

Nabiac

“Vibrant Rural Village”



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2009 Community Strategic Plan

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Background

The village of Nabiac is situated on the Wallamba River on the mid north coast of New South Wales, 24 kilometres south of Taree and 25 kilometres west of Forster/Tuncurry.

Nabiac village has a population of around 650 and services surrounding communities of Wootton, Failford, Rainbow Flat, Dyers Crossing, Krambach and Coolongolook.

Nabiac means ‘place of the wild fig’ and lies between lands once inhabited by the Biripi and Worimi Aboriginal Tribes.

In 2003, the Nabiac Chamber of Commerce and Tourism was successful in accessing funding through Round 1 of the Department of State and Regional Development’s Towns and Villages Futures Program to prepare a strategic plan for the local community.

The aim of the local program was to involve the community in developing a plan containing ideas and suggestions, establishing goals with achievable timeframes. When the plan is in place, the aim is to have the community working as a team to achieve the goals, update the plan as required and as directed by the community as a whole.

Two workshops were facilitated by the Department’s Community and Economic Development Manager in May and June 2004 and were extremely well attended by local folk.

The top five priority projects identified by the community workshops include:

1. Develop skate park
2. Development of swimming pool
3. Development of a combined sporting club
4. Development of a community bus
5. Establishment of a community based multi purpose commercial centre



*Several members of the NVFG with Deb Tuckerman,
Great Lakes Council’s Economic Development Manager, 2009*

Following the workshops, the Nabiac Village Futures Group (NVFG) was established to oversee the implementation of the plan. This is an informal volunteer committee made up of people representing a diverse range of views and interests. Unfortunately the Nabiac Chamber of Commerce was forced to disband in 2005, but has indicated its support for the NVFG to continue to pursue the projects in the plan on behalf of the community.

In February 2006, the Nabiac Village Futures Group arranged for the Department of State and Regional Development to facilitate a community workshop to review the 2004 Strategic Plan. Once again, the workshop was well attended by the residents of Nabiac.

Again, projects were identified and prioritised by the community. The development of a swimming pool and skate park are well underway. It was acknowledged that these remain high priorities in the community. Other projects given a high priority included:

1. Improve directional signage within village
2. Build a multi purpose centre
3. Improve access to river and amenities located at Bullock Wharf
4. Become a freight distribution point
5. Address zoning
6. Town beautification
7. Improved pedestrian access around the town
8. Provide aged care facilities (accommodation/services)

Most recently, NVFG arranged for the Department's Community Economic Development Manager to facilitate a review of the community strategic plan in April 2009. While the event was well publicised, numbers were down on previous years, but this may have been in large part due to the inclement weather conditions on the night! Despite this, extremely constructive input was provided and new priorities formulated.

Completing the **skate park** and **swimming pool** remain high priorities in the community. Other priorities given a high ranking at the April 2009 workshop include:

1. Provision of **aged care accommodation** and attraction of complementary businesses
2. Improve **access to river** at Bullock Wharf
3. Improve **signage** on highway
4. Build **multi purpose centre**
5. Improve **cycle ways** within the village
6. Establish **Nabiac Combined Sports Club**
7. **Heritage walk**
8. Installation of caravan **dump site**

It is important to note that the Community Strategic Plan remains a working document, which will be reviewed from time to time to update information on new and existing projects and action required.

Vision

'A Vibrant Rural Village'

Mission Statement

The following Mission Statement has been adopted by the Nabiac Village Futures Group. (This mission was subsequently endorsed by the community at workshops in 2006 and 2009.)

*"To aid in the further creation, and maintenance of a family friendly rural village
with improved facilities for all ages."*

The key values and standards to drive our mission are:

- Leadership and Integrity
- Initiative and Planning
- Professionalism and Caring
- Excellence and Efficiency
- Quality of Life and Employment
- Identity and Independence

Past Achievements / Activities

Some of Nabiac's achievements include:

- Annual Nabiac Show
- Monthly Nabiac Farmers' Market
- Three doctors currently to service the area
- Great community interest in local events
- Community Technology Centre (CTC) established and running
- National Motor Cycle Museum & annual swap meet
- Wide variety of businesses established
- Very interested and involved community
- Strong Art & Craft community
- Skate park constructed and operational
- Community website launched
- Community Directory collated and distributed
- Promotional brochure launched
- Swimming pool works commenced
- Village infrastructure continues to improve (eg footpaths)



Nabiac Skate Park

The following report was tabled by the NVFG President at the AMG of the Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre in October 2008 and read out at the Community Workshop in April 2009. It provides a summary of the achievements associated with the plan to date:

I am pleased to report that the NVFG has completed a busy and productive year. Many successes were recorded, however, there is much to be done and I believe we have the members and the drive to achieve whatever we set our minds to. I have a sense that shopkeepers and businesses have become more supportive of our endeavours and liaison with both Councils can be judged as encouraging. Much would not be achieved without the dedication and energy of Deb Tuckerman, the Manager, Economic Development at GLC. Membership has been steady throughout the year, but I know there are many residents who are supportive of our efforts and they would rally if needed. After all, we concern ourselves entirely with improving our village community and work to a Strategic Plan which was derived from community input.

