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## **Goulburn Mulwaree Council**

### **Operational Plan**

#### **2023 - 2024**

**Adopted TBA**

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### Acknowledgement of Country

*“Goulburn Mulwaree Council  
acknowledges and pays our respects to  
the Aboriginal elders both past and  
present as well as emerging leaders and  
acknowledge the traditional custodians  
of the land on which we all live.”*

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## Foreword

It is with great pleasure that on behalf of Council we bring you 2023-2024 Operational Plan and budget which is the second year of our elected Council and the four-year delivery program.

In order to continue to build on the incredible foundations that were created over the past four years, Council seeks to develop another ambitious program while maintaining a focus on its core activities, particularly maintaining country roads, fixing potholes, and providing water and sewer services.

Due to the delay of the elections caused by COVID-19, this is a shorter Council term period, with the next election to be held in September 2024, meaning this Council will serve for just under three years in total. A major focus for the 2023/24 operational plan & budget is outdoor facilities for leisure and for sport, with projects locked in for Goulburn and for Marulan.

It is the most important role of Council to ensure critical infrastructure is maintained and upgraded, so we are investing \$13 million to upgrade the Marulan Water Treatment Plant and the Sewer Treatment Plant. By doing so, the town will greatly improve these services and be able to unlock the growth potential, enabling it to resume its development pipeline.

Around the region Council will also spend significant funds on a number of regional, rural and urban roads. Windellama Road upgrade continuation, Clinton and Deccan Street upgrade, Middle Arm Road, Curawang Road, Oallen Ford Road, Deterioration improvement works on various roads across the Local Government Area through Regional and local road repair funding.

Council is not immune to the current economic conditions facing the region, as a result Council will continue to monitor its service delivery to rate payers on a fiscally responsible way.

We urge you to read this plan and to provide us with feedback either by email or letter.

This plan's highlights for the financial year 2023-2024 are presented below.

**Goulburn Waste Management Centre Drilling Mud:** \$1,830,595 is allocated to the construction of drilling mud facilities at the Goulburn Waste Management Centre. This is for the disposal and drying out of drillers mud for landfill disposal to cater for the increasing use of hydro excavation vehicles.

**Goulburn Water Treatment Plant:** \$5.6 million is allocated to the upgrade of the residual management facilities at the Goulburn Water Treatment Plant. This will be designed to allow more efficient drying of the sludges currently produced as well as manage future projected production rates for the treatment plant.

**Goulburn Wastewater Treatment Plant:** This project of \$ 15,015,700, including NSW Government Funding of \$11,261,775, is allocated to increasing the capacity of the Goulburn Wastewater Treatment Plant to 40,000 Equivalent Persons to cater for housing growth in Goulburn.

**Potholes:** \$2.33 million was secured from the Regional and Local Roads Repair Program to fix potholes in the Local Government Area.

**Netball Courts:** \$926,798 has been received through NSW Government grant funding for resurfacing and light installation of our netball courts at Carr Confoy. Netball is one of the region's biggest sports based on participation numbers, and we are looking forward to undertaking these court improvements.

**Carr Confoy Pavilion:** Final designs for a new pavilion at the Carr Confoy sporting fields have been completed, and construction will commence in the 23/24 financial year. This will be a magnificent new building, which will service Netball, Touch Football and other current and potential users of the sports fields.

**Kinghorne/Albert Street roundabout:** \$584,797 In Federal funding has been received through the Blackspot Program due to a number of serious incidents occurring at this intersection; a roundabout will be built this financial year

**Deccan Street rehabilitation:** \$2 million has been allocated, including \$1.5 million grant funding, to rehabilitate and resurface Deccan Street from Clinton Street to Goulburn Mulwaree High School

**Rural Roads:** As highlighted above, over \$6.5 million will be spent on Rural Roads in this financial year alone, with significant works on Windellama Road, Oallen

Ford Road, Middle Arm Road and Currawang Road. We will also replace Mayfield Bridge this year, at a cost of \$2.2 million.

**Shared Pathways:** An injection of \$5.2 million will see the delivery of shared pathways in Eastgrove and South Goulburn encouraging and increasing safe walking and cycling in Goulburn.

**Clinton Street Upgrade:** Nearly \$3 million has been allocated to reseal Clinton Street and complete a heavy vehicle route joining with Deccan Street.

**Marulan Water & Sewer Upgrades:** As discussed above, \$13 million is allocated to upgrades of the Marulan Water Treatment and Sewer Treatment Plants to address current development and future growth for Marulan identified in the Urban Housing Strategy. The Marulan Treatment plant upgrade will improve the quality of treated water to Marulan.

Council is positive about the continuing growth and the encouraging future for our region and have again worked hard behind the scenes to pull this budget together and to accompany the four-year delivery program. Goulburn Mulwaree Council will continue to provide vision for our excellent region, delivering the facilities and infrastructure we need to progress.

On behalf of Council, thank you for taking the time to read the Goulburn Mulwaree Council Operational Plan and Budget for the 2023-2024 Financial Year.



