

Sustainable Neighbourhoods

Summary of activities and projects: July 2013 – October 2014

SN GROUP	CURRENT PROJECTS
Belmont → Belmont North, Jewells and Floraville	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently inactive. Identified for Council assistance to reactivate in early 2015, by expanding to include Belmont North, Jewells and Floraville • Completed Bush Tucker Garden at Belmont Public School with Env Sust grant, Dec13
Cameron Park and Edgeworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently inactive. Identified for Council assistance to reactivate.
Cardiff North → Cardiff Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently inactive. Council assistance to reactivate and expand the area to include Cardiff, Cardiff South, Cardiff Heights, Garden Suburb and Hillsborough – starting with survey of residents in November 2014. • Some ongoing involvement with Council / Landcare project at Afton Close.
Charlestown East → Greater Charlestown Adamstown Heights, Charlestown, Highfields, Kahibah, Kotara South and Whitebridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year have reactivated the group from just Charlestown East, and now includes 'Greater Charlestown' area. Council assistance to complete survey, hold community workshop, develop Greater Charlestown SNAP, and confirm governance arrangements. • Established their own website and facebook page: www.groupspaces.com/GreaterCharlestownSNG and www.facebook.com/greatercharlestownsg • Launch event celebration coming up on 8 November
Cooranbong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooranbong Park 20th Birthday Celebration – October 2013 • Backyard Birds presentation – June 2014 • 'Are you fire ready?', RFS guest presentation – September 2014
Dora Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental enhancement works at Minni Street (with Landcare and Council) • Fish habitat action grant (Landcare) – planting day in April @the point • Dora Creek Flood Study – liaison with Council • Environmental Education kit – Training workshop originally scheduled for August 2014, but postponed. Now looking at making the resource available digitally. • Community preparedness – Currently working with Council and other partners to develop a whole of community emergency management plan.
Dudley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dudley Shared Pathway – Community awareness day in July 2013. Continued advocacy for shared pathway between Dudley and the Fernleigh Track. • Dudley Mine Disaster Anniversary – history presentation in March 2014 • Whole of Dudley Super Street Sale – April 2014 • Sensory trail at Awabakal Environmental Education Centre (Dudley Primary School, Awabakal EEC and Landcare) - Regular planting/weeding days. • Dudley Community Garden (Env Sust grant – due Dec14) – Currently working on governance arrangements to use community land... almost there! • Landcare activities – eg Ivy St, Council's ET grant at Dudley Bluff, TIN project at Dudley Beach • 'Be prepared for bushfire' – event with RFS scheduled for 5 November 2014
Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct promotion of Sustainable Neighbourhood network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stall at 2013 and 2014 Living Smart Festivals, Holgrem and Foss talk, Michael Mobbs talk, International Peace Day, Wangi Scarecrow Awards, and Catalina Festival • Training and mentoring – Bringing SN volunteers together to share, celebrate, and learn. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating a community mural (hosted by Dudley SNG) – November 2013 ○ Success Stories - presentations about 'Tossers can be binners' (Toronto Area SNG), Fundraising (Redhead SNG), and Super Street Sale (Dudley SNG) – May 2013 ○ Online Collaboration training (hosted by Dudley SNG) - July 2014 ○ Health and Safety Training – November 2013 and August 2014 • Secondary Schools Litter project – engagement and proposal for 2015 • Advocacy re cost of Council parks and facilities – resolved with changes to Council's funding programs. • Support and administration for SN groups. Especially with regard to risk management, project planning, and promotion. In the financial year July 2013-June2014, the Alliance Board oversaw administration of 3 grant projects over 25 local SN events. • Sustainable Neighbourhood News – regular e-newsletter for SN volunteers • Sponsorship proposal – Working to secure long-term funding for administration and projects. Researching appropriate sponsor who is locally based, aligns with SN goals, and could benefit from partnership with SN groups.
LT Creek Fennell Bay, Fassifern and Blackalls Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible Cat Care Brochure – (Environmental Sustainability Grant) – Development, publishing and promotion of responsible cat care brochure. • Active Landcare Group (Lake St, Fassifern) – regular working bees on second Sunday of the month • Centennial Coal – engagement and input especially regarding air quality
Morisset and Peninsula Morisset, Bonnells Bay, Morisset Park, Brightwaters, Sunshine, Silverwater, Balcolyn and Yarrowonga Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morisset Monthly Markets – monthly stall with Cooranbong and Dora Creek (+Wangi?) SNGs – along with other environmental groups • Promotional stall at the Bonnells Bay Community Centre Open Day, November 2013 • Transition Newcastle talk (Graeme Stuart) at 8 May meeting • Eco Health Fest – 25 May. Included guest speakers, and educational activities. • Currently Council assistance to formally engage with Peninsula residents. Starting with survey across Morisset and Peninsula in November 2014.
Murrays Beach, Nords Wharf and Cams Wharf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently inactive. Identified for Council assistance to reactivate.
Pelican Area Blacksmiths, Pelican and Marks Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group launch with Eco Angel Clean Up – November 2013 • Stormwater drain audit activity – 30 March – 31 May. Project report highlighted a number of issues with stormwater drain infrastructure and maintenance in the area. Some issues remedied directly. Other issues are still being discussed with Council. • Granny's Pool – advocating for improvements and maintenance. • Dune stabilisation (Landcare) – Possible education / awareness project about regenerating informal access to Blacksmiths Beach. Planning for March 2015 • Cycleway improvements – advocating for improved paths and links and possible fundraising opportunities • Eco Angel Clean Up with TAFE students at Blacksmiths Beach – November 2014
Redhead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'A trip down the Murray' – social evening and guest presentation, July 2013

