

Communications and Engagement Report

Tilligerry Place Plan

June 2025





Tilligerry Place Plan

Engagement snapshot

The place planning process aims to capture the character of the unique communities within Port Stephens and to give voice to their residents. By giving ownership to the community of the roadmap for the future, it not only enhances their connection to place but also ensures that the priorities and actions within the plan are created by those who it will impact. The Tilligerry Place Plan is an action-oriented strategy informed and guided by community input.

What we've been up to



Workshops
and drop ins

106+ attendees



Surveys and
submissions

79 completed



Webpage

1039 visitors



Direct emails/
e-newsletters

1500+ sent



Social media

25,984 reach

Top 5 Tilligerry Values - Liveability Index 2020



75%

Elements
of natural
environment



65%

General
condition of
public open
space



60%

Protection of
the natural
environment



58%

Shared
paths that
connect
housing to
amenities



56%

Sense of
neighbourhood
safety



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Top things we've heard

Better connection and more pathways to connect the townships of Tilligerry

Celebrate the history of the area

Protect Tilligerry habitat and Koalas in general

Liveability recommendations

Tilligerry strengths

Elements of natural environment
Sense of neighbourhood safety
Local businesses that provide for daily needs
Access to neighbourhood amenities
Sense of personal safety
Evidence of Council/government management

Tilligerry attributes to prioritise

Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to community amenity
Evidence of recent public investment
Quality of public space
Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport
General condition of public open space
Protection of the natural environment

Vision

leafy green connected peaceful community
protected footpaths social

Key workshop themes

1. Preserving and protecting the natural environment
2. Better and safer pedestrian movement
3. Improved wayfinding/signage
4. More things to do
5. General care and beautification

Project timeline

Phase 1:
Liveability
Index
2020

Phase 2:
Deep Dive
Workshops
July 2023

Phase 3:
Check-in on
draft actions
Jan 2024

Phase 4: Public
Exhibition
Mar - Apr 2025

Phase 5:
Endorsement
July 2025

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Summary

The place planning process aims to capture the character of the unique communities within Port Stephens and to give voice to their residents. By giving ownership to the community of the road map for the future, not only does it enhance their connection to place but also ensures that the priorities and actions within the plan are created by those whom it will impact.

In developing the Tilligerry Place Plan and listening to the community, we learned that some of your priorities for the area are; quality of public space, evidence of public investment, walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity, evidence of Council/government management, access and safety when walking, cycling and on public transport and general condition of public open space.

The introduction of a Tilligerry Place Plan to the community will work through a phased four phased engagement approach:

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| Phase 1 | Collection of the Liveability Index data collection.
Completed September 2020 and November 2024. |
| Phase 2 | Targeted and collaborative engagement - allowed local residents, businesses and other stakeholders to prioritise and vision for the place.
Completed July 2022. |
| Phase 3 | Check-in phase – testing of key concepts and actions with the previous workshop participants.
Completed December 2023 |
| Phase 4 | Exhibition of the draft document for public comment.
Completed March-April 2025 |

The key objectives of all phases of engagement are to:



Increase community awareness of the development of the Tilligerry Place Plan



Inform the key stakeholders and community about upcoming engagement opportunities in the Tilligerry



Seek feedback on the draft Place Plan and how community priorities might have changed



Identify and report on community preferences to inform the Tilligerry Place Plan

Communication and Engagement Methods

COMMUNICATION METHODS		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	REACH
Phase 1	Liveability Index	
Various activities	Sep 2020 tied to wider communications campaign for entire local government area not specific to Tilligerry Nov 2024 tied to wider communications campaign for entire local government area not specific to Tilligerry	
Phase 2	Initial EOI communications and workshop*	
Project webpage	Place Plan Council website page Tilligerry Place Plan Used to host information and supporting documents	615 visits (2023 and 2024)
Social media	Port Stephens Council Facebook 24 May 2023 Post boosted to target Tilligerry community EOI process to register interest in workshops	19,404 reach; 141 interactions; 497 link clicks
Direct email contact	2 November 2022 Invite to key stakeholder meeting Workshop 1 invite Workshop 2 follow up email and homework reminder	24 106 106
Phase 3	Check-in phase, includes general updates	
Direct email contact	30 November 2023 Invite to check-in workshop 21 December 2023 Follow up email 21 March 2024 Community update email 3 June 2024 Community update email	106 106 106 106
Social media	Tilligerry Town Teams launch events 15/16 May 2024	37 registrations via Event Brite

COMMUNICATION METHODS		
Phase 4	Public Exhibition phase 26 March to 29 April 2025	
Website	Download of the draft place plan document from Current Public Exhibition page	177
	Visits to the dedicated Tilligerry Place Plan website page during public exhibition phase	165
	Visits to the event page for the Tilligerry Open Pool day	53
	Visits to the Council meeting overview news item from 25 March 2025	29
Social media	Council meeting overview post 25 March 2025 mentioning Tilligerry Place Plan public exhibition	1768 reach
	Community Open Day Event Post 2 April 2025	1240 reach
	Tilligerry Place Plan Have your Say Post 15 April 2025	3572 reach
Local media update	Draft Tilligerry Place Plan Public Exhibition included in the weekly media update emailed to media outlets, 22 April 2025.	9 media outlets
Related print media	Port Stephens Examiner, 'Tilligerry Place Plan on public exhibition: community to have their say', online edition, 9 April 2025.	2,000
	Port Stephens Examiner, 'Tilligerry Place Plan on show', 17 April 2025, print edition, p. 10	27,000
Radio	ABC Radio story with Strategic Planning representative, 17 April 2025	5,000
Print advertising	Council notices: Tilligerry Aquatic Centre Community Open Day (original date 29 March 2025)	
	• Port Stephens Examiner 27 March 2025	22,231
	• NOTA 27 March 2025	10,000
	Council notices: Public Exhibition Draft Tilligerry Place Plan	
	• Port Stephens Examiner 3 April 2025	22,231
	• NOTA 3 April 2025	10,000

COMMUNICATION METHODS

Your Port EDM	Bulk Email to Your Port e-newsletter subscribers, Article, 'Have your say on the draft Tilligerry Place Plan' and advertisement of Mallabula Aquatic Centre Community Open Day, 2 April 2025	710 opened
Direct email	Direct email to previous participants, 27 March 2025	106
	Direct email from the haveyoursay inbox to Tilligerry community groups, 27 March 2025	35

* Above Phase 2 communication statistics do not include reference to initial communications about Place Plans conducted in 2021.

ENGAGEMENT METHODS		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	REACH
Phase 1	Liveability Index	
Online Survey	Liveability Index Survey All local government area survey Note: Phase 2 workshops were based on the data collected during 2020.	In 2020 196 surveys completed + 238 community ideas In 2024 166 surveys completed + 270 community ideas
Phase 2	Workshop phase or 'deep dive'	
Place Plan introductory community key stakeholder meeting	Meeting 9 November 2022 with group of known key stakeholders (24 groups) to talk about the Place Plan development and community appetite. Invites issued to community groups and known community representatives.	8 participants
Workshops 1 + 2	Workshops investigated the results of the Liveability Index survey 2020 and provided an opportunity to explore ideas and solutions. Workshops online: Workshop 1: 19 July 2023 Workshop 2: 26 July 2023 Workshops Face to Face: Workshop 1: 20 July 2023 Workshop 2: 27 July 2023	78 people registered their interest in the workshop series. Participants 13 10 13 11

ENGAGEMENT METHODS		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	REACH
Phase 3	Check in phase (included additional face to face session)	
Check in session	Check in session held 14 December 2023 to deliver proposed Place Plan draft actions	20 participants
Online survey with workshop participants only	Online survey – opportunity for feedback of proposed Place Plan draft actions	38 surveys completed
Town Team launch event	Introductory sessions held 15/16 May 2024	25 participants
Phase 4	Public Exhibition phase 26 March to 29 April 2025	
Information sessions	Drop in held in conjunction with Open Day at Mallabula Aquatic Centre 5 April 2025 (this free event was supported financially by PSC)	141 visitors to Pool
	Drop in held outside Tanilba Bay shops (Coles) on 17 April 2025	39
Submissions	Online ‘guided’ submission surveys	19
	Formal public submissions	22
	Note: multiple submissions made by the same people	

Key engagement findings

What the community told us

Phase 1: Liveability Index 2020 - see Appendix A for full details

Liveability Index 2020

A snapshot of the strengths and high priority areas are as follows:

Strengths:

- Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife)
- Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night)
- Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution)

High priority areas:

- General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks)
- Evidence of recent public investment (roads, parks, schools)
- Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks)
- Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)
- Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport (signage, paths, lighting)
- Protection of the natural environment
- Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks)

Liveability Index 2024

Since the workshops were conducted in 2023 we have once again undertaken a further Liveability Index in December 2024. The full results from this survey are on Council's website. Some areas in Tilligerry have improved and others have declined. A quick snapshot of the strengths and high priority areas are as follows:

Strengths:

- Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) (same as 2020)
- Locally owned and operated businesses (New strength)
- Overall visual character of the neighbor (New strength)
- Sense of belonging in the community (New strength)

High priority areas:

- Evidence of recent public investment (roads, parks, schools) (same as 2020)
- General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) (same as 2020)
- Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution) (New high priority)

Phase 2: Workshops - see Appendix B for full details

The key engagement component for Phase 2 were community workshops (2x 2hr workshops replicated online and face to face). These workshops included the following:

- **Introduction and education** - building rapport, building understanding of scope, setting the scene, presenting Liveability data to guide the session, and what makes a great place.
- **Immersion and detailed exploration of place** - deep dive into local values and identification of priority places and issues
- **Ideas generation** - quick wins and big picture moves - actions for both Council and community leaders. Identification of barriers to delivery and how we can deliver.
- **Action planning** - action planning of some of the quick wins and big picture moves identified as part of the workshop.

These workshops provided an opportunity for staff to learn from the community and better understand their vision and priorities for their place. These workshops also provided an opportunity for members to build community capacity and network among the group to help deliver community projects.

Key Findings:

A reasonably diverse mix of ages and genders were represented at the workshops.

The workshops focused on better understanding of the values and priorities collected as part of the 2020 Liveability Survey. The key focus areas developed during the workshop activities corroborated the priorities collected as part of the 2020 Liveability Survey.

The emerging themes from these workshops included:

Preserving and protecting the natural environment

The group was passionate and community-minded with great pride in their place. It was clear participants want to protect the natural environment and local habitat areas with a high priority for the Koalas in the Tilligerry. Green open spaces along with parks and reserves were enjoyed by the community regularly along with coastal walks.

Better and safer pedestrian movement

Connecting paths and access was a common theme in both workshops. Participants would like to see shared pathways to connect for walking and cycling around the Peninsula along with connecting pathways between housing and the local shopping centres. In addition, participants also spoke about feeling unsafe for themselves and for local children being forced to walk on the edge of busy roads due to a lack of footpaths.

Improved wayfinding/signage

Improve signage around the local area was a popular discussion topic. Refurbishing old signs was a starting point along with consideration of new signage along board walks and a 'Welcome to Tilligerry' sign with an adjoining map at the entry of Tanilba Bay.

More things to do

Bringing back music festivals such as Lemon Jam for the community along with considerations for a Cinema in the Park event was a key item for community-led initiatives.

General care and beautification

Beautification of Tanilba Bay was popular with improving the appearance of the gates with LED lights and gardens, street trees, and a long term plan for an upgrade to the town centre.

Key stats Workshop 1 and 2 (online and face to face combined)

Workshop 1 Activity 1: Liveability values 'deep dive' 113 comments

Workshop 1 Activity 2: Word clouds, existing and visioning, x2

Workshop 1 Activity 3: Mapping priorities: 151 comments

Workshop 2 Activity 1: Case study centered on land use planning including heights and rezoning.

Workshop 2 Activity 2: Action Planning ideas total 98 ideas

Workshop 2 Activity 3: 9 ideas action-planned.

Phase 3: Check-in survey and ideas generation – see Appendix C for full details

The approach for Phase 3 consisted of a survey to ‘check-in’ with the previous workshop participants as well as the wider group who had initially expressed an interest in the place plan process for Tilligerry.

The survey received 38 responses. Full details are available in Appendix C.

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft environment actions

- Immerse yourself in nature (86.9% supportive, 13.2% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Caring for the local environment (76.3% supportive, 21.1% neutral/unsure, 2.6% opposed)
- Help keep it clean and tidy (79% supportive, 18.4% neutral/unsure, 2.6% opposed)
- Coastal hazards (84.2% supportive, 15.8% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Keeping koalas safe (84.2% supportive, 15.8% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft economy actions:

- Create welcoming town centres (78.4% supportive, 21.6% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Trek the Tilligerry (86.5% supportive, 13.5% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Incredible by nature (91.9% supportive, 8.1% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- It's On! In the Tilligerry (78.4% supportive, 18.9% neutral/unsure, 2.7% opposed)
- Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry (64.9% supportive, 24.3% neutral/unsure, 10.8% opposed)
- Test and trial in Tilligerry (78.4% supportive, 21.6% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Investigate RV parking (64.9% supportive, 27% neutral/unsure, 8.1% opposed)

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft movement actions:

- Welcome to the Tilligerry (77.8% supportive, 16.7% neutral/unsure, 5.6% opposed)
- Tilligerry community transport (86.1% supportive, 13.9% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Investigate options for a Tilligerry trail (91.7% supportive, 5.6% neutral/unsure, 2.8% opposed)
- Moving around Lemon Tree Passage (72.2% supportive, 16.7% neutral/unsure, 11.1% opposed)
- Improve connectivity in Tanilba town centre (75% supportive, 22.2% neutral/unsure, 2.8% opposed)

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft quality open space actions:

- Public art to showcase the Tilligerry (66.7% supportive, 27.8% neutral/unsure, 5% unsupportive)
- Activate your own public space (80.6% supportive, 16.7% neutral/unsure, 2.8% unsupportive)
- A new Master plan for Mallabula Sports Complex (80.6% supportive, 19.4% neutral/unsure, 0% unsupportive)
- Boat ramp/car park upgrades (72.2% supportive, 27.8% neutral/unsure, 0% opposed)
- Tilligerry Aquatic Centre review (52.8% supportive, 30.6% neutral/unsure, 16.7% unsupportive)
- Plan for a bicentenary monument (55.6% supportive, 19.4% neutral/unsure, 25% unsupportive)

The majority of responses were **supportive** of the draft management and safety actions:

- Establish a town team (78% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure, 3% unsupportive)
- Light it up (75% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure, 6% unsupportive)
- Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility (75% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure, 6% unsupportive)
- Community connect (78% supportive, 17% neutral/unsure, 5% unsupportive)
- Be prepared for emergencies (86% supportive, 11% neutral/unsure, 3% unsupportive)
- Create a community hub (75% supportive, 22% neutral/unsure, 3% unsupportive)
- Enhance the Tanilba gates (72% supportive, 17% neutral/unsure, 11% unsupportive)
- Signage audit (78% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure, 3% unsupportive)
- Recognise the Indigenous history and culture of the area (81% supportive, 19% neutral/unsure)
- Increase the housing supply and diversity (50% supportive, 33% unsure, 17% unsupportive)

Phase 4: Public Exhibition 26 March to 29 April 2025

Following the check-in phase, some of the draft actions were amended and reworded for the draft document. The draft document was endorsed for public exhibition by Council on 25 March 2025. The communications and engagement approach for the public exhibition period was to have an active public exhibition period to help encourage submissions from the whole community. This included:

- displaying the document at two additional local venues, Tilligerry Community Library and Tilligerry Arts Group
- undertaking two drop-in sessions to help promote the plan and to provide an opportunity for people to ask questions
- using a guided survey process to help encourage submission responses, as well as the standard public exhibition process

The public exhibition period ran from 26 March to 29 April 2025. The 28 day standard public exhibition period was extended to 35 days to provide additional time for responses due to the public holidays in this period (Easter and Anzac Day).

We received 22 formal submissions and 19 guided submissions surveys.

Drop-ins

Two drop-ins were scheduled, one as part of the Mallabula Aquatic Centre Open Day on 5 April 2025 and another near the local Tanilba shops on 17 April 2025.

The Mallabula Aquatic Centre Open Day event was managed by the pool operator, Belgravia, with funding provided by Council. This location was selected to help promote community discussion on one of the draft actions, 'Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre'.

Approximately 141 people attended the open day between 10am and 3pm, and Council staff were available to promote the place plan public exhibition period and answer questions. Many of the questions centred on the above draft action regarding the aquatic centre.

The second drop-in at the local Tanilba Bay shops on 17 April 2025, with approximately 39 people stopping to ask questions and to learn more about the place plan. There were no particular issues that were raised at this drop-in.

Written submissions

The 22 formal written submissions have been included as part of the Council report as part of Council's standard public exhibition processes. A summary of the submissions received has been incorporated into the Council report as part of the standard public exhibition process and therefore is not replicated in this report.

