

MID MOUNTAINS INTEGRATED PLANNING

Consistent with our [25 Year Vision for a More Sustainable Blue Mountains](#), Council is taking further steps to work with the community to develop and implement a planning process to deliver sustainable outcomes for Lawson, the Mid Mountains and the City.

Why Mid Mountains?

Linden, Woodford, Hazelbrook, Lawson and Bullaburra make up the villages of the Mid Mountains. In particular, Woodford, Hazelbrook and Lawson are facing change as a result of the Great Western Highway upgrades by the Roads and Traffic Authority. Council is working with the community and RTA to minimise the adverse impacts of change and maximise the opportunities to achieve the best outcomes for the local communities of the Mid Mountains.

In Lawson, in addition to the impacts of Great Western Highway upgrade and the town centre redevelopment, there are also a number of other opportunities to renew key sites to meet the emerging needs of the local community as well as wider needs from across the City. To ensure that we realise the best outcomes for each of the key sites in Lawson, Council is taking further steps to work closely with the community, and other government agencies to develop and implement a new integrated planning approach.

The integrated planning approach will enable future development decisions to be more sustainable and based on the best use of land to meet the needs of the Mid Mountains community.

The New Integrated Planning Approach

This approach is about improved communication and integration of projects to achieve social, economic and environmental sustainability outcomes in line with the [25 Year Vision and Map for Action](#).

Most importantly for local and other interested residents, it is about developing systems for involving and consulting with the community and other key stakeholders regarding projects in the Mid Mountains.

How will the community be involved?

- We will provide initial and ongoing information and updates about projects via newsletters, posters and website
- We will ask the Mid Mountains community about their short to medium term planning priorities (via a survey)
- We will find out how residents and stakeholders would like to be involved in the new integrated planning approach (via the Lawson Community Festival)
- We will co-ordinate a range of activities around land use planning and major projects in the Mid Mountains (via workshops)

For more information contact: Email: integratedplanning@bmcc.nsw.gov.au.
Telephone: (02) 4780 5000.

Opportunities for Involvement through Community Workshops

Help Shape the Future of the Mid Mountains

Come along to free community workshops being held during February and March. Share your vision for the Mid Mountains and help identify ways to guide interaction and communication between the community and government. The workshops will be facilitated by the Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute, for Blue Mountains City Council.

Your participation will help create a Collaborative Framework and Vision for the Mid Mountains area of Bullaburra, Hazelbrook, Lawson, Linden and Woodford. This will be provided by the Institute to the Council for its consideration. Both the Framework and the Vision will guide and assist community and the Council in achieving key directions of the City's 25 year Vision, for the Mid Mountains area. These directions include looking after the environment, looking after people, using land for living, moving around and working and learning.

The City's Vision and key directions and outcomes for a more sustainable Blue Mountains are outlined in 'Towards a More Sustainable Blue Mountains - A 25 Year Vision for the City'. Copies are available by calling the Council on 4780 5000 or at www.sustainablebluemountains.net.au.

The Institute is looking forward to this exciting opportunity to learn more from local people, so bring along your ideas and take part in shaping the future of the Mid Mountains area.

Details of the workshops are:

Mid Mountains Community Centre, New St Lawson

21 February 2007 6pm-9pm Key Direction: Looking after Environment

22 February 2007 6pm-9pm Key Direction: Looking after People

24 February 2007 1pm-4pm Key Direction: Using Land for Living

Hazelbrook Bowling Club, Bonnie View Avenue Hazelbrook

27 February 2007 6pm-9pm Key Direction: Moving Around

28 February 2007 6pm-9pm Key Direction: Working and Learning

Refreshments will be provided.

Lawson - An all day workshop focusing on the Lawson area is planned for Saturday 10 March 2007 from 10am-4pm and more details on this will be available shortly.

Register to participate in the workshops by contacting Cheryle at the Institute on (02) 4782 4657 or email c.vin-lo@bmwhi.org.au.

Latest News on Mid Mountains Projects

Lawson Town Centre Redevelopment

A community input day for development of a design for Douglass Square and other public spaces will be held on 17 March 2007 at the Mid Mountains Community Centre. Come along to discuss ideas on proposed public art and interpretation works within the town centre public spaces.

Information about the development application for the Lawson Town Centre will be released in the near future.

Former Lawson Golf Course

Following on from the public exhibition of options for this site, a detailed review of submissions has been undertaken. A report will be presented to the Council in early 2007 identifying areas needing further investigation and consultation prior to development of a master plan for the site.

Lawson Community Hall and RFS Site

The next stage of this project is the preparation and exhibition of an amended draft Plan of Management that outlines proposals for the future of the Lawson Community Hall and the RFS building. A report outlining different options for management is expected to go to Council in March 2007 prior to amendment of the draft Plan for exhibition.

Former Ridge Street Landfill Site

The Council is finalising tender documentation to engage a suitable Contractor to design and construct remediation works at the site. The tender is due for release early in 2007. The Council is stipulating in the tender documents that any design must not preclude future use of the site for recreation purposes. The community will have the opportunity for input at a later stage to help determine the final land use of the site.

Lawson Industrial Area

A 5 year infrastructure plan has been completed and adopted by Council however, its implementation is subject to funding allocation. Ongoing discussions are occurring between Council and the Lawson Chamber of Commerce.

Community Facilities

The Council, in conjunction with local service providers will investigate community facility options and external funding partnerships with other levels of Government for Youth Services and Community Care Services to address priority needs in the Mid Mountains and the City of the Blue Mountains.