

Environment

Actions included in the 2019/20 Operational Plan support the following objectives included in the Community Strategic Plan 2030:

- NE2 We understand the environment

Programs to achieve better environmental outcomes continue through delivery of the septic safe program and coal fire rebate program

Council has continued the implementation of the Farmers Creek Master Plan (FCMP) throughout the 2018/19 financial year. This includes construction of a pedestrian walking bridge over Farmers Creek from Glanmire oval to Coalbrook Street, providing a link to Sandford Avenue. Council has also invested \$125,000 of grant funding into the rehabilitation of native vegetation along Sandford Avenue in 2018/19 which will continue in 2019/20 FY.

Lithgow Council's Landcare coordinator works with the community to enhance environmental programs across the LGA. This includes activities such as weed management and planting of reserves and running educational programs in association with the Local Land Services to educate the community on Landcare issues and management.

Pollution incidents or noncompliance with environmental protection licences are actioned and promptly reported to the Environmental Protection Authority to ensure no harm to the environment.

Key Council Plans & Strategies

- Landfill Environmental Management Plan
- Onsite Sewage Management Strategy
- Lithgow City Council Waste and Recycling Strategy 2017-2027
- NetWaste Strategic Waste Plan 2013-2017

NE2 – WE UNDERSTAND THE ENVIRONMENT

DELIVERY PLAN (2017-2021)	OPERATIONAL PLAN (2019-2020)			
Delivery Program Action (4 years)	Action	Performance Measure	Target	Responsible Department
NE2.1 Our natural environment is improved and protected.	NE2.1.1 Implement an inspection regime of systems and take appropriate action where systems are failing.	Undertake inspections of septic systems. Monitor service records for aerated wastewater systems.	10 per week 10 per quarter	Environment
	NE2.1.2 Provide a forum for Environmental Groups to discuss matters relating to the environment and advice Council.	Conduct meetings of the Environmental Advisory Committee in accordance with the terms of reference.	4 meetings per annum	
	NE2.1.3 Improve the community's knowledge of environmental issues.	Conduct waste education activities in association with Council's Waste Contractor.	Minimum of 2 per annum	
	NE2.1.4 Provide the Alternate Fuel Rebate for the replacement of coal heaters with cleaner heating alternative to Lithgow, Wallerawang, Portland and Villages.	90% of Alternate Fuel Rebate applications processed within 30 days.	Number of rebates paid.	
	NE2.1.5 Plan or assist in coordinating activities that raise awareness and positively engage the community in managing their natural environment.	Community engagement activities conducted.	4 per annum	
	NE2.1.6 Attend Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association and other land care groups and provide support.	Landcare Coordinator to attend meetings as required.	100% of meetings attended.	
	NE2.1.7 Promote Lithgow City Council's involvement in Landcare activities through	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 media releases per annum 	100% complete	Environment

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	media, social media, website, Landcare newsletter and activity Calendar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular posts on Lithgow City Council Facebook page. Calendar of activities developed and promoted. 2 Landcare newsletters distributed per annum 		
	NE2.1.8 Link funding opportunities to groups, projects and activities in the area. Distribute information and assist where applicable in helping groups to acquire funding.	Seek opportunities to increase funding for environmental activities.	100% complete	
NE2.2 Minimise negative impacts on the environment.	NE2.2.1 Control environmental and/or noxious weeds on public land through Council and/or services provided by the Upper Macquarie County Council.	Weed control undertaken at Farmers Creek.	100% complete	Buildings & Recreation Facilities

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NE2.2 Minimise negative impacts on the environment.	NE2.2.2 Undertake energy audits of Council buildings/facilities and consider recommendations in the Operational Plan.	Staff Sustainability Team to meet as required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify energy and water saving initiatives. Promote project activities to highlight the 'green credentials' of Council. 	100% of meetings attended.	Community and Culture
		Investigate energy efficiency opportunities at water and wastewater plants.	100% complete	Water and Wastewater
	NE2.2.3 Comply with the Environment Protection Licences for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lithgow Sewerage Treatment Plant Lithgow Water Treatment Plant Portland Sewerage Treatment Plant Wallerawang Sewerage Treatment Plant 	Number of incidences of non-compliance identified in relation to Sewerage Treatment Plant facilities.	100% of incidences reported	
	NE2.2.4 Comply with the environment protection licences for Lithgow Solid Waste Facility and Portland Garbage Depot.	Number of incidences of non-compliance identified in relation to waste management facilities.	100% incidences reported	Environment
	NE2.2.5 To fulfil Council's appropriate regulatory authority responsibilities under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act.	Respond to pollution incidents within 24 hours where Council is the appropriate Regulatory Authority.	100% complete	