Guided submission survey

The guided submission survey has proven to be particularly useful to help gather feedback on the whole draft place plan. The guided submission survey received 19 responses. Full details are available in Appendix D.

One of the key themes from both the drop-ins and submissions focused on the proposed action around the extended closure of the pool over winter to pay for additional activities during summer. Despite these comments, it is interesting to note that the level of support for this action from the guided submission survey was quite high at 78%.

Q1 Majority of responses were clearly **supportive** of the draft Environmental Sustainability action items (Answered 18; Skipped 1)

- Immerse yourself in nature (89% supportive; 11% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Caring for the local environment (89% supportive; 11% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Help keep it clean and tidy (100% supportive; 0% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Saving Koalas (100% supportive; 0% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Avenue of the Allies (67% supportive; 33% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Coastal hazards (94% supportive; 6% unsure; 0% opposed)

Q2 Do you have any further comments about the draft Environmental Sustainability action items? (Answered 7; Skipped 12)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q3 Most responses were generally **supportive** of the draft Economy actions items (Answered 18, Skipped 1). The exception, as shown below, was the draft action 'Investigate RV parking/kayak camping action', which had a lower level of support and higher levels of uncertainty and opposition. The other actions with lower levels of support and higher levels of unsure included 'Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry' and 'Test and trial in Tilligerry'.

- Create welcoming town centres (78% supportive; 17% unsure; 6% opposed)
- It's On! in the Tilligerry (78% supportive; 22% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry (50% supportive; 44% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Test and trial in Tilligerry (56% supportive; 39% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Investigate RV parking/ kayak camping (39% supportive; 28% unsure; 33% opposed)
- Create welcoming town centres (78% supportive; 17 unsure; 6% opposed)

Q4 Do you have any further comments about the draft Economy action items? (Answered 9; Skipped 10)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q5 Most responses were **supportive** of the draft Movement and Place action items (Answered 17, Skipped 2). The action with lower levels of support and higher levels of unsure was 'Improve connectivity in Tanilba Town Centre'.

- Tilligerry community transport (76% supportive; 18% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Moving around Lemon Tree Passage (76% supportive; 18% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Improve connectivity in Tanilba Town Centre (53% supportive; 29% unsure; 18% opposed)

Q6 Do you have any further comments about the draft Movement and Place action items? (Answered 11; Skipped 8)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q7 Most responses were clearly **supportive** of the draft Quality Open Space action items (Answered 18, Skipped 1).

- Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan (76% supportive; 18% unsure; 6% opposed)
- Boat ramp/ carpark upgrades (88% supportive; 12% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre (78% supportive; 6% unsure; 17% opposed)
- Celebrate the history of the Tilligerry (94% supportive; 6% unsure; 0% opposed)

Q8 Do you have any further comments about the draft Movement and Place action items? (Answered 11; Skipped 8)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q9 Most responses were clearly **supportive** of the draft Management and Safety action items (Answered 17, Skipped 2).

- Light it up (88% supportive; 12% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility (88% supportive; 12% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Community connect (82% supportive; 18% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Be prepared for emergencies (100% supportive; 0% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Create a community hub (76% supportive; 24% unsure; 0% opposed)
- Increase housing supply and diversity (71% supportive; 24% unsure; 6% opposed)

Q10 Do you have any further comments about the draft Management and Safety action items? (Answered 9; Skipped 10)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q11 Most responses were supportive of the list of potential projects that could be undertaken to create better places and spaces in the Tilligerry (Answered 12; Skipped 7).

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q12 Final comments with most responses were supportive of the plan in general (Answered 9; Skipped 10)

See Appendix D for full responses.

Q13 Contact information (Answered 16; Skipped 3)

Due to privacy reasons this personal information is not shown in this report.

Q14 After the Tilligerry Place Plan is adopted, we'll be creating a Town Team for the Tilligerry Peninsula. A Town Team is a group of people who want to be involved in helping deliver some amazing projects for their place. If you're interested in joining the Tilligerry Town Team or even just learning more about the process, please check the box below and we will keep in touch. (Answered 10; Skipped 9)

10 people expressed an interest in Tilligerry Town Teams

Appendix A – Liveability Index Survey 2020 Tilligerry summary

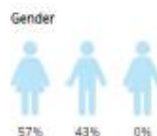


Tilligerry Peninsula Liveability Index 2020

In September 2020 we teamed up with Place Score to complete our first ever place census. Over 3,700 people told us what they value and how they rate their neighbourhood.

The results allows us to focus on the things most valuable to our community. It helps us plan and make decisions that will have the biggest impact on your wellbeing.

196
responses from
Tilligerry Peninsula



Liveability is simply what a place is like to live in — a liveable place is a healthy place.

Liveability is influenced by safety, the natural environment, infrastructure, accessibility, things to do, attractiveness and inclusivity.



OUR TOP 5 TILLIGERRY VALUES

These are the things most important to Tilligerry residents in their ideal neighbourhood:

-  Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife) — 75%
-  General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks) — 65%
-  Protection of the natural environment — 60%
-  Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks) — 58%
-  Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution) — 56%

In the Tilligerry Peninsula your ideal neighbourhood has:

- well maintained and managed public domain; footpaths, parks, roads and other public assets
- easy to access shared community amenities, like the local shops, on foot or bike
- locally owned and operated businesses that provide the community with their daily needs

OUR STRENGTHS

These are the things you care about most and say are performing well. We must continue to celebrate and protect these.



Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife)



Sense of personal safety (for all ages, genders, day or night)



Sense of neighbourhood safety (from crime, traffic, pollution)

OUR LIVEABILITY PRIORITIES

These are the things most important to you and are underperforming. We must work to improve these.



General condition of public open space (street trees, footpaths, parks)



Evidence of recent public investment (roads, parks, schools)



Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity (shops, parks)



Quality of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport (signage, paths, lighting)



Protection of the natural environment



Local businesses that provide for daily needs (grocery stores, pharmacy, banks)



Evidence of Council/government management (signage, street cleaners)



Things to do in the evening (bars, dining, cinema, live music)



Landscaping and natural elements (street trees, planting, water features)



Local employment opportunities (within easy commute)



Sustainable urban design (water sensitive design, transport-oriented design, sustainable building design, density)



Access to shared community and commercial assets (library, bike/car share, sports facilities, gyms)



Amount of public space (footpaths, verges, parks)



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Appendix B - Workshops

The key component of this phase of Engagement was a series of community workshops. The series involved two 2 hour sessions.

We received a high number of EOI's for the workshop for Tilligerry (78) and decided to run both a face to face and online workshop series (4 workshops in total). Both the online and face to face workshops covered the same content.

Workshop 1 was designed to explore the Liveability Index attributes as well as providing people the opportunity to talk about the strengths and priority ideas. Workshop 2 was more in depth and focused on providing answers with regard to land use planning issues such as density and heights. It also showed the community a way forward to achieve some improvements through a working together process (action planning).

The first activity in workshop 1 involved picking four Liveability Index attributes that were important to attendees. An online ideas wall was used to help capture and focus a 'deep dive' into the Liveability Index findings for the Tilligerry. The exercise was designed to explore what the attributes mean to different people e.g. "Don't get specific about locations - think about what pops into your head that gives meaning to this attribute/value".

The following table is a summary of the activity findings from 113 comments.

Note: In the following table, some of the 'raw' comments have been uplifted to focus on the broader Placescore attribute rather than on specifics. For example, if someone had commented, 'Local people have been fighting for pathways/corridors for animals and that these are retained and not destroyed', this comment has been uplifted to the attribute Elements of natural environment (natural features, views, vegetation, topography, water, wildlife etc). This process ensures similar comments can be grouped and key priorities are more easily highlighted.

Workshop 1 Activity 1: Deep Dive Testing the Liveability Index

COMMENT TYPE	LIVEABILITY ATTRIBUTE	COMMENT	COMMENT COUNT
Strength	Protection of the natural environment	Protecting waterways, bushland, and native fauna	5
Strength	Protection of the natural environment	Protection of birds and wildlife	3
Strength	Landscaping and natural elements	Maintain highly valued access to water	1
Strength	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity	Boardwalks, general walks, pathways, Mallabula boardwalk and beachfront	3
Strength	General condition of open space	Koala food trees	1
Strength	General condition of open space	Reserves and parks are good for kids - good equipment	1
Strength	Quality of public space	Continuous public space around the peninsula. Maintain what we have - opportunity for walking tourism	2
Strength	General condition of open space	Huge potential for Tilligerry to be an additional asset to Port Stephens	1
Strength	Evidence of recent public investment	Great boat ramp and estuary	2
Strength	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood	Exploration of Tanilba's historic attributes e.g. heritage gates	4
Strength	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood	Tilligerry habitat	1
Strength	Locally owned and operated businesses	Home businesses encouraged - local produce, hairdressers, small trades that are local	1
Strength	Locally owned and operated businesses	AirBnB - Stanley Street and Lemon Tree Passage	1
Strength	Access to neighbourhood amenities	Lemon Tree Passage shopping centre - small and connected	1
Strength	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	Opportunities for new businesses	2
Strength	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	Good options for local community with a range of local services	2

COMMENT TYPE	LIVEABILITY ATTRIBUTE	COMMENT	COMMENT COUNT
Strength	Sense of neighbourhood safety	Safe from crime, can walk around without fear of being hurt, positive neighbourhood watch environment	3
Strength	Elements of natural environment	Beautiful natural environment	1
High Priorities	Landscaping and natural elements	Erosion of foreshore and waterways is impacting pathways and boardwalks	2
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Need for signage; public spaces, swimming areas, parks	3
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Shelter at off-leash dog areas and more seating at parks	3
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Street sweeping program	1
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Drain maintenance (around the bridge at Henderson Park) and general drainage, curb and guttering	2
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Gravel paths. Boardwalks, and park facilities need improved maintenance	1
High Priorities	Evidence of council/government management	Off street parking for the seniors hall	1
High Priorities	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity	Pathways lacking connection	7
High Priorities	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity	Paths need to be established along main roads - It's dangerous for mums with prams, kids on bikes and general walkers, walking along the roadside. Genuine lack of paths around main streets	4
High Priorities	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity	Tanilba Bay shopping centre is disconnected from the community	1
High Priorities	General condition of open space	Opportunity to be a cleaner community.	2
High Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Pathways and boardwalks need repairing/improving	4
High Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Regular road repairs are needed	2
High Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Directional signage for visitors along the peninsula walk	1
High Priorities	Access and safety walking, cycling, and/or public transport	Public transport is a problem for the community, particularly the older generation who become isolated. No direct routes to local shops, and	8

COMMENT TYPE	LIVEABILITY ATTRIBUTE	COMMENT	COMMENT COUNT
		connections needed to Raymond Terrace and Newcastle.	
High Priorities	Access and safety walking, cycling, and/or public transport	All accessibility - particularly with mobility scooters	2
High Priorities	Sense of personal safety	Need for lighting down around the mariner	1
High Priorities	Access to neighbourhood amenities	Access to youth centres and services/Tomaree Neighbourhood centre	3
High Priorities	Access to neighbourhood amenities	Turnover of residents - Schooling opportunities. Younger families moving to the Tilligerry but kids have to leave the area for schooling	1
High Priorities	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	Overall quality of shops is concerning, high turnover of local businesses	2
High Priorities	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	Small businesses need more support from the local community	1
High Priorities	Local businesses that provide for daily needs	A sense of community is needed to get together for things such as art groups and exercise groups.	1
High Priorities	Sense of neighbourhood safety	Increasing crime is a concern in the area, more police/ranger presence is needed	4
High Priorities	Sense of neighbourhood safety	More road crossings located in areas that are safe	1
Secondary Priorities	Landscaping and natural elements	Improved landscaping with street trees on verges, hardier choice of plants needed to ensure longevity	4
Secondary Priorities	Landscaping and natural elements	Maintain weeds and lantana	2
Secondary Priorities	Landscaping and natural elements	Address some of the street lights that aren't working	1
Secondary Priorities	Access to neighbourhood amenities	The need for a local high school	1
Secondary Priorities	General condition of open space	Label bushland so it has an identity to assist with illegal dumping naming of parks	3
Secondary Priorities	General condition of open space	Define what's crown land and what's not (public and private land)	2
Secondary Priorities	General condition of open space	Billy's beach and Caswell Reserve are becoming too busy on weekends and school holidays for off leash dog areas	1
Secondary Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Needs to be more detail on websites advertising key features of the peninsula e.g. walking maps	1
Secondary Priorities	Evidence of recent public investment	Council to support local business by giving assistance to promote their business	1

COMMENT TYPE	LIVEABILITY ATTRIBUTE	COMMENT	COMMENT COUNT
Secondary Priorities	Access and safety walking, cycling, and/or public transport	Signage e.g. dogs affecting people	1
Secondary Priorities	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood	More focus on Mallabula	1
Secondary Priorities	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood	Information opposite Tanilba House needs an uplift	1
Secondary Priorities	Sense of neighbourhood safety	Lemon Tree Passage Road is really dark	1
		Total 'deep dive' comments	113

Workshop 1 Activity 2: Word clouds

Participants were asked to provide three words which describes the local character of Tilligerry today (present). Resultant word cloud below (the larger words mean more repetition from the responses).



Participants were then asked what they'd like to see in Tilligerry in the future. Resultant word cloud below (the larger words mean more repetition from the responses).



Workshop 1 Activity 3 - Mapping our town

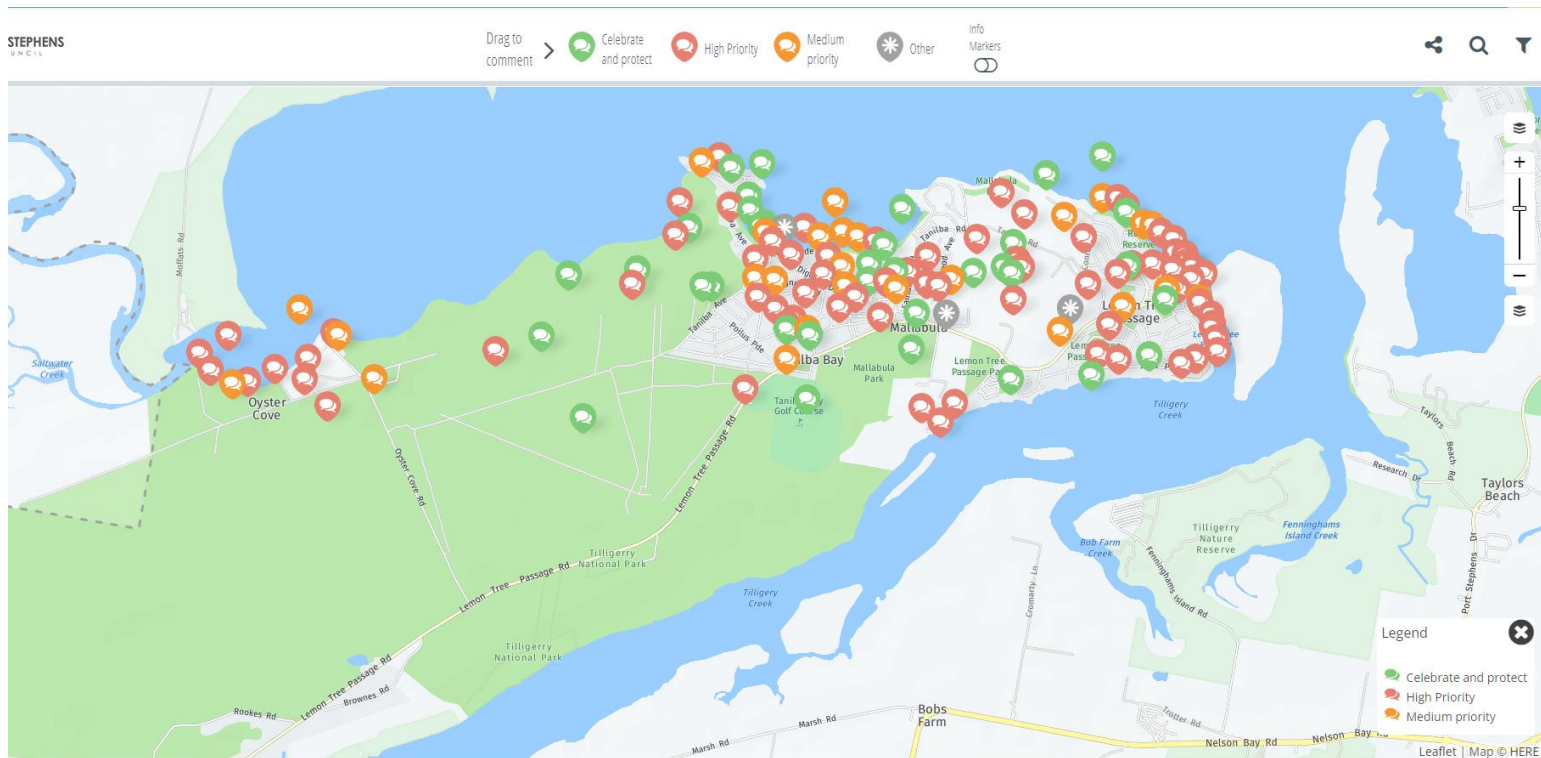
This activity focused on people mapping specific areas to a Liveability priority.