The Strategic Plan will be updated in the New Year and a community workshop will be held at the Showground Hall. All inputs will be examined and a revised priority list drawn up for the Group to work on. The revised plan will be put on display at the Neighbourhood Centre and copies will be delivered to both Councils.

The main areas of focus for the Group this past year have been:

*Swimming pool and skate park
Village drainage and flooding
Street infrastructure – surfaces, shoulders, footpaths and gutters
Village zoning
Two Council village
Truck parking
Multi purpose centre
Boat ramp and jetty
Theming and beautification*

Continuing discussions with the RTA have been protracted and frustrating. After two years many of the required road signs have been erected. However, village information signs and a community map have yet to be installed. They are coming, we are told.

Liaison with Council continues with respect to a grant to upgrade the bus stop facilities, signage to the underpasses, lighting and better disabled facilities. Many other jobs have been raised and dealt with.

The website has been kept up to date and the inclusion of an events calendar allows everyone with computer access to know what is going on in the community and surrounds – Nabiac.com – use it!

The NVFG has been involved with the following:

- Neighbourhood Centre*
- GL Council and CTCC meetings*
- Community meetings*
- Economic Development Advisory Committee*
- GL Small Communities Network*
- GL Sport and Recreation 355 Committee*
- Hunter & Central Coast Community Economic Development Forum*

Economic hardship is evident in our small community and the year ahead provides us with new challenges. We are confident we as a group will continue to be a force for good and an asset to Nabiac.

Kit Carson, President, NVFG

Five-Year Vision

The Nabiac community has a very clear idea of what we would like our village to be in five years' time. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Rural lifestyle
- Friendly heritage village
- Cohesive
- Highway oasis
- Thriving
- Safe
- Established infrastructure
- Improved facilities
- Successful rural community
- Supportive
- Family and all age friendly community

- Non urban
- Nurturing community
- Maintained Village atmosphere
- Caring community
- Range of transport options for local residents



The Old Bank Centre, Nabiac

Nabiac – A Historical Perspective

At the time of the first European settlement, the Nabiac district was inhabited by the Katang-speaking aboriginal people of the Worimi and Biripi tribes.

Lieutenant John Oxley RN led the first organised exploration of this district, with an expedition that came down the coast from Port Macquarie in 1818. The group crossed the mouth of Wallis Lake on 25 October 1818.

In 1824 the Australian Agricultural Company (AAC) was formed in England with the view of procuring a million acres of land. Their grant covered roughly the area from the Manning River south to Port Stephens and from Gloucester, south to the Karuah River. It was intended this land (using convict labour) would become a large pastoral operation. On 2 June 1830, Sir William Parry left Stroud to examine and report on the grant's potential and on Wednesday, 9 June 1830, he was close to the present-day site of Nabiac. His report condemned much of the area however, as it was quite unfit for sheep and the other pursuits favoured by the shareholders. In time they were able to exchange most of the grant for land in the Liverpool Plains region and the coastal strip again became Crown Land.

During the early days of the colony, the government did not encourage widespread settlement but by 1826, they declared Cape Hawke as the northern limit to which settlers could proceed. This was extended to the Manning in 1829 and to Port Macquarie in 1830.

The first land grant at Nabiac covered an area of 115 acres and a Henry Carmichael purchased it in July 1855. It was on the north side of the river, just to the west of the present highway bridge across the Wallamba. William McClymont selected two blocks in late 1857: the first (of 84 acres) adjoined Carmichael's block while the second (of 55 acres) was to the west of the present highway and included the area where the new round about is located. No further land grants seem to have been made until after Sir John Robertson's Act of 1861, which permitted free selection before survey. With this change in policy, more settlers began to arrive and the development of the area moved forward on a number of fronts.

Transport

By 1840 the AAC's settlements of Booral, Stroud and Gloucester were joined to each other and to Raymond Terrace by a well-defined road. By 1857 the main northern road had been extended from Gloucester to Port Macquarie and Kempsey. The NSW Gazetteer and Road Guide published in 1866, shows a main road from Stroud through Bulahdelah, Firefly Creek and Larry's Flat (Krambach) to Tinonee. Another road is shown from the Wang Wauk River to Tinonee, crossing the Wallamba and passing through Kooringhat (later to be known as Sidebottom and still later, Rainbow Flat). No direct link is shown between Bulahdelah and the Wang Wauk River. The road through Gloucester became a portion of the Pacific Highway but this was altered on 22 August 1952, when the present alignment of the route through Nabiac, was proclaimed instead.

