

# **A Sustainable Blue Mountains**

**How are we travelling?**

**Community Forum  
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**Forum Outputs  
(Raw Data)**

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## **SESSION 1 - 9.30am**

### **Assessing Progress**

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What progress has and has not been made?*

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Key Direction / Sustainability Groups	<i>What are the best ways of assessing progress?</i>
<p><b>Key direction 1</b></p> <p><b>Looking After Environment</b></p>	<p><b>Quantitative measures</b> – monitoring trends::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of people using/accessing bushland</li> <li>▪ Number of threatened species</li> <li>▪ Residential water use</li> <li>▪ Amount of recycling</li> <li>▪ Number buy backs on wood stoves - local air quality</li> <li>▪ Area of bush /mature trees cleared - assess from Satellite images</li> <li>▪ Area of land available for development</li> <li>▪ Council approvals by category</li> <li>▪ Conditions of consent relating to environment</li> <li>▪ Area of unsewered residential land</li> <li>▪ Health of water ways</li> <li>▪ Ground water quality</li> <li>▪ Intensity, frequency of bushfire - impacts on communities</li> <li>▪ Habitat loss through vague regulations</li> <li>▪ Wins/losses in Land &amp; Environment Court – LEP</li> <li>▪ Air pollution from flights</li> <li>▪ Smog lines</li> <li>▪ Carbon dioxide pollution in atmosphere</li> <li>▪ Renewable energy</li> <li>▪ Rain water tanks</li> <li>▪ Eco bins</li> </ul> <p><b>Assess LEP successes</b></p>
<p><b>Key Direction 2</b></p> <p><b>Looking after People</b></p>	<p><i>Note: All of below should have an outcomes focus</i></p> <p><b>Quantitative measures</b> – monitoring trends (time series data) Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of civil society organisations</li> <li>▪ Crime statistics</li> <li>▪ Secure affordable housing</li> <li>▪ Access to employment - range of services / accessibility of urban environment</li> </ul>

<b>Key Direction / Sustainability Groups</b>	<b><i>What are the best ways of assessing progress?</i></b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Domestic violence and child abuse</li> <li>▪ Birth weight</li> <li>▪ Primary and secondary success retention rates</li> <li>▪ Basic skills (primary school)</li> <li>▪ Housing flow analysis – tenancy (how often people are moving)</li> <li>▪ Break and enter rates, vandalism rates</li> <li>▪ Mental health</li> <li>▪ Disease issues relevant to the Blue Mountains environment</li> <li>▪ Family incomes per postcode</li> <li>▪ TAFE and University retention</li> <li>▪ Truancy and suspension</li> <li>▪ Homelessness</li> <li>▪ Number and range of civil society facilities</li> </ul> <p><b>SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENT TRENDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Social isolation for older people</li> <li>- IT laws and welfare to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o increase crime rates (breaching)</li> <li>o volunteer base i.e. food services</li> <li>o links to childcare – LACK!</li> <li>o Increasing gap between rich and poor</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Casualisation of workforce</li> <li>- Percentage of income going on mortgages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Springwood, Katoomba, Lawson development</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Petrol costs and energy costs</li> <li>- Ageing population, e.g. Springwood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Aging workforce</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Local government – consultation and participation rates</li> <li>- Systematic racism e.g. education, perception of use of public space e.g. picnic use</li> <li>- Access to childcare (affordability)</li> <li>- “love affair” of cars and houses</li> <li>- Traditional avenues of dissent dismantling e.g. student unions (harder to be an activist)</li> </ul> <p><b>Measure that looks at the experience of vulnerable children and families</b></p> <p><b>Measure of distribution of funding especially geographic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visual – number/type interaction on streets</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Measure of community engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social capital measure</li> <li>▪ Capturing stories from range of people – qualitative</li> </ul> <p><b>Baseline data around health/education</b> (particular emphasis vulnerable people)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Awareness of services</li> <li>▪ Map of community services and their utilisation (particularly CALD)</li> </ul> <p><b>Measure of inclusiveness</b> - Community services – diversity</p>
<p><b>Key Direction 3</b></p> <p><b>Using Land for Living</b></p>	<p><b>Financial measures</b> – balance between the social and value of place</p> <p><b>Meeting stated outcomes in planning documents</b> (DCPs, LEPs)</p> <p><b>Quantitative measures</b> – monitoring trends Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Vacant business premises</li> <li>▪ Land Use mix and take-up</li> <li>▪ “Public” assets - clocks</li> </ul> <p><b>Qualitative approaches</b> – values unable to be statistically assessed / use of surveys</p> <p><b>Annual Reports</b> – e.g. reporting on Council’s Management Plan</p> <p><b>Design quality / outcomes</b></p>
<p><b>Key Direction 4</b></p> <p><b>Moving Around</b></p>	<p><b>Quantitative measures</b> – monitoring trends / statistical data – current and accurate Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Number of accidents, etc.</li> <li>▪ Impact of upgrading of train infrastructure on usage</li> <li>▪ Use of buses</li> </ul> <p><b>Qualitative surveys and interviews</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Supply and need both must be understood / ask people <b>why</b> they don’t use public transport, etc.</li> <li>▪ Understanding constraints to accessibility of public transport/to services / understanding how the statistics have been collected</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consultations with transport providers</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Transport Issues</b>  <i>Cost / Expectations of transport / Accessibility to public transport / Different transport needs at different life stages / Need interfaces of different transport types – bus and train, etc.</i></p>
<p><b>Key Direction 5</b></p> <p><b>Working and Learning</b></p>	<p><b>Quantitative measures</b> – monitoring trends (reliability of statistics and interpretation?)  Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Creation of new jobs</li> <li>▪ ‘Monetary’ wealth of residents</li> <li>▪ Skills gap analysis and job availability</li> <li>▪ Local people employed vs commuters</li> <li>▪ Domestic vs “International” overnight stays</li> <li>▪ Annual review of demographics</li> <li>▪ Key institutes/business revenue</li> <li>▪ Number of artists - broader analysis than Blue Mountains Cultural Directory</li> <li>▪ Internet usage in homes - analysis / Broadband vs dial up</li> </ul> <p><b>Positive observation</b> – (sometimes focus on negative)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ e.g. traffic flow on GWH to Sydney</li> <li>▪ BMBA evidence of change</li> </ul> <p><b>Desk top research</b> - review articles in Blue Mountains Gazette over time</p> <p><b>Better use of Council’s Annual Survey</b> [Community Survey]</p> <p><b>TAFE follow up on students ‘workplace’</b> - where do they get work - local vs outside area</p> <p><b>Qualitative analysis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tourism statistics and return visits</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sustainable Blue Mountains 6</b></p>	<p><b>Need a range of measures to inform and learn about change over time</b> – flexibility to readjust measures and what we value / Challenge in gaining consensus about what is “progress” – how do we value</p> <p><b>Quantitative information</b> - establish baseline/audit of where we are now  Including:</p>

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	<p>Key threatening processes  Information from utility companies on consumption  Continuing education (indicators)  Business mix – ownership / type  Level of activity in villages</p> <p><i>Subjective (data sets) and objective indicators (surveys)</i>  <i>Time frame – capacity / resilience / self-reliance</i>  <i>Scale - community-wide / village / individual</i>  <i>Prioritisation - must be meaningful!</i>  <i>Hierarchy / global, township / household</i></p> <p><i>Detail date (e.g. rainwater tanks installed / regular milestones / 12 months intervals)</i></p> <p><b>Qualitative approaches</b>  Use of surveys / assess change over time / consensus data (tourism industry / school children / emerging threats)</p>
<b>Sustainable Blue Mountains 7</b>	<p><b>Qualitative approaches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Key informers to assess whether issues raised are being/have been addressed – facilitated interviews</li> <li>▪ Village based forums</li> <li>▪ Forums to share/understand connections between actions and impacts/understand shared and varied values</li> </ul> <p><b>Measure reaction of governments</b> – major move towards sustainability e.g. energy, water, climate change, waste, health, workforce retention, services available, transport, equity of access, recycling and reusing, economic development</p> <p><b>Asses progress on a number of different scales enabling, doing well with less, spatial measures – individual-towns-citywide</b></p> <p><b>Report back against key challenges in “Map for Action”</b></p>
<b>Sustainable Blue Mountains 8</b>	<p><b>New and growing linkages across organisations, community, government - analysis</b></p> <p><b>Quantitative measures</b> – monitoring trends / Clearer targets related to trend data (clearer monitoring)</p>

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	<p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; transport</li> <li>&gt; local / non local</li> <li>&gt; number business start ups/failures</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Waste/recycling levels – waste water</li> <li>▪ Residents that know about the Vision</li> <li>▪ New initiatives [for sustainable living] / assessing what initiatives are in place [as benchmark]</li> </ul> <p>Use/understanding of indicators / Community and Council have the same information</p> <p><b>Giving households simple tools for measuring environmental impact</b> (eco footprint)</p> <p><b>Qualitative approaches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Types of community engagement</li> <li>▪ Educating the community and household comparisons</li> <li>▪ Promoting the website for community (interactive) / number of hits / -feedback and data relating to community usage</li> <li>▪ Learning sustainability 'principles' in schools</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Key Direction 1</b></p> <p><b>Looking After Environment</b></p>	<p>Decommissioning of STP's</p> <p>World Heritage declaration</p> <p>Environment Levy</p> <p>Wood burning heater buy back</p> <p>Monitoring of stream health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stream Watch programs</li> </ul> <p>Increased Grants for Environment works</p> <p>LEPs stronger</p> <p>Increase rainwater tank uptake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- rebate</li> </ul> <p>Register rainwater tanks with RFS for fire use</p> <p>Significant decrease in landfilling</p> <p>Kerbside Chipping service</p> <p>Increase Bushcare groups</p> <p>Schools environment work</p> <p>Community better educated on environment issues</p> <p>Higher community involvement on environment issues</p> <p>Water Savings Action Plan</p> <p>Attitude shift to water tanks</p> <p>BASIX</p> <p>Access to Sydney water retrofit</p>	<p>Not enough emphasis on World Heritage listing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more could be done</li> <li>- opportunity for education, business, tourism)</li> </ul> <p>Recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more items collected</li> <li>- central area for re-use materials</li> </ul> <p>More kerbside chipping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more frequent</li> </ul> <p>Visual pollution of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- too much habitat destruction through housing development</li> <li>- not enough commitment to demonstrate how people can contribute at small scale</li> <li>- personal responsibility for own property management (fire ready, water flows, waste materials, weeds)</li> <li>- inconsistent approach to dealing with fuel/materials of fire risk – access to alternative</li> </ul> <p>Local Planning laws need strengthening for protecting our special places</p> <p>Response to climate change?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- need strategy</li> <li>- how to protect our environment</li> </ul> <p>Need a green waste collection service for lawn clippings</p> <p>Bike trails</p> <p>Gap between Councillors and staff (who decides)</p> <p>RTA highway development – sedimentation</p> <p>Car reliance</p> <p>Need improved public transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- timetable changes/frequency</li> </ul> <p>More support/communication between Council staff/professionals with resident groups (relating to developments)</p> <p>Increase communication between staff and community</p>

