

Lake Macquarie Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance Inc

Board meeting – MINUTES

Wednesday 5 October 2022, 6.30-7.45pm

Online via Teams



Present: Robyn Charlton, Gabrielle Clappison, Steve Dewar, Mark Howells, Jean McGarry, Mackenzie Robson, Bruce Tozer

Anna Noon (Council)

Apologies: Nico, Sam

Welcome and acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Awabakal people, as the traditional owners of the lands around Lake Macquarie, and paid respects to Aboriginal elders past, present and emerging, and to other Aboriginal people attending.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Nil

PROJECT UPDATES, REPORT BACKS, UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Alliance AGM date

Confirming **Wednesday 2 November, 6pm** as AGM date.

Please consider roles Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Officer + Ordinary board members. Good time to identify any specific skills or roles we'd like on the board and to identify/talk to other SN network members about becoming board members. Can also try recruiting new board members and volunteers more generally through noticeboards and closely aligned networks like Landcare.

2. SN Annual Report 2022

Report is coming. Will be ready for distribution prior to AGM.

3. Living Smart Festival

Reports from the festival. What worked well and what didn't? Report engagement numbers, number of new sign ups etc.

Report from Steve – Waste to Art was popular, as were other SNG stalls (but felt to be too scattered).

- Used Boomerang Alliance petition on phasing out takeaway coffee cups.
- Interest in Recycle Mate app

- Interest in CC soft plastic recycling option in general yellow bin and potential idea (will be explored in the future after current contract expires) to explore recycling silicone (can't be done yet).
- Good discussions with key people including McDonald's plans for 3 bin system.
- Sunday worked well more time and closer together.

Gabby

- Very successful nature play – busier in the afternoon. Added extra in the afternoon on the Sunday.
- ReLeaf stall overshadowed by Breast Feed Ass awning. Hidden and squashed. Needed more space.

Mark – better advertised.

4. Renewing Sustainable Neighbourhoods

Ten people attended first Sugar Valley meeting (6 new people and 4 existing members). Also planning a shopping centre pop up on 15 October.

Belmont first meeting scheduled for October. First workshop went well with 15 people attending. Thanks Sam and Gab for attending and presenting.

Both groups focussed on developing SNAPs, and establishing governance and group culture.

5. Plastic Free cafes and coffee trucks

\$400 leftover (\$100) – approval to spend on more reusable cup for car boot sale. Approved.

Costco? – look at their plastic use. UberEat/Menulog – waste generated.

6. Repair Café

Final report for grant submitted.

Upcoming event dates incl Cameron Park, Sat 3 December -confirmed at The Canopy. Need volunteers.

22 Oct WBT. Need volunteers.

Developing next years calendar. Rathmines keen to look at next year and potentially Toronto.

Brainstorming session to occur to streamline processes. Hosting nationwide session to support one another.

7. ReLeaf

Tree trial – meeting to be held 1st Nov. Robyn off to State Library this month. Opening November 12.

Report from LSF – launched online raffle (just) in time for LSF. Proceeds to Tiny Forest/future greening efforts – setting up the raffle was a real challenge.

\$240 in online sales of tickets at festival, \$120 in cash and 1 garden consult booked - \$50.

Felt signage produced for the Festival was too small and not reusable due to not being backed.

Interesting conversations had with multiple community members at the 2-day event including Jodie Harrison and John Atkins (TAFE) about tree canopy coverage in Lake Mac.

\$10,000 Origin Energy.

Robyn has LSF posters printed A3 and laminated for future events.

8. Rathmines Planting project

Rathmines – plan to plant on Sunday or next Sunday if needed. 30-40 plants in the 35m range.

9. Tiny forest

Tiny Forest Update– received \$10,000 sponsorship from Origin Energy. Draft concept design has been produced and required plant species are currently being ordered through TIN and Landcare for planned planting in March/April 2023.

Applications submitted for Council Sponsorship funds.

10. Waste free Christmas workshops

Cardiff run workshops ahead of Xmas. Potential train the trainer. Seek advice from Cardiff on experience/ideas. Social media posts – Rachelle.

11. RISK ASSESSMENTS AND REQUESTS

- Valentine – Garden to table workshop. Risk assessment circulated and approved via email.
- Toronto Car boot sale – circulated. No feedback. Approved.

12. TREASURER'S REPORT

August Treasurer's Report – attached below.

Stripe payments are raffle tickets –for Tiny Forest. \$42.42 TF payment.

13. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were circulated via email. Bruce moved. Mackenzie seconded.

Resolution: Confirm that the previous meeting minutes, dated 24 August 2022, are an accurate record.

CORRESPONDENCE

23 August – 20 September 2022

- Invitation to nominate for the 2022 Community Achievement Awards (Awards Australia)

- Repair cafe final report – Submitted to Council for completion of Community Environment Grant
- Request for volunteers for Living Smart Festival – Sent to SN Key Contacts
- Invitation from Coal Ash Community Alliance to attend and/or co-host the Picnic for Nature event at Myuna Bay, 16 October
- Email updates to Sugar Valley and Belmont contact lists promoting upcoming events and meetings
- Application submitted to Council for sponsorship for Tiny Forest project
- Various correspondence to organise Living smart Festival activities
- Electric Vehicle Information Session – Invitation sent to SN Key Contacts
- Sustainable Neighbourhood News, 20 September

NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday 2 November, 6pm AGM - think about nominating, ask Rachelle for nomination form. Ask local groups if anyone is keen.

General Business –

- Will a review session be held after AGM?
- SNG – is anyone keen to hold a stall at Nature conservation event? – Five Bays and Rathmines have a working bee the same day. WBASNG are having their coffee catch up there. May need bags, brochures, marquee, tables.

Meeting closed: 7.28p.m.