

# Newcastle Ocean Baths Community Reference Group Meeting no.2

3 June 2020

# Meeting Protocols

- Technology checks – audio, video, chat function
- Ask questions throughout presentations via the Chat Room
- Breaks to answer questions

# Terms of Reference

## Objectives

- Contribute to the planning of facilities that balance the needs of all users of the Baths
- Inform the broader community of project objectives, status and outcomes of the project

## Functions of Community Reference Group (CRG)

- Provide information on current usage and areas for improvement of the Baths
- Provide feedback and information to the community
- Represent your user group
- Provide feedback to City of Newcastle (CN) on proposals

## CRG Reporting Structure

- The CRG is part of CN's review process and is not a decision-making body. Outcomes of CRG meetings will be reported to the Coastal Revitalisation Project Control Group

# Agenda

- Apologies
- Since we last met
- Community Engagement Feedback
- Project Update
- Group Discussion
- Next Steps

# Apologies

- Attendees
- Apologies

# Since we last met

- Acceptance of CRG1 workshop report
- Any other matters?
- Any feedback or discussions with your community group?

# Community Engagement Feedback

# Learning from the community

- 100 days community engagement program from 22 November 2019 to 1 March 2020



**Dedicated Have  
Your Say  
web page**

**4,400+ visits**



**Ideas Wall  
(embedded on Have  
Your Say)**

**840 comments  
262 unique  
stakeholders**



**Intercept surveys**

**129 surveys  
conducted at  
5 locations**



**Telephone surveys  
(poll)**

**898 respondents  
across Newcastle  
LGA**



# Ideas Wall



Facilities & activities



Improved amenities



Improved access



Improved safety



Look and feel of pavilion



Potential pavilion uses

Thoughts on potential uses



Start a discussion (39)

6 months ago

Like +100Dislike -53

More bubblers/bottle refill stations



Start a discussion (23)

6 months ago

Like +81Dislike -1

Outdoor exercise equipment



Start a discussion (29)

6 months ago

Like +34Dislike -31

Thoughts on potential uses



Start a discussion (46)

6 months ago

Like +140Dislike -31

Thoughts on potential pavilion uses



Start a discussion (29)

6 months ago

Like +100Dislike -62

More shade/shelters



Start a discussion (26)

6 months ago

Like +57Dislike -6

More bike racks



Start a discussion (16)

6 months ago

Like +70Dislike -2

Change facilities (including family/baby change)



Start a discussion (16)

6 months ago

Like +57Dislike -3

Improved indoor showers and toilets



Start a discussion (60)

6 months ago

Like +66Dislike -2

Improved disability facilities



Start a discussion (7)

6 months ago

Like +61Dislike -0

More seating (benches, picnic tables)



Start a discussion (12)

6 months ago

Like +62Dislike -4

Improved disability access/ramps



Start a discussion (11)

6 months ago

Like +64Dislike -1

Improved pedestrian safety



Start a discussion (14)

Improved lighting



Improved vehicle access and movement



Improved parking



Start a discussion (32)

6 months ago

Like +48Dislike -0

Upgraded stairs



Start a discussion (4)

6 months ago

Like +30Dislike -6

Improved outdoor showers



# Ideas Wall **Key sentiments**

## Pavilion / exterior

- Façade
- Pavilion building
- Change rooms

## Need

- More shade / shelters
- More private change facilities
- Renovations to maintain iconic art deco look
- Lockers
- Seating

## Operational

- Little support for restaurant, bar or gym
- Some support to improve the café

# Telephone Poll **Key findings**

<b>People were asked how important is it that CN improves...</b>	<b>Very important + somewhat important</b>
• Existing facilities, e.g. change rooms?	90%
• Improves the shade?	87%
• Improves the existing kiosk / café?	79%
• Improves existing accessibility?	80%
• How important is it to have a community meeting space provided?	51%

