



*Del Monte Place, Copacabana
Road Upgrade*

CONSULTATION REPORT



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Consultation approach

Objectives of consultation

The purpose of consultation for the *Del Monte Place, Copacabana Road Upgrade* was to:

- Encourage community and stakeholders to have their say on the concept plans for the upgrade

Consultation has been designed in accordance with Central Coast Council's Engagement Framework. This framework is available to view at <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/Central-Coast-Council-Engagement-Framework>.

How we consulted

The *Del Monte Place, Copacabana Road Upgrade* was open for community feedback between 24 February and 16 March 2020.

We carried out extensive promotion of the consultation period to ensure the community and affected stakeholders were aware of the opportunity to get involved and given enough notice to provide feedback.

Print advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising featured in Central Coast Express Advocate on 26 February 2020 • Advertising featured in Coast Community News on 28 February 2020
Direct letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 259 direct letters were sent out to residents and owners of properties along Del Monte Place, Copacabana on 24 February 2020
Drop-in information session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted at Copacabana Surf Life Saving Club 3 March 2020
Your Voice – Our Coast website	<p>Project page launched on 24 February 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Del Monte Place, Copacabana Road Upgrade</i> https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/del-monte-pl
Online interactive map (Social Pinpoint)	<p>Council hosted an online interactive map which was also made available at Councils drop-in information session. Online link:</p> <p>https://centralcoastcouncil.mysocialpinpoint.com/del-monte-place-road-upgrade#/</p>

What we heard

Figure 1: Consultation participation summary

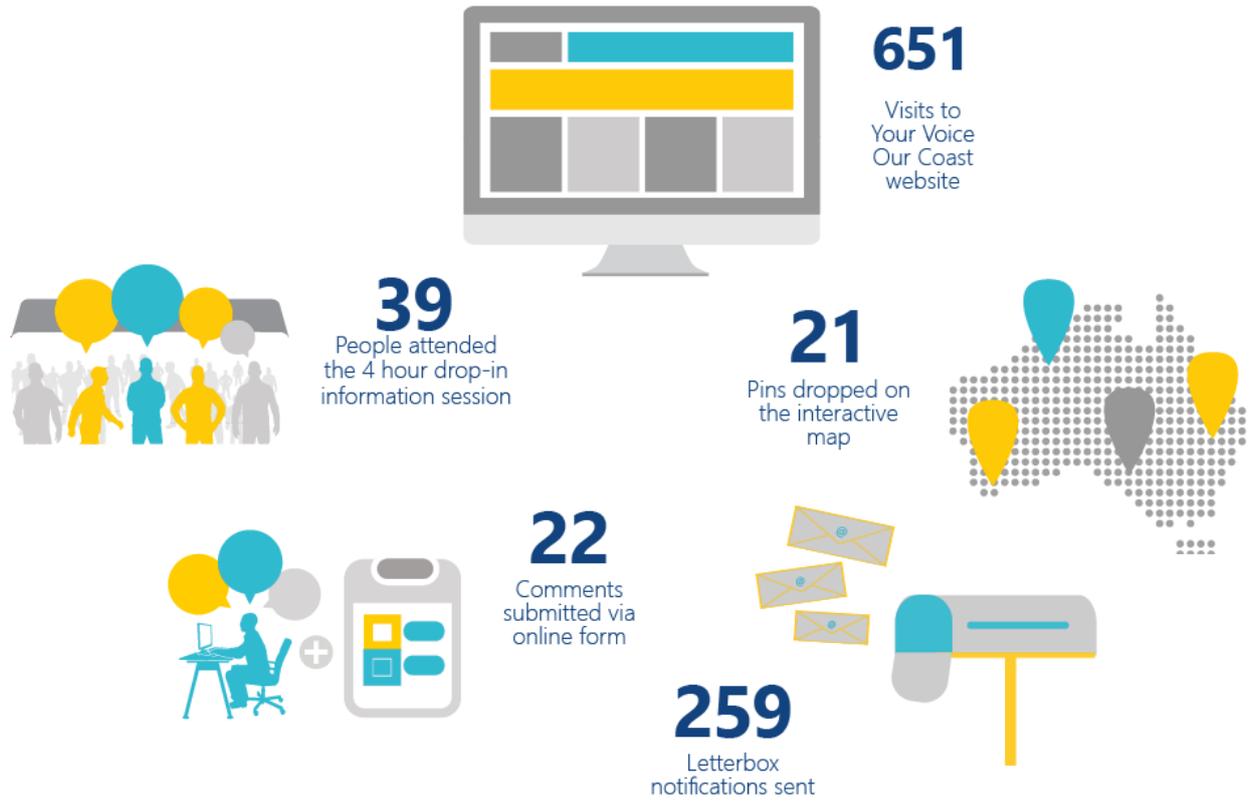
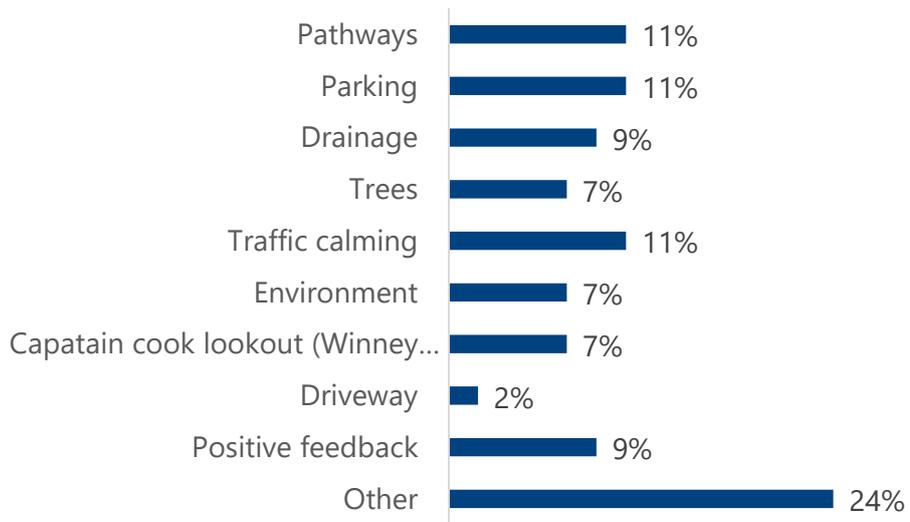