Early trading vessels on the Wallamba were polling punts but in the 1870s, steam powered, paddle wheeled vessels began to appear. Many of these were built on the river and carried such names as: King Edward, Dauntless, Wallamba, Victory, Wheelbarrow and Nil Desperandum. These vessels were the link between the coastal ships and settlers up river and carried produce to Tuncurry for transshipment.

In time the district roads improved there was an almost never-ending occurrence of ridges and rivers. The ridges meant winding roads of steep gradients and the rivers meant the need for bridges or low-level causeways. The latter were relatively inexpensive to construct but had the disadvantage of being almost impassable with even a slight rise in the water level. Nabiac's causeway across the Wallamba River was located just to the south of the village. The first serious bridge built on the coastal road was at Wang Wauk in 1936. Twenty-two years later a two lane high level bridge replaced the Nabiac crossing and in time, this bridge was replaced by two bridges - on the same alignment - as part of the duplication of the Pacific Highway in 2005/2006.

In 1942, the Public Works Department constructed an aerodrome (with four runways) to the south east of Nabiac with access via Glen Ora Road. With the construction of the Taree aerodrome however, ours ceased operations. It is now "owned" by the Central North Coast Sporting Car Club and they hold regular events on its gravel runways. The aerodrome also sits atop the northern limit of the Tomago Sands from which pure water has been drawn since the late 19th century. Midcoast Water (the local water supply authority) has recently sunk a series of bores near the aerodrome and will shortly begin extracting water to supplement their current dam supplies.

Post Office

In March 1869, some 38 settlers signed a petition requesting the establishment of a Post Office in the area and after a series of inspections, one was opened in May 1870. It was, however, called the Cape Hawke Post Office and this was a problem. A name change was sought but "Wollomba" (the official name of the river) was rejected as it was said to be too close in spelling to the already established "Wollombi" and so the name of "Clarkson's Crossing" was adopted in February 1880. In March 1894, however, Hugh McKinnon MP complained this name was a mistake and he suggested it should be called "Burnside". This was also rejected but the aboriginal term "Nabiac" (meaning "wild fig tree") was accepted. The Nabiac Post Office came into being on 1 June 1894.

Schools

In 1869 two half-time schools - Upper and Lower Wallamba - were opened but on 26 June 1884 a new school was opened on the site of the present school on Clarkson Street. At present Nabiac Public School (The Best Little School anywhere!) has a population of some 225 students and a teaching staff of 9.

Churches

St Isidore's Catholic Church was the first permanent church built in Nabiac (1889) and it still stands on Nabiac Street. St Paul's Anglican Church on Clarkson Street was dedicated on 7 November 1904 by Bishop Stanton of Newcastle, while the Methodist (now Uniting) Church (situated on Nabiac Street, opposite the Showground Hall) was dedicated in October 1905.



Catholic Church



Anglican Church



Uniting Church

Shops and Businesses

In the earliest times on the river, the nearest shops were at Tinonee and settlers made the long journey there for necessities such as drapery, clothing and food. The position was somewhat improved when Albert von Ehlefeldt began running his dealer's boat up the river from Forster, heralding his arrival by means of a bullock horn. Hugh Breckenridge also had a store boat on the river.

Businesses did slowly arrive in Nabiac and one of the first was the store/post office erected by James and Jane Bowers. Other stores had existed in the area however, and they consisted of: John Breckenridge's Burnside Store (in the 1880s) which stood, with the Burnside Hall, where the National Motorcycle Museum now stands; Charles Wooster's store (1880s also); Edwin E Gorton set up a saddlery and boot-making store in 1894 and employed quite a number of men - including his wife who was skilled in doing the lighter finishing work on the leather goods. At one time the business employed three generations of the family; and Frederick Phillips built "The Red Store" in 1903 at the intersection of Nabiac and Donaldson Streets above the Bullock Wharf.

Blacksmiths were most important to the community in early times and Nabiac did boast having four. Several butcher shops existed in and around the village at various times in its history and one of the earliest was operated by Ernie Wooster who owned a motorised butcher's cart (a four cylinder Overland). Ernie's butcher shop (which still exists) was beside his house on the northern edge of Nabiac. It and the then Wooster house were moved slightly in 2005 to make way for the duplication of the Pacific Highway.

Dave Hancock came to Nabiac in 1906 as a coach driver for the Sydney firm of Bull and Co and two years later, following an accident, returned to convalesce with his sister, Mrs E E Gorton. In 1912 he started a drapery/mercery business and built a shop and residence on Nabiac Street in 1914-15.

After dairy herds were established in the district in the early 20th Century, the Upper Wallamba River Co-operative Dairy Society was floated in 1904 and their factory began operating at Dyer's Crossing in January, 1905. By 1919 its output had risen to four tons of butter per week and they collected milk from some 220 farmers.

