

Dear Northern Beaches Community member,

On behalf of Northern Beaches Council, I am writing to advise you and / or the Office Bearers of your community group on the introduction to eleven newly formed northern beaches Strategic Reference Groups.

At the Council meeting on 9 August 2016, the Administrator Mr Persson adopted a Council report to commence this important community engagement process. These groups will work to establish a Vision, Priorities and Objectives for the new draft Community Strategic Plan at meetings to be scheduled over the next 12 months.

The eleven SRGs will focus on areas as:

- Affordable Housing
- Economic Development and Tourism
- Place Making
- Natural Environment
- Waste and Recovery Management
- Sustainable Transport
- Art, Culture and Heritage
- Community Safety
- Inclusive Communities
- Open Space and Recreation
- Youth

Community input to this plan will help shape, inform and create a pathway to guide Vision of the Northern Beaches for the future for this newly created local government region.


Details of the eleven Strategic Reference Groups are listed on Councils website www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au, along with the application form and Terms of Reference (ToR).

We encourage the community to apply to join the Strategic Reference Groups, including nominated members of registered community groups, businesses or as an individual person who can demonstrate the ability to contribute experience, interest and expertise in the subject matter.

Community groups across the region are encouraged to register with Council. Registration is required to apply for an SRG position on behalf of a Community Group, and you can complete registration of the group as part of your SRG application. Registered community groups will receive regular updates from Council detailing engagement opportunities across the region. Community Groups can complete a separate registration form on www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au. Enquiries will be received by Governance on 9942 2111.

Ongoing opportunities to engage with Council will continue via Council meetings, workshops, information sessions, surveys and focus groups as part of Councils community engagement framework.

Sincerely,


Beth Lawsen
**Deputy General Manager
Public Affairs and Public Officer**
12th August 2016.