

*Our Place* is a whole of community, place-based project working with communities living in social housing estates in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven.

By using a community development approach we aim to support happier, healthier and more sustainable communities for people living within social housing estates with increased community pride, mental and physical wellbeing and individual empowerment.

We are working with four communities - Bellambi since late 2014 and East Nowra, Bundaleer and Warrawong since July 2017.

*Our Place* is coordinated by Illawarra Shoalhaven Social Investments (ISSIT). ISSIT is a collaboration of a number of NSW Government agencies, non government organisations and local councils in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven who have agreed to work together and share their resources.

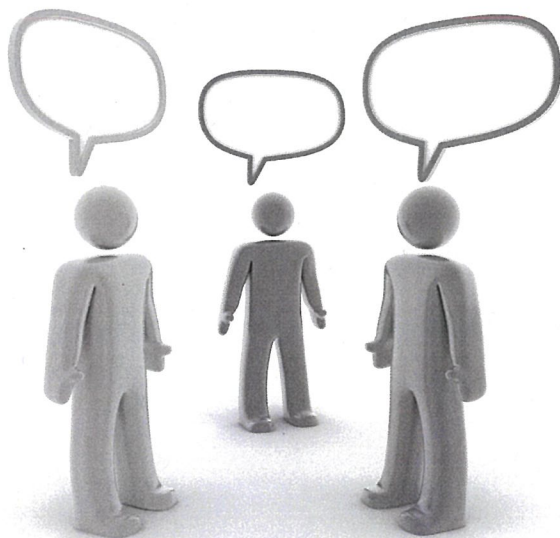
The *Our Place* Community Action Plans guide the work of ISSIT in each community during 2018, keeping ISSIT accountable to local communities and our partner organisations. As the actions in the Plans are implemented, ISSIT will continue to seek to better understand the communities we are working with and develop further actions with communities.

The Plans have been developed in consultation with community members, local community organisations and groups and ISSIT members as follows:

## August – October 2017

### Community Conversations

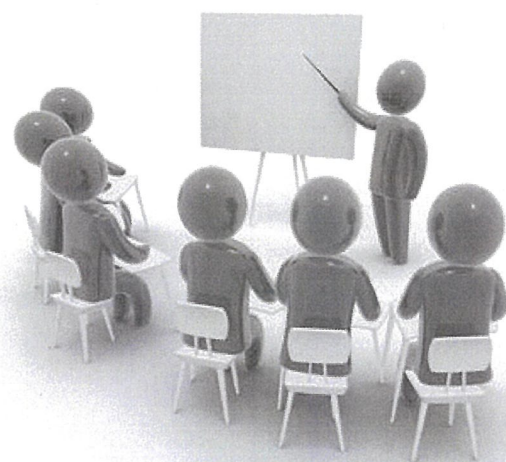
ISSIT team worked with local community organisations and groups to hold approx. 450 conversations with community members about their aspirations, ideas and concerns for their communities



## October 2017

### Community workshops

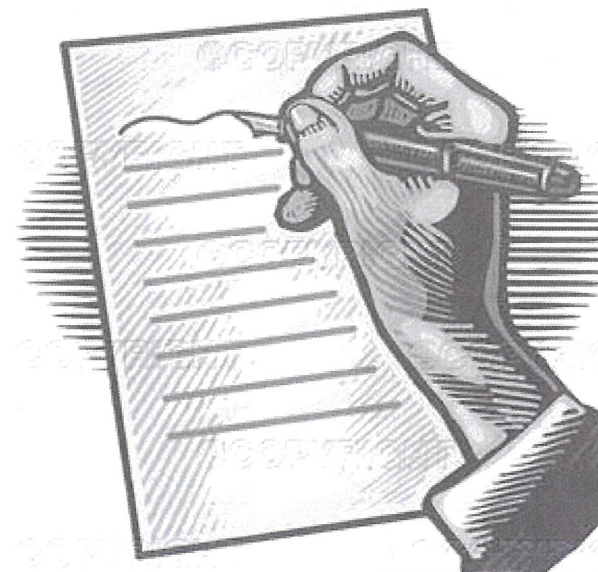
At community workshops community members, community organisations, local government, schools and government agencies worked together to identify actions for each community



## November – December 2017

### Draft Community Action Plans

Community Action Plans were drafted in consultation with ISSIT members and partner organisations based on community conversations and workshops



## January – December 2018

### Implementation and Check-in

Community Action Plans implemented in partnership with community members, ISSIT members and partner organisations. Ongoing consultation to measure success and develop 2019 Action Plans





Themes	Actions					Outcomes
Safety	Hold safety audits with community members and implement follow up actions.	Improve communications and relationships between community members and Police through engagement events and proactive door knocks.	Investigate strategies to reduce traffic speeding in Bundaleer estate.			People living in Bundaleer are safe and crime is reported.
Physical Environment	Develop strategies to improve rubbish removal in Bundaleer.	Improve facilities for children, young people and families at Howard Fowles park.	Facilitate social housing tenants to participate in the Warrawong Town Centre Plan.			Bundaleer is clean and rubbish free.
Education and Skills	Design and deliver an entry level “enterprise” program tenants that aims to provide knowledge, skills and support to run profitable micro enterprises.	Explore development of early childhood transitions programs and programs to improve parental engagement in education, with a focus on Aboriginal families.	Develop and deliver programs to create local employment pathways for young people aged 17-24 years.			Community members develop skills that lead to work opportunities and children living in Bundaleer are ready for school.
Community Supports and Services	Provide coordination of services for families with complex needs living in Bundaleer estate through the implementation of the Illawarra Family Partnerships program.	Consult with community to provide targeted services that meet their needs including CALD and Aboriginal children, young people and families.	Key community members and support organisations to undertake Questions, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training.	Continue to implement leadership programs, including connecting young people to opportunities.	Increased number of tenants participate at Bundaleer Community Centre and people feel supported by other community members as well as services.	
Community Pride, Participation and Connections	Workshop to assist tenants understand social housing process for repair and maintenance.	Build community garden with education and health program for community to maintain.	Engage community in development of <i>Our Place</i> Bundaleer Action Plan.	Hold quarterly community events so tenants can collaborate on ideas for change.	Promote “ <i>Protection</i> ” locally and throughout NSW to build pride.	Community members participate in events . Increased social cohesion and sense of ownership.