

Clarence Dargan Community Association Project Plan and Report for 45 Petra Avenue, Clarence NSW 2790

<p>a. Incorporation - will the organisation be incorporated (ie, become a legal entity)? This is often required to obtain grants or enter legal contracts, such as a lease and insurance.</p>	<p>The Clarence Dargan Community Association (CDCA) will be incorporated non-profit entity to ensure the Community Group is able to receive grant funding, enter legal contracts and gain insurance.</p>
<p>b. Purpose – clearly define the group’s purpose and what it is trying to achieve.</p>	<p>Through a series of workshops, the residents have worked together to agree upon the purpose of the group and what we hope to achieve. There are three primary purposes from which many other opportunities and beneficial outcomes will arise, the first is provide a voice to the community, to be a local social community hub and to build resilience in the community through positive education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a voice to the community • To provide a happy place for residents to meet outside of disaster recovery. • To provide a location for workshops • To provide a safe space for residents and local children to meet • To improve resident preparedness for extreme weather events and fire such as the recent Gospers Mountain fire that burnt through both Clarence and Dargan, by planning preparedness workshops to assist all residents. • To assist the elderly with man power in the pre-summer period. • To provide support leading up to the bushfire season. • To provide a meeting place for residents during the recovery times to support other residents going through the same thing. • To provide a location that support agencies can meet and assist residents post fire event.
<p>c. Membership –How many members will the organisation have? How will the organisation attract more members of the community to join or support the organisation into the future?</p>	<p>The Association will be supported with local membership. Currently we have 50 residents prepared to join the CDCA.</p> <p>The association has a newsletter and will have social media that keeps locals informed of what’s happening in the local area and how they can be involved.</p>
<p>d. Activities – what will the organisation do? (Eg, will it provide organised opportunities for members of the community (eg, cook, play sport, or undertake other social activities)?</p>	<p>The organisation will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build the Clarence Dargan community spirit • Support locals • Put on social activities • Safe space for families to meet and play • Preparedness workshops – Bushfire Awareness training • Weed Workshops • Regenerative agriculture workshops • Drought resilience workshops • Community meeting place

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landcare opportunities
<p>e. Funding – how will the organisation obtain funding to achieve its goals, such as establish and maintain a building on site, pay for public liability insurance? How will the organisation ensure that it continues to operate into the future?</p>	<p>The purpose of the development is to provide a meeting place for residents of Clarence, Dargan and Bell. This meeting place will not be required to be maintained by the Lithgow City Council.</p> <p>The CDCA recognises the need to reduce the reliance and pressure of securing funding for the ongoing upkeep of infrastructure. Therefore, the CDCA’s main aim is to provide an environmentally sustainable development in its development phase, operations and ongoing maintenance. This key component will ensure the success of the project (Table 1).</p> <p>Sustainable infrastructure will include a large surface area (shelter roof) to allow for collection of rainwater to be used for hand washing, cleaning and drinking. While solar lighting will provide lighting for the area at no cost. The outdoor seating will be metal to increase the life of the item and reduce maintenance.</p> <p>The Association will apply for funding to build:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An open plan shelter • Water tank for shelter • Outdoor Seating and tables (metal) • Solar powered lighting <p>The key stakeholders with an interest in the CDCA community project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Land Services • Lithgow City Council • Clarence Colliery • Paul Toole – State member for Bathurst • Andrew Gee - Member of the Australian House of Representatives • Local Lithgow City Council Councillors • Zig Zag Railway • Clarence Siding Sawmill PTY Ltd

Table1: Clarence Dargan Community Association goals and considerations table

Sustainability Goals and Key Considerations		
Goals	Key Considerations	Actions
Climate resilience A project resilient to climate change	The green infrastructure will contribute to the environmentally sustainable resilience of the project as more extreme weather events are experienced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of climate resilience infrastructure • The installation of potable water • Solar energy and lighting • Climate change resistant plantings 	Actions: The CDCA project infrastructure will provide a secure off line water supply (steel water tank); a secure off grid lighting supply (solar); climate resilient infrastructure (open plan shelter in Colourbond) and tables and chairs (metal frames and table/seat tops).
Green infrastructure	Flood water retention and reuse on site Restoration of local natural habitat	Actions: The project will provide green islands, natural waterways (swales), and cleared recreation spaces. 2 metre cleared area around fencing and built infrastructure (asset protection zone) Outcomes: Flora & fauna habitat continuity, biodiversity, stormwater conveyance.
Energy harnessing	Onsite renewable requirements for infrastructure	Actions: The project will provide electricity and lighting via solar. Outcomes: Reduced reliance on the grid and ongoing funding.
Water harvesting	An integrated water cycle with rainwater capture and storm water harvesting and reuse. A system to provide for the needs of the project whilst minimising negative impacts on the environment.	Actions: The project will provide a reliable water supply; rainwater storage and stormwater treatment. Outcomes: reduced reliance on town water and ongoing funding.