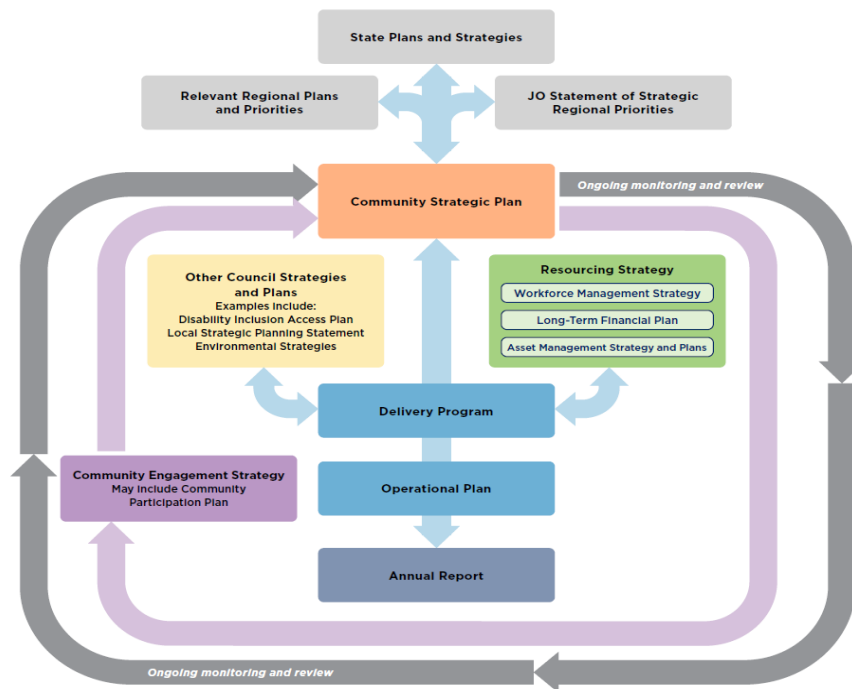
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## The Integrated Framework

The Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework opens the way for Councils and their communities to have important discussions about funding priorities, service levels and preserving local identity and to plan in partnership for a more sustainable future.



The planning and reporting framework is essentially a set of tools from which each Council can build an integrated planning and reporting framework to suit their community's needs.

The framework will allow Councils to build plans of appropriate size, scale and content for their communities. Just as each community in NSW is different, so each Council's Community Strategic Plan will be different. The most important thing is that the Community Strategic Plan, and the implementation structures that support it, are fit for purpose and appropriate to the communities to which they relate.

Apart from providing a clear picture for the future, the planning process will help to better connect with the community to gain more detailed understanding of the area in which they live and the regional context in which the community operates. The process will also provide opportunities for Council to streamline their operations.

The main components of the Integrated Planning and Reporting legislation for Local Government are briefly outlined below.

### Community Strategic Plan

Identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future and plans strategies for achieving these goals (civic leadership, social, cultural, environmental and economic issues)

### Delivery Program

A four year program which details the activities to be undertaken by the Council to achieve the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan (within the resources available under the Resourcing Strategy)

### Operational Plan

An Operational Plan will detail Council activities within a specific financial year to achieve the actions outlined in the Delivery Program.

### **Resourcing Strategy**

A Resourcing Strategy will inform the Community Strategic Plan and the Delivery Program. It will be made up of a long term Financial Plan, Asset Management Plan and a Workforce Management Plan. It will also identify the resources (time, money, assets and people) to fund the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan and the activities of the Delivery Program.

### **Annual Report**

This will report to the community within five months after the end of each financial year. It will provide details of progress on implementing the Delivery Program and the achievement of objectives of the Community Strategic Plan.

## **The Five Strategic Pillars**

- Our Community
- Our Economy
- Our Environment
- Our Infrastructure
- Our Civic Leadership

## A. Our Community

*“To have a network of vibrant, inclusive and diverse communities that value our cooperative spirit, self-sufficiency and rural lifestyle”*

### Strategic Objectives:

*“Our community’s health and wellbeing are supported”*

**Strategy A1: Advocate and facilitate discussions with relevant authorities and funding bodies to improve access to services and facilities for youth, older adults and people with disabilities.**

	How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.1.1	Provision of Council’s Neighbour Aid, Centre based Respite and Leisure Link NDIS Program.	Community Services Supervisor Business Manager Property & Community	All CHSP requirements met, NDIS service provision status maintained.
A.1.2	Ongoing implementation of 2021-2026 Goulburn Mulwaree Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) short term priorities.	Business Manager Property & Community Services	Infrastructure and other projects delivered in accordance with the DIAP objectives.
A.1.3	Determine scope and identify potential location of proposed Community Centre.	Director Corporate & Community Services	Working Party report presented to Council in accordance with timeframes defined in Terms of Reference.

