

# WANGI AREA SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN



Developed by local residents through the Wangi Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group

As we come together to plan for the future and wellbeing of our neighbourhood, we acknowledge the Awabakal people, the traditional custodians of the land.

We pay our respects to elders past and present.

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## **1** Background

## 1.1 The Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program

The Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program is about residents taking responsibility and action to ensure their unique environment and community remains sustainable for future generations. An initiative of Lake Macquarie City Council (Council), the Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program encourages active citizenship by empowering residents to enhance and protect their natural environment, reduce their ecological footprint, and increase community connectivity and resilience.

The Sustainable Neighbourhoods Program enables residents to develop a vision for their neighbourhood, identify local values, uncover neighbourhood assets, and develop and implement a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP or Plan) to address neighbourhood challenges.

Wangi Workshop

## 1.2 The Wangi Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Initiative

Residents and friends of Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale, Buttaba and Myuna Bay have joined forces to create the Wangi Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group (WASNG).

Over the second half of 2012, in conjunction with Council, the WASNG conducted a series of community engagement activities in the local area as detailed in Table 1. These activities have generated content for this SNAP.

## Table 1: History of WASNG achievement to date

April 2012	<b>Mail-out survey</b> – Collecting information on what is valued and loved in the community; important local environmental issues; and current environmental behaviour (e.g. take-up rate of domestic water tanks)	Group members at Twilight markets	
June 2012	<b>Community workshop</b> – Facilitated opportunity for neighbours to meet and disc love about their neighbourhood; their 2023 neighbourhood vision; and what action progress to realise the vision		
July 2012 - ongoing <b>Monthly community meetings</b> – Facilitated opportunities for neighbours to meet; continue the conversations started at the workshop; form a group; and further plan and organise projects			
October 2012	Local artists engagement - Engagement of local artists at a local art group me on group branding	eting to get input	
Oct - Dec 2012 WASNG,	<b>Street displays</b> – Two displays, on Watkins Road, focussed on collecting wider of into the draft SNAP; and display at the Wangi Shops Twilight Market, run by mem focussed on increasing member numbers and raising awareness of the group		
Oct - Nov 2012	<b>Library display</b> – Week long display at Wangi Wangi Library centred on promoting the WASNG and receiving input on the draft SNAP		

The SNAP documents what we love and value about our community and want to protect or enhance. It also identifies opportunities for change, and details our community's vision. It outlines how the community's vision will be achieved through a variety of local projects to create a sustainable neighbourhood in Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale, Buttaba and Myuna Bay over the long term.

The SNAP was developed with a ten year timeframe in mind, 2013 – 2023; however, it is an evolving document. The WASNG is committed to implementing this plan, and keeping it alive by reviewing and updating periodically. The WASNG will prioritise project implementation based on available resources and members' interests.



## 1.3 About the Wangi Sustainable Neighbourhood Group

The WASNG welcomes all local residents, and those who identify closely with the neighbourhood, who would like to work together to achieve our vision and objectives. Our group is governed by a Terms of Reference, which we developed together. Please visit **www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/documents** to view a copy.

We meet regularly and keep in email contact, to review our progress, discuss and plan our projects and activities, and ensure we're making the best of the many opportunities and assets available to us.

We have lots of fun and welcome new members. Find out about our current projects and activities by checking our website: **www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/wangi-wangi-area**.





## **2 About our neighbourhood** 2.1 Our Place

Our neighbourhood is made up of the following suburbs: Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale, Buttaba and Myuna Bay. These suburbs, located in the City of Lake Macquarie, NSW Australia, are the traditional land of the Awabakal people.

As can be seen from the birds eye view, in Figure 1, these suburbs are superbly located, bordering the beautiful Lake Macquarie. Some highlights of the neighbourhood include:

#### 1. Unique natural environment

- Home to a number of endangered ecological communities actively protected and enhanced by various Landcare groups; and
- Wangi Point Reserve, a beautiful area with a network of walking trails leading out to the point and over the top of ridge. The Reserve, including the surrounding foreshore, was designated as conservation land (i.e. land not to be developed) in the first development plan released in the early 1900s... an environmentally conscious community even in 1916!

