

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL



END OF TERM REPORT

Bright future ahead

2021-2024

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

Council acknowledges the Custodians of the lands and waters within our Shire and recognises their continuing responsibilities to care for country and of teaching and learning.

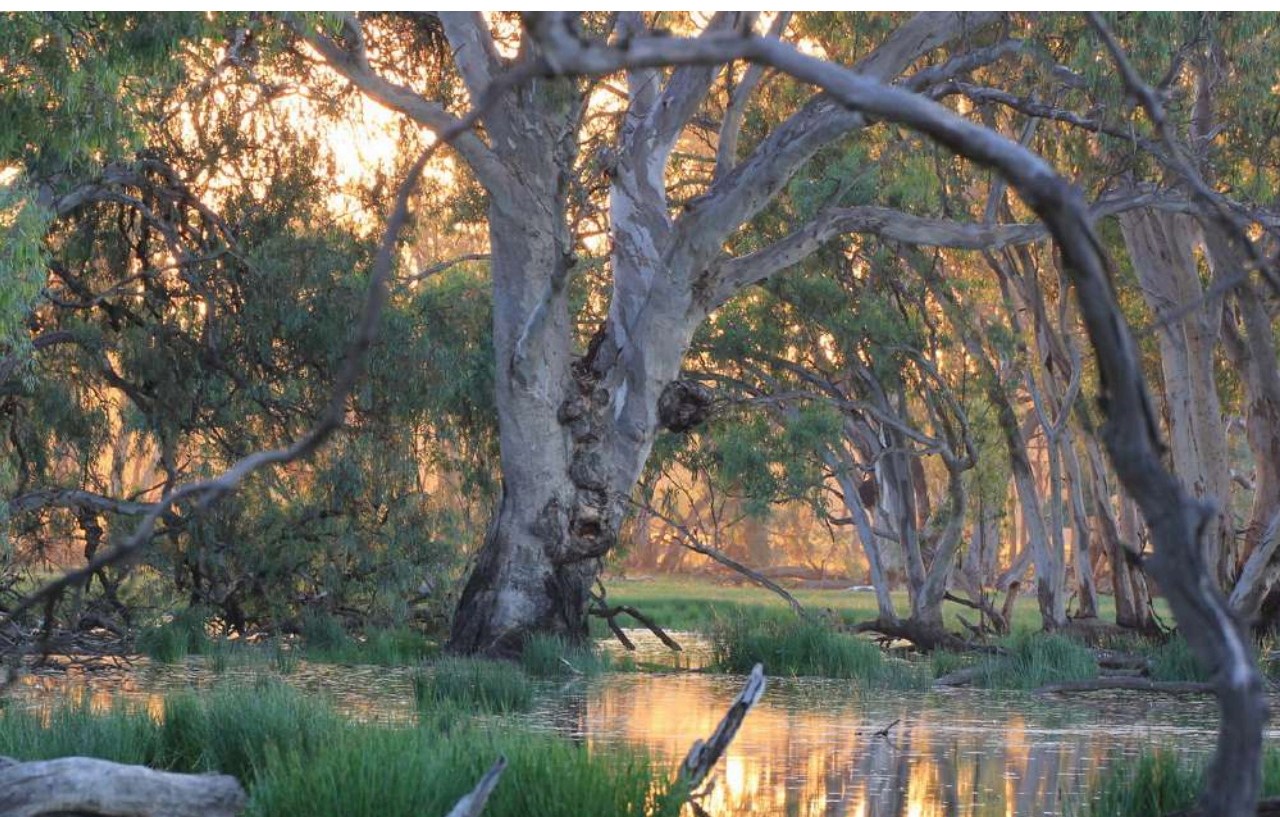
We pay respects to Elders past and present, and extend our respects to all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Isander First Nations Peoples.



*The Walls of China, Mungo National Park
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ABOUT THIS REPORT

The **End of Term Report** provides an update on Balranald Shire Council's progress towards achieving our **Community Strategic Plan - Balranald Shire 2032**, against the **Six Pillars outlined in the Community Strategic Plan** period.

This report is a requirement under the NSW Local Government Act 1993, and forms part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework. **The End of Term Report** is defined by the NSW Premier & Cabinet Division of Local Government as a 'report on council's achievements in implementing the Community Strategic Plan over the previous four years.

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) essentially addressed four key questions for our community:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be in 10 years time?
- How will we get there?
- How will we know when we have arrived?

The **Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework** recognises that communities share similar aspirations, a safe, healthy, and pleasant place to live, a sustainable environment, opportunities for education and employment, and reliable infrastructure. The difference is how each community responds to these needs.

This framework allows Balranald Shire to draw their various plans including state and federal plans together, understand how they interact so that the community can get the maximum benefits from their efforts by planning holistically and sustainably for the future.



ABOUT THE BALRANALD SHIRE ADMINISTRATOR



On Wednesday 29 January 2020, the Governor of New South Wales appointed **Mr Michael Colreavy** as the Administrator of the Balranald Shire Council. Mr Colreavy replaced the elected Mayor and Councillors whose offices were declared vacant by the NSW Governor. Mr Colreavy has been appointed for a term of more than four years, which concluded at the local government elections held in September 2024.