# Intercept Survey

5 survey locations

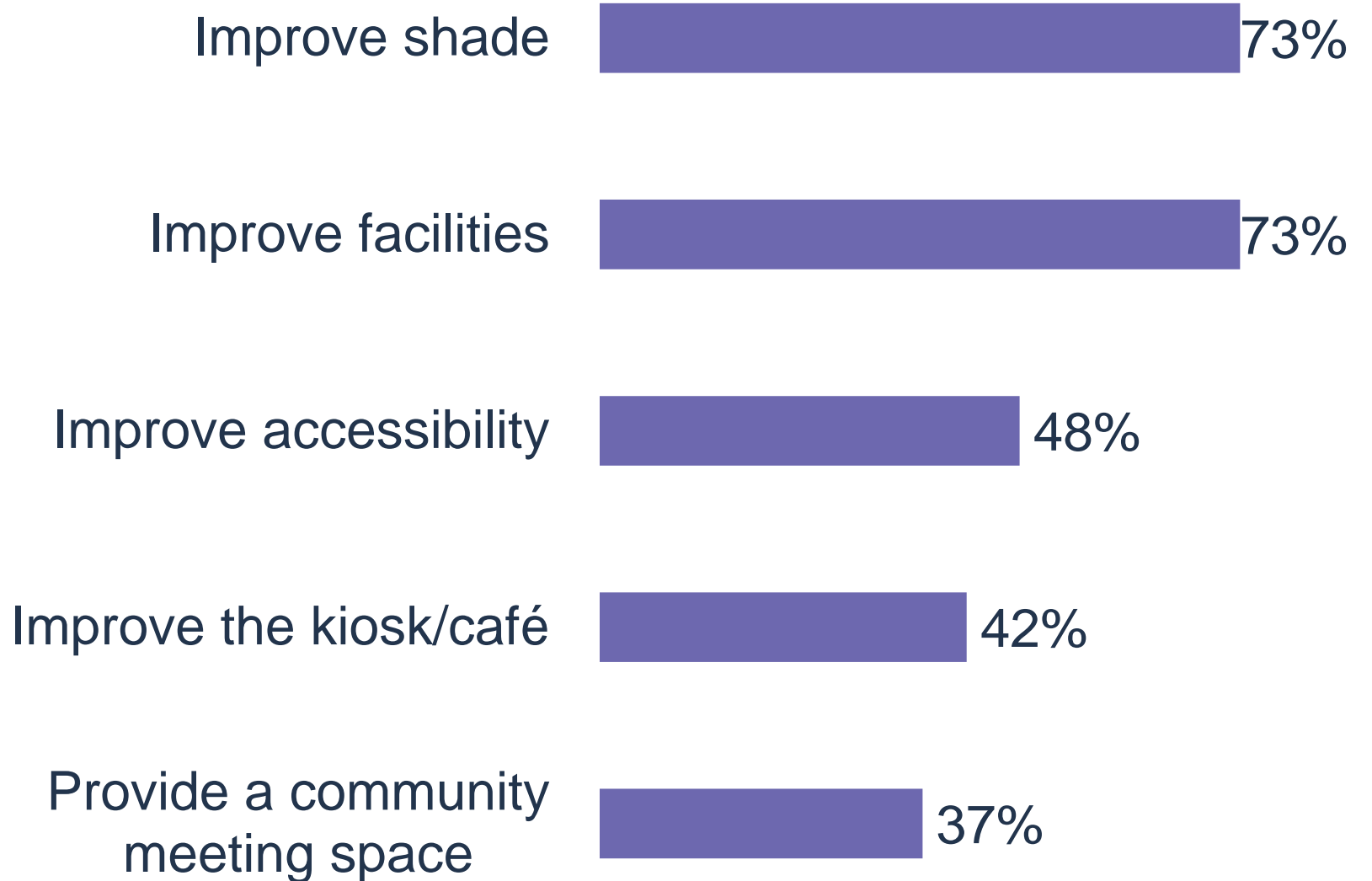
<b>Jesmond</b>	<b>Wallsend</b>	<b>Hunter St</b>	<b>Merewether Baths</b>	<b>Newcastle Baths</b>
48	45	25	51	49

## People were asked:

- Do they use the Baths and what they usually did
- Rate the importance of several potential upgrades
- Choose 5 potential changes
- Support for listed potential changes

