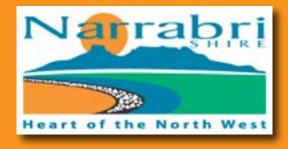
NARRABRI SHIRE

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Community Strategic Plan

...towards 2022



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Introduction from the Mayor

I am very pleased to be able to introduce the Narrabri Shire Community Strategic Plan. This plan which very much comes from you, our community - will help to guide the direction of our Shire over the next decade and beyond.

The Community Strategic Plan has been some time in the making. Significant effort has been made to seek the views of residents, community groups and businesses across the Shire. It has been very heartening to read the input received from so many people. There is a lot of pride in our region, and a genuine desire to see it prosper.

Our Shire faces a number of ongoing challenges. We have a relatively small population which supports a wide range of industries including strong agricultural and transport sectors and a fast-growing mining sector. We also live in a region which, as we all know very well, is subjected to serious environmental challenges, such as flood and drought, on a regular basis.

This plan is our pathway to make Narrabri Shire a sustainable regional growth centre. This is the vision of Council. To continue to thrive, we need to attract both businesses and individuals to the Shire, and to do that we need to continue to build a sustainable Shire of which we can all be proud.

Your Council takes this plan very seriously and we will work hard to address its three major themes: 'A place to thrive', 'One community', and 'Proactive leadership and advocacy'. I encourage residents, community groups and businesses to remember these themes so that all of us, across the entire Shire community, can work together to make Narrabri Shire an even better place to live and work.

Robyn Faber Mayor Narrabri Shire Council



How to read this document

The Narrabri Shire Community Strategic Plan is made up of four sections. Each focuses on a different part of the overall direction in which the community sees itself heading over the next decade.

Section 1:

Explains what a Community Strategic Plan is, the associated legislative requirements and the link to the NSW State Plan.

Section 2:

Summarises where the Shire is today, the future challenges the community faces and the process followed in order to put together this plan.

Section 3:

Builds a picture of the future for the Narrabri Shire community towards 2022. It contains:

- Vision for the Shire
- Council's ten year strategic objectives
- Details of the community's view of the future
- Summaries of what the Council and our community can do to pursue this future, along with allocation of responsibility
- Details about how we will know when we get there
- Next steps

Section 4:

Provides references to the source material used for the development of this plan.



SECTION 1

What is a Community Strategic Plan?

In 2009, the NSW State Government introduced a new planning and reporting framework for Local Government. This framework replaced Council's Management Plan and Social Plan with a requirement to prepare a long-term Community Strategic Plan and Resourcing Strategy. The Community Strategic Plan is reviewed every four years via a progress report to the final meeting of the outgoing Council.

Covering social, environmental, economic and civic leadership issues, the Community Strategic Plan is the highest level plan that Council will prepare. It addresses four questions for our community:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be in ten years?
- How will we get there?
- How will we know we've arrived?

The Community Strategic Plan is also built around social justice principles of:

- Equity in the distribution of resources
- The recognition and promotion of equal rights for all
- Fair access to the economic resources and services essential to meeting basic needs and improving quality of life
- Opportunities for genuine participation and consultation in decisions affecting people's lives

While Council has a custodial role in initiating, preparing and maintaining the Community Strategic Plan on behalf of the community, it is not wholly responsible for implementation. Other partners, such as state agencies and community groups may also deliver long-term strategies in the plan. These strategies are identified within this document.



What is Integrated Planning and Reporting?

A new planning and reporting framework for NSW local government has been introduced. These reforms replace the former Management Plan and Social Plan with an integrated framework. It also includes a new requirement to prepare a long-term Community Strategic Plan and Resourcing Strategy.



The Delivery Program

The Delivery Program outlines how Council will deliver the community plan's strategic objective over a four year period.

The Operational Program

A financial and resource allocation plan that identifies services and activities to be carried out over a twelve month period.

The Annual Report

Reflects and reports on Council objectives, operations and performance for the financial year.