Mr Colreavy's appointment provides independent leadership with priorities to:

- Restore good governance in cooperation with the Balranald Shire Council Executive Team
- Restore good relationships with the community
- Ensure that the community's voice is heard and represented

In the **2023/2024** financial year, under Administration, Council held 12 Ordinary Meetings. Meetings are generally held at the Council Chambers every third Tuesday of the month (except January

Council meetings are open to the public, except in circumstances where matters require confidentiality due to legal or commercial-in-confidence matters. Business papers are made available on Council's website at:

<https://balranald.nsw.gov.au/business/council-documents/council-agenda/>



Mr Mike Colreavy (left) with Australia Day Ambassador Eren Incekara and his partner Kasey Staley

THE INTEGRATED PLANNING & REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The Local Government Act 1993 (the Local Government Act) requires all Councils in NSW to operate within the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. This allows Council to draw their various plans together, understand how they interact and get the maximum leverage from their efforts by planning holistically for the future.

Other State Planning & Strategies; State Plan NSW; Relevant Regional Plans



HOW WE DELIVER ON THE VISION

What you want / Vision



Your Community Strategic Plan (CSP)

Sitting above all other Council plans and policies in the planning hierarchy, the Community Strategic Plan identifies the main priorities and aspirations of the community and provides a clear set of strategies to achieve this vision.

While Council has a custodial role in preparing and maintaining the Community Strategic Plan, other stakeholders, including NSW Government agencies and community groups, may also be engaged in developing and delivering the long-term objectives of the Plan.

How we propose to deliver



Delivery Program

The Delivery Program translates the goals of the community, as contained in the Community Strategic Plan, into actions. The Program sets out the principal activities to be undertaken by Council in implementing the Plan within the resources available under the Resourcing Strategy.

What we propose to do



Operational Plan

Spelling out the details of the Delivery Program, the Operational Plan lists the individual projects and activities that will be undertaken for the year to achieve the commitments made in the Delivery Program.

Enabling delivery of the CSP



Resourcing Strategy

The Resourcing Strategy articulates how Council intends on delivering the Community Strategic Plan. The Strategy consists of three components:

- Long Term Financial Plan
- Workforce Management Plan
- Asset Management Plan



STRATEGIC PLAN

COUNCIL'S VISION STATEMENT

The **Community Vision Statement** highlighted in the Community Strategic Plan 2032 summarises what the community aspires to become, and expresses what we value most about our shire.

"In Balranald Shire we grow and develop our lifestyle, our services, our businesses, our infrastructure, our natural environment and our Council to support a thriving, resilient and engaged community."



HOW WE MEASURE THE PROGRESS

The **Community Strategic Plan** provides a series of Objectives, Strategies and Measures against each of the Six Pillars (Themes). We will be using the status icons below to visually highlight how Council is performing **against each measure** and how Council is progressing towards achieving the community's goals and vision.

Status Icons:



Completed



In Progress



Not Started



In Place/Ongoing



Wonderful creative activities are being offered at Balranald's Creative Community Learning Centre which was built during the reporting period. "Encourage local culture and opportunities for artistic expression" was a key objective against Pillar 2: Our Community

BALRANALD SHIRE'S COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Balranald Shire's **Community Strategic Plan 2032** was released in February 2022. The plan was prepared in partnership with the community and taking into account their views and aspirations.



Each pillar (theme) has community strategic objectives that the Council aims to deliver on. The six pillars were developed after listening to the community and the values that were highly appreciated by the community are identified.

The following outlines the strategic objectives from the Community Strategic Plan and a summary of what was achieved against the **performance measures** in **2023/2024** financial year under each strategic pillar.

PILLAR 1. OUR LIFESTYLE

A community that maintains & beautifies its towns, improves access to services & promotes community safety



Developing our riverfront with trails and furniture was a key strategy under Pillar 1: Our Lifestyle

PILLAR 1. Our Lifestyle

OBJECTIVES



Objective 1.1
Maintaining and beautifying our town centers

Objective 1.2
Improving access to a diverse range of housing opportunities

Objective 1.3
Improving local access to education and careers

Objective 1.4
Promoting Community Safety

STRATEGIES



- Developing the river front
- Maintaining public amenity and cleanliness of local streets
- Host a housing summit to generate innovative ideas
- Develop a housing strategy
- Review the Local Environmental Plan
- Explore opportunities for vocational training, apprenticeships and traineeships
- Identify opportunities for local people to work locally
- Identify and promote online training opportunities
- Work in partnership with the NSW Police to monitor and respond to incident occurrences and trends



Council's Balranald Beautification Advisory Committee & Euston Advisory Committee purchased (committee funds) a number of large and attractive Christmas Decorations to beautify the main streets of Balranald and Euston during the Christmas period.

Performance Measures



How are we performing?

