

Shellharbour Community Facilities Strategy

2021-2031

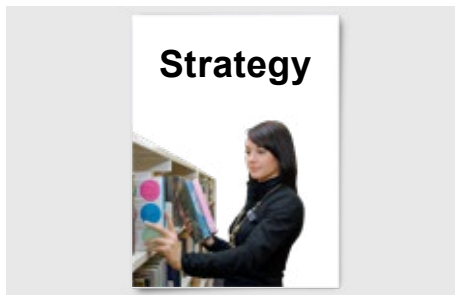


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About this information



This information is about the Community Facilities Strategy for Shellharbour City Council.



The **strategy** is a plan for the next 10 years.



It says what Shellharbour City Council wants to do with the community facilities.



Community facilities are places that people from the community can use and go to.



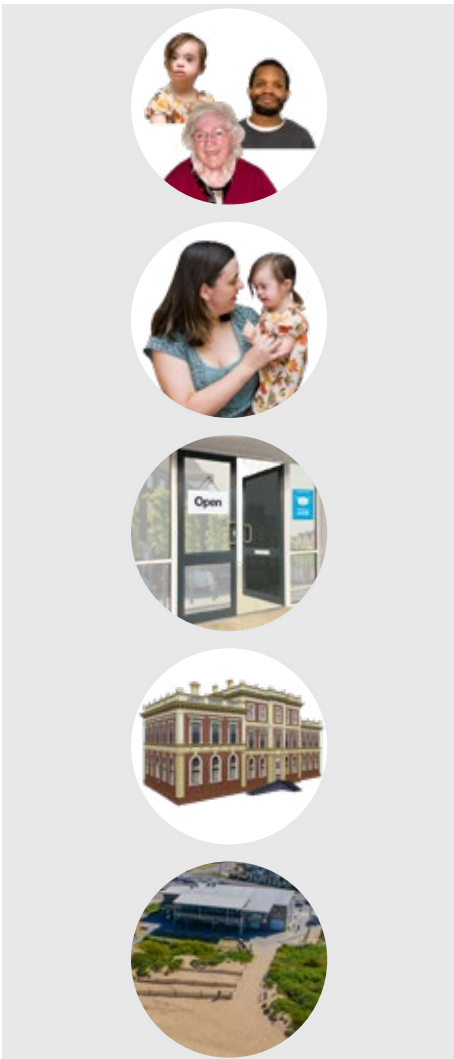
This could be

- Arts and cultural centres
- Halls and club houses
- Community centres

Our community facilities



Shellharbour City Council has 54 different community facilities.



There are

- Centres for old and young people
- Centres for parents and their kids
- Community and neighbourhood centres
- Halls and club houses
- Surf life saving houses



Council will build 3 more community facilities over the next 2 years.

They will be in Calderwood, Tullimbar and Shell Cove.



Community facilities help people

- Meet and get together
- Stay fit and safe



Council looks after the community facilities to make sure they are safe and clean.



Council rents out community facilities to people and organisations for events or programs.



Council runs some programs and services.



Council plans new community facilities.

About the Shellharbour area



Lots of different people live in the Shellharbour area.



There are many young people and families.



We think there will be even more families and young people in 10 years.



We need to think about what they need when we plan our community facilities.

Making the strategy



We asked the University of Technology Sydney to help us with the strategy.

UTS for short.



UTS did a study to find out what our community needs.



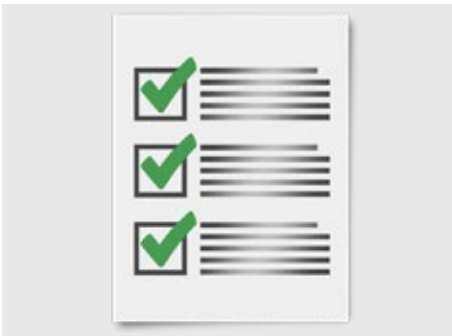
They wanted to know how community facilities can be better.



They also wanted to know what kind of community facilities people would like.



UTS talked to many people from the community.



UTS did

- Surveys
- Workshops
- Interviews and focus groups



We looked at how the community might change in the next 10 years.