#### 2. Rich cultural history

- Military instalments at Wangi Ridge built to accommodate anti aircraft guns used to protect the Rathmines Airbase in WWII;
- Numerous shell middens located along the fringes of Wangi point;
- Wangi point was used as the main departure point for Aboriginal people heading to a nearby sacred men's area, Pulbah Island; and
- Sir William Dobell, three times winner of the Archibald Prize, retreated to Wangi Wangi after his first Archibald win was disputed. His house and studio, 'Dobell House', now heritage listed, remain a prominent feature of Wangi Wangi; they are very important to the local arts community in particular.

## 2.2 The local population

The suburbs of Wangi Wangi, Arcadia Vale, Buttaba and Myuna Bay are currently home to approximately 5,195 residents.

Local residents are well connected to each other, recognise a strong community spirit, and have a history of active citizenship. Some other demographic facts specific to residents of the neighbourhood include:

- Community-minded people (16% of people volunteer);
- Significant number of families (over 800 families with children; over 60% of these families have young children);
- Mostly family households (78% households are 2+ people households);
- Longer term residents (67% of people at same address 5 years ago); and
- Relatively high level of education (43% of people with post-school qualifications).

Statistics source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census







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## **3 Our vision for a Sustainable Neighbourhood**

"To promote the quality of life and local

environment by creating an interactive, supportive

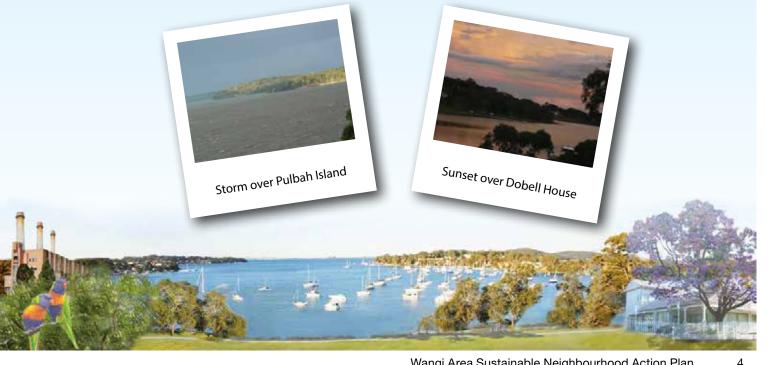
and responsible community."

The Wangi Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group will strive to achieve this vision by collaborating with fellow neighbours to implement and regularly review this Plan.

## 4 What we value about our neighbourhood

The neighbourhood values:

- A peaceful and friendly community;
- Our natural habitat;
- A strong sense of community spirit;
- Community skills and knowledge;
- Creativity;
- Public debate;
- Our local village amenities;
- New neighbours and visitors;
- Our access to the magnificent Lake Macquarie and nearby bushland reserves;
- A place of diverse natural beauty and rich cultural history;
- Living sustainably; and
- A preparedness for natural disasters.



The Wangi Area is rich in community, natural, built and individual assets. These assets can be drawn upon to achieve the vision for a sustainable neighbourhood.

Figure 2 highlights some of the neighbourhood's most prominent and important assets.