Meeting legislative requirements

According to the Local Government Act 1993, the Community Strategic Plan should be developed and delivered as a partnership between Council, state agencies, community groups and individuals. It should address a broad range of issues that are relevant to the whole community.

The requirements of section 402 of the Act indicate a Community Strategic Plan must:

- Identify the community's main priorities and aspirations
- Establish objectives based on issues identified by the community
- Include strategies to achieve the objectives
- Be based on the social justice principles of equity, access, participation and rights
- Integrate and address social, environmental, economic and civic leadership issues
- Be developed and endorsed by Council
- Cover a minimum period of ten years
- Be reviewed every four years
- Be reported on at the final meeting of the outgoing council
- Give due regard to the NSW State Plan and other relevant state and regional plans
- Prepare and implement a community engagement strategy based on social justice principles

Link to NSW State Plan

The NSW State Plan is an important planning document that sets out NSW government's main services and priorities for improvement. The Plan indicates strategies for and reporting of these improvements.

The NSW Government is measuring its performance in Western NSW against the following criteria set out in the State Plan:

- Diversify the economic base to retain and attract business
- Provide quality health and community services
- Invest in local infrastructure
- Protect our natural environment

These criteria align with the following strategies of the NSW 2021 plan to improve outcomes for Narrabri Shire:

- Rebuild the economy
- Return quality services
- Renovate infrastructure
- Strengthen our local environment and communities
- Restore accountability to Government



SECTION 2

Narrabri Shire today

Population

Narrabri Shire has a population of around 14,000. Over the next twenty years, our population is projected to grow by approximately 1565 residents.

Geography

Located in the north-west of NSW, in the Namoi Valley, the Shire covers approximately 13,000km and includes the key towns of Narrabri, Boggabri and Wee Waa and the villages of Baan Baa, Bellata, Edgeroi, Gwabegar and Pilliga.

Employment

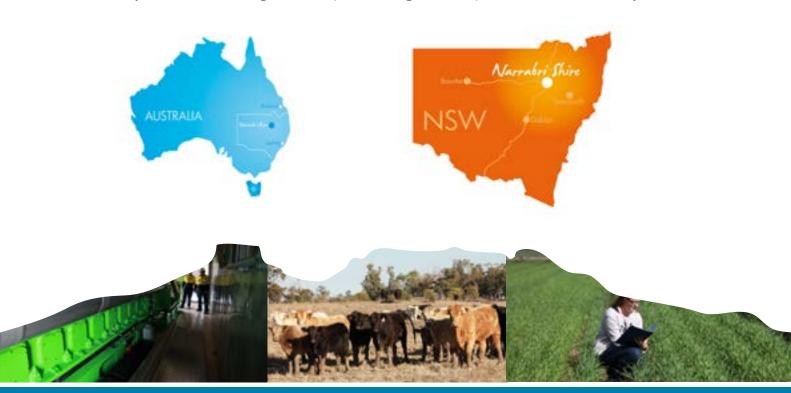
Around 6,000 people are employed within Narrabri Shire, over a quarter of who work in the agricultural sector. Retail trade and mining are the other largest employment sectors. Other major employers include manufacturing, wholesale trade, transport and storage, and a whole range of service industries including recreation, health care and public administration.

Economy

Agriculture and mining are the largest components of the economy in Narrabri Shire, contributing more than half the Shire's Gross Regional Product (GRP). Agricultural production is diverse, including crops such as cotton, wheat, barley, oilseeds, grapes and peanuts, and livestock production comprising sheep, cattle and pigs. Located in the Gunnedah Basin, Narrabri Shire has numerous coal and gas operations. Grain trading, manufacturing, agricultural research and retail are also important industries.

Council

Narrabri Shire Council employs 130 people, servicing all areas of the Shire including road maintenance, waste and recycling, weed control and emergency risk management. The Council also manages a range of community facilities including libraries, parks and gardens, sports facilities and many more.



The community engagement process

The Narrabri Shire Community Strategic Plan is about understanding how the Shire community sees its future, and what residents believe are the priorities for the next ten years. Because of this, significant effort has gone into giving as many people as possible a say in the compilation of this plan.

