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Community Consultation Report

Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment

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1. Summary

As part of the ongoing renewal of key community assets, Randwick City Council is planning the redevelopment of the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club. The project aims to deliver a modern, functional, and inclusive facility that meets the needs of club members and the broader community, while improving accessibility, safety, and integration with surrounding public spaces.

Randwick City Council engaged the services of community engagement specialists Captivate Consulting to assist in this project.

To support the project's public exhibition phase and ensure transparency and community input, communications materials were produced and targeted engagement activities were undertaken between 27 June and 25 July 2025.

This report presents the feedback from the community during the public exhibition period. A total of 57 submissions were received, with 54 responses submitted via the project Your Say page and three submissions received via email. This report summarises the consultation process and outlines community views to help inform the next stage of project planning.

2. Community engagement strategy

2.1. Background

Randwick City Council is planning the redevelopment of the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club to deliver a modern, functional, and inclusive facility that meets the needs of club members and the broader community. The project seeks to improve accessibility, safety, and integration with surrounding public spaces while providing upgraded infrastructure that supports lifesaving services and community activities.

The Maroubra SLSC redevelopment is part of Council's broader commitment to renewing key public assets in high-use coastal locations. The redevelopment will ensure the club remains fit for purpose, resilient to environmental conditions, and a source of pride for the local community.

2.2. Objectives

The consultation aimed to:

- Inform the community about the redevelopment and the rationale for key design elements and extensive consultation already undertaken with club members
- Promote how the facility will serve the community and its club members by supporting beach safety and community connection
- Provide information on the public exhibition process to manage expectations and prevent any misinformation, particularly regarding how the final design was created, scale, access and funding
- Create confidence in the design and decision-making process by demonstrating transparency, responsiveness and alignment with broader community benefit
- Address the community early and build understanding of the project's legacy, value and long-term contribution to Maroubra

Consultation Level: Higher-level local area impact.

IAP2 Consultation level:

Based on the assessment of the level of impact, the following IAP2 consultation objectives were set:

- Collaborate: As the directly impacted stakeholders of the redevelopment, Council sought to collaborate with surf club members. This was achieved through partnering with key Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club representatives throughout the project, ensuring that these stakeholders were kept closely involved in, and contributing to, the consultation process.
- Consult: Council aimed to engage with the general public on a consult level, providing information on the redevelopment and avenues for the community to submit their feedback.

Consultation period

The consultation was open for 4 weeks from 27 June to 25 July 2025 consistent with the requirements of Council's Community Engagement Strategy.

2.3. Consultation activities

During the public exhibition period, Council delivered a comprehensive communications campaign to raise awareness and promote community participation.

A dedicated project page was hosted on the [Your Say Randwick website](#), and 12,800 A4 flyers were delivered to properties surrounding Maroubra Beach.

Large A1 display boards were mounted on the existing surf club building to engage regular users and passersby.

Promotional efforts were supported by email campaigns sent to key stakeholders, Your Say subscribers and Randwick City precinct groups, as well as inclusion in Council's weekly eNews.

Social media promotion was delivered via Council's Facebook and Instagram channels, and digital displays were featured at local libraries, the Des Renford Aquatic Centre, and the Customer Service Centre. The consultation was also listed on the Randwick Council website under Current Consultations. Local councillors were directly notified to ensure alignment and visibility of the engagement.

Engagement activities during the exhibition period focused on encouraging public input.

A pop-up session was held at the Maroubra Beach Markets on Saturday 5 July, allowing for in-person discussions with community members. A community webinar was held on Monday 7 July, providing participants with an opportunity to hear from the project team, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Community members were also invited to make formal submissions via the online submission form on the Your Say Randwick project page or by email. These varied activities ensured that community members could engage in the process through whichever format was most accessible to them.

Table 1: Summary of engagement reach

Channel	Pop-up engagement	Online webinar	Letterbox drop	eNews promotion	Social media	Media release
Estimated reach	1,290	19 (including project team)	12,800	1,172**	16,657	272,117*
Total reach						304,055

Notes:

*The media release was picked up by Channel Nine News and aired on 30 June 2025 at 6.52pm in Sydney and syndicated to eight regional and interstate outlets.

**Total number of clicks on the story in Council's eNews edition on 4 July 2025.

3. Consultation outcomes

- Website visits: 1,259
- Submissions: 57

All consultation outcomes and social media engagement from 27 June to 25 July 2025 are summarised in Table 2 and 3 below.

Table 2: Summary of consultation outcomes

Engagement	Number
Total visits to the Your Say Randwick website	1578 visits
Participants who were:	
Aware (visited at least one page)	1241 participants
Informed (viewed a photo, downloaded a document, visited multiple pages, read FAQs, contributed to a tool, viewed key dates)	759 participants
Engaged (provided in-person feedback, via the online webinar, or a submission via online survey or email)	141 participants
Pop-up interactions (provided feedback to the project team in-person at the Maroubra Beach Markets)	80 participants
Online webinar	4 participants
Submissions to Randwick City Council	57
Survey response submission	54
Email submissions	3

3.1. Overall themes

The following themes are a high-level summary of all feedback received over the consultation period.

3.1.1. Strong community support for redevelopment 28 mentions

Community sentiment towards the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club redevelopment was broadly supportive. Many respondents described the project as “long overdue” and welcomed the investment in upgrading a vital community facility.

The surf club was consistently recognised for its essential role in public safety, youth development, and fostering a sense of local pride. The redevelopment was seen as a meaningful way to support volunteers and ensure the facility meets modern needs while continuing to serve the broader Maroubra community.

3.1.2. Support for public activation and amenities 22 mentions

Respondents expressed strong support for features that activate the site for broader public use, particularly a café or kiosk, improved public amenities, and upgraded changerooms.

These inclusions were seen as opportunities to create a more vibrant, welcoming and inclusive beachfront space for all. The potential for the redevelopment to encourage casual visitation, support local families and walkers, and generate a sustainable income stream for the surf club was welcomed by many.

3.1.3. Interest in reflecting local identity 13 mentions

While several respondents praised aspects of the proposed design, including the use of natural materials, modern layout and environmental sustainability, others suggested further opportunities to reflect Maroubra’s unique identity.

There was a desire to see the building better align with the suburb’s surf culture, laid-back atmosphere, and beachside heritage. Some respondents encouraged further refinement to ensure it complements the coastal setting and pays tribute to the iconic presence of the current structure.

3.1.4. Desire for inclusive, community-friendly outcomes 20 mentions

Of the submissions that opposed the redevelopment plans, many expressed a strong preference for ensuring the redeveloped facility serves the whole community, not just surf club members, through some publicly accessible features of the design.

Respondents valued the opportunity to provide more inclusive and accessible spaces, particularly for families, young people and visitors. There was support for the idea that the surf club could act as a civic space for the whole community, with several responses calling for shared access to parts of the building or public-facing functions that draw people in.

3.1.5. Desire for functionality **18 mentions**

Neutral submissions tended to focus on practical improvements or clarifications, rather than clear praise or criticism.

