

7. Housing and the Built Environment – Draft Revised Plan 2024

Key Result/Vision: There are diverse, safe, affordable and environmentally sustainable housing choices for all ages, which are linked by appropriate transport corridors and serviced by facilities and enterprises that support the ethos of Nimbin and surrounds, and meet the challenges of a changing climate.

GOALS	STRATEGIES	Short/ Med/ Long term	Blue Sky or Low Cost / No Cost / Self-funding	WHO WILL LEAD?	Potential PARTNERS	THE NEXT STEP IS...
Goal 1: There is a range of safe, secure, and affordable housing options available for everyone, especially our young people, the elderly and people on low incomes.	1. Support the existing Nimbin Affordable Housing Project - Identify & acquire suitable land for low-cost housing which could include tiny homes, co-housing. Med.-density co-ops. Revisit Mulgum House?	Med-Long term	Blue Sky	?	NH&W NACRS, NNIC, Lismore City Council, NCCH	?
	2. Convene Community housing forum to investigate possibilities for sustainable and new housing options & different models of tenure – e.g. Housing Coops, longer permits in caravan park.	Short	Low Cost	Steph (7Sibley), Robyn Francis	NCCH, NSW Govt	Call a Meeting of partners to arrange housing forum.

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Goal 2: There is a well-connected skills & resources base in the community to support housing and the built environment.	1. Develop mentoring program to transfer skills regarding building regs and DAs between community members.	Short	Low Cost	?	7 Sibley St, Nimbin Building Supplies	?
	2. Sibley St project – continue to demonstrate sustainable building design and technologies...DIY construction and repairs, retrofitting.	Ongoing	Self—funding Some funds needed Building renos – Blue Sky.	NNIC – 7 Sibley St	Lismore City Council	Regular workshops held at 7 Sibley St already. Resolve site issues in order to Progress the Peoples Shed workshop space.
	3. 7 Sibley St –incorporate skills development and sharing around 1 and 2 above.	Ongoing	Low Cost	NNIC – 7 Sibley St	Mullumbimby Shedding Project	Mullumbimby ‘Shedding’ to hold wk’shops training building skills & mentoring leadership.
	4. Incorporate skills and showcases for making and building things into Sustainability Alley at the	Annual	Low Cost	NNIC – 7 Sibley St	Nimbin A&I Soc. Tradespeople with tools skills.	Identify and recruit people with tools etc skills to run activities at Sustainability Alley.

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	Nimbin Show 5. Hold a Visions of Nimbin trade and culture Expo	Short	Self-funding?	? Cof C?	NNIC, NCCI, LCC	Identify someone/organisation to drive this forward.
Goal 3: Buildings and their surrounds are appropriate, and provide a 'liveable' & life-sustaining environment.	1. Encourage community members to participate in local DA and public consultation processes. 2. Identify barriers and conflicts between environmental regs. Building standards and other regs which impact upon the ability of people to construct safe, sustainable and also affordable buildings, - advocate for change and find ways to overcome these barriers.	Ongoing Med - Long	No Cost May need funds for expert input	Nimbin Advisory Group ?	Chamber of Commerce, NNIC, NCCI LCC NNIC – 7 Sibley St LCC Planners	N/A Seek advice from e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia Tiny House Association • LCC planners • Australian Hemp Masonry Company • HIA (Housing Industry Association) • MBA (Master Builders' Association)

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	<p>3. 7 Sibley St as a demonstration sustainable building/s .E.g. off grid composting toilet recently constructed. Work towards extension of covered workshop space.</p> <p>4. Reclaim public space – for art, gardens etc. and shade trees.</p> <p>5. Support Nimbin Walking Track – ongoing maintenance of</p>	<p>Med-Long</p> <p>Short-Med</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Blue Sky – for building extension</p> <p>Low Cost</p> <p>Stage One – funds secured.</p> <p>Following stages = Blue Sky.</p>	<p>NNIC – 7 Sibley St</p> <p>?</p> <p>LCC and Nimbin Community Centre</p>	<p>Australian Hemp Masonry Company</p> <p>NCCI – Walking track</p> <p>The Community NAG</p>	<p>Work with LCC to resolve 7 Sibley St site access and carpark issues</p> <p>Art and gardens going into Walking Track</p> <p>Establish Friends of Nimbin Walking Track group</p>
<p>Goal 4: The community has strategies in place to manage risks of disasters</p>	<p>1. Check in with all the organisations and businesses in the village. Share info about insurances. Investigate possibilities of bulk buy – whether a large</p>	<p>Short</p>	<p>Low Cost</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Develop a questionnaire/survey</p>

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such as fires, cyclones, landslips, floods and other climate extremes	group of businesses could get a better deal.					
	2. Review and Collate fire safety issues including risks such as old wiring, egress, lack of fire safety and sprinkler systems. Assess costs and develop remedial plans. Support organisations and businesses to implement plans.	Short	Low Cost	? RFS?	Chamber of Commerce NDRG RFS	Develop a questionnaire/survey
	3. Hold regular community event – at Sustainability Alley at Nimbin Show - for info sharing on disaster risks and planning. Include schools. At the start of each fire season.	Short/ Ongoing	Low cost	NNIC, 7 Sibley St and NDRG	Nimbin A&I Society Nimbin RFS Brigade SES	Recruit a volunteer coordinator for Sustainability Alley at the Nimbin Show each year.
	4. Promote membership to local RFS brigades, Nimbin Emergency Radio Network and the Community Care Team.	Ongoing	Low Cost	NDRG	A&I Soc, NNIC, NACRS, CWA, RFS, SES, Police	Recruit more Community Care Team (CCT) members.
	5. Implement the Nimbin	Ongoing	Some	NDRG	See	Recruit more Community

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	Community Disaster Plan		strategies are low cost, some are Blue Sky		Disaster Plan	Care Team (CCT) members.

Acronyms:

A&I Soc = Nimbin Agricultural and Industry Society
 CofC = Nimbin Chamber of Commerce
 LCC = Lismore City Council
 MPS = Multi Purpose Service (Nimbin Hospital)
 NAG = Nimbin Advisory Group
 NACRS = Nimbin Aged Care and Respite Service
 NCCH = North Coast Community Housing
 NCCI = Nimbin Community Centre Inc
 NDRG = Nimbin Disaster Resilience Group
 NH&W = Nimbin Health and Welfare Association
 NNIC = Nimbin Neighbourhood and Information Centre
 RFS = Nimbin Rural Fire Service (Brigade)
 RTRL = Richmond-Tweed Regional Library