Figure 2: Comments per category



Who we heard from

Council asked attendees to volunteer the suburb they live in to help us understand the feedback we received for the *Del Monte Place, Copacabana Road Upgrade* consultation.

Figure 3: Drop in session attendance by suburb



Figure 4: Online participation by suburb



Results

With the funding for the upgrade of Del Monte Place, Copacabana now secured, Central Coast Council is planning to deliver this road upgrade and pathway. Council recently sought the community's feedback on how to improve the concept plans for the project.

The community posted 21 separate comments on the online interactive map, a further 22 comments were submitted via the online form. A breakdown of these comments can be found below:

Council responses to key issues raised during the *Del Monte Place, Copacabana Road Upgrade* consultation

The following section addresses some key issues raised by the community and stakeholders during the consultation.

Category	Key issues raised	Council's response
Pathways	Pleased to see pathway being installed along this busy road which is used as a bus route through the area.	Noted.
	Suggestions to change pathway, parking and road configurations at various locations along the road upgrade.	Due to the site constraints, there is limited scope to vary the pathway configuration. Council will investigate some of the specific inquiries and try to accommodate changes where possible.
	Question on how much the pathway will impact on existing garden beds.	The proposed pathway will be contained wholly within the existing road reserve and will not cross into any private properties. Some landscaping by residents within the road reserve may need to be adjusted.
	Request to increase the pathway width from 1.5 metre footpath to a 2 metre shared path to accommodate additional traffic during the annual 5 Lands Walk event.	The cost and impact on private property access associated with widening the pathway to 2 metres does not support a change in the design. It is anticipated that even with the additional width traffic control would still be required to accommodate the approximately

		20,100 participants in the 5 Lands Walk.
Parking	Suggestions to change parking and pathway configurations at various locations along the road upgrade.	Parking pads have been placed where sufficient space was identified in suitable locations. Due to site constraints the parking pads are restricted to the high side of the road.
	Suggestion for additional parking pads at various locations.	Parking pads were placed where sufficient space was identified. Council will investigate some of the specific inquiries and try to accommodate changes where possible.
	Suggestions for relocation of some parking to preserve garden beds etc.	Generally parking pads were placed where sufficient space was identified. Council will investigate some of the specific inquiries and try to accommodate changes where possible.
Drainage	Question relating to additional houses connected to the stormwater network.	Property stormwater pipes which currently discharge into the Del Monte Place road reserve will be captured and accommodated by the stormwater drainage system.
	Concerns about potential impacts to the ocean with additional volume of water entering the stormwater network.	There will be no increase in the size of the catchment discharging to the ocean. A negligible increase in the concentration of flows from the Del Monte Place branch of the drainage network is expected. The water quality discharged from the Del Monte area is expected to improve due to reduced erosion achieved by replacing exposed earthen road shoulders with kerb and gutter and by restricting vehicle movements to hard surfaces.
Trees	Suggestion to reconfigure some of the elements in order to preserve some of the trees.	Street tree retention is a priority focus for every road upgrade project and every effort has been made to retain healthy appropriate tree species. Tree removal has been balanced against

