

**Community Forum**

9am to 5pm

Thursday 31 May 2007

*(Registration commences 8.30am)*

Mid Mountains Community Centre, Lawson

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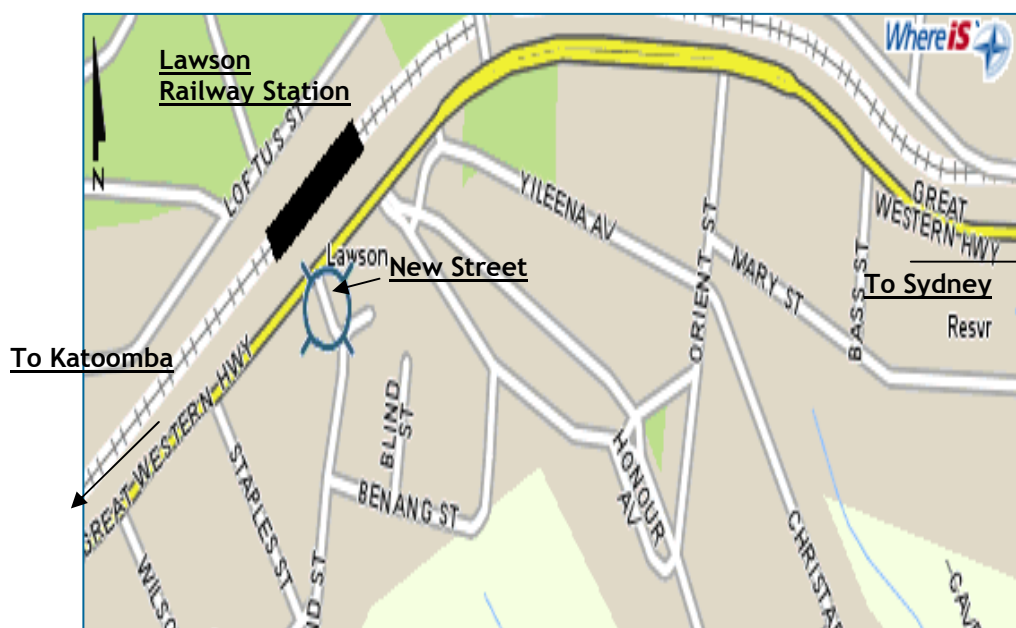
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## Forum Program

Time	Activity
8:30am	<b>Registration</b>
9:00am	<b>Welcome and overview of the Forum</b>
9:15am	<b>Assessing progress</b> ( <i>small groups</i> )
10:45am	Morning Tea
11:30am	<b>Revisiting our focus for action and how we take action</b> ( <i>small groups</i> )
1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	<b>What's emerging?</b> ( <i>plenary session</i> )
2:30pm	<b>New priorities for the next 5-10 years</b> ( <i>small groups</i> )
3:45pm	Afternoon Tea
4:10pm	<b>Report back and conclusions</b>
5:00pm	<b>Close</b>

## How to get there

**Mid Mountains Community Centre  
New Street, Lawson**



## The Journey So Far

Between 2000 and 2003 the Blue Mountains community - residents, organisations, agencies and Council - worked together to develop a long term strategy to guide the future of our City. This process resulted in two "community endorsed" documents:

***Towards a More Sustainable Blue Mountains -  
A 25 Year Vision for the City  
Towards a More Sustainable Blue Mountains -  
A Map for Action 2000-2025***

In July 2003, Council adopted the "community endorsed" 25 year ***City Vision*** and ***Map for Action*** as the "external policy framework for the City of Blue Mountains to guide decisions and actions of the community, Council and external agencies".

Successfully implementing the 25 year ***City Vision*** and ***Map for Action*** requires action from all - residents, community groups, organisations, agencies and Council.

### **The Purpose of This Community Forum**

The purpose of this Forum - ***A Sustainable Blue Mountains - How Are We Travelling?*** is to revisit how are we travelling towards our ***Map for Action*** for a more sustainable Blue Mountains. In particular, to:

**Review** what the community - residents, community groups, organisations, agencies and Council - have and have not achieved in the Priority Action Areas set out in the ***Map for Action***.

