

Community consultation outcomes: Coogee Shared Space

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SUBJECT: Outcomes from community consultation

Background:

Randwick Council consulted with local residents and businesses about a proposal to remove a traffic lane from Coogee Bay Road to provide more space for people to social distance and to help businesses. Council also sought expressions of interest from local performers and entertainers who may be interested in street based performing.

Objectives:

- Inform residents and businesses about Council's proposal to create more space
- Obtain a measure of the level of support for the proposal overall as well as helping businesses and creating more space for social distancing.
- Obtain feedback from affected businesses and residents to help improve the project and inform Council's decision making
- Seek expressions of interest from performers and musicians who may be interested in performing in the activation space.

The project was assessed as having a local level, higher impact.

IAP2 consultation level: Inform

Goal: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

Consultation executive summary

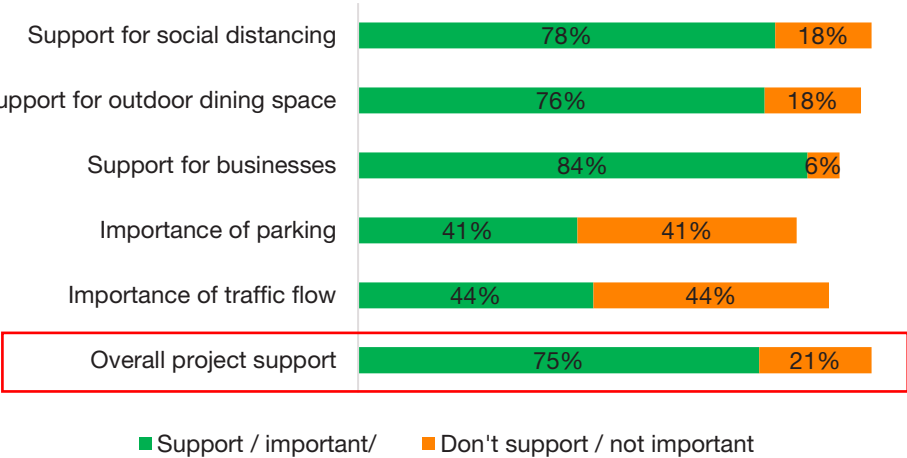
The consultation received a good level of interest. Overall respondents were supportive of proceeding with the Coogee Shared Space trial with three out of four respondents either supportive or very supportive.

Creating more space for social distancing (78% support), more space for outdoor dining (76% support) and supporting businesses (84% support) is important to people.

There were split views from the community about the importance of maintaining parking and keeping Coogee Bay Road open to traffic with an equal number of respondents supportive and opposed. (It should be noted that this proposal being considered by Council proposes maintaining parking and keeping Coogee Bay Road open to traffic.)

The following graphs provides a high-level summary of the survey results.

Overall level of support / importance



Graph 1: Overall level of support / importance

Consultation

The consultation was live for 16 days, from 7 to 22 September 2020.

A Your Say Randwick website was set up to exhibit the proposal and gather community feedback via an online survey.

Communication activities

- Mailbox drop to all Coogee households
- A3 posters for businesses to display
- Listing on Council website
- Article in Randwick News (weekly email): 9 and 16 September 2020
- Facebook post: 8 September 2020 (8102 people reached and 1116 engagements)
- Email to all precincts
- Email to Your Say Randwick subscribers
- Digital display screens in all Libraries and Customer Service Centre
- Presentation to Coogee Precinct

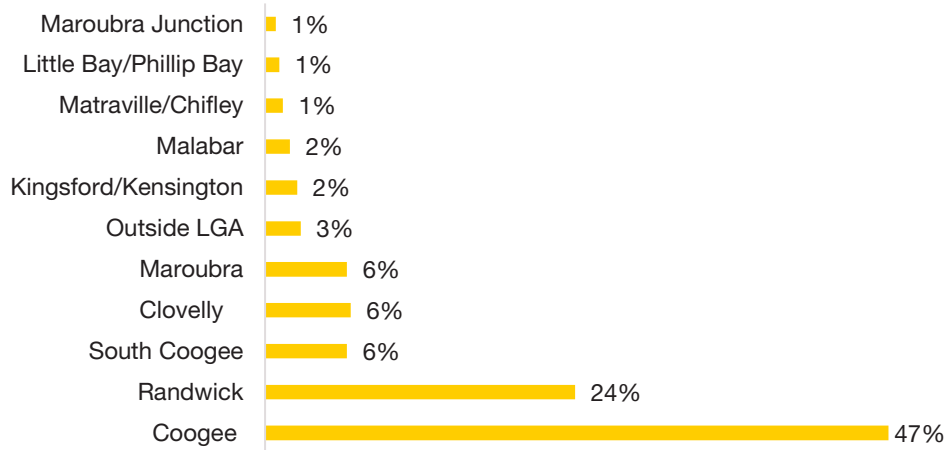
Your Say Results:

2285 visitors to the site
 370 surveys completed
 20 performer expression of interest.

Survey results

A total of 370 survey were completed. All graphs below represent the 370 responses.

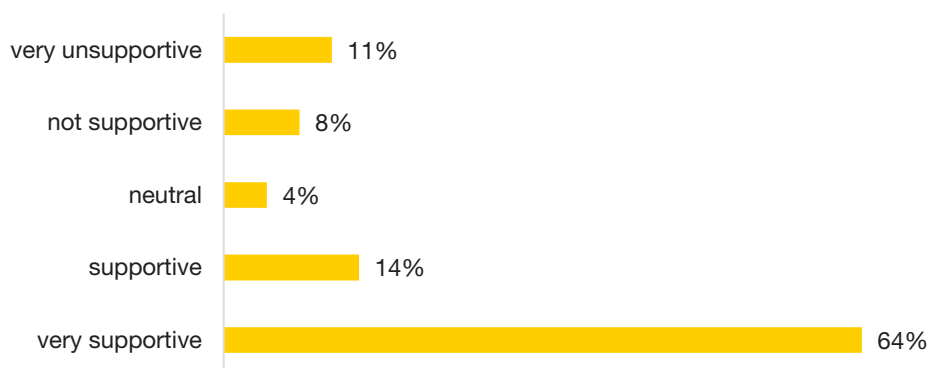
What suburb do you live in?



Graph 2: What suburb to you live in?

This graph shows that the majority of respondents live in the Coogee area with 47%, followed by Randwick 24%, then South Coogee, Clovelly and Maroubra all 6%. Overall, 97% of respondents live in the Randwick LGA.

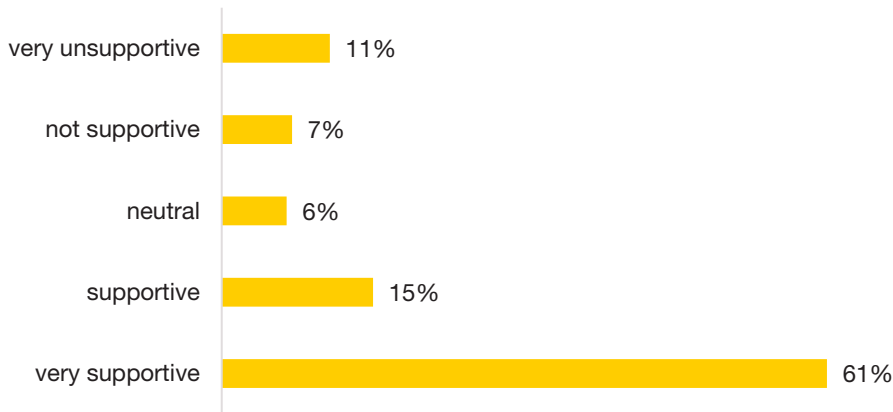
How supportive are you of creating more space to enable social distancing on Coogee Bay Road?



Graph 3: How supportive are you of creating more space to enable social distancing on Coogee Bay Road?

This graph shows 78% of respondents are supportive/very supportive of creating more space on Coogee Bay Road. 19% of respondents are not supportive/very unsupportive and 4% are neutral.

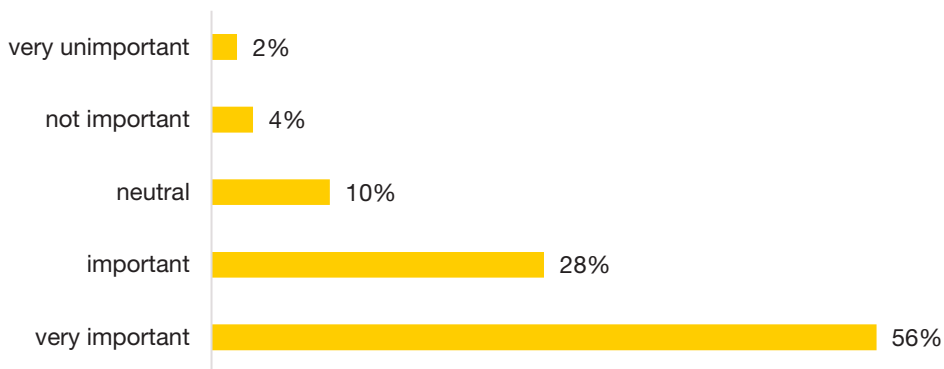
How supportive are you of providing more space for outdoor dining?



Graph 4: How supportive are you of providing more space for outdoor dining?

This graph shows a total of 76% support for providing more outdoor dining space. 18% of respondents are not supportive/very unsupportive and 6% are neutral.

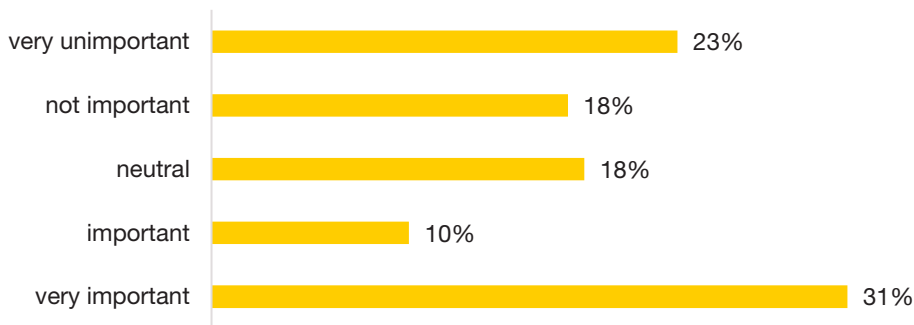
How important is it to you that Council supports businesses in Coogee affected by COVID-19 restrictions?



Graph 5: How important is it to you that Council supports businesses in Coogee affected by COVID-19 restrictions?

This graph shows that 84% of respondents feel it is important for Council to support Coogee businesses affected by COVID-19 restrictions. 6% do not feel it is important and 10% are neutral.

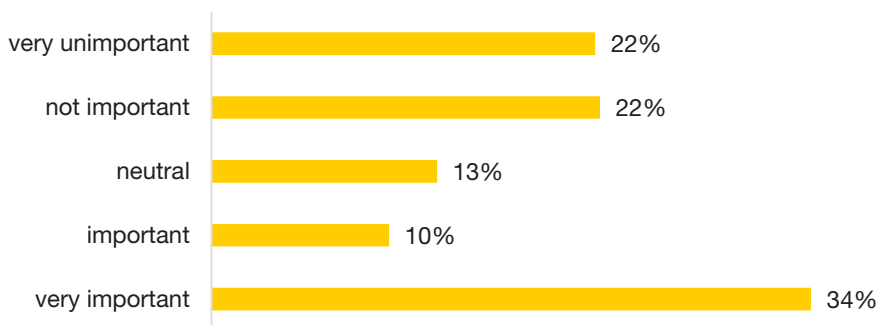
If Council is to proceed with the Coogee Shared Spaces proposal, how important is it to you to maintain parking along Coogee Bay Road?



Graph 6: If Council is to proceed with the Coogee Shared Spaces proposal, how important is it to you to maintain parking along Coogee Bay Road?

This graph shows 31% of respondents believe it is 'very important' to maintain parking compared with 23% who believe it is 'very unimportant'. Interestingly, when combining 'very important' and 'important', and 'very unimportant' and 'unimportant', there is equal split of 41% each. 18% of respondents are neutral.

