

**ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS
FOR
BUSINESS PAPER**

**TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2026
7:30 PM**

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Making Lackey Street, Summer Hill 'event-ready'

Engagement Outcomes Report

16 February to 16 March 2026



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Summary

From 16 February to 16 March 2026, the community was invited to provide feedback on a proposal to make Lackey Street 'Event-ready'.

During the engagement period 923 people visited the Your Say Inner West project page.

A total of 85 people completed the online survey, 9 emailed, 97 attended a pop-up stall at Summer Hill Social and 11 businesses provided feedback in person through door knocking.

Participants in general supported the idea to allow more events on Lackey Street by making it 'event-ready'. Community responses to questions included in the Your Say Inner West page include a range of suggestions around event timing and event types.

Project background

Summer Hill town centre is a special part of the Inner West. The town centre has a unique village feel with the Piazza, fountain, surrounding alfresco dining and variety of businesses.

In late 2023, the NSW Government committed to improving pedestrian and cycle access in Lackey Street, Summer Hill.

In early 2025, Council held a workshop with local businesses to gather feedback on proposed changes including opportunities to pedestrianise Lackey Street. Council received mixed responses to the suggestion that vehicle and parking access could be changed. A decision was made to review the approach.

Council worked closely with key stakeholders to explore ways to activate the space while responding to business concerns. This led to a new proposal focused on making it easier for community and businesses to hold events under the following conditions:

- Up to 6 street closure events per year until 2030
- Events only on Sundays
- Temporary road closure from 3.30am-11.30pm during event days.
- These events would be in addition to the annual Summer Hill Social organised by Council.



Promotion and engagement methods

| Promotion method | Stakeholders engaged |
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| Project page on Your Say Inner West | 923 people viewed the project page 1,024 times |
| Emails to key stakeholders | 1,611 registered members of Your Say Inner West 25 businesses who were consulted in 2025 2 to ASHbiz representatives 12 Council Local Democracy Groups |
| Council's social media | 7,700 people reached on Facebook and Instagram |
| Posters | 6 posters surrounding Lackey Street |
| Letter | 6,567 properties in Summer Hill |
| Flyer left at businesses | 41 through door knocking |
| Council E-newsletter | 5,693 subscribers of the What's On Creative Communities 4,329 subscribers of the Your Say Inner West newsletter |

| Engagement method | Stakeholders engaged |
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| Online Surveys | 85 responses |
| Emails | 9 emails |
| Phone calls | 2 phone calls |
| On-site pop up | 97 people attended |
| In-person surveys | 9 surveys completed through door knocking |

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Summary of feedback

Online survey

Participants were asked to provide feedback on:

- Do they support Sunday being the event day, if not which day do they support
- Their preference over event types, and
- Other comments they would like to make

Majority of participants (89%) supported Sunday being the day for events to be held.

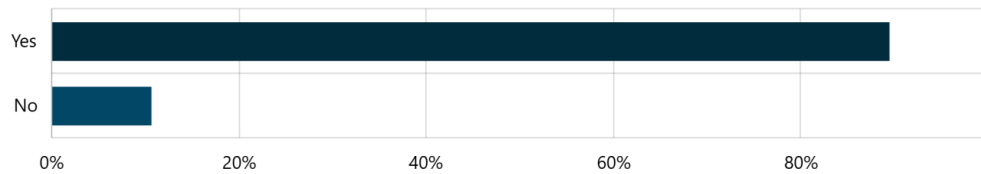


Figure 1 Answers to “Do you support Sunday being the day for events to be held?”

Within the 9 respondents who did not, six preferred Saturday while three didn't support any days.

Participants were also asked to select what type of events they were interested in having in Lackey Street, Summer Hill.

Market events were the most supported (88%), followed by Cultural events/festival (87%), Music (81%) and 19% voted for other types of events.

