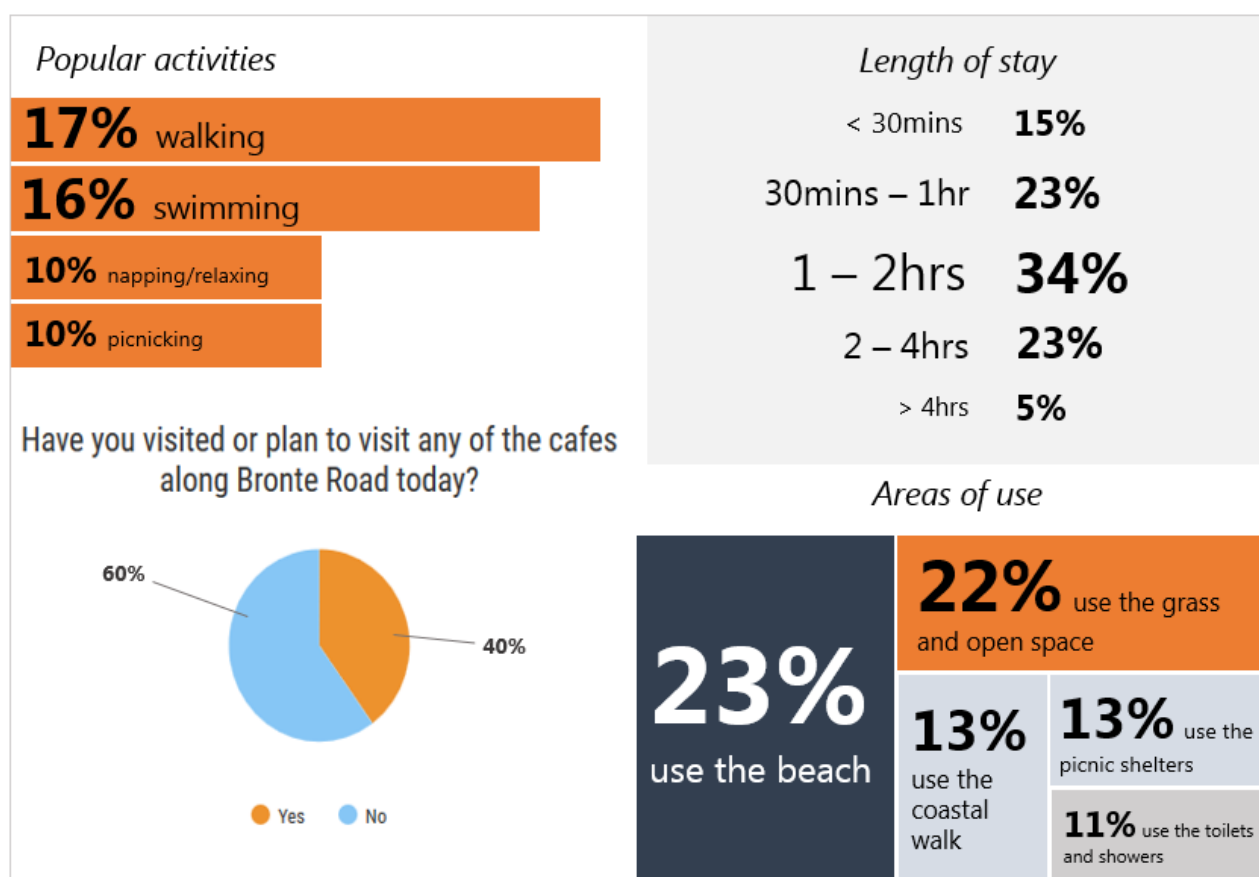
- **Overall satisfaction with the area is high.** 27% of respondents ranked the area ten out of ten. 57% ranked the area either eight or nine out of ten. Around 2% of respondents ranked the park and beach area five or less.
- **Overall satisfaction with the facilities is generally quite high.** 10% of respondents ranked the facilities ten out of ten. Only 7% of respondents ranked the facilities five or less.
- **During face-to-face conversations, many respondents indicated that the natural, minimal environment was part of the appeal.** As long as there were basic amenities available, with access to food and shelter, the space was satisfying the way that it was.

Table 2: Key details about the people who are visiting



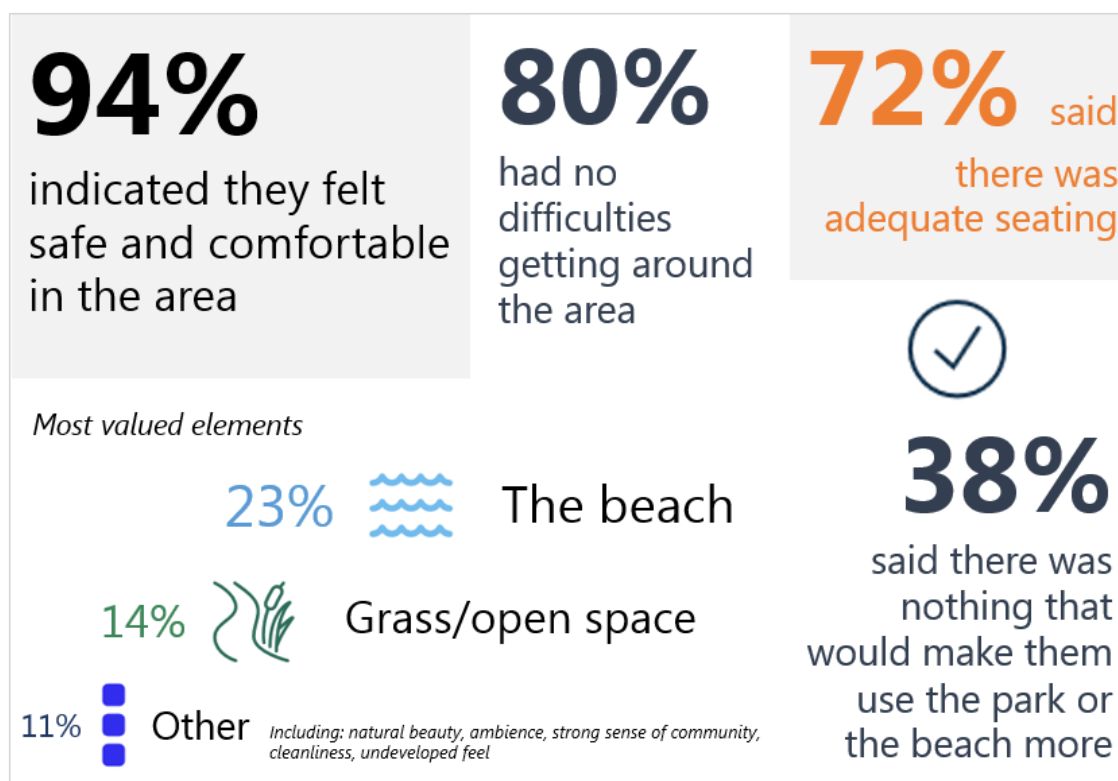
- **There were a high number of local residents.** There is a strong local beach community with some people visiting the beach daily, or multiple times per day. 9% of respondents indicated monthly visits and around 3% visit once a year. 5% indicated this was a one-off visit.
- **Solo visitors are the most common.** This includes people who pass through for a walk, for some solitary time exercising or a quick swim. Many respondents commented that they come to the area to wind down and enjoy the spacious atmosphere of the beach and park.
- **Most people walk to the park.** This indicates that a high percentage of people who visit the area are locals and within a walkable distance.
- **34% of respondents we spoke to live in Bronte.** 75% live in the Eastern suburbs including: Queens Park, Bondi Junction, Bondi Beach, Bellevue Hill, Woollahra, Tamarama, Edgecliff, Clovelly, Darling Point and Point Piper.
- **A fairly even spread of ages visit the area.** People aged over 60 years old most frequently visit the area. Those aged under 18 years old are the least frequent visitors.
- **94% of people who completed the survey travel independently and on foot, through the park and beach area.** Only a small fraction made use of a bicycle or mobility aid, or were travelling through with a pram.

Table 3: What people do during their visit



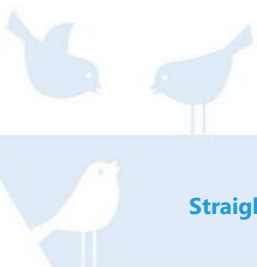
- **Most people were involved in walking or swimming on the day they completed the intercept survey.** Napping, relaxing and picnicking were also popular, as were dog walking, exercising and surfing.
- **40% of respondents did not, and had no plans to, visit the cafes along Bronte Road.** Many people were involved in active hobbies and their focus was more on staying within the park and beach boundaries.
- **A majority of respondents stay for one to two hours.** Some made comment that parking restrictions were an influence on the length of stay. Very few people stayed longer than four hours.
- **The beach and the open space in the park were the most used areas.** The coastal walk and the BBQ area were also popular during the week and on the weekends to accommodate for larger groups. Other popular areas included the children's playground and the surf club kiosk with around 4% of respondents indicating a visit on the day they were surveyed.

Table 4: How people evaluate the area



- **93% of respondents said they felt comfortable moving around all areas of the park and beach.** Only 7% indicated that they felt less safe, which is broadly in line with the number of people who have come as a one-off visit and are unfamiliar with the area. There was comment that having some security presence at night time and more lighting may be appropriate.
- **73% of respondents said that there was nothing that stopped them or made it difficult to get around the park and beach.** Some stated that the pool had been closed for a notable period of time and there are fencing obstructions at that end of the beach at the time they were surveyed. One group of older visitors who were picnicking near the bus stop commented that the amenities were quite far for them to walk to. Similarly, some of the natural slopes and steps around the north entrances and the coastal walk can be difficult to manage for older people or those who are trying to manoeuvre prams or large objects.
- **Most say there is adequate seating.** However, this is to be expected during quieter periods and may not be the case during the warmer months when there are many more people sharing the different open space areas.

- **24% of respondents could not name one other thing that would make them use the park or the beach more.** 15% said they would like the toilets and the showers to be upgraded. The amenities next to the pool were frequently acknowledged to be of a lower quality and less preferable to those next to the surf club kiosk. 12% of people requested more shade.
- **Apart from the beach and the open space in the park, many respondents said they valued intangible aspects of the area.** Many noted the casual ambience and natural beauty. Locals talked frequently about the sense of connection and community that they shared with others in the area and within the different social and exercise groups they were involved in. The area also has a strong sense of heritage rising from the local surf and swimming clubs which was also mentioned.



5.1.2. Online survey

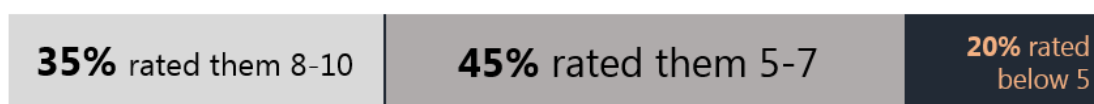
There were 101 people who completed the online survey which was available through the Waverley Council website. Key findings are outlined below:

Table 16: Indicative satisfaction levels (Using a scale of 0-10 where 10 represents extremely satisfied)

How satisfied are you with the park and beach area generally? (rate from 0-10)



How satisfied are you with the facilities generally? (rate from 0-10)



- **High levels of satisfaction with the park and beach area.** A clear majority are happy with the area in general. 9% of respondents rated it ten out of ten.
- **A majority of respondents were satisfied with the facilities.** One-fifth of respondents were not satisfied with them.