These included suggestions such as adding boardrider storage, public drinking fountains, or upgrading adjacent public facilities. Some respondents asked questions about accessibility or shared ideas for improving outdoor amenities, including picnic seating or public showers. While not explicitly for or against the project, these responses demonstrated a desire to ensure the development is functional, user-friendly and responsive to everyday community needs.

3.1.6. Balancing investment cost and public benefit **17 mentions**

Some submissions raised concerns about the overall cost of the redevelopment, particularly the \$15 million price tag and the significant financial contribution from Randwick City Council.

While some respondents expressed gratitude for the investment, other respondents questioned whether the scale of investment was justified, especially given the perception that access may be limited to club members. These respondents expressed a desire for elements of the design to have more public benefit to balance investment costs.

3.2. Pop-up engagement outcomes

Held at the Maroubra Beach Markets on Saturday 5 July 2025, this session attracted approximately 80 one-on-one conversations with members of the public, alongside estimated foot traffic of over 1,000 people throughout the day. Overall sentiment during the pop-up was broadly positive, consistent with the attitudes of the general public who frequent Maroubra Beach.

Most attendees expressed support for the redevelopment, viewing it as a long overdue upgrade to an essential community facility. Many described the proposal as a welcome improvement that would contribute to the safety, amenity, and vibrancy of the beachfront. Several members of the public commented that the design would uplift the local area and bring the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club in line with other modern coastal facilities.

A key focus of community feedback was the use and accessibility of the new building. Many people were interested in how much of the facility would be available for community use, particularly in terms of function rooms, meeting spaces, and publicly accessible amenities. There was a strong desire for the redevelopment to deliver visible public benefits, such as disabled-access toilets, expanded café offerings, and shaded outdoor seating areas that would encourage casual use.

While some participants praised the proposed natural materials and considered the design to be appropriately integrated with the local environment, others felt it was underwhelming or too uniform. A few individuals expressed disappointment that the architectural character did not reflect the iconic and energetic nature of the Maroubra community, particularly when compared to other high-profile surf clubs along the NSW coast.

Suggestions for improvement included the incorporation of public art to reflect local identity, night lighting for safety and ambience, and a request to retain existing informal community assets like picnic areas and shaded seating that are currently well used by beachgoers and families.



Image: Maroubra Beach Markets pop-up

3.3. Community webinar engagement outcomes

The community webinar was held on Monday 7 July 2025 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm and was attended by Council staff, members of the project design team, surf club representatives, and four members of the general public. The session provided an opportunity for the project team to present the design rationale, site considerations, and key features of the proposed redevelopment. It also allowed attendees to ask questions and raise concerns in real time.

Accessibility emerged as a key topic of interest. Council representatives explained how the building has been designed to meet Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements while also addressing flood mitigation obligations. Specific design features discussed included the use of gently sloped walkways without handrails, level thresholds to aid seamless entry and surf club operations, and a lift providing access between floors. These measures were positively received by participants, who emphasised the importance of ensuring the facility is welcoming and usable for people of all ages and abilities.

Attendees also raised questions about the use of adjacent public land and the redevelopment of nearby playground infrastructure. In particular, concerns were expressed about the proposed location of a new flying fox beside the surf club, with suggestions that this play equipment be relocated west of the building to reduce potential conflicts with beachgoers. Others called for a more holistic approach to the open space, proposing a bike or scooter track and other expanded recreation options. Council noted that internal teams were actively coordinating on these matters and that feedback from the webinar would be used to inform future planning across the broader foreshore precinct.

Urban design was another recurring theme, with several participants commenting on the architectural ambition of the proposed building. Some felt the design could go further in reflecting the identity of Maroubra and suggested that other surf clubs had managed to combine functionality with a stronger visual and community presence. Others called for more visible community benefit, including accessible public toilets, greater public access to indoor spaces, and stronger integration with the surrounding open space. Council acknowledged these comments and advised that a future upgrade of the nearby pavilion and a broader foreshore masterplan would help to address public amenity and integrate infrastructure improvements across the area.

3.4. Submission engagement outcomes

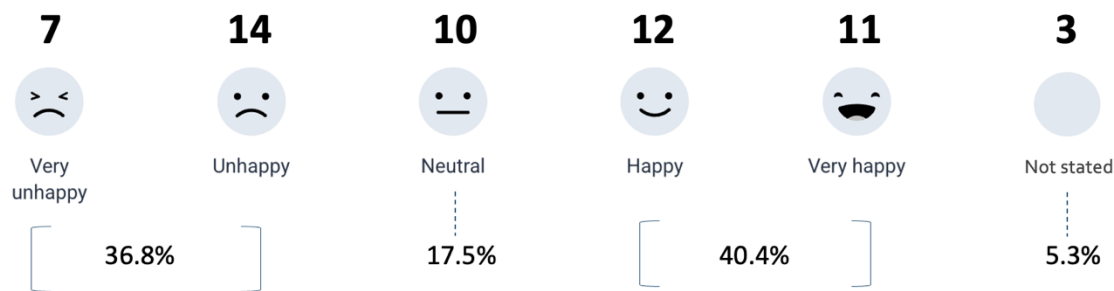
3.4.1. Response uptake

Despite a significant communication and promotion effort that included the distribution of 12,800 flyers and a visible presence at community spaces, the public exhibition received 57 submissions.

Website analytics and community engagement metrics indicate that awareness of the project was high, but the number of formal submissions was relatively low. The analysis presented in Section 3.4.2 – 3.4.5 of this report reflect the views of the 57 individuals who provided feedback, and represents 100% of the responses received. However, caution should be applied in generalising these statistics to the wider community, as the response rate does not necessarily reflect the full range of views held by those aware of the project but who chose not to participate.

3.4.2. Levels of support

The figures below reflect the sentiment of individuals who completed an online submission. In this submission, stakeholders were asked to state their overall sentiment towards the proposed redevelopment.



There was a higher proportion of positive sentiment responses received with 57.9% of responses indicating that they were impartial or supportive of the proposed redevelopment.

36.8% of respondents indicated that they were ‘unhappy’ with the proposed redevelopment, citing concerns over the look and function of design features, costs in relation to public benefit, and the replacement of iconic structures.

The following figures provide an analysis of these statistics in relation to the total amount of people ‘aware’ of the project through visitation of the project page.

Table 4: Reported sentiment statistics represented as a percentage of total aware population

Sentiment	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Not stated
Sentiment selected	Very happy, Happy	Neutral	Very unhappy, Unhappy	Did not submit a submission
Percentage (%)	1.68%	0.80%	1.83%	95.69%

3.4.3. Positive sentiment submissions

Below is an analysis of the themes prevalent in submissions, with verbatim comments supporting them. These themes include a count for the number of times a comment was made in alignment with each theme. Notably, these figures sum more than 57, the number of total submissions, as comments in some submissions aligned with more than one theme.

Positive submissions reflected strong support for the redevelopment and optimism about the project's potential to enhance public safety, community pride, and the beachfront precinct. Many respondents described the proposal as "long overdue" and appreciated the investment into a community-facing facility that supports volunteers and lifesaving services.