Status

- Include river front projects into Council's long term capital works program
- Levels of service for street amenity and cleanliness are published and achieved
- Housing summit is held and generates ideas that are followed through
- Housing Strategy is adopted by 2024
- The Local Environmental Plan (LEP) review facilitates community involvement and complies with planning laws
- Increase in developable land and housing

- Completed upgrades and enhancements to the Balranald riverfront was funded by the Our Region Our Rivers grant funding and is currently being further enhanced via the AGRN 1034 Flood 2022 grant funding. This grant will also fund upgrades to the Euston River Walk from Euston to the Robinvale bridge.
- The Kyalite Memorial Park Foreshore Development project funded by the Community Building Partnership 2021 was completed and included solar lighting along the steps from the foreshore to the main street and Information Bay and Interpretive Signage
- Street amenity services were conducted regularly throughout the year in both Balranald and Euston to keep our towns clean and attractive. Dates of street amenity services for both Balranald and Euston are published on social media and in Council's newsletter.
- Council attends regional housing summits and has also sponsored a recent cross-border housing and workforce summit
- Council staff attended the "Beyond Bricks & Mortar" Housing Forum held in Swan Hill for a regional perspective on the regional housing challenges and proposed solutions.
- Council has sought funding throughout the year to develop a Housing Strategy and remains high on Council's agenda
- Developing a Housing Strategy is high on Council's agenda. A recent application for funding under the Housing Support Program Stream 1 in April 2024 to develop a Housing Strategy was unsuccessful, however Council is currently investigating other funding sources to develop the strategy
- Council developed a Settlement Strategy for both Balranald & Euston and will act as a valuable guide in the development of our Housing Strategy
- A recent LEP review has been submitted to Council for endorsement and a draft submitted to the Department of Planning for finalization.
- Council's Settlement Strategy highlights potential developable land for housing and temporary accommodation



Performance Measures



How are we performing?

Status

- Vocational education pathways exist and are used by local people and are used by local people
- Career guidance, scholarships and local placements are available for local people
- Increase in local uptake of online training
- Response time for Police

- Throughout the reporting period Council staff consistently worked with the Robinvale Euston Workforce Network (REWV) and is also part of the Cross-border Taskforce in addressing the workforce and education challenges in our region.
- Council has been committed to employing school-based trainees and supporting Balranald Central School with their school-based training programs.
- Council's library has received fundamental infrastructure upgrades as well as increasing its services to 5 days a week over the reporting period. The Library now offers a "Tech Hub" facility as well as offering programs such as online training. Records show that there has been an increase in uptake in the online services provided.
- The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) meets quarterly where Policing matters are discussed. Council also works closely with the NSW Police in monitoring, reporting and responding to incidents.



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PILLAR 2.

OUR COMMUNITY

A liveable community that focuses on community inclusion & wellbeing, innovates & improves services & activities, provides sport & recreation opportunities & encourages cultural & artistic expression



The Services & Wellbeing Expo was another success in 2024. The event was staged by Maari Ma Health Balranald with the support of Council's SCAIW Advisory Committee and funded by Council via the Office of Responsible Gambling Community Benefit Payment

PILLAR 2. Our Community

OBJECTIVES



Objective 2.1
Focus on community inclusion and wellbeing

Objective 2.2
Innovate and improve community services, activities and events

Objective 2.3
Provide opportunities for sport and recreation across the shire

Objective 2.4
Encourage local culture and opportunities for artistic expression

STRATEGIES



- Work in partnership to deliver health, wellbeing and inclusion services and programs
- Identify and close any access gaps to community services
- Implement the Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Work in partnership with the Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council

- Facilitate and foster collaboration in delivering a program of community events
- Prepare a rolling service review program to refresh Council community services and facilities
- Council operates a dynamic library service

- Maintain and upgrade parks and sporting facilities

- Support the utilisation and development of the art gallery and local theatre



Performance Measures



How are we performing?

Status

- Community survey shows upwards trend on feelings of inclusion and wellbeing
- Access to services improves
- Local spaces and building allow physical access to everyone
- Collaborative projects are undertaken to improve community wellbeing
- Support regular and new events
- Community events are well attended
- Service review program is developed and published

- Council's Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Well-Being Advisory Committee (SCAIWAC) has been successful in overseeing and delivering on health and wellbeing programs for the community. Through this committee an Emergency Accommodation facility has been established
- Mental Health First Aid training is about to be delivered throughout the community and the committee also stage the annual Services & Wellbeing Expo in partnership with Mari Ma Health Services.
- The committee also provides advice and recommendations in health and well-being issues and challenges
- Any new build and/or infrastructure upgrades allow physical access to everyone as part of the project's specifications
- Council's Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion & Well-Being Advisory Committee (SCAIWAC) has been working closely with Maari Ma Health Services and with Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council to ensure that our Aboriginal community has access to health and wellbeing services and support.
- Council has supported and continues to support regular and new events either by funding support and/or promoting the events. Council also produces and promotes a fortnightly events calendar that is promoted via social media, Council's website, newsletter and weekly GM's radio interviews. The regular promotions of events have helped with attendance of the events.
- Council's SCAIWAC and the Bidgee Haven committee provide ongoing reviews of Council's community services and facilities and makes recommendations to Council.
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Performance Measures



- Review availability of children's services
- Improvements are made to community services and facilities

How are we performing?

