

River Canoe Club of NSW

*How are the club's priorities and actions aligned with the
Inner West Council Strategic Community Plan?*

Submission for clubhouse licence renewal - July 2021

(Draft for Member Feedback and Input)



The Inner West Council Strategic Community Directions and Priorities
(Community Strategic Plan 2036)





Strategic direction 1: An ecologically sustainable Inner West

Strategic direction 2: Unique, liveable, networked neighbourhoods

Strategic direction 3: Creative communities and a strong economy

Strategic direction 4: Caring, happy, healthy communities

Strategic direction 5: Progressive local leadership

Outcomes	Strategies
1.1 The people and infrastructure of Inner West contribute positively to the environment and tackling climate change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide the support needed for people to live sustainably 2. Reduce urban heat and manage its impact 3. Create spaces for growing food 4. Develop planning controls to protect and support a sustainable environment 5. Provide green infrastructure that supports increased ecosystem services*
1.2 Inner West has a diverse and increasing urban forest that supports connected habitats for flora and fauna	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support people to protect, restore, enhance and connect with nature in Inner West 2. Maintain and increase Inner West's tree canopy and urban forest, and enhance biodiversity corridors 3. Protect, conserve and enhance existing natural area sites for species richness and diversity
1.3 The community is water sensitive, with clean, swimmable waterways	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collaborate to deliver water-sensitive plans, decisions and infrastructure 2. Supply water from within Inner West catchments
1.4 Inner West is a zero emissions community that generates and owns clean energy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support local adoption of clean renewable energy 2. Develop a transport network that runs on clean renewable energy
1.5 Inner West is a zero waste community with an active share economy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support people to avoid waste, and reuse, repair recycle and share 2. Provide local reuse and recycling infrastructure 3. Divert organic material from landfill 4. Advocate for comprehensive Extended Producer Responsibility+

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2.1 Development is designed for sustainability and makes life better	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pursue integrated planning and urban design across public and private spaces to suit community and local environment needs 2. Identify and pursue innovative and creative solutions to complex urban planning and transport issues 3. Improve the quality, and investigate better access and use of existing community assets 4. Develop planning controls that protect and support a sustainable environment and contribute to a zero emissions and zero waste community
2.2 The unique character and heritage of neighbourhoods is retained and enhanced	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide clear and consistent planning frameworks and processes that respect heritage and the distinct characters of urban villages 2. Manage change with respect for place, community history and heritage
2.3 Public spaces are high-quality, welcoming and enjoyable places, seamlessly connected with their surroundings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan and deliver public spaces that fulfil and support diverse community needs and life 2. Ensure private spaces and developments contribute positively to their surrounding public spaces 3. Advocate for and develop planning controls that retain and protect existing public and open spaces
2.4 Everyone has a roof over their head and a suitable place to call home	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure the expansion of social, community and affordable housing, distributed across Inner West, facilitated through proactive policies 2. Encourage diversity of housing type, tenure and price in new developments 3. Assist people who are homeless or sleeping rough
2.5 Public transport is reliable, accessible, connected and enjoyable	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocate for improved public transport services to, through and around Inner West 2. Advocate for, and provide, transport infrastructure that aligns to population growth
2.6 People are walking, cycling and moving around Inner West with ease	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver integrated networks and infrastructure for transport and active travel 2. Pursue innovation in planning and providing new transport options 3. Ensure transport infrastructure is safe, connected and well maintained

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3.1 Creativity and culture are valued and celebrated	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grow Inner West's reputation as a leading creative and cultural hub, celebrating and supporting diverse creative industries and the arts 2. Create opportunities for all members of the community to participate in arts and cultural activities
3.2 Inner West is the home of creative industries and services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Position Inner West as a place of excellence for creative industries and services and support them to thrive 2. Facilitate links to programs and services to help businesses grow, innovate and improve their competitiveness 3. Encourage the establishment of new enterprises in Inner West 4. Facilitate the availability of affordable spaces for creative industries and services
3.3 The local economy is thriving	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support business and industry to be socially and environmentally responsible 2. Strengthen economic viability and connections beyond Inner West 3. Promote Inner West as a great place to live, work, visit and invest in
3.4 Employment is diverse and accessible	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support local job creation by protecting industrial and employment lands 2. Encourage social enterprises and businesses to grow local employment
3.5 Urban hubs and main streets are distinct and enjoyable places to shop, eat, socialise and be entertained	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote unique, lively, safe and accessible urban hubs and main streets – day and night 2. Enliven community life by delivering and supporting events, public art, cultural celebrations and entertainment 3. Pursue a high standard of planning, urban design and development that supports urban centres 4. Promote the diversity and quality of retail offerings and local products