**Strategy A2: Support youth programs that encourage empowerment, resilience, and capacity building**

	<b>How the Strategies could be achieved</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Measures &amp; Targets</b>
A.2.1	Deliver a range of youth programs (Fit for Life, School Holiday programs, Youth Week etc.) operating year-round to address social, health and educational needs of youth.	Youth Services Coordinator Community Services Supervisor	Youth Services programs, activities and events delivered with increased participation.
A.2.2	Ongoing delivery of mentoring programs to young people and continued partnerships with other service providers e.g., Terry Campese Foundation.	Youth Services Coordinator Business Manager Property & Community	Programs successfully access youth participants representative of our diverse community. Number of participants in programs is maintained and desired outcomes achieved.
A.2.3	Delivery of the 'Connect, Support, Empower' Youth Program - funded by NSW Gov't Regional Youth Investment Program.	Youth Services Coordinator Community Services Supervisor	Program accesses vulnerable youth and successfully delivers the outcomes outlined in the grant application.
A.2.4	Continued operation of Paperback Café in Library.	Youth Services Coordinator Business Manager Property & Community	Rotation of participants, each of whom attain TAFE Accreditation.
A.2.5	Waste Education and Sustainability programs run through Council's new Re-Use Goulburn Sustainability Precinct at Goulburn Waste Management Centre (and 50 seat education centre), including initiatives for youth and schools.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Completion of new Centre and program delivery.



**Strategy A3: Promote physical and mental health and partner to ensure our community has access to appropriate information and support services to improve health outcomes.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.3.1 Provide innovative Library, Museum and Gallery programs, services, exhibitions, and workshops that address community needs for education, creative expression and recreation for children, youth, adults, and seniors.	Library Manager Art Gallery Director Museums Coordinator	Variety of regular social and cultural programs, special events, and workshops delivered.

*“There is active and creative participation in community life”*

**Strategy A4: Events celebrate the identity of our towns, our heritage and our culture**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.4.1 Event Strategy implementation.	Coordinator Marketing & Events	Short term strategy actions implemented, and medium term actions underway.
A.4.2 Develop and deliver cultural and community events across all cultural services.	Business Manager Marketing, Events & Culture	Events supported through Event Development Fund and Financial Assistance Grants programs. Cultural and community events delivered with the combined efforts of various departments.
A.4.3 Sports tourism events secured and key cultural events attracted to grow year-round visitor economy.	Coordinator Marketing & Events	Economic impact of sports tourism events and cultural events measured and reported.

**Strategy A5: Develop compelling public spaces and experiences for the community across the region.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.5.1	Ensure Library collections and spaces are maintained and updated to remain relevant and meet community needs.	Library Manager	Physical and electronic collections updated. Library spaces and facilities maintained.
A.5.2	Promote and present contemporary art and art education through exhibitions, programs and services of the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery.	Art Gallery Director	Exhibitions, education offerings and public programs delivered.
A.5.3	Develop and implement exhibitions, public programs, and complementary activities to increase visitation and engagement with Rocky Hill War Memorial Museum and the Goulburn Historic Waterworks.	Museums Coordinator	Exhibitions and programs implemented. Visitation measured and reported to Council.
A.5.4	Seek funds for the ongoing maintenance, conservation and repair of Museum buildings at St Clair, Rocky Hill War Memorial and Museum, and Goulburn Historic Waterworks.	Business Manager Marketing, Events & Culture	Funding secured for maintenance, conservation and repair works across all three Museum sites.
A.5.5	Develop and implement a program of diverse season shows, while attracting commercial and community based shows to increase patronage at Goulburn Performing Arts Centre.	Performing Arts Centre Manager	Number of shows by genre. Ticket sales measured and reported to Council.

**Strategy A6: Build partnerships with key arts and cultural bodies and support community participation in arts and culture.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.6.1	Create strong and collaborative relationships with key arts and cultural bodies.	Business Manager Marketing, Events & Culture	Agreements in place and supported ongoing.
A.6.2	Promote cultural appreciation of the Arts across Council messaging.	Business Manager Marketing, Events & Culture	Regular advocacy and promotion undertaken, grant funding secured.
A.6.3	Seek opportunities for digitisation of cultural collections across the Local Government Area.	Business Manager Marketing, Events & Culture	Advocacy undertaken and grant funding applications made.
A.6.4	Waste to Art initiatives included as part of Re-Use Goulburn Sustainability Precinct and Waste Education programs.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Waste to Art initiatives delivered following completion of Re-Use Goulburn facility.

***“Our community is inclusive, connected, safe and proud”*****Strategy A7: We acknowledge and embed local Aboriginal culture and stories within our community.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.7.1	Reactivate Reconciliation Action Plan Working Party.	Chief Executive Officer	Working Party re-established.
A.7.2	Improved consultation with the Aboriginal community to better understand opportunities to embed Aboriginal culture and stories.	Chief Executive Officer Business Manager Marketing, Events & Culture	Development of Reconciliation Action Plan commenced. Participation in the Goulburn Aboriginal Interagency Meeting.

A.7.3	All official Council events to commence with a Welcome/ Acknowledgement of Country.	Chief Executive Officer Business Manager Marketing, Events & Culture	Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country at each Council-run event. Inclusion of Welcome/Acknowledgement of Country protocols in the Event Toolkit.
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**Strategy A8: Design public spaces and residential developments to support social connection and public safety.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.8.1	Review Council's Development Control Plan.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Development Control Plan reviewed and updated.
A.8.2	Encourage community participation in planning.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Opportunities for engagement are taken up where possible. Promotion of the need to incorporate social connection and public safety in design undertaken. Community Participation Plan reviewed as required.
A.8.3	Maintain public art.	Art Gallery Director	Funds allocated and work undertaken to maintain and repair public art to ensure public spaces remain attractive social spaces.