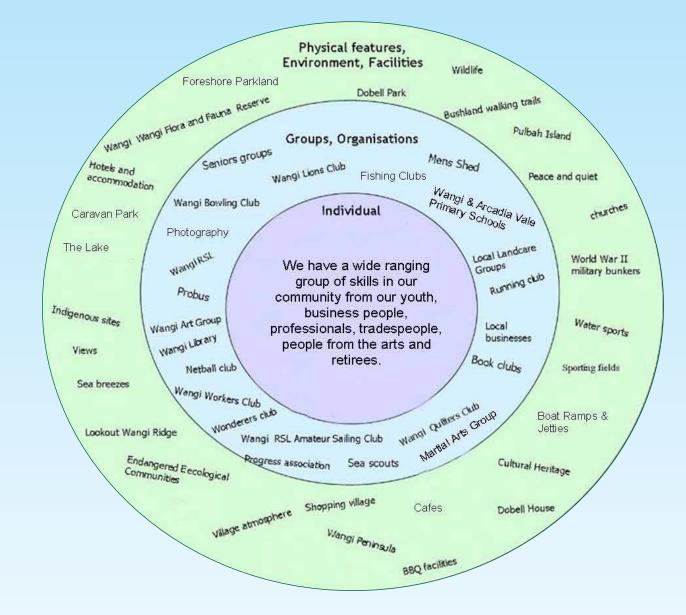


Figure 2: Asset Map for the Wangi Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group



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# **5 Community projects**

The projects detailed in the following section are ideas that were identified, validated and prioritised by local residents to make the sustainable neighbourhood vision a reality. The projects are designed for implementation by the community.

Projects are organised under the following themes:

- Protecting and enhancing the natural environment; 1.
- 2. Living sustainably;
- Improving community infrastructure and assets; and З.
- Building community participation and connectivity. 4.

It is important to note, project ordering in this section does not reflect the importance the WASNG places on each project, nor does it represent the project implementation timeline. Projects will be implemented by the WASNG based on available resources and members' interests.

All new project ideas are to be referred to the Committee. Please keep in mind, project implementation is reliant on people volunteering their time.

All projects will incorporate the following project management tasks:

- Develop project management structure enable successful project implementation including optimal community involvement, communication and environmental outcomes;
- Evaluate project at regular intervals define what is being done well and areas for improvement; and
- Build evaluation results into future activities ensure activities meet the community's needs and are effective.

#### **Future Projects**

As mentioned on page 2 of this document, the SNAP has been developed with a ten year time period; however, it is a living document. The SNAP will be kept alive by reviewing project progression, submissions for new projects, resources available to take on new projects and the importance given to new projects by the community. The SNAP review will be undertake periodically and at least annually and proposed outcomes of the review will be put to community meetings. All new projects submitted will be registered so they will be fed into the periodic reviews.

It is important to note that any project can only be implemented if and when there is sufficient community involvement to action such projects. Implementation of projects is rendered powerless without community volunteers.



## 5.1 Protecting and enhancing our natural environment

Objectives:

s: 1. Enable local ecosystems to flourish; and
2. Protect the vital ecosystem services – primarily fresh air, clean water and healthy soil.

# 5.1.1 Project 1: Protect native vegetation, replant vegetation and weed out introduced and invasive species

Aim: Develop resilient and healthy ecosystems which support a wide diversity of native flora and fauna

Action	Outcomes
Engage relevant organisations such as Landcare	<ul><li>Partnerships with organisations</li><li>Increased group profile</li></ul>
Develop a prioritised replanting, weeding and maintenance plan for Buttaba, Myuna Bay and Wangi areas Collaborate with existing organisations such as Landcare to develop the plan	<ul> <li>Plan for conservation activities</li> <li>Strategy that compliments the efforts of existing groups</li> <li>Enhanced biodiversity values</li> <li>Organised and coordinated plan for timely implementation</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Engage volunteers</li> <li>Find volunteers</li> <li>Keep them interested – schedule regular celebratory events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased community communication</li> <li>Increased interest in activities</li> <li>Increased community cohesion</li> </ul>
Work with Landcare to source plants, tools, equipment, mulch, compost and safety equipment	<ul> <li>Protected workers implementing safest techniques out in the field</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Work with Landcare to train volunteers on:</li><li>Safe work methods</li><li>Appropriate attire</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Protected workers implementing safest techniques out in the field</li> <li>Increased community skills and knowledge</li> </ul>

Appropriate weed removal techniques



Looking east from Myuna Bay to Pulbah Island



#### Project 2: Educate the community 5.1.2

Aim: Increase community knowledge and skills in environmental conservation, practised in the field and in the backyard.