Broad support for renewal and investment (18 mentions)

Respondents frequently stated that the redevelopment is timely and addresses a strong community need. They acknowledged the need for upgraded infrastructure and saw the new facility as a way to improve both aesthetics and functionality. Many mentioned their trust in Council to deliver the project and praised the direction being taken.

Table 5: Verbatim comments relating to broad support for renewal and investment

	Comment
1	So pleased to hear of this long overdue development.
2	Sad to see the old building go but new one looks good.
3	Great improvement on a community based resource
4	Plans look great . I love the colour of the building.
5	The long-overdue renovation of the surf club is a necessary step.
6	The redevelopment of the Maroubra SLSC will be great for the community and overall the proposal is fantastic.
7	Overall, its great to see the facility being renewed with a new contemporary design. As a Planner, directly involved with the DAs for North Bondi, Bondi Beach, Tamarama and more recently Bronte Surf Club, happy to share process/background on these projects and lessons learned (if desired). Especially as the Coastal Management issues will be a primary feature of any future DA for this facility... landscaping and outdoor seating area are a nice feature to the front.
8	It look great
9	Overall, the design looks much better than what is there now.
10	The redevelopment looks good
11	Firstly, the rebuild of the Maroubra SLSC club is supported as the existing building has reached end of life and further upgrades do not present long term value.
12	looks awesome and about time, well done great use of public funding.
13	Just hurry up and do it to make Maroubra beach precinct a modern environment as such a run down ugly area of the eastern suburbs
14	It is long overdue.
15	I really like the overall design.
16	I'm not a member but my son is Thanks for this project this looks nice!

	Comment
17	Long overdue. Hopefully one of the many upgrades for the Maroubra beach precinct.
18	Maroubra surf club design submission Overall, the design seems excellent, I especially like the inclusion of natural materials like clay bricks, natural air flow, local native plants, and the large PV array; open, light and flexible spaces, outdoor verandahs including on the north side which would be sheltered from the often fierce southerlies.

Appreciation for volunteer recognition and safety outcomes (4 mentions)

Several respondents highlighted the vital role of the surf club in maintaining public safety on Maroubra Beach. These individuals saw the redevelopment as a necessary investment in the people who dedicate their time to lifesaving, surf education, and youth development.

Table 6: Verbatim comments relating to volunteer recognition and safety outcomes

	Comment
1	Secondly, the work of volunteer lifesavers in protecting the community and providing a positive pathway for community connection, particularly for youth is highly valued.
2	I think it's wonderful to give volunteer life savers better facilities
3	I very much appreciate the efforts of volunteer lifesavers
4	Volunteers give up a lot to serve the community, sometimes at serious danger to themselves, so this will be a way of saying thanks and that the community values their service

Support for a café/kiosk (2 mentions)

Respondents were enthusiastic about publicly accessible elements such as the café or kiosk. These were seen as features that would activate the space, draw more visitors to the promenade, and ensure the facility offers everyday value to the wider community beyond just club members.

Table 7: Verbatim comments relating to support for a café/kiosk

	Comment
1	I would like to see full cafe facilities on site. There is only one other place and seating facilities are not inclusive to all capabilities. I went to Wanda Surf Club last weekend for their Sunday Session. It was terrific. In summertime it's bookings only to attend. Would have to be a great income for the club.
2	The redevelopment presents a great opportunity to enhance amenities for both Maroubra residents and tourists by incorporating a café with seating into the plan. The location is ideal for a rare ocean-facing café, featuring a few outdoor tables and chairs by the beach. Revenue from the café could provide valuable additional funding for the surf club. As Maroubra currently lacks cafés along the beachfront, this presents a fantastic opportunity to activate this part of the beach and create a welcoming space for people to meet and connect.

3.4.4. Neutral sentiment submissions

Neutral submissions typically came from community members who neither strongly supported nor opposed the project but offered practical reflections, sought clarification, or made constructive suggestions.

Suggestions for improvements (14 mentions)

Neutral submissions included practical suggestions for design refinement, particularly around outdoor facilities. Community members requested more shaded seating, accessible fountains, outdoor showers, and secure storage for boards and belongings to support public and club users alike.

Table 8: Verbatim comments containing suggestions for improvements

	Comment
1	why not adding a little coffee shop and/or take away food as well?
2	we need to have some more bars and restaurants available- like the bucket list in Bondi
3	It would be good to have a room for the local boardriders to leave their equipment
4	<p>I have 3 points I wish to make in relation to the proposed plan.</p> <p>1. Use of low height shrubs for planting in front of the new club house. The plan shows large banksia trees and a Norfolk pine as the trees of choice to be planted in front of the clubhouse. May I suggest that you consider very small native shrubs (less than 1 m in height) for the planting area in front of the clubhouse. In the FAQs information on the website, it is indicated that: "The design includes larger storage areas and better access to lifesaving equipment, making it easier for volunteers to respond quickly and effectively. The viewing deck has clear sight to the beach and water with quick access down the outdoor stairs, proving another angle to observe the water and keep the community safe.</p> <p>2. Installation of water/drink refilling station I would like to suggest that a water refilling station is installed outside the clubhouse so members and community beach users can fill up their water bottles. As we are having hotter summers and more visitors to the beach, and in line with the environmental values of the RCC, it would be sensible to provide a place to refill peoples personal water bottles and encourage everyone to bring their water bottles to the beach. In the FAQs information on the website, it is indicated that: The upgraded surf club includes improved public amenities such as showers, a barista window, and landscaped seating.</p> <p>3. Installation of large drain to capture water from hosing down of club equipment Please consider installing drainage to capture water as club equipment is hosed off. Currently, equipment is hosed off in the forecourt of the clubhouse and runs across the promenade walkway onto steps and into sand area below. With the new building it would be good to avoid this problem and so enable all beach users easy use of the promenade, i.e. wheelchair users Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
5	<p>In terms of the actual plans, a few points worth raising:..</p> <p>- ground level primary frontage comprises a very small kiosk (no storage) and primarily toilets/change rooms and vehicle shed. Could be enhanced to future proof the facility with club room on ground level to beach front, that can assist on carnival / club / nipper days. Presently, the design keeps all of these functions on the first floor, disconnected from the beach front. Perhaps consider redesign in part, similar to South Maroubra Surf Club, where club rooms are available on ground level, with direct access to the beach. Their first floor can be club area and/or leased to third part for functions, so the versatility there is more refined than the current design here, which limits future function/club spaces.</p>

