

Callala Bay community insight survey

343

Survey
participants



Who completed the survey?

Survey participants were asked to tell us their connection to Callala Bay:

54% said they live in Callala Bay

23% live in Callala Beach or Myola

15% lived in the Shoalhaven area but not in Callala Bay/Beach/Myola

5% owned property here but lived somewhere else

4% lived outside the Shoalhaven area

2% owned a business here

Notes:

- Total % does not add to 100% multiple options could be selected
- The population of Callala Bay, Callala Beach and Myola was 3,076 in the 2021 Census.



Opportunities

25% support local business and local economy

25% create a sustainable development

17% provide more opportunity for local jobs

12% deliver some affordable housing

11% address the housing shortage

4% deliver some social housing

13% all of the above

26% none of the above

32% something else – topics included environmental conservation, opposition of development, protection of flora and fauna.



Concerns raised

56% impact on waterways

55% impact on flora and fauna

48% roads and traffic

35% loss of Aboriginal cultural heritage

31% community change

24% disruption during construction

36% all of the above

6% none of the above



Community needs and suggestions for new facilities

30% recreation facilities

22% sporting facilities

16% youth facilities

16% childcare centre

recreation: improve pathways and connections, boat ramp, sporting facilities and invest in improving greenspaces, parks and amenities.

youth: education, bike/pump track, outdoor play w/BBQ, sporting facilities and activities.

other: providing community benefits including health, education, transport, infrastructure maintenance, nothing.



Community values

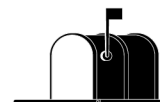
We heard that the focus should be on maintaining existing infrastructure and protecting Callala Bay's natural character, while addressing everyday liveability and safety. A proportion of participants also expressed that they do not support the project proceeding.



How you want to receive project updates



Email



Letter box
drop



Social
media



Next steps

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your feedback will help to inform the masterplan.

Community feedback and how its being addressed in the masterplan



We heard: Protect native habitat and limit clearing

Response: Where possible, we will look to minimise impacts on areas of sensitive habitat, and retain more native vegetation within the site. This work will be further investigated and detailed within the masterplan and its supporting ecological reports, and will be based on a scientific assessment of the impacts of the development on biodiversity.



We heard: Maintain the village feel, character and lifestyle

Response: The masterplan will consider design and place-making outcomes that reinforce Callala Bay's existing character, amenity and village feel, including landscape design, green buffers and built form that responds to local character and existing residential amenity.



We heard: Existing infrastructure is already strained

Response: We will continue to liaise with Shoalhaven City Council and advocate to Council about the community's views relating to the management of existing infrastructure (roads, drainage, flooding, footpaths). We will explore ways in which we can enhance or develop local infrastructure as the development progresses.



We heard: Concerns about traffic, road safety and capacity

Response: A detailed road and traffic assessment will form part of the detailed masterplan and will model the expected impacts on the local road network. Where required, local road upgrades will be proposed.



We heard: Improve community infrastructure - parks and facilities

Response: We will consider ways to improve the offering and quality of public open space and facilities both within and beyond the masterplan area. Again, we will advocate to Council about the community's views relating to the management of existing parks and facilities.



We heard: Concerns about bushfire risk and community safety

Response: The masterplanning process involves a detailed assessment of the requirements of the NSW Rural Fire Service. The urban release area must meet modern standards with respect to bushfire control measures for new developments and will assist in improving the bushfire resilience of the existing Callala Bay township.



We heard: Concerns about water quality, stormwater, flooding and drainage

Response: Water quality and quantity impacts are a key consideration of the masterplanning process. Our engineering consultants are currently reviewing the impacts and mitigation measures to deliver a best-practice water management solution.



We heard: Protect and respect Aboriginal cultural heritage

Response: During the masterplanning work, we are taking into account the Aboriginal cultural heritage work previously completed on the site. We are always open to engaging respectfully with Traditional Owners on our projects.



We heard: Concerns about construction impacts

Response: We will develop a detailed Construction Environment Management Plan to manage and mitigate impacts of construction activities on the surrounding environment and the residents of Callala Bay.



We heard: Improve walking and cycling connections between Callala Bay and Callala Beach

Response: Our landscape architects are developing concepts for incorporating continuous shared paths and improved pedestrian and cyclist safety within the site and beyond to key local points of interest.