No settlement however, was thought to be complete without a hotel and Nabiac was no different. Henry and Annie Beisler arrived in Australia from Germany around the middle of the 19th century and when riding to Tinonee (for supplies?) one day, he saw an outcrop of red soil just north of Nabiac and thought this would be suitable soil for a vineyard. He took up the land in 1879 and planted over 200 grape vines in 1882. The Beisler's took out a wine licence, opened a shop and a hotel licence was obtained later. In 1890 Mrs Beisler built the Nabiac Hotel in the centre of the town.

Recreational, Cultural and Other Amenities

Social functions and church services were held for many years in the Burnside Hall but funds were raised by means of small functions and the Nabiac School of Arts was erected beside the Police Station in 1896. This hall then became the focus of a wide range of social activities in the village such as concerts, dances, wedding receptions and it also contained a library.

Nabiac's first race course was at Fern Hill near the Beisler's hotel and it appears it operated between 1883 and 1900 when the general sportsground was moved to Gleeson's Flat on the western side of Nabiac. Here foot, cycle and horse races were held as well as cricket, tennis and football matches. In the 1950s another racecourse - "Murray Park" - was built at Nabiac about three kilometres to the west of the village.

Cricket was played around the area regularly from an early date with many local teams being formed. Each had its own home ground.

On 30 November 1886, an area adjacent to the Nabiac School playground was notified as a "Recreation Reserve" and this replaced Gleeson's Flat as the village sports field. It has been used for cricket, football and was also the venue on which travelling circuses pitched their tents. The town tennis courts were also built at that site in 1922.

The Wallamba District Agricultural and Horticultural Association was founded in 1911 with a view to staging a village show on land set aside for recreation. A series of working bees cleared the land, a hall was constructed and the first Show was held in 1912. It is still an annual happening.

"Magic Lantern" shows were held at the School Arts for many years but in 1937 the first 35 mm movies were shown in the Showground Hall. This Hall is still the main activity venue in the village.

In 1928 Dave Hancock installed a 110-volt DC electricity generating plant in the rear of his shop and supplied himself and several other businesses with electricity. Following an accident that almost cost him his eyesight however, he sold the plant to Herman Everingham. Les Weller purchased the plant in 1934 and continued to supply the village with electricity until the early 1950s. Les also purchased the refrigeration plant from the Kundibakh Cream Factory (when it closed), relocated it to his Nabiac block, tweaked its operation and used it to supply ice for the village.

An estimated 3,000 people attended the dedication of the Wallamba District War Memorial on Anzac Day, 1932. Mrs Robert Croker, who lost two sons in WW 1, unveiled the memorial. This memorial lists the names of 200 soldiers from the watershed, who saw service in the conflict. It was updated in 1988 and now includes the names of those from the district who served in WW 2, Korea, Malaya and Vietnam.



Wallamba District War Memorial

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Nabiac – A Contemporary Perspective

The population of Nabiac and surrounding areas has grown over the last five years. Currently, there are approximately 1,200 people residing in Nabiac and the surrounding communities of Wootton, Coolongolook, Minimbah, Dyers Crossing and Krumbach. Nabiac's commercial centre and the majority of residents are located in the Great Lakes Council LGA, the others in Greater Taree. Nabiac Village has around 37 businesses located in or close to the CBD which include two butcher shops, a bakery, supermarket, post office and general store, video shop and two hair and beauty salons. There are three real estate agents in the village which is an indication of the potential growth in the area.

The village boasts three cafes and the Nabiac Hotel which provides another source of entertainment and an eatery. Accommodation can be found at the motel, caravan park and a variety of bed and breakfasts within close proximity to the village. The bed and breakfasts offer home-style accommodation, self contained cabins and farm stay.

Nabiac Public School has 226 students attending classes from Kindergarten to Year 6, with nine teachers, besides the Principal, and administration staff. The school has recently established a Kitchen Garden, called NabiPatch, to encourage children to eat nutritious, homegrown meals. After completing their infant and primary education, students attend a choice of schools in nearby Taree, Forster and Tuncurry. Nabiac also has a preschool, long day care, before and after school care and vacation care facilities. The newly built skate park is a magnet for the younger people of the area and together with the upcoming swimming pool, will be a boon to the 'keep-fit ideals' which are so important.



Nabiac Public School's Nabi Patch

The medical needs of Nabiac are managed by three doctors and supported by a pharmacy which also has a large selection of gifts. Nabiac Veterinary Clinic provides animal care and Robb & Co supply rural products, such as feed and other necessities.

Motor vehicle care is not far away, with two service stations, and two motor vehicle repair shops that also provide a tyre service. Repairs to caravans and trailers are available in the light industrial area.

Nabiac has its own house and garden suppliers, including excavation and earth-moving services, hardware, and nursery and garden supplies. Builders, plumbers, electricians and handymen can also be found via a Community Directory on the Nabiac website at www.nabiac.com.

The Neighbourhood Centre which is located in the old hospital building is used by many local committees and special interest groups for meetings and get-togethers. It is also the home for the Op Shop that is run by the Nabiac Pool Committee. The Community Technology Centre, which provides computer and technology services along with interesting training courses for the community, is located in the Neighbourhood Centre. The Centre also houses the kitchen where our much loved gingerbread and cakes are baked.