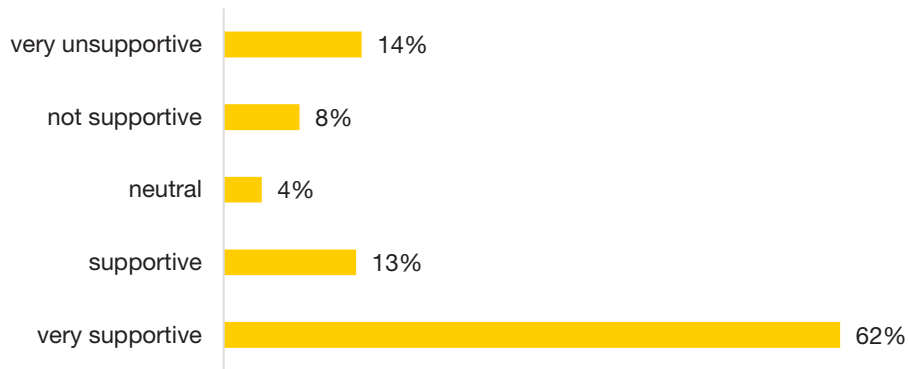
If Council is to proceed with the Coogee Shared Spaces proposal, how important is it to you to that Coogee Bay Road remains open to traffic?



Graph 7: If Council is to proceed with the Coogee Shared Spaces proposal, how important is it to you to that Coogee Bay Road remains open to traffic?

This graph shows most respondents believe it is very important that Coogee Bay Road remains open to traffic, with 34% support. 22% of respondents believe it is very unimportant. Interestingly again, when combining 'very important' and 'important', and 'very unimportant' and 'unimportant', there is an equal split of 44% each. 13% of respondents are neutral.

How supportive are you of Council proceeding with the three-month Coogee Shared Space trial?



Graph 8: How supportive are you of Council proceeding with the three-month Coogee Shared Space trial?

This graph shows 75% of respondents are very supportive/supportive of a three-month trial. 22% are very unsupportive/unsupportive and 4% are neutral.

Do you have any comments to make on the Coogee Shared Space proposal?

	Comments
1	Randwick council has been absolutely amazing during this Covid period. So glad to be part of this council
2	I hope this won't require much expenses from Council
3	Business needs every support it can get at the moment. Close off CBR between Brook and Arden Streets and make it pedestrian only, or at the very least one way traffic or we will soon just have empty shops in the strip.
4	Shared space increase, should NOT include dogs. The footpaths and promenade areas of Coogee beach are now full of people walking dogs, far too many ! Perhaps the dining should be for after 5pm or 6pm? Where are diners going to park? Locals need to be able to duck down to the butcher, post-office grocery store etc and sometimes they need to be able to drive down.
5	I currently won't attend an internal restaurant but will sit outside
6	I think the space should be made available for people WALKING on Coogee Bay Road, not for more dining. There is sufficient dining space as it is impeding the foot path area and it is impossible to socially distance whilst walking up the street. Alternatively, close it completely and make it a pedestrian thoroughfare with limited access times for deliveries.
7	It is currently hard to social distance just walking down this street so I often walk in the road which is dangerous. Any widening and promotion of outdoor dining (at the expense of traffic) would be great
8	How about one way one lane for traffic, with another lane for parking. The rest to be used to widen footpath for more outdoor dining.
9	If you remove parking or have much less parking in the Coogee business area then I suggest there is a need to have an accompanying plan that adds more spaces for parking close by. This will be a challenge!
10	There should be no car parking and closed to traffic.
11	This sounds like a great proposal!
12	With the volumes of people on Coogee Bay Road on a normal day, it is going to be near impossible during summer to maintain social distancing. Crowd control is going to be very important on road and on the beach.
13	I submitted a similar proposal to this year's ago when main St was due to be refurbished. Have you considered angled parking on one side instead of parallel on both sides?
14	The shared spaces need to be convivial for outdoor socialising, and ideally help businesses create and define entertainment space through planter boxes, as they do in Italian towns and cities, rather than chairs and tables parked out onto the bare footpath.
15	Not crazy about the one way traffic

	Comments
16	I would love to see coogee bay road, 1 way and ideally with parking on both sides (as it was when doing the pavements works) I think this was a great change to the road, and I think it was more open to foot traffic as cars only going 1 way.
17	This makes sense. Some popular places need a much better queue management
18	One way street in Arden Street may create more traffic issues. Council hasn't mentioned more parking spaces being created??
19	I'd prefer to see the street blocked and open only to pedestrian traffic. Its a great opportunity to put Coogee on the map.
20	You are suggesting that all coogee bay rd businesses want this They do not I shop there regularly and 99% DO NOT WANT THIS Why would Randwick Council kill a thriving business centre for the benefit of coogee bay hotel and little jack horners?
21	The pandemic will likely to be over some time early in the New Year when immunisation is available. This proposal seems like using Covid-19 as an excuse to to bring in non- essential changes to current arrangements rather than adding much of use. There must be better things to use rate payers money on than this. Might appeal to a number of local businesses, but may impact on a general busy street and create issues with traffic flow.
22	Making Coogee Bay Road one way makes it very difficult to perform simple things like visiting the Post Office. If this is going to be done, another way forward is required aside from making CBR one way
23	Great idea. It's good to see RCC being proactive on this. Hopefully it will become so popular that it becomes permanent.
24	It makes no sense at all there is ample space for outdoor eating. The traffic congestion this will cause in Coogee will be devastating. The 'rat runs' that will develop as people try and. Dive into and out of the area will cause chaos in surrounding streets
25	If the street becomes one way only, I suggest to change the traffic light on the crossroad with Arden St. because the pedestrians need to wait way too long for green light in order to cross the road even now.
26	Already there are a lot of people on the promenade and footpaths without having more outdoor seating. The public do not all practice social distancing Or are not respectful - hard to police and already hard to walk on footpaths on weekends. Maybe needs foot traffic direction rules as there are no rules. Numbers may need to be contained. Restaurants tables and areas should have markings to show where they line up and sit and pathways for pedestrians and direction arrows.

	Comments
27	The number of pedestrians on CB road far outweigh the number of people using the parking spaces. Cars are just plain bulky. There is a disproportionate amount of space given over to car parking. This would be easy to calculate numerically. We should follow the European model of pedestrianisation and dedicated parking/underground parking off the main pedestrian areas.
28	Great idea. Might even be a longer term implementation if it works out. 2 way traffic on coogee bay road can make that stretch very busy and not conducive to walkers.
29	We don't use Coogee Bay Rd a lot but as my husband is mobility impaired we do need short term parking (15 mins) from time to time. We'd be quite happy for the whole street have parking on one side only with parking time limited. Even make access mornings only, or perhaps till say 3pm. We, and I imagine others, could organise our visits to fit such a schedule. But if this is done there must be more time limited available parking (say max 1 or perhaps 2 hours). Already it's hard to find parking and if you're wanting more people to visit and support local businesses many people will therefore need to park.
30	<p>1. 100% support providing more space for people, less space for cars and parking (providing there is some access for those who actually need it, e.g. disabilities, or shop deliveries after hours). Whenever I go to Coogee, I walk. Same for plenty of others I'm sure.</p> <p>2. Don't want restaurant tables and chairs taking over the footpath. Leave enough space for people to walk past. Case study - the row of cafes and dress shop next to the Pavilion have taken over the footpath to the extent that as a pedestrian you use the road to distance (luckily this is not a through-road).</p> <p>3. Be aware also of people/crowds waiting outside cafes for takeaway, how much space that takes up, and how they can queue/wait safely with space for passers by.</p> <p>4. Last but not least, the new concrete bench public seating along Coogee Bay Road is terrible! Who designed these? Are they designed for longevity and 'hose-cleanability' over being comfortable places to sit? They are weirdly shaped, narrow, have no backs, and just aren't appealing to sit on, when they could be lovely places to pause and wait, or people-watch (maybe outside COVID). I saw an elderly people perched on one last weekend looking awkward. Admittedly the best seats are by the beach, but that's not a reason to make these so awful.</p>
31	Public transport options? Free trips on buses from across Randwick lga? Shuttle buses from light rail in Randwick? More 370 buses?
32	Great initiative...well done
33	Better to do this over a weekend rather than all of the time. This way the street can be converted into a mall. Also would be good to do this at the spot.
34	About time! Excellent proposal.
35	I think it's great, but cars still need to be able to travel through Coogee Bay Road.

	Comments
36	Why push parking dilemmas to the already congested other streets. It's a nightmare for residents already. Residents struggle to park on Dolphin Street as is. Why continue to kick the can down and even more restricted road? Most business rely on two way traffic. Since opening up the Pavilion my hedge stinks of urine as the socially less desirables urinate and have sex in mine and next doors hedge after coming out of the Pav. It's foul. The community is more than just business!
37	This is worth a try as the one way traffic during the recent works seemed to work OK. Could council also consider festoon lighting strung across CBR during the trial period as it would make the night time atmosphere even more welcoming and festive.
38	1. Please ensure enough room for prams and mobility scooters to get by without drama. 2. Promote walking by NOT having parking on the side of the street with all the diners, which would mean too much exposure to exhaust while trying to eat, drink and socialise. Carbon monoxide is very dangerous for lungs, making them even more susceptible to COVID-19. Breathing is more important than parking convenience.
39	There currently is not enough space for pedestrians to walk unimpeded along Coogee Bay road as it is .. especially if carrying shopping bags
40	Maybe landlords should drop their rent on Coogee Bay Rd then businesses may survive
41	I am supportive of this proposal but am concerned about reducing space for pedestrians on the pavement. Last weekend when it was warm the beach was packed and the pavements on Coogee Bay Rd were busy with people unable to maintain social distancing. This concerns me as the weather gets warmer and more people want to come to the beach from outside of our local area. I would be supportive of this proposal during the week, but not so much during the day at the weekends. I think evenings from 7pm would be OK. Whilst I would love the lower end of CBR to be pedestrianised with no parking I am concerned about the impact this will have on parking for local residents such as myself who already struggle to find a park near my unit on warm weather weekends. I love the idea of entertainers but also would have concerns about maintaining social distancing whilst people congregate to watch in a relatively small space.
42	It could be a game changer for the area as a destination
43	Can only improve the ambience to have a buzz whilst maintaining physical distance.
44	Just that I'd be surprised if it's not permanent...this pandemic is not going away soon...if ever, and we have to change our methodology and attitudes accordingly
45	It is vital that parking is still maintained on both side of Coogee bay road for certain businesses to survive.
46	Great idea - car free would be awesome if possible.

	Comments
47	I love the idea of closing Coogee Bay Road (and why not a portion of Arden street too?) to traffic, so families can have more space to walk around, outdoor eating and drinking, etc
48	More space. Less car. More enjoyable.
49	The redistribution of traffic lanes to public open space to encourage safely-distanced vibrancy within our community is an excellent idea. Coming into summer is a great time to trial this concept to see the effect it has on the urban atmosphere in both uplifting people by having more options to dine outdoors, while simultaneously providing greater opportunities for our local cafes and restaurants to recover. I hope it happens.
50	Make it permanent
51	I think the council should open up the space free of cars so that diners do not have to breathe dirty fumes and listen to angry drivers honk their horns whilst eating dinner. Strong leadership is required but people need to stop driving to the beach areas as it is too congested. There should be more signage encouraging people to leave the car at home and walk, bus or bike to Coogee (and Maroubra).
52	I am not in support of having traffic one way only on Coogee Bay Rd.
53	Great idea, should have been made one way during the previous upgrade
54	I do not support making the road one way, as it will not help businesses. More free parking is needed in Coogee. We hardly ever go there due to lack of parking
55	I note you are asking for buskers and entertainment for Coogee Bay shared space. I feel this will just cause more crowding and is not viable.
56	the main issue here is to leave enough space for pedestrian traffic. Even after the widening of the sidewalk there is rarely enough space for prams, wheelchairs etc due to people and dogs (frequently unleashed which is another major issue that hopefully the council will act on one day) occupying the sidewalk.
57	Great idea. Make it happen.

