

Talk of the Town Community Summit

Sunday 23 May 2010







Talk of the Town 2010 - Background

- State Metropolitan Strategy 10,300 dwellings by 2031
- Need to develop Housing Strategy "Warringah's Housing Future –Lets Solve the Puzzle"
- Development of comprehensive Engagement Plan
 - Stage 1 Initial awareness
 - Stage 2 Talk of the Town 2010 Community Summit
 - Stage 3 –Feedback on initial housing paper
 - Stage 4 Public exhibition
- Extensive and robust planning and preparation
- Summit held Dee Why RSL on Sunday 23 May 2010 from 11.30 – 3.30





Promotion and Outreach program

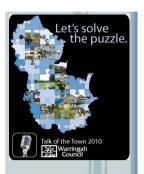
- Promotion and outreach commenced 26 January 2010
- Activities included
 - Community events, meet the Mayor, Music in March, sporting events
 - Direct email to Council Community groups and other contacts
 - Letters to non resident property owners.
 - Flyers and letter box drop to all households
 - Promotion via Council services and venues
 - School Poster Competition promoted via 45 Primary & Secondary Schools
 - Adverts in local papers, banners
 - Telephone Hotline
 - Online forum www.yoursaywarringah.com.au/housing

Recruitment and Selection

- Received over 715 registrations
- Robust random selection process Suburb, age and gender
- 550 participants selected and invited
- Good mix of age from 15+
- Participants confirmed attendance
- On the day 440 participants attended
- Random table allocation







Logistics and Selection

Logistics

- 2 rooms @ Dee Why RSL capacity ~ 550 capacity, screens in both rooms linked by video
- 10 Participants seated at round tables with a facilitator at each table
- Assistance provided by Straight Talk including Lead facilitator
- 50 volunteer facilitators were recruited and trained (12 external, 40 internal)
- 40 other volunteers registration, runners, issue experts, floor managers, room coordinators, ushers, prizes etc
- Special Guests and observers: Councillors, MPs, Media, Panel Members,
 Other Council staff, Dept of Planning

Creative Processes and Techniques

- Electronic Voting Individual Keepads
- Sticker Sessions & Maps
- Expert Discussion Panel
- Opinion Walls
- 'Puzzle' team activity
- Facilitator Notes
- Individual feedback forms
- Support material participant's pack, background documents







Program for The Day

11.30 am	Welcome
11.40 am	"Who is here today?"
11.50 am	"Your values" – Discussion and voting
12.15 pm	"Where should the dwellings go?- Sticker session 1
12.30 pm	"Change is coming" – Expert Panel
12.50 pm	"Where will all these extra people live?" – Discussion and electronic voting
1.55 pm	"What will Warringah look like in the future?" – Discussion and electronic voting
2.45 pm	"The Puzzle" – team activity
3.00 pm	Place your stickers" - consensus session
3.20 pm	Summary and Close







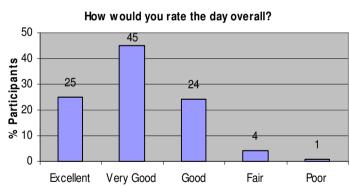




Feedback and Next Steps

Feedback included:

- Community valued being involved
- Good facilitators and table discussion (4.5 out of 5)
- Good mix of people
- Well run and enjoyable
- Liked instant feedback via electronic voting
- Inclusion of related issues eg transport
- One room, less than 10 on table
- Overall 95% of participants rated the event as good, very good or excellent



Next Steps

- Participant handout on day
- Initial Results reported to Council in June
- Development of Draft Housing Paper
- Final stage of Engagement Plan