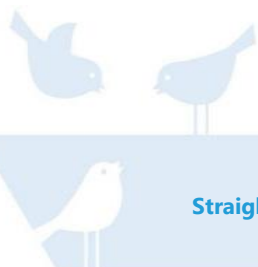
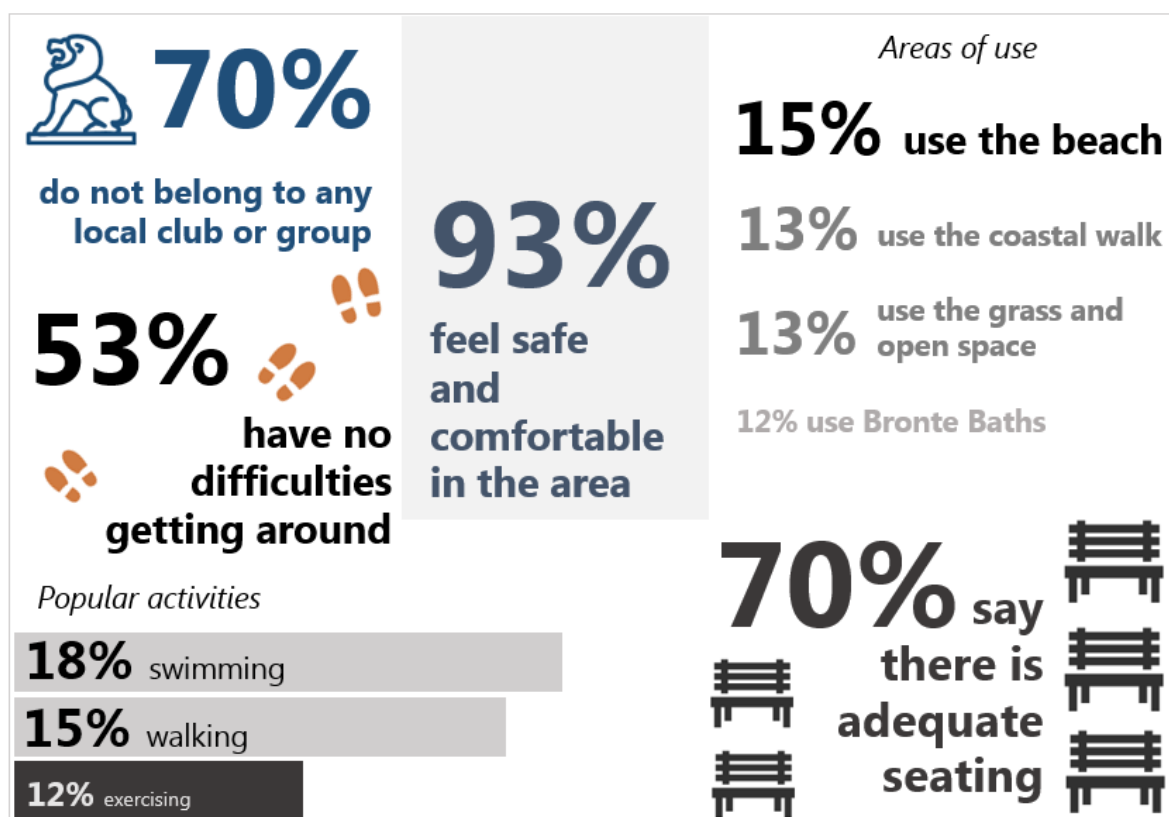


Table 17: How people use the area



- **Similar to the intercept results, a high percentage of people feel safe and secure during their time at the park and the beach.** Also similarly to the intercept interviews, a majority of respondents feel there is adequate seating.
- **Just over half of the online survey respondents had no difficulties moving around the area,** compared to 73% of intercept respondents.
- **70% of online respondents do not belong to a local club or group.**
- **The most popular activity is swimming.** Other popular activities include, walking, exercising, playing with kids, jogging and picnicking.
- **20% of respondents said that if the toilets and showers were upgraded, they would use the park and the beach more.** 15% mentioned better visitor compliance and another 15% indicated having more shade would increase their usage.

Table 18: The nature of people's visit



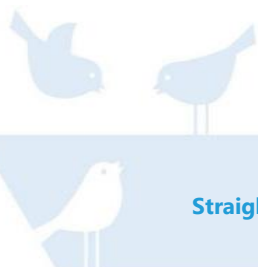
- **Almost three quarters of people walk to Bronte Park and Beach.** This indicates a high level of local residents using the area. 2% take the bus and 2% ride a bike.
- **A majority of people stay for one to two hours.** 23% of people stay for 30 minutes to one hour. Less people choose to stay for longer periods with 15% say they usually stay for two to four hours.
- **Similar to the intercept survey, a high proportion of respondents visit the area alone.** And around one third come in a small group
- **Most are high frequency visitors.** 55% of visitors come to the area daily and over one-third (39%) visit on a weekly basis.

In the online survey we also asked respondents to rate how satisfied they were with a number of different elements within Bronte Park and Beach. They were required to rate each out of ten, with ten indicating participants were very satisfied.

Table 8: Levels of satisfaction with different elements of the park and beach (Using a scale of 0-10 where 10 represents extremely satisfied)

How satisfied are you with...	Below 5 (%)	5-7 (%)	8-10 (%)	Not sure (%)
Bronte Gully and the surrounds	5	47	45	3
The cleanliness of Bronte Park and Beach	5	36	59	
The grass and open space	4	40	55	1
The plants, trees and landscaping	20	37	40	3
Shade and shelter	19	47	33	1
Signage	13	29	57	1
The quality of walkways and paths	15	38	47	

- **Users are satisfied or very satisfied with most elements of the park and beach.** Users are particularly satisfied with the cleanliness of the area, the grass and open space, and the signage.
- **All elements of the park and beach were rated five or above by at least 75% of respondents.**

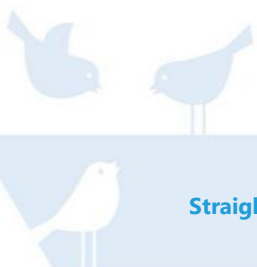


5.2. At a glance: The stakeholder workshop

The workshop hosted a considerable range of stakeholder groups who were all passionate and dedicated to providing feedback and sharing their experience of the area. Throughout the session there was a strong sense of mutual enjoyment and appreciation for what Bronte Park and Beach offer in terms of heritage, scenery and lifestyle. Many voiced their support for continuing to work collectively towards the maintenance and conservation of the areas unique, natural beauty.

Some key points:

- 👉 **High use areas indicated by each group are spread across the entire area of Bronte Park and Beach.** While the promenade and Bronte Baths are used by all groups, there are actually numerous focal points located across the length and breadth of the area
- 👉 **The general vision for the area is to maintain the natural beauty and sense of simplicity.** This includes not focusing future development on expanding business and trade but rather improving the quality of existing facilities
- 👉 **The unique character of the area was highly valued.** While the proximity to nature and wildlife was frequently mentioned, this also included a distinct sense of community and connection with other beach and park users, as well as a strong and visible link to the particular history of the area through the continuing activities of local clubs and groups
- 👉 **There are many things which are acknowledged as working well.** Access to a range of different, natural environments, facilities, food and loyal park staff were mentioned
- 👉 **Suggested long term changes mainly include not changing things too much.** Although the general feedback involved maintaining the character of the place, there were some specific recommendations around upgrading pathways and existing infrastructure. This included updating traffic flow and pedestrian access through the cutting and down Bronte Road to make it safer
- 👉 **There were some minor suggestions for short term changes.** This was focused on improving seating, the quality of the grass, pool surfaces and signage
- 👉 **Each group highlighted a number of changes which could help improve general accessibility around the area.** These suggestions were quite varied as each group had a diverse range of needs. As such it is difficult to prioritise the list as most items were specific to each group.



5.2.1. Stakeholder workshop

On Wednesday 17 August 2016, a group of 23 participants gathered at the Bronte Surf Life Saving Club function venue. Participants came as representatives from the following 14 stakeholder groups:

Table 5: Complete list of stakeholder groups in attendance at the workshop

BIKEast
Bronte Beach Precinct
Bronte Precinct
Bronte Board Riders Club
Bronte Gully Bushcare Group
Bronte Kiosk
Bronte Splashers Swimming
Bronte Surf Lifesaving Club
Bronte Swimming Club
Bronte Waterfall Bushcare Group
STA Operations Manager (Eastern Suburbs)
Train operator
Waverley Historical Society
Waverley Police

On arrival, participants were seated across six tables and asked to place spots on the locations which represented high use areas for their group or organisation. Each table was given a different colour to differentiate usage patterns.

Figure 1: High use areas across Bronte Park and Beach



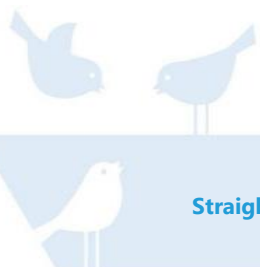
The core structure of the two and a half hour workshop was divided into six segments. Each segment focused on understanding how each stakeholder group perceived the park and beach area. Key findings from each activity are outlined below:

1. Visioning exercise: thinking about Bronte Park and Beach in 10 years' time, what is your vision or aspiration for the area?
 - **Keep it natural and casual.** Having the look and feel of the area remaining the same. The characteristics most valued about the park and the beach includes being: low key, not too flashy, naturally secluded, rustic and simple. Do not increase the number of hard surfaces or pathways in order to maintain a less built style for the area
 - **Uncommercial and uncluttered.** Do not expand the kiosk, do not introduce hire equipment facilities, do not build more cabanas
 - **More vegetation.** Better quality grass areas, landscaping in the park, restoration of the waterfall and all bushland sections
 - **Improved and maintained quality of existing buildings and open spaces.** Improved quality outdoor showers, better lighting and smoother surfaces around the pool for elderly swimmers, upgrade the life guard tower, create a nice outdoor seating area with lighting outside the kiosk, update building exteriors
 - **Improved transition zones.** Make the access paths from the bus terminal flatter, improve access in front of the surf club to improve conflict pathways between boats and pedestrians on the promenade, wider pathways on the north side of the park
 - **More seating.** Under the trees and along the promenade.
2. Thinking about Bronte Park and Beach now, what is the one thing you value most about it?
 - **The unique character of the place.** Having a range of special and distinct spaces within the park like the bogey hole, the pool, the gully and the different open spaces
 - **The natural beauty.** Inclusive of the bushland, waterways, and wildlife that inhabits those areas
 - **The community and people.** A strong sense of community that holds the local social scene together, while still being open and welcoming to any and everybody who wants to share the space
 - **History and heritage.** An enduring story of local memories within the surf club and swimming clubs, school friends and associates, family ties and generally being with friends to enjoy the environment.
 - **Safety.** Having a safe beach, parking away from the main beach area for children to be protected and an open, social environment.



3. Thinking about your current use of the area, what is working well?
- **Simple layout.** Clear definition between the picnic areas, children's playground, open spaces, beach and pool
 - **Native vegetation.** Lots of natural, wild spaces with trees and greenery
 - **The marine reserve.** Allows people to experience a natural sea habitat firsthand and makes the area unique in its proximity to nature
 - **Informal spaces.** Having a significant amount of green, open space and areas which are not overly built or developed so structures do not take away from the natural feel of the park or the beach
 - **Easy access to cafes.** Close to a range of places to eat with a nice, clear view of the beach
 - **Good access to beach and pool.** Having many different pathways which allow for access into the park and beach areas
 - **Dedicated park and Council staff.** Locals have a good relationship with the staff and groundsmen who work to maintain Bronte Park and Beach.
4. Considering how the community currently uses the park and the beach what is the one issue the POM should address? Contemplate potential long term changes.
- **Do not change it too much.** Be mindful of what is working well and do not try to make the area into something it's not. Avoid making Bronte into another Bondi or Coogee.
 - **Upgrade pathways.** Consider upgrading the pathway on the north side of the park near Hewlett Street and making pathways generally wider where there is higher foot traffic and people with prams, surfboards and other items for picnicking
 - **Consider redesigning how traffic flows in the Cutting.** Make a suspension pathway over the cliff, around from the end of the pool, to alleviate pedestrian numbers. Do not allow cars to park on both sides of the road. Redirect pedestrians through a different pathway or take priority away from cars along the strip to improve safety
 - **Update infrastructure.** Including the picnic shelters, the stairs above the waterfall, buildings near the beach and all retaining walls
 - **Extend free parking hours.** One-hour parking makes it difficult for those attending exercise or social groups when taking into consideration how long it takes to walk to and from on-street parking spaces
 - **Improve the main bus stop and pedestrian access around the drop off.** Ensure there are clearer spaces and distinction between where buses stop, where vehicles pass through and how pedestrians go to the cafes and get into and out of the park and beach. Consider how to create more accessible parking around the main entrance.

