#### LAKE MACQUARIE COUNCIL'S SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD'S PROGRAMME

# GET TO KNOW THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Identify ecosystems, flora and fauna

**EXPLORE** 

Identify and compare energy, water use to average for Lake Macquarie

Identify relevant community challenges – environmental, social, development, transport etc

Identify and meet with key groups/services

Explore history (how neighbourhood developed

Find host group to assist with first workshop

Analyse demographics (what is same/different from Lake Macquarie average

Distribute and analyse neighbourhood survey

#### **ACTIONS**

Prepare presentation for first workshop - document key points from above

Commence community asset map – document services, groups and associations (formal & informal)

Write survey report

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**UNDERSTAND/APPRECIATE** 

Work with residents to -Identify the vision – the neighbourhood aspirations in terms of sustainability

**UNDERSTAND THE PEOPLE** 

Identify the values – what people value and enjoy about their place

Identify the challenges – the things that people want to change

Identify the skills and assets of people/individuals – abilities and willingness of residents to contribute to shaping their future

#### **ACTIONS**

Host Workshop One

Present what you know about the neighbourhood

Present Sustainable Neighbourhoods Framework

Add to the community asset map

Undertake exercise to develop and document community aspirations and values

Undertake exercise to develop and document community challenges, opportunities/future actions

Engage residents to assist with future engagement activities

Use information from Workshop One & Survey to increase engagements with residents through schools, group presentations, shopping centres, fetes, community celebrations, additional workshops etc

### PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Document all actions/ideas for addressing neighbourhood challenges – what community is willing to do, rather than what external experts should do

**PLAN THE FUTURE** 

Work with residents to ensure all possible actions/ideas/projects are identified

Further develop community asset map'

Develop community/ individual assets register

Seek community champions to act as project leaders

Seek resident interest in coordinating Action Plan

#### ACTIONS

Distribute individual assets inventory to those on mailing list

Collate and finalise community and individual assets report and database

Host Final Workshop-

Develop Draft Action Plan using information from all activities to date

Conduct internal consultation on Draft Action Plan- complete internal template and send to all relevant Council Managers, after approval

Conduct final external consultation – check with key stakeholder groups and individuals.

Finalise and launch the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Action Plan

## IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLAN

**BUILD THE FUTURE** 

Coordinate the implementation strategy

Consider group function – small number of coordinators/call for project leaders who move in and out of group as desired

Consider membership of group – annual membership fee enables standing for office, voting and other governance privileges

Consider group status – incorporated association, subgroup of existing incorporated not for profit group

Adopt common terms of reference & those specific to group

Develop terms of reference specific to group status, membership arrangements

Identify annual process to celebrate achievements and amend Action Plan

Establish dates for reporting on progress of activities

Identify role of office bearers, and elect officials

Hand over mailing lists, community and individual assets data bases.

Establish policies and procedures – support and links with Sustainable Neighbourhoods Peak Body

Promote group & report on progress (see tools SN Marketing Plan)

# REDUCTION IN NEIGHBOURHOOD ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

Measurement/auditing activities related to obtaining baseline of current environmental footprint.

**MULTIPLE PROGRAM OUTCOMES** 

Behaviour change actions around energy, waste, and water reductions

Behaviour change around reduced consumption, alternative transport

Technical/infrastructure solutions to reducing environmental footprint,

## PROTECTED AND MANAGED LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Community monitoring/auditing activities related to obtaining baseline status of ecosystem/vegetation/flora/fauna etc

Community based enhancement e.g. bush regeneration, clean up, adopt a park, planting etc

#### STRONG AND RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Actions around enhancing citizen involvement in public decision making and civic life

Actions around volunteering/caring for neighbours

Actions around preparing for and managing environmental threats and challenges

Actions around building community pride, engaging particular target groups and increasing community capacity/resilience