Narrabri Shire sought ideas from residents, businesses and interest groups about how to retain the existing population while attracting new people to the region. Community workshops were held in each town and village, and discussions in these workshops covered areas including: sports, community service, cultural groups, service clubs, main street business, health, children's services, places of worship, education and schools, resources, agriculture and research, Council staff, state government agencies, transport and indigenous communities.

Participation in the community workshops was invited via radio and newspaper advertising, email and phone.

The broader issues raised by participants at these forums became the basis for this Community Strategic Plan. After summarising the many contributions made at the forums, three central themes emerged that capture the essence of the community's view on the future of Narrabri Shire:

- A place to thrive
- One community
- **Proactive leadership and advocacy**



The challenges for the next ten years

Outcomes from the community engagement process, along with strategic analysis undertaken by Council, indicate that our district will continue to face a range of challenges over the next ten years. Due to the ever-changing economic environment, we know about some of these challenges. We are yet to face others.

Many questions were raised during the Shire community engagement process. To assist formulation of the Community Strategic Plan, responses were categorised under the three central themes.

A place to thrive

A strong, diverse economy that attracts and retains businesses, services and tourists.

- How do we manage our infrastructure for our current and future needs?
- How do we improve and maintain first impressions of visitors to the region?
- What can we do to promote the benefits of living and working in the Shire, to maintain and grow business investment in the Shire?
- What will it take to attract a wider choice of health professionals to service the area?
- How can we overcome the lack of entertainment and retail facilities in the Shire?
- How can we improve transport connectivity within the Shire and beyond?
- How do we offset the employment benefits of the resources sector against the needs of the local business community?
- What approach can we take to protect the environment against the impact of mining on the landscape and our people?
- What steps can we take to proactively manage waste?
- What can we do to provide affordable housing that meets the needs of a diverse and growing community?

One community

Valuing the contributions that everyone can make.

- What can we do as local government, business, residents, and community groups to foster an inclusive and collaborative spirit as the community grows?
- What do we need to do to foster equal opportunity and social justice for all elements of our society?
- How can we encourage our young people to live and work in the Shire?
- How do we capitalise on the volunteer and good neighbour community spirit?
- How do we plan for an ageing population?
- What can we do to inspire all local residents to speak and act with pride in their community?



Proactive leadership and advocacy

Managing for all and standing up for our Shire.

- How can we deliver proactive leadership that acknowledges and manages the differing interests groups at Government and community levels?
- How can we influence other Government agencies to improve the state of the roads and other infrastructure in the Shire?
- What processes can we apply to inform the whole community about Council actions and information quickly and efficiently whilst ensuring that their goals are being met and needs heard?
- How will we manage the increasingly diverse community's expectations of local government projects versus available funds?

Turning these questions into meaningful actions - consistent with the ten year vision and strategic objectives previously adopted by Council – is what this Community Strategic Plan is all about. In Section 3 we will revisit Council's vision and strategic objectives, and explore each theme and Council's planned response to it.



SECTION 3

Our Shire vision

Over the next decade, Narrabri Shire will cement a reputation for itself as a vibrant community, offering all the advantages of a regional lifestyle along with a wide range of activities to enjoy. We will make the most of the diversity of our economy, returning to the community the benefits of a busy agricultural sector and growing resources sector. In turn this will strengthen the ability of our Shire to offer a full range of services, including health, education and retail. This will make the area an even more attractive place to live and work.

"Narrabri Shire will be a strong and vibrant regional growth centre providing a quality living environment for the entire Shire community"

Ten year strategic objectives

In line with this vision and after applying particular focus on the opportunities for growth while acknowledging the barriers, the following strategic objectives have been established for Narrabri Shire Council:

- 1. Narrabri Shire to be a regional centre
- 2. Airport to be of regional quality (similar to Newcastle)
- 3. Regional standard Narrabri CBD
- 4. Regional standard industrial land/parks developments
- 5. Established and sustainable investment program in place
- 6. Adequate health services to meet the needs of a regional centre
- 7. Expanded tertiary educational facilities (agriculture, education, business, mining and health)
- 8. Adequate accommodation available to meet demand (residential, community, industrial, aged and itinerant)
- 9. Regional standard infrastructure
- 10. Revenue and income growth strategy in place

Council's intention is to combine the above vision and strategic objectives with the input received from the community in order to create a unified plan for the Shire. In the next few pages, the central themes of the community response are expanded into more specific areas, along with the associated actions.