**Strategy A9: Support local initiatives that welcome new residents.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.9.1 Continue to implement Goulburn Australia marketing activities targeting new residents, new industry, and investment.	Coordinator Marketing & Events	Campaign implementation activities delivered. Data collected and reported to Council.

**Strategy A10: Encourage community pride through the beautification and maintenance of our villages and towns.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.10.1 Grants sought where opportunities arise for civic beautification.	Senior Grants Officer	Successful grant applications and delivery of projects.
A.10.2 Review of villages and towns maintenance programs to ensure appropriate budget and staffing for maintenance.	Director Operations	Review completed. Community feedback received.
A.10.3 Development of Village Plans to identify priority projects for grant opportunities.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Completion of additional plans.

***“Our communities have access to affordable and safe accommodation and housing”*****Strategy A11: Advocate for funding to increase access to safe and suitable shelter and services that support people at risk or in need.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
A.11.1 Advocacy opportunities taken up when identified with relevant Government Agencies or non-government organisations (NGOs) sought.	Chief Executive Officer	Advocacy Advisory Committee established and the development of a rolling Advocacy Plan for issues effecting the region.

## B. Our Economy

*“To have a strong, growing economy that is resilient and provides for a diverse range of employment opportunities”*

### Strategic Objectives:

**“Our location attracts business and industry, boosting our local economy and jobs”**

**Strategy B1: Develop partnerships with the ACT Government and private industry growth and development.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
B.1.1 Work collaboratively and regionally with Destination Southern NSW and the Southern Tablelands Councils	Coordinator Marketing & Events	Implementation of Tablelands and Goulburn Mulwaree Destination Action Plans.
B.1.2 Work collaboratively with the Canberra Region Joint Organisation	Chief Executive Officer	Implementation of Canberra Region Economic Development Strategy

**Strategy B2: Promote the region as an ideal location for emerging industries and start-ups.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
B.2.1 Focused marketing activities to promote Goulburn Mulwaree area as a desirable destination to live, work and invest.	Coordinator Marketing & Events Economic Development Manager	Campaign activities undertaken. Number of new businesses attracted – reported to Council.

## **“The local and regional tourism offering is expanded, increasing visitation to the region”**

**Strategy B3: Market the region as a tourist destination, highlighting the regions unique rural character, natural environment, heritage and culture.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
B.3.1 Focussed marketing activity to promote Goulburn Mulwaree area as a desirable destination to visit, live, work and invest.	Coordinator Marketing & Events	Relevant tourism data collected and reported to Council.
B.3.2 Development and delivery of new and maintenance of existing cultural and creative assets, including built heritage assets.	Business Manager Marketing, Events & Culture	Appropriate funding and support provided for cultural and creative assets or ongoing service delivery, including conservation and development.

**Strategy B4: Identify opportunities to bid for regional, state and national events that deliver economic outcomes for the community.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
B.4.1 Increase of sports tourism events delivered for the community.	Coordinator Marketing & Events	New sports tourism events secured.
B.4.2 Seek opportunities for hosting of conferences and other business based events.	Coordinator Marketing & Events	Conferences and business events secured.
B.4.3 Attract new cultural events.	Coordinator Marketing & Events	Cultural events secured.



## “Our local established and emerging businesses are supported to thrive”

**Strategy B5: Support small and home-based business to develop through streamlined processes and business support.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
B.5.1 Continue to promote Shop 2580 marketing and gift cards.	Economic Development Manager	Number of participating businesses in Shop 2580 Gift Card program and total sales reported to Council.
B.5.2 Host events focused on small and homebased businesses in Small Business Month.	Economic Development Manager	Business events in Small Business Month hosted.

**Strategy B6: Support village development and opportunities for business and growth.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
B.6.1 Village Strategies prepared to identify opportunities for growth and capital improvements.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Adoption of Village Strategies.

**Strategy B7: Forster a diverse, adaptive and innovative agricultural industry.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
B.7.1 Review as required planning controls to protect rural land and provide flexibility to foster diverse, adaptive, and innovative agricultural industries.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Planning Controls updated where required.
B.7.2 Delivery of rural roads programs. Apply for grant funding for road related projects.	Business Manager Works Senior Grants Officers	Completion of programs. Successful grants for rural roads.

**Strategy B8: Enhance economic resilience to adapt and respond to shocks like COVID-19 and natural disasters.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
B.8.1	Continued engagement with Goulburn and Marulan Chambers of Commerce.	Economic Development Manager	Council representation at meetings.
B.8.2	SRBEC Workshops promoted and delivered.	Economic Development Manager	Workshops promoted and delivered

## C. Our Environment

*“To appreciate our range of rural landscapes and habitats and are stewards of the natural environment for future generations”*

### Strategic Objectives:

**“Our natural environment is maintained, protected and enhanced in line with community expectations”**

**Strategy C1: Protect and enhance the existing natural environment, including flora and fauna native to the region.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.1.1	Development controls and policies reviewed in relation to biodiversity.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Policies reviewed.
C.1.2	Ensure compliance action is taken where necessary to protect the environment and biodiversity	Business Manager Environment & Health	Action all complaints regarding illegal clearing and pollution incidents.
C.1.3	Undertake review of active projects and cross organisational participation in enhancement and conservation projects.	Environment & Biodiversity Officer	Review completed.