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		<p>needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- face to face</li> </ul> <p>Better air quality monitoring needed  More partnership, shared attitudes, opportunity for sharing expertise  Community self determination being eroded by State and Federal legislation</p>
<p><b>Key Direction 2</b></p> <p><b>Looking After People</b></p>	<p>Collaboration  Built environment most improved  Aboriginal people  Information/awareness of services  Increase collaboration between groups  - looking after people  Increase of who is/is not accessing services  Increase accessibility of Aboriginal people to BMCC (ACRC, Reg)  Increase awareness of services available  ACRC  Springwood Aquatic Centre  Isolated progress, i.e. public transport access – Katoomba, Springwood, Blaxland  Better publicity about services  BMCC youth Council and Sport Council  Aboriginal Community – growth, more confidence, Gully, more independence  Talking Gazette  Gully Traditional Owners  Good resources BMCC – directories  Parent Young and Families 1<sup>st</sup> services  Carrington contribution to community life  1) Libraries  Mental Health Unit into Katoomba Hospital and other projects – Vale St, Blue Fringe  Lawson Sk8 Park  Road improvements  Communities more inclusive  Positive documents – Vision, from consultation</p>	<p>Employment for Indigenous people  - for all people in City  Options for Young People  Short term housing and affordable housing  - no increase for social housing  Decrease maintaining facilities  - ongoing maintenance  Access to Mental Health service in Blue Mountains  Funding  Addressing systematic discrimination vulnerable groups  - especially indigenous and new arrival  BMCC planning not putting people first i.e. Lawson  Barriers to growth to planned services  Lawson Master Plan – no expansion, can't be built on  Access to public transport for people with disabilities  Public transport – safety and access  Lack of support for carers  No traditional Aboriginal tourism  - partnerships between indigenous and non-indigenous tourism partners  Lack of Central physical cultural area  - lack of a social space in each town  Development of Colless site in Leura  Too much focus (facilities) in Upper Mountains  No space access over Highway (e.g. Valley Heights)</p>

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	<p>Business contribute more to community            Young women health service at BMWHC            BM Consortium            Development of MARRA MOB</p>	
<p><b>Key Direction 3</b></p> <p><b>Using Land for Living</b></p>	<p>Rationalisation of underused assets across the City e.g. toilets            LEP 2005 contains provisions that focus development for older and mobility impaired people close to and with easy access to town centres            LEP 2005 , BASIX and the DCP for Better Living contain provisions for housing that is designed more sustainably            International recognition of the Blue Mountains as a heritage treasure            Creation of the Heritage Institute            Establishment of a Cultural Precinct in Katoomba (LEP 2005)            Improvements to infrastructure            - Easy access stations            Accessible facilities</p>	<p>Carbon Credits – Finance            Design Standards for sustainable housing – List of designers, builders            Council cars should be hybrid – Consistent with any statement about Sustainability            Study into energy consumption for recycling (cost)            Outcomes not met            - Utilities – Undergrounding power            Internal communication in Council            - piece-meal            Big sustainability statement/s to set for community</p>
<p><b>Key Direction 4</b></p> <p><b>Moving Around</b></p>	<p>New link roads            Improved physical accessibility of buildings, train stations, etc.            Integrated bus system with surrounding LGAs            Parking has improved enormously            Significant increase in cyclists on the highway            Highway upgrading has improved accessibility            Building on research for transport programs            Low floor buses            Passenger Choice            - improved integrated transport for subsidised transport            Provision of disabled parking spots has</p>	<p>Need to influence State Rail accessibility strategy            - ensure it matches with where we have seniors living areas, etc.            Need for improved building (station physical accessibility)            - lift for Lawson, Warrimoo            Need for shuttle services to/from easy access stations and other ones            Woodford to Faulconbridge link road            Local link strategy not yet fully implemented            - needs funding            - Lawson to Hazelbrook            Difficult to get from A to B on public transport quickly</p>

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	<p>improved, but how they're used needs to be re-thought</p> <p>Provision of footpaths and bike paths (but maintenance costs are limiting it)</p> <p>Bus companies becoming more centralised and localised, with Manager and staff approachable and active</p> <p>Now have the same concessions that apply in Sydney</p> <p>Public toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- improved in quality</li> </ul> <p>Blue Mountains Alliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- community action groups</li> <li>- more people working from home, telecommuting, etc.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- need better links</li> <li>- e.g. North Katoomba to North Leura</li> </ul> <p>Public toilets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- need more</li> </ul> <p>Passenger Choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- need strong support for implementation</li> </ul> <p>Integration of services (delivery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- from takeaway to Meals on Wheels and patient transport, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Low bus floor strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- need bus stop better designed and a program</li> </ul> <p>Need provision for luggage on trains</p> <p>Need much greater development of bike paths, footpaths, cars, trains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- greater connectivity</li> </ul> <p>Reducing trip generators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- encouraging businesses to offer services online and do deliveries, etc.</li> </ul> <p>Train stop between Bullaburra and Wentworth Falls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- access to Boddington</li> </ul> <p>Not enough room on trains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have to stand up</li> </ul> <p>Incentives for people to ride/walk to work (Bike Plan)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- e.g. showers, etc, bike sheds</li> <li>- link to BMBA and awards</li> </ul> <p>Commuter car park (upgrade) needed in Katoomba</p> <p>Carpooling needed</p> <p>More emphasis and support needed for telecommuting, even 1 day/week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reduce transport by 20%</li> </ul> <p>Have not achieved shift from truck to rail (heavy freight)</p> <p>Bike parking infrastructure at train station</p> <p>Baggage cars back on trains</p>

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<p><b>Key Direction 5</b></p> <p><b>Working and Learning</b></p>	<p>Opportunity to grow and support local businesses            Lawson Industrial Estate            Cittaslow (Slow food) declaration            Recycling facilities for business and construction            Redevelopment of Carrington Place            Growth in BMBA            Commercial Licensing Fees for add ups and awareness by operators and use of fees            'Growth' in Nature Based tourism              - Outdoor Recreation Course TAFE            Growth in tertiary education facilities            Sustainability awareness promotes discussion in community            Some upgrades in Katoomba St e.g. furniture, but needs more!</p>	<p>Cultural Centre – SLOW            Traffic and parking in villages – future planning            Future transport planning????            Katoomba Revitalisation            Business safety and crime            Youth opportunity and facilities            Sustainability practices need to be incorporated into training/thinking of all            Growth in overnight tourist accommodation              - how to improve            'Way finding' signage/interpretation to link transport nodes to facilities/attractions            'Ambassador' program at rail stations              - volunteers to welcome            Customer service            'Delays' in completing GWH              - Implications during and after (easier access West)            Create reasons to stay overnight, strike balance with day visitors            Need better mix and spread of business in Katoomba St            Getting private business to support 25 Year Vision/Plans            Council dragging feet on implementing improvements to security and safety in community            Residential accommodation above shops to help security – zoning?</p>
<p><b>Sustainable Blue Mountains 6</b></p>	<p>Enormous changes              - Climate Change              - Water, fuel              - Solar awareness            State and local government positive policy changes            Emergent threats</p>	<p>TBL thinking coming still...            No bike/trail, multi-purpose            Need to buy local            Need more Growers Market            Lack of good security            Need greater emphasis on community spaces and places</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- terrorism</li> <li>- ageing</li> </ul> LEP 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- big plus</li> </ul> Awareness of issues Information – Attitudes – Action Social Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BASIX</li> </ul> Integrity in process Council-Community engagement Bushcare success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- partnership</li> </ul> Engagement with other agencies – positive Cittaslow, Growers Market	Encourage public art Tension with tourism needs “Green” tourism needs promoting Action (NOT?) taken from community engagement Demographic trends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- age mix/work opportunities</li> <li>- Are prosecutions right?</li> </ul> Cultural diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NESB</li> </ul> CALD
<b>Sustainable Blue Mountains 7</b>	Use of terms such as sustainability and diversity of contributions Waste chipping service on household basis Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- many different ways to communicate</li> <li>- Council service</li> </ul> Bushcare groups - permaculture – Biznet – local networks Plastic bag initiatives Better consultation with RTA – Council World Heritage status – recognition and funding BMWHI – research focus on Blue Mountains Water quality measurements Cittaslow recognition and practices BM Advantage scheme Events taking on sustainable waste measures Recreational improvements to encourage healthy lifestyles e.g. Aquatic Centres, walking tracks, cycleways, sports groups Cultural planning and growth and support for creative opportunities and business LEP 2005 – to guide sustainable land use and	Energy use Water use? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- some changes but is it enough</li> </ul> Fire protection improvements but more land clearing is poor solution Few improvements in work opportunities locally Better higher education locally Community awareness of benefits of medium density and accessible housing in town centres near services GP retention is threatened <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- not replacing</li> <li>- need flexibility to develop practices (buildings) to accommodate broader services</li> <li>- allied nursing etc.</li> </ul> Crime and personal safety concerns Flexibility within building and the regulations Housing affordability Connections between work-transport-housing Rail scheme moving backwards Energy costs rising and will impact transport costs Footpaths still needed and cycleways Parking around local schools – alternatives needed

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	<p>development  Mapping and aerial photography to support and measure advances/status and create better decisions  Infrastructure planning to drive improvements e.g. Integral Energy – electricity reliability, sewer, water, telecommunication  Heritage monitoring model development by Mt Wilson Historical Society  BMAN (Arts Network) professional support and development  BM Conservation Society – nursery – walks – activism  BASIX energy – water efficiency required for new development</p>	<p>Retention of young people – jobs, housing, transport, crime, activities  Increases in rates but few services in small areas  Put rates capping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- distribution of tax dollars to local government is being eroded</li> <li>- so difficult for Council to deliver services</li> </ul> Connections between towns across the City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- alternatives to the Highway</li> <li>- cycling, walking, regular trains</li> </ul> Any change in socio-economic disadvantage? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The gap appears to be widening</li> </ul> The poor and disadvantaged remain under stress</p>
<b>Sustainable Blue Mountains 8</b>	<p>LEP 2005  World Heritage recognition  Creating of the WHI (2004)  Council premises policy (rent free for community groups)  Business Advantage Program (BMBA) - Awards  Biznet (2000/01) – Awards  Cultural Centre  Education for sustainability in our schools  Increasing support for Bushcare/Landcare and increase number in participants  Cittaslow  Facilities swimming pools, skate parks  Centralised delivery of services  Integrated Planning Party for Mid Mountains  North Katoomba Community Hub and Hazelbrook  Council-Community consultation  Support for NAIDOC (1 day to 1 month)  Creation of a full time Aboriginal Liaison Officer in Council</p>	<p>Cyclepaths, pathways, cycling facilities (lockers, showers)  Economic security, stability for Council  Risk management strategies adopted  Transport and traffic  Public transport sustainability initiative (downsizing buses)  Economic security for key industries (hospital, tourism) need a greater range of industries  Support for key facilities, essential services e.g. after hours school care  Research – demographics  Support for local businesses  Tourism incentives/programs  Developing regional partnerships  Community development (e.g. tourism initiatives)  Need to improve Urban Design and Planning (facilities for disabled, deaf,) accessibility  Agreeing on a sustainable population cap  Monitoring communities consumption of energy and water</p>

