

# Actions towards a sustainable Jewells Area 2015-2025

**Natural environment** - We support thriving ecosystems by actively protecting, caring for and enjoying our natural resources

1.	Maintain and enhance Jewells 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 e.g. Indian Myna Birds, domestic cats
4.	Promote appropriate use of our wetlands, bushland and open spaces

**Sustainable living** - We are mindful of the impacts of our waste, water and energy use

5.	Focus on waste management including waste education and clean-up days
6.	Reduce and reuse waste, particularly food and garden waste
7.	Encourage public, active and shared transport including making the neighbourhood cycle and pedestrian friendly
8.	Create and support food gardens and planting activities

**Amenities** - Quality parks, playgrounds, public facilities and infrastructure (including walkways and cycleways) are available and frequently used

9.	Identify and lobby for quality public facilities and infrastructure
10.	Prevent graffiti, promote public art and improve the appearance of the neighbourhood

**Community** - We can easily connect with each other and there is a strong sense of community and pride of place

11.	Provide avenues for communication by distributing news and information by letterbox drops, newsletters, emails/web/ and/or social media
12.	Provide opportunities for people to contribute to the neighbourhood and create a sense of belonging and pride
13.	Link with other community groups and agencies
14.	Organise community-building activities including bush dances, playgroups and barbecues
15.	Support engagement activities so that everyone can be prepared for and respond effectively in emergencies



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

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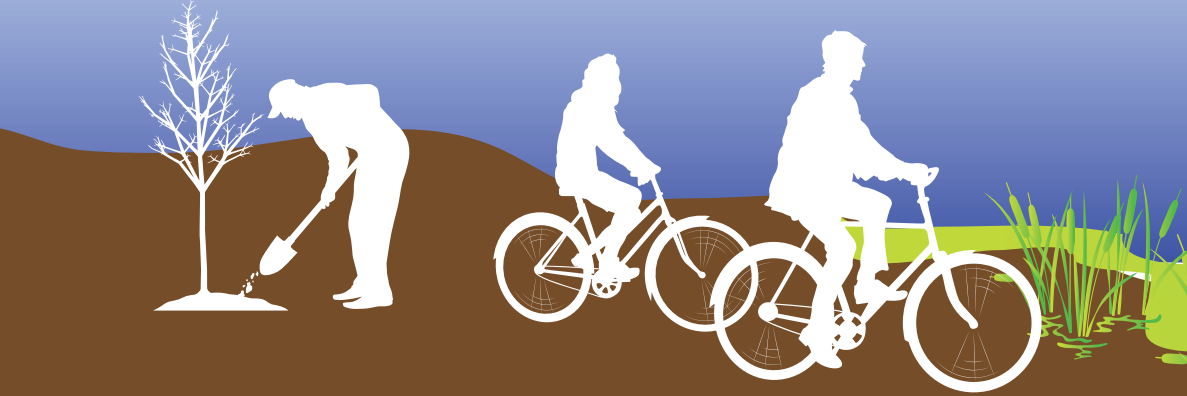
## Jewells Area

Sustainable Neighbourhood Group



# Action Plan

Developed by residents of  
Jewells, Floraville and Belmont North  
through the Jewells Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group



Sustainable Neighbourhoods is an initiative of  
Lake Macquarie City Council

# Jewells Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group Action Plan

## For residents and friends of Jewells, Floraville and Belmont North - ‘Jewells Area’

Lake Macquarie City residents have a strong commitment to their environment and community. Lake Macquarie City Council has established the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program, which encourages and enables residents to:

- protect and care for their environment and place;
- reduce resource consumption;
- respond effectively to environmental threats; and
- participate in public life and decision-making.

This Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan contains a vision for the Jewells Area and was developed to inspire, empower and lead our community to a more sustainable future. Around 265 local residents have contributed to the development of this plan.

This plan documents the features that residents and friends of Jewells, Floraville and Belmont North love and value about their community and want to protect or enhance. It also identifies opportunities for change and outlines potential areas for a variety of local community-led projects.



Photo courtesy of Chris Cousins

## Our vision for a sustainable Jewells Area 2025

*‘A community that cares for neighbours, natural environment and leaving something for the next generation’.*

We want Jewells Area to be a place where:

- we support thriving ecosystems by actively protecting, caring for and enjoying our natural resources;
- sustainable living is forefront in our minds and we are mindful of the impacts of our waste, water and energy use;
  - quality parks, playgrounds, public facilities and infrastructure (including walkways and cycleways) are available and frequently used; and
- we can easily connect with each other, there is a strong sense of community and pride of place.

## What we value about Jewells Area:

- our wetlands, bushland, wildlife, the lake, beaches, open space and proximity to our natural environment;
- the friendly atmosphere and relaxed lifestyle; and
- the great facilities and existing community groups, the community spirit/pride they instil and the opportunities they offer.

## Jewells Area – Did you know?

- Jewells was named after John Jewells who lead bird-hunting parties to the wetlands during the 1880’s.
- The local wetlands were once known as ‘Ngorrion-ba’ or ‘ngorowimba’, Awabakal for ‘where the emu breeds’.
- Floraville Road, which leads from Belmont North to Floraville, is said to have been part of Threlkeld’s old mission road and was officially named in 1961. Threlkeld was a 19th century missionary best known for his work documenting Aboriginal language.
- Jewells Area is part of a unique coastal corridor and has great access to Belmont Wetlands State Park, which is home to significant coastal vegetation and wildlife communities.
- Jewells Area has high ecological value and is home to one of the City’s first sites designated for perpetual conservation under a Biobank agreement.
- On average, people in the Jewells Area do more volunteer work than other areas of Lake Macquarie.
- Jewells Area has a lower median age than average for Lake Macquarie.



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