5. What are some quick wins or improvements over the short term which could have a big impact on the area?
- **More seating.** On the promenade, at the south end change rooms and up the gully near the waterfall
 - **Improve the grass.** Install sprinklers to care more for the grass near the areas closest to the beach
 - **Improve surfaces around the pool.** To improve access and safety for older people
 - **Maintain and improve signage.** Have clear messages for alcohol-free zones or leash-free areas for dogs.
6. Thinking about park and beach accessibility, how easy is it to get around? Consider how you commute and whether anything could be changed or upgraded.
- **There needs to be a better transport and pedestrian access point at the south end bus stop.** The current pedestrian strip from the cafes into the park leads into a fence. There also needs to be a clear and safe place for taxis to stop near the bus interchange or the car park. There is no direct access into the park due to the extended fencing
 - **Better emergency access needs to be developed for any emergency vehicles on the north side.** Near Bayview Street coming into the surf club to make it easier for patient access or creating a safer area to land a helicopter
 - **Consider using natural materials for pathways.** To avoid making the area look and feel too developed, particularly if updating the pathway through the gully
 - **Widen the pathways on the north.** These are often used for prams and bikes
 - **Increase accessibility to the pool.** There are steps into the toilets at Bronte Baths, making it difficult for people with a mobility issue to use. There is also no disability access into the pool
 - **Make pool access safer.** The ladder down to the bogey hole is often covered in algae making it slippery and unsafe
 - **Reconsider fencing.** Narrow fencing minimises access points into the park on the south side.
 - **No bike facilities.** No bike racks currently
 - **Make wheelchair access better.** Paths need to be wider. Wheelchair parking in the Cutting is currently difficult with the gradient and flow of traffic
 - **Restore the quality of steps.** Between the gully and Bronte Road.

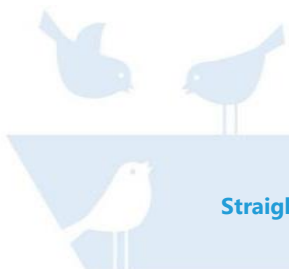


5.3. At a glance: Bronte Park and Beach site observations

The site observations uncovered some distinct patterns of use. Morning and afternoon activities were quite different in some cases as were the five areas of the park and beach which were being observed.

Some key points:

- 🦋 **Area 1 – Bronte Beach and the promenade:** Very high numbers of pedestrians across all of Saturday, passing through, walking in small groups or exercising/jogging alone. This is a high foot traffic area, mainly used as a thoroughfare. Similar patterns are observed on Thursday with less overall volumes of people
- 🦋 **Area 2 – Bronte Park, including the picnic and BBQ areas:** Very minimal use in the mornings on both Saturday and Thursday. Few people stop in the morning, but by midday there are groups of people sitting, socialising and playing games in the wide, open spaces. There are many informal pathways through this area which sits in the centre of many other points of interest. i.e. the bus stop, children's playground, access to the gully and the promenade
- 🦋 **Area 3 – Bronte Baths, Bronte train and the huts:** This is a popular area for people walking through as well as for those who sit and relax for long periods of time. Many groups and individuals stay for longer than the 30 minutes of each observation period. Most people use the concrete pathways so as not to disturb those sitting and relaxing on the grass. There is a notable amount of diversity in age in this area. This is a central place in terms of access to the beach, bogey hole, the pool and grassy places to sit and picnic
- 🦋 **Area 4 – The north side hill and the coastal walk:** There are many more people in the area using the coastal walk in the morning and early afternoon on Saturday. Streams of people come through the coastal walk during these times. From around 1.30-2.30pm was the busiest period observed across both Saturday and Thursday. The hill is a popular place for those spending time in solitude or walking with dogs or prams. There is a very distinct difference in the numbers of people on the hill compared to the number of people on the coastal walk. Only a handful of people, usually around ten or less, were observed on the hill at any one time
- 🦋 **Area 5 – Bronte Gully and the children's playground:** This area is mainly used by young families and dog walkers. There are fairly even numbers of people across all times of the day for both Saturday and Thursday. The flat space allows parents to socialise with one another and let their children roam and play. There is also a steady stream of people walking up through the gully and into the main park and beach space.



5.3.1. Site observations

Site observations were conducted on a Saturday from 9am to 5pm to observe the users who are present during the weekend to picnic, swim and visit from out of the area. A second day of site observations was conducted on a Thursday from 6.30am to 2.30pm in order to observe those in the park and beach area early in the morning for dawn exercise or pre-work activities.

Observations for each of the areas across both days is outlined below.

Figure 2: Area 1 Bronte Beach



Table 6: Area 1 Saturday observations

Saturday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 10am-10.30am	97	Walking Relaxing Jogging	3		
Mid-day: 1pm-1.30pm	294	Walking Sunbaking Dog walking	8	4	
Afternoon: 3.30pm-4pm	185	Walking Sunbaking Relaxing	5		

Area 1 Saturday commentary:

- 👉 576 people visited the site during observations on Saturday.
- 👉 This is a high thoroughfare area across all times of the day. Many people are walking through in smaller groups or in solitary exercise. Because of this, they do not tend to stay for too long in the one spot, they move through the area quite quickly

- 👉 It appears that there are not enough seats along the promenade as the seats are usually always occupied and others stand or sit on the edge of the walkway looking across the beach
- 👉 At the time the observations took place, temporary wire fencing was situated on the south end of the promenade which likely affected people's behaviour in that area
- 👉 The area attracts a broad range of ages
- 👉 Small groups of people, usually in pairs or in threes, walk side-by-side along the promenade
- 👉 Teenagers tend to congregate around the kiosk in small groups.

Table 7: Area 1 Thursday observations

Thursday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 6.30am-7am	61	Jogging Walking Dog walking	1	2	
Mid-day: 10am-10.30am	123	Walking Jogging Dog walking	12		
Afternoon: 12pm-12.30pm	121	Walking Sunbaking Other	2		1

Area 1 Thursday commentary:

- 👉 305 people visited the site during observations on Thursday
- 👉 Many people walk at a leisurely pace on their own or in small groups of two or three. More people use the area for exercise in the morning than the afternoon where the pace slows significantly. While people are still moving through the area, they tend to linger to take in their environment
- 👉 Many people stand around and socialise. It is also common for people to walk around the area, so they are moving but still staying in the same vicinity
- 👉 During the day many people like to sit and eat lunch with a good spot to see the water, but not too close to the sand
- 👉 Larger groups of young people congregate around the kiosk and outside the surf club in the afternoons
- 👉 One wheelchair was observed over the day on the promenade.

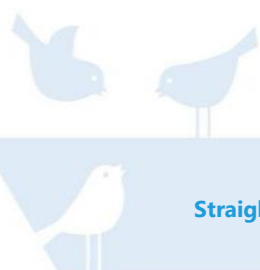


Figure 3: Area 2 Bronte Park



Table 8: Area 2 Saturday observations

Saturday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 9am-9.30am	26	Walking Playing with kids Jogging	1		
Mid-day: 11.30am-12pm	88	Walking Relaxing Picnicking	3		
Afternoon: 2.30pm-3pm	139	Playing with kids Picnicking Walking	4		

Area 2 Saturday commentary:

- 👉 253 people visited the site during observations on Saturday
- 👉 This area is commonly used as a pass through zone for people coming from the main pathway into the promenade and beach. There appears to be many informal walkways directly across the grass
- 👉 There are typically larger groups of people in this area, five or more, sometimes more than 15 due to the amount of space available
- 👉 Because this area is relatively flat, prams have no difficulties manoeuvring across the whole area
- 👉 Other popular activities for this area include: playing ball, Frisbee, taking pictures or solitary picnicking.

- 👉 Groups of all sizes seem happy to sit on the ground or move around the space and socialise with others in the area. Usually the whole area is utilised and people sit for longer periods of time; longer than 30 minutes, sometimes all day. This is more of a stationary area
- 👉 The shelters and the benches are usually occupied quite early in the morning as larger groups stake their claim on significant areas around the BBQs.

Table 9: Area 2 Thursday observations

Thursday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 7.30am-8am	16	Walking Dog walking			
Mid-day: 9am-9.30am	54	Walking Dog walking Playing with kids	4		
Afternoon: 1pm-1.30pm	171	Walking Picnicking Playing with kids			

Area 2 Thursday commentary:

- 👉 241 people visited the site during observations on Thursday
- 👉 Many people stop to sit on the grass from mid-morning into the afternoon. The area still acts as a passageway from the Gully and BBQ areas to the beach and pool. Many people and groups stop in the one spot for longer than 30 minutes
- 👉 Park users are mostly absent in the morning except for the occasional dog walker or person walking through to the promenade. Very few stop to sit early in the morning
- 👉 While people mostly stick to the covered paths, many others make their own pathways through the area as there are a number of destinations (bus terminal, kiosk, BBQs) situated all around the perimeter of the grass
- 👉 Many people use the benches and the shelters as this gives them places to put items like books, bags and food. The open spaces are used more frequently for games and group activities, or drinking and socialising which do not involve sitting.

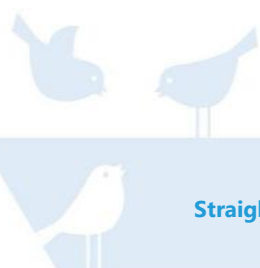


Figure 4: Area 3 Bronte Baths



Table 10: Area 3 Saturday observations

Saturday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 9.30am-10am	90	Jogging Walking Exercising	5	1	
Mid-day: 12.30pm-1pm	170	Walking Relaxing Dog walking	4	2	
Afternoon: 3pm-3.30pm	118	Relaxing Walking Sunbaking	2		

Area 3 Saturday commentary:

- 👉 378 people visited the site during observations on Saturday
- 👉 There appears to be an even proportion of people stopping to relax and sit, as there are people walking through the area
- 👉 The people who stop to sit, usually sit for up to an hour to make use of the sun and to get settled in their position. A lot of people sit on the hill alone, eating or relaxing
- 👉 Most people use the set pathways
- 👉 Many people sit in smaller groups on the grassy areas
- 👉 People who walk and stop along the promenade near the pool use the area to socialise with friends

- 👉 People frequently stand along the promenade to look out onto the beach.
- 👉 Other popular activities include taking pictures and sitting on the grass or the brick walls.

Table 11: Area 3 Thursday observations

Thursday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 7am-7.30am	29	Walking Jogging Dog walking		1	
Mid-day: 9.30am-10am	86	Walking Relaxing Dog walking	5		
Afternoon: 1.30pm-2pm	177	Walking Sunbaking Relaxing	2	3	2

Area 3 Thursday commentary:

- 👉 292 people visited the site during observations on Thursday
- 👉 A broad mix of ages congregate around the area, particularly during the middle of the day to sunbake. Different sized groups sit in the sun together on the grassy areas next to the bogey hole for quick access to take children down onto the sand
- 👉 In the afternoon this area has a lot of people who stop on the grassy areas to sit and relax in the sun. In the morning many people use the concrete paths for walking or exercising. By the afternoon the pace has slowed and people wander around to take in the scenery
- 👉 Younger people or smaller groups of adults cut through the fences to get direct access to grass areas, otherwise most use the pathways. Pathways are important for those with prams or surfboards, but the width of the path only allows for one or two people to pass at the one time which can bottle neck during busier times
- 👉 A large number people linger around the fence near the bogey hole to take in the view. A notable number of people also stop to take pictures
- 👉 A lot of people sit in this area alone on the hill, on the opposite side of the fence to the bus stop, relaxing and reading in the sun
- 👉 Two people were observed using mobility aids, one using a wheelchair and one using a walking frame.