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COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS/ NEW FACILITIES AT THE LIBRARY

Over the past few years the library has gone through major upgrades of the facilities including:

- Function space
- Technology Hub
- Meeting Room
- Public Toilet and Information services area
- Community vegetable garden and seed library
- 2 X free book box

ESTABLISHED/ ONGOING SERVICES AT THE LIBRARY

- Public Toilet and Information services area
- Printing/Fax/Email/Scanning services
- JP NSW services
- Seniors' technology sessions
- Book tasting (book club)
- Sureway (They work out of the Tec Hub once a week)
- After school program
- School Holiday Programs
- Youth hub
- Youth resume writing
- Internet / free Wi-Fi
- Historical research
- Story time for youngsters/ Mums and bubs group
- ESL support
- Free Seed library
- Free community food Bowl
- Free book box x 2 in town and 1 in Euston
- Online book borrowing - Borrow Box
- Book drop support for residents unable to make the library
- Support with Grant writing and submissions for community
- Audio books to palliative care unit
- Community events when required

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Status





- Capital improvements to sport and recreation facilities

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS/ NEW FACILITIES AT THE LIBRARY

Over the past 4 years Council has upgraded the following sport and recreation facilities:

- Balranald Football Netball Club Hall
- Repair & refurbishment of the Clare Recreation Reserve
- Balranald Football & Netball Change rooms
- Euston Riverfront Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Euston Playground at the Euston Recreation Reserve
- Balranald Pony Club Shelter
- Balranald Tennis Courts & Fencing
- Upgrade of the Balranald Cricket Pitch & Nets
- Swimming Pool precinct & Pool Fencing

IN PROGRESS UPGRADES / NEW SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES

Currently the following upgrades are in progress:

- Euston Netball Change Rooms and public toilets & Netball Courts lighting
- Euston Oval Multicourt upgrade and Shade Shelter
- Balranald Netball Courts upgrade and lighting
- Balranald Caravan Park Upgrade
- Balranald's Lions Park Upgrade
- Euston Recreation Reserve Upgrade
- New Balranald Basketball Courts

- Community participation in facility maintenance and management

Council has arrangements with community members in participating with the maintenance of a number of sporting facilities

- Capital improvements to local cultural facilities

COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS / NEW CULTURAL FACILITIES

- Over the past 4 years Council has either upgraded or constructed the following cultural facilities:
- Reparation of the Balranald Gallery Roof
- Construction of the Balranald Cultural Learning Centre
- Balranald Southern Cross Exhibition Interpretive signage
- Roof reparation and brickwork of the St Barnabas Anglican Church
- Upgrade of Balranald's Theatre Royal
- Upgrade of Balranald's Interpretive Pavilion
- Upgrade of the Balranald Library



Performance Measures



How are we performing?

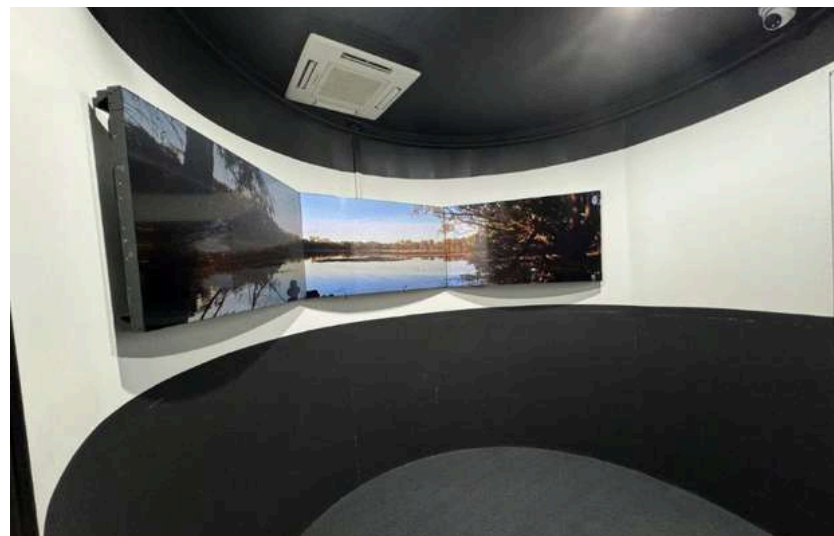
Status

- Capital improvements to local cultural facilities (cont.)
- Community participation in arts and Culture

IN PROGRESS UPGRADES / NEW CULTURAL FACILITIES

- Visitor Information Centre Upgrade & Discovery Centre precinct upgrade
- Development of a Conservation Plan for the Euston Courthouse

Council promotes all community arts and culture events and activities taking place across the shire via a fortnightly events calendar that is promoted via social media, Council's website, newsletter and weekly GM's radio interviews. The regular promotions of arts and cultural events help with participation and attendance at these events



New technology as part of Balranald 's Interpretive Pavilion Upgrade



A new build during the reporting period: Balranald Creative Learning Centre

PILLAR 3. OUR ECONOMY

A thriving community that supports the expansion of local industries, nurtures local businesses and increases tourism & visitation to the area



The Small Business Business Dinner “Growing Beyond Covid” which was followed by 2 days of one-on-one training in marketing activities to help grow their individual businesses.

