

# Bellingen Nambucca Affordable Housing Local Solutions Forum May 2018 Action Plan



## **Bellingen & Nambucca Affordable Housing Action Group**

Working on innovative, well designed  
affordable housing that meets community  
needs across the Bellingen and Nambucca  
Shires

1. GOVERNANCE & PLANNING					
How to plan, coordinate and work together to progress work on increasing affordable housing in our Shires					
Ref	Action	Lead	Working Group	By When	Comments
1.1	Provide admin and coordination support for the action group and this work plan, including info sharing, project development and communication	Rose West – through BNC	Kerry Pearse, Emma Belcher, Vicki Parkes and Anna Joy.	Ongoing	Need to secure funding for Rose’s position asap
1.2	Seek opportunities to secure funding to pay for admin and coordination support to enable work groups to coordinate effort and share information - e.g Community Support Grants, foundations etc.	Rose West	Vicki Parkers and Kerry Pearse.	ASAP	Bellingen Shire Council, Westpac Foundation, Henry Halloran Trust, Australian Ethical Grants Program
1.3	Contribute to the Bellingen Shire Council <i>Homes for our Future</i> Growth Management Strategy consultations- e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer targeted supplementary consultations on affordable housing that encourage and promote active community engagement</li> <li>• Work with BSC to ensure that the GMS outlines the vision for housing in the Shire and reflects a strategic planning intent.</li> </ul>	Kerry Pearse	Vicky Parkes, Icia Molloy, Stephanie Ring and Megan Bliss.	Ongoing to 27 July 2018	Action Group propose BSC funds some consultations supplementing Council’s approach
1.4	Develop a strategic relationship with Nambucca Valley Shire Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore potential points of partnership between action group and NVSC, including post-forum actions and opportunities for dialogue.</li> <li>• Advocate for the NVSC to develop a GMS.</li> </ul>	Renee Brownlee	Rose West, Emma Belcher, Ben Walters and Nick Young.	ASAP	

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### EXPLORING AND PROGRESSING AFFORDABLE HOUSING MODELS

#### Learning about and developing new models to increase affordable housing choices

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2.1	Undertake a needs mapping project to understand the groups of people in our shires who need access to affordable housing and what sort of housing they need. This should inform planning and the development of new models. We will embed universal design best- practice across all our activities- update our TORs to this effect.	Vanessa Morton	Vicky Parkes, Megan Bliss, Jude Barker, Paul Sefky, Nicole Schum, Justin Gaetano, Renee Brownlee, Kaye Foran, Sally Lattin and Emma Belcher.  (BSC and NVSC participation?)		Mapping project to be done before affordable housing models project. Also to feed into finance options project
2.2	Identify finance options and innovative approaches, look at opportunities and barriers and include in resource database.	Yvonne Jenkins	Vicky Parkes, Luke Passfield, Andrew Paul, Chellie Hedges, Anna Juodvalkis, Renee Brownlee, Kaye Foran and Marie Lo Cascio.		Regional Growth Fund ?
2.3	Identify relevant affordable housing models for further consideration and possible development, based on yet to be determined criteria, opportunities and barriers and include in resource database.	Dustin Leaner	Vanessa Morton, Luke Passfield, Andrew Paul, Alison Heeley, Tricia Helyar, Wroth Wall, Rebecca Jardim, Jude Barker, Justin Gaetano, Renee Brownlee, Nicole Schum and Rachel Harmer.		Informed by outcomes of mapping project and agreed criteria
2.4	Scope an affordable housing pilot on Tiny Homes Ensure eco-design and environmental considerations are factored in.	Renee Brownlee	Vanessa Morton, Vicky Parkes, Fiona Crosskill, Luke Passfield, Andrew Paul, Icia Molloy, Steve Gorrell, Stephanie Ring, Lee Rickwood, Jude Barker, Renee Brownlee, Kim Conelly, Peter Pappalardo and John Hughes.		Mapping project to feed into this