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	<p>Culturally appropriate signage at entrance to the City  Ongoing funding for Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Resource Centre  Establishment of BM Artists Company  Supporting Nuclear Free zone  Welcoming and supporting refugees/cultural diversity  Introducing Environmental Levy  - upgrading tracks, urban run-offs controls  Establishing Recycling Centre at Springwood  Introduction of a Cycle Plan  Work done in Town Centres – Springwood, Lawson</p>	<p>Consistent practices on consumption of energy and water  Urban Design  - balance between sustaining heritage and at the same time supporting sustainability principles  Public information – accessible?  Support for local sustainable food promotion e.g. community gardens, Co-ops, Growers Markets)  Agapanthas - ban/penalties  Sense of connectiveness between towns</p>

## **SESSION 2 - 11.30am**

### **Revisiting Our Focus for Action**

*What social and environmental trends and developments have occurred since 2000 that will significantly affect our ability to achieve greater sustainability?*

*In light of these trends/ developments - which of our current priorities for action are becoming more or less important?*

- *What new priorities for action are emerging?*

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<p><b>Key Direction 1:</b></p> <p><b>Looking After Environment</b></p>	<p>People more outspoken when disagree because we're better informed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- more collaborative between community</li> </ul> <p>Political advertising</p> <p>Centralisation of power local-state regarding planning</p> <p><b>Climate Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Drought</b></li> <li>- Combination will impact regarding bushfire (World Heritage, community, tourism)</li> <li>- Combo – ecology</li> <li>- Flooding</li> </ul> <p>Petrol prices</p> <p>Terrorism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- threat, disaster</li> <li>- impact on tourism</li> <li>- bioterrorism</li> </ul> <p>Energy policy/debate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nuclear</li> <li>- renewable</li> </ul> <p>Political funding from developers</p> <p><b>Affluent (social) lifestyle</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- energy and water use</li> <li>- large homes on small blocks</li> <li>- lower number of people per home</li> </ul> <p><b>Housing prices pushing people to Blue Mountains who wouldn't otherwise have had</b></p> <p>Information access and overload</p> <p>Can we be heard over background noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- many messages</li> </ul> <p>More regulations</p>
<p><b>Key Direction 2:</b></p>	<p>Under reporting of SA and DV</p> <p>Increase of impact of Mental Health issues</p>

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<p><b>Looking After People</b></p>	<p>Climate change  Water and lack of  Focus on integration and collaboration State government  People perceive that there is a lack of personal safety – more safety in BM – older people  Worsening of child outcomes  Growing gap between rich and poor  Less support and visibility for migrants  Worse housing affordability buying and renting  Development of IT – accessible resources to access – education – especially for young people  Greater awareness and ability of recycling e.g. cuttings, etc.  Lack of ability to recycle e-technology</p>
<p><b>Key Direction 3:</b></p> <p><b>Using Land for Living</b></p>	<p>Greater awareness  Planning for Bushfire Protection (ENVIRONMENT)  - Legislation/Guidelines  Less volunteering (SOCIAL)  Telecommunications (SOCIAL)  - Networking (MSN)  - Location no longer important  Perception of crime (SOCIAL)  - Awareness  - Visibility of crime (graffiti obvious)  Climate Change (ENVIRONMENT)  Development pressure (ENVIRONMENT/SOCIAL)  Council income decrease – costs more to do some stuff (ECONOMIC)  Investment in infrastructure awareness (ECONOMIC)  Lifestyles – <b>increased expectations</b> for facilities (ECONOMIC)  PPP (ECONOMIC)  Longer hours of work (SOCIAL)</p>
<p><b>Key Direction 4:</b></p> <p><b>Moving Around</b></p>	<p>Labour market skill shortage  - <b>Blue Mountains/ Wester Sydney more stable local jobs</b>  - More technical jobs  Increase workforce casualisation  - age, multiple jobs, part time, variable work hours</p>

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	<p><b>Aging population</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- living longer, more active</li> </ul> <p>Decrease in involvement in community/action groups especially Commuter Groups, progress groups due to long hours work, time used on sport, children, etc.</p> <p>Demand on BMCC for high variety of functions/community outcomes/ sport</p> <p><b>Peak Oil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alternative transport</li> <li>- Alternative fuel</li> <li>- Sustainable use</li> </ul> <p><b>Climate Changer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- higher awareness</li> </ul> <p><b>Disconnections from town community by work, etc. demands</b></p>
<p><b>Key Direction 5:</b></p> <p><b>Working and Learning</b></p>	<p>Impact of <b>Public Liability Insurance</b> on Eco Tourism development</p> <p>Water shortages/drought</p> <p>New technology and how community/business communicate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- constant changes</li> </ul> <p><b>Terrorism</b></p> <p>Political conservatism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no differentiation between political parties</li> </ul> <p>Flu epidemic</p> <p>Lifestyle changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 day shopping centres <b>impacting on tourism</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Time poor people</b></p> <p>Increase availability of funding for environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how to tap into it</li> </ul> <p>Family unfriendly working conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>travel times to and from work</b></li> </ul> <p><b>“Peak” Oil</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>impacts at all levels of community</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Social and Environment Trends / Issues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Buy and hop local needs to be fostered to compete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Economic parity for workers</li> <li>▪ Emergence of China and India market – Opportunities and Threats</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Escalation of global conflict and impact on 'safe' tourism travel</li> <li>▪ Social impact of drugs and crime on business/tourism</li> <li>▪ Aging population and demand on services – disposable income of over 50s</li> <li>▪ Upskill people to deal with low growth</li> <li>▪ Changes in borrowing patterns – against loans</li> <li>▪ Household debt (credit card debt)</li> <li>▪ Impact of new technology and computer games on youth and social – incorporate into 'cultural' activities</li> <li>▪ Increasing number of trucks on GWH</li> <li>▪ Pail service inadequate</li> <li>▪ Accidents on highway – driving patterns 'Slow Down'</li> <li>▪ Stimulate time senses through experiences (to encourage business) not just adventure</li> <li>▪ Inaugural City of the Arts – What has happened since?</li> <li>▪ Needs education in the Arts – all forms, University</li> <li>▪ Education in environmental sciences</li> <li>▪ 5.2.2 BMBA – How do residents know what it means and who to use</li> <li>▪ Attract a State Government department headquarter to relocate to Blue Mountains , e.g. NPWS</li> </ul>
Sustainable Blue Mountains 6	<p>Global Warming/Climate change  Cost to Council e.g. stormwater  Governance/Political commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council political commitment</li> <li>- City for Climate protection</li> </ul> <p>Cost prohibitive to implement some change  "Peak oil"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harder to get</li> <li>- Increase \$</li> </ul> <p>Existing housing stock needs a helping hand  Efficiency in building infrastructure  Housing stress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase debt</li> <li>- Increase consumerism</li> </ul> <p>Low rain  Increase prices of food  Socially exclusive ability to engage (middle class issue?)</p>

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Sustainable Blue Mountains 7	<p>Peak Oil  Drought – water shortages  Terrorism  Global warming  Interest rates increasing  Increasing consumption – corporate pressures  Gap rich/poor  Globalisation awareness  Internet – communications change  Awareness of health issues – SARS/Pandemics  Economic dominance politically  Reduced personal communication  Increasing importance China, India  Car society  NSW government standard template (land use)  - “one size fits all”  Decrease in total funds available for Local government  Private vs Public  Privatisation – who owns the resource?  Shift from supporting community  ‘Silencing Dissent’ – Hamilton  - Political controls – welfare, environment  Ageing population – more support structures needed  Reduced trains  Younger families moving to Mountains  - affordability  - community/connect  Baby boom  Increased hospital services  3 easy-access stations  Leura connected by Highway development  Increased Public Liability Insurance costs inhibit groups  Regional shopping services (Penrith)  OHS  - ‘safety’ issues limiting (Red Cross, St Vincent de Paul - energy)  Health</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Obesity</li> <li>- Diabetes</li> <li>- Multiple 'illness' of the elderly</li> <li>- Mental health</li> </ul> <p>Bushfire – increasing  Decreasing landfill  Abandoning car (?)  Deposit for containers  Business of highway – freight etc. to West</p>
<b>Sustainable Blue Mountains 8</b>	<p>Cost of renewables decreasing in future WRT fossil fuels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding how fast it's occurring</li> <li>- Growing awareness in Climate Change and associated impacts, e.g. bushfires risk, affect in tourism, biodiversity, development</li> <li>- <b>Changing energy mix</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Growing climate of fear between generations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Risk of epidemic avian flu/manage response</b></li> <li>- <b>Increased risk food insecurity</b></li> <li>- <b>Widening social and economical gap between rich and poor – which limits the response of certain section of the community</b></li> </ul> <p>Gap between people's increasing awareness and ability to access sustainable technologies  Cost of 'sustainable' technology  Global socio-political issues  Community's responsibility to generate own power (?)  Environmental refugees  More holistic and integrated approach to social well being  Brain drain on renewable energy development and commercialisation – focus on TBL  Greater sense of personal responsibility  Rising energy prices (power and fuel)  Rising single occupancy  Increasing interest in ecotourism and opportunities for  Water shortages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drought</li> <li>- Lack of water tanks and water efficiency measures</li> </ul> Filling Apprenticeships</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Difficult and shrinking skill base</li> <li>Increase in local food production</li> <li>Ageing population and services</li> <li>Youth employment opportunities</li> </ul>

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Key Direction 1 Looking after Environment Strategic Objectives	CURRENT Priority Action Area	MORE or LESS Important	NEW Priorities for Action
<i>1.1.1 The diversity of native flora and fauna is maintained</i>	Manage the urban/ bushland interface to minimise impacts from weeds, feral / domestic animals and urban runoff	More	- New baseline data to judge for all action areas and made available hard copy. - <b>NPWS needs to be involved.</b>
<i>1.1.2 The health of waterways and water catchments is improved</i>	Increase the recognition and care for water catchments	More	- Attention to ground water extraction - Increase creek buffer/ riparian zone - Sewer work/upgrades - Water volume in storm events
<i>1.1.3 We have clean air</i>	Increase public transport usage and reduce reliance on private motor vehicles in Western Sydney including the Blue Mountains	More	- Innovative transport solutions - Make walking and biking easier - Personal carbon emissions calculator - Extend quality monitoring up to us from Western Sydney
<i>1.2.1 Appropriate development is contained within the existing urban footprint and the bushland between towns is retained</i>	Optimise the appropriate use of land within the urban footprint	Same Change focus to	- ESD of developments (environment and water) - Quality of development - WSUD
<i>1.2.2 New development is limited by the capacity of the environment and infrastructure to sustain it</i>	Encourage any population growth in larger town centres <b>which (does it have it? – Need to build it)</b> have the infrastructure to support it	More	- <b>More focus on supporting infrastructure</b> - Physical and social infrastructure - S94
<i>1.2.3 The impact of existing and new development on the environment is managed</i>	<b>Retrofit</b> existing development to reduce impacts on the environment and enhance quality of life	<b>More</b>	- <b>Clarify/strengthen LEP</b> - Renewable energy - Water tanks - Education - Appropriate planting
<i>1.3.1 Levels of household waste are reduced and low consumption</i>	Raise community awareness of the benefits of living sustainably	<b>More</b>	- Emission footprint - Taking action/behavioural change ( <b>what works? - ID barriers</b> ) - Children Generation 'Y'