There were 151 responses received and the tool remained open for a longer time after the workshops to allow more time for participants to complete the activity.

There was a particular stress on making sure we capture the strengths of the area to help identify the areas and elements that should be celebrated and protected rather than only focusing on identifying areas that need work.

The emerging themes from this workshop exercise include:

- Preserving and protecting the natural environment
- Better and safer pedestrian movement
- Improved wayfinding/signage
- More things to do
- Improved general care and beautification of area



#	Category	Comment
1	Celebrate and protect	Koala - high priority to protect
2	Celebrate and protect	Protect the hiding koala, love being able to look at the bush and walk through. Visit the viewing platform at the end of the boardwalk. Dog friendly on lead is a great asset.
3	Celebrate and protect	Protection of all the bushland and foreshore areas
4	Celebrate and protect	Protect the waterfront from coastal erosion
5	Celebrate and protect	LTP environmental protection zone. Lemon Tree Passage Hill - it would be good to have a more celebrated traditional name. Has lovely exciting areas and need to be celebrated
6	Celebrate and protect	Protect all areas of the environment
7	Celebrate and protect	Steps and walking areas
8	Celebrate and protect	Koalas living here and is national park and is named Gir-um-bit - means saltwater
9	Celebrate and protect	Tanilba arches need to be celebrated and protected. Lack of sense of arrival and directional signage
10	Celebrate and protect	Rim of trees around all the foreshore and should be protected. Koalas are living here.
11	Celebrate and protect	Protection of the relics behind Tanilba House. use to melt shells to make mortar etc
12	Celebrate and protect	Great place for kids to play on the grass and access the shallow water. Good water for littlies
13	Celebrate and protect	Includes the whole convict history
14	Celebrate and protect	Good area for young kids
15	Celebrate and protect	Interpretative signage about the history of LTP
16	Celebrate and protect	Well maintained council managed public reserves
17	Celebrate and protect	Protection of the boardwalk in this area. Opportunity to talk about the history of this area
18	Celebrate and protect	All stonework to be preserved - sunset park etc
19	Celebrate and protect	Retain the village character for Tanilba
20	Celebrate and protect	Retain the village character in Lemon Tree
21	Celebrate and protect	Coastline & Habitat
22	Celebrate and protect	Koala protection

#	Category	Comment
23	Celebrate and protect	Green open spaces
24	Celebrate and protect	BBQ & picnic areas (+ sheltered)
25	Celebrate and protect	Keep as bushland national park
26	Celebrate and protect	Golf course/club is well supported
27	Celebrate and protect	GP access is a positive (but no specialist services unfortunately)
28	Celebrate and protect	Good sports grounds + facilities and pool
29	Celebrate and protect	Nice boardwalks + habitat
30	Celebrate and protect	Foreshore views & socialising
31	Celebrate and protect	Wangi queen + Koala ferries
32	Celebrate and protect	Library
33	Celebrate and protect	Wildlife, bush land and waterways
34	Celebrate and protect	Local businesses
35	Celebrate and protect	Village atmosphere
36	Celebrate and protect	Public spaces are well maintained
37	Celebrate and protect	Footpaths to connect the sporting and recreational facilities to the shops / school. So many children walking on Strathmore Rd and Wychewood Rd to get to soccer or football games/training in the path of buses and cars because the side of the road is pothole and water filled.
38	High Priority	Shared path connecting Gibbers point (koala shores) right through to Oyster Cove
39	High Priority	Lighting and directional signage to be added to shared path - degree of difficulty, kms to key locations, all access - mobility scooters
40	High Priority	Need to protect and make this area more loved. No public tracks so difficult to walk through. No signage or labels.
41	High Priority	Include educational elements - incorporate QR codes etc at landmark locations
42	High Priority	Protecting this area from coastal erosion
43	High Priority	Protect from coastal erosion, rebuilding supports
44	High Priority	signage about impacts of littering on the environment - all over Tilligerry Prove more bins
45	High Priority	Maintain the boardwalks for the areas that need repair

#	Category	Comment
46	High Priority	Bikes can't be ridden due to steps - room around the flat area plus small bridge would allow people to ride safely through this area
47	High Priority	Paths are muddy - drainage, gravel etc??
48	High Priority	Consider alternate road - emergency access, particularly given sea level rise.
49	High Priority	Pathway that connects all the way around the peninsula
50	High Priority	and bushfire
51	High Priority	Overhaul of boardwalks around LTP, can be slippery or damaged from rotten wood and vandalised. Many fall and trip hazards
52	High Priority	History of oyster cove.
53	High Priority	Water access needs to be resolved
54	High Priority	Land parcels needs to be labelled - e.g. national parks
55	High Priority	This isn't labelled as Council land
56	High Priority	Park signage and the meaning to be included
57	High Priority	No coffee shop in Tanilba Bay
58	High Priority	Use of the quarry site for pathways and other activity for all ages. This is crown land.
59	High Priority	Markets in the square once the town centre is completed.
60	High Priority	Run a taste of Tilli
61	High Priority	Activities for young people - e.g. scavenger hunt for children to learn about the area
62	High Priority	Pathways connecting areas to parks, boardwalks and shops
63	High Priority	Appearance of the main street - been in council for too long waiting for this. It's very unappealing when you drive through
64	High Priority	Connection between suburbs with footpaths and/or cycle ways (shared pathways)
65	High Priority	No public water access
66	High Priority	No tourist facility on Oyster Cove - nowhere to stop, no water access, no toilets, no areas for picnics. Could also be in the bushland and not necessarily on the water
67	High Priority	Erosion here linked to CMP
68	High Priority	Maintenance of public space needs to improve
69	High Priority	Parking an issue near boat ramp. Boat ramp at LTP so busy, Tanilba needs its own boat ramps
70	High Priority	Boat ramps at Tanilba are run down
71	High Priority	Erosion here
72	High Priority	Board walks to be protected
73	High Priority	Bring back music events
74	High Priority	Need a bus stop at Coles
75	High Priority	Oyster cove is isolated/separated from community
76	High Priority	Vibrant spaces - painted walls
77	High Priority	More lighting around public spaces
78	High Priority	Connections to sewer - no onsite sewer

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79	High Priority	Better bus options to Raymond Terrace and Salamander Bay
80	High Priority	Small parks in residential nature zone focus
81	High Priority	Youth group services (girl scouts hall)
82	High Priority	Limited taxis/Uber options
83	High Priority	Manned police station
84	High Priority	More lighting at night for driving and walking
85	High Priority	No night life
86	High Priority	Feeling isolated, lost community connection
87	High Priority	Foreshore lighting
88	High Priority	Extend/improve boardwalk
89	High Priority	Need a general store e.g. IGA
90	High Priority	Reopen waste management service to stop illegal dumping in the bush
91	High Priority	Parking in LTP is difficult
92	High Priority	Bring back Lemon Bash/music in the park
93	High Priority	Visual signage/interactive signage
94	High Priority	Advocate for police presence
95	High Priority	Oyster Cove needs improvement
96	High Priority	Review DCP for koalas
97	High Priority	Connected footpaths to key locations
98	High Priority	Public transport advocacy
99	High Priority	Weed control but weeds need to be replaced by native veg
100	High Priority	Street tree planting (everywhere)
101	High Priority	Regular social outings for seniors including transport
102	High Priority	Events
103	High Priority	Tree planting/clean up days
104	High Priority	Improved track going to the top of Lemon Tree Hill
105	High Priority	Less dog off leash areas to protect wildlife - inappropriate location
106	High Priority	Band at LTP stage once a month
107	High Priority	Lighting needed
108	High Priority	Continuous path along foreshore
109	High Priority	Signage to control dogs + policing
110	High Priority	Youth centre + program for teens
111	High Priority	We need to connect the spaces we already have before we create more areas. Footpaths end with no connection (Ave of Allies footpath doesn't connect to either of the Coles entrances for example). No footpath to sporting fields or pool forcing people with prams or on scooters to use the busy roads.
112	High Priority	There is a coffee shop. Heathers next to the post office.
113	High Priority	An incredible parkrun course could go from John Pde in LTP around to Cook Pde with a bus back to the start. A once a month event, increasing to weekly as popularity grows. Would also see an increase in weekend cafe tourism as most runners meet for breakfast after their run.

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114	High Priority	Moving the Kooindah markets to LTP would be much better location and likely to attract more vendors.
115	High Priority	A community event like live music needs to be timed with the markets for example so that people coming to the area have more than one reason to stay. Come for the markets and stay for the music, grab some dinner while you are here..
116	High Priority	Footpaths to connect the existing facilities. Footpath needed along President Wilson Walk to connect the school, the habitat paths and the waterfront to the shops. Too many kids on bikes on the road with buses and cars at school start and finish times, too many pensioners trying to drive their scooters with no path for them to access the shops safely.
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119	High Priority	We need to connect the spaces we already have before we create more areas. No footpath to sporting fields or pool forcing people with prams or on scooters to use the busy roads.
120	High Priority	The walk along the foreshore of Tilligerry Creek in LTP is beautiful but the gravel paths need improving. Rough steps at Lilli Pilli Park limit the access to John Parade Res and the rest of the walk along the LTP foreshore for a lot of people. There isn't an alternative route around the steps.
121	High Priority	LTP Passage parking is dreadful. Some businesses park their cars in the parking area all day which causes customers to give up and go elsewhere.
122	Medium priority	Boardwalk planks are loosening and beginning to lift, in need of repair.
123	Medium priority	Frisbee golf would be a great way to activate the foreshore - this area is underutilised. This would help small businesses by either selling / hiring the Frisbees and accessories
124	Medium priority	Sensor solar lighting so boardwalks can be well lit when in use, similar to lighting at Anzac Bridge. makes the area more usable in the evenings
125	Medium priority	More lighting for walking around at night
126	Medium priority	Lighting around mariner needed- suggestion of solar/motion lighting would be beneficial
127	Medium priority	Free camping site
128	Medium priority	Walkway map to be updated (potential community grant?)
129	Medium priority	Lemon Tree Passage Hill - opportunity to walkway and stairs
130	Medium priority	Dog off leash area - signage needed to indicate where this area starts and stops
131	Medium priority	Potential off leash dog park section
132	Medium priority	Gardens at the gates of Tanilba entry
133	Medium priority	Road in poor condition
134	Medium priority	Tourism organising bus trips to Tilligerry
135	Medium priority	Eco tourism at Oyster Cove

#	Category	Comment
136	Medium priority	Oyster Cove Road needs upgrading
137	Medium priority	Cinema in the park events
138	Medium priority	Sailing club expansion
139	Medium priority	Caravan park shuttle service to free up parking around marina
140	Medium priority	Navigational channel into Oyster Cove. LTP needs to be dredged as boating industry growing.
141	Medium priority	Re-use of RSL shuttle services
142	Medium priority	Vouchers book for visitors
143	Medium priority	Community bus to take older residents to the shops/other areas
144	Medium priority	Lack of hospital locally
145	Medium priority	Connected shopping centre
146	Medium priority	Community education programs about gardening, environment etc
147	Medium priority	Car park extension for boat trailers at Tanilba boat ramp
148	Medium priority	I have seen too much road rage between trailer boat owners and picnickers, fighting for car space. I think a quick fix is to move the horizontal telegraph poles on the left, over closer to the concrete path and then road base over the grass and sign post it trailers only. No one users that patch of grass and it would solve a big problem.
149	Other	This area used to be covered in sea grasses and hard to access
150	Other	More events and well marketed. More marketing on FB, sharing with local pages, temporary banners or signage, brochures (similar level to illuminate).
151	Other	The need for more housing. Currently not viable for some businesses or new investment to the area because of the limited population.
	Total	Mapping your area comments - 151

Workshop 2 Activity 1: Case Study on increasing density and heights

A case study using a world café model for group discussion was undertaken to focus on increasing density in Tilligerry with a focus on increasing heights. This scenario was driven by proposed population and housing increases as per the Hunter Regional Plan.

In the standard world café model each group was split into three groups to look at the pros and cons of each scenario. Each group then took a turn at the other scenarios with less time.

Scenario 1: Increase heights from 2 - 3 storeys to 4 - 5 storeys in Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage town centres.

Options for consideration include:

- Reducing minimum lot sizes
- Rezoning from low to medium-density residential (permitting more land uses such as residential flat buildings)
- Increasing building heights
- Development Control Plan (DCP) controls town centres to encourage appropriate development

Scenario 1 - Increase heights/density	
Pro's	Con's
• Less clearing • Protection of vegetation and open spaces • Increased infrastructure • Increased funding for infrastructure • Diversity - new businesses • New customers, new employees • Extended hours • Diverse homes - smaller • 1 or 2 bedrooms - more affordable • Upgraded services/shops • Increased density close to shops • Additional funding for infrastructure • Could lead to improved public transport provision • Can take advantage of existing infrastructure • Provide more affordable housing options	• Busier - Traffic, parking near shops, noise, loss of spaces • Lose village atmosphere • Overshadowing • Insufficient infrastructure • Loss of privacy • Eyesore • Cumulative impacts • Drainage issues • Places pressure on existing facilities, infrastructure (sewer, traffic, parking) and services • Stress on existing community grounds - public spaces • Downsizing is cost prohibitive (stamp duty) • Existing drainage issues and traffic issues • Inflation - barrier to deliver infrastructure

Scenario 1 - Increase heights/density**Pro's**

- 2 - 3 storey development but more medium density housing with same height limit
- New customers for existing businesses - increase of opening hours - more vibrancy in the afternoons or evenings
- New businesses and services for existing residents
- Could encourage new services

Con's

- 3 storeys - lose village atmosphere, create eyesores, block visual access to the water, changes character, overshadowing, public access to sunlight
- Education facilities
- May lead to more tourism accommodation instead of residential
- Concern for reduced home ownership, more tenancies
- Don't want overcrowding

Building controls WANT

- Park upgrades
- Street trees
- 3 storeys Lemon Tree Passage marina
- Clustered services for community atmosphere
- Landscaping
- Setbacks (front setbacks)
- Beach upgrades - maintenance attractive buildings

Building controls DON'T want

- No 4/5 storeys
- Ugly buildings
- Views lost

Scenario 2 – Greenfield sites: Do not provide planning controls to encourage infill development, and identify land suitable for Greenfield development to provide housing supply

Options for consideration include:

- Understanding that a planning proposal would need to be lodged for land to be rezoned to allow for residential development on greenfield sites
- The character of the area would continue as low density development (min lot size 500m²)
- Greenfield sites have lots of negatives including cost, environmental impacts and also that there is limited opportunity

Scenario 2 – Greenfield option**Pro's**

- Won't impact on character of existing areas
- Well planned

Con's

- Loss of greenspace/habitat
- Insufficient facilities and infrastructure

• Lots of houses quickly - families • Increased supply - affordability • New infrastructure • Low density - won't impact on views • Potential for over 50s • More jobs • Lots of houses fast • More money in rates for Council to spend in the area • Developer contributions • It won't change the character of existing areas - maintain low density character - less likely to be lower socio economic demographic / renters • More houses = more feasible public transport	• Increasing population - Need police, schools etc • Drainage and flooding issues exacerbated • Insufficient use of infrastructure • Will impact on character • No public transport • Ugly • Kills animals • Destroys environment - climate change • Don't want houses fast • Roads & drainage can't cope - no infrastructure • No diversity of houses • Environmental impact - clearing and waterways • Loss of open space • Lack of open space • Change character • Roads won't cope with machines required for building the development (getting supplies in) • Wasteful of resources • Infrastructure • Expense of building new infrastructure • Isolation during emergency events - e.g. Salt Ash area is low lying and subject to inundation • If there is unconstrained land then go for it
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Scenario 3 - Do Nothing

Scenario 3 – Do nothing option	
Pro's	Con's
• Stays peaceful • Bushland and recreational spaces are maintained • Allows for more of a community connection • Less cars • Investment in local area, catering for current community (community investment) • It's the easy option • Don't have to put any resources into people resistant to change	• Less opportunities for families to stay in the area and also less opportunity to attract families here • Limited diversity in housing • Business impacts and services • Congestion will increase with population growth • Doesn't make it attractive to tourists (limited businesses) • Unplanned growth

Scenario 3 – Do nothing option	
Pro's	Con's
• Saves council money • Recognises the limitation of our resources • Not really servicing the existing community - social services and health services • Won't need to spend money on rising sea levels • Won't change the quiet character of the Tilligerry • Focus more on visitors rather than people living in a congested society • Electromagnetic radiation illness may be an issue with growth in technology • Unique area that would change	• Limited investment into the area - No connected paths, lighting or improved boardwalks • Limited opportunities for locals to invest in running local businesses • We don't evolve • Bushland degrading steadily - Need investment to look after it. • Transport options remain limited • Needs to be a balance between community and council re investment (no greenfield) • We have nothing - we need people to boost us so can have a reason to have resources e.g. Lavery blood extended service • Public transport won't increase • Won't get additional footpaths and solar • Won't be anywhere for people to live • Might not have affordable places to live • Business may not survive • No restaurants or night eateries (need correct zoning) • After hours transportation - taxi/Uber • Would go backward we did nothing • Wouldn't enable retirement villages etc to come to the area • Wouldn't be able to cater for different demographics - older and children etc • Infill will be able to protect bushland - doing nothing won't protect it either

The general sentiment of the workshop was that participants were 'open to' 3 storeys in locations where views would not be adversely impacted. Overall group was supportive of residential flat buildings near the Lemon Tree Passage marina (rezoning from R2 to R3).