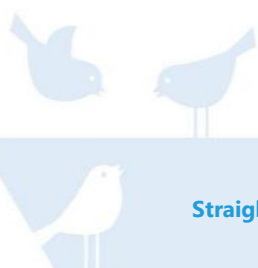


Figure 5: Area 4 The Coastal Walk



Table 12: Area 4 Saturday observations

Saturday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 10.30am-11am	115	Walking Jogging Dog walking	4	2	
Mid-day: 1.30pm-2pm	159	Walking Relaxing Dog walking	1	1	
Afternoon: 4pm-4.30pm	53	Walking Relaxing Dog walking			

Area 4 Saturday commentary:

- 👉 327 people visited the site during observations on Saturday
- 👉 The hill area below Bronte Marine Drive is a popular place for people to exercise, walk with their dogs
- 👉 People often sit on the hill in the open space, in small groups or on their own to look across the water
- 👉 Most of the prams come from the Bayview Street entrances as the pathways create an easier walk down to other areas of the park

- 👉 Large numbers of people pass through either walking or jogging down the coastal walk onto the main promenade
- 👉 Many people use the desire line which travels horizontally across the concrete pathways. This allows them to get from the coastal walk up or over the hill more efficiently.

Table 13: Area 4 Thursday observations

Thursday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 8am-8.30am	88	Walking Jogging Dog walking	3	1	
Mid-day: 10.30am-11am	98	Walking Jogging Relaxing	5		
Afternoon: 2pm-2.30pm	208	Walking Relaxing Exercising	3	3	

Area 4 Thursday commentary:

- 👉 394 people visited the site during observations on Thursday
- 👉 People appear to make their own path ways as there are no direct routes to destinations
- 👉 There is a consistently high level of foot traffic over the coastal walk, people walking on their own or in small groups of two or three
- 👉 A number of people were observed alone, working on laptops on the benches and in the shelters on the north hill
- 👉 Dog walkers and small groups of people commonly walk across between the pathways. This area is a popular meeting place for dog walkers, with its open space and scenic views.

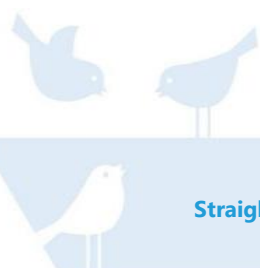


Figure 6: Area 5 Bronte Gully



Table 14: Area 5 Saturday observations

Saturday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 11am-11.30am	90	Walking Playing with kids Dog walking		1	
Mid-day: 2pm-2.30pm	69	Walking Playing with kids Dog walking	10		
Afternoon: 4.30pm-5pm	65	Playing with kids Dog walking Walking	3	1	

Area 5 Saturday commentary:

- 👉 224 people visited the site during observations on Saturday
- 👉 Although there is a high number of people playing with their children around the playground area, it seems to be more popular during the earlier hours of the day
- 👉 The flat area provides good visibility for parents and carers to let their children roam through the playground and on the grass
- 👉 A lot of adults stand around talking to one another and socialising as they watch their children
- 👉 Those with prams use the covered pathways as they offer a shallower gradient up the hill

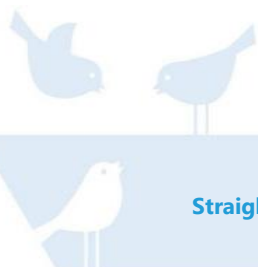
- 👉 A notable number of people walk through the concrete pathways in order to get to the playground or the BBQ areas more efficiently
- 👉 There are many people who walk through this area alone or in couples
- 👉 This is a relatively high transit area as many people are walking around with their children as well as small groups of adults who walk up through the gully, commonly with their dogs.

Table 15: Area 5 Thursday observations

Thursday	Approx. number of people in area	Activities being undertaken (Top three)	Pram	Bike	Mobility aid
Morning: 8.30am-9am	30	Walking Dog walking Playing with kids	2		
Mid-day: 11am-11.30am	41	Playing with kids Walking Dog walking	7	1	
Afternoon: 12.30pm-1pm	49	Walking Playing with kids Relaxing	5		

Area 5 Thursday commentary:

- 👉 120 people visited the site during observations on Thursday
- 👉 Notably less people frequent this area during the week
- 👉 The most commonly used path is from the Gully and through to the main grass area
- 👉 This area is consistently filled with dog walkers
- 👉 Adults stand to watch where their children are playing
- 👉 The flat area next to the children's playground is also used to play ball and for children to run around in smaller groups



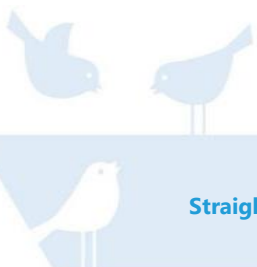
6. FUTURE PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the outcome of this consultation and some additional activities from Council's engagement with the local community (see Appendix A), the following points outline the broad preferences for the future planning and management of the area.

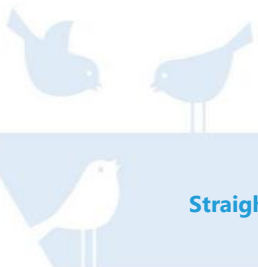
- 🦋 **There is a diverse range of people who use Bronte Park and Beach.** These people are mainly Bronte locals or from the Eastern suburbs and range from teenagers to retirees. They visit the area frequently; if not daily then weekly. In addition to specific comments from park users which recommend not overdeveloping the area, such high frequency usage suggests that having destination drawcards is less important than having basic infrastructure and services which are of high quality
- 🦋 **Users of the area are involved in a broad range of activities.** While the most frequent activities are centred on walking, exercising, relaxing and socialising, there are a number of creative and solitary activities which also require consideration. Things like photography, writing, laptop/working can be done in the park which offers quiet, scenic places for people to enjoy open space with few intrusions
- 🦋 **One consideration in future planning should be around the distinct uses of each area of the park and beach.** Some areas, like the promenade and the coastal walk, need to cater for high foot traffic and pass through activities like jogging. Other areas, like the BBQs in the park space, need to have the grass and facilities for fixed groups who require seating and space to stand with each other
- 🦋 **Plans should also consider the difference in pedestrian volumes over the course of the day** and how appropriate it may be in terms of cost and overall accessibility to install new, permanent structures
- 🦋 **Access inside the beach and park appear less problematic than getting into the area from the surrounding streets.** Comments from the surveys and the workshop suggest that complex public transport access, difficult entry from parking areas with a steep gradient are the main issues
- 🦋 **General and more frequent maintenance of existing facilities is important.** Things like the toilets, showers, huts, walkways, lighting, excess rubbish in the aftermath of crowds and busy days. Pool maintenance was also highlighted frequently; the need to have shorter down times for cleaning and restoration.

👉 Some specific suggestions include:

- Ensure the area remains clean and uncluttered
- Upgrade the pathways:
 - Make the north side pathways wider
 - Consider using gravel for informal pathways
 - Avoid too much concrete which would take away natural feel of the area
 - Address the water seepage on the pathway and steps leading into the BSLS Club
- Upgrade infrastructure to make sure the exteriors are not too overly weather damaged for:
 - Picnic shelters
 - Retaining walls
 - Amenities block
- Improve the main bus stop and pedestrian access. Create more definition and safety between bus, cars and pedestrian users
- Create more accessible access to the pool and toilets on the south side. Consider a shallow ramp closer to the south side access to the beach and better access options into the pool. Improved access alternatives should also be considered for the play equipment, around the BBQs and through the bus stop and parking areas
- More shade areas. More sheltered picnic seating and potentially a new separate shade area
- Better lighting and visibility. Update current lighting to accommodate for people with low vision and at night time. This is also a safety issue
- Consider better emergency services access to the beach.



APPENDIX A COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT DOCUMENTATION



The following is offered by way of comment on the Bronte Plan of Management by the Caring Waverley team and Waverley Access Advisory Committee.

Background

It is estimated that 1 in 5 Australian's experience a disability. An accessible public domain and built environment is vital to support people with disability, and people who are less agile, to participate in community life.

Bronte is one of the more accessible beaches in the LGA, however many barriers still exist for the frail aged and people with disabilities. Community feedback received through consultation with the Waverley Access Committee suggests that improved universal access and age friendly design features would encourage greater use of the Bronte beach and parklands by older people and improve safety and access for people of all abilities.

Planning

The redesign of Bronte will be required to meet the relevant Australian Standards access and mobility. As the standards only outline basic requirements, it is suggested that the seven principles of Universal Access outlined below are considered at each stage of the planning and design process, from concept design to completion.

- 1: Equitable Use - design is useful to people with diverse abilities. Provide the same means of use for all users: identical whenever possible; equivalent when not.
- 2: Flexibility in Use - accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities, adaptability to the user's pace
- 3: Simple and Intuitive Use - Use of the design is easy to understand, regardless of the user's experience, knowledge, language skills, or current concentration level.
- 4: Perceptible Information- design communicates necessary information effectively
- 5: Tolerance for Error - design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintended actions
- 6: Low Physical Effort
- 7: Size and Space for Approach and Use - Provide a clear line of sight to important elements, components comfortable for any seated or standing user.

It is also suggested that consideration is given to engaging an access specialist to conduct an audit and to provide advice on detailed design elements.

Getting to and around the destination

It is suggested that the design meets the following requirements.

- Direct access from mobility parking and transport set down areas to the principle accessible entrance point.
- A continuous, unimpeded, accessible path of travel to key locations in the area, including but not limited to: the beach, parkland, surf club, BBQ facilities, playground, viewing platforms, cafes, change areas, toilets and showers.
- Ramp access to the beach – closer to the south end of the beach and bogey hole.
- Adequate circulation space to enable passing and turning spaces for people who use wheelchairs, parents with prams, and people who use mobility scooters.
- Improved access to the Wally Weeks tidal pool.
- Provision of accessible BBQ facilities.
- Consider including storage for a beach wheelchair that can be accessed independently by wheelchair users and their supporters.
- Spectator spaces for wheelchair users at the playground.
- Consider including a sensory garden.
- Improve access to the Surf club.

Toilets and Bathing Facilities

- Provision of a changing places facility that is large enough for a beach wheelchair.
- Toilets should be accessible without use of a MLAK key.
- A separate accessible shower (in at least one location).
- Shower areas should have hand held shower rose, lever taps, mobile shower stool, hobless shower base. Clothes hangers, change table and location of controls need to be installed at the correct heights.

Accessible Parking

- Adequate dedicated mobility parking places, with transfer space should be located at the main entrance.
- A dedicated parking space to accommodate a community mini bus and community service vehicles close to the main entrance would be useful to assist community service groups who regularly attend activities at the Park/Beach.
- Transition parking at the main entry to enable drop off and pick up is especially useful for people using community service vehicles, wheelchair taxis and others who are less agile.

Wayfinding

Clear visual cues minimise disorientation and installation of adequate and effective lighting ensure easy access and safety, particularly for people with low vision.

Signage

- Signage should be located in an obvious position, at a height between 1400-1600mm, and be easy to read, clear and sufficiently illuminated.
- Signage should provide information regarding facilities for people with disabilities (toilets/parking e.t.c.)
- These should incorporate appropriate international symbols.
- Signage should be located at the park entrances, car parks, set down areas and where there is a change of direction.
- Effective lighting of signage, pathways and within bathrooms can assist people with low vision.
- Consider use of tactile/braille signage, City of Sydney are currently trialling these along York Street.

Pavement

- Avoid design and materials that create irregularities in pavement surfaces.
- TGSIs should be incorporated into the continuous accessible path of travel.
- Where possible a minimum width of 1800mm is recommended to achieve a Continuous Accessible Path of Travel that will allow sufficient space for two prams or persons using wheelchairs to pass each other.
- Large undefined pedestrian areas can be disorienting for people with vision impairment and should be avoided. If this is not possible then appropriate handrails, pathways and contrasting edges and visual or tactile cues can assist.
- Path gradients and cross slopes should be kept to a minimum with gradual transition, where required. It is preferred that any cross slope on paths should fall away from any road surface, especially close to the kerb or at intersections, to ensure that the slope does not direct a person towards vehicle traffic. Cross slope and camber create difficulties for people using wheelchairs, mobility aids or with poor balance.
- Drainage grates and pit access covers for services present potential risks for users. Wherever possible, grates, pits and access covers should be relocated off the Continuous Accessible Path of Travel. If this isn't possible, selection of appropriate access covers that provide and maintain a surface that is level with the adjacent pavement is essential. Appropriate grates as per Australian Standards should be installed.