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Swansea Heads + Swansea → Caves Beach - Swansea Area Swansea Heads, Swansea and Caves Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year have reactivated the group by joining up the previous Swansea and Swansea Heads groups, and including Caves Beach. Council assistance to complete survey, hold community workshop, develop Caves Beach – Swansea Area SNAP, and confirm governance arrangements. • Established their own website: • Successful launch event at Coon Island in October 2014.
Toronto Area Carey Bay, Coal Point, Kilaben Bay and Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Retardant Garden (Council grant – completed September 2014): Fire Station Open day 17 May + planting day. Creating an educational garden with natives at the Toronto Fire Station. Maybe a Gardening Australia article? • Tossers can be binners – launched on 1 March 2014 – Project to reduce littering at the Toronto shopping centre. Including installation of public place recycling, education, mural, litter clean up, and native plantings. • Reviewing and updating the Toronto Area mini-SNAP • Advocating for improved cycle facilities • Engagement with local development applications (Excelsior Pde and Laycock St) – Jun/Jul14 • Involvement with Council's Toronto Master Planning process • Promotional stall at Toronto Spring Fair, October 2014 • Links with Threatened Species Last Stand (Coal Point Progress Assocn) – bush regeneration, monitoring & education • Links with community garden (Senior Citizens Centre)
Valentine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushfire education and preparedness - Organising a community meeting with Fire & Rescue to improve community preparedness / Making some enquiries about current risk rating of Green Point. • Graffiti grappling – Great project idea that needs funding – Project aims to reduce graffiti through community education and assisting removal • Revitalising Valentine Shops – investigating planter boxes etc • Public toilet in Allambee Park – advocating for new facility. They've been involved in the design with Council. Now just advocating for construction to be prioritised. • Footpaths – advocating to link shops and school, and other areas in Valentine • Regular Clean Up Australia day events
Wangi Area Wangi Wangi, Buttaba, Myuna Bay and Arcadia Vale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wangi Centenary Celebrations – planning for community event – 23 October 2016. • Wangi Garden Club – Regular meetings and garden swaps at the Uniting Church. • Guest speaker: Declan Clausen, at September monthly meeting • Scarecrow Competition and Awards Day – Aug – September 2014 (Ros Cowley) • Landcare activities (Garth) • Beautification of Wangi Village – starting with planter boxes (and mosaics) at Wangi shops • Wangi Christmas Fair December 2013 – Planning to make it an annual event, 2014 event scheduled for 5 December • Links with Mens Shed established (Uniting Church), and planning for community garden at or adjacent to same site
West Wallsend District West Wallsend, Holmesville, Seahampton, Barnsley, Killingworth, O'Donnelltown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch event August 2013 • Eco Angel Clean Up, November 2013 • Guest speakers at every second monthly meeting (eg David Cook – Council Ranger (Illegal dumping); Jeff Angel - Total Environment Centre, Mark Simpson – local vet re rescuing injured birds, Chloe Parkins – local ecologist re local bird species) • New Landcare sites eg Elizabeth Street • Clean Up Australia Day – Appletree Rd – March 2014 • Super Tuesday Bike Count – volunteer counters – March 2014 • Promotion stall at Barnsley shops – April 2014 • Advocacy for community use of Seaham Street Park and Seahampton Park, and for restoration of horse trough in West Wallsend • Engagement with Council planning processes re Killingworth rezoning, Carrington Street proposed town centre, and restoration works in West Wallsend
Windale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently inactive. Due for revitalisation 2014-15.
Woodrising, Booragul and Marmong Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community garden at school - Including Hunter Water grant for water tank. Activity has stalled at this site for a number of reasons. • Landcare groups still active in the area