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<i>environmentally aware lifestyles encouraged</i>			- Rebate/subsidies
<i>1.3.2 Households are prepared and our Emergency Services resourced to deal with threats to the City</i>	The Blue Mountains models 'best practice' in emergency and bush fire preparedness	More	- Planning needs to be in place - Better communication (preparedness) - Methods of engagement? - <b>RFS to replace Council for inspections/interface with community</b>
<i>1.3.3 Community and Council work in partnership to conserve resources and protect the environment</i>	Support existing and build new partnerships to promote sustainable living and protection of the natural environment.		- Community Environment and Forums

#### **Other New Priorities**

Ground water

Carbon emissions

- personal calculator

Climate change

Preventative measures to lower impact of Climate Change on biodiversity

- action plan needed

Highway cleaning (litter) RTA

Air, water and endangered species monitoring

'Butt' litter from vehicles

- broaden powers of Council, RFS, etc. to act
- butt bins

Water sensitive Urban Design

- knowledge
- implementation

Resources (kit) of impacts and actions

Public toilet management

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<b>Key Direction 2 Looking after People Strategic Objectives</b>	<b>CURRENT Priority Action Area</b>	<b>MORE or LESS Important</b>	<b>NEW Priorities for Action</b>
<i>2.1.1 Healthy lifestyles are encouraged and supported</i>	Develop preventative programs to improve the health of the community particularly those most in need	More	
<i>2.1.2 People of all ages have access to range of recreational, sporting and cultural opportunities</i>	Maximise opportunities and partnerships to achieve better utilisation of existing recreational, sporting and cultural facilities	<b>More (Lower BM)</b>	
<i>2.1.3 People of different life stages have access to needed services and facilities and work opportunities</i>	Increase residents' access to services which meet community needs targeting in particular younger and older people	More	- Not just life stage emphasis but about diversity within community – access issues
<i>2.2.1 Service and facilities are located optimally to maximise access and benefits</i>	Develop service centres with appropriate levels of service provision that maximise access and benefits	More	- Plan for town centre development - ACRC and Link Up – ATSI services - Holistic look at services (access) not just town centre development
<i>2.2.2 There is increased housing choice to meet diverse needs</i>	Encourage the retention and provision of appropriately designed diverse and affordable housing	More	- Retrofitting issues - Older house need better enviro-focused renovations - New housing smaller units closer to transport/town centres - Adaptable housing
<i>2.2.3 Resources are fairly allocated</i>	Ensure decision making supports fair allocation of resources, services and facilities	More	
<b>2.3.1 Community safety in private and public spaces is improve</b>	Build on existing and develop new partnerships that increase community safety in town centres	<b>Redefine Action</b>	- Redefine this <b>ACTION</b> - include DV, SA, Violence in homes - Safety by design - Safe places for young people - Increase social fabric - Community focused - Welfare to work – crime rates
<i>2.3.2 The population has a</i>	Encourage local employment and	More	- How will this happen

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<i>healthy balance of people of different ages and income levels</i>	provision of affordable housing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase public housing – across Blue Mountains</li> <li>- Mix of types of accommodation</li> </ul>
<i>2.3.3 Individuals and organisations support those most in need within our community</i>	Provide <b>opportunities (expand)</b> for low-income residents	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide what opportunities?</li> <li>- Education, jobs, accessing these opportunities</li> <li>- More than just material support</li> <li>- Integrating opportunities ...not welfare response (after expansion) ...more for CALD and ATSI and vulnerable communities</li> </ul>

**Other New Priorities:**

- 1) Build community capacity that is inclusive of what are seen as disadvantaged or vulnerable groups
- 2) Achieve more access to our services and facilities by making them more culturally appropriate
- 3) Increase access to services by making them for affordable
- 4) Holistic child-friendly city framework
- 5)
  - a) public space - use CCD practices in the design and redevelopment of urban/civic spaces to increase social correctness and safety
  - b) private space
- 6) Develop our practice around how to design collaborative models to solve problems

In light of the trends/ developments above - which of our current priorities for action are becoming more or less important?

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Key Direction 3 Using Land for Living Strategic Objectives	CURRENT Priority Action Area	MORE or LESS Important	NEW Priorities for Action
<i>3.1.1 The existing Blue Mountains towns and villages with their own special qualities are maintained</i>	Enhance the distinctive qualities of our towns and villages to strengthen local identity and sense of place	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safeguard character of communities/villages</li> <li>- Engage local groups (Chambers of Commerce/Residents Associations)</li> <li>- Large lot size – community gardens</li> <li>- PPP's respect local qualities</li> <li>- PPP – community needs incorporated</li> </ul>
<i>3.1.2 Promote the Blue Mountains as a place to live work and visit</i>	Foster the identity and sense of pride in the Blue Mountains	Less More – important for youth. Improve awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on jobs, safety, transport, community life, facilities</li> </ul>
<i>3.1.3 Innovative urban design creates inspiring places where people want to be</i>	Encourage and recognise the highest standards of design, aesthetically and ecologically in both private and public spheres	More Adaptive re-use of heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ecological sustainability design</li> <li>- Design processes as well as spaces</li> <li>- Better access to good design</li> <li>- “Safer by Design” (CPTED)</li> </ul>
<i>3.2.1 Existing infrastructure that supports sustainable living is well maintained</i>	Understand the condition and capacity of existing infrastructure to ensure it supports sustainable living	=	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Respond to known information</li> </ul>
<i>3.2.2 Innovative infrastructure solutions supports sustainable living</i>	Implement water sensitive urban design to improve water quality and reduce the need for stormwater infrastructure	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Harvesting/re-use of water</li> <li>- Energy (solar, alternatives)</li> </ul>
<i>3.2.3 Safe healthy and clean living environments are provided</i>	Increase community health and safety in town centres through well designed and maintained infrastructure	=	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reassess, Monitor, Change where necessary</li> <li>- Safety audits – retrofit?</li> </ul>
<i>3.3.1 Vibrant town and village centres offer a range of services and homework opportunities</i>	Develop opportunities for people to live and work in the centres of Blue Mountains towns and villages	More Transport costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adopt technologies to enable work at home</li> <li>- Promote work at home</li> </ul>
<i>3.3.2 Development occurs within the <b>capacity</b> of the <b>environment</b> and <b>existing</b></i>	Encourage any population growth in larger centres that have the infrastructure to support sustainable living.	=	-

Key Direction 3 Using Land for Living Strategic Objectives	CURRENT Priority Action Area	MORE or LESS Important	NEW Priorities for Action
<i><b>infrastructure</b></i>			
<i>3.3.3 Housing choices are provided in accessible locations close to town centres</i>	Increase well designed housing choice in the larger town centres	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accessible Housing</li> <li>- Increase density in Town Centres and transport modes</li> </ul>

**Other New Priorities**

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Key Direction 4 Moving Around Strategic Objectives	5-10 Year Priority Action Area	MORE or LESS Important	NEW Priorities for Action
4.1.1 Networks of accessible public transport, walkways and cycle ways are developed	Link cycleways and walkways with public transport infrastructure	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- User friendly public transport</li> <li>- Change culture of travel, intermodal?, easier luggage use, more funds, priority for paths and cycleways</li> <li>- Commuter parking</li> <li>- Flexible bus/community transport</li> </ul>
4.1.2 Developments with <b>reduced reliance on cars are encouraged</b>	Provide a range of incentive schemes for appropriately located new developments that reduce reliance on cars	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Increase incentives for businesses to reduce cars</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amenable shop/ top residential development</li> <li>Shuttle buses, car pools, bikes, bus subsidies</li> <li>Always Medium/High density zoning at Railway stations</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Subsidise bus services for target use</li> <li>- Local discounts if you use public transport</li> <li>- Carbon trading initiatives</li> <li>- Encourage private use of alternatives to cars (hybrid cars, bikes)</li> </ul>
4.1.3 Active healthy lifestyles are promoted through <b>increased cycling and walking opportunities</b>	Promote the health benefits of physical activity and provide and maintain accessible infrastructure for walking and cycling	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase pedestrian/cycle paths</li> <li>- Obesity reduction program</li> <li>- Safety – road and social</li> <li>- Encourage walk to school and sports (walking buses)</li> <li>- Bike to school programs</li> </ul>
4.2.1 Sustainable transport links are developed between villages as an alternative the Great Western Highway	Design and complete an alternative link to the Great Western Highway which increases sustainable transport choices	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete LINK Roads (get RTA funding)</li> <li>- Target community link and evacuation routes, bus links</li> <li>- Review fire evacuation links</li> <li>- Lawson to Wentworth Falls railway underpass</li> <li>- Road links hazard to Linden</li> </ul>
4.2.2 Regional transport responses reduce the impact of through traffic on Blue Mountains towns and villages	Reduce the carriage of freight by large trucks on the Great Western Highway and encourage its transportation by rail	More Increase in rock mines Less Coal trucks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bells Line of Road upgrades for track use</li> </ul>
4.2.3 The safety and	Complete a place based “Blue Mountains	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Great Western Highway Management Plan including</li> </ul>

Key Direction 4 Moving Around Strategic Objectives	5-10 Year Priority Action Area	MORE or LESS Important	NEW Priorities for Action
<i>amenity of the Great Western Highway are improved</i>	Transport Corridor Strategy” to address safety, amenity, local access and design of the Transport Corridor		civic designs village character
<i>4.3.1 Services and facilities are located in the most accessible locations</i>	Centralise the location of key services and facilities in key service centres	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify key service locations and promote provision of facilities</li> <li>- Mobile outreach services (to other community)</li> </ul>
<i>4.3.2 Transport services that support the health and wellbeing of people are improved</i>	Encourage transport solutions for those unable to access transport	More Service has reduced lately	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High priority Passenger Choice Project</li> <li>- City Rail involvement in service provision</li> <li>- Target tourism in Blue Mountains as <b>ACCESSIBLE</b></li> <li>- Provide ramps, etc. signage</li> </ul>
<i>4.3.3 Accessible pathways of travel lead to <b>accessible buildings and public spaces</b></i>	Retrofit existing public spaces to improve accessibility and ensure any new public spaces are accessible.	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More funding</li> <li>- <b>Priority</b>/targets focus</li> <li>- Access TOILET program</li> <li>- Affordable fast food</li> </ul>

#### **Other New Priorities**

BMCC support for Integrated Transport Forum

Walkways, parks, cycleways used by

- Aged (motorised carts, etc.)
- Others to reduce fuel use/fitness

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Key Direction 5 Working and Learning Strategic Objectives	CURRENT Priority Action Area	MORE or LESS Important	NEW Priorities for Action
5.1.1 <i>Our focus on sustainability drives the creation of local employment opportunities</i>	Increase the range of sustainable businesses and industries in the Blue Mountains	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support businesses in upskilling</li> <li>- Develop regional economic strategy</li> <li>- Incentives for new business</li> <li>- Consider zoning requirements for buildings</li> </ul>
5.1.2 <i>The Blue Mountains is a centre of culture and creativity</i>	Promote existing and support new creative and cultural initiatives and industries	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support youth new technology and embrace</li> <li>- Stimulates senses through experiences and adventure</li> <li>- Private sector profitability not just not for profit</li> </ul>
5.1.3 <i>The Blue Mountains drives sustainable regional development that supports employment opportunities for local people</i>	Establish formal partnerships outside the region that increase sustainable employment opportunities for local people	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Education in art music culture</li> <li>- Environmental science</li> </ul>
5.2.1 <i>The Blue Mountains is a leader in responsible and sustainable tourism</i>	Develop a sustainable model for tourism that provides environmental, social and economic benefits	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainable education strategy</li> <li>- World class best BMBA practice market leader</li> </ul>
5.2.2 <i>Sustainable business practices are encouraged</i>	<b>Encourage</b> a mix of businesses that support sustainable economic development	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on BMBA</li> </ul>
5.2.3 <i>Local businesses and shops are supported and strengthened</i>	Promote the benefits of accreditation in sustainable business practices	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greater resources available</li> <li>- BMBA sets framework for plan</li> <li>- Chamber of Commerce</li> <li>- Support business safety</li> </ul>
5.3.1 <i>More learning opportunities are created for Blue Mountains people</i>	Build on accessible community resources that support learning and life long personal work pursuits	=	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintain and support new initiatives</li> </ul>
5.3.2 <i>Centres for learning and skill development contribute to a robust economy</i>	Enhance existing and establish new centres of research and learning that support the achievement of a more sustainable Blue Mountains		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WHI</li> </ul>
5.3.3 <i>Our children learning more about sustainability</i>	Build on and enhance existing initiatives that enable children to learn about sustainability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>

**Other New Priorities Cont'd:**

- Flexible Council approach – Economic
- Relocate State government organisations to Blue Mountains
- Crisis management – Fire, SARS
- Assistance with Public Liability “Blanket”
- Service Overhaul – “Customer Service”
- Upskill business to be sustainable including customer service
- Model for best practice as World Heritage area in education, tourism, lifestyle, living and working in World Heritage Area

## Sustainable Blue Mountains 6

*In light of these trends/ developments - which of our current THEMES FOR TARGETTING ACTION are becoming more or less important?*

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<b>CURRENT Key Theme for Targeting Action</b>	<b>MORE or LESS Important</b>	<b>NEW Priorities for Action</b>
Encourage environmentally aware lifestyles	More	- Energy neutral
Creating sustainable local employment	More	-
Better managing urban / bush interface	More	- Revision of LEP 1991 in LEP 2005 template
Centralising development around larger town centres	<b>Holistic engagement vs centralisation</b>	- How do people access services - Balance between infrastructure and service provision - Creative/articulation = choice - Lack main centres/trade offs
Balancing the local community demographics to achieve a balance of young, middle-aged and older people	More	-
Better urban design	More	- Commercial and industrial - Great opportunity in Blue Mountains

### Other New Priorities for Action:

- Multi purpose trade
- Global vs local
  - o Increase based resilience
- Run down social capital
  - o Increase economy
  - o Increase environment awareness/lifestyles
- What is our advantage
- Gap poor/rich
  - o Disenfranchised minority
  - o Capacity
- Engaging community information the reality

## Sustainable Blue Mountains 7

*In light of these trends/ developments - which of our current THEMES FOR TARGETTING ACTION are becoming more or less important?*

- *What new priorities for action are emerging?*

<b>CURRENT Key Theme for Targeting Action</b>	<b>MORE or LESS Important</b>	<b>NEW Priorities for Action</b>
Encourage environmentally aware lifestyles	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recycling/mulching</li> <li>- Water tanks</li> <li>- Individual responsibility</li> <li>- Citywide World Heritage model gives economic/social benefit</li> </ul>
Creating sustainable local employment	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peak oil consequences</li> <li>- Travel time impacts on families (public transport)</li> <li>- Use World Heritage Green Tourism – RFS</li> <li>- Telecommunications importance</li> <li>- Cycle tourism</li> <li>- Business incubator</li> <li>- Arts</li> </ul>
Better managing urban / bush interface	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- RFS – bushfire issues</li> <li>- Growth volunteers – Bushcare</li> <li>- Cleverer management</li> <li>- Greater individual awareness</li> <li>- Ground water mining</li> <li>- Carbon impacts</li> <li>- Better information</li> </ul>
Centralising development around larger town centres	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encourage quality development - good design</li> <li>- Don't neglect smaller communities</li> <li>- Drive better legal/ design qualities/reform</li> <li>- Local meeting spaces</li> </ul>
Balancing the local community demographics to achieve a balance of young, middle-aged and older people	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reliance on local employment/housing</li> <li>- Quality of life – cultural vibrancy</li> <li>- Maintaining community</li> </ul>
Better urban design	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vital especially for increasing density</li> <li>- Way of life (supportive)</li> <li>- Permaculture – community gardens</li> <li>- Local service roads, paths, meeting places, café culture, Carrington Square</li> <li>- Challenge of heritage/modern and need for eco-design</li> <li>- Night time safety/security</li> </ul>

**Other New Priorities for Action:**

- Localisation generally
- Transport (bikes, walk, public)
- Community meeting places each town
- Local food production
- More sporting facilities
  - o Better use of ...
- Disabled access ... parking
- Public toilets (clean, available)
- Information to retrofitting houses
- Council to encourage retrofitting
  - o Regulations
  - o Education
- Support for volunteer groups
- Energy use reduction
- Better use of resources
- Create sustainable local employment
  - o Universities – research/teaching
  - o BMWHI focus

## Sustainable Blue Mountains 8

*In light of these trends/ developments - which of our current THEMES FOR TARGETTING ACTION are becoming more or less important?*

- *What new priorities for action are emerging?*

CURRENT Key Theme for Targeting Action	MORE or LESS Important	NEW Priorities for Action
Encourage environmentally aware lifestyles	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Building on existing programs like Earth Works – Community gardens and identifying new sites for community gardens</li> <li>- Guidelines for new buildings (sustainable principles)</li> <li>- 1 stop shop for environmental action</li> <li>- Cycleways and footpaths</li> <li>- <b>Encourage people to understand the eco footprint</b></li> <li>- Bicycle library</li> <li>- <b>Council to become a leader by becoming carbon neutral</b></li> </ul>
Creating sustainable local employment	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biznet extending to Mid and Lower Mountains</li> <li>- Survey business to identify employment opportunities</li> <li>- Need a coordinated strategy on local employment</li> <li>- Economic gardening – promoting home-based businesses</li> </ul>
Better managing urban / bush interface	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pet management</li> <li>- Better monitoring of the interface</li> <li>- Better integration and coordination of NGOs and government and tapping into indigenous knowledge (co-management), e.g. NPWS, Landcare and RFS</li> <li>- Greater attention to sites of significance</li> </ul>
Centralising development around larger town centres	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Educating population to accept services and infrastructure consolidation in larger urban centres</b></li> <li>- <b>Education to accept medium density housing</b></li> <li>- Inspiring developments to produce sustainable – place sensitive medium density affordable housing</li> <li>- Disability access – bus access</li> <li>- Public transport reliability access</li> <li>- Get model car sharing/bike sharing</li> </ul>
Balancing the local community demographics to achieve a balance of young, middle-aged and older people	=	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creating events and opportunities for generation of integration</li> <li>- Education for greater tolerance – celebrating diversity</li> <li>- Living libraries (borrow a person)</li> <li>- Affordable housing</li> </ul>

Better urban design	More	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of eco-villages e.g. Lawson</li> <li>Audit of sustainable buildings</li> <li>Place sensitive act and urban landscape design</li> </ul>
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**Other New Priorities for Action:**

- New residents welcome pack should contain promotion developing responsible eco-residence
  - o Database of volunteering (integration of volunteer services matching services)
  - o Facilities

**SESSION 3 – 2 pm**

**What's emerging?**

**Plenary**

## Plenary

What's emerging?	Priorities for Action	What does it mean for us?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cost of fuel</li> <li>- Need to focus locally               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Need to be state and national priority</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Ageing population</li> <li>- Climate of fear</li> <li>- Government planning and policies</li> <li>- Have to make change with limited resources</li> <li>- "disposable" society</li> <li>- Fair trade, economic change</li> <li>- Take account of data, make service improvements</li> <li>- "Time poor"               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o How to build capacity for change</li> <li>o What is Local Government role?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Doing much more with much less resources</li> <li>- Affordability</li> <li>- Accessibility</li> <li>- Gap of rich and poor</li> <li>- More sophisticated measurement needed for sustainability</li> <li>- Need for rapid responses to big issues</li> <li>- Globalisation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o International development</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Energy efficiency               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Long way to go</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Hierarchical patterns of power hinder collaboration and partnerships               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Look for future</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Building resilient bonds               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Collaboration</li> <li>o Community capacity building</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Increase commuters</li> <li>- Casualisation workforce</li> <li>- Using land for food production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community cohesion increase</li> <li>- BMBA               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Incentives to business to become more sustainable, promote business with certification, show actual benefits</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Better infrastructure for telecommunications, power, transportation</li> <li>- How to address/support low socio-economic groups with practical solutions regarding sustainability</li> <li>- Greater community engagement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Ongoing, promoting issues, taking individual responsibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Increase local jobs</li> <li>- More focus on village and community action               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o E.g. Linden Citizens Association initiatives</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Monthly "free market" in communities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Skill sharing, goods swapping</li> <li>o USA initiatives</li> <li>o Good for low socio-economic communities</li> </ul> </li> <li>- More processes for community collaboration               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o PPP, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Re-establish Local Area Managers in BMCC</li> <li>- Increase information to residents on local solutions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o E.g. insulation</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Stronger representations to Chambers of Commerce               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Links to BMBA</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Eco-resident kit for new residents</li> <li>- Improve communication and cooperation of ALL</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The meaning of sustainable living</li> <li>o Design – community education for all stakeholders</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Accountability! All stakeholders               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Within/across groups</li> </ul> </li> <li>- e.g. Blackheath – model of urban sustainability               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Gathering place for community in emergency</li> <li>o Could happen across Blue Mountains?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Building schools as community Hub               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Include markets, community services, BMCC</li> <li>o Under resourced – more focus</li> </ul> </li> <li>- From last forum – need for BMCC to be an EXAMPLE               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o To showcase what can be done</li> </ul> </li> <li>- How to get into "hearts and minds" of everyone</li> <li>- E.g. BMBA – measurable tools available</li> <li>- Needing to do MORE of everything... think in terms of systems so we can use energy effectively               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Think coordinated responses!</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Who is doing what? Sometimes we duplicate               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o How to coordinate?</li> </ul> </li> <li>- "Small meaningful steps" – Stuart Hill</li> <li>- Building on what we have – much better</li> <li>- Write letters to Kerry Bartlett               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Talk to politicians</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Individual/households               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Graded actions</li> <li>o Give five steps possible and start</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>What's emerging?</b>	<b>Priorities for Action</b>	<b>What does it mean for us?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not having much land for use in Blue Mountains</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Begin to measure what we have               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Go forward</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Remove recycling service               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Carbon usage</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Building in the Blue Mountains               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eco design, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;">with small options e.g. light bulbs... up to solar panels and changing cars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Henry Reynolds – thoughts on Aboriginal issues               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not enough people working towards ATSI empowerment</li> <li>○ Think deeper! More understanding regarding economy</li> <li>○ BMCC can't affect this, is constraint by this</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Do we need a SUSTAINABILITY ROAD SHOW               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Travels to villages, education</li> <li>○ Targeted to individuals</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Need to move beyond rhetoric – into change making – practical solutions (Gary Werskey)</li> </ul>

**SESSION 4 – 2.30pm**

**New Priorities for the Next 5-10 Years**

## Priorities for Action – Next 5-10 Years: Key Direction 1- Looking After Environment

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	Personal Carbon Emissions	Retrofitting old and design new developments	Groundwater
<b>What needs to be done?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personal Kyoto target/approach</li> <li>- Readily accessible information on calculating and actions to take – report card</li> <li>- Information on where to get what's needed</li> <li>- Infrastructure to support</li> <li>- Aboutthehouse.com.au</li> <li>- Requirements to give emissions, rating of products (cars, electricals)</li> <li>- Support network</li> <li>- Needs to be easy/simple</li> <li>- Accessible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote benefits of eco-homes</li> <li>- Access to information of where to get a good design and how to do (mud brick, straw bale, etc. double glaze)</li> <li>- Subsidies, rebates, incentives, no interest loans, awards</li> <li>- Ensure developers are eco-friendly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear fell trees</li> <li>- Building practice</li> <li>- Native planting</li> <li>- Promote responsibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Develop it ourselves (BMCC)</b></li> <li>- <b>Strong Councillors</b></li> <li>- <b>Strength of LEP</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Commercial extraction controls and monitoring</li> <li>- Extend temporary moratorium on community extraction</li> <li>- Water restrictions on domestic bores</li> <li>- Metering of bores</li> <li>- Education/understanding of ground water and its importance – hanging swamp</li> <li>- Water recycling encouraged</li> <li>- Gain understanding of impacts – Leonay</li> <li>- Research, monitoring</li> <li>- Cross contamination controls/grouting</li> <li>- Register bores</li> <li>- Demand NSW government in taking account of impacts on Blue Mountains</li> <li>- Appropriate planting gardens – water wise</li> </ul>
<b>Where should resources &amp; action be focused</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Focus on kids/children</li> <li>- Changing homes – opportunities for audits</li> <li>- New resident kit</li> <li>- Highlight to businesses what/how impact they can have</li> <li>- Increase understanding of impacts/living in Depression mentality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eco-home tours – BMCC sponsorship?</li> <li>- Virtual tour of Blue Mountains</li> <li>- Informing public (electing representatives)</li> <li>- Promote Business Advantage and the accredited businesses</li> <li>- Infrastructure – bike and walking tracks compulsory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nurseries</li> <li>- Individual</li> <li>- Landscape/maintenance companies</li> <li>- Business with landscaped grounds/ golf courses</li> <li>- Landscaping of new homes (developers)</li> <li>- Bore drillers (licence, contamination)</li> </ul>

	<b>Priority Area A</b>	<b>Priority Area B</b>	<b>Priority Area C</b>
	<b>Personal Carbon Emissions</b>	<b>Retrofitting old and design new developments</b>	<b>Groundwater</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appreciating products – Disposable mentality</li> </ul>		
<b>Who needs to be involved inc. households, business, schools, council etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Businesses can contribute by selling Australian made</li> <li>- Suppliers of services products</li> <li>- Learn from indigenous and “Depression’ generation about how to live with little</li> <li>- Council as a Coordinator</li> <li>- Cafes/recreation venues as conduit of information</li> <li>- Sustainability St</li> <li>- DECC and local member to provide resources – Grants \$\$</li> </ul>	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SCA</li> <li>- Sydney Water</li> <li>- DECC</li> <li>- BMCC</li> <li>- Conservation Society</li> <li>- RFS</li> </ul>

## Priorities for Action – Next 5-10 Years: Key Direction 2- Looking After People

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	<p><b>Develop our practice around how to design collaborative models to solve problems/achieve solutions across social, economic and environmental sectors.</b></p>	<p><b>Service provision that is affordable, accessible, culturally appropriate and inclusive. E.g. community services, pools, sports grounds, Springwood Civic Centres...</b></p>	<p><b>Holistic child friendly and safe Blue Mountains? City? Community? Good for everybody</b></p>
<b>What needs to be done?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shared goals</li> <li>- Resource and develop existing collaborations</li> <li>- Shared language and knowledge of collaborations</li> <li>- Shared understanding of stakeholders supporting collaborations – values of collaboration – practical outcomes</li> <li>- Principles of acknowledged power and participation</li> <li>- Process identifying stakeholders and nature of their participation – WIN/WIN!</li> <li>- Set outcomes</li> <li>- Identify resources and information and strengths</li> <li>- Learn to collaborate across social, environment, economic, cultural divides</li> <li>- Promoting outcomes of work done</li> <li>- Learning from these outcomes</li> <li>- Commonality of language and goals across social, economic, environment – focus on goals together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultation with vulnerable groups, people ‘without a voice’ – ACTION</li> <li>- Cultural awareness training especially BMCC</li> <li>- Planning – participatory that defines goals, delivery models process</li> <li>- Allocation of facilities to meet goals</li> <li>- Analysis of issues (leads to ...BELOW)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PLAN – linked with stronger families group</li> <li>- Whole of Council Safety By Design focus and “Child Friendly” Cities framework</li> <li>- Promote concepts in a language communities understands professional development for planners and internal BMSS</li> <li>- Business and service clubs</li> <li>- Looking at transport and isolation</li> <li>- Develop brand – influence decision making</li> <li>- Redefine what “family” is</li> </ul>
	- Schools in every village	- Aboriginal and Youth	- Internal BMCC staff

	<b>Priority Area A</b>	<b>Priority Area B</b>	<b>Priority Area C</b>
	<b>Develop our practice around how to design collaborative models to solve problems/achieve solutions across social, economic and environmental sectors.</b>	<b>Service provision that is affordable, accessible, culturally appropriate and inclusive. E.g. community services, pools, sports grounds, Springwood Civic Centres...</b>	<b>Holistic child friendly and safe Blue Mountains? City? Community? Good for everybody</b>
<b>Where should resources &amp; action be focused</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non-government organisation – community agencies</li> <li>- Triple Bottom Line – think social , economic and environment to determine directions and outcomes</li> <li>- Focus resources on what we know works e.g. CCD</li> <li>- Raise awareness of collaborative successes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children 0-3 years</li> <li>- Developing planning process</li> <li>- JUST DO IT! – enough \$ to follow through</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Peak organisations and networks and existing collaborations</li> <li>- Focus on families and children</li> <li>- Focus on transport and getting around</li> <li>- Businesses and agency that owns assets</li> <li>- Agencies that work with children only</li> </ul>
<b>Who needs to be involved inc. households, business, schools, council etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- World Heritage Institute (a collaboration) – infiltrate their own agencies!</li> <li>- Schools – infiltrate their own agencies!</li> <li>- Businesses – infiltrate their own agencies!</li> <li>- State and Federal agencies</li> <li>- Community groups and agencies</li> <li>- Police</li> <li>- Arts groups</li> <li>- Households and individuals</li> <li>- Tapping outside knowledge from pilot programs</li> <li>- Affinity between environment and social agencies already exists</li> <li>- Other LGAs which are similar to Blue Mountains</li> <li>- Go for exactly who you want!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current interagencies and collaborations – RE-ENERGISE or harness ENERGY</li> <li>- People with \$ - politicians etc.</li> <li>- Service users – involved in process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children</li> <li>- Local Police</li> <li>- Good architects</li> <li>- Traffic coordinators</li> <li>- Schools</li> <li>- Recreation – parks/gardens</li> <li>- Councillors – all level of BMCC</li> <li>- New residents</li> <li>- Politicians</li> </ul>

## Priorities for Action – Next 5-10 Years: Key Direction 3 – Using Land for Living

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	<b>3.3.3 Housing Choices Increase well-designed housing choices in larger town centres</b>	<b>3.1.3 Encourage and recognise highest standards of design – aesthetically and ecologically in both private and public spheres</b>	<b>3.2.2 Implement water-sensitive urban design to improve water quality and reduce need for stormwater infrastructure</b>
<b>What needs to be done?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ? model development emphasising “best practice” in sustainability</li> <li>- Checklist/audit of housing (new and existing)</li> <li>- Community acceptance to enable housing diversity</li> <li>- Recognise extended family opportunities</li> <li>- Support for building industry</li> <li>- Online planning/comments</li> <li>- Sustainability One-Stop-Shop at Council</li> <li>- Leadership/Champion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local design forums to establish character, desired design direction</li> <li>- In-house expertise to make qualitative assessments (Council)</li> <li>- Champion/leadership</li> <li>- Local awards – monthly/annual</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hydro-electric scheme</li> <li>- Encourage solar power?</li> <li>- Small scale (individual) wind power?</li> <li>- Encourage rain water storage</li> <li>- Neutral or reduce discharge volume from sites – Design self-sustaining</li> <li>- LOW IMPACT DISBURSION SYSTEMS</li> <li>- Research maintenance techniques – Life-cycle costs</li> </ul>
<b>Where should resources &amp; action be focused</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Road show – active promotion of design</li> <li>- LEP/DCP, urban design strategies</li> <li>- Urban Design Excellence Awards – promotion</li> <li>- Local Design Forums</li> <li>- Regular review of planning/building codes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On time manual/rating system – “model designs”</li> <li>- Council One-Stop-Shop – advice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Major redevelopment projects (Lawson, Cultural Centre)</li> <li>- Audit water discharges (where, when, how much)</li> <li>- Roadshow – “best practice” promotion</li> </ul>
<b>Who needs to be involved inc. households, business, schools, council etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council – as regulator/ advocate/ promoter</li> <li>- Community – industry, builders/ developers/ clients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council – facilitate</li> <li>- Industry – partnership/sponsorship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community – engineers, designers</li> <li>- Council</li> <li>- State Government (RTA)</li> <li>- Educational institutions (research) BMWHI</li> <li>- Households</li> </ul>