**Strategy C2: Implement effect integrated weed and pest animal management.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.2.1 Undertake routine Biosecurity Weed Inspection program.	Business Manager Environment & Health	Biosecurity Weed Inspection Program on target to meet objectives of Grant funding agreement with Local Land Services.

**Strategy C3: Protect and rehabilitate waterways and catchments.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.3.1 Undertake On-site Sewage Management System Inspection Program.	Business Manager Environment & Health	Inspection program on target to be completed as per schedule.
C.3.2 Completion of annual programs and actively seek Grant funding opportunities related to the rehabilitation of waterways and catchments throughout the LGA.	Business Manager Community Facilities	Monthly status reports provided to Council in relation to Capital Works and Maintenance programs
C.3.3 Undertake willow removal, noxious weed removal and revegetation along riverways by seeking grant funding opportunities.	Business Manager Community Facilities	Grant funding obtained. Funded programs completed.

## “Adopt environmental sustainability practices”

### Strategy C4: Investigate and implement approaches to reduce our carbon footprint.

How the Strategies could be Achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.4.1 Continued education to encourage further recycling, re-use and composting rates.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Total quantity of waste diversion, recycling and composting rates reported in annual EPA return.
C.4.2 Sustainability measures considered for any new Council infrastructure.	Director Utilities and Director Operations	All new Council infrastructure projects scoped to include sustainability measures.
C.4.3 Continue to monitor Council’s greenhouse emissions.	Director Utilities	Review emissions and reported to executive annually.
C.4.4 Review and consider recommendations made by Council’s Sustainability Working Party.	Director Utilities	Recommendations reviewed.

### Strategy C5: Council to investigate and adopt environmentally sustainable practices across the organisation

How the Strategies could be Achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.5.1 Re-establish staff Sustainability Working Party.	Director Utilities	Working Party established.
C.5.2 Commence implementation of short-term recommendations of Working Party.	Director Utilities	Recommendation implementation commenced.

**Strategy C6: Work with community, businesses, government and community support services to mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change and adopt environmentally sustainable practices.**

How the Strategies could be Achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.6.1 Facilitation of community and business participation in environmental sustainability programs, including BinTrim and Food Waste Donation programs.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Programs undertaken.

**“Our community is resilient to climate impacts”**

**Strategy C7: Improve tree cover in urban areas with low canopy to reduce impacts of heat sinks.**

How the Strategies could be Achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.7.1 Undertake tree planting program in line with street tree program and Biodiversity Offset Policy.	Business Manager Community Facilities	Review progress via number of plantings, street tree audit or review of aerial mapping over time.
C.7.2 Undertake programmed tree inspections within the urban street scape	Business Manager Community Facilities	Tree numbers are increased within road reserves within urban areas.

**Strategy C8: Improve community understanding of ways to care for yourself and others during extreme weather events and natural disasters.**

How the Strategies could be Achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.8.1 Communication of public health notifications through social media	Communications Officer	Information provided through both website and social media to the community as required.
C.8.2 Use of website and social media to communicate during natural disasters	Communications Officer	Information provided through both website and social media to the community as required.

**Strategy C9: Plan for and maintain climate resilient community facilities that cater to community needs in changing conditions.**

How the Strategies could be Achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.9.1 Plan for essential infrastructure that is useable in various climatic conditions.	Director Operations Director Planning & Environment	Community focussed facilities where residents can access services in most weather conditions.

**Strategy C10: Plan, respond and recover from natural disasters.**

How the Strategies could be Achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.10.1 Development and maintenance of risk management plans in relation to flooding, bushfire etc in relation to land use planning.	Director Operations Director Planning & Environment	Development of relevant Risk Management Plans commenced.
C.10.2 Construction of new Emergency Operations Centre at Hetherington Street, Goulburn	Business Manager Projects	Construction completed.

## “Our rural character and natural landscapes are protected and maintained”

**Strategy C11: Maintain a balance between growth, development, environmental protection and agriculture through sensible planning.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.11.1 Prepare individual Village Strategies to identify opportunities for growth and capital improvements.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Adoption of Tarago Village Strategy.

**Strategy C12: Economic growth and development will consider the rural character, local environmental and historical features and community aspirations.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.12.1 Undertake review of Council’s Employment Lands Strategy	Business Manager Economic Development	Review completed.

**Strategy C13: Implement planning and development policies and plans that protect our build cultural and natural heritage.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.13.1 Review LEP and DCP to ensure sufficient incentives are available to encourage the adaptive reuse of heritage items.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Review completed.



**Strategy C14: Consider community feedback, local character and identity, economic factors and social impact in planning decisions.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.14.1 Review Community Participation Plan.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Review completed.

**Strategy C15: Encourage positive social and environmental contributions from developers.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
C.15.1 Utilise opportunities in Planning Agreements to provide community infrastructure for the public benefit.	Business Manager Strategic Planning Business Manager Planning & Development	As required.
C.15.2 Review Local Infrastructure Contributions Plan and Developer Servicing Plan.	Business Manager Strategic Planning Business Manager Infrastructure & Operations	Reviews completed.