Nabiac Memorial Neighbourhood Centre

The Nabiac Showground has been in existence since 1912 and is home for the annual Nabiac Show, rodeos, camp drafting competitions and the Nabiac Farmers Market, which is held on the last Saturday of each month. The Library is also located in the grounds.

Nabiac is fast becoming a place of interest for tourists. Apart from the very quaint village atmosphere, Nabiac is the home for the National Motorcycle Museum.

The once thriving dairy industry has now given way to smaller farms and the raising of beef cattle. The style of farming has been greatly influenced by the influx of retirees and families migrating north from Sydney for a better lifestyle, hence the variety of plants, fruit and vegetables, and all the wonderful delicacies produced in the area.

Nabiac has undergone a major change with the new section of the Pacific Highway constructed. This section joins the existing dual highway from Bundacree Creek and was completed in 2006. Upon total completion of the Pacific Highway upgrade, Nabiac will be one of the only towns left on the highway. Karuah is now bypassed as was Taree some time ago. Bulahdelah will be bypassed in the not too distant future as will other towns like Kempsey and Coffs Harbour, thus making Nabiac the gateway, not only to the Great Lakes district, but to the North Coast itself.

People moving to the area are attracted by the sense of community which Nabiac provides, so it can look forward to healthy and prosperous growth over the next few years as it becomes a well sought out location and a wonderful place to live.

Nabiac – Tomorrow

What does Nabiac need for the future?

Nabiac is a rapidly growing area and according to figures produced by the Hunter Valley Research Foundation, the population in the Great Lakes area is expected to increase to over 48,000 by 2026. This growth rate is twice as fast as the predictions for the Hunter area. By 2026 people over 65 years will make up 31% of the community and by 2026, 45% of the population will be supporting the rest which will be made up of retirees and children. We also need to bear in mind that the unemployment rate in the Great Lakes area is much higher than the Hunter area or any other area in New South Wales. Looking at these figures it is clear that the need for services is only going to grow. What we need to look at is:

Transport

At present the only public transport available in the Nabiac area are buses that take children to and from school each day. With the increase in population over the last few years and the predicted increase over the next 20 years, our needs will change dramatically. Nabiac has survived without public transport but before too long the demand for public transport will be there. Infrastructure and plans need to be put into place and developed in preparation.

Aged Care

Our elderly residents are able to access home services; however we have no purpose built retirement or aged care accommodation at present. Going on current trends and the predicted increase in the ageing population, which may even err on the low side, in 20 years time how is Nabiac going to support its aging population? There are currently no plans for any additional services or accommodation for the aged. If you are not able to drive a car, you lose your independence and have to rely on others within the community for help or else you are forced to relocate. We need services like public transport, home nursing, meals on wheels, access to more doctors, specialists, optometrists, dentists, podiatrist, physiotherapists and the list goes on.

At present people have to travel to Forster or Taree for these services if they are available.

Health Care

With our increasing population, which is an aging population, thought must be given to increasing our health care facilities. Based on what we currently have, with the increase of aging population and the unavailability of public transport, we need to plan and encourage health related services into Nabiac. We would look to developing a centre where visiting specialists could have the use of rooms and premises to provide the much needed services. At present three doctors provide the health care available with the back up of a pharmacy.

Youth Facilities

Apart from the newly constructed skate park and plans for the swimming pool, there is very little for the younger population. Support, mentoring and counselling services should be looked at and included in future plans.

Town Planning

When all the upgrades to the Pacific Highway have been completed, Nabiac will be one of the only towns/villages left on the highway. What a wonderful opportunity for Nabiac to grow into a profitable centre. We are the gateway to the Great Lakes area as well as to the North Coast. A plan should be in place laying out the design of the CBD, to allow more shops to be built but keeping the village atmosphere and style. Currently most of the character of Nabiac comes from the wonderful old buildings. These need to be kept and the whole town designed around that influence. The plans would not include large supermarket type constructions but kept more along the lines of, say, Morpeth. Zoning is currently being discussed and includes residential, industrial and commercial areas.

With the town planned and developed correctly this would create employment opportunities for the local population. With appropriate marketing, tourists could be encouraged into the village and therefore increase the profitability of many businesses.



Nabiac Village Green



Bullock Wharf area



Nabiac Primary School



Medical Centre



Nabi Patch



Memorial Park Playground



Bridge



Tennis Courts



Local Business on Village Green

Annexure 1 - Nabiac Swimming Pool

What has been achieved?