PILLAR 3. Our Economy

OBJECTIVES

Objective 3.1
Support the expansion of our local industries

Objective 3.2
Nurture local businesses

Objective 3.3
Increase tourism and visitation to the area

STRATEGIES

- Conduct local business networking and training initiatives
- Monitor and communicate government funding opportunities for Covid Recovery
- Develop innovation facilities to encourage new and expanding businesses
- Support the growth of local industry sectors e.g. renewable energy, agriculture
- Prepare and implement a local tourism and marketing strategy
- Maximise tourism to Mungo National Park
- Seek partners and funding to promote the area
- Improve signage and town entrances for visitors
- Identify and promote local heritage



Council was a key sponsor of the Tri-State Cross-border Taskforce

Performance Measures



How are we performing?

Status

- Local businesses attend training and networking initiatives

Over the past 4 years Council has conducted a number of local business networking and training initiatives including:

- The Business networking dinner “Growing Beyond Covid” which was followed by 2 days of one-on-one training in marketing activities to help grow their individual businesses
- The Grant Writing training workshop to support local businesses and community groups to source grant funding opportunities and to write their own grant funding applications
- The Business networking dinner “Small Business & the Visitor Economy” which was followed by a day of one-on-one training on how to access funding and support for small business



- Council is currently committed to running a series of “Business Xchange catch-ups. These events are a regular networking opportunity for businesses to exchange news, ideas and identifying ways to work together to grow the local economy. The first of these Business Xchange catch-ups took place on the 7th May 2024



- Maximise regional development

Over the past 4 years Council staff has a number of local business networking and training initiatives including:

- Hosted the consultation workshop for the development of the Destination Riverina Murray Destination Management Plan
- Hosted the consultation workshop for the development of the Far West Joint Organisation Destination Management Plan
- Hosted the Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS) regional workshop
- Collaborated with Wentworth Shire Council to develop our respective Drought Resilience Strategies
- Contracted Local Logic Place and collaborated with Wentworth Shire to develop our respective Economic Development Strategy plans



Performance Measures



How are we performing?

Status

- Maximise regional development (cont.)

The following are current and ongoing activities

- Council's Growing Business, Industry & Tourism Advisory Committee (GBITAC) is active in identifying and recommending regional development opportunities
- Council attends the monthly Robinvale Euston Business Association (REBA) monthly meetings
- Council is part of the Tri-State Cross-border Taskforce
- Council is part of the South West REZ Roundtable
- Council is part of the Robinvale Euston Workforce Network committee
- Council's Tourism department has 6 weekly meetings with Destination Riverina Murray



- Consultation with new businesses to set up in the Balranald Shire

Over the past few years a number of new businesses have set up in the Balranald Shire both in Balranald and Euston. This has also included various food vans and cottage industry businesses. Council consulted with each new business in reference to approval permits and other business requirements.



- Identify and promote funding for local businesses e.g., Covid Recovery

Post Covid, Council identified and promoted funding for local businesses including hosting The Business networking dinner "Growing Beyond Covid" which was followed by 2 days of one-on-one training in marketing activities to help grow their individual businesses.



- Creative use of existing facilities to develop innovation spaces

Council is yet to identify existing facilities for the development of innovation spaces for new or expanding businesses.



- Business development support is available for industry growth sectors

Although Council does not as yet provide a direct business development support service to industry, however it does provide information on support services that are available. Council's Growing Business, Industry & Tourism Advisory Committee is currently investigating the establishment of a Business Hub for business & industry.



Performance Measures

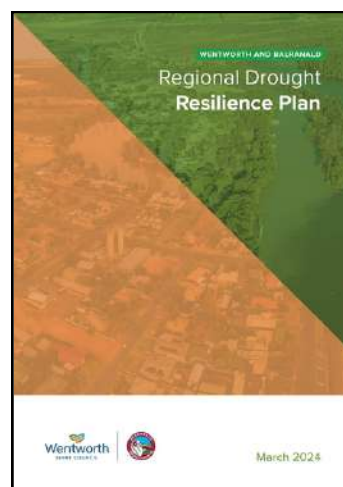
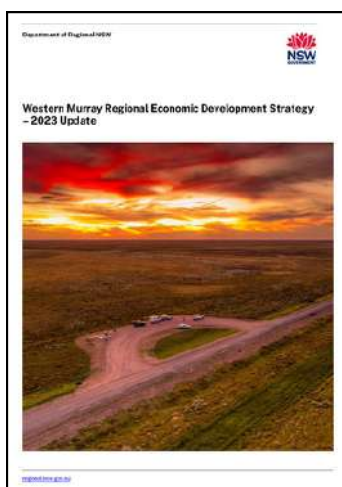


How are we performing?

Status

- Implementation of the local tourism and marketing strategy
- Regular consultation with key stakeholders e.g., Destination Riverina Murray, NPWS, First Nations Peoples, Tourism Operators
- Investment in signage and entrances to local towns
- Heritage assets are included in local marketing initiatives

- At the time of this review Council was in the process of developing their Destination Management Plan 2024 - 2029 which will be released at the end of November 2024
- Council's Tourism & Economic Development department has established 6-weekly meetings with Destination Riverina Murray to discuss tourism and destination activities, opportunities and latest trends and happenings. The department also has regular communications with National Parks NSW in reference to optimising tourism opportunities to both Mungo and Yanga National Parks
- Council is currently investing in the construction and installation of Shire entry signs as part of the Stronger Country Community Round 5 funding. A shire-wide signage audit is also underway as part of the upcoming Destination Management Plan strategies. The audit includes seeking funding for updated town entry signs.
- Strategies for the maintenance, product development and promotion of the shire's heritage assets are included in the upcoming Destination Management Plan as well as part of the upcoming Far South West Heritage and Cultural Trail.