Action	Outcomes
<ul> <li>Source information on:</li> <li>How to identify common or noxious weeds (specific to local areas)</li> <li>Efficient weed removal techniques and mechanisms</li> <li>Good natives to plant at home to provide habitat for native wildlife (join Council's Habitat for Wildlife Program)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A stockpile of informative and practical material, developed by experts</li> <li>Increased community knowledge</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Develop effective information dissemination methods Ideas:</li> <li>Workshops / expert presentation events</li> <li>Pamphlet drop</li> <li>Articles/advertisements in local papers and newsletters</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased community knowledge</li> <li>Decreased weeds and noxious plants</li> <li>Increased natives planted in people's backyards</li> <li>Healthier local ecosystems</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Organise community education and engagement through:</li> <li>Site tours</li> <li>Workshops</li> <li>Working bees</li> <li>Clean Up Australia Day events</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased awareness of significant ecosystems</li> <li>Increased awareness of local Landcare activities</li> <li>Extensive local networks</li> </ul>

#### 5.1.3 Project 3: Manage and control feral fauna

Aim: Support and conserve native fauna and flora populations.

Action	Outcomes
Work with community and organisations to decrease the number of Indian Myna birds in the area	<ul><li>Healthier ecosystems</li><li>More native bird life</li></ul>
Investigate other species threatening the health of local ecosystems Rally community support for better management of these species	<ul> <li>Increased awareness of destructive feral fauna in the local area</li> <li>Better managed pest species</li> <li>Healthier local ecosystems</li> </ul>



## 5.2 Living sustainably

**Objectives:** To reduce the community's environmental impact whilst simultaneously developing and supporting resilient, connected and healthy local communities.

#### 5.2.1 Project 1(a): Design, organise and build a local community garden

Aim: 1. Develop a community hub to foster neighbourly connections;

- 2. Reduce the community's ecological footprint through the reduction or elimination of inefficiencies associated with food production, storage and transport; and
- 3. Create a community learning hub centred on sharing skills and knowledge

Action	Outcomes
<ul> <li>Engage local residents to:</li> <li>Participate in garden design and goal setting</li> <li>Create the garden</li> <li>Maintain the garden</li> <li>Advertise through flyers, newsletter, signs and local notice boards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Labour</li> <li>Interest in the garden</li> <li>Larger and stronger community networks</li> <li>Increased social activity</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Research existing gardens:</li><li>How, where, what works/doesn't</li><li>What to grow</li></ul>	<ul><li>Larger and stronger community networks</li><li>Increased knowledge</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Decide key purpose/s of garden, for example:</li> <li>Food</li> <li>Networking</li> <li>Community cohesion</li> <li>Education - sharing knowledge</li> </ul>	Clear and collective vision established
<ul> <li>Engage relevant organisations such as:</li> <li>Men's Shed</li> <li>Bowling Club</li> <li>Council</li> <li>Landcare</li> <li>Hunter permaculture</li> <li>Schools etc.</li> </ul>	Partnerships between organisations and individuals
<ul> <li>Seek funding/sponsorship</li> <li>Work out financial needs, set a goal</li> <li>Apply for relevant grants</li> <li>Fundraise</li> <li>Investigate other ways to attract funds</li> </ul>	Sustainable source of funds
<ul> <li>Find site/land, keeping the following criteria in mind:</li> <li>Easy access for locals</li> <li>Amenities</li> <li>Good soil</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Criteria for site developed</li><li>Site for garden development acquired</li></ul>

- Size
- Security
- Somewhere it can become "part of the village"