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4.1 Everyone feels welcome and connected to the community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foster inclusive communities where everyone can participate in community life 2. Embrace, celebrate, respect and value difference by building awareness and appreciation of Inner West's diversity 3. Empower and support vulnerable and disadvantaged community members to participate in community life 4. Increase and promote awareness of the community's history and heritage
4.2 The Aboriginal community is flourishing, and its culture and heritage continues to strengthen and enrich Inner West	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and history 2. Promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and businesses 3. Acknowledge and support the rights of the Aboriginal community to self determination 4. Actively engage Aboriginal people in the development of programs, policies and strategies
4.3 The community is healthy and people have a sense of wellbeing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide the facilities, spaces and programs that support wellbeing and active and healthy communities 2. Provide opportunities for people to participate in recreational activities they enjoy
4.4 People have access to the services and facilities they need at all stages of life	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan and provide services and infrastructure for a changing and ageing population 2. Ensure the community has access to a wide range of learning spaces, resources and activities 3. Support children's education and care services to ensure a strong foundation for lifelong learning

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5.1 People are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support local democracy through transparent communication and inclusive participatory community engagement
5.2 Partnerships and collaboration are valued and recognised as vital for community leadership and making positive changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support leadership and mentoring initiatives that build and strengthen the capacity of individuals, businesses and communities 2. Support local capacity for advocacy 3. Collaborate with partners to deliver positive outcomes for the community, economy and environment
5.3 Government makes responsible decisions to manage finite resources in the best interest of current and future communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake visionary, integrated, long term planning and decision making, reflective of community needs and aspirations 2. Ensure responsible, sustainable, ethical and open local government 3. Deliver innovation, excellence, efficiency, effectiveness and probity in Council processes and services

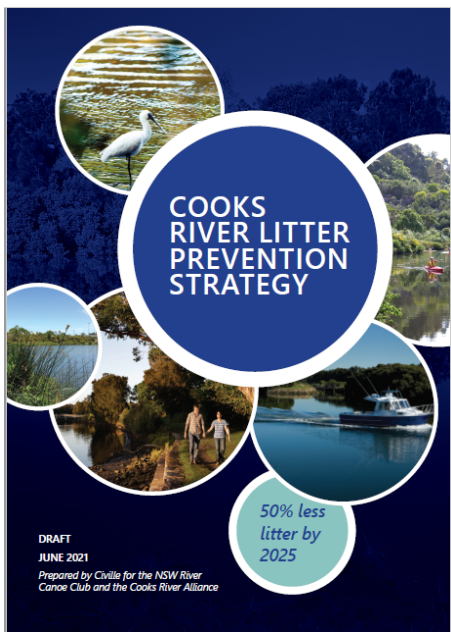
What has the club been doing? and focus areas moving forward?

<p>Paddling lots Providing opportunities for the community to get involve -4+ times per week.</p> <p>Local community is very much welcomed - inclusive, opportunities for skill development and leadership.</p> <p>Female participation encouraged and supported</p> <p><i>Toward an inclusive and healthy community</i></p>	  	<p>Helping toward a creative community</p> <p>Successful partnership with Council through the <i>Perfect Match Program</i></p> <p><i>Contribution to a creative community.</i></p> <p><i>Celebration and recognition of Aboriginal culture.</i></p>	 
<p>Organising major clean ups</p> <p>- 3 x Paddle Against Plastic major events</p> <p>- working with stakeholders to remove 20 tonnes from the river in the last 3 years alone.</p> <p><i>Toward cleaner waterways</i></p>	 	<p>Making the clubhouse a real community hub</p> <p>Continued upgrades to improve amenity and safety</p> <p><i>Toward a welcoming and inclusive community.</i></p>	 
<p>Organising regular clean up paddle -</p> <p>The 'mullets' - monthly cleanups, with community welcome.</p> <p><i>Toward cleaner waters</i></p>	 	<p>Investing in infrastructure</p> <p>The club has been securing grant funds and investing funds of its own to continually upgrade the clubhouse - to ensure safety and usability</p>	 

Progressive leadership:
Lead organisation for the Cooks River Litter Prevention Strategy
Securing EPA grant and working with stakeholders to deliver a framework for the future.

Engaging with Councils, due to formal launch in November 2021.

Progressive leadership.



Developing the ‘Cooks River Canoe Trail’

We’re currently working to help the put the Cooks River ‘on the map’ - literally.

New recreational opportunities for the community to enjoy.



Reducing our environmental footprint
Identifying opportunities for energy and water efficiency improvements.

Working toward roof replacement and in turn securing funding:
- for heat pumps
- solar panels
- rainwater tanks.

Working toward mitigating impacts and avoidance of climate change.



Partnering with stakeholders

A real key to success, the club works collaboratively with many stakeholders.

eg Working with Cooks River Alliance to host initiatives such as the ‘Cooks River Changemakers program’

Also working with CB Council for ‘Biodiversity paddles’



Engaging with younger people

A family friendly approach and environment.



Toward a cycle friendly environment

Working with the Council to identify pedestrian + cycle infrastructure and safety improvements.

Keen to identify opportunities for additional bike parking facilities.

Walking and cycling with ease.



About the Club more generally

- Approx 200 members and growing.
- Established in 1935.
- Been located on site since the mid-1950's.
- Clubhouse rebuilt in 1976.
- The premier recreational paddling club in NSW.
- Support paddling activities across all of NSW and beyond.
- Supporting all forms of paddling - flatwater, ocean, whitewater, canoeing.
- Affiliated with both Paddle NSW and Paddle Australia.
- A warm and welcoming community.

A rich history, a strong future.

