ADOPTED ADVISORY COMMITTEES STRUCTURE 2020-2021

On the 6th May and then on the 13th May, Council ran two phases of e-workshops to engage with our community on proposed Advisory Committees for adoption in FY2020-21. The workshops, despite having limited attendance on the audio-visual digital platforms (Facebook and Zoom), were the only effective open community engagement technique available to Council. The feedback, however, was thoughtful and instructive/guiding and enabled Council to further refine and focus the Draft Advisory Committee Structure.

Following on from a four week period of exhibition – during which a shire-wide survey seeking feedback on Advisory Committees was conducted – the draft Advisory Committees Structure was adopted on the 30th June at an Extraordinary Meeting of Council.

These seven adopted Advisory Committees are explained in the below table. The five existing Advisory Committees (including the Youth Council) are notified under "Former Committee" and have been rescoped/reshaped under the respective "New Advisory Committee". By this, it's intended to preserve the current areas-of-interest where existing committee members are actively achieving.

A new element to the Advisory Committees structure is the "Executive of Chairs". In this committee, the elected Chairs of the Advisory Committees meet with the General Manager, the Executive and the Administrator on a quarterly basis to ensure a fostered Council-Committee relationship, addressing challenges and opportunities across and within Advisory Committees.

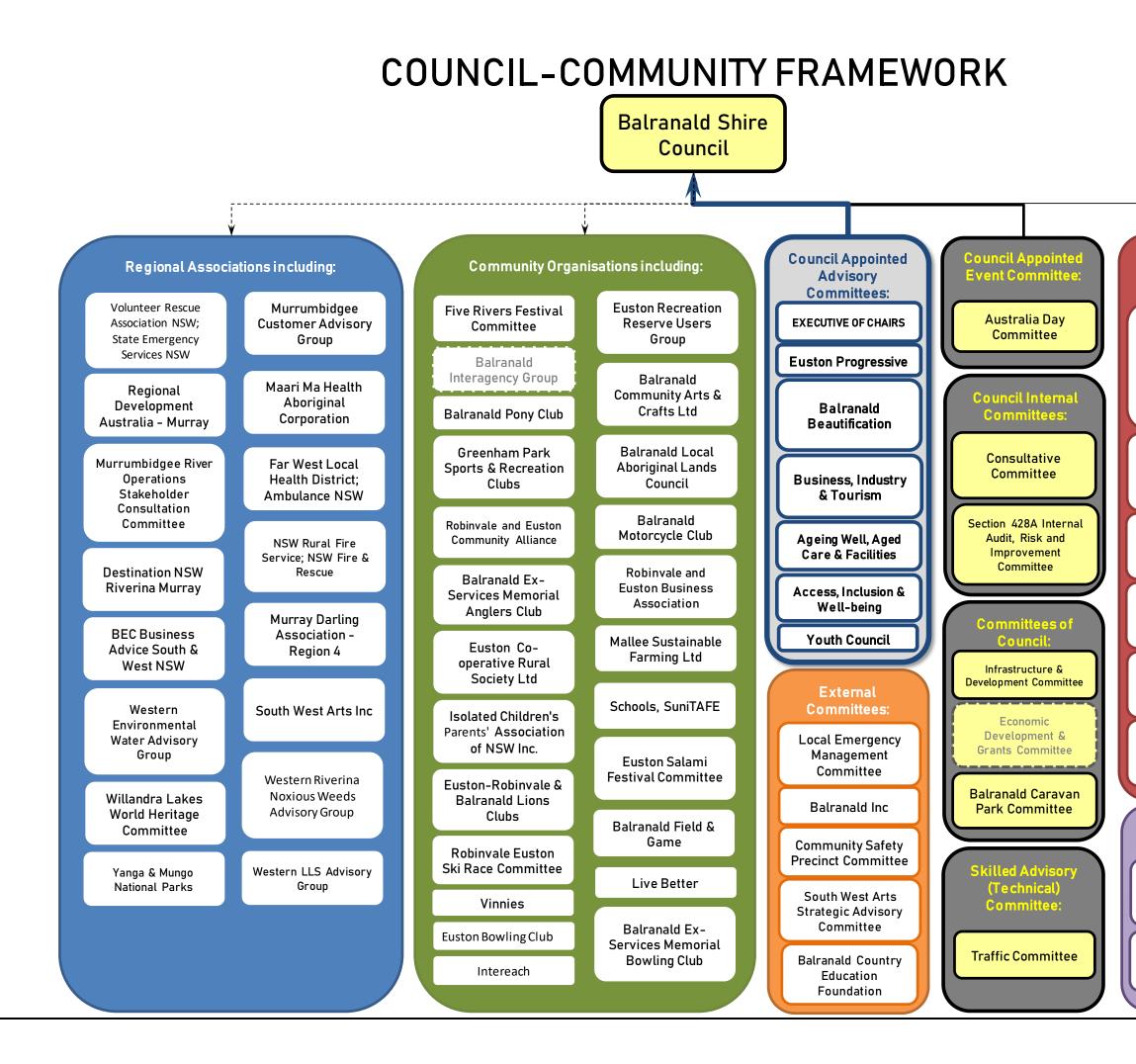
These Advisory Committees are also located in the Community-Council framework to show how they complement or overlap with existing community organisations/clubs and regional/state associations.

