

# Wollondilly Community Strategic Plan 2030

SUMMARY



rural living

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## The Purpose of the Plan

This Community Strategic Plan 2030 has been prepared to assist Wollondilly Shire to realise its vision of “Rural Living”. The Community Strategic Plan can only be delivered by a partnership between Council, the Federal and State Governments, Private Enterprise and the Community. The plan identifies five major theme areas: Community, Economy, Environment, Infrastructure and Governance and for each of these areas it:

- details community needs and aspirations;
- current and future challenges and choices;
- outlines a scope for strategic action; and
- provides a focus that will enable more detailed plans and activities in the Wollondilly Shire.

Broadly the plan sets out the goals, outcomes and strategies for five major theme areas: Community, Economy, Environment, Infrastructure and Governance for the next 20 years. The key directions, financial summary and performance indicators of these themes are then further detailed in the Council Management Plan every four years.

### The Key Directions, Outcomes and Strategies necessary to realise a Vision of Rural Living

#### *Key Direction*

## Looking after the Community

### *Outcomes*

- The safety, health and well being of the Wollondilly Community is improved;
- Services and facilities are more accessible and more fairly distributed; and
- Wollondilly community is more engaged, more caring and more inclusive.

### What needs to be done to achieve this?

### *Strategies*

- Participate in processes that build community capacity to identify, value, celebrate and respond to diversity and difference;
- Foster a strong, proud, engaged community, that demonstrates its commitment to fairness, equity and heritage by providing opportunities for constructive social involvement and cultural expression for all residents;
- Foster healthy and appropriate activities and services, that address all stages of life;
- Establish and maintain community connections and partnerships, that meet the safety, social, health, leisure and cultural needs of the Wollondilly Shire;
- Nurture a range of services and facilities, which add to the attractiveness of living an active healthy life within a Shire with a rural character; and
- Offer access to a range of human services and facilities, which help diminish any disadvantages experienced by residents of a Shire with a rural character.

#### *Key Direction*

## Building a strong local Economy

### *Outcomes*

- An economic base which is broader, more competitive, more flexible and more resistant to cyclical economic swings,
- Employment-generating industries, that are both more effective in strengthening Wollondilly's economy and more environmentally friendly; and
- Sufficient skills training and enterprise support to stimulate Wollondilly's economy development and meet the employment needs of residents.



## What needs to be done to achieve this?

### Strategies

- Strengthen and stabilise Wollondilly's employment base, economic life and communities by supporting environmentally-friendly agriculture, leisure and tourism enterprises and other Shire based enterprises and industries;
- Promote opportunities for residents to acquire and develop work-relevant skills through volunteer work, participation in community activities and other non-formal and formalised education programs;
- Create awareness and partnerships to empower the community, enhance lifestyles and achieve economic growth;
- Support and facilitate the building of the Wollondilly Shire's capacity to foster a sustainable and diversified economy;
- Engage businesses and the community in planning and managing infrastructure and services to facilitate economic growth; and
- Position and promote the Wollondilly Shire as a well-recognised place for sustainable rural living.

### Key Direction

## Looking after the Environment

### Outcomes

- The Wollondilly Shire's natural environment is protected and conserved;
- The impact of existing and new development on the environment is reduced; and
- The Wollondilly community lives and works more sustainably.

## What needs to be done to achieve this?

### Strategies

- Develop and sustain a carbon-neutral Shire with a small ecological footprint;
- Develop high standards of sustainable water management and water conservation;
- Protect and preserve a diverse range of native flora and fauna, sensitive natural environments and valued rural landscapes, while allowing appropriate public engagement with those environmental resources;
- Ensure integration of all plans and strategies relevant to the natural and built environment;
- Cultivate a range of facilities, programs and enterprises and partnerships, which enable Wollondilly residents and visitors to engage with, learn about, care for and sustain both the natural environment and the rural landscape; and
- Maintain a range of functional, highly sustainable, attractive built environments in sympathy with the nearby natural and built environment and the Shire's rural character and heritage values.

### Key Direction

## Management and provision of Infrastructure

### Outcomes

- The growing vibrancy and liveability of the Wollondilly Shire's towns and villages enhances their strong sense of local identity and place; and
- Well-managed infrastructure supports sustainable living, safe affordable, environmentally-friendly transport choices promote healthy lifestyles and transport corridors are safe and beautiful places.





## What needs to be done to achieve this?

### Strategies

- Ensure land use plans make sufficient land stock available for various required uses, giving consideration to safety, affordability, environmental amenity and sustainability;
- Link the Shire's towns and villages by infrastructure, which supports economic environmental and Community needs;
- Develop and sustain a transport network relevant to users' needs, which promotes public transport, less fuel-thirsty transport and alternatives to road freight;
- Provide energy, communications, water, waste management and resource recovery services, which are reliable, resilient, safe, efficient, and have small ecological footprints;
- Facilitate the distinctiveness, health and strengths of individual villages; and
- Support opportunities and networks which promote a connected Shire-wide Community.

### Key Direction

## Accountable and Transparent Governance

### Outcomes

- Stronger partnerships between all levels of government and the Wollondilly Community facilitate the delivery of effective and accountable services;
- Wollondilly's identity and leadership is enhanced by maintaining strong and transparent local and regional networks through forging strong regional identities; and
- Available resources are used wisely, distributed fairly and the community is aware of progress towards achieving outcomes.

## What needs to be done to achieve this?

### Strategies

- Use this plan to provide a firm base for detailed integrated plans for Wollondilly's future and the operations of council;
- Build stronger partnerships between the community, private businesses, organised labour and all levels of government to achieve the best outcomes for Wollondilly as a whole;
- Enhance regional co-ordination between local governments and between other local organisations;
- Adopt a range of innovative approaches to managing effectively and efficiently managing the risks facing Wollondilly and the resources available to the Shire in ways that minimise the burden of council regulation, enforcement and asset maintenance;
- Arrange for facilities and services to be provided by the organisations able to most appropriately deliver equity of community access; and
- Foster ongoing community engagement through participatory democracy and cultural actions that can influence the direction of the Community.

## The Next Step

In the future, Wollondilly's strength will depend upon developing a diverse social, economic and environmental foundation that aligns with retaining a shared vision of 'rural living'. To do this ownership of the plan needs to be taken by not only Council but also the Community. With commitment from all the people of Wollondilly, this vision will be achieved.