	Comments
58	This is yet another ill conceived proposal. Coogee residents waited a long time to get their widened footpaths, their upgraded roadway and their car parking returned and now you want to take it back! This is an Arterial Road and as such none of it should be used for anything other than vehicular traffic! This road, these footpaths and these car parking spaces are totally and fully utilised at all times and simply cannot sustain being replaced by yet further dining space. This proposal has already been overwhelmingly denied by Coogee residents but now is back on the table because oops Council forgot to cancel their application for a NSW State grant for the businesses in Coogee Bay Road and are now trying to regurgitate it! Old proposal, move on and while this proposal is without legs how insulting to have a concept that proposes to increase business on one side of the road while those on the other side are denied. Trust me the businesses in Coogee Bay Rd are in no way the businesses suffering the greatest financial hardship in our LGA and I am feeling let down that we allow other pockets of businesses to fall by the wayside with this persistent concentration by Council on Coogee Bay Road businesses. Please don't make ill informed decisions i.e. Council staff again making decisions for areas they don't even live in. Lastly please ensure your responsibility to the infirm or aged or anyone who may not have access to emails that timely letter box drops of this survey are delivered to ensure we meet our obligation of inclusiveness.
59	All the restaurants should be allowed to have outside tables even if this involves a narrower pedestrian walkway.
60	I think this should be done permanently, Coogee Bay Road from Brook St to Arden St should be a pedestrian area. Or at least from Vicar St to Arden. Not to make people in Arden street too difficult.
61	I support the removal of traffic and through traffic around Coogee bay and the Esplanade.
62	I support the Council being agile in it's response to and support of businesses trying to navigate a very uncertain and difficult time. More outdoor dining would be both beneficial for businesses and for the emotional support of the Randwick City residents who can safely enjoy social activities.
63	The only concern would be if it makes things too crowded and defeats social distancing purposes.
64	Council has removed many parking spaces over the years making life uncomfortable for locals who want to shop. Best prioritise local resident needs over visitors.
65	Love it! We need to remove car domination to make our communities more liveable.
66	It's a great proposal. Will revitalise and reframe the area.
67	Great idea!!
68	Suck to death of the traffic and chaos - need to get the cars away and make space for PEOPLE. Get the cars to park elsewhere so that people can walk in a safe and open manner rather than on crowded footpaths
69	Would actually be great to permanently close Coogee Bay Rd between Arden St and Brook St and create an outdoor area that allows for dining and entertainment.

	Comments
70	I feel we must embrace outdoor dining now and into the future. We have the climate to eat outdoors and now we a very good health reason for doing so. This is the future and we need to fully embrace it. Cars have dominated the landscape for far too long. Please remove all traffic between Arden and Brook Street.
71	This is a wonderful idea. I really like the 30kmh like Manly has done. I don't understand why traffic and car parking needs to be maintained - there are lots of other streets to drive down and park on. Why not open the whole section to pedestrians and bikes only?
72	There is a huge beach and park across the road. Isn't that a better space to maintain social distancing and encourage community involvement, without closing roads? Your great idea at Clovelly car park was a disaster. Please Randwick council just focus on the key goals you put out in your last master plan. COVID is impacting on every business in our council.
73	I would gladly see a reduced amount of traffic, in fact I would strongly support complete removal of cars altogether. The number of additional pedestrians in this area would more than compensate for any reduced business arising from loss of parking spaces. And think of the benefits to safety - kids running about. People playing music. How nice is the Manly corso?
74	The one way traffic flow in Coogee Bay Rd worked very well during the road works and construction of the new lighting etc . I think it should have been permanent one way flow. Parking on one side of the road and more footpath for pedestrians and dining.
75	Traffic is already very busy in the area, there are many restaurants and bars servicing the public and I don't think we should be distracting from businesses who may have been struggling during COVID restrictions
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77	I assume Council is aware of the NSW Government's Streets as Shared Spaces grant program?
78	as long as it goes back to normal after that. Afterall, there are many businesses that need help not just those near the beach that already have a natural attraction on
79	Excellent idea... easy to do and makes the whole area a good place to live and visit... Over 30 years a resident... keep up the good work and far reaching ideas...
80	More space for pedestrians the better = and spaces for people. I have no doubt this will create a vibrant community living space. Sydney is crying out for these opportunities.
81	To support businesses council must not charge extra for this facility. There should also be parking support for residents of Randwick Council. For example Free parking for residents (with limit) at town centres, beaches and parks similar to what they do in Bondi.

	Comments
82	this will kill coogee this will make it less accessible for older people or people with children this is a really silly idea
83	Close the road and open up the space.
84	Creating this shared space is only going to create more people traffic and no one will observe social distance. They don't now. It may be a good idea but social distancing will be ignored
85	Just want to say I'm a big supporter of this. I regularly visit Coogee cafes and restaurants, but I am quite "Covid cautious" and only ever sit outdoors. I do park along Coogee Bay Road at times, but I'd be willing to park further away and walk a few minutes extra in order to have this expanded space.
86	Bring the beach goes up to the shops. Right now there's no space up there so you stay away
87	I would consider increasing parking between Brook & Vicar st, by making it angled parking & then closing the road & making 100% pedestrian / seating between Vicar & Arden st (have a turning circle or something for cars at Vicar st & Coogee Bay Rd)
88	Congratulations for being innovative. It's a great strategy. The community will absorb the minor disruption and benefit from keeping their favourite conveniences.
89	Please keep two way traffic flow. Only provide parking for loading zone and disabled parking (one hour max) if you must proceed with this trial. Any space provided must be shared, not exclusive to one business. Therefore Council must shoulder the cost of tables, chairs and cleanup if it is serious about this proposal
90	Council should make a mall on this block and remove car traffic
91	My elderly parents find it challenging enough as it is to eat out in Coogee as there are not enough disabled car spaces that provide easy access to restaurants at the end of Coogee Bay Road. Please consider less mobile residents in your planning. Perhaps the problem isn't the outdoor dining space available Presently but the quantity of cafes and restaurants that Have completely saturated Coogee.
92	The question of maintaining parking and traffic is a tricky one. On the one hand parking would be great to provide accessibility to those who need it, including deliveries however there is the risk that if there is no parking patrons will just go somewhere else where they can park closer. No traffic could cause chaos and congestion on adjoining roads and make it less straight forward to navigate around Coogee which is one of the great things about this area. Then again, no parking and no traffic means kids, pets, people can walk/roam freely without worry in an area that is already getting quite congested with alot going on. It would mean we could also install street art works and enjoy cultural/street/fringe performances including music, talks and presentations etc

	Comments
93	I think coogee bay road should be one way traffic and more outdoor eating space
94	As locals, we already struggle with daily services access along Coogee Bay Rd due to increasing visitor numbers. In particular, safe access for elders and their carers to pharmacies and postal services has been made more difficult during COVID as people continue to flock to Coogee, often disregarding shared space access and social distancing. This has now spread from weekend pressure on shared space use to weekday, with changed working arrangements. There is no apparent monitoring or control of this by Randwick Council. While sympathetic to business interests, the current proposal will only worsen this over the summer months.
95	In view of Covid, I am strongly in favour of promoting out door activities wherever feasible. The issue of parking which is a problem even now, will become more difficult. Council needs to give consideration to how this can be addressed.
96	I am supportive as long as this is a trial that will be re-evaluated in 3 months. I would like the council to gather feedback from Residents again towards the end of the trial. Coogee bay road and coogee beach get very busy during the good seasons and it is important to see how things go. Especially now that with covid people don't take public transports as often as before, there is a risk of streets and parking getting congested. Also it is important to make sure that people with prams can still easily circulate on coogee bay road and that the extra tables outside the cafes don't make prams passage too hard. There are many families with prams in coogee.
97	If Coogee Bay Road is made one way, what alternative road allows traffic to go the other way?
98	parking needs to stay, one way traffic is a good idea. we do need to make the right hand turn from Coogee Bay Road into Brook street available again. i think outdoor dining is a great idea especially for summer.
99	Please remove traffic and parking. Or create a shared zone, with 10kmh speed to ensure deliveries can be maintained. there is only a handful of parking spaces, so majority of people arrive by bus, walk, cycle. I'd like to see Council conducting surveys, asking people how they arrived today, and show the businesses.
100	I prefer the two way vehicle traffic. The parking is unimportant. That sidewalk area is already so crowded (too crowded) with pedestrians it will defeat any attempts at social distancing for diners. Diners will add to the congestion already present

	Comments
101	<p>If you do proceed by offering additional outdoor seating and dining space, on footpaths, prohibit dogs even dogs on leads. People bring their dogs put them on leads and the dogs wander across the footpaths still attached to their leads making it difficult and dangerous for pedestrians to navigate past</p> <p>From my experience most dog owners who sit at cafes with dogs attached to their leads pay little or no attention to pedestrians trying to pass.</p> <p>Regardless if you do proceed please make clear that and well-defined pathways for passers-by.</p>
102	<p>I thought the one-way system between Arden and Brook Streets introduced while the footpaths were extended worked very well. I regretted the reversion to 2-way traffic. I look forward to the Council again creating a more pedestrian and human space in Coogee.</p>
103	<p>This should have been a permanent fixture when the recent up[grades occurred. A corso similar to Manly would be great for the community</p>
104	<p>I am a big supporter of local business. However in this climate I do not feel that governments (including local government) should be encouraging the spread of COVID19 by making it more attractive for people to come to one particular area (such as coogee bay road). Instead focus energy and money on other areas (and other ideas) in the council. Coogee bay road has just had a major redevelopment.</p>
105	<p>I support the current proposal. I would also support extending the Shared space along the northern section of the road from Vicar Street to Brooke Street. With a loss of 8 parking spaces, the consistent width will accommodate the larger volumes of pedestrians in summer periods which I am sure would bring much more footfall to the local businesses than the 8 spaces. The high volume on this side of the street is consistent between Arden Street and Brook Street due to sight lines.</p> <p>I would also suggest that Council collect data around the users of parking spaces (where they come from, where they are going) and pedestrian counts to inform the discussion with businesses around the impact of removal of parking here. The concern by businesses appears to be driven by fear and rightly so in this current economic climate.</p> <p>In my view, the ideal proposal would balance the needs of all by retaining parking along one side of the street, retaining one direction of vehicular travel, providing sufficient pedestrian and increased outdoor dining space and provision of a bicycle lane.</p> <p>I am a user of this area in the capacity as a local resident, i frequent the businesses there particularly cafes both during the day and evening. I am also a volunteer surf lifesaver and frequently experience this area at its busiest.</p>
106	<p>This sounds like a great idea. Try having the entire lower half of Coogee Bay Road as pedestrianised for some of the summer months - love the idea of street performers.</p>
107	<p>As long as pedestrian access is not restricted.</p>

	Comments
108	This is a great idea as cafe seating is limited indoors and to enable more people to enjoy food and support these businesses we need more tables outside and placed within social distancing rules.
109	It is a great opportunity under the current conditions to try new things that adapt and in the long run may even improve what Council does and how they do it.
110	Make it all pedestrian, create extra parking in surrounding areas. Look at providing this to all venues in the council area.
111	Would be good to make it a permanent mall closed to traffic
112	Turn it into a mall!
113	Yes, we'd love to see buskers and performers in Coogee! The central amphitheatre steps leading down to the center for the beach would be a wonderful spot for this, too :)!!!!
114	I think it is the perfect solution as most people feel more comfortable with outdoor seating options.
115	This proposal will not create more shared space it will merely cause even more crowding in Coogee Bay Road. As a long term ratepayer I do not want business encroaching on land that is currently public access. This survey is a cynical example of push polling and displays an inappropriate bias of Randwick Council towards giving over public access and open space to business interest.
116	Summer in Coogee Bay Rd is very very busy, people need room to move, there are groups walking together, stopping talking, window shopping, dogs and prams, no chance of social distancing. What I have seen business's are doing well in the Bay Rd. even with restricted numbers in cafes and restaurants. Keep traffic and parking how it is and don't narrow the road. Summer will bring crowds of people spending money and people need room to move.
117	It's a great plan. I'd like to see lots of bicycle parking included. More people are able to travel safely via bicycle than by car or public transport at present. There will also need to be lots of footpath space so that the footpaths aren't compressed by the outdoor dining space. It will be necessary to not put pressure on physical distancing needs.
118	Extend support to Carr Street including allowing Sugarcane to enhance their outdoor dining experience by installing clear blinds
119	Pedestrian space is far more important than beach front car access
120	Great initiative. Could be done for other busy parts of Randwick Council as well.
121	Providing more space for outdoor dining will not make a difference to physical distancing. It is not easy to walk along Coogee Bay Road now and it will only encourage more diners. Social distancing is not something a lot of young people understand.