# Intercept Survey

% nett importance rating  
(scoring 8-10 out of 10)





# Overall Key Findings

## Pavilion / Exterior

- ✓ Support for façade and building repairs, restoration and maintenance
- ✓ Acceptance that renovations are required and works to be sympathetic to the location
- ✓ Maintain the art deco aesthetic



# Overall Key Findings

## Improvements

- ✓ Upgrade general facilities including amenities
- ✓ Maintain change room amenity, but have both private and open change rooms
- ✓ Additional shade / shelters, seating, lockers
- ✓ Improve disability amenities and access
- ✓ Improve parking and public transport



# Overall Key Findings

## Operational

- ✓ Limited support for commercial operations
- ✓ Support to improve the café / kiosk offering



# Next Steps

Further discussion on topics including:

- Change rooms
- Café and community spaces
- Western façade

# Questions

# Project Update

# Project Stages

## Stage 1

Pools side of works

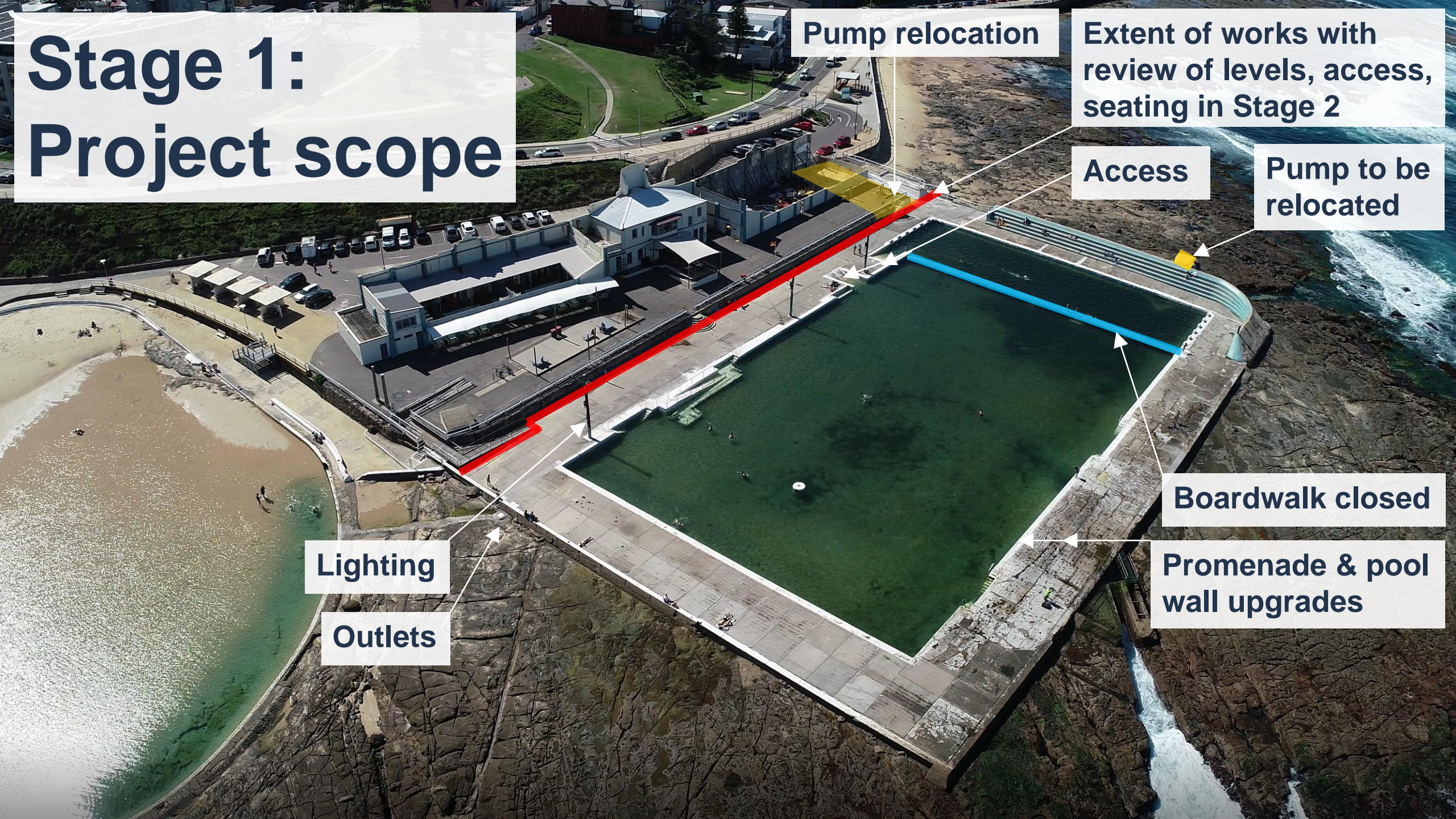
## Stage 2

Pavilions side of works





# Stage 1: Project scope



Pump relocation

Extent of works with review of levels, access, seating in Stage 2

Access