		other road and pedestrian safety needs and has been kept to a minimum. Each tree removed will result in two replacement trees being planted in an appropriate location.
	Suggestion that removing some of the trees will reduce future disruption of the pathway from roots, branches etc.	Tree removal has been balanced against other needs and will be kept to a minimum.
	Request for relocation of road reserve trees to be placed within private property (owner request)	For each street tree removed, Council will plant two replacement trees in an appropriate road reserve location. At this stage no replacement plantings are being considered within private properties.
Traffic Calming	Suggestions for traffic calming devices to be installed to reduce speed.	The proposed road design will visually narrow the road which in turn encourages appropriate speeds. The application of additional traffic calming devices in this location is limited due to the presence of a bus route. Traffic calming devices are known to have unintended consequences such as noise impacts or higher speeds between devices.
	Suggestion for raised crossing to be installed at the Captain Cook Lookout entry.	Council will investigate this request further.
	Suggestion to include warning signs approaching crossing/s.	Appropriate signage has been considered in the development of the project.
Environment	Concerns about increased stormwater inflow eroding the beach.	There will be no increase in the size of the catchment discharging to the ocean. A negligible increase in the concentration of flows from the Del Monte Place branch of the drainage network is expected. The small increase in flow will not effect erosion on the beach.

Winney Bay Clifftop walkway	Questions in relation to footpath ending at the Captain Cook Lookout entry, will it be continued into the reserve?	The Captain Cook Lookout is beyond the scope of this project. This information has been passed onto the appropriate team within Council for consideration.
	Suggestion to improve the carpark entry to the Captain Cook Lookout.	The Captain Cook Lookout is beyond the scope of this project. This information has been passed onto the appropriate team within Council for consideration.
Driveway	Question in relation to remediation works to driveways, will this be like for like?	Property accesses will be reconstructed as far as required to maintain similar levels of access. Reconstruction will be in accordance with Council's Construction specification. Typically accesses will be plain concrete from the kerb and gutter to the property boundary.
Positive feedback	Overall positive feedback about the road upgrade.	Noted.
Other	How long will this project take and why?	Construction is expected to take up to four years and will be carried out in three stages.
	Are any further roads within Copacabana earmarked for upgrade?	Council is continuing with the upgrade of Oceano Street through to Del Monte Place. Council is also currently designing an upgrade for the Helen Drive / Copacabana Drive intersection. Over the next four years numerous roads are listed for consideration of road resurfacing and renewal.
	Retaining wall material selection	The retaining wall designs are currently being investigated. The product most suited to the conditions in each location will be selected.
	Impact / relocation of existing services (power, stormwater etc.)	Existing property utility services will be relocated as required with minimal interruption to properties and notice provided beforehand.

	Impact to property access and / or road reserve.	Property accesses will be reconstructed to maintain similar levels of access that currently exist. Reconstruction will be in accordance with Council's Construction Specification. Typically accesses will be plain concrete from the road kerb to the property boundary.
	Suggestion for installation of handrails on steeper sections of the pathway.	Handrails will be installed where required.
	Question relating to existing Development Applications, will the plan take these into consideration?	Approved DAs will be accommodated during construction – please ensure you advise the Project Development Engineer once the DA is approved.

Next steps

Thank you to everyone who participated in the *Del Monte Place, Copacabana Road Upgrade* consultation.

Council will consider community ideas and preferences when preparing the detailed designs for the road upgrade. The next steps for the road upgrade are as follows:

- finalise design drawings for construction
- commence enabling works – tree removal and watermain relocation
- commence stage one works followed by future stages

We have shared all other feedback received during the *Del Monte Place, Copacabana Road Upgrade* consultation with the relevant departments within Council for consideration.