**Rethink** some key issues and approaches in the ***Map for Action***. For example how is the future of our City affected in light of concern about global warming?

**Re-engage** the community and re-energise our commitment to our Vision of living in a more sustainable City by considering what our focus should be in prioritising action for the next 5-10 years.

**We look forward to working with you at this special event!**



## Our Vision for a More Sustainable Blue Mountains

In 2025, we live in vibrant, healthy communities.

Our towns and villages are distinctive and contained.

We have maintained the bush between our settlements and protected the World Heritage environment that surrounds us.

Our local economy is strong and diversified, providing employment and educational opportunities appropriate to our location in a World Heritage area.

We promote safe accessible and environmentally responsible ways for people to get where they need to go.

Caring for each other, we sustain our communities. We recognise all Blue Mountains people especially our children and young people in whom we inspire the values that create a more sustainable future.

We use our available resources wisely, ensuring their fair distribution.

We celebrate the rich creativity, culture and heritage of the Blue Mountains.

People of all cultures and backgrounds are respected and enjoy equal rights. We acknowledge the Aboriginal presence in the Blue Mountains.

We have enhanced our Blue Mountains identity while forging strong regional partnerships. Our civic and community leadership and governance are inspirational - at one with community.

The Blue Mountains is recognised nationally and internationally as a centre of excellence for learning about sustainable living and sustainable communities.



## Preparing for the Forum

The following pages outline key sections of the **Map for Action** that we will be focusing on at the Forum and some of the questions we will be addressing. Space has been provided for you to make any notes.

The Key Direction areas outlined on the following pages of this Booklet are:

**Sustainable Blue Mountains**  
**Looking After Environment**  
**Looking After People**  
**Using Land for living**  
**Moving Around**  
**Working and Learning**

If you have time, we encourage you to review the following pages giving particular attention to the area you will be focusing on in the Group work (**see Cover Letter to know which Group you have been allocated to work in**).

### **NOTES:**



## Sustainable Blue Mountains

The central outcome of the 25 year City Vision and Map for Action is:

### **Sustainability Outcome**

Blue Mountains people living sustainably in a City within a World Heritage environment.

### **Key Themes for Targeting Action that provide Multiple Sustainability Benefits**

- Encourage environmentally aware lifestyles
- Creating sustainable local employment
- Better managing the urban/ bush interface
- Centralising development around larger town centres
- Balancing the local community demographics to achieve a balance of young, middle aged and older people

### **Key Principles Underpinning the City Vision**

- Improving our decision making processes at every level – individual, household, town, City, regional, global - to support the achievement of a more sustainable Blue Mountains
- Understanding and working to improve the condition of those things that support us – in particular the natural, built, social and cultural assets supporting quality of life
- Building partnerships with others to achieve shared goals and use limited resources efficiently and effectively



## Sustainable Blue Mountains

What are the best ways of assessing our progress overall towards becoming a more sustainable Blue Mountains?

What progress has and has not been made?

What should be our focus for action for the next 5-10 years?

What sort of trends do you think are important for us to monitor and report on in tracking our progress towards sustainability overall?

## Key Direction 1: Looking After Environment

We value our surrounding bushland and the World Heritage National Park. Recognising that the Blue Mountains natural environment is dynamic and changing, we look after and enjoy the healthy creeks and waterways, diverse flora and fauna and clean air. Living in harmony with the environment, we care for the ecosystems and habitats that support life in the bush and in our backyards. We conserve energy and the natural resources we use and reduce environmental impacts by living sustainably.

Outcome	Strategic Objectives	5-10 Year Priority Action Area
<b>1.1 The Blue Mountains Environment is protected and conserved</b>	<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 on native flora and fauna
	<i>1.1.2 The health of waterways and water catchments is-improved</i>	Increase the recognition and care for water catchments
	<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
<b>1.2 The impact of existing and new development on the environment is reduced</b>	<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
	<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 which have the infrastructure to support it
	<i>1.2.3 The impact of existing and new development on the environment is managed</i>	Retrofit existing development to reduce impacts on the environment and enhance quality of life
<b>1.3 Blue Mountains people live sustainably in harmony with the environment</b>	<i>1.3.1 Levels of household waste are reduced and low consumption environmentally aware lifestyles encouraged</i>	Raise community awareness of the benefits of living sustainably
	<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
	<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.