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122	I'd be happy to see Coogee Bay Rd between Arden and Brook Sts closed to traffic entirely during Covid restrictions to allow restaurants to increase patronage while maintaining distancing laws. I currently avoid the area due to crowding. Even if it was only blocked part of the day - alternate between lunch and dinner times to be fair to all businesses. It's easy to get around this block by car so traffic flow should not be affected. Love the idea if street entertainers too! See Lau Pa Sat Hawker Centre in Singapore - every night one street is blocked off and tables set up for diners - highly popular and successful.
123	<p>I think it's unfortunate that parking is still going to be on both sides of the street. By having it on one side of the street and allowing further movement for pedestrians I believe it would be a more successful strategy.</p> <p>That area is congested with cars during the hotter months as is. By taking away the cars in that small part of Coogee Bay Road it would create a more pedestrian friendly environment. The current proposal, while doing something, has really shrunk from the original proposal of closing the street completely which is unfortunate.</p>
124	Looks good. It would be great to make the whole street pedestrian only.
125	I think it is an extremely important initiative. Even post COVID-19 it could be a good idea to continue with this idea. It may give the Coogee precinct a more cosmopolitan look
126	I'm thinking the shared space on one side of the road only will disadvantage businesses on the other side of the road. If you're reducing road, I think parking should also be reduced
127	I think this is a great proposal and gives colour and life to the street which belongs to people, not cars. We have had a change in circumstances with COVID and we need to keep adjusting our public spaces to reflect our current and future needs. Thank you for doing this!
128	Great idea
129	The proposal requires the diversion of buses and traffic into surrounding residential streets. It supposes that the business interests of a few outweighs the amenity of local residents who all of a sudden have buses from 4am and additional traffic diverted into their streets. Council should notify all residents of Brook Street, Carr Street, Alfreda Street and Dolphin Street by letter and invite feed back. You should also have appropriate studies done relating to the changed traffic conditions and the impact on residents. The number of eat in restaurants on the strip in which you propose to close are minimal. Who is driving this this selfish ill informed agenda. If you visit Coogee it is not apparent there is any decline in business activity along Coogee Bay Road.

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130	It is not clear what the impact on surrounding streets will be e.g. Carr St will need to take extra traffic. Also, this initiative is likely to attract many more people from out of the area (good for businesses) but does not provide a solution as to where they can park (bad for locals). Coogee in summer is already packed with traffic crawling around the streets looking for parking. Please come up with a solution to parking issues first. Council could also provide support to local businesses with other solutions - cash grants, outdoor dining on Goldstein Reserve, attracting locals to patronise the businesses through local-specific events, meaning they can walk or bus it to Coogee.
131	great idea
132	Reducing car traffic is a good initiative. To make it a more attractive option for people to travel to these areas by bike please ensure sufficient bike parking is installed. Attracting more live entertainment is also a great initiative and also supports musicians who have been hit hard by COVID.
133	The space since the path upgrade is perfect. There is not enough parking in the surrounding streets for a reduction in Coogee Bay Rd parking.
134	I'm supportive of more spaces for people to eat outdoors, I'm very supportive of having people okay music or perform, as a local I'm thinking the area does not need vehicle access except for commercial unloading, it would also be a great area to have lock in stands for bikes & scooters to park your own or rent if they have lock in bays.
135	More people traffic, less private vehicle traffic (excluding bikes) - couldn't think of anything more pleasant. Yes folks will complain that they can no longer drive & park their monster 4WD down that section to pick up their ice cream etc but lets keep doing what is for the greater good. Vehicle access for business delivery can still be permitted at certain off peak times.
136	If traffic is needed on Coogee bay road, then maybe 1 way west.
137	I had hoped Coogee Bay Rd between Arden and Brook St would have been made a pedestrian only soce like in Europe to encourage outdoor dining. There is no need for any traffic or parking there.

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138	<p>I applaud Randwick City Council for looking for ways to both support businesses and bring more vibrancy into our area. The ability to enjoy food, wine and company, al fresco, should be a celebrated event in our city. I moved here from Europe ten years ago and would love to see us utilise the outdoor spaces we have, more. I believe the Sydney CBD has shown how a lack of street level vibrancy, influences peoples behaviour and that area now feels very faded, even before COVID 19. The regeneration projects are now incorporating street level amenities for the public; 60 Martin place being a case in point.</p> <p>We should take every opportunity to utilise our spaces for public use. We are a two car family, but I believe cars, traffic and parking should not be placed above, public amenity.</p> <p>I would also like to thank Randwick City Council and all your staff for the wonderful job you do on developing and maintaining our public spaces. My family does not take this for granted. I view my rates as exceptionally good value given the progress I have seen in my three years in the Randwick City Council catchment, especially after eight years in the Waverley catchment, where my experience was not so good.</p> <p>Keep up the good work and the surveys.</p>
139	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amazing that ANY council puts out a proposal for 'one-way traffic' but fails to disclose in text or associated diagram which direction traffic is proposed. 2. Right turn from S-bound Arden traffic into Coogee Bay Rd ought be barred, as problematic, perhaps with bus exception. 3. I put a written submission to Council at time of original Coogee beachfront improvement saying beachfront road (Arden St) should not have 'an industrial look' by being used for bus parking. I proposed that buses should only 'pick-up' at kiosk bus-stop on Arden near Coogee Bay Rd. The buses waiting to start their run should be parked in reserved parking along North-side of Coogee Oval. 4. I have no problems with the Easternmost block of Coogee Bay Rd being a mall, PROVIDED none of the area is taken over by pub hooligans (ie not a defacto beer garden, as drinking pub patrons are dangerous to wider public).
140	Noise pollution is always a concern on Coogee, especially people waiting and talking outside the dining places. With more people on Coogee Bay Road dining all day, the local residents will be affected especially during night time.
141	Wider footpaths are positive. Please do not allow wider footpath areas to be occupied by outdoor dining. The cafes already crib areas beyond their boundaries at the inconvenience of pedestrians. Boundaries need to be enforced as there are far more pedestrians using the footpath than diners and the footpath is first and foremost to be used as a safe thoroughfare.
142	More than happy to park elsewhere and walk to Coogee Bay Rd to create a more open retail / social space.

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143	Traffic is already bad in the area and single direction will add more traffic to surrounding streets. How about pop-up outlets for local businesses in the reserve near the beach instead - different offerings different days using a common pop-up kitchen/cafe facility and showcase local business offerings.
144	There is a huge amount of public space right across the road with parks, and the promenade, that could be utilised for this purpose without disrupting traffic flow, or changing the main road in any way. Local businesses already made it clear this is not the right idea after the first proposal earlier this year. I thought they were successful in getting this ridiculous idea binned. Use the space that already exists instead of creating more chaos. (I'm also against any similar idea for Belmore Road). These are main roads that are very heavily congested, especially on the weekends with out of area visitors. Enough with the disruptions!
145	I have thought for a very long time that the area of Coogee Bay Road between Arden Street and Mount Street should be pedestrian-only (permanently). It would be a far more community friendly space, with plenty of space for outdoor dining, entertainment and walking around, without the danger and chaos of traffic. It would make Coogee a far more pleasant area to spend time. Much like the part of Oxford Street (in Bondi Junction) between Bronte Road and Newland Street. I had hoped this was the work that was being done on Coogee Bay Road last year but unfortunately it wasn't. Would be great to see this happen permanently!
146	I think its important that this is also about spaces for kids - not just little ones but teenagers too - what can teenagers do here that does not involve them having to spend money?
147	Its obvious what you are doing ! coveid 19 will soon end & we won't need social distancing at all. The fed & state gov initiatives have worked & we don't need local council to add reasons to convince us to do council wants using such a short term silly reasoning. Do you the public are that gullable? Think of some really good reasons to do this & tell us about it. Use statistics of how this has worked in the past & include benefits to all - increase of business turnover / residents amenity / traffic & parking / savings to ratepayers & landlords.
148	I think it would be a good idea to allow more space for dining, as long as we have plenty of room for pedestrians, as walking along the footpath at the weekends is getting very difficult at times. Street performers would be a great addition.
149	I really liked the one-way during the upgrade of the road and footpaths earlier this year. The traffic coming in from the beach-end worked very well. I think that it would be good to permanently change the road as making the footpaths wider is better for pedestrians and encourages more of the village feel in the strip.

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150	Really glad to see the council so responsive to businesses' needs at a tough time. I do wonder how more tables on the footpath will work with the increased foot traffic that summer will bring? Not sure how you can best handle that. Also conscious that there's high dog ownership in Coogee, might pay to keep an eye on dog/people interaction if the footpaths get crowded.
151	The one way traffic flow in Coogee Bay Rd was successful during the recent construction period, so it's worth trialing again. I can't see how it will provide more footpath table space. More outdoor eating space is needed in Coogee
152	it sounds like a good idea. lets try for 3 months and see
153	Council needs to be aware that Parking is at a premium now! Why shut down a very busy street that provides major access to the beach? It was mayhem and very disruptive when the pavement was renovated last year and caused serious loss of income to the very businesses Council is now "trying to support". It is patently obvious that Council is exploiting Covid to raise profits from the increased revenue Council will gouge from businesses, by renting extra outdoor tables .
154	Lets get behind our retailers and cafes and ensure their success
155	Maybe allow drinking of alcohol (in small amounts) in the park again.
156	Outdoor seating is critical to stop COVID spreading inside cafes/restaurants. Fantastic to achieve this whilst keeping parking on both sides of the road. Well done for being creative to support businesses and keep diners covid safe.
157	I think its a great idea BUT you will need to increase the no parking zone near the traffic lights at Arden St. At the moment, cars are able to park too close to the lights, so if 2 cars are waiting to turn left (due to pedestrians crossing) it blocks off the right hand turning lane. No-one can get past to turn right, and only 3 or 4 cars get through at each light change if you are lucky. On summer weekends, sometimes only 2 cars get through as pedestrians ignore the lights and just cross (please get police there to ticket this rampant jay-walking). If this happens, you might as well just shut the whole of Coogee Bay Rd.
158	Go for it
159	Just don't take away anymore parking spaces you have already reduced the number of spaces and if we want to pop into a local shop we need quick access. Never dare to put meters in Coogee Bay Road either.
160	With the chemist and medical centre in this section ,parking is paramount for those with restricted mobility - parking should be installed signage with a 30 minute time limit. Outdoor dining is a great idea and I would use it except for this walking past smoking !! If you were to make it a cigarette free zone and police it properly then I would change supportive to very supportive.

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161	<p>The residents spoke clearly, despite not being consulted, last time there was a proposal for changing Traffic Flow in Coogee Bay Road (pop up sandpit press across the world). They and me do not want it changed. The businesses themselves were also against it, apart from the big one or two owners. Please don't muck up surrounding streets and create more traffic mess by turning part of Coogee Bay Road one way. This is not the help the businesses need.</p>
162	<p>Hopefully more appealing for businesses, be interested to know if they felt they were impacted by the one way system during recent development.</p> <p>With parking remaining on both sides, I think this is a good compromise.</p> <p>As spring and summer ramps up there will be many more people on the streets so for safer social distancing this is a good idea. Be good to have a safe queue system for popular takeaways amongst seated diners and people walking by often with prams, sometimes wheelchairs etc. (ie businesses not just taking up the entire space for seating).</p>
163	<p>I would love this strip of Coogee Bay rd to be permanently closed to traffic! It would make it a much nicer community space.</p>
164	<p>Please provide a contraflow lane and/or signage to allow people on bikes to travel in both directions. This will be important to maintain access to the area, especially now that cyclist numbers have risen substantially since the beginning of the pandemic.</p>
165	<p>Turning Coogee bay road into one way will absolutely Jam & Stop and glow of traffic on Arden st North Up to and past Alison Rd and South at Malabar Road during weekends and summer. Have you tried to drive down Alison road lately on a weekend between Brook st and Arden st.. cars don't move... there is enough space at the beach and parklands for people to congregate ..why not remove all the additional items of no use like the Advertising Signs and Phone Booth's you have installed. Take a walk down both sides of Coogee bay rd and look at all the new obstructions you have installed for pedestrian traffic. Remove those items and achieve your social distancing. There are only a couple of shops where people stand outside waiting for a coffee or line up to get served where people start to congregate.. it is not a problem. Turning coogee bay rd into one way will cause problems to get people into coogee and out ..it doesn't need to be made into a community area , there is ample space around. Every local and visitor know the shops are there , they either use them or don't. Why try to reinvent the wheel .</p>

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166	Great initiative! I am very supportive of this proposal. Over the last few weekends I have observed how busy the street is particularly between the beach and Mount St and have been very concerned about how we are going to manage to socially distance in summer. There is little social distancing going on and its hard to avoid people when walking up from the beach. Further, it was my observation that the traffic moved way more efficiently when the road was one way while the paving was re-done. With two-way traffic if someone wants to park the entire road is jammed while that person parks if no-one can get around because of oncoming traffic. Change to one way and people can go around the parking vehicle.
167	I'm supportive as long as no car spaces are taken away. Businesses rely on shoppers being able to stop and shop easily. If any car spaces are taken away, then I am not supportive.
168	I drive, and I didn't mind it when Coogee bay road was one-way during construction work. Pre Covid, I was keen for more outdoor dining space. However, still concerned about Covid with overcrowding outside (both pedestrian or dining)
169	It would be great to close Coogee Bay Road from Arden to Brook street and have as a pedestrian zone. It would enable more socially distant foot traffic for shop fronts and relaxed al fresco dining.
170	As a local resident who drives to Coogee Bay Rd on a regular basis for groceries, pharmacy, and eating out, I am opposed to making Coogee Bay Rd one way. We experienced this during the upgrade, and it was extremely inconvenient. It adds a substantial amount of time to a quick trip to the shops as drivers are forced into Arden St, which will only become even more congested. As this time the road changes will be during summer, the impact will be so much worse. It acts as a deterrent and will damage the regular and loyal business that these businesses currently receive. It diminishes the liveability for the locals. Please think about the locals and the liveability of our suburb, not just the visitors.
171	I feel more information is needed before supporting the trial as I noticed the expression of interest call for entertainers. I am supportive of changes to enable covid distancing and to provide more dining space but that's different to making the changes to attract more people with music/entertainment?
172	Until Social Distancing signs removed & no threat to close our beach - this is a very stupid idea. Once those restrictions lifted would very much support this on WEEKENDS. Our local Post Office is already very hard to get to - particularly if you have parcels - these road restrictions would make it impossible.
173	It's a good idea to support businesses during these times. I don't like the one way only between those streets and don't understand the reason behind it.
174	One way will affect all traffic on surrounding streets - not supportive

