

Planning and Heritage Investigations for Berry Second Community Survey

Introduction

Council is continuing to gather community feedback to inform the preparation of new planning controls for part of Berry (east of the Princes Highway).

This is the final stage in gathering community feedback to inform the preparation of a draft Development Control Plan (DCP). The interrelated Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) project is expected to be completed at the same time.

An initial survey was conducted from mid December 2023 to mid February 2024 with 631 survey responses received. Face to face engagement activities were conducted on 17 & 18 March 2024 with approximately 130 people participating. Council appreciates the interest and extensive feedback that has already been received from the community.

This second, concise, concluding survey therefore includes questions that directly stem from what Council has heard. To date, Council has heard that the community want future planning controls to:

- focus on areas with the most significant heritage values
- not preclude change but rather respond to different site and area-based constraints and opportunities across Berry
- respond to infrastructure needs
- ensure landscaping and vegetation is a key consideration
- continue to value and place emphasis on views and the rural landscape

You can find out more information about the project (including a snapshot of the initial survey findings and FAQs) on Council's Get Involved page [Get Involved]. This may help you in completing this survey.

Your input will be used to help inform the future planning controls to be included in a DCP for Berry.

Part one.

A bit about yourself

1. What is your relationship to the Berry area? (select multiple if applicable)

- ☐ Berry resident (East of the Princes Highway)
- ☐ Berry resident (West of the Princes Highway)
- ☐ Berry property owner (non resident - East of the Princes Highway)
- ☐ Berry property owner (non resident - West of the Princes Highway)
- ☐ Business owner or operator in Berry
- ☐ Resident from surrounding areas (Jaspers Brush, Broughton Vale, Bundewallah, Far Meadow, Meroo Meadow, Back Forest, Woodhill, Bellawongarah, Wattamolla)
- ☐ Business owner from surrounding areas (Jaspers Brush, Broughton Vale, Bundewallah, Far Meadow, Meroo Meadow, Back Forest, Woodhill, Bellawongarah, Wattamolla)
- ☐ Traditional owner
- ☐ Resident of other town or village within Shoalhaven Local Government Area
- ☐ Resident of an area outside Shoalhaven Local Government Area
- ☐ Visitor to the area
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. Age group

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 - 64 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 24 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 74 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 34 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 - 84 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 44 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 years and over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 54 years | |