## D. Our Infrastructure

*“Our infrastructure complements our natural surroundings and character while enhancing the lives of our community”*

### Strategic Objectives:

**“Safe and quality transport options are available for all residents to access major centres and services”**

**Strategy D1: We advocate for and support better public and community transport options to enhance access to services for all residents.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.1.1 Actively seek Grant funding opportunities related to public and community transport improvements throughout the LGA	Business Manager Works Business Manager Design & Asset Management	Monthly status reporting of Capital Works and Maintenance programs.
D.1.2 Completion of Grants and Council projects related to public and community transport improvements	Business Manager Works Business Manager Design & Asset Management	Grant funded projects completed in accordance to funding agreements.

**Strategy D2: Plan for, maintain and improve road networks.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.2.1 Allocate budget to facilitate annual Capital Works and Maintenance Programs	Director Operations Business Manager Design & Asset Management	Annual works program with budget estimates against individual projects.
D.2.2 Develop 5 year and 10 years forward works plan	Business Manager Design & Asset Management	A program of works listing individual projects with assigned priorities.

**Strategy D3: Advocate for funding to improve road safety, conditions and connectivity.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.3.1 Actively seek Grant funding opportunities related to road safety and connectivity improvements throughout the LGA	Business Manager Design & Asset Management	Monthly status reporting of Capital Works and Maintenance programs.
D.3.2 Undertake annual programs related to road safety improvements	Business Manager Design & Asset Management	Annual program completed in accordance with grant funding requirements.

**Strategy D4: Support infrastructure that enables active and passive transport.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.4.1 Construction and maintenance of active and passive transport routes.	Business Manager Works	Completion of construction and maintenance programs.
D.4.2 Actively seek Grant funding opportunities related to active and passive transport improvements throughout the LGA	Business Manager Design & Asset Management	Submission of grant applications for public transport improvements.

## “We are proud of our liveable and accessible local places and spaces”

### Strategy D5: Upgrade community facilities to improve service provision and accessibility.

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.5.1	Resurface Netball Courts and upgrade lighting at Carr Confoy Sporting Fields.	Business Manager Projects	Project completed.
D.5.2	Construction of Stage 2 of the Japanese Garden.	Business Manager Community Facilities	Project completed.
D.5.3	Undertake annual Royal Life Saving Australia Audit.	Business Manager Community Facilities	Audit completed.
D.5.4	Obtain grant funding for boat ramp at Copford Reach (NEW)	Business Manager Community Facilities	Obtain grant funding Complete project
D.5.5	Construct Hockey amenities block (NEW)	Business Manager Projects	Complete project
D.5.6	Construction of shared pathway in South Goulburn (NEW)	Business Manager Projects	Complete project
D.5.7	Construction of new sports pavilion at Carr Confoy Sporting Fields (NEW)	Business Manager Projects	Finalise Design Commence construction
D.5.8	Lighting upgrades at Marulan Soccer Fields (NEW)	Business Manager Projects	Complete project
D.5.9	Construction of walking track in Eastgrove (NEW)	Business Manager Projects	Complete project
D.5.10	Construction of Bladwell Park play space, including half-court basketball, cricket net and playground (NEW)	Business Manager Community Facilities	Complete project

**Strategy D6: Green spaces are planned for and preserved to balance development and liveability.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.6.1 Review and adoption of Hudson Oval Plan of Management	Business Manager Property and Community Services	Formal adoption of both Cookbundoon and Hudson Oval Plan of Management.
D.6.2 Review and adoption of Cookbundoon Plan of Management		
D.6.3 Installation of new identification signage for graves.	Business Manager Community Facilities	Installation completed.
D.6.4 Installation of additional lawn beams for internments.	Business Manager Community Facilities	Installation completed.
D.6.5 Review and adoption of Belmore Park Plan of Management (NEW)	Business Manager Property and Community Services Business Manager Community Facilities	Formal adoption of Belmore Park Plan of Management

**Strategy D7: Streetscapes and parking are accessible, well designed and maintained.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.7.1 Completion of annual programs related to street scapes and accessible parking improvements	Director Operations Business Manager Design & Asset Management	Monthly status reporting of Capital Works and Maintenance programs.

**Strategy D8: Protection and preservation of historic and heritage buildings.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.8.1	Continuation of Heritage Advisory Program.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Service provided.
D.8.2	Administer local Heritage Grant Scheme.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Grants distributed.
D.8.3	Action all complaints regarding illegal works or non-compliance with heritage requirements.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Complaints actioned.

**“Our existing community infrastructure is maintained and we plan for and support the development of infrastructure that meets community need”**

**Strategy D9: Advocate to the NSW and Federal Government to provide adequate health and medical facilities in the region.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.9.1	Advocacy opportunities taken up when identified with NSW and Federal Government to provide adequate health and medical facilities in the region.	Chief Executive Officer	Advocacy Advisory Committee established and the development of a rolling Advocacy Plan for issues affecting the region.