## Priorities for Action – Next 5-10 Years: Key Direction 4 – Moving Around

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	<b>Greater integration and connection between different modes of transport</b>	<b>Implement link road strategy and improve links between towns and across highway for emergencies and buses, etc.</b>	<b>Focus on key incentives for businesses to reduce use of motorised/private transport</b>
<b>What needs to be done?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Passenger Choice project implemented</li> <li>- Promote greater integration between different modes of transport to encourage greater use of it</li> <li>- Look at global best practice for the efficient use of existing transport</li> <li>- Identifying and action plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review existing strategy to ensure it's still meeting community needs</li> <li>- Ensure strategy is seen as a Council priority</li> <li>- Identify opportunities for new link roads</li> <li>- Investigate best practice for benchmarking</li> <li>- Better promotion of Council priorities</li> <li>- Implement the strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultation with businesses</li> <li>- Collect and analyse data</li> <li>- Building infrastructure</li> <li>- Show businesses best practice and developing economic incentives and get good staff because of benefits for non-car transport</li> <li>- Develop commercial enthusiasm</li> </ul>
<b>Where should resources &amp; action be focused</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encouraging people to use public transport (bus stations, bike racks on bus)</li> <li>- Improving communication between providers of different modes of transport</li> <li>- Facilities for inter-modal changing: commuter car parking, bike facilities, locker, bike racks</li> <li>- Developing car pods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review strategy</li> <li>- Focus on bus routes</li> <li>- Lobby RTS for funding for link roads, Federal government, DoTARS</li> <li>- Council's Capital Works Program must prioritise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote car-pooling</li> <li>- Bicycle racks on buses</li> <li>- Need to focus on businesses planning</li> <li>- Education of businesses</li> <li>- Car-parking hubs developed (close to transport public)</li> <li>- Infrastructure for bicycles (stands, etc.)</li> <li>- Telecommuting</li> <li>- Internet shopping</li> <li>- Coordinating deliveries from different shops, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Who needs to be involved inc. households,</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transport providers</li> <li>- Integrated Transport Forum</li> <li>- Surrounding LAs and WSROC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council</li> <li>- RTA</li> <li>- State &amp; Federal government</li> <li>- Transport companies (bus, taxis)</li> <li>- Integrated Transport Forum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chambers of Commerce including Biznet</li> <li>- Integrated Transport Forum</li> <li>- Bus companies</li> <li>- Unions</li> </ul>

business, schools, council etc.		- Residents	- Small businesses
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**Other Key Transport Issues**

Low car ownership in the Upper Mountains especially

- Social isolation
- Older people
- Low income
- Home deliver services
- Need to understand why and link to or develop alternatives to access services

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- buy food etc. in bulk
- on a street basis and divide up

**Key Moving Around Priorities**

- Transport survey of users to identify transport needs
- Ensure alignment between community needs and CWPs of transport providers
- Bring more services to the local level – less need for households to use cars
- Accessible pathways and bike ways #2
- More buses connecting with railway stations
- Greater accessibility to get on/off buses and trains
- Improved railway timetabling and more carriages – when, how many, how many carriages, etc.

## Priorities for Action – Next 5-10 Years: Key Direction 5 – Working and Learning

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	<b>Upskill business through BMBA Course</b>	<b>Encourage major government departments (sensitive to World Heritage) to operate out of the Blue Mountains e.g. NPWS</b>	<b>Develop a Sustainability Business “Hub”</b>
<b>What needs to be done?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build wider community and business awareness, uptake, understanding</li> <li>- Educate businesses on sustainable business practice – include customer service</li> <li>- Business (BMBA) Awards</li> <li>- Identify economic “Champions” case studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Target State government decentralisation program</li> <li>- Infrastructure development e.g. transport, medical</li> <li>- Sustainably designed accommodation</li> <li>- Lobbying</li> <li>- Job creation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop business plan</li> <li>- Acquire premises</li> <li>- Identify funds and partners</li> <li>- Market to all stakeholders and Sydneysiders</li> </ul>
<b>Where should resources &amp; action be focused</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Info kit (fact sheet) for chambers to promote BMBA</li> <li>- Website links for small business ideas, opportunities and How to do!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lawson or Springwood</li> <li>- Develop infrastructure including broadband access</li> <li>- Human resources need to be identified</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People</li> <li>- Building</li> <li>- Audit of local suppliers</li> <li>- Funding source</li> <li>- Highway access and profile</li> </ul>
<b>Who needs to be involved inc. households, business, schools, council etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Everyone – Council, Chambers of Commerce, schools, community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council/Councillors</li> <li>- Local members</li> <li>- Chambers of Commerce</li> <li>- All Government agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council</li> <li>- Local businesses</li> <li>- Suppliers of sustainable product</li> </ul>

## Priorities for Action – Next 5-10 Years: Sustainable Blue Mountains 6

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	<b>Sustainable procurement/information (Technology, ideas, coordination)</b>	<b>Utilising Social Capital</b>	<b>Transport</b>
<b>What needs to be done?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council expertise</li> <li>- Research – EOIs, tender, \$, sales)</li> <li>- Sustainablebluemountains.com.au</li> <li>- Information exchange</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Audit of skill, e.g. local employment options</li> <li>- Centre for adaptive reuse</li> <li>- Local employment</li> <li>- Retired people/older population</li> <li>- Repair workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multi purpose tracks – bike, etc, small electronic bikes</li> <li>- Lower speed limit &lt; emissions</li> </ul>
<b>Where should resources &amp; action be focused</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Website</li> <li>- Example of best practice</li> <li>- Register of products – Bin relevant</li> <li>- Council leads</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lobby body</li> <li>- EOI – Who wants to do this?</li> <li>- Refine existing options</li> <li>- Existing community groups – network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lobbying – Federal and State government</li> </ul>
<b>Who needs to be involved inc. households, business, schools, council etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council</li> <li>- Businesses</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Government – State Rail, Council</li> <li>- Sydney Water</li> </ul>

## Priorities for Action – Next 5-10 Years: Sustainable Blue Mountains 7

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	<b>Transport – Integration of different transport types</b>	<b>Reducing Energy Use – Electricity</b>	<b>Improving local employment</b>
<b>What needs to be done?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge of needs/ demand/ benefits</li> <li>- Affordable public education</li> <li>- Integrate/coordinate tickets/ timetables</li> <li>- Review road priorities</li> <li>- Change to hybrid/alternative cars</li> <li>- Local link roads, shared paths – key links/bridges</li> <li>- Information/signposting of networks</li> <li>- Heighten value of passengers public transport</li> <li>- <b>Extend rail lines across Western Sydney and intra Sydney</b></li> <li>- Super fast links across between Sydney City centres</li> <li>- <b>Additional rail track plus bike/shared tracks</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home: use natural light-design for energy efficiency, heating/ cooling, retrofit existing buildings: linden with the bulb model</li> <li>- Aim for star rating – carbon reduction citywide</li> <li>- Food production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “City for learning and personal growth”</li> <li>- Green industry e.g. retrofitting programs</li> <li>- Cittaslow</li> <li>- Focus strength of local market (76,000 population)</li> <li>- Improve telecommunications to support industry based in Blue Mountains to go wider market</li> <li>- Focus on big ideas to develop momentum e.g. BMWHI – model environment, sustainability, education and research</li> <li>- Industrial ecology for Lawson Industrial area – business gardening centre</li> <li>- Ecotourism – education based on best practices, spiritual retreats</li> <li>- Adventure recreation – walking tracks</li> </ul>
<b>Where should resources &amp; action be focused</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Lobby to maintain high level passenger train service</b></li> <li>- Coordinate timetable information of all services and communicate</li> <li>- <b>Trail community transport call up service across City</b></li> <li>- Accessible buses and stations</li> <li>- Resource transport forum</li> <li>- <b>Education on real cost of car use</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revive home retrofit programs e.g. “Winter heat” of the 80s</li> <li>- Armidale energy scheme – subsidise insulation</li> <li>- Take up of green power – solar power</li> <li>- Incentives to take up new practices</li> <li>- Education on benefits – invest now to save in longer term</li> <li>- Rental homes as well as owner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chambers of Commerce – Biznet</li> <li>- Walking tracks and natural area attractions</li> <li>- Service industry – support for growth</li> <li>- Grow and export areas of expertise – eco design</li> <li>- Accreditation to lift standards</li> </ul>

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	<b>Transport – Integration of different transport types</b>	<b>Reducing Energy Use – Electricity</b>	<b>Improving local employment</b>
		<p>occupied</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council seek carbon reduction target</li> <li>- Council to promote – star rating for each village</li> <li>- Coordinate with different power companies – use deregulation of power companies</li> </ul>	
<b>Who needs to be involved inc. households, business, schools, council etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lobby at local, state, federal government - individual, groups, Council</li> <li>- Transport companies – forum</li> <li>- <b>Change of norms to accommodate public transport factors e.g. 5 minutes late to work, etc</b></li> <li>- Community groups – Action groups</li> <li>- Schools – walking bus</li> <li>- <b>Design of buses for smaller community/access</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every household</li> <li>- Community groups coordinate on local level</li> <li>- Coordinate with different power companies – use deregulation of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business networks</li> <li>- Council</li> <li>- TAFE</li> <li>- Infrastructure bodies e.g. Integral Energy</li> <li>- Government employment schemes and providers</li> </ul>

## Priorities for Action – Next 5-10 Years: Sustainable Blue Mountains 8

	Priority Area A	Priority Area B	Priority Area C
	<b>Communication Strategy</b> - <b>coordinated toolkit directing people to information/services targeted according to need</b>	<b>Sustainable local employment</b>	<b>Support every household to reduce their Carbon footprint</b>
<b>What needs to be done?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compiling all information and resources that are available in the community</li> <li>- Centralised directory delivery across a range of media</li> <li>- Continuing the communication process between Council and the community</li> <li>- Visual identifier that's an umbrella brand on everything, unifying element ("Towards a More Sustainable Blue Mountains" like a brand e.g. Map for Action or BM Towards Sustainability, Sustainability BM, BM Advantage)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Position the Blue Mountains as a centre for education for sustainability</li> <li>- Encourage people to buy local and support local services</li> <li>- Encouraging people to produce local e.g. food, arts and crafts</li> <li>- Produce local creative/performance industries</li> <li>- Promote eco and indigenous tourism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council leads by example by adopting a Carbon neutral strategy</li> <li>- Toolkits for households to measure/ assess the Carbon footprint</li> <li>- Council to form linkages with groups like Sydney Water, NWCO and/or Origin to give people the tools</li> <li>- Educate our community to "do more with less"</li> <li>- Decisions we make don't export our problems</li> <li>- Use community centres to distribute tools</li> </ul>
<b>Where should resources &amp; action be focused</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community competition to develop brand</li> <li>- Developing the kit (website, welcome packs, noticeboards are problematic)</li> <li>- Marketing officer for Council (focus on sustainability)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Educational institutions</li> <li>- Existing local businesses</li> <li>- Economic gardening - based in US model capacity and support building for existing businesses endogenous growth</li> <li>- Using the cultural centre and the Edge as a multi-purpose venues to support local employment</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cultural centre becomes a living example of sustainable design and technologies</li> <li>- Lawson as an eco village</li> </ul>
<b>Who needs to be</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council</li> <li>- Community organisations</li> <li>- State and Federal government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Educational institutes</li> <li>- Local businesses</li> <li>- Performing arts/writers/visual arts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waste compactors (commitment to make no new purchases for 1 year)</li> <li>- Financial institutions to expand</li> </ul>