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175	Please do not make Coogee bay rd one way. It was a traffic nightmare when it was one way during road works to replace the footpaths. It causes so much extra traffic Issues on Arden, Carr, Brook and Dolphin St. Completely unnecessary.
176	I do not support closing coogee bay rd to traffic or reducing current limited parking. Initiatives that increase people density will only lead to breaches of social distancing protocol and infection outbreaks. I appreciate businesses have it tough. Fortunately the large Number of uber eats delivery Drivers in the area can support the takeaway trade. An outbreak in Coogee will be catastrophic given the significant aged population. Listen to the silent majority. I wonder how many residents over the age of 60 will receive an online survey to complete? I suggest a paper survey of residents within 3km of CBR will better capture community views.
177	Remove parking spaces, and can we plant small trees or shrubs to create canopy cover, to make it more attractive please. This will help combat the heat of summer.
178	Great idea - let's have more pedestrian areas and fewer roads
179	This seems like a great idea if we weren't in the middle of a pandemic. Encouraging people to go out in public spaces seems extremely irresponsible, unless the goal is to try and start a new Covid-19 hotspot in Coogee.
180	I'm all for supporting local businesses who have been doing it tough during COVID-19, however, I believe that looking into providing more parking in the area would be far more beneficial in bringing in more to the area. As a local of over 50 years, I find myself avoiding Coogee Bay Road due to the lack of parking. I also believe the paid parking on the eastern side of Coogee Oval should be free for the first 30-60 minutes so that people can utilise these spaces for shopping. A combination of some of your suggestions along with increasing parking would be a good compromise.
181	COVID times calls for new thinking, new ways of doing things - all while keeping people safe and businesses alive. This plan sensibly seeks a balance of the two. Coogee is for residents though businesses need the crowds that come with the summer months to survive. Well done Randwick Council for trialling this plan.
182	I support this measure as it provides a space for patrons of struggling businesses to eat/shop safely. The main place we go to eat in Coogee is Excel for chickens rolls and satay chicken, and my kids and I usually eat on the steps by the beach, but I think this initiative would be good for the residents and the businesses on the street.
183	There is already a great amount of space gained by cafes, restaurants predominantly since the last works on Coogee Bay Road. No matter how much space given, businesses will always take more to the exclusion of footpath pedestrians who footpaths are for primarily. In this Coronavirus time it is NOT a good suggestion. No matter how much space PEOPLE are NOT social distancing, least of all visitors to the area of whom there are many Spring, Summer and Coogee Beach.

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184	With the Pandemic Coogee has been quieter than it usually would be, no tourists has been a huge issue. For the bank, if customers can't park easily they simply won;t come to Coogee. I have spoken to many businesses affected by this change and many are not interested in being able to have outdoor seating. Most are worried about traffic flow, customers being able to park and deliveries being able to be received. After long issues with the upgrade to the roads and paths, I think its time things are left alone.
185	Without a detailed traffic plan and an assessment of the impact on other Coogee streets it is difficult to support this proposal. We live in Brook Street and the increase in traffic associated with the one way movements on Coogee Bay Road during the reconstruction made life very difficult. Add to that confusion with bus routes, particularly the 370 which uses the road on a two way basis. The recent reconstruction has already provided wider footpaths to better facilitate outdoor dining, and that has provided a significant boost to the local cafes and restaurants.
186	The business have to be innovative to improve their business. I don't see this as an important barrier for businesses in Coogee. The issue is people not coming to Coogee from other areas/states/countries. The change in the shared space will not change the basic problem of low number of people out and about in the area.
187	Please VERY carefully consider the traffic flow and direction that you implement this change, as people will likely drop passengers off and do big loops around to pick them back up again after the passenger has purchased takeaways. Its already very congested at the shops, and remember that if you can only go one way up the hill, you need to come back down from a long way to the right or left of Coogee bay rd, due to the one way at McDonalds and the no right turn from Alfreda back to Arden, and also the other direction sends you up Brook and all the way to Carr St to get you back to Coogee Bay Rd via busy Arden St. Could create log jam. Is always very heavy traffic there particularly on summer days. Arden carries heavy number of buses and car traffic, and is very slow to enter by coming down Coogee Bay Rd, as the pedestrian traffic is very high and only one or two cars can get around the corner on the green light. Makes flow very slow Perhaps close the proposed section of Coogee Bay Rd to cars to make this idea worthwhile??
188	I think that whole area would be better as a pedestrian mall. However there would need to be more accessible streets for driving and more parking provided nearby.
189	The work already undertaken on Coogee Bay Road looks fantastic and, personally I find that parked cars detract from the street and shops. I welcome trials that support more pedestrian and active public domain space.
190	Being able to park on Coogee Bay Rd is convenient, but the road is much more pleasant to walk along and sit outside when there is no traffic.
191	Please be mindful of residents of Vicar St who will be affected by the changed traffic conditions. It would be best to discourage traffic from Coogee Bay Rd to avoid congestion.

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192	I think it is a great idea, there should be more outdoor dinner plenty of music and if possible have one way traffic.
193	This is the best idea that the council and the locals have arrived at in years. The fact that it was tested during the redevelopment of Coogee Bay Rd, and worked so well, just proves it will enhance the local environment, keep access to the shops, and allow parking. A win all round.
194	This area of Coogee has needed to be redeveloped for many years and this is now the ideal time to trial something new. Let's open up the area for pedestrians and diners. Good luck.
195	N/a
196	Essential to maintain the taxi rank on Coogee Bay Rd outside the Coogee Bay Hotel.
197	I feel that this is an important move to keep what is the hub of Coogee a covid safe space. The few parking spaces that will be lost or disruption to flow of traffic to me is of little consequence when maintaining safety throughout this pandemic. Coogee Bay Rd is a congested strip at the best of times and any efforts to promote social distancing and safety amongst our community is a must in my eyes.
198	As a resident who walks everywhere I would like less consideration of cars please
199	They are already a huge number of people who congregate in Coogee Do we really want to attract more people?
200	This is a great initiative, supporting local business, arts, encouraging respectful and well managed human connection. Well done Randwick!
201	speed limit should be 10 kph. Don't know which way the one way is planned to be (assume towards the east). I often park on CBR to go to local businesses quickly and doing away with parking would mean I wouldn't go to those businesses. There's not much other parking around - need to keep time limits for parking half an hour or less. Could have a timed period e.g. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. when road is closed, but probably impractical. Making CBR one way only during the day will be a pain for local residents but no doubt they will cope. I suspect it will increase congestion on Arden St significantly, Arden St is already a car park at busy times.
202	Agree with proposal for one way more outdoor dining
203	Great idea -but I think it is important that the road stays open and parking is available. I think all businesses need to be considered not just the ones providing dining. It's important that people can access the groceries, chemist and the ability to drive and park is available.
204	Can we make the extra space for pedestrians and reduced speed zone permanent?
205	One way traffic improves safety and worked well during the recent street works

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206	It would be fantastic to have a more pedestrian town centre for the local community we would definitely go out and eat out more if we had more opportunity to sit outside. My husband, children and I often went on Coogee bay Rd a couple of times a week for lunch and/or dinner but since Covid we haven't been out at all. We would love the opportunity to support the local cafes and restaurants again if we were able to sit outdoors.
207	I think the shared space proposal is a terrible idea! Didn't the recent road works put many out of business? We have green space and an entire beach, just a stones throw away from Coogee Bay Road. Take away dining and social distancing is easily achieved without closing roads. As a local rate paying resident I will do all I can to oppose this proposal.
208	Great initiative. The street worked really well as a one-way earlier in the year and widening the footpath makes sense coming up to summer.
209	You have omitted to state which way traffic would flow if Coogee Bay Rd between Arden and Brook St is one way. Could you explain how this proposal would affect bus routes.
210	That part of Coogee Bay road has all the potential to become a better version of "the corso in manly". It would be great to see Coogee's "corso" hosting boutique food and wine festivals, diverse national celebrations, arts and cultural family-oriented events.
211	Coogee Bay Road does not need to be altered for social distancing to occur. Social distancing IS essential but is not currently practised in that area. Most people foolishly do not wear masks. If there is dining permitted on the footpath it would be extremely difficult for pedestrians to walk along and keep a safe distance from diners. Consideration must be given to residents who are in high risk categories for COVID19, and who require easy and direct access to medical and pharmacy services in that section of Coogee Bay Road. This means parking along that area is essential. It is also a fact that due to the highly contagious nature of COVID19, many people feel a very high level of anxiety where there are crowded spaces. This proposal would add enormously to that anxiety.
212	Use the trial to close CBR to traffic entirely for the 3 month period - no traffic, no parking and make it an entirely pedestrian area. We already know the impact of one way traffic from the recent period when the roadworks were completed. Avoid street performers! This causes large numbers to congregate in semi circles.
213	Parked cars detract from the ambience and the act of parking creates congestion and leave other traffic idling and exuding fumes on pedestrians and diners
214	The one way option was fabulous whilst you were updating the street. I'm all for bringing it back. The outdoor dining especially over summer is a terrific idea.

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215	<p>If you take away two way traffic on Coogee bay road, I will simply drive somewhere else to purchase my goods from businesses in other areas.</p> <p>If you want support businesses reduce their rates on outdoor dining etc, dont take away the access for the public to access their services.</p> <p>There are other businesses on Coogee bay road that don't have dining facilities like real estates agents, clothing shops, grocers and bottle shops</p> <p>And while we're here, to support businesses during this time, why not add designated motorcycle parking bays so businesses can have more access to more delivery services AND walk in business from driving/parking customers. Motor bikes are constantly blocking up car parks creating less car parks. This causes a reduction In access and therefore \$ spent.</p> <p>I'm sure a very easy way to see the financial benefits of such a proposal is to look at data from the last road works which either closed Coogee bay road, or the one way traffic scenario.</p>
216	Some greenery, trees for shade would be a good idea
217	<p>We have already had over a year of disruption with the CBR upgrade works. There are already too many people moving through CBR and the beaches area - this currently does not meet social distancing requirements. Your proposal to allow cafes , restaurants etc to have more dining patrons by giving them greater area to spread out in - is in itself an admirable goal, however it will result in more foot traffic to the area which is already too busy to allow proper social distancing. For this reason and the fact that the residents of Coogee have already endured major disruption to Coogee Bay Road last year, this proposal should not go ahead. This is a misguided proposal that will do more harm than good.</p>

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218	<p>I am opposed to plans to close Coogee Bay /Arden Street intersection to ONE WAY Traffic and expand the footpaths to support a handful of businesses while the bulk of other businesses will loss local customers and their \$\$\$'s, due to "one off" non locals parking.</p> <p>Due to the local shop keepers and massive Community rejection the original unsatisfactory Coogee Bay /Arden Street total closure, was rightly "caned". Now this is second best thing attempt by some Councillors, Coogee Chamber of Commerce , Coogee Bay Hotel and Jack Horner who are now driving this new expansion idea.</p> <p>The people who work, shop, live and play at the beach DO NO WANT this to become an Entertainment Precinct ie drinking destination with buskers. We have spent years trying to make it family friendly but Council seems to discount that fact.</p> <p>I believe that all the other shops are opposed to this 2nd wave model. We don't need further difficulty to travel due to "one way Street" or parking hassles, as this will attract more "out of towners".</p> <p>You have made no consideration for Disabled People, elderly and Mums with Bubs in prams trying to navigate tables and chairs on the footpath. As it is, it can already be difficult for my Husband to pass those cafes where some seating is located on the footpath. Wider pavement means more tables and chairs and less ease of movement for pedestrians. I can't see any consideration for decent shade trees along this expanded concrete footpath and no extra benches for those who need to stop and rest awhile.</p>
219	<p>I think reducing traffic on Coogee Bay Road is a great idea. One way traffic is a good solution and the ability to open footpaths for dining will add to the area.</p>
220	<p>We have already suffered through months of construction along Coogee Bay Road. Surely the local Chamber of Commerce was consulted? I do not want to see their wishes take precedence over the rights & convenience of local residents.</p> <p>Encouraging tourism during a pandemic puts local lives at risk, especially now our area is a Covid19 hotspot.</p> <p>Leave Coogee Bay Road alone! Let Coogee keep its village character!</p>

