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Lets Play

Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Strategy



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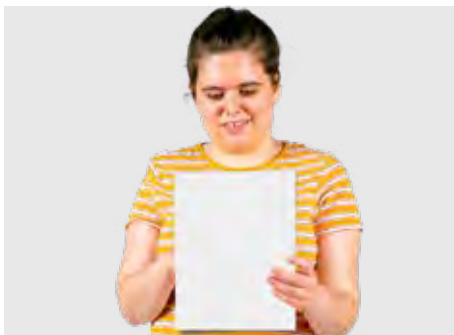
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How to use this document



This information is in Easy Read.

We use words and pictures together.



Some words are in **bold**.

We tell you what these words mean.



This document has been written by Northern Beaches Council.

When you see the word **we** it means Northern Beaches Council.



You can ask someone to help you read this information.

This could be a

- Family member or friend
- Support person.

About this strategy



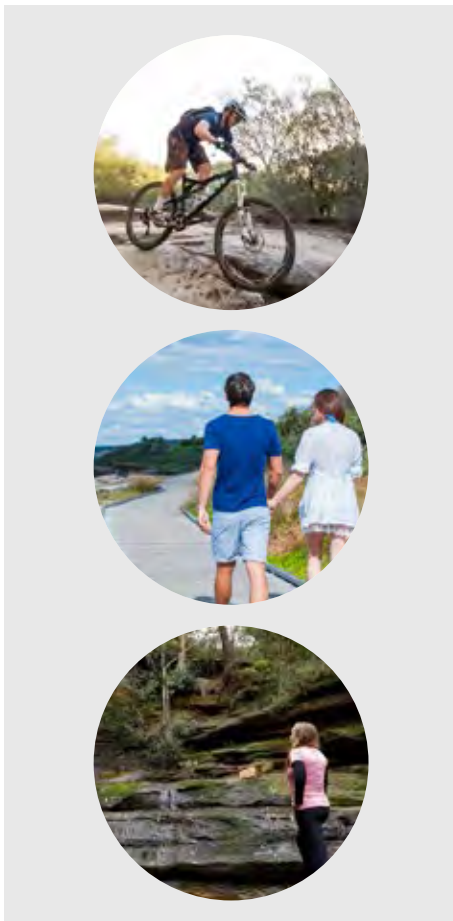
This document is called the draft Open space and outdoor recreation strategy.

We say **the strategy** for short.

A **strategy** is when we make a plan about something.



An **open space** is land that has no buildings on it and can be used by everyone.



Outdoor recreation is an outdoor activity that you enjoy doing.

This could be activities like

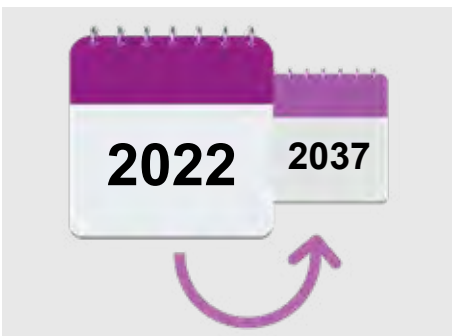
- Cycling
- Hiking and running
- Sitting on a bench
- Reading in the park
- Bird watching.



Northern Beaches Council looks after a lot of open spaces and outdoor recreation areas.



This strategy tells us what we need to do so that everyone can keep enjoying these places.



This strategy will go for 15 years.

Why we need this strategy



We need this strategy to help us look after all the outdoor places that we have.



It will help us make sure they stay good for our community.



There are lots of good things about doing outdoor activities.

They are good for the body and mind.

How we made this strategy



We talked to lots of people in the community to help us create this strategy.



The Community told us what they thought about outdoor places in the Northern Beaches.



Some things people thought were important are

- Having different types of recreation
- Looking after nature
- Keeping our mind and body well
- Being close to open spaces and nature.



We also asked people to tell us what could be better.



People want better open spaces that

- Have better buildings
- Have better things to use
- Are clean and well looked after.



People want more basketball hoops and outdoor fitness equipment.



People want better walking and bike trails that link up with each other.



People want better places to ride a bike.

This is so they do not have to ride a bike on the road.



People want more spaces that everyone can use.



People want play spaces that are good for kids with disabilities.



We also did a lot of research to help us write the strategy.

Research is when we study something.



We looked at how other places in the world look after their open spaces.



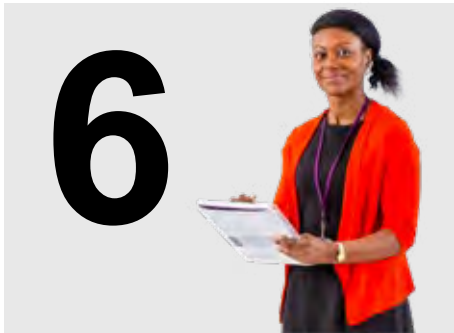
We looked at the good and bad things about

- The open spaces and outdoor recreation we have
- Our playgrounds
- Our off road cycling trails.



Off road cycling is when you use your bike on a track or a trail not on the road.

The 6 main areas to work on



The strategy has 6 main things we want to work on.



Tell people so they know

Let people know about how our different open spaces can be used and cared for.



Links and loops

Make the walking and cycling areas better.

This also means making the way the paths link up better.



Better and brighter

Have our open space look good and have good things in them.



New spaces

Make new spaces that people can do lots of different things in.



Look after our spaces

Make a plan that says how we will look after our open spaces.



Fix things

Keep our open spaces working well so that we can use them.

What we plan to do



The strategy talks about a lot of things we want to do.

Here are just some of the main things we will do.



We will add playgrounds in areas that need them most.



We will make more playgrounds good for

- Kids with disabilities
- Kids who are all different ages.



We will create more play areas for older children and youth like bike parks and basketball areas.



We will make off road cycling better.

We will create new and better areas for people of all different skill levels.



We will put things to use for exercise in the outdoor places where people asked for it.



We will put in more courts for

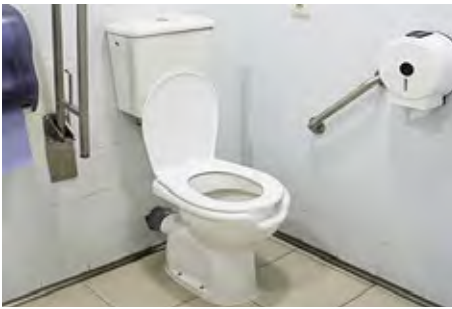
- Basketball
- Other sports.



We will do better at looking after our open spaces.



We will make it easier for people to get to our open spaces.



We will make the toilet areas better in our open spaces.

We will make them easier to get to and use.



We will keep making better dog friendly places.



We will make sure we take care of our bushlands better.



We will keep supporting our volunteers who help us with

- Parks
- Gardens
- Trails.



We will keep working with the NSW State Government about being able to use school grounds and facilities.

Contact us



There are different ways you can talk to us about this plan.



You can

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