3. Did you complete the first survey?

Yes/ No

4. Did you attend a face to face engagement event on 17 or 18 March?

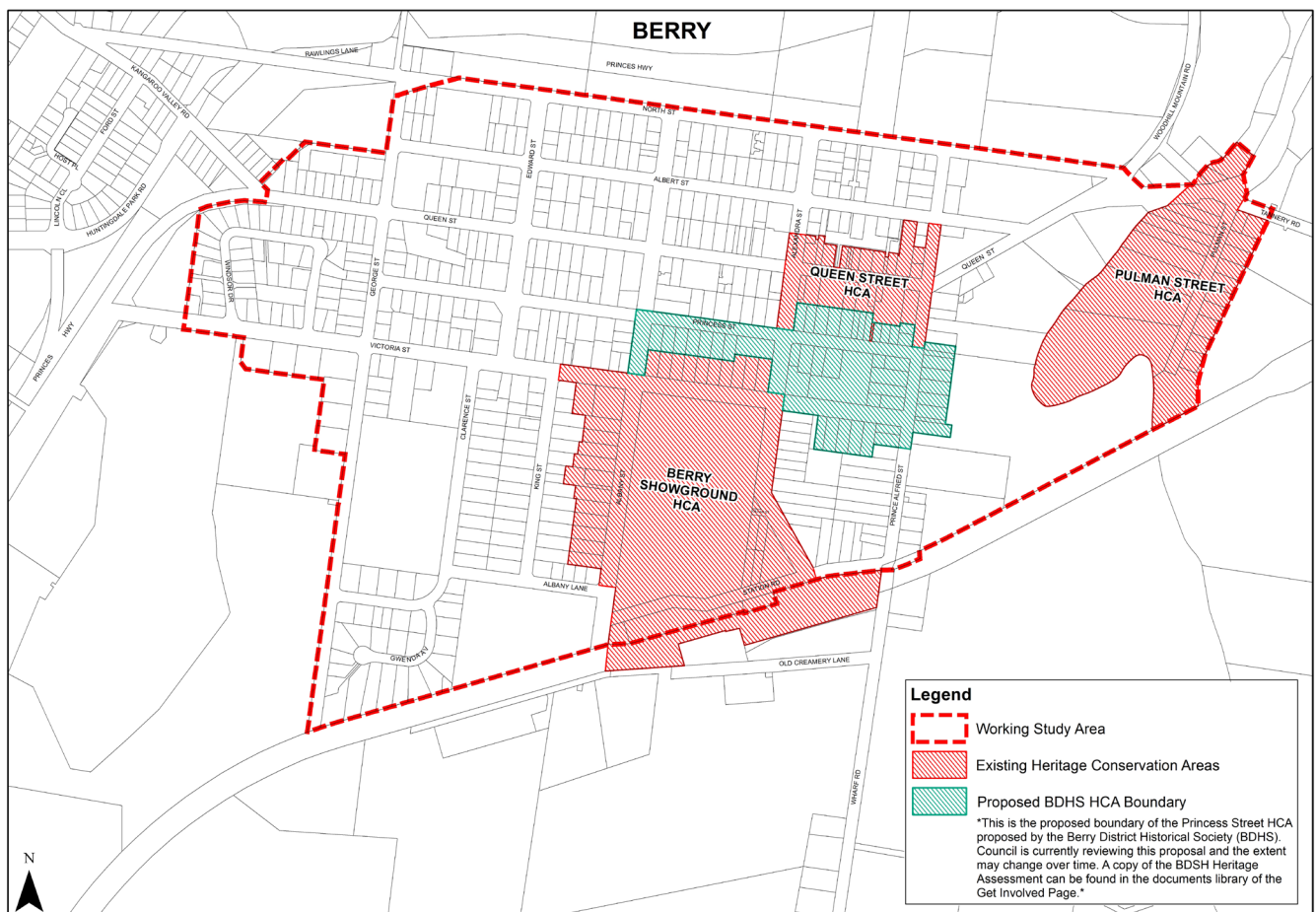
Yes/ No

Part two.

This part aims to confirm what you think about desired possible controls to be included in a DCP.

The part of Berry that the new DCP chapter will apply to currently contains three (3) existing HCAs and one (1) additional HCA is proposed.

The map of the proposed HCA as submitted by the Berry District Historical Society is provided below. This proposed HCA is currently under peer review that will be documented in a report to Council alongside the outcomes of this engagement project.



5. To what level do you agree with the following statements where they apply:

- o within the boundary of a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA)?
- o outside of the boundary of a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA)?

1. Strongly Agree 2. Agree 3. Neutral 4. Disagree 5. Strongly disagree

	Within the boundary of HCA	Outside of boundary of HCA
The colour of a building can improve its contribution to the streetscape		
New development should not be required to use traditional materials, colours or finishes, where it can otherwise be shown to consider and respond to setting.		
Primary colours should be avoided in buildings.		
Secondary dwellings and dual occupancies that cannot be viewed from the street are a good development outcome.		
Footpaths are important and should be provided where density is increased on a site.		
Kerb & guttering is important and should be provided where density is increased on site.		
Drainage outcomes are equally important as built form or architectural design outcomes.		
On street parking for new development is an acceptable outcome instead of on site parking.		
Carports/ garages should not dominate residential development.		
No part of a building should be altered to accommodate a carport in a front or side setback.		
Environmental sustainability is as important as built form or architectural design outcomes.		
Landscaping around a building can improve the buildings contribution to the streetscape.		
Retention of existing trees (on private and public land) is vital to the streetscapes of Berry.		
Increased densities are achievable whilst responding to significant heritage elements of a site or surrounds.		
The value of the character and views to and from the rural landscape should be a key consideration in all new housing development.		
Increased densities bring vibrancy to a town/ village.		
Fencing design, colours and materials can improve a buildings contribution to the streetscape.		
No front fencing can create a good streetscape outcome.		

Part three.

This survey is the final stage of our early engagement about additional planning controls for Berry.

The results of the engagement will be documented in a report which will be presented to Council in coming months.

Thank you for completing this important survey.