	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - marine grade materials that are low maintenance could be further explored. A bank of louvres to the first floor terrace will often be frosted with salt and need regular cleaning. - Consider gym having an enhanced outlook to the public domain. Improves casual surveillance and amenity for users. - the BBQ area is a common feature of the club on weekends. Perhaps make it an integrated feature (eg part of the kiosk if increased in size) to accommodate future club needs.
6	Please ensure this proposal is reviewed against the standard of similar surf clubs in the Eastern Suburbs. The Coogee Surf Club was approved by councillors alone, pushed through without consultation, and the final design is poor — a real blemish on the landscape. This is a chance for Maroubra to set a new benchmark, with a design on par with Bronte or North Bondi. The community deserves something thoughtful, enduring, and architecturally significant.
7	I used to live on the Gold Coast and some of our SLS clubs had a kiosk and dining facilities open to the public. That would be great. The blue building next to the surf club also desperately needs an update.
8	My only suggestion to consider retractable awnings or some shading on the top deck that means people are either shaded inside or exposed to the summer sun outside with no transitional shading on the outside.
9	<p>Improvement ideas include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the northeast corner section of the building back out to match the existing footprint. This will allow for increasing the male and female amenities, toilets, showers, change room/lockers, board lockers and gym spaces to be the same or greater than what currently exists. - Remove trees at front due to safety concern increasing chance of not seeing someone in danger. - Remove unnecessary room like "barista window". - Remove side access to board lockers and gym as it poses a security risk. - Remove trees from front, pose safety concern as they impede the view from the club, main purpose of club is to see people in danger and rescue them. - Front to be fenced appropriately as it's a working surf club and public cannot be wandering throughout grounds and club property. - Consider adding back a small, enclosed area in front of southeastern corner integrated into proposed wash down boat prep, to provide a good wind break and observation space.
10	<p>I say Time to include My life size sculpture in the Maroubra Beach Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment plan. Near the entrance. Including many small figures.</p> <p>Little Pattie "stomping at Maroubra" An important female figure! Not many others. only male. Mina Wylie at Wylie's !Baths life size bronze at the entrance is much loved A good example. A good idea. 👍</p>
11	On the concept design, as presented, I think is a missed opportunity for a better connection to country and to site. I note the architects have included a "walk on country" picture in their presentation but it is unfortunate that the knowledge and advice provided have not been presented. Similarly, the input of the current users while gathered has not been provided, so we can only guess at these.

	Comment
	<p>For me, I would prefer the new structure be as unobtrusive as possible in this prominent and unique coastal location. What has been proposed is essentially a 2 storey building much the same dimensions as the existing structure.</p> <p>Would there be the possibility of moving the structure southwards towards the Council facility? Obviously retaining the Norfolk Island pine trees. I do not see any particular "sacredness" of the footprint of the existing building location - a slight move to allow an improved outcome should be part of the options. Situating the building slightly south would provide more immediate access to the loading area accessed from hardstand space. In the area to the south of the existing structure is an outdoor gym - this is a lightweight installation and easily reinstated in another space. There is also an odd grassed area with sandstone wall with a drop of more than 1 metre to the promenade - I have resisted suggesting a fence here so as not to add to visual clutter.</p> <p>In terms of height, I think this could be reduced to be less visually intrusive. This raised level is not used for operationally for observation of the beach or swimmers. While appreciating that income from lease of the function space is important to the club and part of this requires elevation to enjoy the views and breeze, I think this could be accommodated by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. placing the members utility areas (changerooms, gym etc) perhaps half a level below existing ground level (and providing high windows into these spaces for light and ventilation (using obscured glass and vegetation adjacent for privacy), 2. placing the training and function spaces above that - these being half a level above the existing ground level to provide views and ventilation, with the added benefit of an external stair and ramp for access on the western side to avoid the need enter into the main building for access to climb a full set of stairs or take the lift. Obviously, there is still a need to provide for mobility access and the movement of goods between the levels, and 3. The roof space above the proposed boat shed area would still be accessible as a terrace - a series of large width steps from the training and function spaces to allow access these steps also providing an informal gathering place and protection from winds. <p>The objective of all this is for the new structure to present as single storey to the surrounding space, albeit actually 1.5 storeys high, the terraces around the upper level areas would act to reduce the overall visual impact.</p> <p>However, if the existing two levels above existing ground concept is continued, then perhaps rotating the training and function spaces 90 degrees so these sit over the boatshed roof below would also be an improvement.</p>
12	<p>As a regular early morning swimmer our group always change and shower outside the club. Given the new plan looks so good it would be fitting if the covered picnic seating on the northern side was also upgraded along with the shower. I realise it is not feasible to make the covered area totally wind and rain proof but some thought might be given to improve its function to make it a better construction when the weather is wet and windy.</p>
13	<p>Please also consider repainting the other bright blue building to the south so the beach has a more cohesive look. The fully blue-painted building currently stands out as an eyesore. A Mediterranean beach vibe with off-white walls and perhaps a stone wall element could help tie the promenade together in a more attractive and harmonious way.</p>
14	<p>2. Glass louvres shown on the south side upstairs verandah would be extremely hard to clean and would not fully provide shelter in southerlies. Better to have solid glass instead.</p> <p>3. "Windswept local native planting such as at Malabar Headland" - super!! However, a Norfolk Pine is shown in the images. Please please do not plant one - they are not part of this environment and do not offer much benefit for our wildlife, and would end up blocking part of the views from the new building. Please consider instead a more diverse range of densely planted local natives, of all heights, from the ground (as per guidelines for habitat planting) including ones rarely used in plantings like the beautiful <i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i> which absolutely thrives on the</p>

	Comment
	<p>dunes near Maroubra South Surf club, and provides food for pollinators and hence small lizards and birds alike, Melaleuca armillaris, Baeckia imbricata (both insect-attracting), Grevillea speciosa and sericea, Pimelea linifolia (butterfly-attracting) and a range of ground covers including grasses and Pelargonium australe. If there is soil enough in the upstairs big planter bed to include several Acacia ulicifolia that would be a big bonus. Just using the reliable Banksia integrifolias downstairs, while they are part of this landscape, will mostly benefit the large birds like Rainbow Lorikeets and aggressive birds like Noisy Miners, which exclude other species.</p> <p>4. A huge visual benefit, and biodiversity benefits would be gained from coordinating these plantings with new patches in the extremely barren grass patches on either side of the study site.</p> <p>5. The upstairs would look much much more aesthetic if it, too, had clay brick walls instead of the bare fibre cement. Thank you</p>

Requests for information on public access and community use (8 mentions)

Some community members used their submission to seek clarity on how the redeveloped facility would be accessed by the general public. These responses often expressed tentative support but sought reassurance that the investment would yield public benefits and access to shared indoor spaces.

Table 9: Verbatim comments relating to requests for information on public access and community use

	Comment
1	I'd like to know more about the second point of your listed " Benefits for the whole community ". ie : provides inclusive public spaces. How so ? What public spaces are available from this \$15 million building can the rate and tax payer use ?
2	As a community, are there any opportunities for the renovated club to be made available to local residents? The current membership is so restricted, as indicated in the plan, that only members are allowed to use the facilities.
3	I see the public design. Can we please have more public facilities like new and more open air showers fit for purpose and drinking water taps for humans and dogs. These become especially important during heat waves and summer months. Also, please make sure the exterior of the building is fit for purpose. It will be subject to corrosion and high winds.
4	Have facilities for boardriders and other community storage spaces been included?
5	Will the function rooms on the top floor be available for non-club activities - there should be an agreement between the club and the Council to enable bookings of these facilities for community events\courses (I note the architect has ensured separation of operational spaces from other facilities so this would seem consistent with the design). Why shouldn't the community (and Council staff) have access to these wonderful training and function rooms with the views of the ocean!
6	<p>The question I would like to ask is about the public function/meeting space that will be included in the redevelopment.</p> <p>Can you please tell me how access to this space will be managed, how much it will cost and who will manage it?</p>
7	Who benefits from increasing the size of this building situated on prime beach front land? Only club members? What is the public benefit?
8	Will we get a chance to have input on how the upstairs room will be managed?