**Strategy D10: Support the development of community health and recreation services and infrastructure that is accessible to those experience transport barriers.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.10.1 Actively seek grant funding opportunities related to development of recreation services and infrastructure that is accessible to those experiencing transport barriers.	Director Operations	Grant funding identified and application made.
D.10.2 Advocacy opportunities taken up when identified with relevant government agencies to support the development of State provided community health and recreation services and infrastructure that is accessible to those experiencing transport barriers through formal and in-formal platforms and delivery methods.	Chief Executive Officer	Advocacy Advisory Committee established and the development of a rolling Advocacy Plan for issues effecting the region.

**Strategy D11: Ensure adequate and appropriate land is zoned for business and industrial purposes.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.11.1 Review Employment Lands Strategy.	Business Manager Strategic Planning	Review commenced.

**Strategy D12: New and existing infrastructure is designed and maintained with consideration of climate change impacts.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.12.1 Completion of an upgrade to Goulburn Waste Management Centre	Director Utilities Business Manager Infrastructure	Project completed.

**“Water, waste and sewerage services meet the needs of our community”****Strategy D13: Ensure high quality water supply options for the towns in the region.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.13.1 Completion of annual operations and maintenance programs.	Business Manager Infrastructure Business Manager Water Operations	Completion of programs.
D.13.2 Completion of annual capital works programs.	Business Manager Infrastructure Business Manager Water Operations	Completion of programs.
D.13.3 Complete concept design and procurement of contractor for design and construction of the upgrade of the Marulan water filtration plant.	Business Manager Water Operations	Completion of Concept Design Complete procurement of design and construction contract, and engaged suitable entity to complete the works
D.13.4 Complete design of the Goulburn Water Treatment Plant solids handling facilities.	Business Manager Water Operations	Completion of detailed design



**Strategy D14: Provide safe and efficient sewer collection services across the region.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.14.1 Completion of annual operations and maintenance programs.	Business Manager Infrastructure Business Manager Water Operations	Completion of programs.
D.14.2 Completion of annual capital works programs including the ongoing sewer rehabilitation program.	Business Manager Infrastructure Business Manager Water Operations	Completion of programs.
D.14.3 Construction of the Goulburn Reuse Scheme.	Business Manager Infrastructure Business Manager Water Operations	Construction completed.
D.14.4 Completion of Marulan Wastewater Treatment Plant detailed design and design and construction procurement commenced.	Business Manager Water Operations Business Manager Infrastructure	Detailed design completed and construction procurement commenced.

**Strategy D15: Investigate safe and secure water supply and sewer collection options to accommodate regional growth and drought proof our communities.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.15.1 Review and update the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan as per DPE guidelines.	Business Manager Water Operations Director Utilities	Integrated Water Cycle Management plan updated and adopted by Council
D.15.2 Review the Water and Sewer Strategic Business Plan as per the DPE Guidelines.	Business Manager Water Operations Director Utilities	Strategic Business Plan updated and adopted by Council

**Strategy D16: Provide waste collection services that encourage the source separation of organic waste and recycling.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.16.1 Continue to provide the current waste collection services that encourage source separation and consider options for improvement.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Completion of collection program.
D.16.2 Investigate increasing the collection frequency for Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) and domestic collections and decreasing the collection frequency of red (landfill) bins in such a way that community needs are still met.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Completion of investigation and development of recommendations.
D.16.3 Increase in the recycling and FOGO collection rates from Council's waste collection services.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Measurement of recycling and FOGO rates.
D.16.4 Review Domestic Waste service options to enable a broader choice of service options priced relative to the cost of service provision	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Completion of investigation and development of recommendations.
D.16.5 Investigate the provision of FOGO services to businesses and commercial properties.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Completion of investigation.
D.16.6 Continue to promote local businesses and community organisations (e.g. Endeavour Industries) that provide commercial recycling services.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Promotions completed.

**Strategy D17: Provide waste centres that prioritise and encourage recycling and reuse.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.17.1 Construction and the commencement of operations of the ReUse Goulburn Centre (RUG) that will provide a community recycling centre, reuse hub as well as continued source separation of waste.	Director Utilities Business Manager Infrastructure Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Construction completed and operations commenced.
D.17.2 Advocate circular economy principles across the community and commercial sector.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Continued advocacy.
D.17.3 Waste facilities that enable the separation of reusable materials, recyclables and organic waste for composting.	Business Manager Waste and Recycling	Measurement of recycling and composting rates from self-haul waste streams taken to Council's waste facilities.

**“Improvements secured to future-proof telecommunications infrastructure”****Strategy D18: Advocate for servicing of telecommunications blackspot areas.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.18.1 Opportunities for consultation and/or submissions to relevant Government Agencies or non-government organisations (NGOs) in relation to telecommunications blackspots are taken up.	Chief Executive Officer	Advocacy Advisory Committee established and the development of a rolling Advocacy Plan for issues effecting the region.

**Strategy D19: Advocate for a more stable telephone and high speed internet communications network.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
D.19.1 Opportunities for consultation and/or submissions to relevant Government Agencies or non-government organisations (NGOs) in relation to a more stable telephone and high speed internet communications network are taken up.	Chief Executive Officer	Advocacy Advisory Committee established and the development of a rolling Advocacy Plan for issues effecting the region.
D.19.2 Advocate to NBN Co for upgrade of telecommunications infrastructure in towns and villages	Chief Executive Officer	Advocacy Advisory Committee established and the development of a rolling Advocacy Plan for issues effecting the region.