## Preparing for the Forum

*What are the best ways of assessing our progress towards **Key Direction 1: Looking After Environment**?*

*What progress has and has not been made relative to **Key Direction 1: Looking After Environment**?*

*What should be our focus for action for **Key Direction 1: Looking After Environment** over the next 5-10 years?*

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 1: Looking After Environment			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
<b>1.1</b> <i>The Blue Mountains Environment is protected and conserved</i>	<b>1.1.1</b> <i>The diversity of native flora and fauna is maintained</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of threatened species.</li> <li>Number of threatened ecological communities.</li> <li>Area of land in the urban footprint under protective zoning.</li> </ul> <p>Total number of species / ecological communities (as a baseline – one off measurement).</p>	<p>Down Down Analysis</p> <p>Benchmark</p>
	<b>1.1.2</b> <i>The health of waterways and water catchments is improved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bore water levels in the Blue Mountains.</li> <li>Number of licensed bores in the LGA.</li> <li>Number of licenses for on-site sewerage systems in the LGA.</li> <li>Number of stormwater management structures (SQUIDS) maintained in the LGA.</li> <li>Aquatic monitoring results (macroinvertebrate sampling) for selected streams in the Blue Mountains.</li> </ul>	<p>Up Down Down</p> <p>Up Analysis</p>
	<b>1.1.3</b> <i>We have clean air</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic volume: annual average daily traffic (AADT) on major roads within the LGA.</li> <li>Number of cars / fuel type registered per year in the LGA.</li> </ul>	<p>Down</p> <p>Down</p>
<b>1.2</b> <i>The impact of existing and new development on the environment is reduced</i>	<b>1.2.1</b> <i>Appropriate development is contained within the existing urban footprint and the bushland between towns is retained</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of DAs (subdivisions) approved / year.</li> <li>Population growth per town / region in comparison to Sydney and NSW.</li> </ul> <p>Amount of subdividable land available / town (as a baseline – one off measurement).</p>	<p>Analysis Analysis</p> <p>Benchmark</p>
	<b>1.2.2</b> <i>New development is limited by the capacity of the environment and infrastructure to sustain it</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population growth / town / year.</li> <li>Number of DAs (subdivisions) approved / year.</li> <li>Acquisition of environmentally sensitive land - area of land acquired.</li> </ul> <p>Population cap for sewerage and water provision in the LGA.</p>	<p>Analysis Analysis Analysis</p> <p>Benchmark</p>
	<b>1.2.3</b> <i>The impact of existing and new development on the environment is managed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of declared noxious weeds.</li> <li>Number of urban weeds inspections and number of notices issued.</li> <li>Number of seriously degraded sites (landfilled, gas sites and quarries) that have been / are being restored.</li> <li>Amount of land on the unhealthy land register.</li> </ul>	<p>Down Down</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Down</p>

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 1: Looking After Environment			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
<b>1.3 Blue Mountains people live sustainably in harmony with the environment</b>	<i>1.3.1 Levels of household waste are reduced and low consumption environmentally aware lifestyles encouraged</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tonnes of total household waste recycled.</li> <li>• Volume per capita consumption of town water in the LGA.</li> <li>• Percentage of commercial and domestic waste that is landfilled (annually).</li> <li>• Percentage of recyclable material contained within household / commercial landfill (audits).</li> <li>• Number of rainwater tank rebate applications / LGA</li> </ul>	Up Down Down Analysis Analysis
	<i>1.3.2 Households are prepared and our Emergency Services resourced to deal with threats to the City</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount of public land subject to mechanical fuel reduction works.</li> <li>• Number of houses with stickers indicating a water source for the RFS.</li> <li>• Number of volunteers in the Blue Mountains SES unit.</li> <li>• Number of volunteers in the RFS.</li> <li>• Number of education campaigns undertaken by the SES Blue Mountains unit.</li> </ul>	Analysis Up Up Up Up
	<i>1.3.3 Community and Council work in partnership to conserve resources and protect the environment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of visits to Blue Mountains Weeds website.</li> <li>• Number of Bushcare / Landcare volunteer hours / year.</li> </ul>	Up Up

*What sort of Time Series Data (trends) do you think are important for us to monitor in tracking our progress relative to **Key Direction 1: Looking After Environment**?*

## Key Direction 2: Looking After People

We value our strong connected communities that support people throughout their lives from childhood to old age. We have safe, healthy environments in which people can live, work and play. Blue Mountains people have access to an appropriate range of services and facilities. Housing that is relevant to our population is available. Young people in the Blue Mountains have hope for the future. We nurture our sense of community through interacting and helping each other.

Outcome	Strategic Objectives	5-10 Year Priority Action Area
<b>2.1 The health and well being of Blue Mountains people are improved</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
	<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
	<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
<b>2.2 Services and facilities are accessible and fairly distributed</b>	<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
	<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
	<i>2.2.3 Resources are fairly allocated</i>	Ensure decision making supports fair allocation of resources, services and facilities
<b>2.3 Blue Mountains communities are safe, caring and inclusive.</b>	<i>2.3.1 Community safety in private and public spaces is improve</i>	Build on existing and develop new partnerships that increase community safety in town centres
	<i>2.3.2 The population has a healthy balance of people of different ages and income levels</i>	Encourage local employment and provision of affordable housing
	<i>2.3.3 Individuals and organisations support those most in need within our community</i>	Provide opportunities for low-income residents.

## Preparing for the Forum

*What are the best ways of assessing our progress towards **Key Direction 2: Looking After People**?*

*What progress has and has not been made relative to **Key Direction 2: Looking After People**?*

*What should be our focus for action for **Key Direction 2: Looking After People** over the next 5-10 years?*

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 2: Looking After People			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
<b>2.1</b> <i>The health and well being of Blue Mountains people are improved</i>	<b>2.1.1</b> <i>Healthy lifestyles are encouraged and supported</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of general practitioners / population.</li> <li>• Percentage of the population that is obese or overweight.</li> <li>• Suicide rates for the LGA.</li> <li>• Percentage of cardiovascular disease deaths / LGA.</li> <li>• Patronage of assets maintained by council like pools, libraries, leisure centres.</li> </ul>	Up Down  Down Down  Up
	<b>2.1.2</b> <i>People of all ages have access to range of recreational, sporting and cultural opportunities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population data / ages / sex.</li> <li>• Community satisfaction and importance ratings for services for special needs groups.</li> <li>• Number of accessible facilities / LGA.</li> </ul>	Analysis Up  Analysis
	<b>2.1.3</b> <i>People of different life stages have access to needed services and facilities and work opportunities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population data / age groups / postcode that are moving to the LGA.</li> <li>• Percentage of population employed / age categories / town.</li> <li>• Number of businesses / town.</li> <li>• Number of home-based businesses / town.</li> <li>• Types of industries / businesses per LGA.</li> </ul>	Analysis  Up  Up Up Up
<b>2.2</b> <i>Services and facilities are accessible and fairly distributed</i>	<b>2.2.1</b> <i>Service and facilities are located optimally to maximise access and benefits</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of services provided in accordance with the Blue Mountains Service Provision Framework benchmarks.</li> </ul>	Analysis
	<b>2.2.2</b> <i>There is increased housing choice to meet diverse needs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of family households / LGA.</li> <li>• Number of lone person households / LGA.</li> <li>• Median sales (and rental) prices for 1, 2, 3 bedroom dwellings.</li> <li>• Number of public housing options / type / postcode.</li> <li>• Number of DA's approved / types / LGA.</li> <li>• Population / postcode / Centrelink pension type.</li> </ul>	Up Analysis Analysis  Analysis  Analysis Down
	<b>2.2.3</b> <i>Resources are fairly allocated</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of services provided in accordance with the Blue Mountains Service Provision Framework benchmarks.</li> <li>• Population / postcode / Centrelink pension type.</li> <li>• The ABS's socio-economic index of disadvantage (SEIFA) for LGA and postcodes.</li> </ul>	Analysis  Analysis Down

