

Actions towards a sustainable Cardiff Area 2015-2025

Protecting our natural environment

We actively care for and enjoy our bushland that supports thriving wildlife

1. Maintain and enhance Cardiff Area's bushland environment through action and education
2. Encourage participation in Landcare, bush regeneration and catchment management activities
3. Manage and control weeds and pest animals eg. Indian Myna Birds, domestic cats, etc.
4. Focus on preventing littering through waste management including waste education and clean-up days

Sustainable living

Everyone minimises their use of resources and integrates sustainability into their everyday actions

5. Reduce and reuse waste, particularly food and garden waste
6. Encourage local gardening to produce sustainable food

Sustainable transport

People leave their cars at home and use well designed public transport, walkways and cycleways to access goods and services locally

7. Encourage and advocate for safe public, active and shared transport (buses, cycle, carpool, etc)
8. Provide education to encourage use of sustainable transport options

Sense of community and pride of place

Parks and public facilities are clean, attractive and safe places, and we have a strong sense of community and pride of place

9. Improve facilities to make them vibrant, family oriented public assets
10. Prevent graffiti and improve the appearance of the neighbourhood
11. Connect people within the community
12. Provide opportunities for people to contribute to the neighbourhood and create a sense of belonging and pride

Emergency ready

Our community supports each other, is well prepared and can respond effectively to emergencies

13. Engage with local emergency services to support community education and emergency readiness activities

Get involved!

- Be part of something positive;
- Participate in our projects and activities;
- Share your ideas; or
- Simply find out more.



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Cardiff Area

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

For residents and friends of Cardiff, Cardiff Heights, Cardiff South, Garden Suburb and Hillsborough

Lake Macquarie City residents have a strong commitment to their environment and community. In response, Lake Macquarie City Council has established the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program. The program encourages active citizenship by enabling residents to:

- Protect and care for their environment and place;
- Reduce resource consumption;
- Respond effectively to environmental threats;
- Participate in public life and decision-making.



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This plan contains a vision for the Cardiff Area and was developed to inspire, empower and lead our community to a more sustainable future. In addition to the work undertaken by the former Cardiff North Sustainable Neighbourhood group, around 295 local residents have contributed to the development of this plan.

This plan documents the features that residents and friends of the wider Cardiff Area love and value about their community and want to protect or enhance. It also identifies opportunities for change and outlines prospective areas for a variety of local community-led projects.

Did you know:

- Historically, the area was well known for its fruit growing, especially peaches, plums and citrus.
- Cardiff Area is a significant employment precinct that supports over 15,000 jobs.
- Birders are often fortunate enough to spot Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoos foraging in backyard trees or while travelling between bushland in and around the area.
- Construction of the railway began in 1883 and the first station was named after Winding Creek.
- Less than 5 per cent of residents in Cardiff Area use public or active transport to get to work.
- The average age of residents in Cardiff Area is slightly less than other areas of Lake Macquarie.
- Awabakal people were the original inhabitants and caretakers of the land in this area.
- Cardiff South was formally known as Evelien.

Our vision for a sustainable Cardiff Area 2025

A neighbourhood that values and enhances our natural environments, minimises our resource consumption, and provides a friendly, safe and attractive environment.

What we value about Cardiff Area

- Our natural environment including bushland, wildlife, birdlife, and proximity to the Lake, beaches and open spaces
- Our lifestyle that combines a peaceful bushland environment, and is close to all amenities such as shops, library, schools, industrial estate, sporting grounds and Cardiff train station
- Our friendly, family oriented community that provides a great environment for our children

We want Cardiff Area to be a place where:

We actively care for and enjoy our bushland areas that support thriving wildlife.

Everyone minimises their use of resources and integrates environmental sustainability into their everyday actions.

People leave their cars at home and use well designed community infrastructure, including public transport, walkways and cycleways, to access goods and services locally.

Our community supports each other, is well prepared, and can respond effectively to emergencies.

Parks and public facilities are clean, attractive and safe places, and we have a strong sense of community and pride of place.



Community scarecrow competition at Cardiff North Public School



Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo at Illawarra Ave, Cardiff
Photo courtesy: Barry Shepherd



Cardiff Library

