

What we love about our neighbourhood

- Our balance of natural environment and city facilities.
- The natural beauty of our creeks, lake, bushland and wildlife.
- Our local services and facilities; Blackalls Park shops and public transport.
- The Toronto / Fassifern Cycleway (The Greenway).
- Our friendly community.

Challenges facing our neighbourhood

- The health of our creeks and lake (siltation and urban run off).
- Mining expansion and related health effects (air quality).
- Infrastructure for drainage and stormwater.
- Waste and litter.
- Energy consumption.

Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Awabakal people, the traditional custodians of our neighbourhood. We pay our respects to elders past, present and future. As we come together as a community, to plan for the future and wellbeing of our neighbourhood, we remember that under our roads, homes, sports grounds, and shops, is, was and always will be Aboriginal Land.

The LT Creek Sustainable Neighbourhood Group began in April 2010. Supported by Lake Macquarie City Council we came together to find ways to make our community stronger, protect our environment and live more sustainably.

We have run two community workshops and conducted a community attitudes survey to identify what people love about our neighbourhood, what our challenges are and to develop projects to address these challenges.

This information has been compiled in the LT Creek Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP). This brochure promotes the priority projects from the Plan for 2011-13.

If you would like to get involved, or have new ideas on how to improve our neighbourhood, reduce our ecological footprint and increase community spirit, we would love you to join us!

The LT Creek SN group meets once a month at the Landcare Resource Office in Teralba.

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A sustainable future for Blackalls Park, Fennell Bay and Fassifern

LT CREEK SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

OUR VISION

'To restore and protect our waterways and bushland, to strengthen, educate and connect our community, to reduce our neighbourhood ecological footprint and maintain our peaceful environment'

This project has been assisted by the
NSW Government through its Environmental Trust.
The Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program
is supported by Lake Macquarie City Council



*"...This will go a long way if we walk
hand in hand down this pathway."*

LOCAL RESIDENT

PROJECTS FOR 2011 - 2013

Protecting the natural environment

Our aim: To restore and protect our waterways and bushland.

Project	How to get involved	Contact
Lake Street Landcare (Fassifern) A Landcare group who maintain the shortcut through to The Greenway and work to protect the endangered saltmarsh and swamp oak forest.	Come to our regular working bee and help plant and maintain the site. Become a site supervisor and learn new skills. Help maintain the shortcut through to The Greenway.	Terry Campbell terry.campbell@pwcs.com.au Ph: 4959 9365
Clean Up LT Creek	Register and promote a local clean up site for Clean Up Australia Day (March). Come to an LT Creek SN group meeting to look at ways to keep our community free from littering.	LT Creek SNG westlakewrens@gmail.com Ph: 4959 7681



Strengthening community

Our aim: To build community spirit, encourage active citizenship, and educate our community on environmental and sustainability issues.

Project	How to get involved	Contact
LT Creek SN group www.ltcreek.wordpress.com	Contribute content to the website; advertise local events and activities; write interesting articles on the neighbourhood – environmental, cultural or historical. Use your technical skills to help maintain and update the website or get involved and learn some new skills.	Robyn Charlton Ross and Carol McKay westlakewrens@gmail.com Ph: 4959 7681
Community noticeboard Installed at Blackalls Park shops	Share your ideas, images, or sustainable living and gardening 'tips'. Contribute stories or information on the neighbourhood. Advertise local events and activities. Help maintain the noticeboard.	Paul Moors moors@aapt.net.au Ph: 4959 6906
Displays At Blackalls Park shops using empty shop fronts.	Help create sustainability and environmental displays for an empty shop front at Blackalls Park shops.	Robyn Charlton westlakewrens@gmail.com Ph: 4959 7681
Community events Street parties, guest speakers, film night.	Help organise guest speakers to address residents on environmental and sustainability subjects. Organise a street party for your street. Bring your ideas for community events to an LT Creek SN group meeting.	LT Creek SN group westlakewrens@gmail.com Ph: 4959 7681



Living sustainably

Our aim: To encourage and enable residents and businesses to reduce their ecological footprint and take personal action to reduce energy, water use, waste and consumption.

Project	How to get involved	Contact
EGGS Edible Gardening Group Support	We meet monthly for a garden tour and working bee, join us to share ideas, skills, food and produce. Organise a garden tour and working bee in your garden.	Natalie Stackhouse natalie@believeorganics.com Ph: 0424 242 664
Trades and Business directory	Contact us if you are a local business owner or tradesperson and would like to be listed in the directory. Help gather and compile contacts. Help promote the directory.	Robyn Charlton westlakewrens@gmail.com Ph: 4959 7681



"Great opportunity for our beautiful area to grow, be renewed and sustained"

LOCAL RESIDENT

"To make a community we need to work together"

HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT

"Great idea! Lets get started!"

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANT