



SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS  
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held on

Wednesday, 28 March 2018  
1pm

at

Guyra Council Chambers

SUPPLEMENTARY ATTACHMENTS

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**9 REPORTS FOR DECISION - LEADERSHIP FOR THE REGION**

**9.1 FOR DECISION: Community Engagement Strategy - Integrated Planning and Reporting - Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program**

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*Local Government Act 1993 s402(5): Following an ordinary election of councillors, the council must review the community strategic plan before 30 June following the election. The council may endorse the existing plan, endorse amendments to the existing plan or develop and endorse a new community strategic plan, as appropriate to ensure that the area has a community strategic plan covering at least the next 10 years.*

Leading the Council's planning hierarchy, the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) identifies the community's main priorities and expectations for the future and ways to achieve these goals. The CSP outlines the vision, community outcomes, supporting strategies and performance indicators which will guide Council's long term decision making. All other plans developed by the council as part of the Integrated Planning and Reporting framework must reflect and support the implementation of the Community Strategic Plan.

The *Community Strategic Plan 2027* outlines the 'vision' of the community over the next 10 years centred on the four themes of Environment and Infrastructure; Growth, Prosperity and Economic Development; Leadership for the Region and Our People and Community.

It is important to note that while the council is the custodian of the Community Strategic Plan, it may not be responsible for the delivery of all of the activities the Plan identifies. Council is faced with challenges in terms of boosting the economy and creating jobs, protecting the environment, building stronger communities, providing essential infrastructure and transforming the new organisation into a stronger council. At the same time, there are great opportunities to improve the wellbeing for all of our citizens.

*Local Government Act 1993 s402(4): The council must establish and implement a strategy (its community engagement strategy), based on social justice principles, for engagement with the local community when developing the community strategic plan.*

The Community Strategic Plan 2027 was developed through extensive community consultation during the Armidale Regional Council's Administration period. This process allowed for a process of robust engagement with the community about their aspirations and expectations for the newly formed Armidale Regional Council.

The engagement program commenced in September 2016 and comprised two phases. Approximately 800 citizens and stakeholders contributed directly to the Council's work in developing the vision, strategies and outcomes which reflect the needs and priorities out community. Council adopted the final 2017-2027 Community Strategic Plan on 17 May 2017.

*Local Government Act 1993 s402(6) A draft community strategic plan or amendment of a community strategic plan must be placed on public exhibition for a period of at least 28 days and submissions received by the council must be considered by the council before the plan or amendment is endorsed by the council.*

Council will place the *Community Strategic Plan 2027* on public exhibition for a period commencing on **30 March 2018 until 30 April 2018**. The document will be available for viewing and download at the following locations:

- Council's website [www.armidaleregion.nsw.gov.au](http://www.armidaleregion.nsw.gov.au)
- Community Engagement portal – <http://yoursay.armidale.nsw.gov.au/>
- Council's Administration Buildings located at 235 Rusden Street Armidale and 158 Bradley Street Guyra
- The Community Connect Mall Engagement Centre located in the Beardy Street Mall Armidale

Submissions can be made in writing, or at any of the above locations by no later than 30 April 2018. Submissions will be considered by Council during May 2018 for adoption of the *Community Strategic Plan 2027* at its May 2018

Ordinary Meeting of Council. At this time Council will also place its associated *Draft Delivery Program 2018-2022* and *Draft Operational Plan 2018-2019* on public exhibition.