

“Your say
Woollahra”

Rose Bay Wharf

**What are your priorities
for Woollahra?**

**Your feedback will help
us plan a bright future
we can all be proud of.**



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We are lucky to live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world.

With your feedback on our short and long term priorities, we can plan the best possible future for Woollahra.

Community engagement over the last few years has helped us develop our vision for the future of Woollahra. Now we want to make sure we are on the right track and that's where we need your help.

Our vision is for a thriving, inclusive, sustainable and resilient community. As your Council we want to lead climate action and promote respectful connections between people and place, so we can enhance and protect Woollahra's beauty, heritage and quality of life for the enjoyment of all.

We want to be in a strong financial position so we can continue to provide for the needs of our community now and in the future.

We would love to hear your feedback before **15 May 2022**: visit **yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/future**

Thank you.

Councillor Susan Wynne
Mayor of Woollahra

What's on exhibition?

Our **Community Strategic Plan, Woollahra 2032**, is our 10 year vision with a focus on environmental, social, economic and civic leadership.

The **Long Term Financial Plan 2022–32** sets out how we can achieve financial security over the next 10 years.

Our **Delivery Plan 2022–26** is a four year plan that outlines our medium term goals to promote:

- A connected, harmonious, supported and resilient community that is creative and vibrant
- Well-planned, liveable places that are accessible
- Environmental protection, sustainable resource use, community-focussed economic development and a well managed Council.

Our **Operational Plan 2022/23** sets out our priorities for the next 12 months, including:

- Leadership on climate action through a reduction in waste, water and energy use
- Managing parks, sportsfields and playgrounds
- Maintaining Council and civic buildings and facilities (incl. libraries, community centres, Woollahra Preschool and Gallery)
- Improving road infrastructure and active transport
- Heritage protection and good urban design
- Community events and support, better access to facilities and library programs
- Improved customer experience
- A \$16.61m Capital Works Program for road repavement, footpath, kerb and gutter improvements, replacement of the Parsley Bay Jetty, Lyne Park and other playspace upgrades, additional CCTV at Gap Park and designs for streetscape improvements at Watsons Bay.

We would love your feedback on these documents, particularly on our Operational Plan 2022/23 priorities. You can find out more by visiting **yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/future**

For every \$100 in our \$123m budget, we're investing:



Building financial sustainability

Reduced income from lower interest rates on our investments, rising expenditure, the long term impact of the rate peg, and the financial impact of COVID support measures for our community and local businesses has resulted in operating deficits over recent years. We are no longer in a position to rely on cash reserves.

In order to build long term financial sustainability, we have taken steps to reduce expenditure through debt restructuring, reviewing fees and charges, a staff redundancy program and productivity savings.

We are also considering potential income from advertising on bus shelters in non-heritage areas.

We have reduced our operating deficit from over \$6.8m this year to \$1.1m for 2022/23 however we still need to do more to achieve a surplus.

Rates are our most important form of income and we are considering options for a special rate variation application in late 2022. Be assured that we will be engaging with the community on this during the last half of 2022. There is more work to be done to achieve financial sustainability.

You can find out more about our budget here:
woollahra.nsw.gov.au/financialfuture

Your feedback on our short and long term plans for the future of Woollahra will guide the financial decisions we make in the next 12 months and will help set our priorities for the next 10 years.



Planning ahead for future generations, Dillon Street Reserve



How to have your say

It's easy – simply visit:

yoursay.woollahra.nsw.gov.au/future

or scan the QR code below and leave your comments before **15 May 2022**.

We'd love to talk with you at one of our community information pop-ups, or see you at our webinar on **4 May at 6.00pm**. More details online.

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