

Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project

Urban Design and Landscape Plan – Frequently Asked Questions



Caption: Artist's impression of the new Batemans Bay Bridge with urban design and landscaping including the new foreshore designs.

Introduction

What is the Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP) for the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project?

The UDLP shows how the new Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project interacts with its wider environment.

While the bridge design and road corridor were finalised when the detailed design was displayed in December 2018, the UDLP focuses on urban design solutions for the community and foreshore areas surrounding the new bridge.

Features of the UDLP have been developed through an integrated urban design approach. This approach encourages continuous refinement throughout the project period.

These features have received further development as part of the detailed design stage, arising from engineering requirements, construction constraints and various approval processes, as well as design modifications as an outcome of the community and stakeholder consultation process, particularly through the community focused Foreshore Advisory Committee.

Foreshore advisory committee

What was the consultation process followed in relation to the foreshore design?

In November 2017, the Batemans Bay bridge review of environmental factors was placed on public display. A number of submissions were made by government agencies, stakeholders and the community regarding the foreshore areas impacted by the Batemans Bay bridge replacement and requesting that a high quality urban design and additional features be included in these areas.

Roads and Maritime Services agreed to continue to work with Eurobodalla Shire Council, agencies and the community on the final design of the foreshore.

To achieve this, a Foreshore Advisory Committee was included as a requirement for the contractor, John Holland Pty Ltd, to make sure the detailed design of the foreshore areas impacted by the construction of the new Batemans Bay Bridge effectively consider the recommendations and advice from key community stakeholders and community members.

The recommendation for a committee was suggested by Eurobodalla Shire Council in their submission to Roads and Maritime when the Review of Environment Factors was displayed in November 2017.

The project team applied the IAP2 spectrum of public participation to this engagement exercise. We worked within the **'collaborate'** pillar of the spectrum with the committee and aimed to **'look at the committee for advice and innovation and incorporate this in decisions as much as possible'**. More information on the IAP2 spectrum of public participation can be viewed at iap2.org.

		INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION 				
		INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL		To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
	PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC	We will keep you informed.	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.	We will implement what you decide.

How was the Foreshore Advisory Committee formed and who are the committee members?

In July 2018, invitations were issued to key stakeholder groups likely to have a specific interest in the foreshore design. Advertisements were placed in local papers to seek applicants for three positions within the committee to be occupied by interested community members.

The first committee meeting took place on 9 October 2018. The initial meetings were focused on gaining general agreement on the vision for the northern and southern foreshores. It was agreed that the northern foreshore should retain a more natural informal environment and the southern foreshore more formal spaces for use by the community.

In providing guidance to the project team, the committee also advised that the new design should:

- enhance tourism, enabling people to stop at and return to Batemans Bay
- create harmony between green space and parking
- integrate with the feel and functions of the wider plans for the foreshore by the land owners (including Council and Crown Land)
- include spaces for community art
- embrace Batemans Bay's Indigenous and European culture and history
- minimise duplication of functions and features with other areas of Batemans Bay
- appeal to the diversity of the community.
- connect eastern areas to western areas of foreshore.

The committee of 13 members includes:

- Eurobodalla Shire Council - Mayor or her nominated representative
- Two Chamber of Commerce representatives
- President of Eurobodalla Fishing Association or their representative
- President of Regional Fishing Advisory Council or their representative
- President of Batemans Bay Boaters Association or their representative
- President of Batemans Bay Sailing Club or their representative
- Three Community representatives
- Accessibility representative
- Aboriginal Community including CEO of BBLALC or their representative and representative from Elders Group.

Six committee meetings have taken place with advice provided on matters including parking facilities, recreational areas, access to the river for pedestrians, cyclists and river users, landscaping and how to ensure the design allows for current and future cultural, business and recreational opportunities.

Displaying the UDLP and foreshore design

Why are we sharing this UDLP and foreshore designs to the wider community?

The Project Team is determined to ensure the community has an opportunity to provide feedback on the final UDLP including the foreshore designs.