Landscape Design

- When selecting trees and shrubs, planting of species adjacent to the Continuous Accessible Path of Travel that develop overhanging foliage, and/or leaves/seeds that fall, can create difficulties for people with disabilities.
- Appropriate overhead and side clearance of signs, flags, banners, umbrellas and overhanging trees or shrubs along footpaths is necessary to ensure equitable passage for all users, particularly persons with vision impairment.

Seating

- Appropriately designed and located public seating can improve accessibility, for both residents and visitors.
- Seating should have backs and armrests and a platform for people with wheelchairs to sit beside.
- Seating located at regular intervals along the continuous accessible path or travel would assist people with limited stamina or mobility.

Installations

- Provide access to appropriate drinking fountains, litter bins, traffic lights controls, shade and weather protected areas.
- It is also important that these do not introduce access barriers to the continuous accessible path of travel.

Pedestrian/vehicle conflicts

- Identify potential solution/s to pedestrian and vehicle conflict areas
- Consideration should be given to installation of visual and tactile cues to help warn and direct pedestrians.



29 September 2016

Bianca Simpson and Emily Scott
Waverley Council
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Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Dear Bianca and Emily

Bronte Plan of Management

Thank you for meeting with our team. We are pleased as a major stakeholder to be engaged in the process for a new Bronte Plan of Management.

INTRODUCTION

The current surf club building was opened in 1974 but is now struggling in its present condition to cope with the demands on its use. It is timely with considerations for a new Plan of Management to address the current and foreseeable future demands for the Club and how it interacts with the community. In the ten years since the last gazetted Plan of Management, we as a Club have undergone some very significant changes in operations and membership. We continue to broaden the demographic of our membership. We have an extraordinary age range of Active members of both genders as we seek to become more inclusive and believe we act as a genuine community hub.

We believe it fundamental that the new Plan of Management provides flexibility in dealing with changes going forward relevant to the park and all of its facilities. The updated Plan of Management we do not believe should preclude change to the footprint and volume of the Surf Club and associated facilities. It needs to be able to adapt to changes whether that be to the Surf Club, other users of the park or needs relating to other Council assets such as the kiosk and its storage areas.

BACKGROUND

A lot has changed in the 40 years since the current Club was built and the demands upon the surf club have changed significantly over this time both as a surf club and how it interacts with the public. About 30 years ago women were admitted as full members of Surf Life Saving clubs for the first time. This has resulted in an essentially equal gender current membership mix. Girls then became nippers and nippers became a family affair. The popularity of nippers and junior surf lifesaving has increased to numbers now in excess of 800.

- Over the last 15 years, changes have also added to the demands of our Club.
- In 2004, all water safety required a Bronze Medallion. This has resulted in training requirements increasing exponentially. The good news is this has resulted in more than

500 new parent adult bronze holders to assist on the beach, however it has added to the demands on the Club's resources.

- About six years ago Surf Lifesaving was aligned as a registered training delivery organisation. This meant training outcomes were formally recognised outside the organisation in areas such as the work place and added to our obligations.
- The Club now trains over 200 people a year and at times, there are 3-4 courses run concurrently and crammed into one room.
- Our membership numbers have nearly doubled over the last 10 years to 1,800 members resulting in a vast increase in equipment needs and storage requirements.
- The sophistication of our core Lifesaving activities has continued to increase through the use of technology and equipment, levels of training and requirements of reporting. There has also been an increase in compliance requirements.

The result of all of these and other changes over the years has meant that the requirements for the building have shifted and the overall utilisation of the facilities has significantly increased.

All of this has resulted on the need to employ full time administrative staff.

- More and more people continue to visit Bronte Beach and the park. Our interaction with the public has grown significantly. Our Club performed over 15,000 voluntary hours this summer alone. We undertook over 250 rescues (almost three times the rescues of the whole of South Australia) and performed over 3,500 preventative actions. The importance of proper surf lifesaving facilities has magnified.

CLUB USE AND ACTIVITIES

The Club is utilised in many and varied ways;

- As the base for storage of all our lifesaving equipment including rescue boards, all patrol equipment and first aid equipment. Our equipment has changed dramatically over the years and it will continue to do so.
- A training centre for our lifesavers including;
 - Nippers
 - Surf rescue certificate graduates (approximately 30 per year)
 - Bronze medallion holders, which become our active members
 - Education of nipper parents
 - Annual proficiencies to upkeep the lifesaving skills of all of our active members
 - Other surf life education of our members including first aid courses

It is important to note that much of this training is accredited for the workplace. During the summer months the upstairs facilities are often used on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights for these training purposes.

- Use by Nippers not only for education as young surf lifesavers but it is also utilised for their registration day, presentation day and social events like an annual disco.
- The Club is open Monday – Friday all year round to service the members and enquiries but we are also open to the public and answer many queries.
- The club is open every Sunday afternoon for members and guests' social drinks.
- During summer, the Club is also open on a Sunday morning to facilitate the 800 Nippers and all their parents but also serves as an information service for general public.
- Use by our various club committees including Board of Management, lifesaving, nippers and education
- Member functions such as our Reunion Day, Presentation Day and Annual General Meeting together with social functions that include charity orientated activities.
- By Life Members for their life member functions.
- The Club is the host of the ANZAC Day Memorial each year for not only our members but the community. Nearly 2,000 people attended last year's march.
- The club each year hosts the Bondi to Bronte Ocean swim which is the most participated 2 km swim on the east coast. The swim has raised \$100,000 for charity so far.
- We have a gymnasium which is not only used by our members (including importantly, our competitors) but it is also used by the Waverley Council lifeguards. The gym is also home to Bronte Youth where the Club provides fitness training and it keeps them engaged not only in surf lifesaving but also in the community to encourage a healthier lifestyle.
- The Club is utilised by the Waverley Council.
- The Club is utilised by local schools such as St Catherine's and Clovelly Public School.
- The Club hosts community assistance days such as the Uniting Burnside Community Group from Campbelltown.
- The Club is utilised for storage by the Bronte Splashers and Bronte Board Riders for some of their equipment.

- The Club is utilised by community groups such as the Bronte Ladies Swimming Club (annually for their presentation night), Clovelly Eagles Rugby Club and Bronte Amateur Swimming Club.
- We are the base where a number of fitness clubs store their equipment with us and we are used by a yoga club (almost daily).
- The Club has been an advocate for sustainability over the years and promotes community awareness.
- We are also hired out as a function area for not only weddings but birthdays, bar mitzvahs, wakes, small children's parties, business conferences and workshops and book and product launches. As a policy, we do not have 18th, 21st or 30th birthday parties nor do we have ticketed events. We would have on hold each year over 100 functions.
- The Club is used from time to time by organisations such as Surf lifesaving NSW including on Friday, 23 September where the surf lifesaving season for NSW was launched at Bronte beach.

Bronte Surf Club is committed to providing these services and facilities for the community and the existing building has accommodated all these uses since it was constructed in 1974. It will be necessary over the following decade to renovate the building and provide one that is more fit for its purposes. We would like to ensure that future renovations of the club include the better facilities for life saving and park users including resolving the circulation issues between pedestrians on the coast walk, access points to kiosk/change rooms and access to life saving equipment.

In concluding, we thought it worthwhile to set out the Club's Purpose Statement and Mission Statement for our Club and I have attached these in Annexure A.

We look forward to discussing the proposed Plan of Management with Council. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require clarification or any further information.

Kind regards



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Bronte Surf Lifesaving Club

cc: Bronte Board of Management
David Fleeting

ANNEXURE A

Purpose Statement for Bronte Surf Club

Located in a unique setting, Bronte Surf Club literally sits on Bronte Beach. It has important purposes;

- As the most visible building situated on the Bronte Promenade and interfacing with Bronte Park
- As a central focal point for community life in the area, accommodating a vibrant mix of cultural, community and commercial uses
- As the central place for surf lifesaving activities noting that the Bronte Surf Club supervises one of the most challenging and dangerous beaches in NSW
- A central place for the Bronte community providing a space for community activities
- Providing services to the community and public
- Providing clean and functional and improved spaces for hire and good amenities to serve people visiting the Bronte beach and park areas

Bronte Surf Club Mission Statement

We were born to protect the public and patrol one of New South Wales' most challenging beaches.

We are a volunteer community based organisation whose ultimate goal is to save lives.

We are a club for all ages and genders.

We are open to all people from all walks of life.

We define what it is to be Australian.

We are the Australian way of life; having fun and looking after our mates.

We are proud of what we stand for and who we are.

We are the world's first surf club.

We are Bronte.

Bronte Park and Beach Plan of Management Access Committee Workshop Minutes

Date: 14.07.16

Date of issue: 14.03.16

Presenter:

Bianca Simpson Waverley Council
Monique Jack Funktion Making Life Fit

Minute taker:

Yanos Fill-Dryden Creating Waverley
Gemma McDonald Funktion Making Life Fit

Participants:

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Sophie Stevens-Radford
Audrey McCallum
Mary Doyle
Michael Bones

Apologies:

Cr John Cusack
Cr Tony Kay
Cr Paula Masselos
Cr Miriam Guttman-Jone
Cr Joy Clayton
Cr Dominic Wy Danak
Cr Bill Mouroukas
Cr Leon Goltsman
Nancy Hohanson
Ben Alexander
Chris Bath
Yuko Yusami



Item	Topic	Action
1.0	Bianca presented overview of Bronte Park project and 10 year Master Plan. Have a Say Day will be held in an accessible location in 6 weeks. Plan will be presented to Access Committee again in Stage 2 for comment. Monique presented summary of issues identified in park audit completed last week and overview of access strategy.	Noted

	Angela suggested that based on Bondi upgrade financials, the financial cost of making all areas of Bronte Park accessible may not be achievable. Angela suggested the focus should be on making key areas accessible.	
2.0	<p><i>Parking and access points</i></p> <p>Member suggested that limited parking availability at back end of the park means back end access points are less likely to be used.</p> <p>Member enquired about data availability on use of parking spaces. No data available on accessible parking use near bus shelter however data is available in parking meter use on Bronte Cutting.</p> <p>Member reported previous community consultation on Bronte Cutting suggested community wanted speed bumps and parking to remain.</p> <p>Member suggested if Bronte Cutting parking use is low (based on data collected), consideration could be given to improving pedestrian access past path end at top of hill. Can some parking spaces be closed during low season?</p>	Noted
3.0	<p><i>Bronte Rd bus stop and cafe area</i></p> <p>Member reported council have already requested that Transport NSW relocate the Bronte Rd bus set down point already.</p> <p>Member reported that Council are already wanting Bronte Rd cafe strip widened and there is a budget for this.</p> <p>Member requested seating at all bus stops.</p> <p>Members provided information around use of Bronte Rd pedestrian crossing and have observed pedestrian - vehicle conflict at entrance of Cutting car park, pedestrian crossing and buses stop exit. Members asked if the pedestrian crossing could be moved so that pedestrians are not crossing the bus way and the road. Yanos from Waverley Council suggested a change in ground surface could be considered to alert vehicles in the Cutting entrance of potential for pedestrian shared use.</p> <p>Member reported people have requested more accessible car parking space to be provided in Cutting car park due to proximity to baths. Suggested motor cycle parking could be relocated to provide accessible parking in this location.</p>	Noted
4.0	<p><i>Viewing point access</i></p> <p>Viewing Points. Monique asked for thoughts on viewing point priorities.</p> <p>Member reported that the viewing point above Bronte Baths sometimes attracts unsocial activity. Some visitors inadvertently</p>	Noted