- Community fundraising since 1992 (currently approx \$ 347,123)
- Pool site secured
- Received grant from Department of Sport and Recreation for \$20,000 Capital Assistance Program funding
- Stage 1 completed. Power, telephone, water to site. Drainage, clearing and erosion control
- Received grant from Federal Government Department of Health and Aged Care \$135,000
- Structural Engineer engaged and structural design completed for amenities block
- Construction certificate and building certificate approved by Great Lakes Council for amenities building
- Contract builder engaged to build amenities
- Community in kind donations of labour and materials \$250,000
- DOCS grant received for \$65,000



What Needs to Be Done

<u>Action</u>	<u>Action By</u>
Continue to sign up members of the community / businesses willing to donate time, labour and / or materials, etc.	Pool Committee, general community and businesses
Contract pool builder	Pool committee

Annexure 2 - Nabiac Skate Park

What has been achieved?

- Park is 85% completed
- Greatly supported and appreciated by local community
- Seating has been installed and Council has agreed to clean up around the skate park



What Needs to Be Done

<u>Action</u>	<u>Action By</u>
Decide on what to do with remaining funds – either continue to raise funds towards the remaining module or use for another purpose	Skate Park Committee in consultation with Neighbourhood Centre Committee
Seeking interest from the community and Council to help with further fundraising	Skate Park Committee

Annexure 3 - SWOT Analysis from Strategic Planning Workshops



<u>STRENGTHS</u>	<u>WEAKNESSES</u>
Range of businesses	Volunteer burn out
Community minded	Highway = division (eg two Councils)
Range of services	Two Councils
Sense of community	Maintenance of natural facilities
History	Burn out
River	Nabiac theme
Enthusiasm	Youth facilities
Cohesiveness	Transport
Lifestyle	Aged-care facilities
Existing community facilities	Vandalism
Capabilities	Cost of tertiary education
The passion of the school	Lack of youth facilities
Location (Opportunity?)	Community consultation
Clean	Council
Diversity of skills	Population size
Village	No strategic plan from Council
Potential of people	Physical infrastructure
Physical environment	Boat ramp
Comparatively low crime	Lack of lighting
Nabiac Farmers Market	Lack of police presence
CTC	Lack of transport
Rural enterprise skills	Lack of residential aged care facilities
Rural events and activities	Lack of communication from Council re future projects
Excellent community newsletter	Councils - on peripheral therefore lack of attention from both
Nabiac Show	No strategic plans - Councils
Number of good community groups	Physical infrastructure
Sense of commitment - a common vision	Flooding and drainage
Nabiac Village Futures Group	Lack of lighting
Enthusiastic committees	Lack of employment
Showground and facilities and associated regular activities and special events	Lack of recognition of Council promotional material, eg promoting local attractions
Library (group in final report)	Lack of Tourist Information Centre to welcome visitors
CTC that attracts people from a wide area	Lack of entry signage
	Football ovals often closed due to wet weather.

OPPORTUNITIES

Strategic Plan	Community is a resource
Visitor Centre	Skate park
Working together	Strong youth
	Rural events and activities - eg Community Technology Centre, Motor Cycle Museum Swap Meet, Show, camp draft, junior rodeo, farmers market, fun run, food & wine festival, small farm field day, draft horse field day, hot rod club.
Better Council co-operation resulting in better strategic planning	
Location	Stop, Revive, Survive
Highway	Swimming Pool
Landcare	Two Councils
Rural growth / lifestyle	Nabiac theme
Strong service centre	Caravan and coach parking
Home for commuters	Toilet with disabled access.
Opportunity to keep 'village'	Opportunity shop
Good social hub	Promote our assets more: Library, CTC, Sporting facilities
Promotion of Nabiac	Dump Station
Larger housing blocks	Heritage Walk
Economic development officers	Encourage more bike riders
Heritage	Establish cycle ways
Tourism	Pony Club and rides
Signage	Keep brochure up to date
Government grants	Keep website up to date
New Industries	Freight distribution centre

THREATS

Council / division	Inappropriate development
Highway - noise, speed and pollution	Lack of interest from business community
Landfill / tip	Lack of jobs
Amenity of region - under threat	Electricity supply interruptions
Ambience	Removal of services, eg business and Council/community
Lack of planning	Loss of ambience
Parking	Lack of parking
Flooding / drainage	Lack of drainage causing flooding
Divided town	Lack of adequate resources to maintain existing essential infrastructure such as the Showground Hall.
Land zoning	

Annexure 4 - Nabiac Community Priorities (Summary and Action Tables)



Completing the **skate park** and **swimming pool** remain high priorities in the communities.

Other priorities given a high ranking at the April 2009 workshop include:

1. Provision of **aged care accommodation** and attraction of complementary businesses
2. Improve **access to river** at Bullock Wharf*
3. Improve **signage** on highway
4. Build **multi purpose centre**
5. Improve **cycle ways** within the village
6. Establish **Nabiac Combined Sports Club**
7. **Heritage walk**
8. Installation of caravan **dump site**

(*As well as improve access into the river for boats, this project provides the opportunity to erect interpretive info about the history of the Bullock Wharf at the site, improve amenities, providing another attraction to bring people to Nabiac. Opportunities could also be explored to develop a day trip for groups from Forster by boat.)

