

The way forward is clear

Our shire is a complex place, characterised by a diverse population, a vast area of land, and extensive infrastructure.

As a result, council operates within a challenging environment, engaging with over 50 pieces of State and Federal legislation and more than 20 government agencies.

The NSW government has introduced a reporting structure aimed at integrating a clear community vision into the strategies and plans for our shire, whether they originate from council or other agencies.

Rather than creating a separate plan for each activity, this process allows us to have a unified approach to planning and executing the community's vision and priorities while ensuring affordability, accountability, and transparency.

Now more than ever, we must effectively balance our limited resources - time, personnel, and finances. We utilise these documents to determine what is essential, what should be prioritised, what would be beneficial to undertake, and what falls outside our responsibilities.



Why should I care?

You play a vital role in shaping the vision and goals for our local area. These plans begin with our community and hold little meaning without your participation.

We encourage your input on these strategies and your feedback on the documents we create to communicate our vision and goals.

Our structured approach to planning is centered around a single vision. When the community's expectations align with the council's priorities, it will help make our shire a wonderful place to live and enhance it for future generations.



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2025/2026

DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN

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The annual operational plan is updated each year of the council term and placed on public exhibition for 28 days before being adopted by Council. The annual operational plan is supported by the revenue policy, rates maps and fees and charges documents.

Appendix 1 of the Operational Plan document provides a detailed breakdown of the Operational Plan for 2025-26 including the link to the delivery program actions and outlines key performance measures and responsible departments.

Quarterly reports on the progress of implementing councils annual operational plan are provided to Council in November, February, May and August.

Council must have an Operational Plan that is prepared and adopted annually that details the work that will be done in support of the Delivery Program.

It must directly address the activities outlined in the Delivery Program and identify projects, programs or actions that the council will undertake within the financial year towards addressing these.



What is IP&R?

Welcome to IP&R - local Government shorthand for Integrated Planning and Reporting.

Integrated Planning and Reporting is an umbrella term for a family of documents which together provide a structured, consistent approach to community planning. These include:

- Operational Plan
- Delivery Program
- Community Engagement & Participation Strategy
- Workforce Management Plan
- Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Community Strategic Plan
- Annual Report
- State of the Shire Report

Simply put, Integrated Planning and Reporting asks councils, and their communities, four questions:

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

This framework is used by all Council's in New South Wales. At its heart it recognises that council plans, policies and actions should not exist in isolation. It guides all the planning carried out by our council. Crucially it links planning to resourcing and service delivery and then requires ongoing monitoring, evaluation and community engagement.

This integrated process draws all council plans together, so we understand how they impact each other and get the maximum out of them.

This enables council to plan and budget with a big picture in mind, to achieve the most community benefit.

2025-2029

DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM

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The four year Delivery Program is where the community's strategic goals are systematically translated into actions.

It identifies the principal activities to be undertaken by the council to perform all its functions - including implementing the strategies established by the Community Strategic Plan.

The Delivery Program is a statement of commitment to the community from each newly elected council. In preparing the Delivery Program, the council is accounting for its stewardship of the community's long- term goals, outlining what it intends to do towards achieving these goals during its term of office and what its priorities will be.

The Delivery Program is designed as the single point of reference for all principal activities undertaken by the council during its term of office. All plans, projects, activities and funding allocations must be directly linked to this Program. Supporting the Delivery Program are annual Operational Plans and Council's resourcing strategy, which includes our Workforce Management Plan, Strategic Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial plan.

Unless there are significant changes required, the delivery program is only updated every four years.