	<p>end up here when attempting to follow the Coastal Path due to poor signage.</p> <p>Look out above the Swimming Club is more popular (as opposed to a potential location on the north side).</p>	
5.0	<p><i>Access at northern end of park</i></p> <p>Access at northern end of the park. Members expressed interest in proposed new surf club lift to be available for use by members of the public who are unable to manage the stairs. Committee members have already had some discussion with the surf club regarding this.</p> <p>Members expressed support for widening of path adjacent to Marine Parade and think the community would support this. Member expressed the public don't want want "more concrete" in general in the park but this path widening would be OK. Members expressed interest in provision of a ramp from Bronte Marine Parade steps along Promenade to surf club lift if feasible. Bianca explained that Geotech information will need to be obtained to determine feasibility.</p>	Noted
6.0	<p><i>Beach and Bath access</i></p> <p>Ability Links have been interviewing people with an intellectual disability about beach access, in particular what beaches they like most and why?</p> <p>Discussion was had around beach and Bronte Baths access.</p> <p>Concerns raised regarding grade of beach for beach wheelchair access or others with mobility issues. Member stated the beach is difficult for anyone due to drop after water line.</p> <p>Member reported Bath steps are slippery and uneven.</p> <p>Bath is used a lot by older adults.</p> <p>Feedback from older adults to council is that they use the Cutting accessible parking to access the Baths. Some have asked for more accessible parking on the Cutting.</p> <p>Monique presented possible strategy and reasons for not providing ramp access to the Bath. Members enquired how this could be achieved or if a ramp could be used from Bogey Hole. Monique enquired if beach ramp repair/replacement is OK to remain in existing location? Members suggested Funktion speak to life guards and users. Members expressed that the South end of the beach is safer for swimmers, particularly near rock pool.</p>	Noted

	<p>Ability Links member suggested contact with Sebastian at Royal Rehabilitation Centre Return to Sport program regarding beach access requirements and preferences.</p> <p>Member suggested ramp could be closer to south end of beach.</p> <p>Members reported that there are a high number of aged care facilities in the area who may want to use the park.</p> <p>Even if beach wheelchair may not be available now, we should plan for provision of this in the future.</p>	
7.0	<p><i>Bathroom access</i></p> <p>Ability Links enquired if a hoist will be made available in the bathrooms for beach wheelchair transfers? Could the Changing Place provide sufficient space for a beach wheelchair?</p>	Noted
8.0	<p><i>Kiosk, BBQ and shade access</i></p> <p>Member reported Kiosk should be made accessible.</p> <p>BBQ access discussed. Members were supportive of accessible BBQ provision however raised concerns if BBQs were lower. Members were provided information about the design principles of accessible BBQs. Member suggested people prefer grass around BBQs where possible.</p> <p>Public have requested provision of shade at Bronte. Member suggested that this could be incorporated as part of an art installation.</p> <p>More sheltered picnic seating is wanted, plus a separate shade area.</p>	Noted
9.0	<p><i>Meeting close</i></p> <p>Committee will formally provide feedback via the Access & Inclusion Officer.</p> <p>Bianca reported that the online survey will commence in 2 weeks and a date for the Have a Say Day will be announced shortly.</p>	Noted

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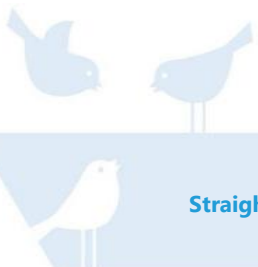
Date: 15.08.16

Presenter: Bianca Simpson, Waverley Council
Convenor: Alma Douglas
Participants (14 Persons)



Item	Topic	Action
1.0	<p>Bianca presented overview of Bronte Park project and 10 year Master Plan and what the plan would include and address. A map with details of the study area was discussed. Details were provided on the consultation process being in two discrete stages, the Committee will be involved in both stages. Plan will be presented to Precinct Committee again in Stage 2 for comment.</p> <p>Bianca requested feedback from committee members on what the current use was for Bronte Park and Beach, what is working well at the moments? The group was also asked what issues the Plan of Management should address.</p>	Noted
2.0	Members identified the path leading from the south to BSLS Club typically was wet from seepage off the rocks which was dangerous. The plan should address this issue with adequate drainage.	Noted
3.0	Members identified an additional link to the Park from a public walkway access between 427 and 429 Bronte Road leading to Gardyne Street which was popular with locals accessing the park. The walkway in this link has a very steep cross section and needs to be addressed.	Noted
4.0	Members identified a popular desire line from Bronte Road adjacent to Bronte House leading to the formal path access further up the road. Suggested this path be formalised by using gravel or the like. Likewise the informal path from Hewlett Street could be formalised with a gravel surface. Other members voiced concern that the use of hard surfaces such as concrete for paving would be undesirable as too much green space would be used.	Noted
5.0	Members voiced concern that the Plan would seek to commercialise the space. Discussion took place regarding the legislative framework which Bronte Park and Beach are subject to and land ownership details. The member's vision for the future of Bronte was for the space to remain for passive recreation as opposed to being commercialised for either formal sports groups or business related interests.	Noted

APPENDIX B SURVEY AND WORKSHOP RESPONSES



INTERCEPT SURVEY

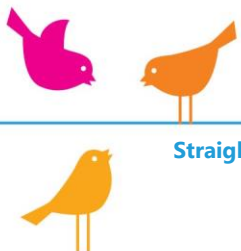
OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

Is there anything that has stopped you or made it difficult to get around the park and beach areas?

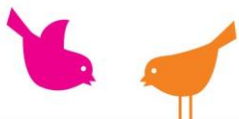
- 🐦 Post-storm debris and fencing
- 🐦 Steps from the cutting
- 🐦 Construction work
- 🐦 Not enough wheelchair access
- 🐦 Make things closer together for elderly people too far to walk
- 🐦 Parking's bad up the hill
- 🐦 Storm damage to coastal walk, when will it be fixed? It's iconic and beautiful, an attraction.
- 🐦 Steep slope in front of the bus stop. Having to cross in front of bus.
- 🐦 Slope on Bronte Rd
- 🐦 Rail access into the bogey hole
- 🐦 Dog restrictions (please extend off-leash)
- 🐦 Stairs on the coastal walk (especially at Tamarama)
- 🐦 Parking
- 🐦 Parking
- 🐦 Work
- 🐦 Kids
- 🐦 Storm damage to coastal walk
- 🐦 Storm broke coastal walk
- 🐦 Coastal Walk since storm
- 🐦 The broken path on coastal walk
- 🐦 Tree cutting.

What are you most satisfied with?

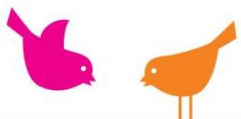
- 🐦 Beautiful clean beach, children's train, good atmosphere and park, having a park right on the beach
- 🐦 The fact that there were no road closures
- 🐦 Regeneration, water
- 🐦 The community, the 'salon' huts close to the beach as a gathering place, model new huts on the existing character of the place, this place has soul. Don't redesign for the sake of it
- 🐦 Planting, landscaping and shared environment, being able to come here, open space, community
- 🐦 The gully, natural environment
- 🐦 Cafe community, the beach
- 🐦 The view, open space, places to picnic
- 🐦 Natural beauty
- 🐦 Natural landscaping, pool
- 🐦 Pool, vegetation
- 🐦 Open space



- 👉 Nature
- 👉 Naturalness and everything
- 👉 Nature and the beach
- 👉 Scenery - very Beautiful
- 👉 Picnic shelters provided
- 👉 Beautiful
- 👉 Nature, open Space
- 👉 The ambience
- 👉 Beach
- 👉 Review
- 👉 Clean
- 👉 Sense of community and people
- 👉 Culture
- 👉 Free parking
- 👉 Scenery
- 👉 Walking through, the ambience; family gathering spaces
- 👉 Beauty (natural)
- 👉 Open spaces, well-maintained, tree cover
- 👉 In general, very nice
- 👉 Shelters & maintenance
- 👉 Coastal Walk
- 👉 Walk, Beach
- 👉 Ocean
- 👉 Facilities well-maintained
- 👉 Ocean & beach, clean areas, BBQ
- 👉 Accessibility
- 👉 Calm spot to spot
- 👉 Sitting in front of the heads on the promenade
- 👉 The showers at the southern end are warm
- 👉 Close - because I live here
- 👉 Cleanliness & the park
- 👉 Little bit of nature coming down the gully
- 👉 Maintenance and accessibility
- 👉 General ambience / scenery, reserve
- 👉 Beach
- 👉 The besser blocks / cinder block nooks are better than the lattice ones
- 👉 Very well-maintained hot showers
- 👉 Playground and toilet facilities
- 👉 Water quality (in ocean)
- 👉 I love the water and rock pool
- 👉 Grass area
- 👉 Culture
- 👉 space, variety of spots for people to sit & group
- 👉 Beauty (view)
- 👉 Surf
- 👉 Feels like sanctuary, natural pool, open space
- 👉 My friends
- 👉 Quiet ambience, clean water
- 👉 Grassy area / shelters
- 👉 Lighting accessibility
- 👉 Safety, gully, I like the no footpaths
- 👉 Beach coastal walks
- 👉 Open spaces
- 👉 Beach / park
- 👉 The water
- 👉 Grass
- 👉 The seating and the pool
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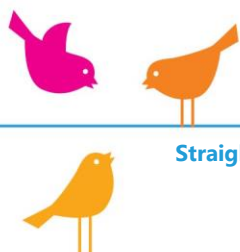


- 👉 Everything
- 👉 Coastal Walk
- 👉 Upkeep staff
- 👉 Waves
- 👉 Natural vibe
- 👉 Clean beach
- 👉 Alcohol free zone and it is family friendly
- 👉 Natural landscape/environmental seaside park
- 👉 Park workers do a great job
- 👉 Park overloading beach
- 👉 Open space, seating
- 👉 Promenade
- 👉 Pool, promenade, kiosks
- 👉 Beach
- 👉 Warm Showers
- 👉 Beach / Seating area
- 👉 Nice grassy area to relax
- 👉 Location
- 👉 Not too crowded
- 👉 Not 'overdone' - space - grass & beach together
- 👉 Alcohol-free zone but needs monitoring, like bush regeneration. natural environment, hiring of surf club for events
- 👉 Natural Space
- 👉 Serenity
- 👉 Up-keep, staff
- 👉 Natural Environment
- 👉 Grass patch close to the beach
- 👉 Cleanliness, usability of facilities (I am able bodied)
- 👉 Natural beauty
- 👉 Playground upgrade
- 👉 Maintained, clean nature
- 👉 Village-feel
- 👉 Playground and greenery
- 👉 Trees
- 👉 Natural environment.

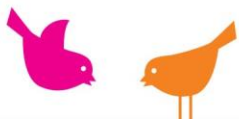


What are you least satisfied with?

