

Community Voice4Hume



Building Hume's future together.

Our Vision

A healthy happy supportive community living in a clean sustainable environment

Our Mission

To promote the adoption of sustainable and regenerative practices to help the residents of Hume to adapt to rural city life and farming, in times of global climate impacts. This, in a way that will improve the environment, build a circular economy and hence a sustainable community. To support the community by providing a measured voice in dealings with all levels of Government.

The Vision of Goulburn Mulwaree Council is: "To build and maintain sustainable communities while retaining the region's natural beauty". The vision is stated in the Community Strategic Plan.

The "Building Hume's Future Together" program is intended to assist the Council realise its vision. The program started in Goulburn Mulwaree and is guided by Goulburn Council Plans for: Social Sustainability; Regional Community Strategy; Climate Change Assessment and Adaptation and related plans. The program will deliver through the Community Sustainability Hub, see:- [Community Sustainability Hub](#) and, over a period of time, it is expected to link to "Bega Circular Valley", other initiatives across SE NSW and the work of the Capital Region Joint Organisation (CRJO).

Background

A number of highly significant events have demonstrated the fragility of our planet, economy, biodiversity and community. There is a pressing need to protect and strengthen them. These events were/are:-

1. The recent catastrophic bushfires of the summer of 2019/2020
2. The increasing frequency of serious drought and the rising temperatures
3. The Corona virus, COVID-19

The Integrated Regional Vulnerabilities Assessment (IRVA) exercise (of some time back) and associated Enabling Adaptation Plan for the SE Region, identified six key areas of vulnerability to climate change for the NSW South East:

- economic sustainability
- community
- land-use change
- regional infrastructure
- competition for water resources
- ecosystem function and services.

Purpose of the Program “Building Hume’s Future Together

Proposed projects and objectives of the Program are to: build a community energy hub, using Community Energy for Goulburn as the foundation; reduce water use; regenerate private gardens, green spaces, bushland; rehydrate the Mulwaree floodplain; investigate the development of Eco-residential blocks; grow the community; improve energy efficiency in homes and business premises; and improve the management of grazing lands. A key objective to put the welfare of the disadvantaged first. Additionally in recognition of COVID-19, plans to build food sufficiency and to manufacture essential products, are a priority as is the development of eco and agri-tourism.

To support this, it is proposed that a Tablelands Sustainability Research Institute be established by building on and connecting to existing organisations, such as the Mulloon Institute, Rivers of Carbon and ANU Sustainable Farms. The program will drive: economic development; improve climate resilience, mitigation and adaptation leading to emissions reduction; increased carbon sequestration and reduced power prices and a reduction in social inequality.

The program will be led by the community through existing and new community groups through the Community Sustainability Hub.

Program Benefits

- A circular economy;
- Establishment of Goulburn Mulwaree (and Upper Lachlan and Yass Valley) as leaders in innovation in NSW and linked to Bega Circular Valley;
- An energised and sustainable community;
- Improved mental and physical health;
- New business streams such as eco and agri-tourism starting in the Wetlands led by suitably qualified local Aboriginal and the establishment of the Goulburn-Crookwell Rail Trail;
- Enhanced communities skills, cohesiveness and improved social inequity

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