

**Avalon Community Vision: -A relaxed and peaceful coastal village, embracing and nurturing the natural environment, celebrating creativity and community connection.**

A number of the Avalon Place Plan Community Reference group participants have expressed strong concerns re the proposed separated bike path for Avalon Village running from Avalon Public School to Avalon Fire Station along Old Barrenjoey Rd and from Avalon Sailing Club to Barrenjoey Rd along Avalon Parade.

There are many safety concerns re this proposal, it is not conducive to a relaxed and peaceful pedestrian friendly village, it may require loss of at least 30 mature native trees and 2/3rds of parking in the Village strips, resident parking along Avalon Parade, and the cost of relocating existing utilities and infrastructure would require a very high budget.

Attached is a proposal for **Avalon Beach Pedestrian Bike Paths- Alternative Connections- Avalon Place Plan** which we ask be distributed to the members of the Avalon Place Plan- Community Reference Group, prior to the next CRG Meeting and for Tabling as an Agenda Item to be discussed at length.

**The attached Overall Plan and detail sections** suggests the following components to improve Pedestrian and Bike Connections and Safety to and through the Village, improved connections between Catchments and Destinations and activation of several laneways.

**10km Shared Zones- for Pedestrians, Bikes and Vehicles with Pedestrian Priority to be considered for: -**

Old Barrenjoey Rd corner of Avalon Parade to Avalon Fire Station

Patterson Lane from Avalon Parade to Dunbar Park and from Dunbar Park to Central Rd

Wickham Lane from Avalon Parade to Sanders Lane

Sanders Lane to Old Barrenjoey rd.

Edmund Hock Ave Avalon Pde to the Crescent

Simmonds Lane Old Barrenjoey Rd to Edmund Hock Ave

Use of Streetprint Stamped Asphalt pavement, planter boxes, improved street lighting provides a network of slow, safe connections to the Village, Schools and catchment areas.

It activates and beautifies these laneways. With the inclusion of removable bollards for Old Barrenjoey rd. North, Patterson Lane Sth and Simmonds Lane it can provide a number of community spaces available for regular temporary closures for events and dining.

**30km Zones to slow through traffic in Village, improving intersection safety and on road bike user safety for: -**

Avalon Parade – from Bowling Green Lane Car park western perimeter to Barrenjoey Road and extending into Sth Avalon Headland Car Park and Coast Walk

Old Barrenjoey Rd Sth from Avalon public school to Avalon Parade

### **50km Zones Barrenjoey Rd**

Consider reduced main road speeds from Bilgola Bends to Palm Beach for better safety and inclusion of Coast Walk and bicycle users.

**Additional Bike Storage Facilities at entry points to Village and Beach.**

**Additional Crushed Gravel Path at west end of Dunbar Park linking existing path ways and connections to Village, Clareville and Central Rd.**

**Additional Pedestrian Crossing between Wickham Lane and Patterson Lane across Avalon Parade or to east side of connection in existing no parking zones.**

### **Barrenjoey Rd and Avalon Parade Intersection**

Consider expanding pedestrian/bike pathway into 3<sup>rd</sup> laneway of Avalon Pde between western driveway crossing to Shell Service Station and corner of Barrenjoey Rd and continuing on 3<sup>rd</sup> laneway of Barrenjoey Rd to Dunbar Park Woolworths car park path link.

Expand Pedestrian crossing across Barrenjoey Rd for bike/pedestrian users.

Expand pathway on corner of Barrenjoey rd. and Avalon Pde East into road way and continue up to perpendicular parking.

Add pedestrian lights to crossing of Avalon Parade East for better connection to Edmond Hock Ave/Village.

Consider relocation of main bus stop on Barrenjoey rd to North side of existing beach pathway to free up congestion on pedestrian crossing and avoid excavation of beach gateway.

### **Central Rd and Barrenjoey Rd Intersection**

Review pedestrian traffic light inclusion and widening of crossings on east and southern side of intersection for safer connections to Eastern catchment, to Barrenjoey High School and Mater Maria primary School.

While the above suggestions will not necessarily appeal to all we believe a lively and lengthy debate of these issues is warranted. We would ask that the key personnel from Transport and Assets NBC who are dealing with the Coast Walk project, PAMP and Bike Plan be included.

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