A place to thrive

A strong, diverse economy that attracts and retains businesses, services and tourists

The people of Narrabri Shire are very proud of the region in which they work and live. The community has a strong desire to see its Shire prosper. They want the Shire to be attractive as a destination for people to live, run businesses and visit.

The following statements summarise what the community would like to create in the next decade:

An environment that makes us proud

Our Shire is well looked after. It's a place that both residents and visitors enjoy. Main streets are clean and well lit; shopping strips have trees and flowers for shade and colour, and external dining for atmosphere. Even when times are tough, we show pride in our environment by keeping vacant shops tidy or finding innovative temporary uses for them. We value our past and look after older buildings, but we also put effort into maintaining all our public parks, buildings and sporting venues.

Infrastructure that works

Our community is easy to access and easy to get around. Our main roads are kept in good condition and repaired promptly after damage. We have an organised and streamlined approach to restoring normality after flood and other emergencies. Businesses and residents can rely on easy and affordable access to major cities by air. Businesses are well connected to other transport hubs in the state, while residents willingly use well run public transport services. There is ample parking in and around our main streets.

A sustainable economy

The economy of the region is robust enough to survive the rigours of its high exposure to agriculture and the routine challenges faced by that industry due to natural disaster and market fluctuations. Similarly, while we value the contribution being made by mining, we are wary of becoming overly dependent on that sector. In essence, the local economy is diverse enough to sustain itself in the long term.

Services for life

We have access to essential services throughout our community, including medicine, education and childcare. We attract the nurses, midwives, doctors and specialists we need to staff our hospitals. Our GP services support the breadth of the community, including women and children. Education options include ample primary and secondary schooling, and a tertiary campus that supports local industries from mining to agriculture to astronomy. We provide enough childcare for existing and prospective residents, ensuring that lack of childcare is never a barrier to those considering a move to the Shire.



Affordable housing for all

We have a sufficient level housing options across the Shire, including for those in disadvantaged situations. Plans are in place to support population growth with land released for development as needed and streamlined approvals processes that make new home construction efficient. Where accommodation is needed for temporary workers, we have a plan for provision and removal when it is no longer needed. Council doesn't allow short-term industries to inflate local property prices.



A PLACE TO THRIVE: A strong diverse economy that attracts and retains businesses, services and tourists

What Council will do:

Council action	Definition of success	Measurement	
An environment that makes us proud			
1. Continue a regular	Community members are	Community Satisfaction survey	
maintenance program for	regular users of parks, gardens	On a vertice and a set Deliver we Diagram	
community facilities and infrastructure	and sporting venues	Operational and Delivery Plans	
illiastructure	Most residents and visitors are	Usage of parks and sporting	
2. Improve entry points to towns	complimentary of the look of	facilities	
and villages in keeping with a	the towns and villages		
Tidy Towns attitude		Chamber of Commerce	
	New and existing business	feedback	
3. Engage and assist local	owners are experiencing growth	Events and seminars for the	
businesses to develop regional standard Narrabri CBD and	Shop owners take pride in their	business community	
beyond	external facade and window	business community	
20,0.1.0	displays	Business growth	
4. Provide for regional standard		G .	
industrial land and park	Retail areas are shaded,		
developments	attractive and well maintained		
5. Proactively work towards	Development and execution of a		
attracting investment to the	proactive business development		
Shire	marketing program		
Infrastructure that works			
1. Work with and influence	Reduction of complaints about	Community satisfaction survey	
government agencies to	status of roads	B. hills to a constant differential	
improve roads	Public transport is more readily	Public transport utilisation	
2. Lobby government agencies	accessible and used across the		
to provide support for a regional	Shire		
standard airport			