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 2: Looking After People			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
<b>2.3</b> <i>Blue Mountains communities are safe, caring and inclusive.</i>	<b>2.3.1</b> <i>Community safety in private and public spaces is improved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of assaults / LGA.</li> <li>• Number of robberies / burglaries / LGA.</li> <li>• Population and age structure / postcode.</li> <li>• Population in work (participation rate) / postcode.</li> </ul>	Down Down Analysis Up
	<b>2.3.2</b> <i>The population has a healthy balance of people of different ages and income levels</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Population and age structure / postcode.</li> <li>• Population in work (participation rate) / postcode.</li> <li>• Annual taxable income / postcode.</li> <li>• Population / pension / postcode data.</li> </ul>	Analysis Up Up Analysis
	<b>2.3.3</b> <i>Individuals and organisations support those most in need within our community</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gap between Upper and Lower Mountains on socio economic indexes (SEIFA).</li> <li>• Number of people accommodated in public housing / postcode.</li> <li>• Percentage of people receiving social assistance / postcode.</li> <li>• Number of Blue Mountains non-government organisations providing assistance to residents.</li> </ul>	Down  Down  Analysis  Analysis

*What sort of Time Series Data (trends) do you think are important for us to monitor in tracking our progress relative to **Key Direction 2: Looking After People**?*

## Key Direction 3: Using Land for Living

We use our land to live in harmony with the environment. We have created vibrant living places and spaces for people of all ages and abilities to meet and play. We value the district identities of our villages and towns and the bushland between them. Our cultural and built heritage is important. Within the capacity of our natural and built environments, we have encouraged development in larger town centres where there is access to public transport. Through innovative urban design and planning, the Blue Mountains has become a place renowned for its liveable and beautiful spaces.

Outcome	Strategic Objectives	5-10 Year Priority Action Area
<b>3.1</b> <i>A strong sense of local identity and place is created</i>	<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
	<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
	<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
<b>3.2</b> <i>Well managed infrastructure supports sustainable living</i>	<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
	<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
	<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
<b>3.3</b> <i>The liveability and vibrancy of our towns and villages is strengthened.</i>	<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
	<i>3.3.2 Development occurs within the capacity of the environment and existing infrastructure</i>	Encourage any population growth in larger centres that have the infrastructure to support sustainable living.
	<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

## Preparing for the Forum

*What are the best ways of assessing our progress towards **Key Direction 3: Using Land for Living**?*

*What progress has and has not been made relative to **Key Direction 3: Using Land for Living**?*

*What should be our focus for action for **Key Direction 3: Using Land for Living** over the next 5-10 years?*

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 3: Using Land for Living			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
<b>3.1</b> <i>A strong sense of local identity and place is created</i>	<b>3.1.1</b> <i>The existing Blue Mountains towns and villages with their own special qualities are maintained</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of local sites on heritage registers.</li> <li>Number of indigenous sites on heritage / Aboriginal site registers.</li> </ul>	Up Up
	<b>3.1.2</b> <i>Promote the Blue Mountains as a place to live work and visit</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population / sex / postcode / age group.</li> <li>Migration in / out of the LGA.</li> <li>Number of tourism awards won by the City.</li> </ul>	Analysis Analysis Up
	<b>3.1.3</b> <i>Innovative urban design creates inspiring places where people want to be</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of awards won by the City for eco-design / creative urban design.</li> </ul>	Up
<b>3.2</b> <i>Well managed infrastructure supports sustainable living</i>	<b>3.2.1</b> <i>Existing infrastructure that supports sustainable living is well maintained</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total length of the network of pathways / cycle-ways within the LGA.</li> <li>Available capacity of landfill.</li> <li>Amount of treated effluent released into streams located in the LGA.</li> </ul> Population cap for sewerage provision in the LGA.	Up Analysis Analysis Benchmark
	<b>3.2.2</b> <i>Innovative infrastructure solutions supports sustainable living</i>		
	<b>3.2.3</b> <i>Safe healthy and clean living environments are provided</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of sites listed as contaminated in the LGA.</li> <li>Number of criminal offences committed in the LGA.</li> <li>Number of people using the hazardous waste collection service.</li> <li>Number of infringement notices given for waste pollution, littering, sediment and erosion control.</li> </ul>	Down Down Up Analysis