Discussion also included possible Development Control Plan chapter to help protect the Tilligerry from inappropriate development. This could be a chapter for the R3 zones in Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage to accompany a planning proposal if that option is pursued.

Workshop 2 Activity 2: Quick Wins, Big Picture Ideas

At the conclusion of Workshop 1 participants were asked to undertake a homework exercise which would feed into the activities for Workshop 2. This activity centered on people detailing their quick win and big picture ideas as follows:

Quick Wins and Big Picture Ideas

Quick wins ideas (51) – individual raw data responses below:

QUICK WIN IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
1 Improve signage at the approach to the roundabout at the Avenue of the Allies and Lemon Tree Passage Road in Tanilba Bay. There is currently an assortment of outdated signs. Signage should be welcoming, useful, inviting to tourists, easy to read and reflect the character of the area.	Evidence of Council/government management Overall visual character of the neighbourhood.
2 Additional public exercise equipment stations, similar to the one at Tanilba Park. Connect exercise equipment stations via a walking path	Access to neighbourhood amenities
3 Open Tilli Place in the Kooindah Centre as an outreach centre with staff and volunteers to provide information and support for the community, so they don't have to go to Raymond Terrace or Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre.	Sense of personal safety Access to neighbourhood amenities
4 Regular fresh produce markets.	Local businesses that provide for daily needs Access to neighbourhood amenities
5 Caswell reserve parking on weekends and school holidays is unsafe and crowded. The park and beach is too busy now to be an off leash dog area (and it is direct connection to our koala habitat zone). This area needs to be assessed prior to spring and summer holidays coming up.	Elements of natural environment Quality of public space Sense of personal safety Protection of the natural environment
6 Caswell reserve needs more garbage bin collections or more garbage bins during weekends and holidays. The two bins in place are overflowing and spreading rubbish around the park and into the water during the holidays.	Protection of the natural environment Evidence of council/government management General condition of public space
7 Basketball court between Diggers Drive and Habitat (connects to the primary school path) needs to be cleaned, and hoops replaced. Kids use this area for roller skating, learning to ride bikes, ball games but it is neglected	Evidence of council management General condition of public space

QUICK WIN IDEAS		LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
8	Outdoor Cinema at Henderson Park or Mallabula sporting grounds. Include Food trucks/food stalls	Evidence of recent public investment
9	Beatification of Water/Land Gates at Tanilba Bay. Options for planting of flowers/plants beneath or surrounding gates	General condition of public open space Evidence of recent public investment Quality of public space Landscaping and natural elements
10	Repair and painting of existing seating at Tilligerry peninsula. Repair of damaged seating due to fire and graffiti.	General condition of public open space Evidence of recent public investment Quality of public space Landscaping and natural elements
11	Clean/replace all of the information signs with additional signage regarding rubbish	Safety, evidence of Council management
12	Repairs on the boardwalks - particularly the one near Koala Shores.	Personal safety
13	Increased garbage bins/dog refuse bins in waterfront areas and on walking tracks, none at Mallabula Jetty Park	Quality of public space Protection of the natural environment
14	Reduction of fire load in bushland areas	Sense of personal safety Quality of public space
15	Additional storage facilities for boats/kayaks as available on Tomaree Peninsula and Taylors Beach	Access to neighbourhood amenities
16	Weekend or school holiday activities for different aged children and their families to connect with e.g. Scavenger hunts, walking events, art and craft activities, funs sporting events (park runs), music events, family fun days	Access to neighbourhood amenities
17	Clean up garden areas around Kooindah Centre – Centre is very unappealing. Needs to be more inviting for local businesses there.	Visual character of neighbourhood Landscaping and natural elements
18	Lobby for more police presence. Need more police presence/radars along Lemon Tree Passage Road between Tanilba Bay and Salt Ash. Council road is good but there is a lot of speeding and overtaking on double lines.	Sense of neighbourhood safety
19	Community Notice Board near Coles - busiest area for communicating events. When there are community events, we hear/see a lot of comments that people didn't know about them. There is one at Kooindah Centre but not as busy there. Not everyone is on Facebook.	Character of neighbourhood

QUICK WIN IDEAS		LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
20	Better signage of dog off leash areas – particularly around Habitat area. There should be no dogs off leash anywhere signage along Tanilba Foreshore about cars parking on grassed areas.	Protection of natural environment
21	Pop up Youth Centre and activities for young people in area. Maybe in one of the community centres. Maybe in school holidays.	Access to neighbourhood amenities
22	Lemon Tree Passage Spring Music Festival	Organised by Lemon Tree Passage Business Group with help from council
23	Lemon Tree Passage Cinema in the Park	Access to neighbourhood amenities
24	Top up with sand the small beach area at Lemon Tree Passage so children can play. Clean up and replace nets for swimming	Landscaping of natural elements
25	Police station manned at Lemon Tree Passage	Sense of neighbourhood safety
26	Youth activities	Access to neighbourhood amenities
27	Events; co-ordinate local events	Access to neighbourhood amenities
28	Replace the bins in Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay for people to dispose of rubbish. They have been removed recently without any notice or reason.	Evidence of council/government management
29	Improve signage for bike and walking path connecting Tanilba Bay to Lemon Tree Passage	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
30	Maintenance required on Tanilba Bay boardwalk	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Quality of public space Protection of the natural environment
31	Centralised local and tourist information (visitors centre or community centre). Access to Tilligerry connect program, local maps, history and culturally significant sites	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity Evidence of Council/government management Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport

QUICK WIN IDEAS

LINKS TO LIVEABILITY

32	Repair footpaths in Lemon Tree Passage from Johnson Parade to the waterfront. Existing repairs in the form of road base are unsightly.	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
33	Repair footpaths Lemon Tree Passage to Tanilba near pool - eroded and dangerous	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
34	Pop up Youth Centre and activities for young people in area. Maybe in one of the community centres. Maybe in school holidays.	Access to neighbourhood amenities
35	Lemon Tree Passage Spring Music Festival (organised by Lemon Tree Passage Business Group with help from council)	Things to do
36	Lemon Tree Passage Cinema in the Park	Access to neighbourhood amenities
37	Top up with sand the small beach area at Lemon Tree Passage so children can play. Clean up and replace nets for swimming	Landscaping of natural elements
38	Police station manned at Lemon Tree Passage	Sense of neighbourhood safety
39	Youth activities	Access to neighbourhood amenities
40	Events; co-ordinate local events	Access to neighbourhood amenities
41	Replace the bins in Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba Bay for people to dispose of rubbish. They have been removed recently without any notice or reason.	Evidence of council/government management
42	Improve signage for bike and walking path connecting Tanilba Bay to Lemon Tree Passage	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
43	Maintenance required on Tanilba Bay boardwalk	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Quality of public space Protection of the natural environment
44	Centralised local and tourist information (visitors centre or community centre). Access to Tilligerry connect program, local maps, history and culturally significant sites	Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity Evidence of Council/government management Access and safety of walking, cycling

QUICK WIN IDEAS

LINKS TO LIVEABILITY and/or public transport

45	Repair footpaths in Lemon Tree Passage from Johnson Parade to the waterfront. Existing repairs in the form of road base are unsightly.	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
46	Repair footpaths Lemon Tree Passage to Tanilba near pool - eroded and dangerous	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
47	Provide a boardwalk from Lemon Tree Passage to Tanilba	General condition of public open space Sense of personal safety
48	Repair of broken wire fence Tanilba Avenue, Tanilba Bay to prevent vehicular access to bushland areas	Quality of public space
49	Encouragement of community surveillance and reporting of dumping in bushland areas	Quality of public space
50	Collation of details of community groups, their contacts and roles	Access to neighbourhood amenities
51	Inclusion of Worimi Aboriginal Land Council in planning and community initiatives.	Locally owned and operated businesses

Big picture ideas (47) – individual raw data responses below:

BIG PICTURE IDEAS		LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
1	More footpaths in Tanilba Bay so people can access the community safely	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or other public transport.
2	More street lighting in Tanilba Bay so people feel safe to walk around at night.	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or other public transport.
3	Tanilba Bay town centre upgrade.	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood.
4	Audit of current street trees with plan for planting more trees in areas that lack shade	Landscaping and natural elements.
5	More footpaths in Tanilba Bay so people can access the community safely	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or other public transport.
6	More street lighting in Tanilba Bay so people feel safe to walk around at night.	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or other public transport.
7	Tanilba Bay town centre upgrade.	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood.
8	Audit of current street trees with plan for planting more trees in areas that lack shade	Landscaping and natural elements.
9	Footpaths to link existing facilities - Sporting fields/pool link to school footpath and Caswell reserve in Mallabula.	Access to neighbourhood amenities. Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport Bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
10	Kooindah shops linked to school and habitat/waterfront paths. Kooindah shops linked to Coles complex	Access to neighbourhood amenities Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport

BIG PICTURE IDEAS	LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
11 Avenue of the Allies footpath safely linked to Coles complex entrance	Access to neighbourhood amenities Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport
12 Avenue of the Allies footpath linked to school & habitat via King Albert Avenue	Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport
13 Coles complex rear entrance linked to Kooindah centre via Lloyd George Grove or Pershing Place with a footpath as the cut through via the old shopping centre is going to be lost with the demolition works and building of the Caswells.	Access to neighbourhood amenities Sense of personal safety Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport, bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
14 Sculpture Walk at Tilligerry peninsula. Map provided for patrons to walk to view sculptures by local artists and highlighting surrounding key locations (e.g.: Tanilba Bay/Lemon Tree Passage foreshore, Sunset Park, habitat).	General condition of public open space Evidence of recent public investment Quality of public space Elements of natural environment Landscaping and natural elements
15 Upgrade of existing boardwalks and construction of new boardwalks; Caswell Reserve, to existing habitat boardwalk, Tanilba foreshore to Tanilba Park, Henderson Park to Rudd Reserve, Mungarra Reserve Lemon Tree Passage	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Evidence of recent public Amount of public space Landscaping and natural elements Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity

BIG PICTURE IDEAS

LINKS TO LIVEABILITY

16	Enclosed dog park (off leash) at 13 Meredith Avenue, Lemon Tree Passage. Existing dog park (on leash). Provide an enclosed fenced area where people can safely let their dogs off lead. Away from existing off leash areas (away from Koala habitat).	General condition of public open Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Protection of the natural environment Evidence of recent public investment Amount of public space
17	Upgrade of existing boardwalks and construction of new boardwalks; Caswell Reserve, to existing habitat boardwalk, Tanilba foreshore to Tanilba Park, Henderson Park to Rudd Reserve, Mungarra Reserve Lemon Tree Passage	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Evidence of recent public Amount of public space Landscaping and natural elements Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
18	Enclosed dog park (off leash) at 13 Meredith Avenue, Lemon Tree Passage. Existing dog park (on leash). Provide an enclosed fenced area where people can safely let their dogs off lead. Away from existing off leash areas (away from Koala habitat).	General condition of public open Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public transport Protection of the natural environment Evidence of recent public investment Amount of public space
19	More shelter seating	General condition of public open space Protection of the natural environment Evidence of recent public investment Quality of public space Amount of public space

BIG PICTURE IDEAS

LINKS TO LIVEABILITY

		Elements of natural environment Landscaping and natural elements Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity
20	Transport: additional direct routes to Newcastle.	Access and safety of walking, cycling and/or public
21	Shared access walking track from Koala Shores (Lemon Tree Passage) to Sunset Point (Tanilba Bay) with a plan to continue to Oyster Cove. Must be suitable for bikes, walking, with areas for disabled access. Must be well sign posted with distances.	Quality of Public Space Overall visual character of neighbourhood Access and safety walking, cycling, and or public transport
22	Development of café/restaurants on waterfront areas to attract tourists. Currently many visitors eat away from the peninsula. Council could build and lease premises on Council land.	Local businesses that provide for daily needs Locally owned and operated businesses
23	Additional seating and parking at Caswell Reserve. In the summer it is impossible to find a car park, a seat to sit on etc. The boat ramp is in disrepair.	Quality of public space
24	More community activities e.g. music days/festivals/movie days/markets at Lemon Tree Passage. Great family area there.	Overall visual character of the neighbourhood
25	IGA at Lemon Tree Passage	Local businesses providing for daily need

BIG PICTURE IDEAS

LINKS TO LIVEABILITY

26	Creating opportunities for tourism to be brought into the peninsular through carefully designed and supported activities that are developed with the support of local businesses and local government. Promoted beyond the Tilligerry area and given weight amongst the other areas of Port Stephens and NSW coastal region (promotion of our walking trails, landmarks, fishing spots, children and family friendly activities and proximity to other areas - Newcastle/Karuah - Tea Gardens, affordable accommodation options for holidays, visitor centre presence and information in a local business or bill board)	Evidence of recent public investment
27	Tanilba foreshore needs a makeover along Peace Parade. It's underutilised by families. The grass area needs preserving and not used as a car park. Tree roots are also taking over near Peace Park.	Condition of public space Protection of natural environment
28	Shared path that links Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage (along Lemon Tree Passage Road). Would love to see families walking/riding together between all the towns (unfortunately Oyster Cove is a bit far to include in this).	Access and safety walking, cycling and/or public transport
29	Footpaths/bike paths that connect. Love to see more elderly/families walking around our beautiful areas.	Quality of public space
30	Better signage between water and houses along the Tilligerry foreshore areas. Would love to be able to walk around the entire peninsula but not sure which is public and which is private. Future developments should not go to the water's edge. Should be available for everyone to enjoy.	Protection of natural environment.
31	Bridge connecting Lemon Tree Passage to either Taylors Beach or Soldiers Point. Another fire exit for peninsular commercial and tourism growth of the peninsular linking the peninsular and Tomaree communities to enhance the long term economic sustainability	Evidence of public investment
32	Road repairs in the Tilligerry Peninsular	Condition of open space
33	Extend the beach area in Lemon Tree Passage to make it more appealing for tourism	Landscaping of natural elements
34	Help businesses with making Lemon Tree Passage a destination for tourists; Council assisting with contacts to nursing homes so we can bus seniors to Lemon Tree Passage	Quality and open space
35	Peninsula Website - combining 3 existing	Evidence of public investment

BIG PICTURE IDEAS		LINKS TO LIVEABILITY
36	Community Centre - drop in/manned	Evidence of public investment
37	RV Parking	Evidence of public investment
39	Paths around the peninsula particular Mallabula Point - Walking trail	Evidence of public investment Access to safety walking, cycling and public transport
39	Install Solar Lighting that has sensors along the boardwalk area in Tanilba Bay, Lemon Tree Passage and even along Lemon Tree Passage Road Mallabula between the Swimming Pool and the Tip.	Evidence of public investment
40	Improve access to "The Hill ". Create access to a lookout point	Evidence of recent public investment. Walking/jogging/bike paths that connect housing to communal amenity Landscaping and natural elements
41	Improve telecommunication service	Evidence of recent public investment
42	Pool needs to be updated to attract more people e.g. facelift, waterslide for children, playground equipment to make it more family friendly	General condition of public/open space/safety
43	Safe, well signed water side walking track from Lemon Tree Passage Caravan Park to Oyster Cove. Longer term development of path connection to Medowie. Development of alternative high road into the peninsula connecting to Medowie and Richardson Road	Increasing local and tourist community amenity. Elements of local environment
44	Preservation of our bushland ecosystem via zoning and compartmentalisation of bushland to control wildfires	Elements of natural environment
45	Comprehensive litter control signage around the peninsula and school programs to encourage children to be litter aware	Elements of natural environment
46	Attempts to break down the inter-town parochialism by fostering a 'Tilligerry' identity	Locally owned and operated businesses
47	Promotion of possible long-term effects of climate change and sea level rise on our low-lying peninsula	Sense of personal safety

Workshop 2 Activity 3: Action planning

The quick wins and big picture ideas provided above were further distilled into 5 quick win ideas and 4 big picture ideas to be action planned as follows:

Quick Wins

- Improve Signage
- Youth Markets
- Cinema/small event in the park
- Beautifying the Gates
- Youth Activities - Educational Nature Walks

Big Picture ideas action planned:

- Makeover of Tanilba Town Centre
- Help make Lemon Tree Passage a tourist destination
- Pathways and Lighting
- Local produce markets

Please note: not all action plans were completed sufficiently due to workshop time constraints.

