

Munibung Hill Conservation Society

Be part of our Five-Fold Vision for Munibung Hill

Rest and Recreation Area —

A breathing space, a connecting place

A common place where we can all escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Family and friends have been tramping these parts for years. Picnic areas, walking and bike trails are all part of our dream. Fitness lovers say it is one of the go-to places if you want to get into shape or keep trim and terrific. For a walk-and-talk or time out for quiet contemplation Munibung Hill ticks all the boxes.



Tourist attraction— Lookouts with outlooks

Even before there is a viewing platform from which to get magnificent panoramic pictures, Munibung Hill is considered a must for the best 'pics' of Lake Macquarie and across to Newcastle and the beaches. Port Stephens has Tomaree Head (162m) and Gan Gan Lookout (160m); Lake Macquarie could have Munibung Hill (169m) .



Nature Reserve or Conservation Area— A refuge, a safe 'house'

A place where the Squirrel Glider can live where it has done since the Paleocene era (60m years ago). Where its many friends can also live. See: LMCC Squirrel Glider Planning & Management Guidelines, 2015. It's not only humans that need a place to call home—a haven, a sanctuary—a roof over our heads so to speak. Our native animals need places like hollows in veteran trees for the same reasons.

A Cultural & Geological Heritage Site— Meeting place.

With a 251 million year history Munibung Hill can tell us lot about how Australia came to be what it is. Indigenous people lived on and around Munibung Hill for thousands of years. Biraban knew it well. Situated in Awabakal nation land this site contains caves and species that deserve protection and our respect.

Each
of these
visions is
related to the
others. Just as
Munibung Hill
is a whole so
the sum of these
parts make up
the whole vision
we have
for
The
Hill

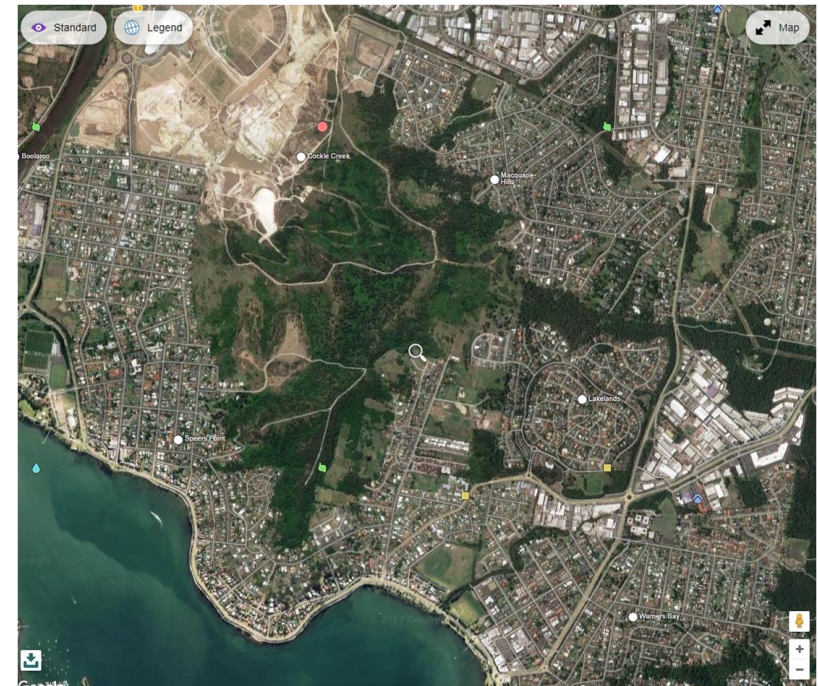
An Observatory & Planetarium site— Learning & Research place.

As a teaching and learning place Munibung Hill has a lot to offer, especially for children. We have a dream for a facility like the Auckland Stardome to be situated on the western slopes.



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Membership Form



Munibung Hill Conservation Society (MHCS) Membership / Affiliate Application Form

Name:

—if family, please state number:

Organisation:
(if applicable)

Position:

-- number of members:

Address:

Suburb / Town / Village:

Phone ...

Landline: Mobile:

Email:

Sign: Date:/...../.....

Check this box if you are, or your organisation is, happy to be acknowledged as a supporter of MHCS and *The Five-Fold Vision for Munibung Hill*.

- There is no membership fee. Belonging is most important.

- Donations are welcome. We are a voluntary not-for-profit group.

> Cheques payable to: Munibung Hill Conservation Society

> Direct deposit to: Westpac, BSB: 032521, Account: 282863

For Families and Organisations, please let us know how many people this application form represents.

Note: We aim to minimise the use of paper, so there will be no confirmation letter. Please detach the page opposite for your records or to share our collective Vision with colleagues.

:: Membership application recorded

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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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