Council hosted the consultation workshops for the development of the Destination Riverina Murray Destination Management Plan, the development of the Far West Joint Organisation Destination Management Plan & the Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS) regional workshop. Council also collaborated with Wentworth Shire Council to develop our respective Drought Resilience Strategies and contracted Local Logic Place to develop our respective Economic Development Strategy plan (to be endorsed by Council November 2024)

PILLAR 4. OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

A community that maintains and improves its infrastructure, public buildings, facilities and Council assets



PILLAR 4. Our Infrastructure

OBJECTIVES



Objective 4.1
Maximising grant funding to improve infrastructure

Objective 4.2
Explore opportunities to better manage public buildings and facilities

Objective 4.3
Adequately plan for and maintain all Council assets

STRATEGIES



- Work with regional partners to identify and apply for new government funding
- Maximise opportunities to apply for funding
- Maximise opportunities to rationalise and combine public assets
- Prepare a ten year Asset Management and Long Term Financial Plan to improve assets in the medium term
- Prepare a Water and Sewer facilities upgrade plan



The refurbishment of the Hatfield Hall was funded via the Stronger Country Communities Round 5 grant

Performance Measures



How are we performing?

Status

- Grant funding attracted into the area

Council has been active and successful in sourcing and applying for various infrastructure grants including:

- Stronger Country Communities Funding Rounds
- Block Grant Rounds
- Crown Reserve Improvement Fund Rounds
- Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Fund Rounds
- Community Building Partnership Rounds
- Public Library Infrastructure Grant Rounds
- Office of Responsible Gambling Community Development Fund



- Grant projects achieved on time and on budget

- Council works closely with funding bodies to identify and maximise funding opportunities



- Asset condition and building utilisation assessments are completed regularly

- Council has established a Grants Register that monitors all grant projects managed by Council. The Grant Register records all project activities on a monthly basis including project start dates, expected project finish dates, milestone reporting dates, funds received, project percentage completion and project percentage budget expenditure. This information is reported monthly and helps to keep track of project performance and to deliver outcomes on time and on budget and to apply for time extensions in advance.



- Council's Asset condition assessment is currently being conducted and prepared for Council's endorsement



- Community service levels identified and achieved

- Service levels are yet to be identified



Performance Measures



How are we performing?

Status

- Complete and update Asset Management Plan (AMPs) for all asset classes
- Capital works plans and reports published annually with the Operations Plan, including explicit funding criteria and project ranking
- Develop an up to date Water and Sewer facilities plan

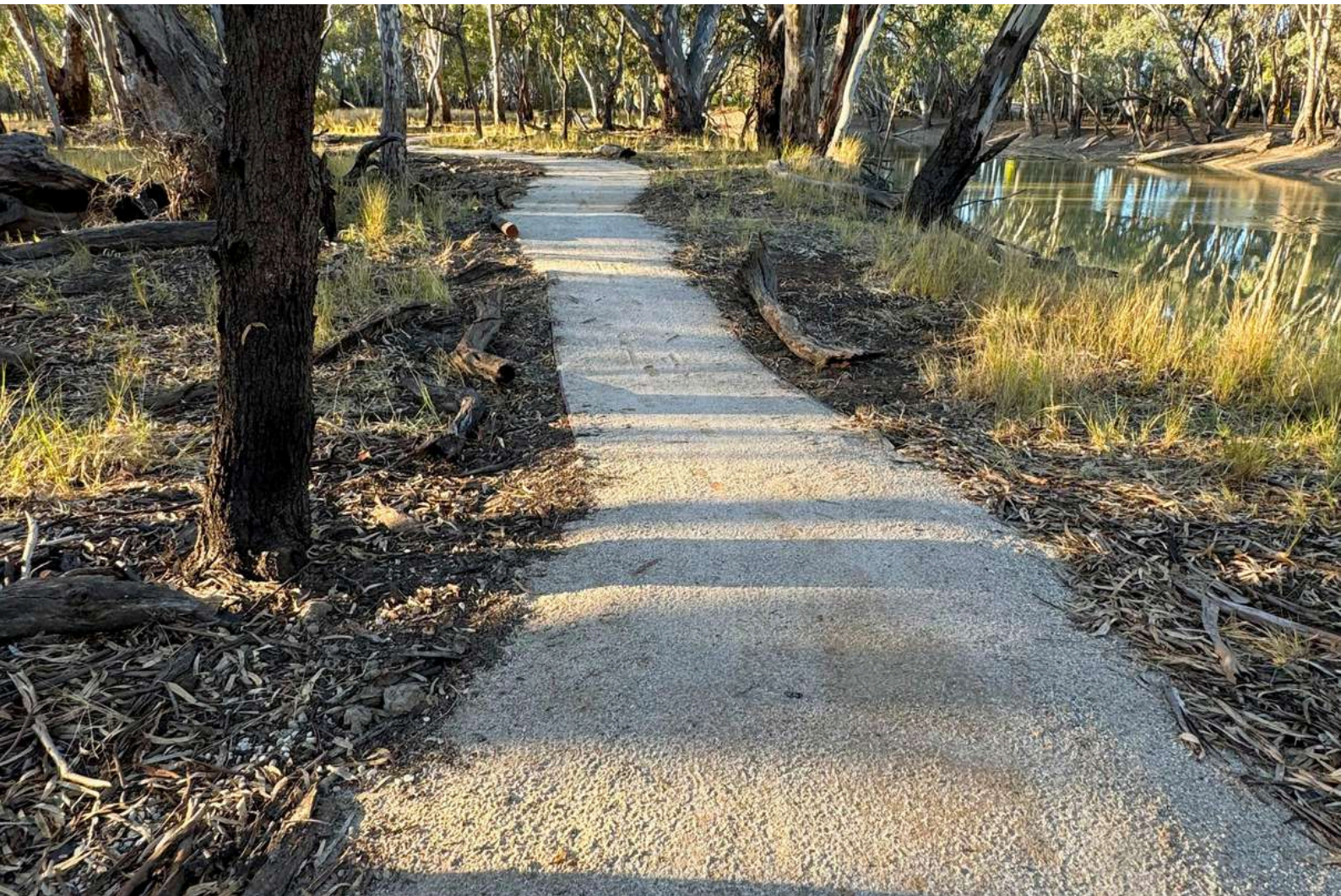
- Council currently has a ten year Asset Management 2017 which is in the process of being reviewed and updated.
- Council's capital works plans are reported and published annually with the Operations Plan
- Council is currently reviewing and updating their Water and Sewer Facilities Plan