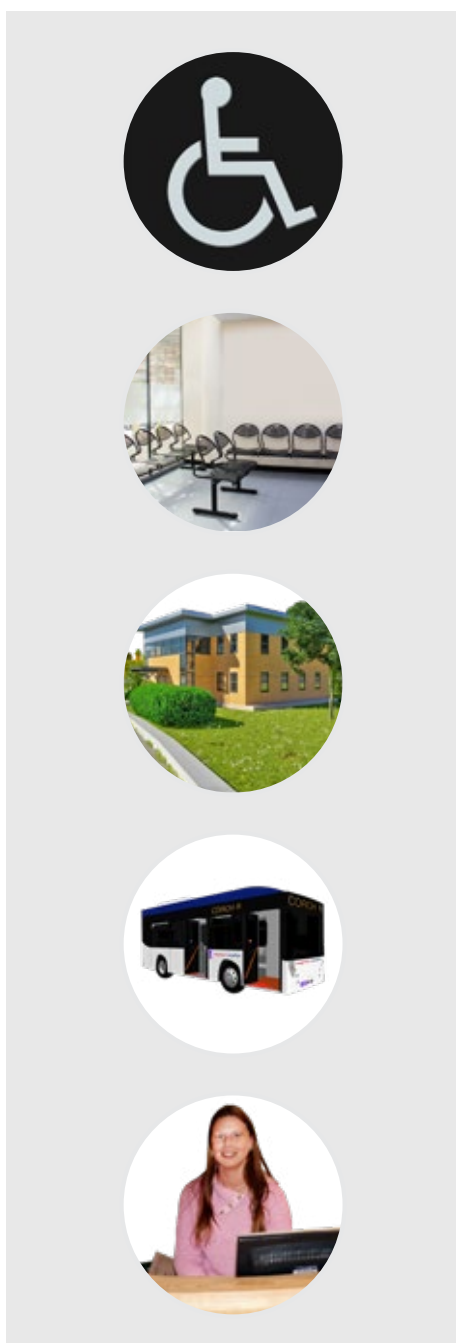


We also used great ideas from other parts of Australia and the world for our strategy.

What people find important



The UTS study found out what is important to people when they use community facilities.



People want community facilities to

- Be accessible for everyone
- Look nice and be clean
- Have inside and outside spaces
- Be easy to get to
- Have nice staff and good programs

The strategy



The strategy has 6 guiding principles.



Guiding principles are rules that help us make decisions and plans.



These are the guiding principles

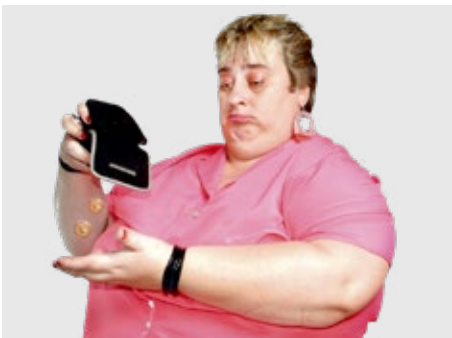
1. Community facilities must meet the needs of all people in the area.



2. Community facilities must be accessible for everyone.



3. Community facilities should help different people and groups to meet.



4. It must not cost a lot of money to use community facilities.



5. We will listen to what the community needs when we build and run community facilities.



6. We will build and run community facilities in a way
 - That does not waste money
 - Is good for the environment.

Environment means the world around us.

Our priorities

Priorities

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

We used the UTS study to come up with 5 things that are most important.

We call them **priorities**.



We will tell you what the priorities are.



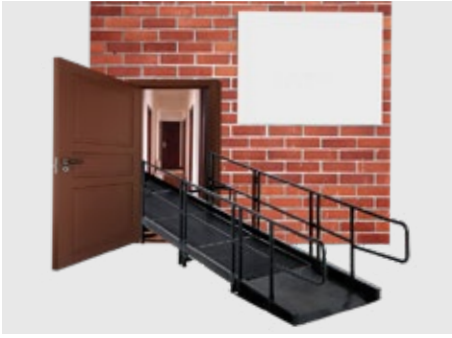
We will tell you what we will do about them.



Some of the things we can do quickly.



Some things will take longer to do.



Priority 1

It is easy to get to community facilities and to use them.

