

Your Future Places and Spaces

Macleay Valley Community Infrastructure Strategy Summary

Overview

Your Future Places and Spaces has been prepared to guide the planning and management of Council-owned community infrastructure across the shire. It is a 20-year plan that seeks to respond to our community needs, demographic profile, local values, and aspirations as well as the role and characteristics of our diverse townships.

This document provides a summary of the key themes and actions included in the Macleay Valley Community Infrastructure Strategy. For more detailed information refer to the Draft Strategy located on the Your Say Macleay website.

What is community infrastructure?

Community infrastructure includes the buildings and spaces that provide a range of services, activities, and opportunities for the community to meet their social needs and support their health and wellbeing. Community infrastructure can include cultural buildings, like community halls, art galleries and libraries; and open spaces including parks and playgrounds and sporting facilities.

Delivery of the strategy

This strategy presents a long-term strategy to plan and manage Council-owned community infrastructure across the shire.

The actions identified in the strategy are not yet funded. They will be delivered over time as Council balances the delivery of services and infrastructure as well as its overall financial position.

How was the strategy prepared?

A range of different tasks have informed this strategy, including:

- Audit and review of existing community infrastructure;
- Community and stakeholder engagement;
- Population and demographic analysis; and
- Benchmarking and application of industry standards.



Have your say!

We are seeking your feedback on the directions and actions contained in the Draft Macleay Community Infrastructure Strategy, so that the document can be finalised and endorsed by Council.

**Have your say between
22 May 2020 – 5 July 2020**

Complete a survey via – <https://yoursay.macleay.nsw.gov.au/Your-Future-Places-Spaces>

Attend a Q&A which will provide information about the strategy an opportunity to ask any questions:

Option 1: 13th June 2020, 9AM – 10AM
Option 2: 17th June 2020, 6PM – 7PM

If you cannot access the internet, please call 6566 3200 to request a paper copy of the survey and strategy. Paper copies can be returned by the return address provided or at Council offices.

OUR VISION

“We have access to diverse, community infrastructure that responds to our needs and supports a healthy, safe and connected community.”

To deliver upon our vision we have developed the following actions. These actions are categorised under four key themes.



A Connected and Inclusive Community

Residents, workers and visitors have access to a variety of spaces and services, and they are informed and engaged in community life.

Action	Timing
Develop a library based multi-purpose facility at South West Rocks	Short
Expand and enhance the mobile library service	Medium
Review facilities management	Medium
Kempsey Library Upgrade	Long
Look for ways to provide residents without cars access to community facilities, reinforce our cultural connections	Long
Prepare and Implement Activation Plans	Annual



Beautiful Spaces

Beautiful parks and beaches which foster social connections and opportunities for recreation.

Action	Timing
Confirm and implement an Open Space Framework	Short
Create a community event space in Kempsey	Medium
Develop an Aboriginal Cultural Centre	Medium
Prepare Open Space Plan	Medium



Healthy and Active Community

Sport and recreation facilities play an important role in keeping people of all ages active in community life, contributing to higher levels of self-esteem and self-worth.

Action	Timing
Prepare Aquatic Strategy	Short
Upgrade Verge Street Ovals and Services Park	Short
Expand the SWR Sports Complex	Medium



Policy and Planning

Good governance and management underpin our corporate objectives and drive improvement.

Action	Timing
Prepare a Youth Strategy	Medium
Prepare a Public Art and Culture Plan	Long
Continually improve the management of community facilities	Ongoing

The above actions will be undertaken by Council on an ongoing basis or over the short (1–2 year), medium (2–5 years) or long (5–10 years) term future.