The tennis courts upgrade was funded via the Stronger Country Communities Round 3 grant

PILLAR 5. OUR ENVIRONMENT

A community that celebrates and promotes its unique environment, protects its water assets and manages its waste sustainability



The walking trail projects under the Our Region Our Rivers - Regional Growth Fund were completed during the reporting period

PILLAR 5. Our Environment

OBJECTIVES

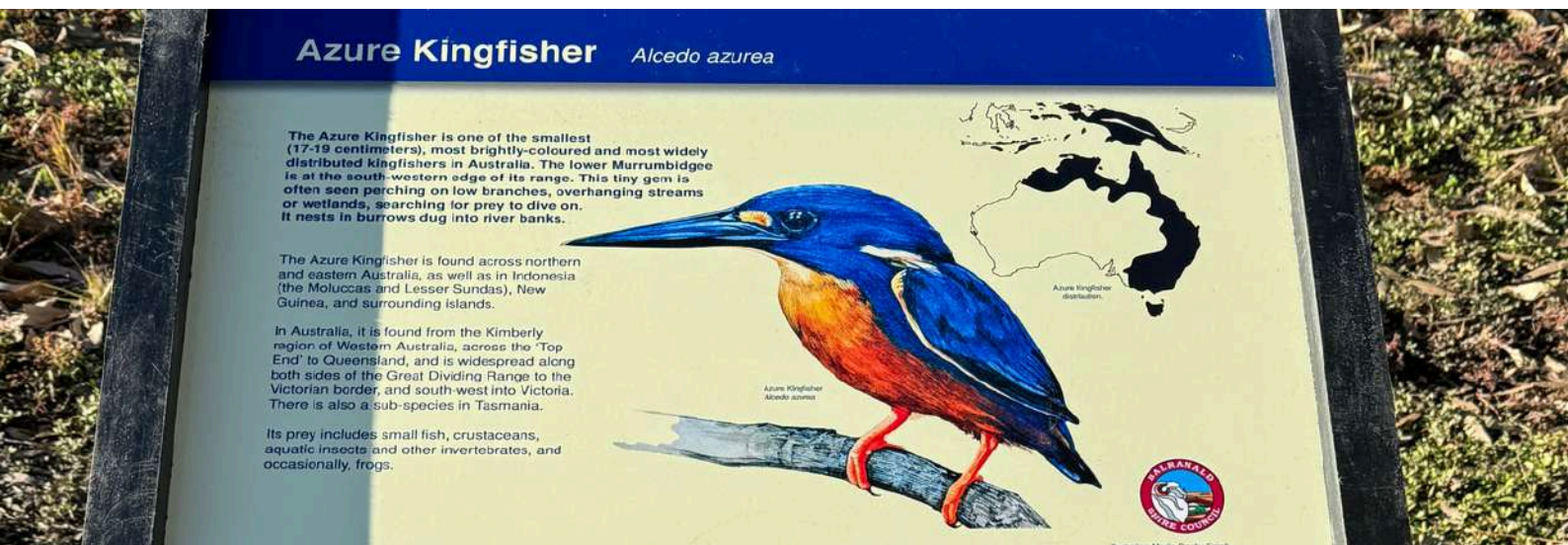
Objective 5.1
Celebrate and promote our unique local environment

Objective 5.2
Protect our water assets

Objective 5.3
Manage our waste sustainably

STRATEGIES

- Maintain and expand the walking trail network
- Refresh the marketing and public art around the Southern Bell Frog and the Regent Parrot
- Manage local trees to maximise public amenity and safety
- Work with relevant state agencies to enhance key environmental assets
- Encourage the installation of water tanks through education
- Explore the feasibility of a high level weir and fish ladder for Lake Yanga
- Advocate for our area through the Murray-Darling Basin debate
- Work with regional partners to develop and implement a Waste Management Strategy



Performance Measures



How are we performing?