We want more people to use them.



This is what we will do

Council will make sure community facilities are in places that everyone can get to easily.



We will tell the community more about our community facilities and programs.

This will help get more people to use them.



We will make sure it is easy to hire rooms and join programs.

We will check that it does not cost too much.



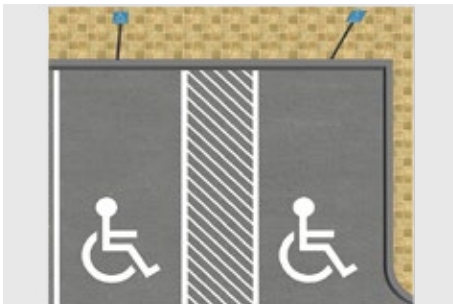
Priority 2

Our community facilities must be for everyone in our community.



This is what we will do

We want people to feel part of the community.



We will make sure community facilities are accessible for everyone.



We will have things that show our local culture.

We will get the community to help us with it.



We will make sure Aboriginal culture is a part of our community facilities.



Priority 3

Our community facilities look nice and have great things for people.



This is what we will do

We will make older community facilities better so that they look nice.



We will make sure our community facilities are good for the environment.



This could be things like using rain water for the toilets or the sun for power.



We want to use the space we have in a better way.



Priority 4

We will work with others to give the community great facilities and services.

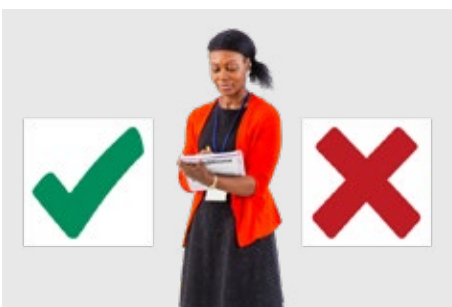


This is what we will do

We will have a group that meets often to talk about how community facilities can be better.



This group will have people from shopping centres, clubs, schools and service providers.



We will check often which community facilities

- Are used a lot
- Are not used much



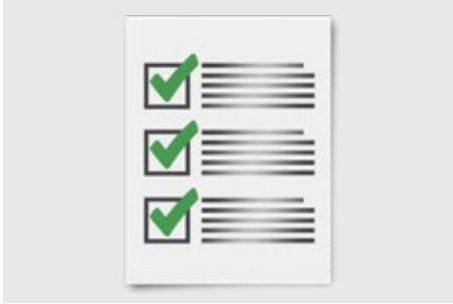
We will look into the ones that are not used much.

We will think about how we can make them better.



Priority 5

We keep working to plan and run community facilities in a better way.



This is what we will do

We will have a list that tells us which community facilities need to be better.



The list will say which ones are most important.



We will think about ways to make more money.



We will use the money for our community facilities.

How we will make the strategy work



We will have a working group that makes sure the strategy is put into place.



They will check how we go with all the things we want to do.

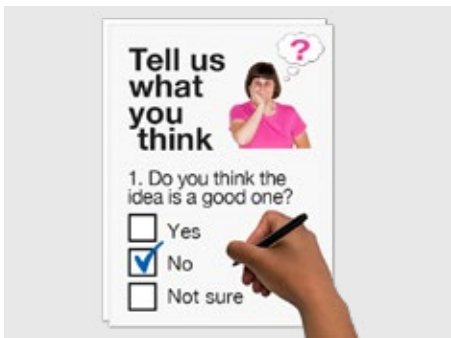


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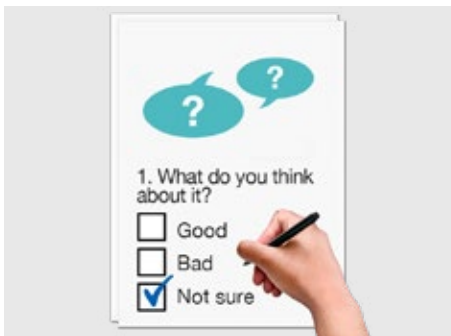


We will often look into

- How many people use our community facilities
- Who is using them
- Which programs people do



We keep asking the community what they think about our community facilities.



We will do surveys.



You can have your say on our Let's Chat website.

www.letschatshellharbour.com

Contact



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