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221	<p>Hello, I'd love to see the council completely pedestrianise the area from Brook Street to Arden Street, or even just Vicar street to the beach. I was saddened that the previous proposal to do this didn't go ahead. I also think pedestrianising the mall would create a better community vibe and would love to see this happen this summer.</p> <p>I think at least for the summer months or weekends when crowds are at an all time high it would be great for businesses to space out and for people to access the beach on foot. There is hardly any room for both pedestrians and business patrons as it is, during summer the queues for Melonhead, The Courtyard, Excel Rolls and now Fishbowl are huge and obstruct pedestrian access to that side of Coogee Bay Road. I don't see the value of still allowing one way traffic, and think that this could pose risks to the community. I also have concerns about crowds visiting the beach this summer and think that limiting parking and vehicle accessibility is a good strategy to control these crowds. Exceptions should be given to members of society with disability and mobility issues, but I think people relying on getting to Coogee by car should be limited and priority be given to public transport users and pedestrians for once.</p>
222	<p>I think the whole space should be for pedestrians - this has worked immensely well in other areas. I feel it will create a more "village feel" which is one of the foundations of the Coogee vibe and structure. It will also encourage more social activity and safety for all including those with young children and mobility issues. My opinion is that we do not need cars travelling up and down that street at all - let's open it up for pedestrians to freely walk and socialise.</p>
223	<p>Please ensure that bicycles be allowed in the road space in the affected two blocks in a two-way direction by signage only.</p>
224	<p>There is plenty of space for the restaurants and cafe's along Coogee Bay Rd to allow for safe distancing. Walk along CBRd and most outdoor seating is empty, except for some weekends. With one way traffic our street, Carr, will be inundated with traffic as we were when the works were recently carried out on CBRd. Traffic on Carr streets over the weekend at the moment, not even peak season, is banked up continually between Arden and Brook Streets. It is near impossible to drive out of our garages. We do not want the buses and trucks returning along our street as they won't be able to use CBRd. Councils money would be better spent in Kensington or Kingsford where businesses have suffered for years with the Light Rail construction and now COVID-19.</p>
225	<p>I believe this will result in a "grab" by the coffee shops and restaurants for extra footpath space that that will not be forfeited after COVID 19 is long gone</p>
226	<p>I think we've had more than enough changes in Coogee Bay Road. Besides the clothing stores every business in Coogee Bay Road should be booming with so many more people working from home. There's already too many tables and chairs on the footpath. You can't turn right into Brook Street any more and heaven forbid the traffic problems that will follow if it's one way considering the PO is in Vicar Street. I am totalling against any more disruptions to what was once a lovely suburb.</p>

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227	Do not think we need more dining space, need more space for people to walk socially-distanced. Can the road not be made shared, with vehicle max speed of 10kmh?
228	Council should make it clear to residents that buses and emergency vehicles will be diverted along residential streets. There is nothing in this consultation to alert people to that.
229	It's difficult enough to get parking anyway, & worse with proposed closing the road. Please consider those who need disability parking to do their shopping, banking & other appointments. More open-air eating spaces will just mean more people flocking to overcrowded Coogee.
230	While I wish that enough people were taking the covid situation seriously, sadly they are not. On many days CBR "is heaving" and the local businesses have customers, so i don't really see the NEED for this proposal. I am all for keeping the local businesses supported, and I feel that the vibe you intend to create could indeed be very nice, HOWEVER, not at the expense of 2 way traffic. If you intend to close off a lane of traffic, i am against this proposal, but instead offer a different solution: add in the proposed extra distanced seating AND keep the two way traffic. To accommodate this, lose some of the parking; the time limits imposed are already not conducive to dining. This would solve the problem of the added space required to dine in a socially distanced space, and keeps the traffic moving. An even BETTER ALTERNATIVE would be the added seating being extended to the curb, with just a narrow space for pedestrians. As a resident of one of the surrounding streets, the added traffic in the residential streets surrounding Coogee Bay Road was atrocious last summer with busses barrelling down the street, as well as the added cars vying for all the residential parking spots. We live here; we want to maintain our parking and we want to keep our streets safe from vehicular traffic during the day as well as quiet during the night.
231	We have been hoping this one way section would be put into practice A very good idea
232	Coogee is already very 'lively' and busy and this proposal will increase the number of people. It will not help social distancing but make it worse. In many venues, distances between diners have not increased significantly and this idea seems to be just a money grab for the summer season. I am a local resident and rate payer with mobility restrictions using the medical centre, chemist, post office, grocer etc. and I'm already struggling to find parking. This issue has been worsened since the pandemic as Coogee has been much busier than usual over the last few months. There is not a lot of disability parking in central areas and those spaces are mostly occupied. The spots near the oval are too far away to be very useful. More people (and dogs) on the footpath will make the area even harder to navigate, busier and more likely to become a pandemic hotspot.

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233	<p>I think it's a great idea, it would make me feel better about going out to a cafe/restaurant and support local businesses, also would feel better about walking along Coogee bay road as its difficult to distance from people even in the early morning!</p> <p>I also dont have a problem with the road being closed to traffic as there are alternative routes cars can take, and it would be better for people and out door dining to have no car fumes in the air</p>
234	<p>It is absolutely essential that Coogee Bay Road remains open to two way traffic, allowing locals access to essential shops like groceries and pharmacy.</p>
235	<p>Cycling must be allowed in the space. It would be best for two way cycling to be allowed in the road space, otherwise, if no access for bikes is allowed, for safety, cycling may compete for space with people walking, causing further conflict.</p>
236	<p>We have stopped frequenting Coogee as we cannot park, also for the record, quite a few of our friends feel the same. Only people who go there now are outsiders and backpackers NOT locals.</p>
237	<p>Businesses need more patrons. Social distancing is crucial. It is important to keep the crowds controllable. How will the council do this now that summer is upon us?</p>
238	<p>would be great if you could get rid of the buses, they are loud and really bully their way up the road and deter from the atmosphere. I fully support outdoor dining but the road needs to remain open to cars/bikes so that people can park there and support the businesses. As the weather warms up it will be critical to have extra space there so that people can maintain social distancing.</p>
239	<p>I would advise you to research urban planning in other countries, particularly in Europe where pedestrian streets are the norm. I envision a complete pedestrian strip from Brook street down to Arden Street where people can dine alfresco, sit under trees and watch street performers. This would attract even more visitors to the area. Coogee beach is stunning, however the urban environment is ugly and unappealing and disappoints visitors to the area. There is so much opportunity here. Please have a look at this case study to see how incremental changes but huge social and economic benefits to the community.</p> <p>https://globaldesigningcities.org/publication/global-street-design-guide/streets/pedestrian-priority-spaces/pedestrian-only-streets/pedestrian-streets-case-study-stroget-copenhagen/</p> <p>This could be trialed incrementally and I have no doubt that the economic benefits from increased foot traffic will override any losses to parking fees.</p>
240	<p>A one way road is a great idea</p>

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241	<p>Thank you for continuing to look at ways to support local businesses and residents in the Coogee area.</p> <p>One suggestion I have is to make Coogee Bay Road, between Arden Street and Brook Street, totally pedestrianised. Think Pitt Street Mall or Manly Corso. This would create a lot more space for pedestrians and outdoor dining, whilst also encourage people to walk to the shops instead of making a short drive.</p>
242	<p>This is an excellent idea. It is an innovative and considered solution that will provide much needed extra foot traffic to Coogee's high street. Multiple studies and real world examples from around the world show pedestrianizing are a huge benefit to businesses and locals alike.</p>
243	<p>It's a fantastic idea, that would attract more foot traffic to local businesses and give the high street a more social, people friendly atmosphere that will also improve the area and community feel.</p> <p>Currently the foot traffic congestion on the side walk at times is at over capacity. I often need to walk on the road with my baby to avoid people who can not safely social distance.</p> <p>I've seen this type of scheme work very successfully in London. I am confident it would work well here also.</p>
244	<p>Buses should be as little affected as possible, bicycles should be allowed both ways in that zone</p>
245	<p>I think Coogee bay rd should be completely closed to traffic between Arden st and Vicar st, making it a mini mall. There are enough streets around for traffic.</p>
246	<p>I'm a bit over the attention Council is paying to the businesses Coogee Bay Rd. Council doesn't seem to understand that it is basically supporting tourism to the detriment of the local community. We don't want more people here. Locals can hardly get around as it is. The kinds of business that have taken over Coogee bay Rd are largely second rate eateries that appeal to visitors. Real shopping for real families has almost become extinct because locals find it hard to access the shops due to reduced parking and the shops such as hardware, fruit shops, butchers, deli's etc have become rare. 20-30 years ago Coogee Bay Rd was a real high street. Now it hardly bares visiting. Locals don't want piles of people eating on the footpaths - you can hardly move up and down in summer as it is with dogs and prams and chairs and tables. The business you are helping to attract create so much disposable garbage that we residents have to pay to get rid of or end up picking up ourselves. Why are you hell bent on spending council money on these businesses that have so much passing trade anyway? Please stop spending our rates on them! There is enough of interest in Coogee that we don't need ridiculous "place making" projects. Just let it be and if anything reduce the amount of space businesses have on the pedestrian paths - pedestrians need more of it, not less.</p>

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247	This proposal for shared space on Coogee Bay Rd is a great idea. Thanks for organising a pilot. Please consider similar pilots on Arden St near Coogee Beach, Belmore Rd near the shops, Anzac Pde in Maroubra, and other areas with lots of people walking around.
248	I think it's a great suggestion, during construction work for the initial widening and poles/wires removal little traffic impact was noticed. There is a lot of parking still available and it should encourage other methods of travel
249	This proposal is daft. You just spent years upgrading Coogee Bay Road and there seems to be constant attempts to undo everything about it.
250	In theory OK but there needs to be a few corrections. If COVID regulations are to apply during summer (most likely) then there should be enough space on the footpath for cafe patrons and pedestrians to be separated by 1.5m. During summer the crowds of pedestrians will mean there is no room for both even with the current widened footpath. There is hardly enough room now for 2 people to pass when cafe tables are set out on the widened footpath. The solution is to remove all parking and have the footpath take up that space. If there is entertainment there has to be adequate space for the audience and passers-by.
251	I would absolutely love to see the whole road closed between Arden St and Brook St and the parking and road replaced with seating and trees (native please!) and shade structures. I would also love to see more pedestrian crossings on Arden St (esp one near the Dolphin St roundabout and one near Bream st), and pedestrian crossings on Brook St near the Coogee Bay Rd roundabout would make it much safer for kids walking home from school. I am couldn't be more enthusiastic about having a pedestrian friendly area with lovely outdoor dining!
252	Should be one-way all year. The footpaths should have been extended last year. Make it into a village atmosphere and close the road regularly and you could have a great market like the Salamanca Markets in Tasmania on a regular basis. Would bring in people and really benefit the local business.
253	<p>Please find a way to enforce the speed limits for the buses on Coogee Bay Rd. They currently openly flout the current 40 or 50 km/h limits, and unless meaningful action is taken they are not likely to respect a 30 km/h limit. Turning the road into a pedestrian-friendly area is totally not compatible with buses roaring up and down the road. I see near misses a lot, and a tragedy will happen one day for sure. Perhaps they can simply be banned from that stretch of road. Apart from safety, it sure will improve the ambience of your planned shared space. I sure won't be sitting in an outdoor cafe with buses roaring past me every few minutes, breathing down bus fumes.</p> <p>So, if the plans can be safely put in place, then go for it. If it does not work, then we can always change it back. best wishes!</p>

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254	This is another forced choice survey designed to box people in. I am actually supportive of council helping business but not at the expense of closing down or substantially blocking and slowing down the speed limit on Coogee Bay road and giving over all the public footpaths to private businesses. Also its a incorrect that this will substantially improve social distancing as outdoor dining. Council has not presented any medical research to show this and crowded outdoor spaces will simply increase the risk of COVID being transmitted to unwitting bystanders and would not substantially decrease the risk to diners.
255	I think this is a terrific idea with positive outcomes for community health, quality of life, and business. I see almost no negatives. Coogee Bay road was one way for several months this year and it worked fine. I think all the parking could be taken out to provide even more public space!
256	There is far too much traffic in Coogee. We are in the 2020s and vehicles are still being treated as more important than anything else. Coogee should be more cycle and pedestrian friendly in order to progress. This would also alleviate the pressure on the few parking spaces available in the suburb. I know there's not much that can be done about Arden St (it completely cuts off so much of the community from the beach) but changing Coogee Bay Road is a start. Perhaps we could increase the time for pedestrians to cross Arden crossings going forward. On a nice day, there are hundreds of pedestrians waiting to cross, cramped on the pavement watching a handful of people in cars take priority. Appreciate that Randwick council is taking steps to improve things though.
257	During the renovations one way traffic worked really well, except when buses where diverted and extra distances had to be carried out on foot. This was dangerous late at night. There has been a massive increase in foot traffic during COVID with many people travelling to the area. As a resident it is really important that our safety is looked after not just the drinking venues / businesses in the area. One way is good however have you do something about parking and the influx or vehicles to the area, including builders tracks, vans and Utes.
258	Very strongly support this becoming permanent. It's a fantastic destination and people outnumber cars at times restaurants need patrons. If its tooto walk then taxi, Uber bus or bicycle there, it's what I do.