2 Provide lesting repair	Air transport more accessible	Airport Mactor Plan is
3. Provide lasting repair solutions to Council owned	Air transport more accessible and affordable	Airport Master Plan is implemented
roads	and anordable	Implemented
Todas	Reduction in property and	Reduced disruption to residents
4. Develop flood management	infrastructure damage due to	and business
strategies	floods	
5. Promote the public transport	Minimal negativity concerning	
needs of the Shire to other	main street car parking costs	
levels of government	and availability	
6. Minimise cost on business	More recycling of waste by	
owners for main street	residents and Council	
carparking		
A sustainable economy		
1. Monitor and report	Retention of business and	Business growth
regularly on the health of local	residents	
economy		People retention
	New business opportunities	
2. Work with financial	realised	Effective Council
institutions and business to	la Carala al la dibatana da	communications to Community
encourage investment	Infrastructure that meets	Charahar of Caranaa
	current and future needs	Chamber of Commerce feedback
Services for life		
1. Proactively engage with	Improvements to opportunities	Community satisfaction survey
government agencies for	for education and learning	
expanded tertiary education		Range of educational services
facilities	Access to satisfactory health	and facilities
	services is available for all	
2. Advocate for adequate health		Reduction in transport out of
services to meet the needs of a	More GPs and nurses resident	Shire for health
regional centre	in the Shire	appointments
3. Provide assistance to develop	Increased specialist visits to	Access to Childcare
local workforce opportunities for	Shire	
all		
	All communities have improved	
4. Encourage schools and	access to childcare	
private operators to provide		
additional childcare facilities		



Affordable housing for all			
1. Further improvement and	Adequate accommodation	Decrease in approval time	
communication/promotion of	available to meet demand	frame	
pre DA process			
	More timely DA approvals	Increase in number of approvals	
2. Timely release of land for		granted	
residential development	Broad mix of accommodation		
	types to suit all socio-economic	Increased housing supply	
3. Council applies influence	situations		
at government agency level to			
provide solutions for those in			
disadvantaged situations			

What the community can do:

- Support local business and industry
- Take pride in your business, home and community environment
- Take the initiative in preserving the natural and built environment
- Minimise waste disposal through household recycling
- Utilise available public transport

Relevant documents:

- Narrabri Shire Economic Social Plan 2010-2015: 16.4, 16.5, 16.9, 16.11
- Narrabri Shire Economic Development Strategy 2011: 3.2 Assisting Local Business
- Narrabri Shire Council Community Workshops Report 2012



One community

Valuing the contributions that everyone can make

Our community believes strongly in the Council's vision statement of an "entire Shire community". Everyone has a contribution to make and everyone deserves to share in investments made by Council. Continuing efforts are needed to engage our young people and to involve the indigenous members of our community.

The following statements capture the essence of how the community would like these things to happen:

Sharing the rewards of our diverse economy

Investments in community infrastructure are fairly and transparently distributed around the Shire. These include improvements to roads and public transport, the creation of affordable arts and culture activities, and the upkeep of sporting facilities, parks and gardens. We coordinate partnerships between our education centres and industries such as mining, astronomy, business, health and agriculture to ensure local expertise adds value to the Shire.

Keeping youth active and interested (sport and non-sport)

Council creates real opportunities for the young people of Narrabri Shire. While the community continues to recognise the importance of sport to many, a broader range of options will appeal to more young people. Our youth have a good range of educational opportunities, no matter where they live, and this education leads to better job opportunities within the Shire. Effective efforts are made to connect youth into arts, indigenous, sporting, cultural, environmental and vocational projects and events.

Inclusion and engagement of the indigenous communities

Working with the things that unite us, Council liaises with the indigenous community to provide pathways to improving school habits and providing work experience and scholarships for Aboriginal children. Our indigenous communities feel much more engaged with the wider Narrabri Shire population. The indigenous heritage of the region is understood and respected by all within the Shire.