	Comment
9	The barista window, not sure of the intention there, is it to take business away from the local shops, who will get the tender, will it go to the surf club.

Clarifications about landscaping, materials, or accessibility (3 mentions)

These respondents asked technical questions about building materials, landscaping, and how the facility would meet accessibility standards. These responses showed engagement with the design but stopped short of clear endorsement or opposition.

Table 10: Verbatim comments relating to clarifications about landscaping, materials or accessibility

	Comment
1	Why are you restricting the view with Norfolk Pines and other trees in the front garden of the surf club which will block the view of the surf and beach.
2	My understanding is the materials used in the current SLSC building construction have resulted in concrete cancer. Can the Council please confirm that the proposed construction materials (and maintenance strategy) will address the coastal conditions? Also who will have the responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the building over the life of the asset?
3	A few points: 1. while winter passive solar access would be excellent on the first floor, there is minimal on the ground floor, since the change rooms take up the northern and most of the eastern walls. Is there any way to rejig room locations not to waste this precious resource?

3.4.5. Negative sentiment submissions

Negative sentiment submissions reflected a range of concerns, mostly focused on project cost, public accessibility, design preferences, and a desire to preserve the existing building.

Concerns about cost and exclusivity (15 mentions)

The most frequent concern in negative submissions related to the overall cost of the redevelopment, with several respondents questioning the \$15 million investment and the level of funding provided by Council. Many called for a clearer demonstration of public benefit, particularly in terms of access for non-members and ratepayers.

Table 11: Verbatim comments relating to concerns about cost and exclusivity

	Comment
1	Must be available for public use for functions, meetings, events at affordable rates and be available often so that the public and the surf club get full advantage of ratepayers and tax payers contribution
2	it's far too expensive (and we've heard all the excuses why council projects cost so much) and RCC are providing far too much money towards it.
3	If my tax dollars are used to build a public facility, there needs to be greater access for Randwick tax payers to use the SLSC facility without the additional costs of membership (as i have already paid for it) and also saved many lives as a first responder at Maroubra over the 50 years Ive lived here without being a club member. Please keep this in mind when deciding who is given control over the facility as those with the power tend to make these facilities their own.
4	<p>I think you should have started with a public consultation on the aims of the redevelopment rather than a closed consultation with the club members, particularly given there is \$10m of rate payers funds committed to the redevelopment and the building is probably located on Crown Land and I presume requires a development approval.</p> <p>It shows in the design where there is little for the public in this redevelopment apart from the barista window. Some outdoor seating around the window at least would make the space more accessible for the public.</p>
5	I would like to see something that included sharing with the community. Having a function space upstairs is something for those who can afford to pay for it. It will also be noisy of a night so must have strict conditions for that use. I think if the ratepayer is contributing millions towards it there should be a shared area they have access to like you see in other surf clubs or events for the public like CPR training.
6	While the latest proposed plans are an improvement to the previous plans, they result in a very expensive smaller club with reduced critical spaces and amenities such as gym, lockers and showers.
7	<p>Noooooo please don't let it become another microwave project where only the elite can use! That was a complete disaster and only one person benefited from that isor monstrosity that is Coogee surf life saving club.</p> <p>I beg you to not fall for the same bs that the president of CSLSC used to get government grants and endorsements whatever it was it was a huge mistake and as I recall the MP that donated \$3M to that personal project that has ended up with almost no entry for locals at all. It's just unbelievable and every single local asked is still upset about that.</p>

	Comment
8	<p>In short, this is a lot of money (\$15M, of which \$10.5M is from Randwick Council) towards a facility that is not accessible to the public.</p>
9	<p>Randwick Council contribution to the building is proposed to be \$10.5 million and with 53,418 rateable properties this is around \$200 for each ratepayer. What funds are the SLSC contributing to the building? Could you please explain who owns the asset? Does the building sit in the Council's balance sheet or the SLSC?</p> <p>As it is proposed that ratepayers principally fund the building, the Council needs to ensure that community groups can access the building. About 20 years ago the community group Friends of Malabar Headland sought to have a monthly meeting in the SLSC club and this request was rejected. St Marks Anglican church at Malabar allowed the Friends to meet there for free (and still do). If this proposed building is to be a community asset then community groups should be able to access this building for free. This means that the investment that the community makes towards the building should be returned as a dividend for ongoing services (not only surf lifesaving services) to the community.</p> <p>Ratepayers have already funded the buildings at SLSC South Maroubra and the Council operated building at the middle of the beach. Randwick Council needs ensure that ratepayer funds are spent in the most effective way to deliver services to the community.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.</p>
10	<p>1. Lack of Public Amenity The proposed design does not provide any significant facilities for local community who are not SLSC members. There is no provision for essential amenities such as public changing rooms, bathrooms, cafes, or adequate showers, despite the poor condition of existing facilities. The SLSC is an opportunity to provide high quality public facilities that improve the experience of all beach users.</p> <p>2. Misallocation of Public Funds Randwick Council is contributing \$10.5 million of ratepayer funds toward this project, yet the design does not adequately respond to the needs of the general public. Many areas of the beach's public realm—including paving, seating, public bathrooms, shade structures, the blue council life savers building, picnic areas, and playgrounds—are in need of upgrades. Allocating such significant funds to a building that primarily serves a private membership base does not reflect a balanced investment in the beach precinct.</p> <p>3. Need for a Whole-of-Beach Masterplan The SLSC redevelopment should not be considered in isolation. The project must form part of a comprehensive masterplan for the entire Maroubra Beach precinct, encompassing public amenities, landscaping, shade structures, playgrounds, seating and circulation. Presenting this building in isolation risks creating a disjointed outcome and missing the opportunity to consider a future vision for the beachfront.</p> <p>4. Lack of Transparency and Engagement The proposed design appears to conceal the operations and activities of the Surf Life Saving Club rather than showcasing them. Surf lifesaving is a vital and highly visible part of Maroubra Beach culture, and the design should celebrate this by allowing transparency for the public to observe training, equipment, and the day-to-day activities of the club. It should not be a private bar for members to enjoy.</p> <p>5. Missed Opportunity for a "Building in the Round" The site offers a unique opportunity to create a "building in the round"—a structure where all façades engage with the surrounding public realm. The current proposal primarily addresses the beachfront, leaving the other sides disengaged from the public. This approach diminishes the</p>