- 👉 Walk is damaged, when will it be fixed?
- 👉 Seating pre storm was more adequate.
Too much concrete
- 👉 More off leash, zero glass, and allow drinking
- 👉 A lot of people trying to impose what Bronte should be - from Council, with people not living here and they don't understand the area. No regard or understanding for what the place is.
- 👉 More toilets and the facilities, more comfortable showers, updated
- 👉 Not enough seats in summer or when it's busy
- 👉 Crowds
- 👉 Showers are cramped, wall removal
- 👉 Seating
- 👉 Skate park or things for teens
- 👉 Seating, too many dogs on the grass
- 👉 Parking
- 👉 Stairs at the bus stop
- 👉 Needs more seating
- 👉 Crowds on the wheel
- 👉 Dated furniture
- 👉 Dogs out of the no-leash area
- 👉 Not enough free parking
- 👉 Make toilets better; compare to Tamarama
- 👉 Man-made elements
- 👉 It is somehow dirty
- 👉 Drinking, smoking, rowdy crowds
- 👉 No maps or orientation
- 👉 Grass
- 👉 Environment not resilient to coastal weather
- 👉 Bus issues
- 👉 Needs more trees
- 👉 Beachfront to be more developed at the kiosk Like Tamarama - cafe style
- 👉 More grass, more seating & up the gully for older people.
- 👉 Ibis birds around, annoying, dirty playground (sometimes take a washcloth)
- 👉 Not much shade near beach
- 👉 Police state, too much policing dog rules
- 👉 Too many winter trees; I dislike pines, preferring tropical landscaping to dark trees
- 👉 More shade, e.g. top deck and pool
- 👉 Access (too many stairs)
- 👉 Huts are a bit dated / seedy
- 👉 Not enough shade
- 👉 More seats in hot weather
- 👉 Not enough seats too crowded on the weekend
- 👉 No parking (near restaurants)
- 👉 More showers, hot water at all; removal of walls near shower block
- 👉 Dogs off leash
- 👉 Parking
- 👉 BBQ placement
- 👉 Width of path
- 👉 Kiosk food
- 👉 The grass looks nice
- 👉 Grass
- 👉 Nothing



- 👉 How far BBQs are from the ocean
- 👉 Toilets
- 👉 It's kind of cold
- 👉 damage to coastal walk
- 👉 repairs of walkways taking too long; removal of shade trees
- 👉 More toilets
- 👉 Youths congregate in gully; parenting bathroom
- 👉 Park
- 👉 There should be a washroom near BBQ areas
- 👉 Regulatory aspects; alcohol, pool operations
- 👉 Allow dogs on beach at winter; bad cafes; toilets
- 👉 Toilet maintenance
- 👉 Toilets
- 👉 Showers & toilets
- 👉 Parking
- 👉 Toilet maintenance
- 👉 None
- 👉 Too manicured; loss of big trees and wild spaces
- 👉 Nothing
- 👉 Upgrades take a long time. Looks unappealing. Smell of bathrooms.
- 👉 Better bathroom, signage
- 👉 Toilet areas, outdoor showers
- 👉 Shady trees removal
- 👉 Pool & coastal path not open
- 👉 Toilet cleanliness
- 👉 Not much
- 👉 Over-regulated. Frisbees & dogs allowed
- 👉 Nothing
- 👉 Toilets
- 👉 Pool maintenance and barrier maintenance.

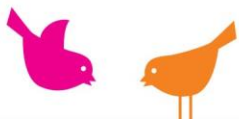


Are there any changes you would like to see in the future

- 👉 Public spaces should be encouraged for public use like birthdays
- 👉 Less is more - less concrete, less concrete. Anxious about further development planned at southern end changing facilities
- 👉 Open music space live performance space
- 👉 Keep the character of the place. Actually talk to residents. Keep the amenity of the place, don't homogenise the place
- 👉 The wall back, more seating and tables
- 👉 Maintain natural areas
- 👉 Fix the pool
- 👉 It's fine as is
- 👉 Beach seating
- 👉 No
- 👉 Quicker repairs
- 👉 repair cement boardwalk
- 👉 Fix the pool/construction and keep it clear
- 👉 Easier access, more toilets, kids play equipment closer to the beach where parents can watch.
- 👉 Have better wheelchair access, less stairs; more near bus stop
- 👉 more seating
- 👉 The wall
- 👉 Shelter on the promenade; have an area for dogs off leash
- 👉 More relaxed, quaint, less like Bondi
- 👉 Fix the pool (quicker), replace the pump
- 👉 Some problems with sewage
- 👉 N/A - don't spend too much time here
- 👉 Upgrade coastal walk ASAP
- 👉 More interesting landscape (garden / levelled amphitheatre, land sea play)
- 👉 Hand-towels in the toilets
- 👉 More dog care
- 👉 Coastal Walk beaches & amenities map / info (time taken to walk) (accessibility info)
- 👉 High rate maintenance on toilets in Summer
- 👉 1 x dog-poo-bag stand
- 👉 Surfing lessons
- 👉 Salt water doesn't make it feel clean
- 👉 How the buses come and go, move the bus stop to a different area
- 👉 No
- 👉 More flowers
- 👉 More bubblers near the pool. Too far away from the shelters.
- 👉 Put a bubbler near the observation deck - can't walk too far
- 👉 More garbage bins on the weekends & in summer
- 👉 A bench in the gully, shade on beach
- 👉 Public outdoor gym
- 👉 Please extend off-leash dog hours
- 👉 Multicultural architecture, anything evocative (Arabic/Greek/anything Cornish) (please Greek: lemon and olive trees would be beautiful)
- 👉 More shade, e.g. top deck and pool, and trees
- 👉 Ramp access for prams (though there are options so it's all good). Fence around the play-ground would enhance the safety



- 👉 Maybe nicer huts
- 👉 Better biletz / shores
- 👉 More seats in hot weather
- 👉 Upgrade bathroom
- 👉 Leave as is - no crowds
- 👉 Less crowded
- 👉 Better change room block - as it is, it is nice
- 👉 Increased policing of dogs
- 👉 Parking in longer units
- 👉 flowers
- 👉 No
- 👉 No joke: better bathrooms
- 👉 Greener grass
- 👉 Upgrade of the huts
- 👉 No
- 👉 No
- 👉 Flying fox for kids
- 👉 Repairs to coastal walk
- 👉 Shady trees to line beach area
- 👉 Gym equipment
- 👉 Parenting room for kids
- 👉 More lights for the night time
- 👉 No keeps as is, don't bring back the wall
- 👉 Landscaping/gardening at (beach) very messy
- 👉 Day beach
- 👉 Lighting at toilets
- 👉 Undecided - more info
- 👉 Nope
- 👉 No, good how it is
- 👉 None
- 👉 No - maintain as present, v clean
- 👉 Regulated no-alcohol free zone
- 👉 No
- 👉 BBQs and skate parks; make it more night-friendly (like Germany)
- 👉 Keep it natural, not so pretty or manicured
- 👉 Coastal Repair fixer
- 👉 Off leash gully for dogs
- 👉 Define entrance on Bronte Rd, make it open and accessible. More dog friendly.
- 👉 No
- 👉 Toilet access by pool and in grassed areas
- 👉 More play equipment
- 👉 Pool upgrade.



WORKSHOP EXERCISE RESPONSES

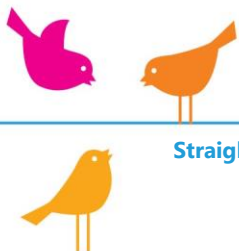
FUTURE VISION

Table 1

- 🐦 Brand new surf club
- 🐦 Upgrade life guard tower – add additional in better position, higher at the north side
- 🐦 Pool accessible – improve for frail age, smoother surface, lighting maintained
- 🐦 Huts not kid safe – rough dangerous edges
- 🐦 Access roads in park – remove the speed humps which make it difficult for prams and wheelchairs
- 🐦 Keep train!
- 🐦 Two key access paths from bus terminal need grade reduced for accessibility – north bus stop needs access improvement
- 🐦 Access past front of surf club – improve conflicted boats and pedestrians
- 🐦 Maintain grass areas
- 🐦 Sprinkling system needs improvement to keep grass green
- 🐦 Beach raking needs to be regular – is it an access issue?
- 🐦 Lifeguards need a jet ski – storage an issue – currently needs to come from Bondi
- 🐦 Retaining wall/promenade cracking needs fill in old storm water system underneath
- 🐦 Outdoor shower access north end beach life North Bondi, nippers/children
- 🐦 Drone – shark spotter, people in need of assistance.

Table 2

- 🐦 Keep it the way it is – but well maintained and functioning
- 🐦 Uncluttered
- 🐦 Un-commercialised – don't expand kiosk, no hiring equipment
- 🐦 No more hard surfaces, less built
- 🐦 No more cabanas



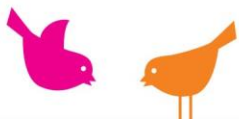
- 👉 Bring back promenade tables and chairs
- 👉 Like open space – not more big trees
- 👉 Enforce and keep alcohol ban
- 👉 Wheelchair swing rarely used, locked
- 👉 Keep cars away – kids roam free
- 👉 Keep beach clean
- 👉 Picnic friendly
- 👉 Don't build more facilities (Bbqs, tables)
- 👉 Kiosk hours could be longer but not more/larger
- 👉 Family friendly
- 👉 Casual and safe
- 👉 Do not become Bondi or Coogee
- 👉 Naturally secluded.

Table 3

- 👉 More shade, tall trees – around the train fence, shade structures
- 👉 Leave it the way it is – Bbqs, baths, bus services, no sealed paths in the gully
- 👉 More seating and benches under the trees
- 👉 Steps – trail – boardwalk up the gully top, a bit rough to talk
- 👉 Parking
- 👉 Path on the north side – no steps – needs to be wider
- 👉 Connecting bikeway north Hewlett St
- 👉 Bronte park is one of the best
- 👉 Too many signs – dogs in the park.

Table 4

- 👉 Better access to equipment areas
- 👉 Solve structural problems of a decaying building
- 👉 Promenade is beautiful, artistic idea
- 👉 Sports court in park – multipurpose courts for 15-19
- 👉 Landscaping in the park
- 👉 Café with outdoor seating and shade
- 👉 New toilets – improved access through the cutting
- 👉 The same as it is now – rustic, local character



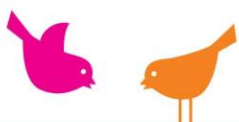
- 👉 Happy with the natural state of the park – simple
- 👉 Not too flashy/inclusive
- 👉 Improve the look of the buildings
- 👉 The cubes area outside of the toilets
- 👉 Great area for young people to hang out – community meeting space
- 👉 Mix of ages
- 👉 Love the diversity/retain a sense of community
- 👉 Great culture/keep local character
- 👉 Different spaces for different spaces
- 👉 People having a good time
- 👉 F/T security to manage anti-social behaviour
- 👉 Embrace the look and feel
- 👉 Low key and casual vibe
- 👉 Access paths through bushland areas – active recreation
- 👉 Celebrate nature/outdoor areas.

Table 5

- 👉 A good balance of both passive and active recreation with effective transition zones
- 👉 Reasonable access and space for children/youth activities
- 👉 More revegetation – keep the ecological restoration plan. Remediation of waterfall
- 👉 Design to provide appropriate cues for behaviour/use – less reliance on management/compliance.

Table 6

- 👉 Represent the long history of swimming in Bronte
- 👉 Bathes – 1890 – retain original character – walls, lanes, paths, pump house, viewing area, stairs
- 👉 Pool, car park, clubhouse – affects membership to club
- 👉 Clubhouse – needs consultation with swimming clubs – use of 5 swimming clubs, public, facilities and reflect needs of swimming community, all users, welcoming, rooftop asset – viewing area, yoga
- 👉 Wooden handrails.



VALUES

Table 1

- 👉 Family friendly – park, safe swimming, bbq, toilets, parking
- 👉 Safety – beach safety. Anti-social, pool, park
- 👉 Accessible for all
- 👉 Retain character – community, natural environment, heritage, open space.

Table 2

- 👉 Clean beach – sand, storm water, water
- 👉 Safety – my family, feel safe promenade at night
- 👉 Natural beauty – bird life, trees
- 👉 Heritage
- 👉 Memories
- 👉 Quiet place
- 👉 Fantastic that it hasn't changed in 15 years +60yrs.

Table 3

- 👉 Bronte park is unique, the bogey hole, pool
- 👉 Spending time with family and friends
- 👉 Gully is unique – holds it all together, the bushland so close
- 👉 The view, high vantage points in the north and whale watching
- 👉 Fish and chips with the family on the beach
- 👉 Community – nippers
- 👉 Has a range of elements – walkway connecting to Bondi, coffee shops, no street is close to the beach, kids are protected open spaces
- 👉 Keep it simple.

Table 4

- 👉 Beautiful, unique beach – rugged
- 👉 Park encloses the beach
- 👉 Natural, undeveloped beauty
- 👉 Focus of the beach
- 👉 Core of vision – to the beach
- 👉 Variety – open spaces, spaces for kids, great ocean pool, great rock pool, surf beach, cafes.



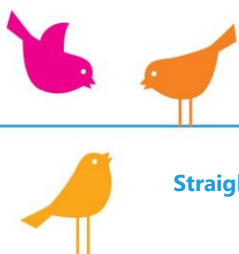
- 🐣 Something for everyone, not dominated by any group
- 🐣 Strength in community – intimacy
- 🐣 Connected community – everyone knows each other/involved with each other's groups
- 🐣 The train!
- 🐣 New people buy into the ethos
- 🐣 Great for kids
- 🐣 Council staff part of the community – rangers, lifeguards, park staff.