Action	Outcomes
Design the garden with the help of the community. Create garden sub committee to oversee and manage the garden development process Work out a membership or access system e.g. individual/family plot allocation	<ul><li>Community garden plan</li><li>Engaged garden volunteers</li></ul>
Introduce waste recovery systems e.g. composting and worm farming	<ul> <li>Less waste to landfill</li> <li>More input product for the garden (compost, worm castings) generated on site, not purchased</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Hold a workshop series at the garden</li> <li>Topic ideas:</li> <li>How to create a vegetable and fruit garden at home</li> <li>Composting</li> <li>Worm farms</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased interest in the garden</li> <li>Possibility of more volunteers and labour</li> <li>Increased community knowledge and skills</li> </ul>
Introduce a bartering system to swap garden produce and/or other goods and services	<ul> <li>Increased community resilience (reduced dependence on fossil fuels and money)</li> <li>Increased community cohesion</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Expand the community garden network by:</li> <li>Building more gardens in the Sustainable Neighbourhood Area</li> <li>Investigate the possibility of taking gardens to street kerbsides</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Reduced community environmental footprint</li><li>Increased community cohesion</li></ul>
Further develop the functions of the garden by, for example taking organic waste from local businesses and organisations to process in worm farms and/ or compost stations at the garden or holding local produce or farmers' markets.	Reduced community environmental footprint
2.1 Project 1(b): Expand community garden concep	ot

Action		Outc	omes	
<ul> <li>Organise working be disabled or elderly</li> </ul>	ees in gardens of the		ssistance for elderly and less mobile embers of the community	
Promote youth involv	vement	Di	ialogue across all age groups	
			ing the view of	See.

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#### 5.2.2 Project 2: Improve local public transport

Aim: Improve public transport links between village hubs.

Action	Outcomes
Research information regarding existing surveys that determine transport needs of the communit and whether or not needs are being met Contact relevant stakeholders such as Council If no information exists, conduct a local transpor survey Identify gaps where transport is required (e.g. establish a bus service from Wangi Wangi to Morisset and return)	y transport system
<ul><li>Engage stakeholders</li><li>Pass on findings</li><li>Identify whether any groups are willing to me the gap with a community bus</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Partnerships between organisations/groups</li> <li>Increased knowledge of the missing transport links</li> <li>Options for "community bus"</li> </ul>
Provide input into any local transport planning of studies being conducted by relevant governmen organisations	·

#### 5.2.3 Project 3: Improve waste management

Aim: Reduce local environmental impacts by minimising waste to landfill, increasing recycling and composting.

Action	Outcomes
Look into current waste infrastructure (e.g. bins) in and around current local public space Identify where and how infrastructure could be improved	<ul> <li>List of infrastructure, highlighting opportunities for improvement</li> <li>Increased community knowledge</li> </ul>
Provide input into any local waste planning or studies conducted by relevant organisations	<ul><li>Increased awareness in Council of local issues</li><li>Opportunities for improvement realised</li></ul>
<text></text>	<ul> <li>Increased knowledge and skill level in the community</li> <li>Decreased waste to landfill</li> <li>Increased recycling</li> <li>Increased use of compost and worm farms in the neighbourhood</li> <li>Increased use of compost and worm castings in community and private gardens</li> </ul>

#### 5.2.4 Project 4: Efficient living and the use of solar energy in the home

- Aim: Educate the community in the financial and environmental advantages of an energy efficient home. Draw attention to the reduced costs associated with:
  - 1. Use of solar power and solar hot water;
  - 2. Heating and cooling by the control of sunlight with pergolas, verandas, deciduous species planting and shades;
  - 3. Water storage and the preventation of evaporation; and
  - 4. Planting drought resistant native vegetation.

### Action

**Objectives:** 

Examine low cost ways to implement:

- 1. The use of solar power and solar hot water
- 2. Heating and cooling by the control of sunlight with pergolas, verandas, deciduous species planting and shades
- 3. Water storage and the prevention of evaporation
- 4. Planting drought resistant native vegetation

Investigate cooperative purchase of solar powered systems

#### Outcomes

- Cost savings for community
- Increased community knowledge
- Decreased greenhouse emissions
  - Increased uptake in the use of solar energy

## 5.3 Improving community infrastructure and assets

- 1. Maximise community health through providing safe, accessible and sufficient active transport routes; and
  - 2. Ensure the neighbourhood has adequate community assets to support local active community groups and local tourism.