Quick Win 1: Improve Signage

What do we already have to work with?	Existing signage need cleaning Key locations/identified locations
What's the situation?	Limited signage at key locations e.g. parks Condition of existing signage
What does success look like?	Rejuvenation of current signs New signage/maps Welcome to Tilligerry Peninsula sign + map of the Tilligerry
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	Key local group e.g. Tilligerry Community Association and/or Lions Club Lead project: • Investigation • Current • New • Locations • Longevity • Funding
What might stop this happening?	Funding Individual/Group investment (dedicating time) Council support
Key actions to make it happen	1. One head body to lead project 2. Consultation - Community 3. Investigation and reporting

Quick Win 2: Youth Markets

What do we already have to work with?	Skate parks, pool, sports complex, waterways, beaches, sailing/rowing club, little athletics, bushland
What's the situation?	Lack of education support Homework support at library Extended library hours/service (even 1 day per week) (Koala cafe) Tilli Youthie
What does success look like?	Parents bringing kids to the library More activities run out of the library Beautification of the library More technology Space for studying, info re TAFE Opportunities to talk with kids and find more activities
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	Council, TCA, existing volunteers, consult with the community
What might stop this happening?	Volunteers Funding Marketing
Key actions to make it happen	1. Council review services 2. Consult community/marketing 3. Apply for grants to fund ** Look into school library, survey for parents, commitment from council

Quick Win 3: Cinema/small event in the park

What do we already have to work with?	Lots of parkland, open space, stage, facilities Tilligerry festival Mallabula sports complex, Lemon Tree Passage waterfront (Henderson Park) - close to shops, McCann Park Most parks have toilets and power supplies Parking could be an issue - sportsground better option
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What's the situation?	Car parking, traffic control - community bus Depends on movie - who is the target audience? Something to do to connect with community Develops community interactions
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What does success look like?	Lemon Tree Jam returning – include new artists 50 people
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Who needs to be involved and what is their role	• Community groups • Council - approvals, grants • Screen hire company • Food truck/local business stays open
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What might stop this happening?	• Lack of communication • Rain (plan B) • Target audience – mix of movies • Lack of funding • Lack of advertising • Council requirements make it more difficult and expensive to put on events (e.g. trained traffic controls)
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Key actions to make it happen

- 1. Community driven - apply for grants**
- 2. Identify target group**

Quick Win 4: Beautifying the Gates

What do we already have to work with?

Lights are going in
Interesting, historic, iconic

What's the situation?

Not much would need to change
Look a bit run down
Would benefit from a clean

What does success look like?

Highlighting, not changing it
Signage - historical

Who needs to be involved and what is their role

- Community groups
- Historical groups
- Residents
- Council approvals

What might stop this happening?

- Funding of restoration

Key actions to make it happen

- 1. Lights are going in - let's revisit**
- 2. Careful restoration process**
- 3. Community support**

Quick Win 5 Youth Activities - Educational Nature Walks

What do we already have to work with?	Natural environment Water existing rowing and sailing clubs, swimming pool, sports complex, skate park, scouts, snack and rap, park grounds, Tanilba Bay hall, Mallabula community centre, library
What's the situation?	Tilligerry has a wonderful natural environment that the children should be able to enjoy and learn about. Lack of events for youth, limited hours at library
What does success look like?	A regular excursion for children in child care services and public schools to take guided tours through the local natural bushlands. Sporting, gym facilities, rowing club/sailing club, blue light discos, art and crafts - classes, homework club (library), book club/preschool reading, nature walks through child care services and public schools
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	Childcare services / public school in partnership with Worimi LALC – educational walks in the Tilligerry
What might stop this happening?	No one to facilitate it, needs Council support to establish connections between services and Worimi
Key actions to make it happen	1. Council to reach out to childcare services, public school and LALC 2. Develop a walking plan – close to service/school, transport, safe footpaths, toilet facilities 3. Gain community / parent support for the excursion to take place 4. Make the project repeatable and ongoing

Big Picture 1: Makeover of Tanilba Town Centre

What do we already have to work with?	Coles/Kooindah centre RAAF Park Main road in
What's the situation?	Connection Tired appearance
What does success look like?	Connection between centres to improve Awareness of where the area is - some sort of landmark More trees/paths Over 55s village is a positive
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	
What might stop this happening?	
Key actions to make it happen	Not completed in timeframe of workshop.

Big Picture 2: Help make Lemon Tree Passage a tourist destination

What do we already have to work with?	Boat ramp - best in Port Stephens Wangi Queen - boat Lemon Tree Passage park facilities are great Tilligerry habitat Heritage Water Walking destination - off back of Tomaree coastal walk
What's the situation?	Bad roads
What does success look like?	Murals, public art Balance between tourism and limiting impact Day trippers - attract boaties RV parking - 48hrs Advertising walking trails - signage for how long walks take
Who needs to be involved and what is their role	Port Stephens destination Businesses Marketing
What might stop this happening?	Lack of connecting paths Lack of funding Lemon Tree Passage beach in need of upgrades
Key actions to make it happen	1. Businesses talk to PS destination 2. Look into grant funding for murals 3. Advertise

Big Picture 3: Pathways and Lighting

What do we already have to work with?

What's the situation?

What does success look like?

Lighting between RSL and LTP

30mins or higher

Pathways to the shops and habitat
including Kooindah

Who needs to be involved and what is
their role

What might stop this happening?

Key actions to make it happen

**1. Prioritise which pathways to
construct first**

Big Picture: Local produce markets

What do we already have to work with? Henderson Park, Lemon Tree Passage

What's the situation?

Poor public toilets

What does success look like?

Tastings, Trying new food options

Who needs to be involved and what is their role

Local businesses

What might stop this happening?

Key actions to make it happen

Not completed in timeframe of workshop.

Appendix C: Phase 3 – Check-in phase January 2024 survey results

Tilligerry Place Plan Draft Actions Survey

Note: some spelling and grammar changes have been made to ensure clarity of comment only

Q1 What do you think of each of the 'protection of the natural environment' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 38; Skipped 0

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Immerse yourself in nature	23	10	5	0	0
Caring for the local environment	23	6	8	1	0
Help keep it clean and tidy	23	7	7	0	1
Coastal hazards	24	8	6	0	0
Keeping koalas safe	25	7	6	0	0

Q2 Do you have any other great ideas of comments about protection of the natural environment?

Answered 17; Skipped 21

#	Comment
1	While the community can work at the grass roots level and with Council, we also need the support of other stakeholders, such as the Worimi, National Park, Crown Lands and Hunter Water who have not been involved in this process. The community needs Council's support in working with these other stakeholders.
2	We starting working on alternative energy grants last year so would like to a goal that supports current solar panels and community batteries if possible.
3	There needs to be better control of wild fire events here that depopulate the koalas. Encouraging traditional cultural burns in conjunction with Worimi may minimise this issue. Fire breaks to compartmentalise the forested areas will limit wild fires. Planting of trees to connect the forested areas with effective corridors are essential to prevent genetic isolation of the koala gene pool.
4	Better signage, more garbage bins to assist with keeping tidy, education of school children to understand the importance of protecting the natural environment. Encourage increased participation of qualified Cultural Burn graduates to reduce fuel loads in an improved environmental way.
5	This reads like it is written by a 3rd grader. What incredibly basic action plans. The first 3 are about volunteering, the 4th climate matters and the 5th action plan about koalas you

#	Comment
	should talk to Mr Minns about building affordable housing which will impact the environment and koalas. Meanwhile you could bring in a law that says all pets need to be on a lead and inside before dusk and not allowed out until sunrise
6	You could introduce a program within the local schools to increase the youths involvement in local environmental issues.
7	Sorry no, but think what has been proposed is excellent starting point
8	Objectives don't encourage and enable young people, people with a disability and older people to participate. Dissolution of Chambers of Commerce mean engagement of industry is piecemeal and haphazard. Encouragement of less formal groups such as neighbourhood gardening in Diggers Drive, park at end of Clemenceau Crescent, Sunset Park with supply of native plants. Encouragement of other groups to form enhancing beautification of Halloran planned parks which are mostly grass and bare earth. Investigation of restoring some of streetscapes altered over time such as closing of Wemyss Crescent.
9	Education programs to help community members better understand how to care for the local environment and what to if they witness vandalism or see dog owners with their dogs off leash in natural environments, etc.
10	Immerse yourself in nature - the idea of planting natives in the verge in front of your property needs more consideration before being suggested in a Place Plan, as it could lead to planting inappropriate species in the wrong places. Caring for the local environment - the action is limited to people joining a local volunteer group. It needs to offer simple actions that people can do easily and how the Place Plan will facilitate this e.g. reducing water use, waste, plastics and car trips. Keep it clean and tidy - a quick Google of Good for the Hood and Take 3 for the Sea mentions Sydney based consultancy companies that are a cost burden on the community. With the exception of the well-known Clean Up Australia, I think more thought needs to go into how litter can be reduced without mentioning particular organisations in this document. I noticed that Medowie Place Plan doesn't mention any particular group in the Place Plan document and worked with the "Town Team" not for profit group. Caring for koalas - I suggest this should be titled "Saving koalas" as the action doesn't acknowledge the anecdotal reports of the substantial decrease in koala numbers. I think the action should be to inform an update of the Koala Plan of Management. Actions should be based on current data on koala numbers, car strikes and dog attacks on the Tilligerry, vegetation and wildlife corridor habitat mapping and this data used to identify the main threat to Tilligerry koalas. I suspect this would be loss of habitat over cars and dogs. In the meantime, strategies such as avoiding cutting down trees, planting koala feed trees and koala friendly fences are more practical than phrases such as "slowing down on roads".
11	Solar panels and battery innovation
12	Would be good to see more actions in coastal management plan. Reduced areas where dogs are off leash and reduce cats roaming streets/habitats. Clean and tidy some more impact reducing features with local hoons becoming an increased problem (burnouts, access unpermitted zones)

#	Comment
13	People living on the Peninsular need to have an understanding of their role with the local wildlife. Policies need to be enforced in regards to trees, speed on the roads dogs on leads and the reporting of sick or injured wildlife.
14	Annual clean-up day. More public recycle bins.
15	I would like to see positive ideas to stop the erosion that is occurring along the waterfront of John Parade Although this was mentioned by myself, I do not see any plans or immediate plans for its conservation Currently it is in repair and erosion is occurring with the king high tides with a drastic negative impact along before sure If something is not done, I immediately then houses will be lost to high water erosion
16	We are an isolated community with very little elevation. There is a choke point at Salt Ash if any inundation should occur. Road improvement and height increase should be a priority
17	Community engagement needs to be on a regular basis and should be across all demographics

Q3 What do you think of each of the 'economy' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 37; Skipped 1

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Create welcoming town centres	17	12	8	0	0
Trek the Tilligerry	20	12	5	0	0
Incredible by nature	20	14	3	0	0
It's on! In the Tilligerry	19	10	7	0	1
Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry	12	12	9	2	2
Test and trial in Tilligerry	15	14	8	0	0
Investigate RV parking	13	11	10	1	2

Q4 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft economy action items?

Answered 17; Skipped 11

#	Comment
1	Trek the Tilligerry and Incredible by Nature will require new pathways to connect the villages on the peninsula, otherwise there is no trekking and no access to the natural features that are worth visiting. For Incredible by Nature, there is no Visitor Information Centre on the Tilligerry Peninsula and Council does not promote tourism to the Tilligerry Peninsula - this has to change.
2	It is quoted somewhere that oysters are one of Australia's biggest exports so there needs to be a balance between dredging and water quality. For years we have talked about a loop path around Tilligerry. We need to protect and develop links through Lemon Tree Passage Hill and seek other walking areas like Gir-um-bit SCA west of Tanilba Bay.
3	In the revamp of Henderson Park my small business lost \$67,000. Council needs to help tourism in the Tilligerry. 3 shops that I know of are closing in LTP, We are becoming a ghost town.
4	RV parking for 48 hour limit is important to encourage the large travelling community to spend time on the peninsula.

Comment

Walking trails along the waterfront are vital to allow exposure of our natural areas in a controlled way. Connection from Oyster Cove to Medowie would improve connectivity between this community and Medowie. Completing the path from Caravan Park to Tanilba Bay is a high priority. The old quarry at LTP is a lost opportunity to create a wetland recreational area that can merge into the forested areas.

Designated pathways through the LTP Hill will allow this beautiful area to be enjoyed safely by the broader community.

Lack of available food outlets other than Clubs after 7 PM is a detriment for people staying here short term.

Looking at higher density housing surrounding the unique triangular parks in Tanilba Bay allows locals to have their own on tap parks.

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- 5 A major problem on the Tilligerry is the lack of food venues on the waterfront. Council owned land could contain buildings for lease as food venues encouraging tourism. Currently many visitors leave the peninsula to eat elsewhere.

RV parking already occurs so making it official and controlled will reduce complaint by neighbours.

Walking/biking tracks connecting Lemon Tree to Tanilba Bay via the waterfront will attract visitors, but proper signage indicating distances and location of toilets is essential.

Public Facilities (toilets) need to be cleaned prior to any major functions and bins emptied more regularly in tourist season. Poor maintenance of these facilities result in people not returning.

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- 6 Maybe the council could run a boat from Nelson bay to Tilligerry Peninsula so they can come to a Council organised market and information at the park with local music and the First Nations. That would be great. Stop trying to get anyone but Council staff to not work on projects like this. Maybe Council run environment education workshops would be great. I did this as an environmental education office in Sydney and the locals loved it. Council needs to be proactive. Yes to the equipment along the walks. Yes to the pop up stores (maybe on the weekends) that Council has free transport to the Tilligerry peninsula. No to RVs as there is not enough amenities or police presence

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- 7 I love where this is going. I think a major overhaul on shop frontages and potential incentives for local business to join the 21st century. For such a beautiful town in nestled between lots of progression the town is definitely not attracting people who are in a position to buy and spend big like the rest of port Stephens.

Tilligerry has huge potential it just needs to have incentive and the infrastructure for people to want to spend the money. Good money!

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- 8 Trek the Tilligerry is a great idea but we need to agree walks and create the various walk maps and then clearly mark these walk pathways before installing exercise equipment and the like. At Tanilba House we get a lot of visitors staying or visiting at events, and it is very hard to explain where the walks are as they are not marked. This should be the priority rather than capital investment on equipment.

Comment

Walking maps are an opportunity for Port Stephens generally, leveraging the new coastal walk publicity. We need a matrix of walks across various landscapes that bring walkers here and then ensure they want to return to do more, e.g. we have recently created the new WW1 street name and heritage walk. This plus the quarry walk and the various creek, boardwalk and foreshore walks are quite different to the beach and coastal walks in other areas of PS. It needs to be a catalogue of walks for the area and also the region more broadly. Willoughby council does this really well for example.

The historic side of Tanilba Bay is barely mentioned above and is a huge drawcard for tourists bringing money to spend for a day out. With our beautiful gates, Temple, Tanilba House, various parks with stone artefacts, and other stonework this makes our area unique. This is not being celebrated in the above items. A heritage walk has been created as mentioned and is on the local Family History website via a grant we have been given. Signs will be installed in 2024. Walking trails and public parks need signage and info on the history if relevant (e.g. the quarry, why is Lemon Tree passage called that? etc)

We certainly need more coffee shops and we need one in Tanilba near the foreshore where people can stop on a walk. The current Tanilba Bay coffee shop services tradespeople getting takeaway, closes early and is in an unattractive part of town near the road with limited seating. I think it's a case of build it and they will come. Port Macquarie has wonderful cafes along its coastal walks (though larger population). We need to get visitor numbers up to make this viable. Publishing a walk map would help!

Re the businesses doing upgrades to their shop fronts to make areas more appealing, I'm not sure how this would work?

Events are great and work well when run well. There have been some great events in the Tilligerry but also some disappointing, poorly advertised and not supported events put together at the last minute that have reflected badly on our region. Is there an opportunity for ensuring events are approved only if planned in advance and perhaps a marketing kit?

