

## Results from Dudley Workshop 1

### 1 - A vision of a Sustainable Dudley

Participants imagined what a sustainable Dudley could look like.

Below is a 'word cloud' depicting the words participants used to create their vision. The bigger the word, the more often it was used.

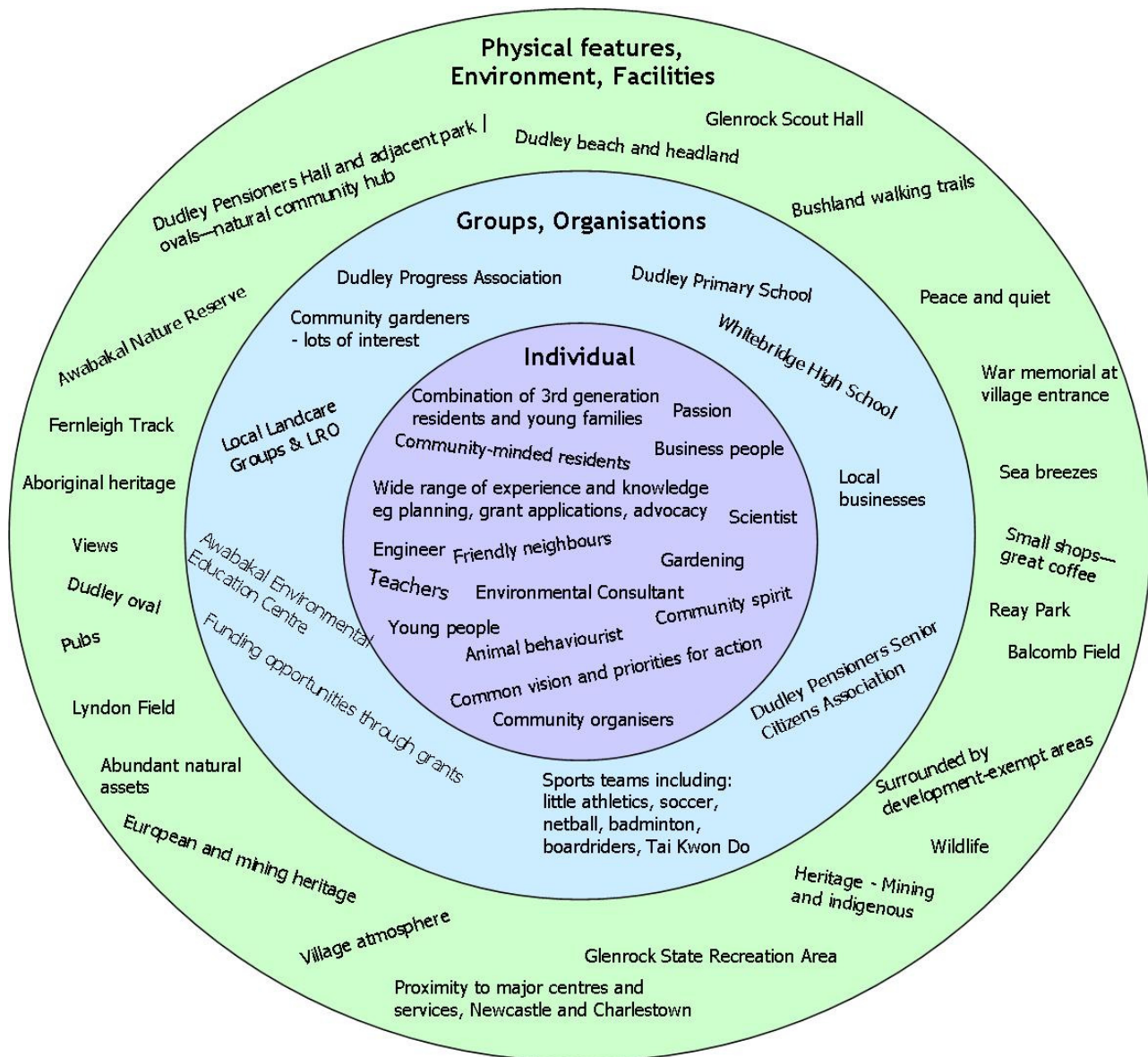


Responses focussed around 5 key areas:

- Pedestrian and cycle friendly, including public transport and the Fernleigh Track
- The idea of a 'Village Green' - a meeting place and community hub, linked with a community garden, markets, possible recycling centre, cafes, playground, and more street trees
- Protecting natural environments including Landcare, Coastcare, bush regeneration, enforcement, stormwater management, and bushfire management
- A community garden - ideally integrated with the village green / community hub ideas
- Sustainable households - using solar and other technologies to produce energy, waste reduction

## 2 - Dudley's Strengths and Assets

Participants brainstormed the personal skills, community assets, groups, physical assets etc that might help us achieve our vision for a Sustainable Dudley.



### Connecting our assets and vision

- Community hall and surrounds as 'Village Green'. Could include space for Community garden, recycling, market day
- War memorial wall at entrance to village → opportunity for a community mural?
- People with a wide range of expertise, experience, knowledge and skills to assist with projects (eg planning, grant applications, advocacy)
- Existing (old rail) link to Fernleigh Track → opportunity for relatively easy connection to Dudley
- School - community connections
- Range of community gardens in region to model / gardeners to consult
- Win with local bus service - example of community success

### 3 - Challenges and Solutions for a Sustainable Dudley

Participants identified challenges and solutions for a Sustainable Dudley, and voted on which ones were most important. The challenges and some solutions are listed here:

Challenge	Votes	Solutions
<b>1 - Pedestrian and Cycle Friendly Dudley (31 votes total)</b>		
Cycleways	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cycleway committee</li> <li>• Letters to council re footpaths</li> <li>• letter / forms writing at notice board</li> </ul>
Pedestrian access	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate a group - walk to school group</li> </ul>
Fernleigh Track extending into Dudley	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need funding. Approach Council, State Gov, Private sponsorship. Show that there is significant community interest - petition</li> </ul>
<b>2 - Engaging our community (24 votes total)</b>		
Community involvement		Spread the word
	3	Community noticeboards
	3	internet Dudley site
	3	\$\$ to fund effective pathways - grants
	6	Street events - BBQ / Pizza oven??
		ads in local paper
		footpath plantings
How to engage the greater community	3	
How to engage youth	6	fun, returns, ownership. Signs, sign up sheets, prizes, using work with the youth's interests
<b>3 - Protecting and enhancing our natural environment (18 votes total)</b>		
Protecting and enhancing natural environment	6	education, show success stories. Contact existing organisations eg Conservation Volunteers Australia, Trees in Newcastle, Council
Start a Landcare Group	3	Garner interest, seek support and funding - Council / DECCW
Coordinate Landcare / Coastcare and Environmental and recycling activities	7	
Constructed wetland down to lagoon	2	
<b>4 - Community garden (12 votes total)</b>		
Establishment of a Community Garden	8	Space / security; possums; funds; working group; partnership with Dudley Public School exploring opportunity to expand existing garden (access issues w school)
Community Garden	4	Challenges = securing land in the right place

## **4 - Participation**

### **Participants:**

- 29 adult participants (3 kids)
- 19 apologies
- 2 rsvpd, but did not attend

### **Expressions of Interest:**

- 15 Organisers (Coordinating Group)
- 10 Contact list

### **Projects of interest listed on the Expression of Interest forms:**

- Community gardens - 5 (+ contact sheet collected by Theresa)
- Landcare - 4 (9 people also added their names to contact sheet that was circulated)
- Cycleways / walkways / connectivity - 7
- Other, Monthly fresh food market - 1
- Other, War memorial mural - 1
- Other, Village Green - 1