

North Arm Cove and Carrington Local Community Plan

Summary of survey submissions and topic mentions

First pass analysis – 9 February 2021

Submissions

(Note – there was no identifying information in submissions. The grouping into submissions from village, Carrington and non-urban people is based on submission content, and may not be 100% accurate, but it is a reasonable guide)

Village people submissions – 47

Carrington people submissions – 9

Non-urban people submissions – 154

Total – 210

Postcards – 28

On-line - 182

Steering Committee

Mike Thorpe

Bob Reid

Maria Pickles

Trevor Vandenberg

Steering Committee Meetings

1. 14 January – not held

2. 11 February – scheduled

Survey Questions

What do you love about where you live?

What improvements or projects would you like to see happen?

How would you like to see your community in 20 years?

Submission themes

1. North Arm Cove village submissions

What do you love about where you live?	No. of mentions
Natural environment	
Bush	23
Water	22
Parks	1
Community	
Small, quiet, peaceful village	29
Community, neighbours	13
Community facilities	3
Safe for children, elderly residents	2
Geographic	
Location	4
Services, proximity to services	3
History	1

Summary

We love the bush and water that surrounds us, living in a small, quiet and peaceful village, and our community and neighbours.

What improvements or projects would you like to see happen?	No. of mentions
Natural environment	
Environmental protection	4
Bush walking trails	4
Reduce vehicle access	3
Bush, weed clean up	2
Waterfront access	2
Acquire Beauty Point for community use	2
Protect aboriginal heritage	1
Remove oyster leases	1
Waterfront pump-out/ enviro systems	1
Wood heater pollution	1
Non-urban land	
Conservation	4
Remove bush camps	2
Containers	2
Clarity for owners	2
Purchase land	1
Illegal land clearing	1
Council/government/resident related	
Bushfire access, response planning	5
Fix dog problems	3
Rubbish dumping, car bodies	3
Deteriorating asbestos buildings	2
Council enforce law	2
Land release, building	2
Cat control	1
People living in garages	1
Garbage bins left out	1
Unregistered quad bikes	1
Fighting fires Council land	1
Regulate short term rentals	1
Upgrade "The Ridgeway"	1
Village speed limit 40 kph	1
Ban jet ski's	1
Council commercial material storage	1
Infrastructure	
Boat ramp	14
Jetty, ferry wharf	10
Park upgrades (Casuarina, Heros Beach)	12
Drainage	9
Sewage, water	6
Shop, land for shops	5
(No retail)	(1)
Community Centre upgrade	4
Children kick a ball area	4
Bus stop	3
Complete "The Esplanade"	3
(Don't complete "The Esplanade")	(1)
Protected swim area	2
School	2
Exercise trails, stations	2

Street, traffic signage	2
Kerb and gutter	2
Road repairs	2
Pool	1
Foot paths	1
Highway access – safety	1
Skateboard, BMX tracks	1
AED	1
Street lighting	1
Bike paths	1
Public art	1

Summary

We would really like to have a boat ramp and jetty, our parks upgraded, improved drainage, and sewage and water, and we would like our surrounding bush and water to be protected and improved.

How would you like to see your community in 20 years?	No. of mentions
Natural environment	
First nations recognition, engagement	2
Cleaned up generally	2
Brackens Bay community use	1
Vegetation management	1
Parks	1
Keep bushland	1
Walking tracks	1
Water access	1
Community	
As is	19
Modern regional town	1
Special interest groups	1
Active community association	1
Acknowledge/celebrate history	1
Non-urban land	
Non-urban area conservation/rehabilitation	6
More homes, larger blocks, lifestyle blocks	3
Eco friendly development	2
Infrastructure	
Sewage	6
Public boat ramp, jetty	6
Water	3
Shops	3
(No commercialisation)	(1)
Kerb and guttering	3
Services, amenities	3
Public transport	2
Art hub	1
Children's play areas	1
Swimming enclosure	1
Street lighting	1
Heros Beach upgrade	1
School	1
Health care	1
Drainage	1

Summary

In twenty years we would like to see our community and natural environment being as it is now, with the non-urban area conserved and restored, and some infrastructure improvements such as a boat ramp and jetty and sewage disposal.

2. Non-urban submissions

What do you love about where you live?	No. of mentions
Natural environment	
Water, beaches	33
Bushland, wildlife	20
Beautiful area	10
First nations connection	1
No concrete	1
Community	
Quiet, peaceful village	8
Community	5
Safety	2
Geographic	
Location	16
Potential	6
Historical significance	1

Summary

We love the water and the bushland that surrounds us, and the convenient location of our properties.

What improvements or projects would you like to see happen?	No. of mentions
Natural environment	
Walking trails, bike paths	2
Non-urban land	
Rezoning, building permission	129
(Don't rezone)	(1)
Long term plan	4
Council/government/resident related	
Bushfire safety	1
Rubbish bins	1
Pop up market	1
Ageing community initiatives	1
Infrastructure	
Roads upgraded	21
Shops	20
Parks, BBQ's	10
Boat ramp	7
Sewage	6
Water	5
Community centres	4
Schools	4
Amenities	4
Power	4
Defibrillator	3
Drainage	2
Children's playground	2
Jetty	2
Traffic signage	1
Services	1
Kerb and gutter	1
Information shelter	1
Hydro power	1
Pacific Highway access	1
Health care facility	1

Summary

Our biggest wish is to have our properties rezoned so we could build on them, with the roads upgraded and some shops and parks.

How would you like to see your community in 20 years?	No. of mentions
Natural environment	
Bush regeneration group	1
Walking, bike paths	1
Community	
Tourist haven/destination	13
Non-urban people welcomed	1
Not overcrowded	1
Community interest groups	1
First nations connections	1
Non-urban land	
Developed, urban/eco village	128
Master plan	3
More homes	2
Council compulsory acquisition	1
Infrastructure	
Shops	11
School	4
Hospital	2
Medical facilities	2
Road access	2
Commercial development	1
Amenities	1
Water taxi	1
Jetty	1
Parks	1
Services	1
Car ferry or bridge to Nelson Bay	1

Summary

In twenty years we would like to see the non-urban land developed as an urban/eco village, that is seen as a tourist destination.

3. Carrington submissions

What do you love about where you live?	No. of mentions
Water, Port Stephens	6
Bushland	6
History	4
Quiet	4
Community	1
Closeness to main centres	1

Summary

We love the bush, the water, our history, and living in a quiet village.

What improvements or projects would you like to see happen?	No. of mentions
Seal road to Tahlee	6
Boat ramp	5
Restore historical buildings	4
Tahlee boat ramp, jetty	3
Water and sewer	3
Bush fire protection, fire trails	3
Heros Beach upgrade	1
More North Arm Cove moorings	1
Drainage	1
Road verge clearing	1

Summary

We would like to see the road to Tahlee sealed, with a boat ramp and jetty, and historical buildings restored.

How would you like to see your community in 20 years?	No. of mentions
As is	2
Historical tours, upgrades	2
Public park, boat ramp	2
Water and sewer	1
Better roads	1
Affordable health care	1
Roads, fire trails maintained	1
Waterfront park, cafe	1

Summary

In twenty years we would like to see our village as it is now, but with the historical buildings restored, and a public boat ramp.