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| 9 | I would like to have further conversations on how we could action the trek the peninsula and incredible by nature ideas asap. A variety of questions on these ideas and how we can start the process. |
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| 10 | Look at increasing the track around from Tanilba to Lemon Tree with Broadway's so the walk doesn't just have to be done at low tide |
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| 11 | Town Centre needs shade, otherwise it just remains empty all the time. Parking is an issue now, but paid parking is definitely not an option. |
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| 12 | The amount of liquor shops and tobacco shops in this area is more than required. I believe the council should be able to carefully determine whether it's required for the area. |
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| 13 | RV parking could create problems in narrow roads and where parking is limited. Extension of paved area parking along the foreshore at Lemon Tree Passage could create great opportunities but will inevitably be divisive with local residents. Development of RV parking along Tilligerry Creek could assist without creating too much disturbance. Perhaps McCann park could be developed as it is in walking distance to Club Lemontree and the waterfront. Lack of open food venues will continue to deter visitors. Especially over Xmas almost all venues are shut at night, with only some of the licensed venues open, denying those with animal's access. Development of Maritime Industry will inevitably occur only on Oyster Cove where there are no retail shops. Little can occur at the LTP jetty due to lack of |
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	space to expand. Tanilba Bay needs a kiosk that opens seasonally but the problem of vandalism will inhibit this. Perhaps a project that locals would support?
14	The Place Plan should mention that it is important to have natural elements such as trees and plants in Town Centres to avoid a repeat of installing the expanse of concrete in the new LTP Town Square. I am opposed to "investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry" as the justifications relate to Port Stephens and not Tilligerry Peninsula. There are already two slipways with marine servicing industries attached to them (Lemon Tree Passage and Oyster Cove). The economic sustainability of adding identical businesses is questionable. Based on the Liveability Index and comments written during the Place Plan workshops, residents prioritise the protection of the environment and maintaining the natural feel of the Tilligerry waterways over an increased number of slipways and marine service industries. This action doesn't appear as a High Priority. I suggest adding an action item for local businesses and clubs to investigate installation of more electric vehicle charging stations.
15	Welcoming town centres more uniform improvements have greater impact than individual changes which can look messy. Trek Tilligerry does not require exercise equipment. We need pathways that connect and don't stop half way. We have no paths from Tanilba bay waterfront to school or shops or sport fields. RV parking will just increase litter, undesirables and hoons which are all frequent and with no policing. If we consider RV parking not near waterfront spaces where residential homes will be impacted by noise and mess.
16	Most of our car parks could be used between 6pm and 8am and would help curb break-ins and any suspicious behaviour in these areas. These areas would need to be well sign posted so it is well understood responsibilities of the uses. Tasmania does this with their car parks for self-contained RVs.
17	Bike and walking tracks as we have very little need more encourage exercise should put a bike track alongside Lemon Tree Passage Road

Q5 What do you think of each of the 'movement' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 36, Skipped 2

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Welcome to the Tilligerry	17	11	6	0	2
Tilligerry community transport	17	14	5	0	0
Investigate options for a Tilligerry trail	25	8	2	1	0
Moving around Lemon Tree Passage	17	9	6	2	2
Improve connectivity in Tanilba town centre	21	6	8	0	1

Q6 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft movement action items?

Answered 15, Skipped 23

#	Comments
1	The bus service in the peninsula needs to address local community access needs, such as a bus stop that serves Coles. The one-way traffic options for Lemon Tree Passage does not address the key issue of the conflicts between street parking by Henderson Park, cars towing boat trailers and pedestrians crossing the road.
2	We would like to see some parking on President Wilson Walk to create town busyness. The boat ramp needs careful expansion as most boats bring several cars with them and there is inadequate small car parking. New traffic barriers are needed in Henderson Park. The link to Salt Ash signage needs to be developed otherwise we lose the ability to invite tourists into our peninsula.
3	We need a grocery store in LTP and we need a bus from Coles at Tanilba Bay going around the Peninsular for people who are unable to drive.
4	The current approved Action Plan for Mallabula Parks and Reserves includes a pathway to connect the Mallabula Jetty to Caswell Park - part of the option for a Tilligerry Trail. This has the support of the local community as a letterbox drop was undertaken to encourage participation in the proposed Action Plan. The Trail should be close to the waterfront where possible as that is where most visitors want to be. It needs to be safe and suitable for walking, biking and disabled.
5	We need a bus stop at the Coles shopping Centre in Tanilba Bay. Mallabula Parks Committee is advancing plans to connect Caswell Lions Park to LTP Waterfront Park

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through the existing Crown Land Reserve. There are layers of bureaucracy involved in working on Crown Land Reserves. We want to safely show off our Crown Reserves by introducing safe walking paths through these areas. Sign posting is vital to these paths.

- 6 The one way is the most ridiculous idea I have ever heard. These streets are wise and fine for 2 way traffic. There is lots of parking. Maybe if you had free transport by boat from Nelson bay there would be less cars or better bus services. And new signs to a one way in and one way out. Seriously, I don't know who is writing this but it is embarrassing
- 7 I don't believe transport issues will be resolved through more services from transport NSW. If anything we are over serviced by buses with a large percentage of bus services outside school and work peak hour times trundling around the suburb with no/few passengers. The buses go too fast on our narrow streets and have hit wildlife and dogs. It is a waste of taxpayer funds and use energy unnecessarily
People need services that will get them around the region to appointments. Ubers would be perfect but there appears to not be enough demand. Buses have a role but they are not well used here and adding more is not the solution.
- 8 The back gate of the primary school is very unsafe as there is no crossing between President Wilson Walk and Diggers Drive. It was a safety issue when my son & daughter water at the school. I can still see it poses a risk for safely crossing the road.
- 9 Welcome- No room for vehicles to pull over to read sign creating a huge traffic hazard. Community transport- desperately needed. Aged population who are not computer literate rely on neighbours and friends to assist with shopping. Accessing any medical appointments is impossible due to local GPs not having spare capacity, specialist and hospitals only being accessible during daylight hours on slow buses or expensive taxis. Tilligerry trail - must be consistent, coordinated, properly signed with ownership of signs to be PSC to ensure they are legible and maintained. Again support for residents along Trail to enhance and beautify. Provision of more seating and public toilets (which are properly cleaned and monitored for damage). Identification of items of note and installation of compass signs regularly to indicate direction to other areas.
Moving around LTP - more parking areas must be developed. One way roads will not improve situations and will force traffic onto narrow roads like Shearman Ave and Stanley St and cause major delays at corner of Stanley and Meredith.
Tanilba Town centre- I am unsure where this is located. The development of The Caswell and new childcare centre could change the traffic outside the Kooindah centre.
- 10 Linking existing paths around town centres. Currently there are paths that go nowhere.
- 11 Moving around Lemon Tree Passage - for a Place Plan it is enough to state that Council will undertake a parking study. Including a specific example of the potential one way option obviously isn't based on any data until the study is completed. I think adding details like this distract from a Place Plan.
Improve connectivity in Tanilba town centre - in direct contrast to the moving around LTP action, the statement about changing land use zoning in Tanilba isn't specific enough. What zoning is being reviewed?
- 12 Community transport and tourism would benefit from regular ferry services Tanilba bay. Karuah, tea soldiers Point etc.
Welcome to Tilligerry be wary of graffiti and vandalism with signage.
Coastal walkways need improved infrastructure to prevent erosion, erosion between Mallabula and Tanilba Bay is occurring with no break wall.
Tanilba requires more focus of council funds, peace park boat ramp and carpark should be sealed, paths to connect to business from waterfront.

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13	The clubs could provide a local small bus service to residents from home to shops / doctors / clubs so large buses could stay on the main road not have to travel through the suburb if a bus stopped at the shopping centre.
14	more foot paths for safety for wheelchairs, scooters, prams, walkers etc
15	Bike paths

Q7 What do you think of each of the 'quality open space' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 36, Skipped 2

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Public art to showcase the Tilligerry	13	11	10	1	1
Activate your own public space	15	14	6	1	0
A new masterplan for Mallabula Sports Complex	16	13	7	0	0
Boat ramp/car park upgrades	16	10	10	0	0
Tilligerry Aquatic Centre review	11	8	11	3	3

Q8 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft quality open space action items?

Answered 16, Skipped 22

Comments
1 The boat ramps at Lemon Tree Passage are a major drawcard for visitors. The review of the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre needs to recognise that the pool is not that old and that a reduction in services was not raised or foreshadowed in Council's Strategic Management Plan for 2018 - 28. The pool is an important local asset and ways need to be found to increase patronage. A monument is not necessary for Tanilba House and could end up as unpopular as statues of Captain Cook. A celebration is appropriate and both the good and bad stories of early settler heritage should be told.
2 We think the stone gates are a sufficient bicentennial monument but they can't be changed too much without destroying their integrity. There are locals who want to add artwork into very niche. We would like to see a series of nature statues. A celebration needs to be planned. The Aquatic Centre needs to be enhanced and maintained. There is no residential access to the water in Oyster Cove and for a place with a large

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maritime footprint and ambition this needs to be addressed with a foreshore park. We would like to see a plan to include youth activities in this place plan- many of our older community groups do not see this as their concern.

- 3 I keep asking myself why Nelson Bay is so popular with tourists and the Tilligerry is not. What can we do to change that? I don't think Art is enough and our businesses are really suffering
- 4 Tilligerry Aquatic Centre happened because of a long and sustained public campaign. I strongly oppose any move to close this facility. Learn to swim classes for all of the areas children would turn this into a busy facility. Better entrepreneurial management of the Centre is required,
Public art needs to be of sufficient merit to warrant public display.
Walking access to the Mallabula Jetty needs to be provided. Allowing use of this jetty for ferries and other water transport is essential. Improved jetty facilities including variable water height platform and swimmer access to the jetty via ladder are needed.
- 5 Better pedestrian access to the Mallabula Jetty (and addition of a safe ladder to exit the water onto the Jetty is essential.
Public Art needs to be of a sufficient standard to attract people.
- 6 Ok, Shane I can't write under each item which would make more sense than bundling it here in this box at the end. Public art - no, unless it's First Nations people's art, yes council Organising open space activities including entertainment and food vans etc, the sports complex needs to have a new building with indoor basketball court and table tennis and other things for kids to hang out at with a police youth liaison office being a part of this police youth club. Also for council to organise monthly involvement days for the different ages with parents being involved too that might involve a swim race, a bike ride, a basketball match. Kids versus parents as an example. Maybe if the aquatic centre was more interesting and entertaining for kids and even some seniors classes for fitness, it may get used more. Maybe an open day every 2 months. With council rates so high, not many people have money left to spend on things. I suggest less council workers and more productive work. No to Tanilba house monument. Not important
- 7 Make the pool 50m
- 8 All good ideas.
Art could be good, but I do worry about vandalism to the art.
The other items are good ideas. In particular the bicentenary. This should be a massive opportunity for our peninsula to celebrate and promote the area.
Many, many people who come to Tanilba House events say "I never knew this area existed". We need to put it on the map. DPS can help but public events can help. A significant bicentenary monument and celebration is a huge opportunity that will bring people here. We believe the area behind the Temple is a perfect place for a suitable garden with a fountain / monument.
- 9 Creating an artwork brochure similar to the Scavenger Hunt to give visitors information on the art and artists / Nelson bay has an art walk and it is another wonderful incentive to hand to visitors to the area alongside the Scavenger Hunt brochure.
- 10 Mallabula sporting complex is in dire need for an upgrade. An indoor sports centre would be very useful for our area too as we have a lot of sporting families that participate in various sports including adults. This could potentially expand into other sports during winter e.g. futsal, volleyball. It could also be valuable to our local primary school as a resource.
The boat ramp at the end of avenue of the allies is not really accessible for people to use as it's too steep to launch/ hook a boat.

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- 11 Public art- needs to occur across multiple locations- plan an Art week with exhibitions in Council owned premises, competitions at Henderson Park and Tanilba locations for open air activities. Employ a worker to encourage development of more community enabled groups operating out of existing locations such as Mallabula Hall, Foreshore Hall and LTPOSC. Use those myriad of small parks to encourage light outdoor exercise, simple ball skills etc
Mallabula master plan needs input of all sports groups that use it. There has been major expansion of soccer in the area which should be supported.
Boat ramp car park. More of both but away from immediate Henderson park precinct.
Aquatic centre- we need it open more and not less. In peak summer it closes too early. It is used by elderly and disabled during shoulder seasons but cost can be prohibitive.
School groups require local access for lessons, given the huge rise in drowning this year.
The idea of a gym has been muted and perhaps this could enhance site.
Bicentenary monument- needs extensive research with all sections of community, not just those who have existing ear of Council. Whilst gates were relevant when erected a static monument will not have the same impact. Ask children at school for input
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- 12 Make the pool more attractive for families so it gets utilised more.
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- 13 Boat ramp/car park upgrades - Using the search function on Council's website I couldn't find Council's Boating and Fishing Infrastructure Plan.
Tilligerry Aquatic Centre review - a Place Plan shouldn't include flagging a cut to a Council service unless it's based on feedback that this is what the community wants.
Plan for a bicentenary monument - could be read as though we are getting more stone gates.
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- 14 Tanilba and Mallabula boat ramps are in dire need of improvement and parking to be sealed.
The aquatic centre is not used due to its poor quality, my kids have swimming lessons in Raymond Terrace leisure centre due to better pool, larger pool and better heating. Plus more lesson availability for a working family.
Supportive of a monument depending on specifics. Would like to see something grand, strong and lifelong similar to the historic gates.
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- 15 A car park needs to be extended at the Foreshore Hall so the Seniors Citizens hall has access to car parking on the vacant block next to it. The Seniors Hall shares a driveway with the Independent living estate but has no turn around for cars only to drive across grass or back out onto a busy road. This is such a dangerous situation where vehicles park on both sides of road and large buses are frequently moving in this area.
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- 16 The issues with the Aquatic Centre relate to a lack of access and rather than extended closure they need to make the hours of operation more accessible to the working members of the community.

Q9 What do you think of the 'management and safety' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 36, Skipped 2

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Establish a town team	15	13	7	1	0
Light it up	16	11	7	2	0
Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility	18	9	7	0	2
Community connect	18	10	6	1	1
Be prepared for emergencies	23	8	4	1	0
Create a community hub	19	8	8	1	0
Enhance the Tanilba gates	18	8	6	3	1
Signage audit	18	10	7	1	0
Recognise the indigenous history and culture of the area	20	9	7	0	0
Increase housing supply and diversity	15	3	12	4	2

Q10 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft management and safety action items?

Answered 16, Skipped 22

#	Comments
1	There is no image provided showing locations to investigate for future housing. With respect to this, the Hunter Region Plan says "For Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage secondary dwellings and low rise housing like dual occupancies and townhouses are suitable. Local strategic planning should incorporate the views of local communities".
2	TCA has been running community meetings at our own cost to hire halls- we need a community hub desperately. Tilligerry Place that is rarely open is labelled community info but Tomaree NC has walked away. The signage audit confined to Tanilba Bay has left broken signs in other villages and we should be working across the whole community.
3	Chamber of Commerce structure is more suitable for engaging business in promoting the area. Tasteful lighting of the Gates will enhance this feature. Working closely with the Worimi is essential, as they are major land holders on the Peninsula. This area has not reached critical population mass to encourage a new range of businesses. The large proportion of holiday houses means that the present housing is not well used to populate the area, I favour an up rather than out approach to new housing. The commercial areas have poor internal connection and this needs to be addressed (especially TB)
4	Town teams already exist to some extent through the various Parks groups, service groups, and are already functioning and could quickly become Town Teams. My greatest fear is that of fire. There is little done to reduce fuel loads on existing bushland and Crown land. A second road out of town is also essential for long term safety. Better, easy to find, information on Council Website of services and activities on the Tilligerry
5	Council being the town team coordinator, not leaving it to the people as it won't happen. Again council is trying to not be involved. We just got lights but have no exercise equipment to use and most can walk on the road if wanting to go for a walk so waste of money unless equipment to use. Hmm, crime prevention, I can't see you suggesting anything, what is the action plan? I would suggest more police presence , more cameras, speed cameras and I know that's not council but YOU do need to liaise with them and get it sorted and it's not the public's responsibility but those resources, police and council to have systems in place for crime, yes to noticeboard, yes to being prepared for emergencies, NO to a property owner having their private residency for a community hub but council should have a hall or build something for the community, no to Tanilba gates and lights in front of a roundabout which would just cause accidents looking at what's lit up, that would be very dangerous, more signage repairs, maybe look into how to have signage that can't get damaged in the first instance and YES to indigenous culture with a monthly open day for locals and getting educational tours happening in the local areas like mangrove walk etc, and no to housing as the koalas are the priority and the natural environment needs to be protected!!

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- 6 A community noticeboard is a little old fashioned given that most people including the elderly get their info online (especially considering mobility issues for older community members). If there are events on it is always on the local Facebook page rather than a noticeboard that quickly gets out of date. So I think its use is limited. There is one in the Kooindah centre and it is not well used or up to date for example.
The town team idea is fine as a concept but it does need to be inclusive. Past experience shows that the community is turned off by dominant personalities running these community groups and support for them quickly diminishes.
People who purport to represent the community in fact have limited engagement with them. It can get quite political so its leadership should rotate and members should be able to vote on who represents them. Should this also be attended/championed by the local member for example?
Other ideas are great. Improving the gate gardens is a must do!

- 7 No image of planned area for development

- 8 There was no image to show where housing supply could increase, more info please.