Projects raised in each group included:

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Multi purpose centre

Aged care residence

Installation of caravan dump site

Beautification plan

Improve signage on highway

Bullock Wharf area

Improve signage

Sealing parking area - Memorial Park

Sealing roads

Parking in village

Speed limited painted on roads

Public transport

Zoning and rewriting LEP

Address issues with two Councils

Men's shed

Women's shed

Consistent power supply

Maintain water pressure

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Attract aged care facilities and other complementary businesses

Directional signage within village

Become freight distribution point

Marketing - business stickers for cars

Improve river access; increase use of river as an attraction (eg canoeing)

Attract complementary businesses to area

Beautification of town

YOUTH AND CULTURE

Wharf facilities

Cycle ways in village

Heritage walk

Promote library usage

Skate park

Scout hall

Mentoring program

Support for parents/groups/families

Youth employment

Community building - bonfire night etc

HEALTH AND SPORT

Nabiac Sports Club

To complete pool

Complete skate park

Sporting development and promotion through section 355 committee

Resurface netball court

Centrelink rep - CTC visit

Off-road cycleways

Water quality

Footpaths

Increase knowledge of services

Increase access to services

Improved pedestrian access

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**OBJECTIVE: Support existing businesses and provide direction for future business development (while maintaining a village atmosphere)**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Improve highway signage north bound prior to overpass and south of Failford Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquire with RTA • Approach politicians 	NVFG			
River access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect river to town • Investigate options 				
Peaceful water activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate promoting Nabiac to canoeists 				
Multi Purpose Centre	Investigate uses as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Information • Library • CTC • Craft/Cottage industry • Food co-op • Consultation rooms 				
Aged Care Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach investors and developers • Identify possible sites • Develop promotion 				
Become a freight distribution point					
Strategies still current from previous planning sessions:					
Directional signage within village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit internal signage within village and identify needs to present to Council • Speed limit on the road 	Brian and Paul	Nil	ST	

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (cont...)

OBJECTIVE: Support existing businesses and provide direction for future business development (while maintaining a village atmosphere) (con'td)

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Attract complementary businesses eg. Cottage industries, not heavy commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In conjunction with zoning plan • ID business opportunities 	NVFG			
Beautification for town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop landscape concept plan to present to Council • Check RTA re: their landscape plan (Bruce has maps) • Talk to volunteer gardeners to get their input to plan • Involve other interested residents • Approach local businesses to supply plants 				
Marketing of village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicity stickers for cars 				
Appropriate zoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding zoning • Lobby for rezoning (if appropriate) • Investigate areas for industrial/commercial development • Establish group to understanding zoning, lobby for zoning, provide information to Council. • Arrange meeting with planning department and feed this into Great Lakes Employment Land Strategy. 	NVFG to coordinate input. Take comments to Council.			Meeting held Input acquired.

YOUTH & CULTURE**OBJECTIVE: To enhance existing cultural, youth and family recreational facilities**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Skate Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete final module 	NMNC	\$8,000		Completed
Promote library use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request children's activities during school holidays 	Louise and Tash			Increasing younger attendances
Multi Purpose Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing Apply for consultant to prepare Business Plan 	NVFG		2009	Business Plan achieved
Heritage Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish heritage information 	NVFG		2009	Published handout
Cycleways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Bicycle group for information Lobby GL Council in regards to safer shoulders (road) 	NVFG		2009	Completed leaflet distributed
Wharf facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW Fisheries information 	Phil Matthews			Information about wharf and ramp
Community building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social events like community campfire 	NVFG and Tash		2009	Information exchange
Strategies still current from previous planning sessions:					
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look into community bus possibilities 	C.O.C	seek funding from various groups.		When the bus pulls up ready to go to the beach

YOUTH & CULTURE (cont...)**OBJECTIVE: To enhance existing cultural, youth and family recreational facilities (cont'd)**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Mentoring Program: Youth Development Worker.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with existing groups 	Nabiac Church	Nil		Qualified mentors
Support for parents group/families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent support group • Exchange ideas • Identify needs 	P&C	Nil	This year now	Group up and running
Youth employment initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote village industry • Explore funding 				

HEALTH, SPORT & RECREATION**OBJECTIVE: Increased Opportunity for Youth**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Complete skate park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish skate park 	Council Volunteers	\$8,000		
Multi purpose centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace Showground Hall with a larger multi purpose centre, providing facilities for both indoor sporting and social activities 				
Resurface netball court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurface to improve usability and reduce the risk of personal injury 	Netball and Council			
Off road cycleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop off road cycleway 				
Sports development and facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage more 355 Council activity 				
Centrelink representative to visit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly visit to CTC by Centrelink representative 				
Nabiac Sports Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a community owned Sports Club with bowling green to provide a head quarters for all outdoor sporting activities in Nabiac. Also to include a restaurant and licensed bar. 				