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 3: Using Land for Living			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
3.3 <i>The liveability and vibrancy of our towns and villages is strengthened.</i>	3.3.1 <i>Vibrant town and village centres offer a range of services and homework opportunities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of registered home-based businesses / postcode and in the LGA.</li> <li>Number of Blue Mountains residents employed per industry.</li> <li>Number of residents travelling outside of the LGA to work.</li> </ul>	<p>Up</p> <p>Up</p> <p>Down</p>
	3.3.2 <i>Development occurs within the capacity of the environment and existing infrastructure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of DAs approved / dwelling type.</li> <li>Number of different types of dwellings in the LGA.</li> <li>Population / age / sex / postcode.</li> <li>Volume of treated effluent released into streams located within the LGA.</li> </ul> <p>Availability of subdividable land (benchmark – one off measurement).</p>	<p>Analysis</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Benchmark</p>
	3.3.3 <i>Housing choices are provided in accessible locations close to town centres</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of people / household.</li> <li>Number of each dwelling type in the LGA.</li> <li>Number of DA's approved / LGA.</li> </ul>	<p>Analysis</p> <p>Analysis</p> <p>Analysis</p>

*What sort of Time Series Data (trends) do you think are important for us to monitor in tracking our progress relative to **Key Direction 3: Using Land for Living**?*

## Key Direction 4: Moving Around

We value safe and accessible pathways of travel that improve our connections with our destinations and each other. We have choices for safe and environmentally friendly transport, including networks of walkways and cycleways integrated with reliable and accessible public transport. Through better management and creative urban design, the Great Western Highway is a safe and beautiful space that adds to our amenity and World Heritage identity.

Outcome	Strategic Objectives	5-10 Year Priority Action Area
<b>4.1</b> <b>Safe environmentally friendly transport choices promote healthy lifestyles</b>	<i>4.1.1 Networks of accessible public transport, walkways and cycle ways are developed</i>	Link cycleways and walkways with public transport infrastructure
	<i>4.1.2 Developments with reduced reliance on cars are encouraged</i>	Provide a range of incentive schemes for appropriately located new developments that reduce reliance on cars
	<i>4.1.3 Active healthy lifestyles are promoted through increased cycling and walking opportunities</i>	Promote the health benefits of physical activity and provide and maintain accessible infrastructure for walking and cycling
<b>4.2</b> <b>The Main Transport Corridor is a safe and beautiful space that adds to our local amenity and World Heritage identity</b>	<i>4.2.1 Sustainable transport links are developed between villages as an alternative the Great Western Highway</i>	Design and complete an alternative link to the Great Western Highway which increases sustainable transport choices
	<i>4.2.2 Regional transport responses reduce the impact of through traffic on Blue Mountains towns and villages</i>	Reduce the carriage of freight by large trucks on the Great Western Highway and encourage its transportation by rail
	<i>4.2.3 The safety and amenity of the Great Western Highway are improved</i>	Complete a place based “Blue Mountains Transport Corridor Strategy” to address safety, amenity, local access and design of the Transport Corridor
<b>4.3</b> <b>The ability of people to connect with each other and access services is improved.</b>	<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
	<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
	<i>4.3.3 Accessible pathways of travel lead to accessible buildings and public spaces</i>	Retrofit existing public spaces to improve accessibility and ensure any new public spaces are accessible.

## Preparing for the Forum

*What are the best ways of assessing our progress towards **Key Direction 4: Moving Around**?*

*What progress has and has not been made relative to **Key Direction 4: Moving Around**?*

*What should be our focus for action for **Key Direction 4: Moving Around** over the next 5-10 years?*