- 9 Town Team- yes, yes. But not the same people. We need diverse input. Community leaders need to be identified but need to have focus on particular issue. If the same ones in all areas then there won't be diverse input and particular issues could overwhelm.
Light it up- Unfortunately because there aren't open venues then more lighting is redundant. Only a few places at LTP and 2 restaurants at Tanilba.
Crime prevention- constant problem particularly in holidays.
Community connect and community hub should be combined. Problem is location.
Kooindah shops would seem logical but no space. Must be accessible to people who don't drive. But could incorporate coordination for community transport, support to access internet shopping and in-home support services.
Tanilba gates don't require any other enhancements apart from those already funded such as up lighting (Progress Association) and lecterns for new Tanilba Heritage trail.
Signals audit- already undertaken in Tanilba. Needs to be extended. Signage needs to be legible, consistent, correct and controlled by council in public spaces. Could be managed by Town team.
Indigenous history and culture- needs to have local elders involved at managerial level and reflect their wishes.
Housing supply and diversity- peninsula is at capacity. Needs huge capital and infrastructure input.

- 10 Ensure that the council's online community directory is kept up to date, perhaps by engaging a team of local community members to keep council informed about changes.

- 11 I think spending money on lighting and landscaping the Tanilba gates isn't a spending priority for most people.
I didn't have the image below which references potential locations to investigate opportunities for future housing but as in previous actions I don't believe the Place Plan should have such fine detail without data and community feedback informing them.

- 12 Don't see need for spaces for elderly and youth to come together.
The crime prevention paragraph gives no specific on what will occur. Best crime prevention would be police outside business hours or CCTV.
I am opposed to some items above purely as I see no value to cost.
Increased housing and development could be beneficial if done right. No housing commissions, waterfront business opportunities, housing estates lemon tree passage

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	road and oyster cover could be good, further housing between Lemon Tree and Mallabula.
13	The Community hall in Mallabula is underutilised and should be used as a meeting place for youth. As far as more development there are pockets of over development happening now but the impact is on others as these developments are not being supervised and residents are having to cope. As a member of the Tilligerry Community Association helping to raise the money to provide the lighting to the Entry gates which will be a great improvement as you enter our Town and its history.
14	Community centre or hub is much needed. As a recent resident of this area I have found it difficult to access community events & groups.
15	Indigenous projects should be a priority work with the Worimi people
16	Town Team needs to be populated with a cross section of the community rather than the usual suspects who tend to discourage involvement.

Q11 Do you have any final comments about the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?

Answered 19, Skipped 19

Comments

- 1 Tilligerry Community Association has been trying to work across the geographic peninsula for 12 years. When the Tilligerry Plan was first agreed we were gratified that council was not planning a LTP Plan and a Tanilba Bay Plan etc but an across peninsula process that recognises Salt Ash is our access. We would hope this would be continued as an unsightly graffiti on the Telstra substation and weed mass at Salt Ash is not a welcoming feature.
We have worked for the last 12 years building the stage etc at Lemon Tree Passage and we don't want to go back to 12 years ago when Tanilba Bay looked at what Lemon Tree Passage was getting and wanted one of those too, We are one community with shared resources.
- 2 If something is not done to bring people to LTP the town will become a ghost town.
- 3 I have no confidence that the formulated plan will be used by Council or the community. We need to have a real commitment from the Council to ensure this plan is followed.
- 4 It is the worst draft plan I have ever read in my life. Nothing proactive, nothing showing what the youth would like or what the elderly needs are and nothing saying how the council plans on protecting the koalas and the natural environment. Just a lot of words with no meaning in that action plan. Way too much trying to get volunteers and not enough Council involvement. I would love to see where my rates are going in Tilligerry itself.
- 5 If Tilligerry had a good pub and some good places to eat it would attract triple the amount of people. Whether it's first home buyers, renters or visitors. Tilligerry is majorly out dated and has huge potential as a coastal town attached to port Stephens. Don't let it get left behind - there's massive money to be made here if it gets done right.
- 6 Walks and walk maps, signs, bicentenary and beautification projects are what I think are the priority. Would be very happy to discuss!
- 7 There are a few things that I would like more clarification on before I could support them.
- 8 If we want to discuss ideas and how to begin a process who are our best contacts at the council?
- 9 Sounds good, seems like a lot of thought has gone into the plan
- 10 A lot of issues identified that will not be resolved with existing community input. Many are reluctant to be involved as they feel they are ignored. Many initiatives attempted over the years but community members "burned" by lack of transparency and hidden agendas. I am only a newcomer to the area but have listened to many people complaining about same issues.
Please consider all remarks for community consultation. I attendee consultation at Henderson Park and felt that resident's comments were not considered. Outcome was basically what council proposed and issues such as shade were belatedly addressed. In summer it remains largely unused due to the heat and the focus towards the Marina is misguided and should be towards the open water
Forgot to mention emergency management. Models are being developed for community emergency management which could be of use to our community.

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- 11 Youth crime and drugs are a prominent issue in our community at present. We need more lighting in our community and police presence increased as we have a lot of vulnerable people residing here.
- 12 Additional shade required. I'm not sure that an additional aboriginal specific effort is required and cannot see the value. Traffic flow needs community input, particularly for the streets that will be affected. Additional smaller, community housing is required as the older community has no downsizing opportunities and will take the history away from LTP with them (which is very sad).
- 13 While I acknowledge that it isn't always possible, I would like more time to complete surveys that fall over the Christmas/New Year period.
- 14 A review of dog off lead areas is required, i.e. shouldn't be where endangered birds are as well as more policing of on lead areas.
- 15 Main items:
 - paths
 - policing
 - break walls and erosion prevention
- 16 It is so important to have a plan but it is very important how these villages are linked together and not divided by name. The whole area has such a unique and important role to the Port Stephens LGA with its history, wildlife corridors and remoteness. There is a willing group of volunteers in Marine Rescue, Tilligerry Community Association, The Gallery, The Habitat, The Combined Churches, Landcare and every Sporting/ Dancing group, Dog Obedience and Auto Club along with our Aged Care Facility to cater for all.
- 17 It seems vague. We need concrete action to install a sea wall along lot 290 of DP 41306 to protect the swamp mahogany forest that is koala habitat. Otherwise a further 35m of coastline will disappear and much of the forest with it. This will protect the walking path that is extensively used by locals and tourists.
- 18 Some Great ideas however how are they going to be implemented?
- 19 We have such a wonderful environment that needs some enhancement to achieve its full potential

Q12 Contact information – please include at least your name and email

Answered 33; Skipped 5

Information not included to protect participant's privacy

Q13 After the Tilligerry Place Plan is adopted, we will look at setting up Town Teams for The Tilligerry. A Town Team is a group of people who want to be involved in helping deliver some amazing projects for their place. If you are interested in creating or joining a Town Team or even just learning more about the process, please check the box below and we will keep in touch.

Answered 26, Skipped 19

26 people interested that they would like to be involved in future town team project for Tilligerry.

Appendix D: Phase 4 – Public Exhibition 26 March to 29 April 2025



Drop in held inconjunction with Open Day at Mallabula Aquatic Centre 5 April 2025
(this free event was supported financially by PSC)



Drop in held outside Tanilba Bay shops (Coles) on 17 April 2025

Full guided submission survey results from Public Exhibition Period 26 March to 29 April 2025

Note: some spelling and grammar changes have been made to ensure clarity of comment only

Q1 How supportive are you of the Environmental Sustainability action items?

Answered 18; Skipped 1

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Immerse yourself in nature	11	5	2	0	0
Caring for the local environment	10	6	2	0	0
Help keep it clean and tidy	12	6	0	0	0
Saving Koalas	13	4	0	0	0
Avenue of the Allies	6	6	6	0	0

Q2 Do you have any further comments about the draft Environmental Sustainability action items?

Answered 17; Skipped 12

#	Comment
1	Erosion is a Tanilba Bay and Tilligerry Creek big issue. We got ignored virtually in the coastal management plan. I propose a project to trial some areas of small plants planting to try to stabilize the edges and not wait 8 years before we have action.
	Events support from council- History festival / Tilligerry festival - any plans?
2	Action 2 - Community groups need to work within guidelines and limits set by Council. We have observed that some groups have only been interested in beautifying limited areas to their own advantage and not necessarily to best environmental practice.
	Action 3 - A rubbish bin needs to be placed at the new toilet block in Lemon Tree Passage.
	Actions 4 - On/Off-leash dog areas need to be more clearly identified and enforced. We live overlooking the marine park and a Council reserve that is on-leash, but every day we see multiple dogs off-leash.
	Action 5 - The Avenue of the Allies is a key access point to Tanilba Bay between the historic gate structures. The heritage of this road needs to be respected and ideally with replacement of the Norfolk Pine trees.

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	Action 6 - The actions for the Tilligerry in the Port Stephens CMP are inadequate, since they are based on no data and no understanding of coastal erosion processes in the Inner Port. Access to the peninsula is via one road. In the six years that we have lived in Lemon Tree Passage, the road has been closed due to flood, fire and fallen trees on a number of occasions. The time frame indicated for development of a climate change adaptation strategy is too long. This strategy needs urgent attention.
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3	I would like to see qualified people being consulted before Council endorses plans with volunteers that have impacted habitat corridors not with positive outcomes.
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4	Restoration of the Tanilba foreshore from the boat ramp down to the habitat. This area is mainly bare of vegetation and trees. Barriers to stop people parking on grass and picnic areas would be great. More trees and seating are needed.
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5	Infill development is not needed here. The koala's shoulder be protected and human population kept as it is.
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Our roads are terrible fix them and pickup our trash and we are happy.

You might want to look into previous rezoning at Swan bay **by councillor Tuckers family** seems like an abuse of power and corruption.

6	Please do not reduce operating hours of our Tilligerry pool. I was involved in the original project to raise money for this pool when council challenged us to raise 50% of the cost. To the amazement of council we did this after many Leamington drives pie drives and blue light Discos. I think it is unlikely that many people in council now will remember these days. This pool is a community asset. It is ours we have paid for it. The fact that it runs at a loss is no surprise. Please tell me what pool in Australia or indeed the world runs at a profit. Especially when it is a community pool.
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The council has built a skate park and bike tracks, tennis courts, and footpaths For our people.

None of these extra facilities which are very welcome, an additional cost to the user. Why then should the Tilly pool be any different? There doesn't appear any suggestion that kids need to pay to use the skate park or cyclist to use the cycle path. So why impose this hardship on those of us who wish to swim each day. We pay our fees and we realise that Belgravia leisure is under contract. However, they would have known the population size here when they entered into this contract. That has been apparent for a long time that we are the poor relation in terms of obtaining ongoing maintenance and updates at the Tilly Gerry aquatic Centre. However, we put up with this with good Grace and apparently all these things will be fixed in time. I put it to you that we pay our rates in the same way as those at Raymond Terrace and Nelson Bay and we should not be treated any differently or at a disadvantage. Please come and talk to us if you really need to know why we want this pool open. In my cell and my husband's case we have both been diagnosed with cancer and are swimming in the hope that this will prolong our lives and increase our chances of remission.

Please do not disregard the submission. We have lived on the peninsula for almost 40 years. We pay our taxes with contribute to the community in terms of volunteering at Marine Rescue. We believe that is unfair for us not to be able to use the pool for the propose six months per year. Thank you for your consideration.

Rick and Denise Tyler

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	I challenge and a member of council to attend the pool at 6 am on Any Given Day and see how much it is used by our older generation. If council chooses to reduce the operational hours What on earth will we do. Most of us cannot afford to drive to Raymond Terrace or Tomaree. The suggestion that this pool should be closed for six months of the year is outrageous and totally out of touch with what we need. Do you realise that most of the older people who attend are just simply trying to stay alive and to improve their health and therefore reduce the cost to taxpayers in terms of medical care.
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Q3 What do you think of each of the 'economy' action items for the draft Tilligerry Place Plan? (Answered 18; Skipped 1)

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Create welcoming town centres	9	5	3	1	0
It's On! In the Tilligerry	7	7	4	0	0
Investigate opportunities to facilitate the growth of the maritime industry	5	4	8	1	0
Test and trial in Tilligerry	6	4	7	1	0
Investigate RV parking / kayak camping	6	1	5	6	0

Q4 Do you have any other great ideas or comments to add about the draft economy action items?

Answered 17; Skipped 11

#	Comment
1	RV area in Tanilba Bay as well as LTP would work well.
2	Action 7 - The first step to creating a welcoming town centre is to provide safe and comfortable access, so a road with no ruts or pot holes! Council needs to place a much higher priority on upgrading Lemon Tree Passage Road. Tanilba Bay has a dysfunctional commercial centre, with poor access between the Coles Supermarket and the Kooindah Centre. With proposed new housing and commercial development in this area, Council needs to give much more attention to the planning and layout of Tanilba Bay. Oyster Cove must be one of the most unwelcoming town places in Australia and provides no public access to the waterfront. Action 9 - Development of Oyster Cove would require Council support to promote the area, as well as improved road access (i.e. pot hole repairs) Action 10 - Local businesses are struggling and shops are closing. Local coffee shops often seem to be closed when tourists are mostly likely to visit. Council is not promoting the Tilligerry Peninsula as a tourist destination despite its heritage, waterfront access and natural beauty. At best, the peninsula is promoted as a possible day trip destination from Nelson Bay - what about a day trip from Newcastle? We see busloads of visitors arrive for trips on the Wangi Queen, but what efforts are being made to encourage these visitors to return another day? Action 11 - It is suggested that overnight RV campers should be required to pay a nominal

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	fee, which could be done easily on-line with recording of the vehicle registration fee. Kayak camping could be a unique experience but would require public access to the Oyster Cove waterfront.
3	The existing area allocated as the “LTP town centre” has no available space for new restaurant or retail development that maximises the stunning water views across to Soldiers Point on the LTP waterfront. Whilst there may be future issues with coastal hazards these could be mitigated with smart design. Currently there is next to no restaurant or retail spaces on the Tilligerry peninsula and providing future opportunities like this by reconsidering the LTP town centre will provide a more appetizing opportunity for investors that will maximise their returns. The best location for such a development would be the eastern end of Henderson Park on Cook Parade adjacent to the LTP boat ramp car park. The current LTP town centre could never compete with or achieve the long term benefits that a greenfield site like this could provide.
4	When you visit the facilities at Nelson Bay many RV campers are using them for showering which impacts on beach users who pay for accommodation in the area.
5	I think the town centres need to be more attractive especially LTP. The park has improved a lot but across the road has not.
6	Local economy is what it is. Don't try to mess with it. The free camping people at the lemon tree passage boat ramp parking area are taking up space and contribute nothing but waste.
7	Please see above [refer Q2 #6]
8	In the RIGHT PLACE. There needs to be a monitored time limit and use of public facilities and a place that is not detrimental to the public and local residences.
9	Welcoming section - no specific plans or strategy for people with limited mobility. Just the usual phrases. You can and should do better. e.g. look at and assist each public fronted business individually and improve access accordingly. Kayak camping PS-wide with locations setup to store kayaks can differentiate our area and attract more visitors for an extended period. Our old toilet block might be used as some kind of storage facility in this regard

Q5 What do you think of each of the Movement and Place action items? (Answered 17, Skipped 2)

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Trek the Tilligerry	7	6	3	1	0
Tilligerry community transport	9	4	3	0	1
Moving around Lemon Tree Passage	6	3	5	3	0
Improve connectivity in Tanilba Town Centre	12	3	1	0	1

Q6 Do you have any further comments about the draft Movement and Place action items? (Answered 11, Skipped 8)

#	Comments
1	Track between Mallabula and Lemon tree passage on foreshore exists now but could enhanced and marked. A change in the bus route and create a bus stop on LTP Road near Tanilba shopping centre (Coles) would help many people in our area. Many people are elderly and the closest bus stop is not close.
2	Have never noticed traffic in our area but am originally from Sydney so bad comparison. The pathway connection will be a game changer. Please make sure this is suitable for cyclist (kids and teens can connect to each other much safer through these paths) as well as accessibility for motor scooter and prams. At present you do need to cross the road from the Mallabula side to the LTP side - can this be done on the straight so kids can see vehicles coming. At the moment most cross on the bend near the caravan park
3	Action 12 - Development of walking paths along the foreshore from Lemon Tree Passage to Tanilba Bay, as well as over Lemon Tree Passage Hill, should be a priority. This area would quickly become a hiking destination. Action 13 - The absence of a bus stop at Coles is difficult to understand and is long overdue. This is critical given the demographics of the area and should be given a high priority. Action 14 - A parking study and improvements to pedestrian safety are supported, but the change to one way streets in Lemon Tree Passage is not supported as it would result in traffic accidents due to non-compliance and is unlikely to yield many extra parking spaces. The recent change to one way operation in the Coles car park has not been fully accepted by the community and non-compliance is frequently observed. Similar non-compliance is observed at the no right turn from the Coles car park to Lemon Tree

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Passage Road.