HEALTH, SPORT & RECREATION (cont...)**OBJECTIVE: Increased Opportunity for Youth**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Strategies still current from previous planning sessions:					
To complete pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming Pool Committee to coordinate effort. • NVFG and other groups to offer support 	Community & Council Pool Committee with NVFG support			Commence construction
Improve sporting facilities, development and participation	<p>Sporting development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More sports ie. cricket side, fix up netball court • Workshops – various sports. <p>Improve existing facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade amenities block – needs major refurbishment, existing users to be contacted. • Improve flood lighting – Council, sports committee <p>Increase participation in sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community transport. • Seek funding for community bus. • More opportunities increased sporting activities. Get sponsorships sports committee involvement. <p>(Note: further to the April 2009 workshop, concerns have been raised with NVFG about the problem with the surface and drainage of playing fields at Aub Ferris Sports Complex. Issues continue with the amenities block and lighting on these fields.)</p>	<p>s.355 committee</p> <p>NVFG</p> <p>s.355 committee</p> <p>s.355 committee</p>			

HEALTH, SPORT & RECREATION (cont...)**OBJECTIVE: Increased Opportunity for Youth**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Water quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More information from Mid North Coast Water 	NVFG			
Cycleways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate off road and on road opportunities 				
Strategies to improve river access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage, floating pontoon and grass picnic area 				

OBJECTIVE: Increased Health Care

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Increase knowledge of services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Council. Contract Local paper. 				
Increase access to services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community bus, taxi service. Summary of needs. 				
Improve pedestrian access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify risks. Improve footpaths, drainage, lighting. 				
Improve aged care facilities' and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aged care residential 				

**BUILT ENVIRONMENT
OBJECTIVE:**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Beautification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village streetscape 	Us & Council		ASAP	When trees planted
Sealing Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sealing all streets in village. Rebuilding and sealing streets. 	Council		ASAP	
Improve parking in the Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sealing area in front of Memorial Park Improve parking in general within village 	Council		ASAP	
Consistent power supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to stop variability 	Council and Country Energy	ASAP		
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain pressure 	MidCoast Water	ASAP		
Reduce speed of traffic in village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint speed limit on roads at entry ways 				
Installation of a caravan (effluent) dump site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 				
Establish Men's and Women's Sheds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant money? Location? 				
Improve parking in Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sealing area in front of the Memorial and on Clarkson Street. 	Council		ASAP	
Infrastructure such as road surfaces, kerb, guttering (eg. Especially in front of Memorial Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 				

BUILT ENVIRONMENT (cont...)**OBJECTIVE:**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Strategies still current from previous planning sessions:	•				
Theming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautification Plan. • Identify - Establish who we are "village and heritage", "dairying and logging" statue (Note: to be addressed as part of forthcoming Marketing Workshop) • Explore Sister City idea • Bullock Wharf • Stylised bullocks • Research town names eg. Clarkson 		?	Now Continuous and in cooperation with RTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combine Council's landscape plan with a theming plan (funded by this project) • Complete sections of plan using various funds and volunteers.
Improve signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To points of interest • Gateways/entrances • On the roads • Pedestrian signs - "elderly", "mother and child" 				
Residential Aged Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find suitable land. • Council encourage aged care developers to establish aged care facility on suitable land. 	Committee to talk		3 months	Discussion with Council to encourage developers to establish aged care facility.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT (cont...)

OBJECTIVE:

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey the need. • Apply for a grant for a community bus. • Hire the Forster community bus for special events or arranged events, community transport. • After school to Forster/Tuncurry and Taree for kids to get to events/training/lessons, etc. • Broaden awareness of existing services (eg, through community directory, Across the Fence) 				
Zoning & Rewriting the LEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village atmosphere maintained. • Control subdivision/block sizes. • Need various size blocks. • Rural Living strategy is done therefore use it. • We need zoning in Nabiac. 	In concert? with amalgamation with some committee as 1	Ask for help from Ian Mackey	Tonight 3 months 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of group as in 1. • Community discussion to form consensus about zoning and goals of community. (ask for help from State Government) • Unique LEP for Nabiac including both shires.

BUILT ENVIRONMENT (cont...)**OBJECTIVE:**

STRATEGY	ACTION	BY WHOM	COST	WHEN	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Address issues associated with being in two Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put Wallamba Catchment in GL • Put all of community into one shire, include Minimbah. 	Liaison Committee			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of group. Ask for participation from government • Approach Councils • Approach State government • Use media help
Investigate facility that will incorporate a museum, visitor centre, business centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum could be incorporate with bike museum • Save our history • Showcase Nabiac produce • Visiting government services, health/Centrelink/RTA/water/power • Investigate Mechanics Institute site near police station • Placement needs to encourage visitors to the village 			Medium to long term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of committee as in 1. • Siting the complex • Building it • Manning it and using it
Bullock Wharf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve access to the river • Improve boat ramp and jetty near Bullock Wharf • Provide interpretive information 				