#### 5.3.1 Project 1: Improve pedestrian and bike accessibility around the area

Aim: Give more people the opportunity to safely walk and/or cycle around the local area.

<ul> <li>Review Council's Cycle and Footpath Strategies specific to the Sustainable Neighbourhood area with a focus on personal safety and accessability</li> <li>Increased resident participation in civic life</li> <li>Identification of areas earmarked and not earmarked for improvements</li> <li>List of local prioritised areas for pedestrian/cycle path improvement and additions</li> <li>Review local street signage and road speeds</li> <li>List of prioritised areas for road speed adjustments and new/better signage</li> <li>Increased personal safety</li> <li>Identify opportunities to work with Council and other relevant organisations to act on suggestions prioritised by the community</li> <li>Increased safe and accessible walking and cycling routes</li> <li>Increased personal safety of cyclists and pedestrians</li> </ul>	Action	Outcomes
<ul> <li>what they need/want and identify priority areas for pedestrian/cycle path improvement and/or new paths</li> <li>Review local street signage and road speeds</li> <li>List of prioritised areas for road speed adjustments and new/better signage</li> <li>Increased personal safety</li> </ul> Identify opportunities to work with Council and other relevant organisations to act on suggestions prioritised by the community <ul> <li>Increased knowledge of issues specific to the local area</li> <li>Increased safe and accessible walking and cycling routes</li> <li>Increased personal safety of cyclists and</li> </ul>	specific to the Sustainable Neighbourhood area	<ul><li>Increased resident participation in civic life</li><li>Identification of areas earmarked and not</li></ul>
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	other relevant organisations to act on suggestions	<ul> <li>local area</li> <li>Issues addressed</li> <li>Increased safe and accessible walking and cycling routes</li> <li>Increased personal safety of cyclists and</li> </ul>

## 5.3.2 Project 2: Beautify and enhance village hubs and residential areas

Aim: . Create beautiful and vibrant spaces that the community are proud of and love to use.

	Action		Οι	utcomes	
	Work with stakeholders to explore increase amenity of the main stre		•	Improved urban amenity	
	Increased and better use of the li community education and resour		•	Increased visitors to the librar Increased use of existing com	-
	Take part in public discussions ar future use of the Wangi Wangi Pc		•	Community input into neighbo	ourhood land use
5.3.3 Aim:	<b>Project 3: Care for Wangi Rid</b> Protect an important cultural and	-			
	Action		Οι	utcomes	Wangi's Main Street
	Engage stakeholders (including Landcare and the local RSL) in the discussion around caring for WWII instalments		•	Project support Project partnership	Wangia
	Install a memorial plaque on site outlining the historical significance of the site		• • •	Local community is informed significance of the site Respect and appreciation in o Reduced vandalism Preserved heritage values	
	Clean up Australia Day activity on site		<ul><li>The site is clean and respectable</li><li>Raised awareness of the site</li></ul>		able
	Conduct a local school excursion	(heritage tour)	·	Build respect and appreciatio youth	n in community
	Anzac Day memorial service	Wangi Caravan Park	• • •	Local community is informed significant of the site Respect and appreciation in o Reduced vandalism Preserved heritage values	

# 5.3.4 Project 4: Work to improve access to local parks, picnic areas and the lake for the disabled and elderly population

**Aim:** Make the Wangi Area, especially it's natural assets, accessible to all especially the disabled and growing elderly population.

#### Action

Highlight areas of opportunity for improved access to natural ares for elderly and diabled people

Engage Council on these issues

#### Outcomes

- Increased awareness of local accesability issues
- Community input into local area planning

## 5.4 Building community participation through Festivals and Events

**Objective:** Provide regular positive opportunities for neighbours to interact, with the goal of fostering community cohesion.