Table 5

- 🐣 Relaxing natural space and experience
- 🐣 Natural wildlife – communication with nature
- 🐣 Experience with coming down and swimming – environment, feeling of water, being with people
- 🐣 The local community – sense of community.

Table 6

- 🐣 Heritage
- 🐣 Community
- 🐣 Swimming history
- 🐣 Welcoming and inclusive.



APPRECIATION ENQUIRY

Table 1

- 🐦 Retain and promote motorbike, parking
- 🐦 Lots of locals use instead of cars
- 🐦 Retain surf life saving
- 🐦 Parking – use for patrol guards
- 🐦 Patrol to keep safe and respond to requests/calls from residents
- 🐦 Nippers club house, pool bogey hole surf education – being safe
- 🐦 Family picnics
- 🐦 Splashes – meeting rooms/community space
- 🐦 Park as lunch/social meeting space
- 🐦 Surfing
- 🐦 Surf club social gatherings – great way to connect community
- 🐦 Ability links take people with disability to bogey hole
- 🐦 Cafes – beach park connection
- 🐦 Walk for exercise/run

Table 2

- 🐦 Hot showers
- 🐦 Even and flat promenade and accessible
- 🐦 Bogey swimming hole
- 🐦 Wide paths are not a barrier to the beach – grass
- 🐦 No formal sit down commercial eating at kiosk
- 🐦 Catering for everyone – there is a place for everyone – variety
- 🐦 Native vegetation
- 🐦 Simplicity.

Table 3

- 🐦 Good place to ride to, hills not as challenging. Cyclists – compared to Coogee
- 🐦 New wider pathway to Tamarama
- 🐦 Regeneration is working well, along the gully.

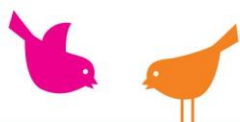


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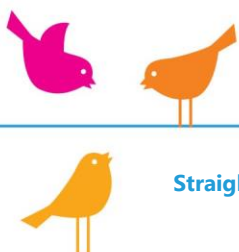
- 🐦 Easy to get here – walking
- 🐦 Beach access is good
- 🐦 Good movement through park
- 🐦 Good size park – accommodates lots of people/manages conflicts – activity in parks
- 🐦 Landform of Bronte cutting
- 🐦 Beach layout prevents conflicts – swimmers and surfers conflict
- 🐦 Spaces for everyone – pool, bogey hole
- 🐦 Good lifeguard and SLSC relationship and beach managed well.

Table 5

- 🐦 Good relationship with council staff
- 🐦 Intimate spaces – tolerance
- 🐦 Council staff are caring and dedicated – park staff, grounds staff, lifeguards etc. in looking after the place
- 🐦 Having a marine reserve – allows for great snorkelling and swimming
- 🐦 An increase in wildlife/native animals – experience for children to experience nature and conservation.

Table 6

- 🐦 Access to pool free
- 🐦 Sole purpose pool
- 🐦 Lap pool
- 🐦 Seating, layout – community meeting place
- 🐦 Viewing area
- 🐦 Rooftop space for social activity
- 🐦 Seating adjacent to clubhouse.



LONG TERM CHANGES

Table 1

- 🐦 Drop up/pick up
- 🐦 Conflict between cafes/bus stop/vehicles/pedestrians – council access committee – fix connection to principle entrance needs resolution
- 🐦 STA – retain bus stops. Improve connection between public transport and taxis with entrance points and trails into the park
- 🐦 Consider making Bronte Road one way. Might work with bus routes
- 🐦 Bus stops are also a terminal so need to consider
- 🐦 Council storage should be moved from behind surf club need a better solution – surf club can't get in the back creates issues
- 🐦 need somewhere to call a taxi down from up the hill.

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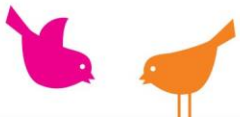
- 🐦 Don't change it
- 🐦 Keep it open and accessible
- 🐦 Keep it down to earth and uncomplicated
- 🐦 Change coral trees to natives (love the winter red flowers)
- 🐦 Keeping ibis out.

Table 3

- 🐦 Speed up the tree removal, coral trees
- 🐦 Upgrade north side path – Hewlett St. make a boardwalk
- 🐦 Suspension pathway – over the cliff, around from the end of the pool
- 🐦 Take priority away from cars in the cutting
- 🐦 Seats/benches in the gully – halfway to the waterfall.

Table 4

- 🐦 Language of the plan not enabling change
- 🐦 Restrictive development controls in the plan
- 🐦 Does not allow any change/evolution/adjustment
- 🐦 Keep what we've got it's working
- 🐦 Repairs of the promenade/out front of the toilets – TLC needs
- 🐦 Allow upgrade of the surf club



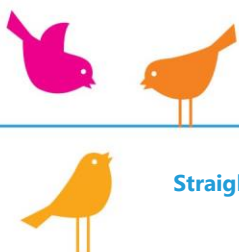
- 👉 Look of the promenade
- 👉 Better Waste management/ bins – too many trucks in park
- 👉 Near of the surf club – back of house feel needs to be improved
- 👉 Access to the toilets – uninviting, front to back access change to side access
- 👉 Upgrade stairs at the rear of the club
- 👉 Good relationship with council staff
- 👉 Intimate spaces – tolerance.

Table 5

- 👉 Updating infrastructure – picnic shelters, paths, retaining wall/bridge and stairs above waterfalls
- 👉 Better manage dogs off leash as there is a lot of wear and tear, needs extra park staff to maintain the space through summer and winter
- 👉 Improved circulation of users through and into the park there are desire lines to connect places
- 👉 Erosion at Bayview Street from the informal access

Table 6

- 👉 Baths – maintenance issues
- 👉 Pump working – 24hr availability, to make water level higher so people can swim at all times
- 👉 Platform too low gets covered in algae – safety
- 👉 Parking – walkers and drivers
- 👉 1hr parking within walking, can't operate swimming club
- 👉 8.30-11am
- 👉 Cost
- 👉 Clubhouse – full consultation for design interior.



SHORT TERM CHANGES – QUICK WINS

Table 1

- 👉 Surf club development go ahead
- 👉 Footpath improvements
- 👉 Remodel internal of shed
- 👉 Accessible path to ramp to beach
- 👉 Accessible parking at principle entrance
- 👉 Improve surface around and in pool and access safer for older people
- 👉 Grade to cutting driveway scrape bottom of cars – accessible seating and shelter and bbqs
- 👉 Maintain/improve signage, alcohol free and prohibited signs, e.g. in huts where young people drink.

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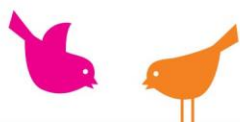
- 👉 Pump
- 👉 Seats on promenade
- 👉 South end change rooms seats – out front
- 👉 Care for grass around the most popular cabana. Which is closest to the beach – no more concrete
- 👉 Parking readers are inaccurate.

Table 3

- 👉 Clubhouse – Bayview shared path walkways – better lighting, good for security and antisocial behaviour
- 👉 Upper Murray Street –near the gully
- 👉 More seating in the waterfall area
- 👉 Shade trees near the train fence
- 👉 Murray Street laneway – fix the rubble, put in timber steps as the rain washes things all over the place.

Table 4

- 👉 DA for surf club – improve the building
- 👉 Fixing buildings in the park
- 👉 New lifeguard tower
- 👉 Fix the pool in 6 weeks



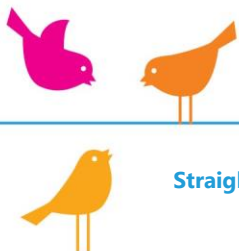
- 👉 Fix garbage storage area – move bins to bus terminus to stop trucks
- 👉 Benches in cubes – restoring wooden seating
- 👉 Restore walls a promenades and tables and chairs.

Table 5

- 👉 More dog bag dispensers
- 👉 Better dog signage
- 👉 Bronte gully path – to stop erosion – stabilised sandstone path
- 👉 Plan for sea level rise and extreme storm events.

Table 6

- 👉 Consultation re: design with 5 swimming clubs
- 👉 Council webpage – link – to swimming clubs to indicate facilities at Bronte swimming club that are available
- 👉 Pool – OHS – platform, stairs
- 👉 Don't take away the parking.



ACCESSIBILITY

Table 1

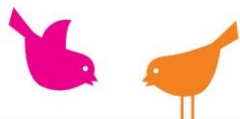
- 🐦 Emergency services
- 🐦 Helicopter and ambulance access to surf club/beach level
- 🐦 Surf club parks trailers at cemetery – consider creating location to park in the park
- 🐦 Public transport growth will need to redesign bus terminal to keep up with demand
- 🐦 Link drop off/accessible entrance to access path of travel around park/between key points
- 🐦 Accessible infrastructure – paths, seating, huts/Bbqs, toilets, showers, change facilities, ramp to beach, viewing platform, surf club
- 🐦 London transport bus style guide
- 🐦 Put pedestrian crossings on departure side of bus stop – same with traffic lights
- 🐦 Create access for emergency vehicles from Bayview/Mirimar Ave to the surf club. Benefits – easier access to patient – safer area to land helicopter. Opens up area on top of surf club to park trailers.

Table 2

- 🐦 Natural geography
- 🐦 Use natural materials for paths
- 🐦 Erosion on gully path – compact gravel – not concrete
- 🐦 Keep gully natural
- 🐦 Bayview Street – formalise goat track but not too wide goat track
- 🐦 No footpath in cutting – rather than lose safety issue
- 🐦 Parking – consider a raised pathway
- 🐦 Reinstate ramp to beach
- 🐦 No one uses north end level access to bath as south end bogey hole is safer
- 🐦 2 pram access north and south is sufficient
- 🐦 Speed jumps – keep them on the cutting accessible parking.

Table 3

- 🐦 There are plenty of buses
- 🐦 Wider path from north – prams and multiuse – bikes
- 🐦 Pedestrian crossing from the cafes goes into the fence – no entrance straight into the park
- 🐦 Generally easy to get around



- 👉 A bit rustic but adds to the charm of the area
- 👉 Steps into the toilets on the pool side, difficult for those with a disability – make a separate handicap toilet
- 👉 Safety risk of mixing people/kids/cars/bikes in the cutting – not having cars on both sides
- 👉 Steps to be restored between the gully and Bronte Rd.

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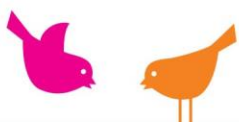
- 👉 Disability access to the pool
- 👉 Hard to push wheelchairs
- 👉 Access to park from disability car parking
- 👉 Accessible toilets in new south Bronte amenities
- 👉 More accessible parking and access to parks – flatter ground and wider
- 👉 Wider path at south Bronte from Bronte Road to park
- 👉 Stairs outside surf club dangerous for kids
- 👉 No natural entry points to park opposite cafes
- 👉 Crossing ends at fence – Bronte Road pedestrian crossing
- 👉 Narrowest entry points to the park – fencing too narrow
- 👉 Fences proliferate the park boundary
- 👉 No bike facilities/racks.

Table 5

- 👉 The disabled parking area near the bus stop is being used by non-disabled people
- 👉 Better access from Bronte Road village centre directly into the path – consider two crossings
- 👉 Improvements to the steps which are covered in algae down the ladder to the men's bogey hole
- 👉 People walking past the pool looking for the coastal walk.

Table 6

- 👉 Access from cutting and gully
- 👉 Walking access is good
- 👉 Easy if you live locally otherwise hard to park
- 👉 From MacPherson down to swim club is ok
- 👉 Out from northern from crossing to carpark is difficult
- 👉 Wheelchair park in cutting – hard to zigzag if older, frail, disabled
- 👉 Paths to top end of gully all wrong – major walking route



- 👉 Bronte road – Murray St, no path – no study of pedestrian movements – may be good for observation
- 👉 People using unofficial paths more than actual paths
- 👉 Park and beach end – bus to surf club
- 👉 Path upside of Calga Ave – connector from top of ramp to top of baths – then pedestrians have to go on road with traffic and vehicles – need stairs.