Pump to be relocated

Boardwalk closed

Promenade & pool wall upgrades

Lighting

Outlets



# Stage 1 boundary





# Promenade - East





# Promenade - South





# Pool walls Lighting





# Boardwalk



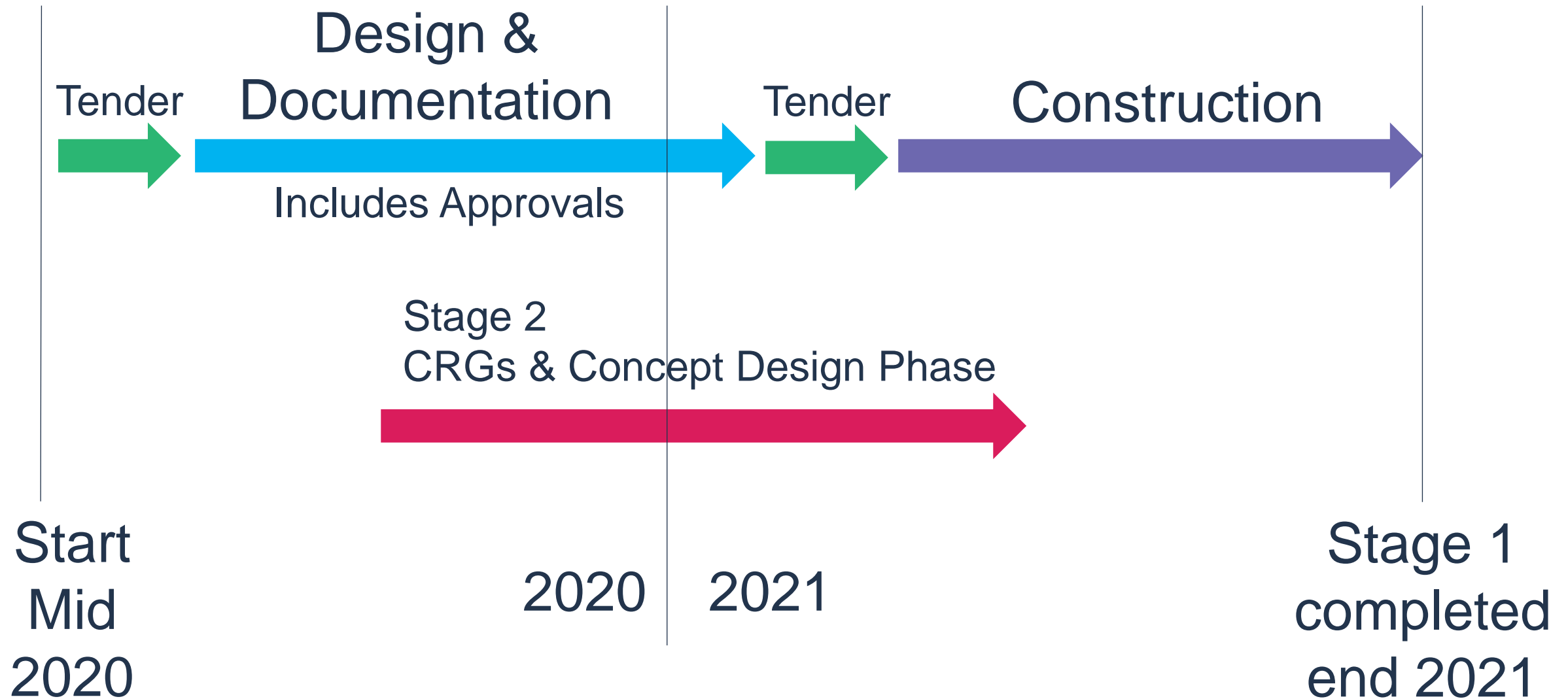


# Pump House

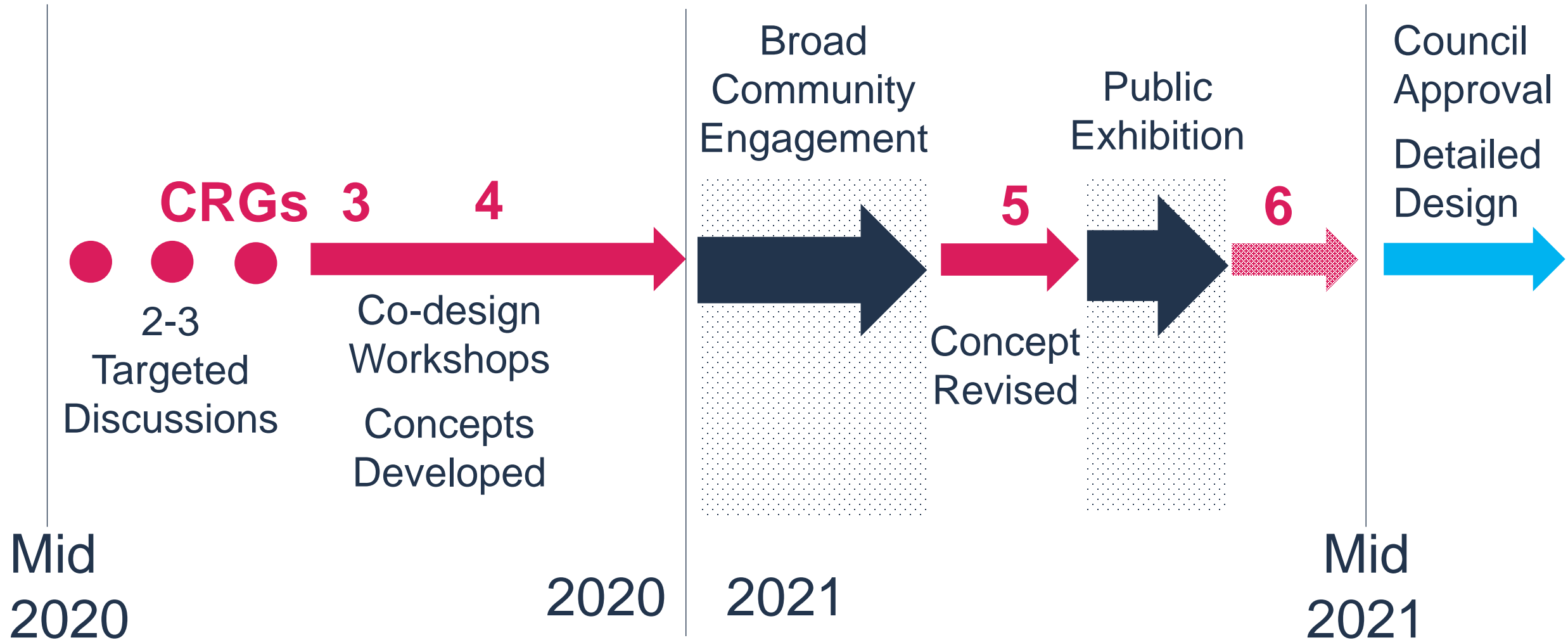




# Stage 1: Pools Approx. Timeline



# Stage 2: Proposed CRG meetings



# Questions

# Group Discussion

1. What is important to your user group as the work is carried out?
2. Based on the above, how can CN work with your user groups during this time?

# Next Steps



# Thank you