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<b>2.5</b>	Scope an affordable housing pilot on innovative approaches to urban infill. Ensure eco-design and environmental considerations are factored in	Dustin Leaney	Kerry Pearse, Andrew Paul Sekfy, Rebecca Jardim, Kim Conelly, Ben Walters and Yvonne Jenkins.		Mapping project to feed into this
<b>2.6</b>	Hold a competition for the design of the best affordable house locally, perhaps following on from local tours (refer 4.4).	tbc	Alison Heeley, Marie Lo Cascio, Renee Brownlee and Katherine Morrison.		After the mapping project and site visits

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## GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICE

## Working with governments to encourage affordable housing choices

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Local Government					
3.1	Establish formal and ongoing relationships with Council(s) to increase opportunities for initiatives across the Bellingen and Nambucca Shires – through Affordable Housing Action Group.	Cr Jennie Fenton and Kerry Pearse	Vanessa Morton, John Beswick, Tricia Helyar, Paul Sefky, Renee Brownlee, BNC/UNC and Naj Hadzic.	Ongoing	
3.2	Work with Bellingen Shire Council to explore the feasibility of: the development of an affordable housing initiative in the town precinct; calling for Expressions of Interest from local land owners for the development of affordable housing; introducing inclusionary zoning for developments and speculation free zones.	Cr Jennie Fenton and Kerry Pearse	Vicky Parkes, Vanessa Morton, John Beswick, Tricia Helyar and others as required.		
3.3	Review local government policy and approaches from other Shires and LGAs for quick wins.	Nick Radford	Kelvin Daly, Daniel Bennett, Vanessa Morton, Rebecca Jardim, Paul Sefky, Peter Pappalado, Renee Brownlee, Emma Belcher and Justin Gaetano.		
3.4	Feed into the development of a Prospectus for developers interested in investing in the Bellingen Shire post Growth Management Strategy.	To be led by BSC	tbc		Action post GMS.
State and Commonwealth Governments					
3.5	Monitor State and Federal Government and opposition party's policies on barriers to affordable housing and advocate for change.	Paul Sekfy	Ben Spies-Butcher, Rebecca Jardim, Paul Sekfy, Robert Cregan and Justin Gaetano.	Ongoing	

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3.6	Review State and Federal Government policies and programs for opportunities and barriers relevant to our Shires.	Robert Cregan	Chellie Hedges and Justin Gaetano.	Ongoing	(Approach BSC for Daniel Bennet to join working group).

## 4

## COMMUNICATION AND LEARNING

## Sharing resources and information and learning about new approaches to housing together

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4.1	Ongoing information sharing and collective learning through a range of communication activities, including through social media and the housing web page.	Rose West		Ongoing	
4.2	Map local assets related to affordable housing and establish a database to make the information accessible – including people, skills, resources, materials and local initiatives.	Tbc	Elaine Ghali, John Beswick, Chellie Hedges, Alison Heeley, Paul Sefky and Justin Gaetano.		
4.3	Develop an ongoing program of guest speakers for the Bellingen Nambucca Affordable Housing Action Group to encourage collective learning.	Rose West	Affordable Housing Action Group		
4.4	Organise day tours/visits to housing initiatives for people to see and learn from examples of innovative housing locally and seek funding to support this.	Sally Lattin	Alison Heeley, Lee Rickwood, Katherine Morrison and Renee Brownlee.		Needs an auspice – maybe Lifetime Connect
4.5	Convene an informal bi-monthly dinner and chat group to learn about innovative approaches to affordable housing and share information.	Marg Girdwood	Vanessa Morton, Icia Molloy, Lee Rickwood, Dorin Hart, Megan Bliss, Jude Barker, Sally Lattin and Kerry Pearse.	Ongoing	
4.6	Film project- develop a brief and costings for documentary film to cover the forum and actions coming out of it - as part of the series of three.	Rose West	Renee Brownlee, Lee Rickwood, Emma Belcher, Sally Lattin and Kerry Pearse.	Ongoing	