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 4: Moving Around			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
<b>4.1</b> <i>Safe environmentally friendly transport choices promote healthy lifestyles</i>	<b>4.1.1</b> <i>Networks of accessible public transport, walkways and cycle ways are developed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of international visitors per travel mode.</li> <li>Length of off-road cycle-ways.</li> <li>Number of journey-to-work trips / travel mode.</li> </ul>	Analysis  Up Analysis
	<b>4.1.2</b> <i>Developments with reduced reliance on cars are encouraged</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of households with 0, 1, 2 or 3 cars in the LGA.</li> <li>Percentage of DA's approved (new and extensions) within 2 kilometres of the major town centres.</li> </ul>	Analysis  Up
	<b>4.1.3</b> <i>Active healthy lifestyles are promoted through increased cycling and walking opportunities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kilometres of new cycle-ways / pathways built per year.</li> <li>Amount of money spent on the maintenance of bike racks and bus shelters.</li> <li>Bike ownership / LGA.</li> <li>Number of events Council organises to promote cycling.</li> <li>National Parks and Wildlife – kilometres of disabled access walking trails in the LGA.</li> </ul>	Up  Up  Up Up  Up
<b>4.2</b> <i>The Main Transport Corridor is a safe and beautiful space that adds to our local amenity and World Heritage identity</i>	<b>4.2.1</b> <i>Sustainable transport links are developed between villages as an alternative the Great Western Highway</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of journey-to-work and household trips by public transport / cycling / walking / LGA.</li> <li>Number of bus routes / train services operating / week in the LGA.</li> <li>Length of link roads built in the LGA in response to the Link Roads Strategy.</li> </ul>	Up  Up  Up
	<b>4.2.2</b> <i>Regional transport responses reduce the impact of through traffic on Blue Mountains towns and villages</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicle Kilometres Travelled (VKT) on major roads around the LGA.</li> <li>Rail freight volumes transported from NSW to WA.</li> </ul>	Down  Analysis
	<b>4.2.3</b> <i>The safety and amenity of the Great Western Highway are improved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of accidents on the Great Western Highway.</li> <li>Number of fatalities occurring on the Great Western Highway.</li> </ul>	Down  Down

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 4: Moving Around			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
<b>4.3</b> <i>The ability of people to connect with each other and access services is improved.</i>	<b>4.3.1</b> <i>Services and facilities are located in the most accessible locations</i>		
	<b>4.3.2</b> <i>Transport services that support the health and wellbeing of people are improved</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of residents that travel to work by sustainable transport (i.e. bike, bus, train or walking).</li> <li>The number of international visitors that travelled to the LGA / travel mode.</li> <li>Amount of money spent on maintenance of cycle-ways, pedestrian paths and bus shelters.</li> <li>Number of people using community bus service (Green Ambulance).</li> </ul>	Up  Up  Up  Analysis
	<b>4.3.3</b> <i>Accessible pathways of travel lead to accessible buildings and public spaces</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of accessible facilities with accessible / non-accessible pathways to them.</li> </ul>	Analysis

*What sort of Time Series Data (trends) do you think are important for us to monitor in tracking our progress relative to **Key Direction 4: Moving Around**?*

## Key Direction 5: Working and Learning

We value business and industries that are in harmony with our World Heritage environment. We are recognised as a centre of excellence for sustainability that creates significant employment and educational opportunities. Through responsible economic development we have strengthened our local economy. We are a leader in sustainable tourism practices. Young people are attracted to work, live and study in the Blue Mountains. Building on our rich cultural landscape and inspirational natural environment, we are an exciting centre of culture and creativity.

Outcome	Strategic Objectives	5-10 Year Priority Action Area
<b>5.1</b> <i>The local economy is strengthened and diversified.</i>	<i>5.1.1 Our focus on sustainability drives the creation of local employment opportunities</i>	Increase the range of sustainable businesses and industries in the Blue Mountains
	<i>5.1.2 The Blue Mountains is a centre of culture and creativity</i>	Promote existing and support new creative and cultural initiatives and industries
	<i>5.1.3 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
<b>5.2</b> <i>The Blue Mountains is a model for sustainable business and industry.</i>	<i>5.2.1 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
	<i>5.2.2 Sustainable business practices are encouraged</i>	Promote a mix of businesses that support sustainable economic development
	<i>5.2.3 Local businesses and shops are supported and strengthened</i>	Promote the benefits of accreditation in sustainable business practices
<b>5.3</b> <i>A culture of lifelong learning is nurtured in the Blue Mountains.</i>	<i>5.3.1 More learning opportunities are created for Blue Mountains people</i>	Build on accessible community resources that support learning and life long personal work pursuits
	<i>5.3.2 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
	<i>5.3.3 Our children learning more about sustainability</i>	Build on and enhance existing initiatives that enable children to learn about sustainability