By communicating this information to the wider community, we aim to:

- display the design of the Clyde River foreshore areas to the local community and stakeholders and seek feedback
- explain the design process so far, including the role of the Foreshore Advisory Committee
- inform the community of what elements and features require consultation and further refinement, and what parts have progressed or even finalised
- communicate the benefits and features of the proposed foreshore design and help the community understand these through providing visualisations of the project
- make it easy for you to have your say
- explain the next steps on the project.

Has the foreshore design in the draft UDLP changed, due to the input by the FAC?

The foreshore design has changed considerably because of the valuable input from the committee members.

Please view or download the Summary of recommendations from the Foreshore Advisory Committee Report on the project website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/BatemansBayBridge

How will the community be informed about the UDLP including the foreshore design?

- **RMS website** - www.rms.gov.au/batemansbaybridge includes the community update, full construction area map with online interactive map, online survey, gallery of artist's images, FAQ, Urban Design and Landscaping Plan as well as previously published and historical project information
- **Community update** - this will be available on the website and distributed to households within 750 metres of bridge construction zone and available at the Community Display Centre located at the project site office, 2 Vesper Street, next to McKay Park
- **Postcard** - delivered to 5600 residences in northern Eurobodalla, to direct interested community members to the website to view the foreshore designs and invite them to the community drop in sessions
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** - available on the RMS website.
- **Community Display Centre** - 2 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay (former Bowling Club site), 9am to 5pm weekdays (not public holidays). Will have a comprehensive display of plans, large-scale maps

and artist's impressions, computers for the community to explore other project related information and to complete UDLP survey.

- **Community Drop-In Sessions** - The project team will be hosting three drop-in sessions to give more information about the Urban Design and Landscaping Plan. The community is invited to attend these sessions, on Monday 24 June from 3-6pm at the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project Community Display Centre, in the site office on the Princes Highway; on Thursday 27 June from 10am to 1pm at the Village Centre on 1 Perry Street and Saturday 29 June from 8-10.30am at Rally for the Bay, located at the start of the event on the Clyde River foreshore.
- **Online Survey** - located on the RMS website you can have your say on key aspects of the foreshore design.
- **Print and digital advertisements** - to inform the community about drop-in sessions, survey access and other information.
- **Road signage** - to inform local motorists the foreshore design is on display
- **Targeted meetings with stakeholder groups** -

Group	Purpose of meeting
Mothers / playgroups	Discuss playground, child-friendly spaces
Historical Society	Discuss tributes to existing structure and local history
Aboriginal Elders	Discuss acknowledgements to local Aboriginal history and interpretative signage strategy
Biking groups and biking event organisers	Amenities for cyclists
Muddy Puddles	Accessibility for people with disabilities
Disability Inclusion Committee (Council)	Accessibility for people with disabilities
Sailability	Accessibility for people with disabilities
Boating and fishing groups	Amenities for river users
Rotary	Discuss reinstatement of the contemplation area
Tourism Event organisers	Understand requirements
Other - Please contact BatemansBayBridge@jhq.com.au if your group would like to meet with the project team	

How long will the UDLP including the foreshore design be available for community consultation?

The community consultation phase was announced on Friday 14 June 2019.

You can have your say on the UDLP including foreshore designs until Friday 12 July 2019.

Where can I find the survey about the foreshore design?

You can have your say by accessing the online survey or by visiting the Community Display Centre at the Batemans Bay Bridge construction site compound at 2 Vesper Street, Batemans Bay.

If you are not able to access the online survey or visit the Community Display Centre you can phone the Community Relations Team on 1800 870 119 or email BatemansBayBridge@ihg.com.au

What will happen with the results of the survey?

Results of the survey will be collated by the Project Team and may provide information that further changes the foreshore design.

How do I contact the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project team?

- Phone: 1800 870 119
- Email: BatemansBayBridge@ihg.com.au
- Visit: Community Display Centre, 2 Vesper Street in Batemans Bay (former Bowling Club site)
- More information on the project is available on www.rms.gov.au/batemansbaybridge