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259	<p>I think it's a ridiculous idea to make CBR one way as this doesn't benefit locals at all - it's only to the benefit of those that visit on weekends/for lunch and brunch.</p> <p>It is particularly inconvenient for those living in Coogee who need to quickly head down to the shops - it creates far more congestion on Arden Street and is completely out of the way to head down this way only to drive back up through one way traffic. I don't see the point in extending the outdoor dining area boundary, when I believe the initial issue was the little room for those walking up and down Coogee Bay Road because of the outdoor dining in the first place. Why aren't we fixing this rather than just extending the outdoor dining even more to make it more inconvenient for those doing quick errands, walking the dog, grabbing a quick coffee. In reality, the retailers along Coogee Bay Road are always going to be busy, where there is extended outdoor dining or not. Don't inconvenience actual locals for the benefit of a few dollars from those from out of town.</p>
260	Great idea!
261	Would be a great idea to close CBR to traffic and make it an outdoor pedestrian space like the Corso at Manly. Businesses would thrive and it would make the area look great!
262	As a living vibrant community by the sea, the less reliance we have on cars and the more on walking bikes and open space activities the better for our health and our businesses.
263	Just worried about increased traffic on Arden Street and people getting impatient. I hate all street noise and traffic but that's part of city live. But I also drive... but actually more supportive of more outdoor eating space...
264	Council must stop being so anti cars - we all have cars and people will not give them up. Your anti car policy is making people angry, you need to somehow work on true shared spaces - cars, pedestrians, bikes, buses - they can do it in Europe and Asia where space is minimal why cant you get it right it here. You need to get up todat with urban planning trends https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-23/the-pedestrian-mall-was-already-dead-before-covid-19-hit/12582946
265	Just turn that block into a walkway. Those businesses will get even more customers as it will become a destination other than the beach.
266	Coogee needs to maintain its public space not lessen it because of business priorities. Increasing dining on footpaths lessens space for people trying to navigate what is already a crowded space. This is just another campaign by the Chamber of Commerce.
267	We have already been inconvenienced enough with the redundant renovation of Coogee Bay Rd. We do not want further changes to traffic. Encouraging more people to sit on the footpath and dine is not an intelligent way to help businesses it just pisses of locals who use the street for other things other than dining.
268	I think it's very important to maintain 2 lanes of traffic, as it was during the last upgrade, to avoid congestion whilst a car waits for a parking spot. A single lane of traffic would be dreadful for the summer traffic load.

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269	It is great to see council looking for ways to support local business during this time. It is important to maintain two way traffic flow on Coogee Bay Road.
270	The foot traffic is bad now with less space will be worse. Residents need access to shops and parking. Not all residents are young. I do not support proposal at all and as a ratepayer not happy if council agrees
271	The Council does not need to support businesses in Coogee, the federal government is there to do that job. The pandemic will be over at some point in the near future and for the perceived short term gain for a few who like the notion, you are willing to inconvenience a lot of residents with restrictive traffic, parking and alternative bus routes.
272	You haven't detailed traffic flows. Which direction will be one way? What effect on the other streets? What will happen to bus routes - 370,314? Why only Coogee Bay Rd businesses?
273	I strongly believe that more pedestrian Nised spaces improve urban environments in general and all the more so given the pandemic. I think they were both environmental and social benefits to restricting car parking and most of all I think that making possible safe human connection is an absolute priority. The fact that it supports our local businesses at the same time is an extra win. It's a no brainer for me
274	I do not agree with making Coogee Bay Rd a one way street. The traffic congestion around the Brooke St/Coogee Bay Rd intersection builds up creating havoc. It is near impossible to turn right from my driveway heading south along Brooke St. The build up of traffic at the lights is slow and chaotic. When Woolworths trucks are reversing or wanting to reverse, the hold ups are significant. This was very evident with the upgrade of Coogee bay Rd when it became single lane during construction. Also there is already minimal free parking around the shopping District, this would be even harder if spaces were taken away. It's nice to support businesses but residents also need to be considered.
275	I prefer to walk to the Coogee beachfront area, so parking is not important to me. This proposal will enhance the local area and attract local residents who can walk or come by bus. It will capitalize on our warm climate, improve local amenities for residents, and provide outdoor dining opportunities in a covid safe manner, which will attract increased custom for our local businesses.
276	I think go the whole hog for the three month trial and shut down Coogee Bay road to car traffic (just allow for loading for the businesses) it will make sitting outside so much more pleasant and enjoyable and give more space! I'm not sure who owns the paid car park on Arden Street, in front of the sport field, but perhaps this could have a dedicated section of free 30min parking during the trial, to replace the parking on Coogee Bay Rd? Thanks for this idea though - great to see council supporting businesses in new and creative ways!!

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277	I believe this is a great idea, and I definitely support a full closure of that part on Coogee Bay road over the warmer months of the year (September - April). This will create a great space for families to move around freely without having to worry about traffic.
278	Go all the way, and make it a mall between Brooke and Arden st, like Pitt st Mall, I don't think it's too healthy having outdoor dining, eating while breathing in car exhaust, let's reclaim the streets for pedestrians, people will be healthier by walking more and the air will be cleaner with no cars there.
279	As a resident on Vicar Street, I completely disagree with this venture. The fact that council wants to entice and invite people to gather during this pandemic is stupidity at its finest. How about the council charge less rates for the businesses to give them some leeway as oppose to spending more money to change the newly built Coogee bay road. It's hard enough trying to get a parking spot as a resident and now you're inviting more people out of area to those limited spots that residents rely on. I for one will avoid the area altogether and will support businesses elsewhere. Co-mingling and shopping locally on Coogee bay road should this go ahead would be reckless on my part as I live in a household where 3 members of my family have compromised immune systems. I will also tell family and friends to avoid the area if this venture goes ahead. No thanks!!!
280	If you start to cut down traffic on one of Coogee's main roads, all other roads will eventually get congested. Coogee is growing more and more each year, parking spaces are already hard to find. There's enough space for outdoor dining, and Coogee isn't all about the cafes (no matter how much we all do appreciate their presence). We have a magnificent natural area in the parks and beaches, please don't prioritise business over people being able to drive their personal vehicle to the beach, we want all types of people to come from far and wide to visit and if you take away spaces to drive, the suburbs streets will become congested with traffic all day long and make the area noisier, more polluted, and hotter (especially during the summer). We don't want Coogee to turn into some kind of second city centre! Arden Street is already full for many hours of the day, adding more traffic that can be diverted will make it worse (its already been more packed post Coogee Bay Rr construction over the last year). Also, making a massive and potentially permanent change to a suburb just because of COVID19 shouldnt be a priority, people live here and the virus can also be beaten by wearing masks and being responsible of personal health (we don't need to change the world around so people can preserve the routine of their day). Businesses also have a responsibility to do what they can to abide by the rules and they have, no one has lost their business, there's no need for further gentrification, everything works well as it is, please dont alter our home!
281	The council has just spent a lot of rate payer money on Coogee any more is unfair to rate payers. Also making Coogee bay road one way is a nightmare for locals and forces us to go to other places to shop. The variety of food is very poor - 3 chicken shops and 3 sushi restaurants

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282	A trial of one way access from Vicar Street to Arden Street and closing off traffic from Vicar St to Mount Street is a good idea. This will also help reduce the bottleneck of traffic that often occurs at the connection of Coogee Bay Road and Arden St
283	<p>The idea is potentially a good one, but I would like to see the wholistic picture of the other required changes to the surrounding streets need to accompany this idea.</p> <p>The wider footpaths recently completed (Thank you for this initiative) have not created additional pedestrian flow areas nor a nicer aesthetic as intended. Mostly due to the additional licensed outdoor seating areas, the signage businesses put out (outside of their licensed area), the queuing areas, coupled with the street furniture incl. seating, large compactor bins & Telstra booth have actually decreased the area for pedestrians & created an ugly streetscape.</p> <p>In addition to the council installed street furniture, the seating of the tenants is more often than not, not contained to the permitted outdoor dining area as they seem to think only the tables need to stay within the zone & the chairs are exempt. Adding to the ugliness of the street are the businesses waste bins that are often left out all day taking additional space, smelling & overflowing. Due to the paver choice, the footpaths are stained with spilled food/drink for the majority of the day. The queuing strategy of the businesses are non existent & currently they mostly cut across the pedestrian path. The home delivery driver pickups could also benefit from a better managed process, if true social distancing is the goal.</p> <p>Extending the seated area will only increase these issues, unless clear plans are in place to address or mitigate these issues. The plans would need to have responsibilities of each stakeholder clearly identified, from the commencement of any trial.</p> <p>What are the current plans? Particularly interested in hearing the plans for maintenance cleaning at regular intervals throughout the day/ night as well as to monitor the businesses outdoor furniture (tables/chairs/signs) overflowing out of their licensed area & unmanaged bar/restaurant queueing areas (Note CBH is the exception as they have a clear queuing plan of management in place) that create pedestrian bottlenecks.</p> <p>With the increased shared space, what is the smoking policy of this area? The restaurant/bar patrons currently stand in the pedestrianised areas or sit on the street furniture to smoke. Perhaps if this shared space was to proceed then it could be zoned a smoke free area. I.e smoke free area from Arden St to Brook St.</p> <p>The vehicle targeting barriers that will be required to separate the vehicle zone from the pedestrian and/or seating zone are traditionally not aesthetically pleasing. Is there a plan in place to create a more aesthetically pleasing barricade? Factoring in that for safety reasons the barricades cannot 'blend' into the surrounds. Refer to the barricades currently in place at George St, The Rocks for an image of ugly .</p> <p>You don't indicate which direction the traffic flow on Coogee Bay Road</p>

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	<p>will be maintained, but if flow is to cease East to West (Off Arden St) then the 374 route would be impacted. What is the reroute plan to ensure it will still service Brook St & Bream St?</p> <p>The loss of 2 way traffic on Coogee Bay Rd (CBR) will create rabbit runs in the surrounding streets and build vehicle congestion on Arden St, Brook St, Dolphin & Bream St.</p> <p>Has any thought been put into adding additional pedestrian crossings or mid lane pedestrian safe zones along Arden St to remove the pedestrian clusters at cnr Coogee Bay Rd & Arden St and assist in pedestrian crossings at Dolphin & Arden and Bream & Arden?</p> <p>Crossing Arden at Bream & Arden is particularly challenging for a pedestrian in current conditions & will be made more challenging if CBR is one way traffic only.</p> <p>The vehicular traffic along Arden St has increased significantly over the past 6 months, as people look for places to visit locally & are avoiding public transport. Amending the traffic flow along CBW will exacerbate this issue along Arden St.</p> <p>So a wholistic traffic area plan is required to ensure we are not creating a problem elsewhere.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing the plan of management to enable me to provide an informed comment.</p>
284	<p>Support councils initiative. One way traffic is a great idea, should hopefully put people off using this road and make it more pedestrian friendly. Not against removing car access altogether. There should be more pedestrian crossings on Arden street /Coogee bay road.</p> <p>Something needs to be done to reduce traffic on Arden street. On peak beach days there is a lot of foot traffic waiting to cross the road, this needs to be reduced to social distance - or maybe the lights could be more pedestrian friendly and provide more opportunities for people to cross. Consider widening footpath outside Woolworths too</p>
285	<p>Think the road should be open to through traffic especially buses, that is before the NSW Government cancels all our buses. The buses could be rerouted but cars still need to exit Coogee Bay drive through bottle shop and access the Post Office. Australia Post is not delivering lots of parcels to residential addresses. I can't pick up a dozen bottles of wine from the post Office without my car??!! Residents of Vicar Street need car access. People need to be dropped off, taxis etc. I'd like to see a trial of no parking in that block. I have lived in Coogee all my life and these days I wouldn't dream of trying to park in that section of Coogee Bay Road. But then, I can still use my legs. Lots of people my age, can't.</p>
286	<p>I like the sense of community that comes out of a shared approach such as this. Great idea!</p>
287	<p>Please ensure that any road closures maintain bicycle access - this is an important cycle route, and there aren't great alternatives nearby. A 10km/h shared space is adequate - it doesn't need to be a fast cycleway.</p>