## Preparing for the Forum

*What are the best ways of assessing our progress towards **Key Direction 5: Working and Learning**?*

*What progress has and has not been made relative to **Key Direction 5: Working and Learning**?*

*What should be our focus for action for **Key Direction 5: Working and Learning** over the next 5-10 years?*

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 5: Working and Learning			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
5.1 <i>The local economy is strengthened and diversified.</i>	5.1.1 <i>Our focus on sustainability drives the creation of local employment opportunities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of residents working in the Blue Mountains.</li> <li>Number and location of residents that work outside of the LGA.</li> <li>Percentage of residents employed per industry.</li> </ul>	Up Down Analysis
	5.1.2 <i>The Blue Mountains is a centre of culture and creativity</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of dance / music / art schools classes advertised on the Blue Mountains Community Directory.</li> <li>Number of artists listed on the Blue Mountains Cultural Directory.</li> <li>Number of residents practising a religion or philosophy in the LGA / type of religion or philosophy.</li> <li>Number of residents that speak a language other than English at home / language.</li> <li>Number of day trip tourists.</li> <li>Number of domestic overnight tourists that originate from Sydney, rural NSW or interstate.</li> </ul>	Up Up Analysis Analysis Up Up
	5.1.3 <i>The Blue Mountains drives sustainable regional development that supports employment opportunities for local people</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of residents working outside the LGA.</li> <li>Regional economic growth (Gross Domestic Product) per sector (60 industry sub-divisions).</li> <li>Number of residents employment by industry.</li> <li>Number of residents employed by occupation type (ABS categories).</li> </ul>	Down Up Analysis Analysis
5.2 <i>The Blue Mountains is a model for sustainable business and industry.</i>	5.2.1 <i>The Blue Mountains is a leader in responsible and sustainable tourism</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of businesses in the tourism sector located in the LGA.</li> <li>Number of businesses accredited with ecotourism certification.</li> </ul>	Up Up
	5.2.2 <i>Sustainable business practices are encouraged</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of businesses that have been accredited as a sustainable business under the Blue Mountains Business Advantage program.</li> <li>Number of nominations for the Blue Mountains Business Advantage awards.</li> </ul>	Up Up
	5.2.3 <i>Local businesses and shops are supported and strengthened</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of businesses registered with BizNet.</li> <li>Number of businesses located in the LGA / industry.</li> </ul>	Up Up

## Measuring Progress Using Time Series Data

Key Direction 5: Working and Learning			
Outcome	Strategic Objectives	Possible Time Series Data	Desirable Trend or Benchmark
<b>5.3</b> <i>A culture of lifelong learning is nurtured in the Blue Mountains.</i>	<b>5.3.1</b> <i>More learning opportunities are created for Blue Mountains people</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers of learning centres/ LGA.</li> <li>• Percentage of the population on Newstart allowance / postcode.</li> <li>• Percentage of the population on Austudy allowance / postcode.</li> <li>• Number of Blue Mountains residents who use the of internet.</li> </ul>	Analysis Analysis Analysis
	<b>5.3.2</b> <i>Centres for learning and skill development contribute to a robust economy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage of the Gross Regional Product (GRP) raised by the Education sector.</li> </ul>	Analysis
	<b>5.3.3</b> <i>Our children learning more about sustainability</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Blue Mountains schools with active sustainability programs.</li> <li>• Number of school children participating in the Blue Mountains School Environment Award Program.</li> <li>• Number of schools participating in the Blue Mountains School Environment Award Program.</li> </ul>	Up Up Up

What sort of Time Series Data (trends) do you think are important for us to monitor in tracking our progress relative to **Key Direction 5: Working and Learning**?

**Terms commonly used when using time series data to measure progress are:**

**Time series data/Trends:** Data that measures a variable over time. When time series data is available at several points over time it can be used to indicate a trend.

**Targets:** A goal, objective or aspiration that drives action.

**Benchmarks:** Information that is used as a reference or baseline measurement from which other information or data can be compared.

**Sustainability Indicator:** An overall indicator used to measure directly or indirectly changes in situations or behaviour. A sustainability indicator integrates social, cultural, economic and environmental components.

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