## 5.4.1 Project 1: Develop and deliver the Wangi Centenary Celebration in 2016

Aim: Bring the community together to celebrate and raise awareness of Wangi Wangi's history.

Action	Outcomes
Develop an event coordinating committee to oversee implementation	Event coordinating committee
<ul><li>Define the scope of the festival</li><li>Theme – Centenary</li></ul>	<ul><li>Event plan</li><li>Understand how community groups can partner with the event</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Timing – 2016</li> <li>Location – Wangi Foreshore</li> <li>Activities/stalls/events</li> </ul>	e.g. clubs and school groups
<ul> <li>Engage organisations who could potentially be involved</li> <li>Businesses (sponsorship/displays)</li> <li>Community groups – Clubs, Schools, interest groups, Scouts, sports groups</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Partnerships between organisations and individuals</li> <li>Interest in the festival</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Organise funding/sponsorship</li> <li>Set financial goal</li> <li>Approach potential sponsors and event partners</li> <li>Apply for relevant grants</li> <li>Organise fundraising – regattas, tournaments, fireworks, old films of local area</li> </ul>	• Source of funds Buttaba
<ul> <li>Ensure event safety</li> <li>Engage relevant organisations such as: Police, St Johns Ambulance etc</li> <li>Undertake event risk assessment</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Safe festival</li><li>Duty of care demonstrated</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Organise infrastructure for the event</li> <li>Staging</li> <li>Road closures</li> <li>Portable toilets</li> <li>"Plan B" for bad weather</li> </ul>	Infrastructure for the event     Arcadia Vale Park
Organise event marketing	Generation of interest in the event
Engage volunteers for the festival day	Labour - people willing to work to make the event successful



#### 5.4.2 Project 2: Hold annual celebratory events out to 2016

Aims: 1. Build community cohesion and strength through bringing the community together annually at celebratory occasions; and

2. Build capacity for the Wangi Centenary Celebration through development and delivery of "lead up" events/festivals.

Action	Outcomes
Organise a crab fishing festival to take place just before Easter	<ul> <li>Raised awareness of local crab fishing and lake fishing culture</li> <li>Showcase existing fishing clubs</li> <li>Increase community cohesion</li> </ul>
Organise an event for youth	<ul><li>Local youth feel celebrated</li><li>More engaged and empowered local youth</li></ul>
Investigate the viability of holding an exhibition of 'Sculpture by the Lake'	<ul><li>Showcase of the arts</li><li>Increased visitors to the area who are interested in arts culture</li></ul>

#### 5.4.3 Project 3: Revitalise community safety programs

Aim: Develop a safer community and improve community ties.

Action	Outcomes
Consider benefits and feasibility of revitalising community safety programs	<ul> <li>Safer community</li> <li>Increased awareness of safety issues, particularly in regards to youth</li> </ul>

Stronger community ties

#### 5.4.4 Project 4: Develop a community newsletter

Aim: 1. Maximise community participation in Sustainable Neighbourhood events and activities; and2. Keep the local community well informed about local news, issues and opportunities.

#### Action

Develop a community newsletter

#### Outcomes

- Better informed residents
- Increased participation in community activities

#### 5.4.5 Project 5: Develop and distribute information packs for new residents

Aim: 1. Welcome new residents to the area; and2. Build the WASNG membership base.

#### Action

Engage stakeholders who have valuable contributions for the pack

Develop information packs containing local information and a welcoming letter

#### Outcomes

- Increased knowledge of active organisations and businesses in the area
- Project partners
- New residents feeling welcomed
- Increased WASNG participation



Contact the Wangi Area Sustainable Neighbourhood Group by:

- Emailing sustainwangiarea@gmail.com;
- Visiting our website www.sustainableneighbourhoods.org.au/wangi-wangi-area or;
- Calling Lake Macquarie City Council on 02 4921 0333.

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