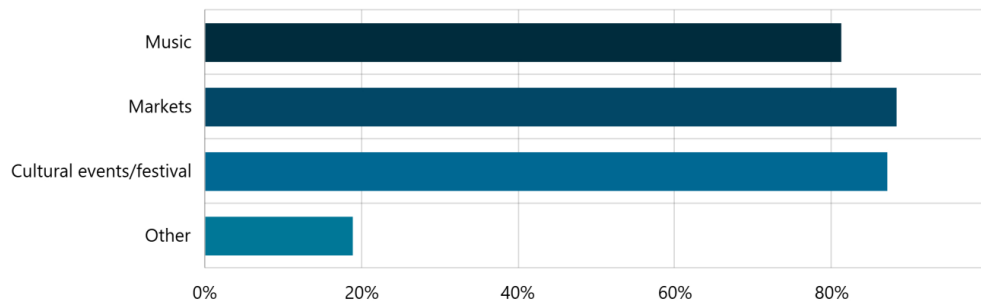


Figure 2 Answers to “What type of events are you interested to have in Lackey Street, Summer Hill”

In addition, 52 comments were received. Council staff have reviewed and themed the comments. Themes raised more than once are listed below.

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| Key Themes | Mentions |
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| Support the proposal | 16 |
| Permanent pedestrianisation especially for Lackey Street (between Hardie Ave and Smith St) | 10 |
| More frequent closures | 6 |
| The closure should be open to all public rather than patrons of certain businesses and incentivise more businesses to participate | 5 |
| Concerns over noise of music events or generators | 4 |
| Object to the proposal due to loss of parking disrupting businesses and disruptions to daily lives | 3 |
| Incentivise use of empty buildings | 3 |
| Less frequent closures | 2 |
| Rubbish from the events need to be managed through post event cleaning or use of recycle cups/plates etc. | 2 |
| Prefer another day for those who can't make it on Sundays | 2 |
| Concern about Flour Mill market conflicts | 2 |
| Include family friendly events | 2 |

On-site Pop-up

On 8 March 2026, Council held a stall at Summer Hill Social. Participants were able to vote using three coins on what type of events they would like to see and leave any comments on a post-it note.

A total of 97 participants took part in the activity and all supported the proposal with the results below:

- Cultural events – 100 votes
- Markets – 98 votes
- Music events – 93 votes

Some of the participants also left further comments as summarised below.

| Key Themes |
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| Permentatley close Lackey Street to cars |
| Make Hardie Avenue one-way. |
| More attractive parklet designs in the area. |
| Opportunities to use carpark for community activities |
| Remove power poles especially in front of the heritage buildings |

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| The Flour Mills, located 10-min walk away, has frequent markets. Some participants don't mind more while others raised concerns that too many markets in a same area are unnecessary |
| Ensure future events are open to everyone. |

Emails

A total of 9 emails were received. Council staff have reviewed all responses and themes mentioned more than twice are listed below.

| Themes raised | Total mentions |
|---|----------------|
| Supports the proposal | 5 |
| Bump in times are too early and bump out times are too late | 2 |

Phone Calls

One call was made to Ashbiz (the Ashfield, Summer Hill and Haberfield Business Chamber and one call was received from a community member. Both supported the proposal.

In-person surveys through door knocking

On 25 February 2026, 41 businesses along Lackey Street were doorknocked on. A total of 11 completed the survey:

- Nine supported Sunday being the day for events to be held and two didn't support any days.
- 5 supported Cultural events and Music events and 4 supported Markets.

There were 9 comments left and they can be summarised as below:

| Key Themes |
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| Events should take place in school holidays |
| The proposal has less impact on some businesses as some do not operate on Sundays or are only open short hours |
| Object to proposal due to potential disruption to business |
| Supports proposal and possibility to utilise the opportunity to bring in more customers |
| Parking is not sufficient for workers and customers in the area |

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Next steps

A report with recommendations based on the outcomes of the community engagement will be presented to the April 2026 Ordinary Council for a decision to be made.

Everyone who provided feedback will be kept up to date with the project.