Status

- Walking trail projects completed

- Walking trail projects under the Our Region Our Rivers have been completed



- Undertake marketing of environmental assets

- Enhancements of the river walking trails projects in both Balranald and Euston under the AGRN 1034 Floods 2022 Grant Funding in currently in progress



- The development of a shire-wide bird trail is currently in progress



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- Promotions of the public art frog sculpture trail as part of an awareness activity of the Southern Bell Frog is ongoing



- Development of the Frog Sculpture Trail flyer and other collateral has recently been completed



- Development of Euston's tourism brand to promote the Regent Parrot has been completed





- Public trees are safe and attractive

- Public trees are regularly assessed and maintained for safety, shade and aesthetical purposes

- Environmental projects undertaken in partnership with state agencies

- Council works with the relevant agencies for environmental projects



Performance Measures 	How are we performing?	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in local water tanks • Progress on the Lake Yanga weir project • Active participation in regional water security forums and committees • Progress on the Waste Management Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This data is being reviewed • Considerable research has been conducted and Council continues to advocate for the weir project • Council staff participate in regional water security forums and committees as required • Council's Waste Management Strategy is currently in review 	   

Reggie



Regent Parrot



Euston, NSW

Regent Parrot



Euston, NSW



PILLAR 6. OUR COUNCIL

A Council that develop its capabilities, engages and informs community, is financially sustainable & maximises planning & partnerships



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OBJECTIVES

Objective 6.1
Develop capabilities

Objective 6.2
Engage and inform the local community

Objective 6.3
Address financial sustainability

Objective 6.4
Develop and maximise strategic planning and partnerships

STRATEGIES

- Develop community leadership and volunteer capacity
- Conduct a staff training needs assessment to enhance skills and staff engagement
- Nurture local talent for future employment opportunities

- Increase opportunities for Council to listen to community views
- Operate a system of community committees on issues of broad public interest
- Continue to publish a community newsletter and an up to date website

- Prepare a Long Term Financial Plan and resource its monitoring and implementation

- Advocate for our area within regional bodies such as Far West JO and Riverina-Murray RDA
- Work across the state border on cross-border initiatives
- Undertake village planning for areas outside Balranald, e.g., Kyalite and Euston

Performance Measures



- Support and celebrate local volunteers
- Provide community training and opportunities to develop and enable civic leadership
- Roll out a regular staff training program
- Provide constructive feedback to local applicants in recruitment processes
- Increase in opportunities to express views and ideas between Council and the community
- Annual survey of community committee members
- Community newsletter and Council website are informative and up to date

How are we performing?

- Council supports and celebrates local volunteers via its Advisory Committees.
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- Council runs community training programs as required in support of civic leadership. This has included training in Grant Writing for community organisations and training in being a Volunteer
- Council establishes staff training programs for individual staff as part of staffs' Performance Review process
- Council provides constructive feedback to applicants as part of Council's recruitment process
- Council conducted comprehensive community consultation in the development of its Drought Resilient Strategy, Economic Development Strategy and recently for the development of its upcoming Destination Management Plan
- Council currently works with a number of established Advisory Committees who provide advice and recommendations on various issues across different sectors of the community
- Council distributes a monthly newsletter throughout the community which is also uploaded on Council's website.
- Council's website is regularly updated to include the latest news and events
- Council also uses its social media platform to disseminate the latest news and information

Status



Performance Measures



- Long Term Financial Plan is adopted and published
- Annual and six monthly reports provide the community with information about the finances of the Council
- Membership and participation in key advocacy committees and forums
- Village plans are implemented
- Works and projects completed in Euston, Kyalite, and rural areas

How are we performing?

- The current Long Term Financial Plan 2021/2022 – 2030/2031 is adopted and published on Council's website
- Annual and regular finance reports are submitted to provide the community up-to-date information on the finances of Council
- Council is currently part of the Far South West Joint Organisation and has a 6-weekly meeting with Destination Riverina Murray. Council also has regular meetings with Riverina Murray RDA and is part of the cross-border Taskforce. These also organisations provide their support via Letters of Support for funding opportunities
- Council's Settlement Strategies (Village Plans) are one of the key documentation that drives key projects and grant funding

Recent projects completed in Euston include:

- Upgrading of roads and footpaths
- The Euston Riverfront Outdoor Fitness equipment
- Euston Playground at the Euston Recreation Reserve

Current works in progress in Euston include:

- The upgrade of the recreation reserve
- The upgrade of the netball courts, change room and public toilets.
- Euston Netball Change Rooms and public toilets & Netball Courts lighting
- Euston Oval Multicourt upgrade and Shade Shelter

Recent project completed in Kyalite include:

- New steps and lights leading from the riverfront to the main road
- New interpretive signage
- New toilets/rest area and dump point
- Council has also recently upgraded the Hatfield Hall

Status





Bright future ahead