	Comment
	<p>potential for the building to become a vibrant, integrated hub for all beach users.</p> <p>6. Precedent for a Successful Model The architecture team behind this proposal has already delivered an award-winning Surf Life Saving Club at Long Reef, which is widely recognised for being site-specific, robust, inclusive and a beautiful piece of Architecture. The Long Reef project successfully caters to both the SLSC and the broader community by balancing operational needs with public amenity. I believe the Maroubra community deserve a building of equal vision and quality.</p> <p>I urge Randwick Council to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reconsider the current design to incorporate public amenities such as changing rooms, bathrooms, and showers. 2. Ensure the project forms part of a wider Maroubra Beach masterplan, integrating the SLSC with improvements to the public realm. 3. Maximise transparency and activation on all sides of the building, ensuring it contributes positively to the beach precinct from every angle. 4. Deliver a balanced outcome that justifies the significant public investment by providing benefits to all who use Maroubra Beach, not only Surf Life Saving Club members. 5. Draw inspiration from the Long Reef Surf Life Saving Club, ensuring the same level of site responsiveness, durability, and community integration is achieved here.
11	<p>I can't appreciate the public benefit from the current design. It feels like a huge amount of the \$15 million budget is going to private facilities, when so much of Maroubra beach's public facilities need more work. This could have been a much more comprehensive and inclusive design, especially with such a huge budget. I respectfully request that the current design is reconsidered to provide a more inclusive plan, with greater consideration given to public facilities.</p>
12	<p>this proposed development seems to involve a huge amount of taxpayers' money being spent on facilities for relatively few people in our area.</p> <p>Surely Council must be aware that most of the space at the current club remains unused for much of the week, especially Monday to Friday and during the daytime.</p> <p>I would suggest that the spaces and facilities in any new club building are opened up considerably to all members of the Maroubra community, including a dedicated community centre.</p> <p>All other spaces and the function centre should be made readily available to community groups for use either on a free basis or for hire. This to my mind would mean a much fuller use of the building and go a long way towards justifying the enormous expense.</p>
13	<p>It seems a considerable waste of tax money to turn an iconic and charming Maroubra beach landmark building into a bland grey cube, for very little added value (e.g. another gym is only going to hurt other gym businesses around and is certainly not needed) I would much prefer that money goes somewhere else.</p>
14	<p>The only way to get access to this view is to be a member of the Seals or surf club or pay to use the venue...</p> <p>Also \$15 million building utilised by approx. 1000 members occasionally is not a very equitable position for council to advocate for. Spend your \$15 mill on refurbishing Lexington and put up with what we have at the beach for a few more years until it really needs replacing.</p> <p>Please reconsider what you are planning, extend the consultation, listen to the local precinct groups concerns and rethink how best to serve the public and ratepayers. I think the 3 areas, Bastic Pav, Playground and Surf club need to work in better synergy.</p>
15	<p>\$15M of Ratepayers funds being spent on an exclusive use facility. There are already 3 taxpayer/ratepayer facilities and if you count in Mahon Pool Seals Club and the South Maroubra Boat Storage Facilities then there are now 5 facilities devoted to private use. South Maroubra Surf Club is a great example of the RatePayers and Tax Payers building facilities that they cannot</p>

	Comment
	freely access. The Horizons Event Room was paid for during the Gillard Government. All locals know that it is a farce that we cannot access this room without paying through the nose. The proposed \$15M for the North Maroubra Surf Club should be spent on a Community Centre instead. We did have one in the RSL Bowlo, however the Liberal Party allowed that to be sold off to Developers and the site has sat empty for going on 6 to 8 years. RC charge us an Environmental Levy Ratepayers can now see where that money is being spent. Seals Club Political Donations = Ratepayers ripped off to provide facilities for the Surf Clubs. How about doing something for Ratepayers instead of Political Donors with too much sway.

Opposition to design layout, materials, aesthetics or scale (14 mentions)

A number of respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed architectural design. While some acknowledged the functional aspects, they felt the structure lacked distinctiveness and failed to capture the spirit or visual identity of Maroubra Beach. Comparisons were drawn to other surf clubs considered more iconic or appealing.

Table 12: Verbatim comments relating to opposition to design layout, materials, aesthetics or scale

	Comment
1	The old building is also so iconic and some of the spirit of Maroubra has been lost to the dull and already outdated Millennial Gray tones in the materials proposed here. Would you consider incorporating some of the red, yellow and/or blue tones (or other colours) from the original building and also to match the seals across the road? Thanks greatly.
2	In terms of the actual plans, a few points worth raising: - conflict between pedestrians and vehicles on beach front appears unresolved from a safety perspective.
3	It's fine. Just not that inspired.
4	Key issues with the proposed plans include: - Reduced size of critical areas like board lockers, changeroom lockers, hot showers, gym and function room. - Trees at front pose safety concern increasing chance of not seeing someone in danger (main purpose of club is to see people in danger and rescue them). - Unnecessary room like "barista window". - Side access to board lockers and gym poses security risk. - Front of building is unfenced posing a public safety risk and potential for vagrancy. - Loss of current enclosed area in front of southeastern corner (proposed wash down boat prep) provided a good wind break. - High cost to rate payers.
5	Why are we making it look so BORING! We are Maroubra. We are not perfect and shiny, it has NO CHARACTER. I liked the blue. It was our trademark. Of course I want it upgraded but this is dull as and extremely blah. Make it reflect our personality.
6	the design is lacking in creativity and imagination.
7	1. The mansard roof eaves overhang needs to be a minimum 2m width to reduce the potential for wind driven rain and salt spray entry into the 1st floor interior. 2. Remove the open roof over two circulation spaces, these will cause significant potential for water ingress into the club house. Instead place skylights over these areas if you want some natural light over these spaces. 3. Do not allow communication antennas on the roof and provide folding standalone coms towers.

	Comment
	<p>4. I consider that alternating the folding door panels with louvered window panels will provide more functional cross ventilation and weather proofing.</p> <p>5. All window and door frames should be a high-grade maritime aluminum and the door furniture, hinges, fixings, locks etc should be at least grade 316 stainless steel or superior.</p> <p>6. The FSC hardwood deck on the external first floor deck is totally inappropriate for the exposure and cost and will lead to a significant maintenance cost legacy.</p> <p>7. Where will the air conditioning units be placed to allow maximum protection from the weather and ease of maintenance. Consider the use of two stage wall louvres to prevent penetration of windblown sand into the A/C filters. See Aircole H series wall louvre (refer https://airocle.com.au/2-stage-louvres/)</p> <p>8. The montages show no indication of a photovoltaic system or hot water system.</p> <p>9. Make provision for storm doors to protect the gear room on the ground floor in severe East Coast low events</p> <p>10. Consider high security vandal proof fittings and robust maritime surveillance equipment at all entrances.</p> <p>11. Consider an air lock foyer at each of the personnel entrances.</p> <p>12. The handrail shown on the beach access ramp immediately in front of the surf club will need to be sufficiently robust to withstand vehicle impact from lifeguard and surf club beach vehicles.</p>
8	I do not oppose redeveloping the building, however the proposed design is large and brutal. It seems larger than the previous building and is very solid and drab.
9	The proposed development plans for the Maroubra SLSC have not adequately addressed the impact of climate change and the coastal environment. The building should be a long term asset for the community and at a minimum should address projected level of sea level increase and increased frequency of storm events (such as East Coast lows). For example, should the ground floor of the building be more an open construction?
10	Thirdly, in the late 1970s I saw a young boy enter a boiling surf when the beach was closed. I was actually inside the Club, on the first floor, watching the surf. I instinctively knew that he would get into trouble, so immediately ran from the Club and grabbed a rescue board, keeping my eyes on him the whole time. He soon disappeared beneath the surface, so I paddled to that spot and dived under the water. Fortunately, I was able to grab him and pull him to the surface, thereby saving his life. If there had been TREES growing IN FRONT of the building, I probably would NOT have seen him at all. Planting TREES in front of the building is PURE FOLLY.
11	<p>Furthermore, the design of the building in many ways is architecturally mundane. Surely with this kind of outlay a bolder, much more imaginative design might have been on the cards.</p> <p>Without in any way adding to the bulk, especially in terms of height of the proposed development, if suggest some revisiting of the current plans.</p> <p>And surely something along the lines of the First Nations artworks on the exterior of the centre at Heffron Park could be incorporated into the overall design and particularly on the outside walls.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing revised plans for this development.</p>
12	The building itself is uninspiring; it is just a dominant block of cement parked in the same spot as the old one. It needs some treatment like what was done at the Heffron Centre to help the exterior be more appealing. The club members will not like having the public in their space so I am not sure about the front design.