New Advisory Committee	Strategic Focus	Key Communities- of-interest	Membership Range; Council Representative	Former Committee
Youth Council	 Strengthen the capacity of our young people to participate and thrive in all facets of community life. Leadership development for our youth Provide a welcoming and inclusive platform for young people to provide ideas and voice concerns to Council Assist Council with decisions regarding infrastructure, service and program growth and advocacy within mandate. Identify training, education and enterprise skill development needs and connect with / advocate for relevant opportunities Promote Youth Mental Health awareness and create and support opportunities for the diversity of Shire youth to come together Youth Week event organisation. Develop a Term and annual (or biennial) Action Plan to guide Advisory Committee priorities and actions 	12-25 years of age only; Local high school- aged and young adults	~6-12; Council Officer (coordination)	None

Growing			Small Business,	~6-12; 1 x	Tourism
Growing Business, Industry & Tourism	equitable developm identifying employm	Represent the Shire community to encourage equitable access to the benefits of economic development and industry growth (includes identifying opportunities for increased local employment and local training needs to ensure improved employment options for residents)	Industry Representatives , Tourism advocates and operators	Executive or Manager	Committee
	•	Promoting and growing our Tourism Asset Portfolio to ensure the preservation and/or development of Natural, Heritage/Cultural and Built assets (sites), historic stories and narratives			
	•	Assist with the establishment of new tourism events and the development of existing tourism events.			
	•	Assist Council with investment attraction and tourism promotion			
	•	Organise Business after dark events (as per Business Chamber and BEC topics/initiatives)			
	•	Support infrastructure and event grant funding prioritisation and applications			
	•	Actively seek and develop small business – industry synergy/partnerships			
	•	Establish and nurture volunteerism of members (committee and community) to resource on-the- ground activity for tourism development			
	•	Actively support and collaborate with the Euston Progressive Committee for business and tourism promotion and development.			
	•	Develop terms of reference and annual (or biennial) action plan to focus Advisory Committee priorities and actions			
Strengthening Community Access,	•	This function is predominantly a primary health network responsibility	Disability community representatives;	~6-10; 1 x Executive or Manager	Balranald Interagency Group
Inclusion & Well-Being	•	Map and monitor provision of health, well-being and connection/inclusion services and programs	Health/Well- being businesses		
	•	Plan and advocate regarding closing service gaps and improving public access and amenity for all	people; Diversity of community members		
	Support and promote community knowledge of, and access to, all available services	including ability, gender, culture and belief.			
	•	Establish a community-services cooperative for handling challenges and opportunities in health, well-being and connection services and programs (both local and visiting)			
	•	Identify and promote inclusion of community diversity and events and programs which			

	celebrate diversity			
	 Develop terms of reference and annual (or biennial) action plan to focus Advisory Committee priorities and actions. 			
Ageing Well, Aged Care and Facilities	 Provide a platform to positively promote and support all community members to age well in the setting of their choice Identify and advocate for remedy of key service gaps to better support ageing well Identify and encourage opportunities which showcase the qualities, assets and skills of our ageing community and provide opportunities for the sharing of these with younger community members Reference group to the Hostel Dementia Ward development Develop a Term and annual (or biennial) Action Plan to guide Advisory Committee priorities and actions 	Senior Community members and support; Carers; Hostel Staff	~8-12; 1 x Executive or Manager	Hostel Committee
Balranald Beautification,	 Represent Shire communities in a coordinated and considered approach to town beautification Collaborate with Business Industry & Tourism on planning larger Culture and Heritage orientated beautification efforts to ensure consistent focus and branding. Develop terms of reference and annual (or biennial) action plan to focus Advisory Committee priorities and actions. 	Local volunteers: gardeners, tradespersons, Indigenous and Colonial Art/Culture representatives	~6-12; 1 x Executive or Manager	Beautificatio n Committee
Sport & Recreation	 Strategic planning, development and coordination of Council's sporting and recreational infrastructure. Represent the breadth of community sporting and recreation bodies equitably to ensure the broadest possible access of all community members to all available opportunities Partner with Council to catalogue and promote sporting and recreation opportunities across our Shire to encourage active participation for health and connection benefits Encourage all sporting and recreation bodies to ensure positive messaging reaches all community members and especially our children and youth (including messages which prevent violence, discourage the use of drugs and alcohol, encourage fair and inclusive participation in sports for all – messaging to reflect State and Federal guidelines) Assist or partner with Council in development of 	Local Clubs and enthusiasts of sport and recreational activities	~10-12; 2 x Executive or Manager	none
	 Assist or partner with Council in development of projects and applications for infrastructure grant 			

	funding or events grant funding.			
Euston Progressive	 Provide the Euston community a platform through which to connect with Council in the absence of elected representatives Advocate for the Euston community identified areas of interest and priority Develop terms of reference and annual (or biennial) action plan to focus Advisory Committee priorities and actions Collaborate regularly with Business, Industry, Tourism (Culture & Heritage) Committee to ensure a whole-of-Shire approach is taken on tourism, beautification and economic development. 	small business, Industry Representatives , Indigenous Art/Culture enthusiasts, volunteers, gardeners	~6-12; 1 x Executive or Manager	Euston Beautificatio n & Tourism Committee
Executive of Chairs	 Opportunity to collaborate on cross-committee interests or challenges Guidance/feedback from GM and Administrator on Committees' charters and achievements. Foster the Committee-Council relationship Share opportunities and challenges 	chairpersons from each of the Advisory Committees	7 chairs (or their delegates); GM, Administrator	none





Far West Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee (NSW Planning & Environment)

Western Murray Regional Economic Development Committee

Central Murray Regional Transport Forum (NSW-Vic)

Western Division of Councils NSW

> Far West Joint Organisation

Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation

State & Federal Members

Federal Member for Farrer

State Member for Murray