

Actions towards a Sustainable Warners Bay Area, 2016-2026

Sustainable transport

We actively encourage development of footpaths and cycleways to improve connectivity in and around the Warners Bay Area.

- Objective 1: Encourage a pedestrian and cycle friendly neighbourhood with shared pathways.
- Objective 2: Advocate for improved traffic management, infrastructure and public transport services.
- Objective 3: Develop and promote information about shared pathways.
- Objective 4: Encourage and advocate for increased electric vehicle usage.

Community values and village atmosphere

We value and appreciate our neighbourhood including our place and all of the people in it.

- Objective 5: Develop and encourage social, recreational and cultural activities for all ages.
- Objective 6: Provide opportunities for people to connect and contribute to the neighbourhood and create a sense of belonging and pride.
- Objective 7: Connect with and support other community groups.
- Objective 8: Develop, encourage and support ways to provide information to the community.
- Objective 9: Improve public areas to encourage children to play safely outdoors.
- Objective 10: Encourage participation and ownership of projects by young people.

Protecting our natural environment

We actively care for and enjoy our bushland and waterways.

- Objective 11: Maintain and enhance our bushland environment through education, encouragement of bushwalks and other sustainable activities.
- Objective 12: Encourage participation in caring for the natural environment.
- Objective 13: Focus on waste management including waste education, recycling, reducing litter and organising clean-ups.
- Objective 14: Inform and encourage residents to follow responsible pet care principles.
- Objective 15: Maintain the amenity and value of the Lake.

Get involved



Be a part of something positive.
Find out about our current projects and activities, and how you can be a part of this fantastic initiative.

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Warners Bay Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan



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for residents and friends of Croudace Bay, Eleebana, Lakelands, Macquarie Hills and Warners Bay

Lake Macquarie City residents have a strong commitment to their environment and community. In response, Lake Macquarie City Council has established the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program. The program encourages active citizenship by enabling 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.

The Warners Bay Sustainable Neighbourhood Workshop, held on 3 May 2016, was well attended, with 22 enthusiastic participants. The results of the workshop highlighted what the residents and friends of Warners Bay Area love and value about their community; and what they would like to protect and enhance.

Workshop participants came up with ideas on practical projects they could work towards in their local area.

The workshop outcomes strongly aligned with responses from 444 local households who completed the Warners Bay Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Community Attitudes Survey in October 2015.

Did you know?

- Croudace Bay was named after mining engineer Thomas Croudace who purchased 452 acres in 1862. The first formed road between Warners Bay and Valentine was completed in 1934-36 by dole labour. Progress Associations in Croudace Bay were formed post-war to pressure local authorities to provide basic amenities to the isolated holiday and retirement estates.
- Eleebana is an Aboriginal word meaning 'peaceful' or 'quiet place'.
- Lakelands, with its artificial wetland, was developed in 1989 on former mining company land. The street names were taken from the Lake District of England.
- Originally a land grant in 1833, Macquarie Hills was transferred to the Newcastle Wallsend Coal Company. Macquarie Hills is a relatively new suburb that was originally part of Cardiff. The boundaries were defined on 31 May 1991.
- Warners Bay developed slowly in the early 20th Century until the widespread use of the private car. The shopping centre rapidly expanded after 1980 and Council filled the edge of the bay to create a reserve.
- Threatened species that rely on local forest habitat have been recorded in our area including the Masked Owl, Powerful Owl, Squirrel Glider and White-bellied Sea Eagle.

Our vision for a sustainable Warners Bay Area in 2025

A connected, vibrant and active community who value our village atmosphere, where we enjoy and care for our natural, recreational, social and cultural assets.

What we value about the Warners Bay Area

the Lake, the waterfront and the natural beauty and wildlife

community connectedness and village atmosphere, while having access to amenities and facilities

the abundance of social and cultural events, and active community groups

We want the Warners Bay Area to be a place where:

- we can walk and cycle around the Lake, our neighbourhoods and facilities using safe, well-connected shared pathways;
- we enjoy a strong sense of community that encourages lively cultural and social activities;
- our natural areas are conserved and we understand and value our local ecology and resource use; and
- we maintain and enhance our village atmosphere through encouragement and support for small business.



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