

# Sub-working group of the Lake Macquarie City Active Transport Advisory Group - Lake Mac 2050 Submission

13 September 2018

## Agenda

- Active Innovation Challenge (pre-meeting for interested people)
- Lake Mac 2050 Submission

## Record of discussion

### Active Innovation Challenge

Agreed to progress two submissions:

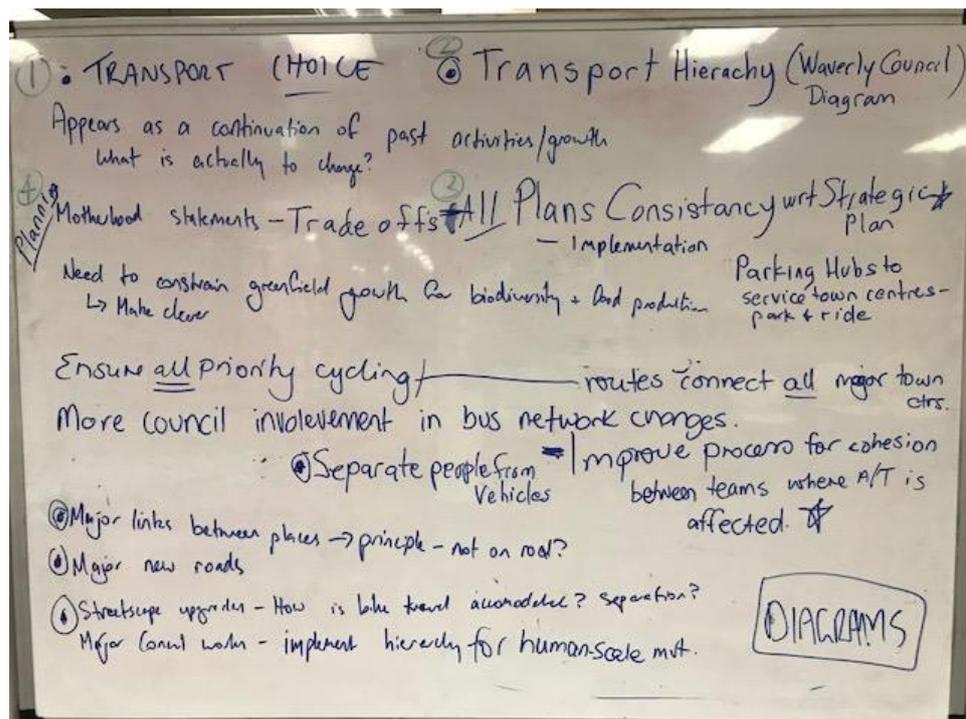
- Fitness Professionals "Walking School Bus" – using Corporate Gym Sponsors to meet at a designated meeting point and walk kids to school.
- Tandem rides for the visually impaired (to be led by Newcastle Cycleways Movement).

Refer to Appendix 1 for further information.

### Lake Mac 2050 Submission

The group identified four key themes that will underpin the submission:

1. Improve transport choice
2. Honour the transport hierarchy principle
3. Ensure consistency between Lake Mac 2050 and other plans
4. Articulate trade-offs between aspirations



## **Next steps and potential agenda items for next meeting**

### **Next meeting**

The sub-working group will present their submission to the group at the October meeting.

### **Meeting program timeline**

This is now available online and will be updated as the group's activities evolve, while speaking to the short and long-term goals of the group, also available at:

<https://www.lakemac.com.au/activetransport>

## Appendix 1 – Active Innovation Challenge

The Heart Foundation is providing eight Active Innovation Challenge grants of \$10,000 every year for four years. The first round closes 23 September.

We would like to invite the group to think about whether they have any ideas that may be worthy of submitting.

**Council staff have limited time to contribute, however, could participate in a brainstorming session 4.30pm to 5.30pm Thursday 13 September, prior to the next meeting.**

One idea is to leverage an initiative of Council's Smart City Program to explore cheap ways of generating data on how current walking and cycling infrastructure is used. This initiative is investigating how new, small devices can provide anonymous information to improve the experience and performance of public spaces and facilities.

As part of this initiative, Council is jointly hosting the [Smart, Liveable Neighbourhoods Challenge](#) currently open to the public. A submission to the Active Innovation Challenge Grants could easily build upon this initiative, using the City's [new low power communication network](#).

Ultimately the group can decide and Council can provide guidance on how it could support the group. The proposal simply has to respond to the health problems associated with inactivity, without replicating existing local initiatives.

You may already know of someone in the Lake Macquarie community who is thinking about applying. Could the Active Transport Advisory Group get involved?

[More information](#) and [eligibility and judging criteria](#)