

Munibung Hill Conservation Society

Rationale

Munibung Hill as a portion of land within the Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) LGA has become a neglected area that lacks an overall plan for its care and maintenance;

Munibung Hill without a vision for its care, repair and long term custodianship will continue to deteriorate, allowing invasive introduced plants and animals to become the dominant species;

Munibung Hill is currently viewed as either a secret and private place for personal use where civil society codes of conduct apply or a place where people encroach on this special place with no holds barred (not abiding by the rules or common courtesies) for whatever anti-social behaviour they see fit;

It is time to revisit this important portion of land and to view Munibung as a most significant piece of 'country', housing a vast community of plant and animal species integral to the quality of life within Lake Macquarie City.

Goals & Objectives

[summarised in *The Five-Fold Vision for Munibung Hill*]

To act in an advocacy capacity for the:

- preservation of the Munibung Hill* Precinct Area;
- restoration of degraded areas within the Munibung Hill landscape;
- protection of Munibung Hill as a significant site within First Peoples' culture;
- recognition by way of declaration as a conservation area, that Munibung Hill is a vital plant and animal habitat, especially for endangered species;
- acknowledgement of Munibung Hill as an example of our common geological heritage;
- promotion of Munibung Hill as a place of learning, inspiration, rest & recreation and research;
- 'elevation' of Munibung Hill within the LMCC tourism plan;
- contribution that Munibung Hill can make in terms of employment and economic activity;
- role that Munibung Hill can play within LMCCs connectivity** goals;
- allocation of resources and funding sufficient for the above objectives to be realised.

*Munibung Hill being that portion or portions of land as defined in LMCC reports.

**Connectivity by way of paths and tracks.

LMCC – Lake Macquarie City Council

LGA – Local Government Area

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