Calls to retain and refurbish the existing building (8 mentions)

Some respondents voiced a preference for retaining the existing surf club structure, suggesting it could be modernised rather than replaced. These submissions often reflected a nostalgic or conservation-oriented perspective and questioned the environmental or financial sustainability of a full rebuild.

Table 13: Verbatim comments relating to calls to retain and refurbish the existing building

	Comment
1	<p>- Consider substantially upgrading the existing building to include most of the proposed new design while keeping the current large foot print.</p> <p>Options to implement improvement ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build a new building for cost \$X - modify proposed plan to accommodate above suggestions. - Substantially renovate / modify existing club building for cost \$Y - include most of the proposed new design ideas with improvements above. <p>It is suggested that the cost to substantially renovate / modify existing building will be about 50% of the cost building the proposed new building.</p> <p>Benefits of keeping and upgrading the existing building include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lower cost thus saving rate payers around Millions of dollars. - Greater size, space and functionality compared with the proposed new building. - A better built and stronger building.
2	<p>iconic one of a kind surf club in Sydney. heritage listed? to be replaced with an oversized block of concrete. and of course with the obligatory function space on top.</p>
3	<p>It's not clear why the current building does not satisfy the requirements of the club. I underwent my Bronze Medallion training in this building and served as a volunteer lifesaver for two seasons and I don't think any of that was impeded by the building. I have also attended a wedding at the venue. While the building does appear outdated, it was always very functional.</p> <p>The blue pavilion building seems in more need of an upgrade, contains more public facilities (while also housing the lifeguards who patrol the beach year round).</p>
4	<p>Maroubra surf club is a major footprint on the beach. Rather than change that footprint, why not keep the current surf club and clean it up a bit.</p>
5	<p>The SLSC building may need a refresh but a simple one that preserves its current looks and style would be a much better option.</p>
6	<p>'The architect's proposed areas and amenities on the New Plans are mostly reduced compared to what we currently have at Maroubra Surf Club. We are worse off with the New Plan. Some examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are 76 Board lockers now but reduced to 64 in the new plan - There are 220 male change room clothes lockers now reduced to 155 lockers in the New Plan - Hot shower are reduced to 5 in both change rooms - The gym is reduced from 183 m² to 141 m² - The function room now 380 m² (back room 180 + front room 200) is reduced to 180 m² in the New Plan. - Paddle boards, skis and surf boats will not be able to be taken to the beach via the front of the club. They'll have to use side or back exits. Not good in an emergency. - There is lots of wasted space in the New Plan upstairs and downstairs. There is a pathetic Members Lounge of 50 m² but a massive 65 m² Foyer for the crowds and congestion which have never happen in my 60 years as a Maroubra SLSC member. There are new north and south entrances, to help solve the non-existent congestion problem. These extra entrances will be a massive security problem. - There are large trees proposed to be planted in front of the club, blocking our view of swimmers. Crazy! <p>SOLUTION - renovate the existing building (using a new, member approved, renovation plan). The current club house is likely to be a much better constructed building than a new building. The</p>

	Comment
	<p>current club has no concrete cancer and builders tell us that a renovation would cost about \$8 million, giving us all the current and proposed facilities. This would save rate payers about \$7 million dollars.</p> <p>One of the main reasons for doing the building was to give us more storage room and we get about 72 m² more in the new plane. Probably enough for current needs but it might not be enough in 10 years time. Extending all existing sheds forward would give us quite a deal more area than this. There would also be plenty of room upstairs to build a training room and patrol room.</p> <p>For \$15 million Maroubra Surf Club loses a well built building and gets less facilities. A building the size of our current Surf Club with all the facilities would cost at least 25 million. North Bondi spent that 3 to 5 years ago and are now finding it's not enough. Brontë SLSC is getting a new Club for \$40 million. Let us renovate the existing Surf Club, so we still have a great building with all the current & required facilities and save rate payers money.</p>
7	<p>I believe the existing club should be redeveloped instead of the new planned club. The existing structure is sound & it would be much cheaper to redevelop the existing club. The new design has large areas of wasted space, particularly the foyer areas. These areas are supposed to deal with congestion, which has never been an issue at the club. I strongly believe the new design will be detrimental to the membership.</p>
8	<p>The proposal is to replace the building with a smaller structure. The current building is iconic and structurally sound so why not renovate and save millions on a rebuild, and retain the current size.</p>

4. Next Steps

The Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment has just finalised the public exhibition phase. Following this Engagement Outcomes Report, all feedback, both from club members and the wider community, will be reviewed. A report will be submitted to Randwick City Council to consider the feedback and determine whether any changes need to be made to the redevelopment or design features. Participants will be notified of the outcomes of this process.

Subject to Council's consideration, the project will then move into detailed design and tendering, followed by construction, which is currently anticipated to begin in 2027–28.

5. Appendix 1: Survey questions

Question	Response options
Q1. Your name	Single line – open-ended
Q2. Are you a member of Maroubra SLSC?	Radio – multiple choice options: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. yes2. no3. I use to be
Q3. Overall, what do you think about the proposed redevelopment?	Emoji – options: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Very unhappy2. Unhappy3. Neutral4. Happy5. Very happy
Q4. Do you have any feedback or comments on the plans?	Essay – open-ended
Q5. Alternatively, you may want to upload your submission	File upload option

6. Appendix 2: Communications materials

6.1. A4 flyer



Why this project matters

Randwick City Council is redeveloping the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club (MSLSC) to deliver a modern, fit-for-purpose facility that supports volunteer lifesaving, training, youth development and community connection for generations to come.

Maroubra SLSC is one of Australia's founding surf clubs established in 1906. It provides volunteer patrols of Maroubra Beach complementing Council lifeguard services as well as surf sport and water safety education and training for the community – including children. The club currently has 1,410 members.