## E. Our Civic Leadership

*“Our leaders operate ethically with good governance and empower residents to participate in community development”*

### Strategic Objectives:

**“Council is effective, financially sustainable and responsible”**

**Strategy E.1: Council practices and processes are undertaken in a safe manner that meets legislative requirements.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.1.1 Annual review of Council’s risk registers.	Business Manager Governance	Annual reviews are completed.
E.1.2 Annual review of legislative compliance database.	Business Manager Governance	Annual review completed.

**Strategy E.2: Manage resources in a responsible manner that supports the ongoing viability of Council.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.2.1 Report on Council's Financial position and performance.	Business Manager Finance & Customer Service	Monthly Council Reports and unqualified audit.
E.2.2 Procurement activities undertaken in accordance with Council procedures and legislative requirements.	Business Manager Finance & Customer Service	Demonstrated compliance to Council’s procurement policies and procedures.
E.2.3 Projects undertaken with a strong focus on project management to ensure all projects are completed within allocated budget and agreed timeframe.	Business Managers with project delivery responsibility	Projects completed within time, budget and scope. All WHS requirements met.

E.2.4	Review Council's procurement practices, including review of policy and procedures.	Executive Team	Review undertaken.
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### Strategy E.3: Governance provides a sound basis for decision making.

	How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.3.1	Facilitate the review of Council policies and procedures.	Business Manager Governance	Policies and procedures reviewed every two years.
E.3.2	Internal audit function implemented.	Chief Executive Officer	Internal audit plan confirmed and audits undertaken.
E.3.3	Continued operation of Joint audit, risk and improvement committee.	Chief Executive Officer	Meetings held as per schedule.
E.3.4	Facilitation of a program of Governance related training of Councillors and relevant staff.	Business Manager Governance	Training provided on a minimum of 2 topics per year (face to face or on-line).

### Strategy E.4: Make doing business with Council easier.

	How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.4.1	Provide quality customer service from the Customer Service Business Unit.	Business Manager Finance & Customer Service	Customer Service satisfaction survey responses >85% good/ excellent.
E.4.2	Develop, maintain and improve Council's Corporate Software/Network systems.	Business Manager Innovation & Technology	Maintain system availability > 95%
E.4.3	Implementation of TechOne Finance System Upgrade	Business Manager Innovation & Technology	Modules implement in accordance with required processes and timeframes.

E.4.4	Support Council's information and communication technology.	Business Manager Innovation & Technology	Percentage of support requests resolved on time > 80%
E.4.5	Implement cyber security provisions to ensure security of Council held data and information.	Business Manager Innovation & Technology	No security breaches.

**Strategy E.5: Council actively participates in regional bodies such as the Canberra Region on Joint Councils to identify opportunities for our region.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.5.1	Actively participate in the CRJO and working groups.	Chief Executive Officer	Continued participation.

**Strategy E.6: Manage assets in a proactive way across their lifespan.**

How the Strategies could be achieved		Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.6.1	Review and update strategic asset management plans and provide recommendations for the following period.	Business Manager Design & Asset Management.	Completion of the review process.
E.6.2	Carry out Road condition survey for all sealed and unsealed roads.	Business Manager Design & Asset Management.	Complete 100% condition survey of the road network.
E.6.3	Implement Technology One as the single source of truth for all asset data.	Business Manager Design & Asset Management.	Complete configuring asset register in Technology One.
E.6.4	Develop and adopt Transportation Asset Management Plan.	Business Manager Design & Asset Management.	Adoption of the Transportation Asset Management Plan by Council.

E.6.5	Establish an Asset Management Working group.	Director Operations	Asset Management working group established
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### **“Our community is informed and engaged in decision making”**

**Strategy E.7: Maintain an up to date Community Participation Plan with use of relevant media to encourage community collaboration and engagement.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.7.1 Maintain an up to date Community Participation Plan with use of relevant media to encourage community collaboration and engagement.	Business Manager Strategic Planning Communications Officer	Ongoing, review as required.

**Strategy E.8: Our community is empowered to access engagement opportunities and provide input into the future direction of the region.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.8.1 Council ensures engagement methods are open and inclusive.	Communications Officer	The community is engaged on key strategic documents
E.8.2 Council uses traditional media alongside social media and face to face engagement.	Communications Officer	Budget allocated for print and radio advertising to promote engagement activities



**Strategy E.9: Residents have access to timely, relevant and accurate information about issues that affect them.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.9.1 Maintain up to date information on Council's website.	Communications Officer	Information provided is relevant and up to date.
E.9.2 Provide timely media releases and briefings to traditional media	Communications Officer	Media releases provided for all relevant projects and events

**Strategy E.10: We engage 'hard to reach' parts of our community in decisions that affect them and our region.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.10.1 Undertake community outreach meetings on a yearly basis.	Chief Executive Officer	Community outreach meetings are held.
E.10.2 Implement innovative engagement tools to reach our youth.	Chief Executive Officer	Youth engagement increased.

**Strategy E.11: Residents from across the community are encouraged and supported to become involved in regional decision making forums.**

How the Strategies could be achieved	Responsible Officer	Measures & Targets
E.11.1 Publicise regional decision making forums to community where available.	Chief Executive Officer	Participation in forums.