

About the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program

Lake Macquarie City Council is committed to caring for our local environment and making a fair contribution to a happy, sustainable planet.

Council is partnering with local communities to actively plan and implement actions to reduce our city's ecological footprint, neighbourhood by neighbourhood.

The neighbourhood approach: global problems, local solutions

Neighbours will decide how they can individually and collectively contribute to sustainability, supported by the expertise of Council and other networks.

"Every community has more potential resources than any one person knows"
(Mike Green, ABCD Training and Community Organizing).



Your neighbourhood can help lead the way

Your place

Identify what is special.

Your assets

Identify your neighbourhood's values and resources.

Your ideas

Discuss what your community needs.

Your actions

How do we make it happen?

Your neighbourhood

Working together to create change.

Contact Lake Macquarie City Council to find out more about the program and how you can get involved.

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Sustainable Neighbourhoods

Reducing our City's ecological footprint, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



An initiative of Lake Macquarie City Council and the Lake Macquarie community



What is Sustainability?

Sustainability is about meeting the needs of present generations by taking care of our environment, economy and people in a way that does not compromise the needs and rights of future generations.

Elements of sustainability:

- ✓ Caring, well connected community
- ✓ Healthy natural environment
- ✓ Thriving local economy
- ✓ System of governance that includes everyone

Sustainability occurs on every scale - individual, household, neighbourhood, city, nation and planet.

Our Ecological Footprint



Our ecological footprint is a way to describe how much land is needed to sustain our lifestyle. On average, Australians have an ecological footprint of around 8 hectares, which is nearly four times the global average of 2.1 hectares per person.

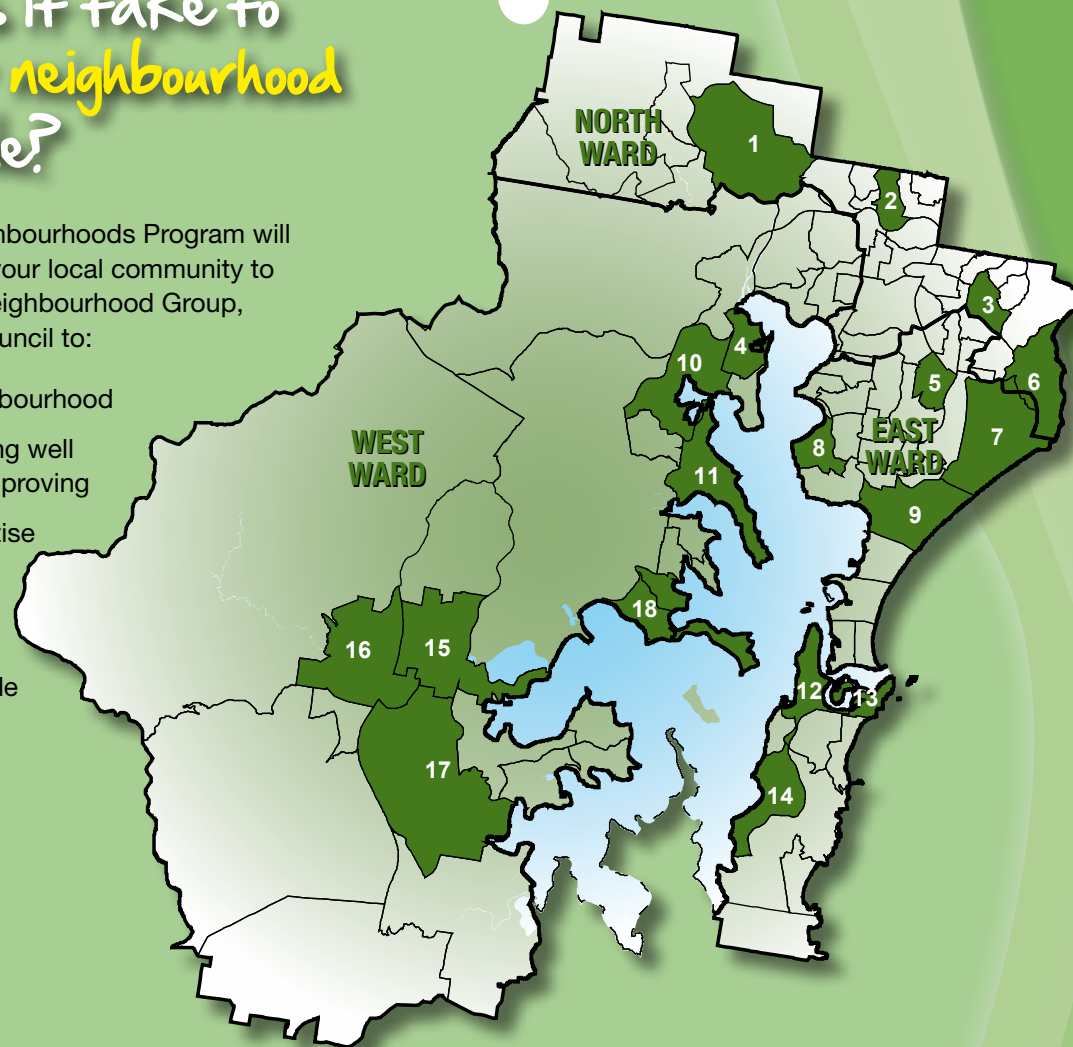
Reducing our ecological footprint involves taking action to:

- ✓ Increase and protect biodiversity
- ✓ Prepare for and prevent further climate change
- ✓ Improve natural disaster preparedness
- ✓ Reduce environmental health hazards
- ✓ Reduce consumption and waste
- ✓ Conserve water and energy

What does it take to make *your neighbourhood* sustainable?

The Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program will support members of your local community to form a Sustainable Neighbourhood Group, who will work with Council to:

- ✓ Engage your neighbourhood
- ✓ Identify what's going well and what needs improving
- ✓ Develop and prioritise a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan
- ✓ Create a sustainable neighbourhood through positive action



Existing groups

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| 1 Edgeworth & Cameron Park | 7 Redhead | 13 Swansea Heads |
| 2 Cardiff North | 8 Valentine | 14 Murrays Beach, Cams Wharf & Nords Wharf |
| 3 Charlestown East | 9 Belmont | 15 Dora Creek |
| 4 Woodrising, Booragul & Marmong Point | 10 LT Creek, (Blackalls Park, Fennell Bay & Fassifern) | 16 Cooranbong |
| 5 Windale | 11 Toronto, Carey Bay, Coal Point & Kilaben Bay | 17 Morisset |
| 6 Dudley | 12 Swansea | 18 Wangi Wangi & Arcadia Vale |

You can start a Sustainable Neighbourhood Group, or join an existing group in your neighbourhood