The proposed new building reflects more than 18 months of consultation with club members. It includes features that benefit both the club and the broader Maroubra community, including enhanced public seating, showers, beach access, and a forecourt barista window.

Over the past year, the design has been developed in close consultation with club members and is now on public exhibition.

What's proposed?

A new, contemporary surf club that:

- supports volunteer lifesaving operations with larger storage and better access.
- reflects the club's cultural legacy while preparing for future needs.
- offers upgraded amenities, and new member spaces.
- includes function and meeting rooms, social space and outdoor terrace.
- uses natural ventilation, solar panels, and sustainable materials to boost environmental performance.
- includes improved amenities for volunteers, a publicly accessible barista window, landscaped seating, and weather-protected decks.

6.2. A1 display boards

Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment

Randwick City Council is redeveloping the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club to deliver a modern, fit-for-purpose facility that supports volunteer lifesaving, training, youth development and community connection for generations to come.



Explore the concept designs and share your feedback in the following ways:

- Online**
View the plans, learn about the project, and leave your comments.
yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au
- Pop-up session**
Meet project staff and club representatives.
Saturday 5 July 2025 8am - 2pm
Maroubra Beach Markets
Broadmead Reserve
- Online Webinar**
Live presentation and Q&A session:
Monday 7 July 2025 12 - 1pm

HAVE YOUR SAY

Register via QR code.



Your feedback is essential. Have your say and help shape a surf club that serves Maroubra now and into the future.

Randwick City Council
a sense of community

Public exhibition period:
27 June to 25 July 2025

Materials palette

- Polished concrete floors
- Clay bricks
- Stainless steel netting
- Fibre cement
- Australian FSC hardwood decking
- Corrugated marine grade roofing
- Brick paver
- Windswept scrubby native planting as found on Malabar Headland

A surf club for the future

Enhanced lifesaving operations

- larger, more accessible storage for rescue equipment
- direct beach access from a new outdoor stairwell
- elevated viewing deck with clear sightlines to the water
- purpose-built training rooms

Honouring club legacies

- a modern design that respects the club's rich history
- entryway and stairwell to feature a display of plaques, trophies, and historic surf craft

Upgraded member facilities

- gym and modern amenities
- social space
- flexible function and meeting rooms
- outdoor terrace for social and training events

Improved amenities

- member showers and an outdoor public shower
- landscaped seating areas
- barista window for beachgoers
- weather-protected decks for year-round use

Leading in sustainability

- natural ventilation and passive cooling and heating
- solar panels, solar hot water and rainwater harvesting
- sustainable materials designed for coastal conditions
- planting local native coastal vegetation

Benefits for the whole community

- stronger volunteer lifesaving services
- inclusive, accessible public and event spaces
- sustainable design for a better future
- a club that reflects Maroubra's identity and coastal lifestyle

Key design elements

- 1 Separation between social spaces and operational spaces to minimise clashes between people and bulky surf craft.
- 2 Recessed openings at ground level to intuitively signal entry and exit points, and provide shelter from the elements.
- 3 Flexible, increased and consolidated storage space with multiple points of access, and re-configurable as needs change.
- 4 Generous roof overhangs and stacker doors at first floor level to allow function and training to flow seamlessly onto the terrace, expanding internal capacity when needed.
- 5 Landscape elements that define space, protect from wind and sun, create spaces to muster, train, washdown gear, as well as a place to gather and socialise after events, inviting family and friends to join in.
- 6 Activated building edges including members BBQ, kitchenette and supporter shop, barista window, deep overhangs and bench seat planters to provide amenity, shelter and encourage social interaction.
- 7 Flexible outdoor training and club social space, with strong connection to the ground plane, passing promenade traffic and line of sight to flagged area.
- 8 Separate and dual access points to club amenities and board lockers to minimise foyer congestion, slip hazards and cleaning.

Funding and construction timing

The total project is estimated to cost \$15M and is jointly funded by the state and federal governments and Randwick City Council.

Subject to consultation, design refinements and future budget allocations, it is expected that construction could commence in 2027-28.



6.3. Media release

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Gross Pollutant Traps

Heffron Netball shade structure & tiered seating

Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment

Little Bay Beach asbestos management

La Perouse amenities block upgrade

Blenheim House Cultural Facility

Malabar Pool pump upgrades

Malabar Ocean Pool Amenities

Coastal walkway works

Greening Our City

Walking & cycling streetscape improvements

Capital works program

Our Community Our Future

Maroubra SLSC Existing Building



Background

Maroubra SLSC is one of Australia's founding surf clubs established in 1906. It provides volunteer patrols of Maroubra Beach complementing Council lifeguard services as well as surf sport and water safety education and training for the community. The club currently has 1,410 members.

The club currently makes use of an existing building on the northern end of Maroubra Beach; however the building is deteriorating and can no longer meet the needs of the club in providing their community service.

Randwick City Council is redeveloping the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club to deliver a modern, fit-for-purpose facility that supports volunteer lifesaving, training, youth development and community connection for generations to come.

Maroubra SLSC Site Plan



Proposal

The proposed new building reflects more than 18 months of consultation with club members and is now on public exhibition. Randwick City Council works closely with the Club and the consultants to develop a new SLSC to cater for current and future needs.

The redevelopment of Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club includes a new lift, upgraded changerooms, enhanced storage, AV training equipment, and fire safety upgrades. These

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Aug 04, 6:59am

Maroubra Beach closed

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inclusive spaces, benefiting club members, community groups, and the broader public at Maroubra Beach.

Artist impression of the proposed Maroubra SLSC



Funding

The redevelopment is being funded by all three levels of government. The total project is estimated to cost \$15M of which \$10.5M is being provided by Randwick Council, \$3.5M from the Federal Government and \$1M from the State Government.

Status

Randwick City Council has engaged the services of professional project management from Bridge 42 to deliver the project. Adriano Pupilli Architects is engaged as the lead consultant to provide professional consultancy services till the deliver of the project.

Both consultants are well-established firms and worked with local governments to deliver several projects. The entire teams are working closely with the Council and the Maroubra

Surt Life Saving Club to deliver the concept design to present in the public consultation.

Subject to public consultation, design refinements and future budget allocations, construction is expected to be in 2027 - 2028.

Council reports

- CS6/24 Ordinary council – Endorsement of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – 27/02/2024 [link](#) [📄](#)
- CS49/24 Extraordinary council - Endorsement of proposed funding strategy for the redevelopment – 29/10/2024 [link](#) [📄](#)
- CS28/25 Ordinary council – Endorsement of Concept design to proceed to community consultation – 17/06/2025 [link](#) [📄](#)

Next Steps

The next steps for the project are:

- Report to Council regarding the outcomes of community consultation in September meeting
- Refine the design for DA submissions
- Tender documentation and tendering process
- Construction of the project

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6.4. Digital display boards



Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club Redevelopment

Artist impression of proposed new surf club building.

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Randwick City Council is redeveloping the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club to deliver a modern, fit-for-purpose facility that supports volunteer lifesaving, training, youth development and community connection for generations to come.

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Maroubra Surf Club's \$15M makeover

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