	<b>Priority Area A</b>	<b>Priority Area B</b>	<b>Priority Area C</b>
	<b>Communication Strategy</b> - <b>coordinated toolkit directing people to information/services targeted according to need</b>	<b>Sustainable local employment</b>	<b>Support every household to reduce their Carbon footprint</b>
<b>involved inc. households, business, schools, council etc.</b>	- agencies e.g. DOCCS, DECC - Sustainability column in the gazette highlighting new ideas, emphasis on local activities	(energy efficient) – need a suitable venue with modern efficient lighting - Economic gardening needs to be resourced possibly supported by Council	interest free loans for water tanks, photovoltaic, solar water heating

## Some Views from Pre work

The following pages represent the flipcharts used at the Forum, which were pre done based on participants' input prior to the Forum.

We thank those participants who took the time to record there views in the Forum Tab of [www.sustainablebluemountains.net.au](http://www.sustainablebluemountains.net.au) or who emailed us with their comments because they were unable to attend

Notes made by participants on the flipcharts during the Forum have been incorporated into the main Outputs document

## Ways to assess progress – Some suggestions

- Observation by and hearsay in the community about progress
- Use of time series data and indicators (trends showing increase / decrease)
- Use of visual images (before and after photographs / videos)

## Looking after Environment

### Progress made – Some Views

- Council's management of environmental impacts - weed removal, urban runoff, restoration of environmental communities
- Community volunteer contributions in bush regeneration and catchment management
- Waste recycling
- Identifying our different bushland ecologies and forest structures
- Recycling for businesses
- Upper Blue Mountains sewage scheme (4 million)
- New sewage systems for 1600 properties between Hazelbrook and Katoomba
- Restoration of waterways – Magdala Creek and Glenbrook Lagoon
- Water quality monitoring programs
- Construction of cycle ways providing transport choice
- LEP 2005 – objective is to optimise use of land in the urban footprint while protecting the environment

- Retrofitting existing development through Development Control Plan (DCP) for Better Living
- Partnerships between emergency agencies
- Firewise community education

### Progress not made – Some Views

- Minimal management of impacts from feral animals
- Lack of initiatives to stop landfill – expansion of Tip over sensitive creek line
- Development Applications now required for installing solar panels / large water tanks
- Unnecessary clearing of native vegetation
- Number of threatened species and ecological communities has increased (2000-2006)
- Number of declared noxious weeds in the City has increased (2000-2006)
- Decline in the use of public transport
- Minimal retrofitting for water sensitive urban design

# Looking after People

## Progress made - Some Views

- Preventative programs to improve health / *Katoomba Health Improvement Program / Bike to School Program / Strengthening for over 60 / mental health partnerships*
- High utilisation of local soccer, cricket, football and netball facilities / Family Leisure Centres / Community Centres / Skateparks
- Physical access improvements (*lifts, ramps, rails*)
- Improved availability of information about accessible services / community service directories
- New services with a focus on access / eg *Connect Children's Services*
- Mid Mountains Community Centre extensions in 2004
- Improved facilities and services provided more equitably in all of the 5 planning areas of the City as a result of area planning
- Council's focus and intent on provision of facilities and services through a service standards framework
- Community Safety Plan and implementation of community safety programs in towns / *40km limit around schools / Lights on in daytime*
- A range of free and low cost services to low income earners / *employment services / subsidised entry to Council facilities / Community legal centre*

## Progress not made – Some Views

- Community perception of decreasing personal safety in private and public spaces
- Minimal action on affordable housing
- Young people leaving and an increasing number of older people resulting in an imbalanced population

# Using Land for Living

## Progress made - Some Views

- Upgrades to the towns of Blackheath, Katoomba, Wentworth Falls, Springwood
- LEP 2005 and DCP for Better Living / both contain provisions to protect heritage values and urban landscape
- Blue Mountains identity and sense of pride in the Blue Mountains as a place to live demonstrated through unique festivals and celebrations
- Better planning by Council for asset management, maintenance and renewal
- Rationalisation of underused assets across the City eg toilets
- LEP 2005 contains provisions that focus development for older and mobility impaired people close to and with easy access to town centres
- LEP 2005 contains provisions that focus multi density development in restricted areas in towns
- LEP 2005 , BASIX and the DCP for Better Living contain provisions for housing that is designed more sustainably
- International recognition of the Blue Mountains as a heritage treasure
- Creation of the Heritage Institute
- Establishment of a Cultural Precinct in Katoomba (LEP 2005)

## Progress not made – Some Views

- Redevelopment of Lawson / community concerns about keeping Lawson's distinctive qualities and strengthening the town's local identity and sense of place
- Lack of City wide approach to implementing highest standards of urban design, both aesthetically and ecologically
- Little progress on water sensitive urban design
- Minimal evidence to support an increase in well designed housing choice
- No longer a position in Council with a total focus on heritage
- The review (1999-2004) of heritage sites seems to have come to a halt in that this has not been translated into a central register of sites
- There is no informed staff member to look after the heritage records in Council and no real provision for the public to consult them.

# Moving Around

## Progress made - Some Views

- Construction of cycle ways and footpaths that link to public transport
- Bike to School Program promoting health benefits of active transport to school
- Continuation of link road sealing to provide an alternative route to the Great Western Highway
- Further development of Lawson as a key mid Mountains service centre / *Mid Mountains Community Centre extensions and upgrade / relocation of palliative care services and MCRN to Lawson*
- A range of transport options for those with limited access to conventional transport / *Community Transport buses / Volunteer carer transport / Passenger Choice Transport*
- Accessibility retrofits to Mid Mountains Community Centre / Lawson Library and MCRN building / Katoomba Street / Blue Mountains Community Legal Centre
- New Buildings and public infrastructure are required to meet Australian accessibility design standards

## Progress not made – Some Views

- No incentive schemes for developments that reduce reliance on cars
- Minimal lobbying to increase rail transport of freight
- No Blue Mountains Transport Corridor Strategy developed
- Minimal focus on integrated transport approaches and solutions

# Working and Learning

## Progress made - Some Views

- An increase in the number of accredited sustainable businesses
- Cultural Centre planned with an expanded emphasis on cultural heritage
- A range of creative and cultural initiatives / Winter Magic Blackheath Festival / Love Lawson Festival
- Cultural Partnerships Program
- Higher standards of work and commitment to cultural heritage by societies, businesses and museums Council
- Rebranding and promotion of Blue Mountains tourism
- Reconstruction of Echo Point including new Visitor Centre and parking provisions
- Support for local businesses and shops by Blue Mountains Business Advantage Program
- Business Awards Program recognising achievement in good business management
- Establishment of Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute
- A range of opportunities for children to learn about sustainability / *Sustainable Schools Awards / Schools Environmental Network / Streamwatch / Sustainability street*

## Progress not made - Some Views

- An increase in the number of people commuting

# Looking after Environment

## Trends – Some Suggestions

- **Monitor climate change**
  - >rainfall patterns /climate patterns (wind humidity etc)to see how climate change is affecting us
  - >energy use
  - >energy efficiency
  - >adoption of alternative energy systems
  - >adoption of green energy -commercial sector
  - >star rating of housing
  - >star rating of businesses/organisations -systems& procedures & premises
- **Monitor our city ecology** / both plants and animals to see how and if they are affected by climate change
- **Monitor our weed situation** / both noxious and environmental to see whether weeds are on the increase due to climate change
- **Trace the Cities ecological footprint in detail**
- **Monitor recycling for public and private organisations/businesses/houses** (not just cans bottles etc but water grey water, materials etc)
- **Monitor wood smoke emissions**

# Looking after People

## Trends – Some Suggestions

- **Monitor reports to police of threats to personal safety**
- **Trace the Cities Social footprint**
- **Monitor our health** / Increase our exercise
- **Monitor export of coal through our City** / a disturbing source of noise pollution in our city at night
- **Monitor our existing Council services and keep them modern** / Springwood Civic Centre services are outdated

# Using Land for Living

## Trends – Some Suggestions

- **Monitor our graffiti incidents and times for eliminating**
- **Monitor maintenance of our parks and gardens**
- **Monitor community / public involvement in Blue Mountains heritage**
- **Monitor light pollution and night light leakage**
- **Monitor the expansion of our City**

# Moving Around

## Trends – Some Suggestions

- **Monitor the wide pattern of car use in our city**
- **Monitor transport modes**
  - >Weekday car use / weekend car use
  - >Walking trends
  - >Bike riding trends
  - >Bus to shop trends

# Working and Learning

## Trends – Some Suggestions

- **Monitor commuting**
- **Monitor our work practices/decisions that promote local employment / e.g. the new Springwood Aquatic Centre**

# Looking after Environment

## Priorities for Action - Some Suggestions

- **Protect and nurture our different natural bushland ecologies and forest structures**
- **Focus on protecting threatened ecological communities / list them on Council's website**
- **A focus on our City becoming carbon neutral and monitor its implementation and progress / Put in action statement – “*that the City become carbon neutral in its daily activities*”**
- **Minimise light pollution / develop a street lighting strategy**
- **Continue to look at ways to carry out our daily work activity by not using the car**
- **Implement the principles of ESD as laid out in our LEP 2005**
- **A focus on water recycling and harvesting**

# Looking after People

## Priorities for Action - Some Suggestions

- **A focus on reducing coal exports through our City and eliminating the excessive rail and Highway noise at night**

# Using Land for Living

## Priorities for Action - Some Suggestions

- **Get Springwood right**

# Moving Around

## Priorities for Action - Some Suggestions

- **A focus on reducing car use and encouraging use of public transport**
- **A focus on maintaining and improving rail passenger services particularly in light of possible increase of freight carried by rail and the prioritisation of freight over passenger trains**

# Working and Learning

## Priorities for Action - Some Suggestions

- **Protect and nurture local jobs / Use our own best local designers, architects, engineers and builders to carry out works like Springwood Pool**
- **Put in place proper conditions of employment in small businesses**