

Gateway

Special edition: Newsletter of the Brooklyn Community Association

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The Brooklyn Place Plan



**Brooklyn
Needs You**
to complete the Survey



Hornsby Council have released their Discussion Paper and Survey for the Brooklyn Place Plan, following the brief flyer via letterbox drop last week.

Why you need to complete the Survey?

The Discussion Paper and Survey are the first stage of the consultation for the Brooklyn Place Plan. The Discussion Paper identifies the key issues, vision and principles for Brooklyn and the activities Council plans to perform, and the Survey allows you to provide feedback.

Hornsby Council is engaging the Brooklyn and Lower Hawkesbury communities “early in the place planning process”. Hornsby communities include Brooklyn, Dangar Island and Milsons Passage, and we understand the Council have also contacted communities on the north shore of the river, including Little Wobby, Cogra Point, Bar Point, Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point.

You might be saying: “*we have already provided our thoughts in many other surveys, so why this one?*”? Importantly, once adopted by Council, any future plans for Brooklyn will be based on the vision, issues and activities in the Discussion Paper, and the feedback they receive in the survey. So, it is **vital** that you fill in the survey to let them know if you agree or disagree with the vision, principles and priorities. This is your opportunity to be involved in shaping Brooklyn’s future. This is the time where you need to sit down at the computer and fill the survey in.

Filling out the Survey?

The Survey is an online survey. After brief identification questions, the survey asks if you agree or disagree with the guiding principles and the top 5 priorities. You can add comments regarding specific questions, and utilise the response to questions 14 and 16 that provide you with a box where you can add anything not covered by the survey.

Attend the Council Pop-Up sessions if you need help with the online survey, or request a hard copy of the survey or discussion paper by contacting Council on phone: 02 9847 6052 or email: place@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

All communities are actively encouraging their residents to provide their feedback and to shape plans for the future of Brooklyn. Feedback on the Discussion Paper closes 30 May 2021. We encourage you to read the Discussion Paper before filling out the Survey, which can be found at:

www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/business/services/my-place/brooklyn-place-plan

Council Pop-Up Sessions

- Thursday 6 May, 3pm–7pm:
Brooklyn Meeting Room
- Saturday 8 May, 8am–12pm:
Baden Powell Hall

To book an appointment contact Council on 02 9847 6052 or email: place@hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

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What is a Place Plan?

We have been asked this question many times.

The Place Plan will inform spending, improvements or possible development in the future. It is different from a Masterplan that focusses on rezoning. The Place Plan is a guiding document that will provide 'clear and practical actions for the future to achieve the place vision for Brooklyn' It will improve the functionality and appeal of Brooklyn. It is a tool for collaboration to form an agreed action plan, and will enable us to achieve resolution of the many issues faced in Brooklyn.

More details here: www.hornsby.nsw.gov.au/business/services/my-place.

The survey is the first stage of collaborating with the community to develop the Place Plan. Council plans subsequent stages of collaboration with the community to identify options and to qualify potential solutions.

Proposed Change to the Constitution of the Association

To consider and if thought fit to approve the following special resolution to amend the Constitution:

The Process of Changes to the Constitution of the Association:

An association may change its constitution by passing a special resolution at a general meeting of the association. Members must be given at least 21 days' notice of the proposed special resolution, which states the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution; and sets out the proposed resolution in full. A special resolution will be passed if a quorum of members required by the constitution is present if the special resolution is put to members at a meeting.

The association must apply to register the changes within 28 days of the special resolution being passed.

Proposed Special Resolution

That Part 2 – Membership: Clause 2. Membership qualifications: be amended to read:

Clause unchanged: (1) A person is qualified to be a member of the association if:

(a) the person is a person referred to in section 15(1) (a), (b) or (c) of the Act and has not ceased to be a member of the association at any time after incorporation of the association under the Act, or

(b) the person is a natural person:

(c) the person is a permanent resident of Brooklyn, owns property in Brooklyn or is the appointed representative of a business in Brooklyn.

New clause

(2) Life membership of the association shall be available to members elected at the annual meeting of the association. Election to life membership shall be made in recognition of outstanding service by association members. Nomination shall be made by procedures prescribed by the committee of the association. Life members have the right to attend any meeting and have full voting rights of the association.

New clause

(3) Honorary membership shall be available to persons not qualified to become members of the association, but who wish to participate in the association's activities. Honorary members can be nominated by any member. Honorary membership must be approved by the committee of the association and notified to the membership at the next general meeting. Honorary members do not have voting rights of the association.

Brooklyn Community Association

General Meeting

Saturday 5 June 2021 10am-12noon

Brooklyn Meeting Room 2 Dangar Rd, Brooklyn

BCA Members, Guests and Friends welcome.

www.brooklyncommunity.org.au

Meeting Dates

Saturday

6-Mar-2021

5-Jun-2021

4-Sep-2021

4-Dec-2021

3pm & AGM