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288	This will be a great addition to the eastern suburbs and create a safe and lively place to enjoy the summer. I hope that vehicle traffic can be cut off completely and that this can be a safe zone for pedestrians and diners.
289	Provision for cyclists is not indicated in plans. BIKEast recommends that cyclists be permitted in a two way direction even though motor vehicle traffic is only indicated in a one way direction. In a low speed environment such as is planned contra flow cycling can be safely , easily and cost effectively by using the model as outlined in Transport for NSW Technical direction TTD2014-02 Contra-flow bicycle facilities.
290	It is imperative to relocate Bus routes to adjacent streets if traffic is to be one way. As seen during the refurbishment of Coogee Bay Road, buses made the limited space to exit a car dangerous. Especially for passengers and children on the northern side of the road.
291	Provision for cyclists is not indicated in plans. I would like cyclists to be permitted in a two way direction even though motor vehicle traffic is only indicated in a one way direction. In a low speed environment such as is planned contra flow cycling can be safely , easily and cost effectively by using the model as outlined in Transport for NSW Technical direction TTD2014-02 Contra-flow bicycle facilities. Cyclists are known to be significant revenue contributors to the neighbourhood economies and it make social and business sense to prioritise ease of access and convenience for cyclists.
292	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Will create problems with bus routes and further delay buses that are already affected by the new trams. * Will provide perhaps 200x3 square meters of extra space - 150 people at maximum - not a huge gain. * perhaps better to encourage take-aways that can be eaten in the large nearby parks and/or beach * traffic already gridlocks on sunny days - this will make it much worse. * reduced parking for businesses in the street
293	I am pleased to see Randwick council is considering creative solutions. Since we have fewer tourists lets spread out and enjoy the space.

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294	<p>The leaflet put out by Council didn't even take the trouble to explain in which direction Coogee Bay Road would become "one way". That is completely unacceptable in a so called community consultation process. The leaflet tells us some hearsay about how it is tough for the businesses in Coogee Bay Road, Council has heard ("we've heard"). The Coogee Chamber of Commerce has never cared about resident amenity, so why would profits concern me as a resident? The leaflet fails to explain what the consequences will be. For example, that traffic travelling east on Coogee Bay Road will divert on to Brook Street and Alfreda Streets increasing the traffic movements and traffic congestion in nearby residential streets. This has not been explained to residents and therefore the consultation process is flawed. I don't believe that this is a trial, I believe it was always intended as a part of the "upgrade" of Coogee Bay Road and that it will be permanent. After three months it will be declared a huge success. Coogee Bay Road has been open since the Village of Coogee was gazetted. Closing a road based on such an inadequate planning process raises questions about Council's role in this ridiculous proposition. This wouldn't happen at Maroubra beach where all the East Ward councillors live.</p>
295	Loosening on alcohol restrictions
296	<p>Coogee Bay Rd will be a disaster if made into a shared zone. It will not work as there is simply not enough room for more foot traffic. Council has already taken car spaces along with widening the footpath for all businesses, so they can benefit from it. It will just cause chaos, mayhem and road rage. As the warmer months are approaching Coogee Bay Rd is already filling with people, prams and dogs. I do not want it at all and think it is a selfish act from council to even propose the idea, not to mention the cost involved in conducting this survey. Council could have used the money more wisely during this pandemic. You'll be taking away the car spaces which are there who support the local business. The traffic congestion will be a nightmare forcing traffic along Arcardia St onto Brook St, Dolphin St or up into Carr St just to get around the block to the other side of Coogee Bay Rd.</p> <p>I cannot see which way the traffic flow will go as it is not indicated by an arrow on the leaflet sent to our house nor is it written east to west or visa versa anywhere.</p> <p>Traffic coming from Arden St crossing Dolphin and even before you reach Coogee Bay Rd is horrendous at the best of times. On any given warm day business in Coogee Bay Rd are booming and there are enough people already there to support them. Unfortunately many businesses do not survive and this is not because of COVID this is because of the high rents landlords are charging to be in a premium position.</p>

	Comments
297	I am very concerned about the lack of transparency in this survey. The first few questions appeared to be leading the respondent, and it was not obvious that this survey had anything to do with the proposed closure of Coogee Bay Road. I am also very concerned that there is no mention of the serious effect such a closure would have on traffic of all kinds, including emergency vehicles. Has Council undertaken detailed modelling of the effects of such a closure? If not, this should surely have preceded the proposed scheme. There are already serious infringements of social distancing taking place in Coogee Bay Road cafes, including those that already have outdoor dining. Already it does not feel safe to walk along Coogee Bay Road at most times of the day, and particularly on a weekend. Attracting more diners to outdoor dining would only make the area more unsafe. So I feel very strongly that this scheme should not go ahead.
298	<p>Please keep two way traffic for all of Coogee Bay Road. If you must create extra space. consider making Vicar Street open to resident vehicles only. This street is much better suited to outdoor space as it gets the sunshine and is out of the wind tunnel that exists sometimes on Coogee Bay Road.</p> <p>Businesses should be required to use paper/cardboard/wood packaging (no plastic) for their takeaway in appreciation of the public space being provided if Council proceeds with this trial.</p>
299	Please keep traffic in both directions. Find alternatives for outdoor space. There are parks nearby.

Submissions

Six submissions were received via email to Council and are shown in the following table.

	Submissions
1	<p>Residents of Coogee and Coogee Bay Road in particular where I live gave their opinion about 'spreading' out with appalling idea of closing off @ Arden St intersection proposal, subsequently rejected.</p> <p>People are NOT practising social distancing in Coogee Bay Road nor on the beach AT ALL so why would residents want 'spreading out' for cafe owners?</p> <p>Last Saturday for example CB Road was swarming with people, traffic. It is problematic to invite 'spreading out' when cafes are already spread out so that pedestrian walkers on footpaths are forced to walk almost in the gutter. Spring is making it worse, Summer weather will make it even worse!!!</p> <p>This is a ridiculous proposal already rejected waiting for a COVID disaster.</p>

Submissions	
2	A load of rubbish is what I think, Bondi is getting bullied by hamsters from other suburbs, the bullies are graffitiing our homes library's and beaches this is the change that needs to take place not another chocolate muffin and a vanilla flavoured coffee.
3	The proposal for restaurants in the area expanding their eating area outdoors is a great idea . Especially during this current situation where people are fearful of eating indoors . Our parks in the area should be utilised as well with the use of food trucks and pop up restaurants , with outdoor seating now that summer is on the way . Also could the buses please stop going up Coogee Bay Road it is so dangerous with so many people walking the street and young families . Not to mention the pollution from the buses blowing into the supermarkets and eateries.
4	The 1 way idea is great! Even without COVID walking down the beach is insane at time. As well as unsafe, lots of people weaving between cars. When the construction happened it was so much more pleasant to go down the road with 1 way traffic.
5	<p>I cannot understand why Randwick Council is so obsessed with use of footpaths for commercial purposes. I understand the Council probably rents out this space for hire but I feel the pedestrians are not valued. There are plenty of restaurants with open windows along this strip.</p> <p>There is absolutely no social distancing practised in this area despite the virus. It is uncomfortable to walk along Coogee Bay Road at any time without being tripped by dogs, strollers, toddlers, adults balancing take away cups and trying to hold on to any of the aforementioned.</p> <p>Can the residents of this area just have some space to walk on the footpath in comfort. I have mentioned in previous correspondence that I now find it easier to get into my car and drive out of the area for shopping, coffee, relaxation. This also applies to many others of my acquaintance. That is a real pity considering that I live in Beach Street and can easily walk to local shops for my shopping.</p>
6	<p>I'm really sorry I do not understand how this one way traffic will work in Coogee Bay Rd .</p> <p>Shall we sit between the footpath and the cars. ??? The cars are still parked on both sides !!!!</p> <p>Good luck</p>

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We are continuing to work with businesses on Coogee Bay Road to help create solutions for those that have been hard hit by COVID-19. We're looking at ways to provide more space along Coogee Bay Road for shoppers, diners and pedestrians, so social distancing rules can be maintained more easily. We've proposed to make Coogee Bay Road one-way, maintain parking and use the extra space to widen the footpath. The design would keep parking spaces on both sides. We'd like to hear your opinion. You can learn more here:

<https://www.yoursay.randwick.nsw.gov.au/coogeesharedspace>



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Jenny Lee Excellent idea!!

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Matilde Martin Awesome!

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Paula Arsan Love the idea!
Andrea

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Soo Coughlan Some green and trees around those benches, they're very hot in the sun and quite exposed. Glad you kept the old bench near Priceline.

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Pugsley Anderson Another joke by the council

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Matt Mead Just wondering your thoughts? What aspect are you not a fan of?

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Matt Mead This looks pretty similar to my submission from 2015 for the urban improvements.



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Brett Stockley Matt Mead yours looks better mate
Like · Reply · Message · 1w 1

Pamela Eastwell Matt Mead took 5 years but looks like they liked it
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Matt Mead I think it'll create a better local vibe and build on the Coogee village feel. It'll make it more pedestrian friendly and more space for the crowds as well as locals to catch up.
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Michael Hooper Even better would be pedestrian only.
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Sammy Manson Boomer Fonken
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Eilanna Cameron I'm concerned about the beach as it is getting warmer, more and more people are heading to the beach. More than before Covid. Coogee is only small and already bursting at the seams....We don't want to end up like VIC..

Coogee Randwick Social I propose delivery scooter riders have a designated spot. They use up partial car spaces which residents could use. I myself can't be bothered to drive down there these days for that reason.
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Frances O'Brien Coogee Randwick Social agreed!
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Sathya Dee Coogee Randwick Social yes!!
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Iain Kirkpatrick Could the eastern part of Coogee Oval be used for parking in the evening and perhaps turn CB road be fully pedestrianised with evening markets too?
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Gavin Fields Hopefully more appealing for businesses, be interested to know if they felt they were impacted by the one way system during recent development.
With parking remaining on both sides, I think this is a good compromise. ... See More
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Stasie Nic It was just recently done up. Waste of money!
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Steve Ba How do you get a Job in Randwick Council I think I could do a better job for half the wages vote for me

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Madeleine Hetheron-Miau Love the possibility for traffic calming and a better balance between pedestrian and motor traffic. Looking forward to seeing this realised!

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Deborah Laurence Randwick council, please don't make Coogee Bay Rd one way. For locals that regularly duck down to the shops it becomes very inconvenient and acts as a deterrent! It forces drivers onto Arden St and increases the congestion there.

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Top Fan

Kristen Bowie I love it as is and council money is precious

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Kristen Bowie You could keep it the same but have one side walk up one side walk down

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Dennis Forster I like the speed limit of 30 km/h. Should be standard in every residential / local traffic area!

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Livingthecoogee Is there evidence COVID 19 can be contracted outdoors in a moving crowd, ie a typical street?

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Carolyn Martin One way up from Arden Street with a right turn at Brook street allowed . Motorcycles to have designated areas . Too many of them (mostly home deliveries service) take up a whole parking spot !

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Bronwen Graham Some greenery, trees for shade would be a good idea

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Mary Richard Many people who work, shop, live and play at the beach DO NO WANT this to become an Entertainment Precinct ie drinking destination with buskers. We have spent years trying to make it family friendly but Council seems to discount that fact. We don't n... See More

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Pamela Ann Martin OMG ! please leave the pavement as is ... the businesses have been through enough ! Us rate payers do not more money spent on widening again !! 😡 really you cannot be wanting to do this again 5/6 months on ? ... look after the state of CBR ... cleaning/ Rubbish ! So not enough bins ! Just keeping clean / Trees ! That would be a start ... 🙌

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Pamela Ann Martin And please spend some money in Green st Maroubra Junction! It's a disgrace ! You have spent enough on CBR now !

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Narelle Cugin Love it

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