



LENNOX HEAD DESIGN CHARETTE

Summary of Day 2 (15 March 2020)

Concept Design Feedback

At the completion of Day 1 the Council team worked together to create a Preliminary Community Design Concept suitable for presenting back to the community on Day 2 of the charette.

During and after the presentation of the Preliminary Community Design Concept participants were invited to work in groups to provide feedback on the concept design by answering the following questions:

- What do you like, and why?
- What is not working, any why?
- What further improvements would you suggest and why?
- Which priority project do you think should be implemented first?

The following themes and summarises the findings for each group.

1. What do you like most about the concept design and why?

Themes include:

- Vegetation – native plantings, increased tree planting and greenery, retention of the fig tree
- Movement – improved pedestrian experience, slowing cars, improved accessibility
- Local character – retention of the village / coastal appeal

What do you like most about the concept design and why?	
Collection of general group comments during presentation	Use of local native vegetation
	Retaining the fig tree
	Creating slow point/Gateways before Park lane at each end of the village
	Increased tree and greenery along park lane
	Central community heart and crossing point with Ross Park
	Retain and work local knowledge desire lines and thoroughfares into informal and safe crossing points
	The bus stop helps to maintain car park free coastal view/vistas
Group 1	Natural plantings
	Free pedestrian movement
	Maintaining open spaces
	Maintains village atmosphere
Group 2	Retained natural features and character of the village
	Strategies for slowing the traffic and increasing pedestrian safety
Group 3	Slowing of the town and use of foliage
	Recognise the need to change and improve
Group 4	Green space and safety for families, aged and children
	Natural and sustainable, keeping with the roots/values of our town
Group 5	More vegetation
	Slowing traffic
	More social space
	Safer foot traffic
	Making spaces more beautiful and accessible

2. What do you think is not working and why?

Themes include:

- Bus stop location – possibly community confusion
- Car parking – improved disabled car parking required, consider additional car parking, possible community contention over loss of car parks

What do you think is not working and why?	
Collection of general group comments during presentation	The bus stop currently has to be relocated for events. People are confused about where bus top (one end of town and the other)
	Consider parking at Ross Park further
	A toilet at Ross Park should not impact on views
	The shelter in Lennox Park is a traditional community meeting place and that history will need to be considered if it is removed
	More and improved disabled car parks are needed in the centre
Group 1	Car parking is key – any loss or parks in main street could be offset to fire station area?
	Contentious aspects of moving bus stop and shelter shed in Lennox Park is likely to draw community negativity for a real and vicious minority
Group 2	I worry the plans we want/need will be scaled back because of financial restraints and not reflect all we need
Group 3	Worried that budget and tech restraints will limit the project
Group 4	Bus opposite North/South at South end of town
	Bus shelter as out-dated and visually (Meeting point in the 50's and 60's)
	Safety at heart for children (dangerous)
Group 5	Car vs people – Losing car parks will be highly debated

3. What further improvements would you suggest and why?

Themes include:

- Retaining local village character
- Safety – more lighting in Park Lane, updating Ross Park so it is safe and usable
- Communication – more project information, promoting Lennox Head as a safe place

What further improvements would you suggest and why?	
Collection of general group comments during presentation	When tree die or fall due to weather on the coastal reserve they should be replaced
	More data about bus movements and usage is needed to guide decision on the bus stop location and rules around crossing points in relation to the bus stops
	Consider more lighting along Park Lane
	Review the signage clutter at Ballina Street and Park Lane corner
Group 1	There is potential to convert the fire station to North South bus stop?
Group 2	Promote Lennox Village as a safe place to visit
	Update the toilets in Lennox Park rather than “new ones” to save on costs
	Make sure Ross Park is updated, safe and usable
Group 3	<i>No comments</i>
Group 4	Further development and impact limitation reflected
Group 5	More info available to the public

4. Which priority project do you think should be implemented first?

Themes include:

- Movement – slowing traffic/traffic calming and pedestrian safety
- Vegetation and planting

Which priority project do you think should be implemented first?	
Group 1	Replacing footpaths / Safety
	Traffic slowing
	Pedestrian crossing
Group 2	Road / Pedestrian / slow zone for human safety
	Pathways
	Lighting
Group 3	Slow and green
	People positively primed before the concept plan is presented
	Work together
Group 4	Ross Park = and work out
	Ross Park and road section (heart of town)
Group 5	Planting and slowing down traffic