

Disaster Management

- Make a central assembly point in Bruns
- Have an early warning system so when people hear it they know to go to the assembly point for instruction
- Practice evacuation & assembly plans with the community
- Make disaster plans more visible for tourists and transients
- Allocated space for rescue vehicles/boats/equipment/medical supplies that is sited high up and can be accessed after the disaster to assist people
- Signage around foreshores letting people know where the nearest hospitals are located
- Notices in prominent places so people are aware of DISPLAN, this should be in point form
- Bikeways need to be at least 3 metres to allow Surf Clubs All Terrain vehicle access during searches
- Flashing lights on poles indicating direction of assembly point – to be switched on when necessary
- Signage on major streets directing emergency vehicles to available vehicle beach access
- As above, there needs to be designated beach access for emergency vehicles
- All emergency services practice procedures for emergencies on a regular basis
- Get Holiday Park managers to practice their own evacuation plans – many aged people, (number around 100 – 150), live in the three parks in Brunswick

See also 12 Project Groups: BH Emergency and Disaster Plan Project.

Ageing/ Disability

- We need people to liaise with the other Project Groups so that people with special needs and older people's needs and aspirations are incorporated into all projects.
- Liaise with Council's Ageing Positively Reference Group
- Addressing the implications of an ageing population was considered an important issue at Workshop 1.
- See relevant points in the other Project Proposals

Youth

Improve Access and Safety

- Improve safety of Bike track from Bayside- (very close to road)
- Better public transport

Recreation & activities

- PCYC or YAC (outreach)
- Movies at Soundshell
- Adventure playground around the whole town, eg; Flying foxes –across river
- Debating or public speaking groups & workshops – more diversity
- Teenage jitsu in Banner Park,

Youth Spaces

- Teens to have a shed
- Arts space
- Pool with a water slide and inflatables

Youth Website

- Information and links to all relevant organizations
- What's happening
- Blog or forum

Youth Theatre Group

- Community based/volunteer, local

Strategy

- Focus on getting more funding for Brunswick youth

See also 12 Project Groups: Lighting Project and Youth Mentoring Project.

Arts & Culture

1. Create a meeting place ~ a village well / an inviting place for artisans to meet, etc.
 - Contract a design specialist who understands community spaces and their design impact of reducing vandalism and increasing community connection.
 - Investigate best location
 - Housie shed
 - Revamp (eg skylights)
 - Soundshell – also ideal location
2. More public art– sculptures in parks
 - Outdoor/public art – cultural – retain history
 - Sculpture by the river - Link to Festivals like Artscape (and host a 'guest' piece)

Strategies

- Ideas/ actions could be channelled into existing/proposed projects (eg Tweed Street beautification). Rather than work in a silo, link in with the Shire's future strategies/projects.
- Tap into existing projects (and resources) rather than re-inventing the wheel – such as asking Artscape to situate a sculpture in Brunswick during their show etc.

Other Ideas

- Local cinema or movie nights at Memorial Hall, School Hall or Soundshell
- See also Youth Project Proposals

Food

- Compost sharing, garden sharing
- "Patch to Plate" project – Grow food in backyards (with educational courses) and take surplus to market at school every couple of weeks
- Community garlic crop

- Community compost production – large scale collection point for organic waste from Brunswick's 23 cafés/restaurants

- Local food in cafes, restaurants and schools
- Local shops to label their local produce with a sticker or label
- Sustainable food buying, value the farmers

- A giant mustard leaf tree in our school garden

- Food growing on bales in the streets, footpath gardens
- Include space for community garden allotments in Bayside's 3rd stage housing development
- Park next to library – food growing space

See also 12 Project Groups: Community Food Garden and Street Food

Built Environment

- Lighting, boardwalk and general cleanup in Banner Park
- Disabled more angle parking & access to river for handicapped in Memorial Park
- Expand amenities at all parks, including bbq's, covered tables, lighting, and play areas
- Retain caravan parks for low key/affordable family holiday accommodation
- Council to implement low impact business signage policy (no neon's)
- Cleanup of riverfront so that emergency services can undertake rescues
- Low impact links between nearby villages (exercise trails, walk/ride access)
- Signage for Brunswick Heads at Yelgun
- Public toilets to be kept clean
- Start a kayak club and provide a boatshed for kayaks
- Encourage use of electric vehicles

See also 12 Project Groups: Foreshore Pathways, Memorial Hall Community Kitchen, Maintain Integrity of Harbour and Surrounding Reserves, Lighting, Kids Playground and Other Facilities for Families, Torakina Park Management.

Housing

- Develop strategies to prevent youth leaving the area due to lack of affordable housing
- Develop strategies to prevent loss of elderly due to lack of suitable housing options
- Lobby against high density housing
- Improve nursing care for the elderly
- Provide permanent and affordable mobile home park living at Bayside
- Provide an opportunity for over 55's community living area at Bayside
- Provide for a diversity of permanent residents as well as tourists in the existing caravan parks
- Build duplex houses with areas that encourage communal sharing
- Provide free/low cost camping for homeless/low income people

Natural Environment

- Create an exclusion zone for shore birds to exclude yabbying & kayaking
- Ensure Shorebird protection on Brunswick North Shore.
- Staged removal of rock bars in Marshalls Creek to reduce siltation
- Ensure maintenance of public access to crown reserves
- Improving channel depth dredging
- Reduce boat speeds
- Put in submission to Marine Park Review
- Encourage Bird Buddies to talk with BARCO
- Arrange weed audits
- Encourage appropriate fencing
- Hold native garden competitions/promotions
- Produce or disseminate native planting guide

See also 12 Project Groups: Foreshore Pathways, Maintain Integrity of Harbour and Surrounding Reserves and Torakina Park Management.

Local Economy & Tourism

- Update the marketing strategy including educating businesses about their on line presence & use of social media
- Investigate new business subsidies and incentives
- Access tourism and RDA infrastructure funding
- Set up business hub/ incubator,
- Encourage more businesses to attend Chamber organised educational workshops
- Seek to replace the lost businesses (e.g. butcher & Tahī's Spa) in the town
- Develop a strategy for businesses to reduce their carbon footprint, particularly their energy efficiency including of signage and night lighting
- Action Tweed St Taskforce recommendations.
- Establish electric vehicle rental initiative in conjunction with local accommodation providers.

See also 12 Project Groups: Holiday Accommodation