Action 15 - As noted under action 7, Tanilba Bay has a dysfunctional commercial centre, with poor access between the Coles Supermarket and the Kooindah Centre. With proposed new housing and commercial development in this area, Council needs to give much more attention to the planning and layout of this town centre.

4 One way roads in LTP sound like a waste of funds. Improved parking, traffic flow with roadabouts etc, and improved overall road condition would be more beneficial.

5 I am opposed to one way streets due to occasional heavy traffic.

6 Shared pathways connecting both communities to the Mallabula sports complex is essential. The entrance to this area is inadequate and it needs to be more visible from the main road at present it is screened by scrub. Visibility would also improve patronage and safety of users. A coastal walk connecting Mallabula and LTP is a great idea.

7 The more public transport the more criminals will be out here.

8 Yes, please see above [refer Q2 #6]

9 Tilligerry Community Transport exists on one bus to the Terrace via Medowie. No taxi service here, only hire car if you can afford that? Otherwise it is another bus to the Bay or Newcastle for those that can't or don't drive. What is the sufficient size of population to warrant a regular transport option to the hospitals to even attend appointments?

10 Once again - no specific plans, strategy or even mention of people with limited mobility beyond saying its "accessible". Easy to use the term, but is it, in reality, actually a fact.

**** There should be a comprehensive coach / bus interchange at the Airport. Increase and rationalize bus transport to enable residents to actually be able to use public transport to get to and from work off the peninsula. The airport is ideally situated to act as a hub for bus movements from the Tomaree and Tilligerry peninsula. This approach is aligned with the Hunter transport management plan to increase public transport patronage. I saw no indication of such a transport hub at the airport which is an opportunity missed.

11 Community & youth together

Q7 What do you think of each of the Quality Open Space action items? (Answered 18; Skipped 1)

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Mallabula Sports Complex Masterplan	9	4	3	1	0
Boat ramp/ carpark upgrades	10	5	2	0	0
Futureproof the Tilligerry Aquatic Centre	12	2	1	1	2
Celebrate the history of the Tilligerry	8	8	1	0	0

Q8 Do you have any further comments about the draft Quality Open Space action items? (Answered 11; Skipped 8)

Comments	
1	The pool is an essential part of our community. Changes to times open would be disruptive. Aqua aerobics twice a week well attended plus general usage. Closing for 6 months- bad news. Potential decision not liked by the community. A shade cover over the pool would be beneficial. The council has threatened over the years to take away some of our current low tide boat ramps which are used frequently. The biggest boat ramp is LTP - council has only recently done a major upgrade. Car parking on LTP foreshore is always busy but seems to work. Tanilba Bay - outside Kooindah shops on President Wilson Walk - the no parking signs need to be changed to all more street parking it is wide enough to facilitate more street parking. Tanilba Point - our oldest historical area - possible to make a historical conservation area not just for the historical features- Tanilba House, Hallorans walls, Summer House , change room, etc but to protect the natural environment - trees etc. An older house with 1920 stone chimney was sold recently demolished. No protection at all for the original chimney built in Henry Hallorans' time here.
2	Lighting is everything for the sports complex and as it links the whole community through all the sports, skate park and youth services. Look at Umina Skate park and sports complex to see safe usage in the evening by locals. youth currently uses the space to drink and additional lighting will help keep them safe and prevent constant damage
3	I believe Council should stop focusing on community pools being profit making. I am against the proposed longer periods of closure.
4	The carparks at Tanilba boat ramps and the tennis court need upgrading these carparks are also used by people using other nearby facilities.

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- 5 The Tilligerry Aquatic Centre is a vital resource for locals, encouraging people, including older people, to maintain fitness as well as social connection. Extended winter closure would not be a preferred option.
- 6 The pool should stay. Find a way to make it happen.
- 7 Please see above
- 8 Futureproof The Tilligerry Aquatic Centre is required to be open to all public with minimum closure. I am AGAINST EXTENDED WINTER CLOSURE. The pool operator, Belgravia, has been lax with the management and promotion of our pool. The disabled and elderly are at a disadvantage with information and resources if they are not on social media, limited access to internet or mobile phones. Therefore the pool operator has not been promoting money making events such as swim squads (none at present) Aqua classes, swim school days/times or any encouragement to visit during school holidays. The pool Winter hours are now active at the start of these school holidays and Easter break, with closure by 12pm weekdays and only open for 3 hours 9am - 12pm weekends. Why? The weather is still warm and we only have limited hours whilst both Tomaree and Lakeside pools are still open normal Summer hours. It is easy to show a deficit by no promotions, signage within the pool grounds of current activities available to members, their guests and visitors and closing the pool whilst the weather is still suitable to swim all day up until the end of May. If Belgravia has no money making promotions or events at present, how does the Council support them to facilitate promotion of regular events in the future? This pool started as a \$100,000.00 community donated and funded venture for this community. It is a meeting place where everyone is welcome and can feel a part of the community and not isolated. The disabled and elderly alike. Isn't our mental health important too? Is our pool not relevant anymore for people to stay active with low impact exercise? A place that keeps us regularly fit for the mind, body and soul? We as a community should not be penalised with access to our pool for 9 months of the year due to lack of population, feasibility statistics and lack of promotion to make our pool better! The disabled and elderly are especially impacted and discriminated with this OPTION.
- 9 I do NOT agree with Tilligerry Aquatic Centres hours being reduce! This facility has been the major source of physiotherapy for myself after having double knee replacement in Feb 2024, if not for this pool I would not of recovered as well as I have. There are a lot of community members that use this pool for their physiotherapy, it is also a major source of social interaction for a lot of elderly people who cannot drive the distance to other pools. Majority of the staff at the pool are locals, if the pools hours are cut they will be without work.
- 10 As a regular aquatic centre user I am constantly disappointed at the lack of maintenance in particular ladies showers. Also am opposed to the proposal of a 6 month closure, I imagine that would mean closing late March each season which is too early. I am one of the regulars who are still swimming now in April and will continue to do so.
- 11 Extending the closure times of the pool is the kiss of death for the facility. Of course the expense of running a pool will stick out in any spreadsheet as a significant cost centre. But sometimes it is up to Council to provide facilities that do cost money but increase the wellbeing and health of residents immeasurably. It seems inconceivable that the future of the pool is in doubt when the sporting area development options is in train.

Q9 What do you think of the Management and Safety action items? (Answered 17; Skipped 2)

Draft action	Very supportive	Supportive	Neutral /unsure/ need information	Opposed	Very opposed
Light it up	8	7	2	0	0
Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility	11	4	2	0	0
Community connect	9	5	3	0	0
Be prepared for emergencies	11	6	0	0	0
Create a community hub	10	3	4	0	0
Increase housing supply and diversity	5	7	4	0	1

Q10 What do you think of each of the Management and Safety action items?
(Answered 9; Skipped 10)

#	Comments
1	The housing policy sent to the State government not good. Take away half of the golf course for housing as a housing strategy stinks. More effective street lighting - yes. How about lighting the dark inner side of the historic gates at Tanilba Bay? The lights set up recently have been set up on the lighter side of the gates where cars can see them. The dark side inner side between the gates is not lit up at all. Community centre sounds a wonderful idea.
2	If the depot is moving to the other side of the road in Mallabula is there opportunity to make this space a youth centre. This could be link to the current services at the community hall who are only able to support to 12 years of age. Motorbikes will always be an issue but is there option to educate youth on safety and preferred locations. Most don't mind the bushes and trails as long as trees aren't damaged but riding with no light on at night around bends and on footpaths at school bell times is the real danger
3	Action 20 - The lighting of the Tanilba Gates has not been the success that it could have been and is a missed opportunity. While the outward facing facades have been lit, the highlighting is minimal and difficult to see due to the high mast street lighting. Unfortunately the inward facing facades remain unlit and unseen at night time. Action 22 - Too many community groups, including Council, rely on Facebook to provide information. Facebook is a very unreliable and lazy way to communicate and we often

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miss events or event cancellations because organisers incorrectly assume that Facebook's algorithm will promote unpaid advertising.

Action 23 - As noted under action 6, access to the peninsula is via one road. In the six years that we have lived in Lemon Tree Passage, the road has been closed due to flood, fire and fallen trees on a number of occasions.

Action 25 - It is noted that the Hunter Regional Plan says that low rise development would be suitable in Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage, but Council's proposal for infill developments of 3 to 4 storeys is not low rise. We would like to see better and more proactive Council planning and control of development in the area, rather than letting private developers set the planning agenda.

4 The community needs are only 2.1% of the residents. I believe you should consider reviewing how you connect with residents of the Tilligerry Peninsula

5 Lighting along pathways is essential to keep everyone safe. Our community is a safer place now than in the past.

6 We don't want or need more housing supply. Stop trying to turn TilliGerry into a crowded version of lake side. We don't want it!!!!

7 Make it easier to respond to these types of proposed changes. Bear in mind that many of your constituents are of an age where IT may not be so easy for them to understand or to follow and give options such as phone or written responses. Your webpage is not user-friendly

8 Increase housing supply and diversity needs to be very careful in not wiping out and destroying our beautiful natural environment. Unlike Medowie zones that has destroyed many trees to expand and create new housing estates, I do not want that destruction of habitat here! No condensed housing either as our infrastructure cannot handle the existing traffic and roads and one supermarket at present.

9 Overall co-ordinator for emergency action needed. E.g. if we are forced to gather on the waterfront as a last resort due to a bushfire on the peninsula. Who would be in charge? What needs to happen?

Q11 The draft Tilligerry Place Plan provides a list of potential projects that could be undertaken to create better places and spaces in the Tilligerry. This can be viewed on page 20 and page 21, as seen in the image below. View the plan to see this in full detail. Do you have any comments on the projects listed on page 21 of the draft Plan? Page 20 and 21 of draft Tilligerry Place Plan (Answered 12; Skipped 7)



Creating better places and spaces map

Recreation Projects	Civil Projects
1 Mallabula Sports Complex, Mallabula - floodlighting and power upgrades2025	1 Shared path - President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay - shared path from Pershing Place to Diggers Drive2027
2 Mungarra Reserve - Boardwalk Upgrades2025	2 Shared path - President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay - shared path from Diggers Drive to King Albert Avenue2027
3 Sunset Park, Tanilba Bay - park furniture and upgrade works2025	3 Kawarren Street, Lemon Tree Passage - shared path from Blanch Street to Kenneth Parade2027
4 Tanilba Park Amenities Replacement2026	4 Lem on Tree Passage Road, Lem on Tree Passage from Blanch St to Industrial Drive, Lemon Tree Passage2027
5 Lemon Tree Passage Wharf - Replace swim net2026	5 Shared path - Strathmore Road, Mallabula and Fairlands Road, Mallabula shared path from Pershing Place to Aquatic Centre2028
6 Gula Reserve, Tanilba Bay - playground2029	6 Elizabeth Avenue - Lemon Tree Passage to John Parade2029
7 Lilly Pilly Reserve, Lemon Tree Passage - boat ramp2027	7 Stanley Street, Upgrading the drainage system2024
Potential Future Projects	8 President Wilson Walk, Tanilba Bay: Upgrading the drainage system from LTP road to Golf Course via President Wilson Walk2026
	9 Tanilba Road, Mallabula: Construct kerb and guttering and install pipe drainage system along Tanilba Road. Outlet via Alfred Lane2029
	Potential Future Projects
	10 Tanilba Bay Urban Area: Upgrade the drainage system within Tanilba Bay urban areaN/A
	11 Lem on Tree Passage Urban Area: Upgrade the drainage system within Lemon Tree Passage urban areaN/A

Please note: Timing, funding or locations may be subject to change.



Comments

- 1 The Recreation projects are OK. Any improvement to open spaces I will support. Mungarra and Tanilba Boardwalk need maintenance.

Civil projects- Projects 1-6 The plan to make more shared paths particularly from the school to the shops worthwhile. Safety and convenience.

Projects 7-9 Drainage certainly needs fixing.

Project 8 -Success Street and President Wilson Walk (PWW) always floods over both roads in heavy rain (big water pipes to smaller disconnected pipes in PWW) R.A.F. Park side. I would fully support number 8.

- 2 Looking forward to the projects

- 3 Council has undertaken a number of projects in the Tilligerry Peninsula recently, such as road reconstruction and new pathways. Some of these projects would have benefited from better planning and consultation. For example, the new concrete footpath along the Lemon Tree Passage foreshore is a great addition and very popular, but could have been better. There were no plan drawings of the path, so the first indication of the alignment were the setting out pegs. Nearby residents questioned the alignment and it was sensibly moved closer to the foreshore edge, but looking along the path it appears to have been designed by committee and will not win any landscape awards. In addition, there has been no consideration to cross drainage so water pools in the park and across some sections of path.

Another example is the new toilet block at Lemon Tree Passage. A sketch was provided by Council, but most residents could not understand where the toilet block would be located. This first sketch had a number of issues, including non-compliance with disabled access standards. Community consultation meetings were held and the toilet block was relocated, but again it was difficult to identify the exact location on the sketch provided. The toilet block is now too close to the road, there is no path for disabled access from the barbecues and there is no privacy screen, so everyone on Cook Parade can see who is going to use the toilets.

We would like to see Council work to achieve better design outcomes. Any community consultation needs better quality drawings of the proposed works so that people unfamiliar with engineering or architectural drawings can easily understand the proposed works. It is acknowledged that the community will provide a lot of conflicting views and you can't please everyone, but Council's designs should at least be legible and match the standards required of a development application.

- 4 Upgrade or replacement of the Tanilba Bay boardwalk appears to have been overlooked.

Improved maintenance, park land facilities and pathways also need to be addressed in the Tanilba Bay waterfront reserve. This reserve is one of the most popular destinations on the peninsula and it's lacking the maintenance and investment it deserves.

- 5 The recreation projects are maintenance tasks for existing spaces and places. I believe the Place plan is lacking identification of new vibrant spaces.

- 6 Up grading and forming shared pathways is a much needed asset in our community.

- 7 No further comments.

- 8 Save money on these and just fix the roads!!!!

Comments

- 9 Yes. See above in Relation to our local pool
- 10 Lemon Tree Passage Wharf- Replace swim net needs replacing now not 2026. There is obviously a hole, as so many people have sited sharks from time to time inside the area.
- 11 I disagree with using Smart Parking revenue if it means that parking meters will be installed in Lemon Tree Passage and Tanilba.
- 12 Add the Tanilba Bay boardwalk to map and actions.

Q12 Do you have any final comments about the draft Tilligerry Place Plan?
(Answered 9; Skipped 10)

Comments

- 1 Dog fence area at Mallabula / LTP. Here are lots of dogs out here. Cat management???
- Increased environmental protection a consideration with projects.
- Pelican statues in prominent places - make the area more attractive.
- How will the groups / committee overseeing /doing projects be made up?
- One group or many????
- Communication / guidance from council will be essential. Keeping all up to date.
- 2 Not at present.
- 3 As a council maintain your current assets then the focus on Place plan could reflect a future that is genuinely reflective of the residents needs.
- 4 I think it is a good plan but it's concerning that so few people have contributed.
- 5 No further comments.
- 6 I think council has missed the mark on what the majority think and want. Don't make us a mini lakeside full of unemployed scum.
- 7 Lack of timing for the notification in the local papers (Thurs April 3rd) and emailed Council newsletter (Fri April 4th) for the public exhibition of the draft has been disappointing. Not only is it now School Holidays but also Easter Holidays and Anzac Day all within this time frame to submit comments before the 5pm, 28th April 2025 deadline. This has also left a small window to get more public awareness and response for many of the topics within the draft. A big thankyou to Jason Wells, our Central Ward Councillor, who has taken his time to be present and available to our Community during this draft process. A notice to ratepayers, advising us of the upcoming Public Exhibition, with our last Council Rates would have been appreciated also. I am also sending an email with my concerns as an Advocate on behalf of the People With Disability and the Elderly on this Peninsula.
- 8 I do feel the winter hours closer of Tilligerry Aquatic Centre was not discussed with the community or the Centre staff and I feel that is unfair. I hope that the community and centre staff can be involved in any future discussions
- 9 Your distribution of the plan to the local populace is not working well. One of the two locations on the Tilligerry where the plan was meant to be viewed, the TAG gallery location is closed. On a recent visit to the library, the other location, staff knew nothing about the plan, could not locate it, and stated, "No real point nothing gets done anyway". Nice.
- On entering "Tilligerry Place Plan" as a search term on the PSC web-site, the Plan is not one of the search results without on-clicking a suggested result.

Q13 Contact information – please include at least your name and email (Answered 16; Skipped 3)

Information not included to protect participant's privacy

Q14 After the Tilligerry Place Plan is adopted, we will look at setting up Town Teams for The Tilligerry. A Town Team is a group of people who want to be involved in helping deliver some amazing projects for their place. If you are interested in creating or joining a Town Team or even just learning more about the process, please check the box below and we will keep in touch. (Answered 10; Skipped 9)

10 people interested in learning more about the Tilligerry Town Team



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