Valuing volunteers

Council acknowledges that the spirit of volunteering is alive and well and understands that publicly recognising this sector contributes to this spirit. Our health system relies heavily on the work of volunteers. We listen and provide assistance to these people as they actively work together to research, propose and build the things our community needs.



ONE COMMUNITY: Valuing the contributions that everyone can make

What Council will do:

Council action	Definition of success	Measurement	
Sharing the rewards of our diverse economy			
1. Ensure that investment in community infrastructure	Implementation of Economic Development Strategy	Annual Community Survey	
is fairly and transparently		Operational and Delivery Plans	
distributed around the Shire	Individual communities receive		
	new infrastructure and facilities and/or upgrades according to		
	need		
	Maintenance of public		
	buildings, sporting facilities,		
	parks and gardens in all communities		
	Communices		
	Satisfaction with Council		
	distribution of funds		
Keeping youth active and intere			
1. Establish a Youth Advisory	Youth Strategy for the Shire	Annual Community Survey	
Council and consult with young people	Council proactively partners with youth community groups	Appointment of Youth Liaison	
people	via a Youth Liaison Officer	Officer	
2. Employ a Youth Liaison	That a road Liancon Cincon	3	
Officer	Youth crime rates on the decline	Marketing Program to promote and support youth	
3. Continue lobbying for	Facilities across the Shire to	and Support youth	
government funding for facility	meet youth sporting and non-	Youth Unemployment	
upgrades and new development	sporting needs		
4 Provide dedicated assessment to	Indigenous vouth house	Crime statistics	
4. Provide dedicated support to indigenous youth for social and	Indigenous youth have increased opportunity for social	Indigenous integration	
employment needs	and employment integration	indigenous integration	
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	Promotion of apprenticeships		



Inclusion and engagement of the indigenous communities			
1. Respect and acknowledge	Promotion of aboriginal culture	Involvement of indigenous	
the indigenous heritage of the	through dedicated facility and	community	
Shire	tourism materials		
		Cultural awareness	
2. Provide education and	Inclusion in historical exhibits		
employment support	across the Shire	Tourism marketing materials	
	Participation in high school and	Education levels	
	tertiary education		
		Employment statistics	
	Work experience opportunities	Literacy levels	
Valuing volunteers			
1. Council to encourage	Continuation of volunteering	Annual Volunteer Celebration	
and recognise the work of			
volunteers	More young people involved in		
	volunteering		

What the community can do:

- Participate in volunteering
- Help others in times of trouble
- Provide work experience for youth including the indigenous community
- Promote our Shire

Relevant documents:

- Narrabri Shire Economic Social Plan 16.1 Shirewide Objectives, 16.3, Youth, 16.5
 Volunteers, 16.11 Key Economic Opportunities, 16.8 Aboriginal and Torres Strait
 Islanders
- Narrabri Shire Council Community Workshops Report 2012



Proactive leadership and advocacy

Managing for all and standing up for our shire

Our community recognises that Council does not have complete control over every aspect of the Shire. Sometimes we need contributions from state and federal governments and agencies in order to make changes. However, the community does look to Council for strong leadership, clear communication, efficient support of development and a preparedness to meet commitments.

The community's views on leadership and advocacy are summarised in the following statements:

Transparent communication

Council communicates regularly and actively with residents, working diligently to reach every part of the Shire. While electronic communication is seen as a valuable tool, Councillors and Council staff make regular face-to-face visits to the more outlying parts of the community. Communication is responsive, transparent and honest, underpinned by a "how can we help" attitude.

Meeting commitments

Council acts on existing plans to improve life for current residents. Where a commitment is made, it is kept; if not, the reasons why are clearly communicated and alternative plans made. Council staff feels empowered to act and are therefore enthusiastic about their roles; staff turnover is low due to high job satisfaction.

Streamlining for growth and reducing red tape

The Council adopts an effective approach to development that balances progress with protection of heritage, aboriginal values and natural features. Development applications are dealt with quickly and efficiently. Businesses can move to Narrabri Shire confident that they will not be held back by excessive bureaucracy or costs and will be well supported.

A voice for the shire at federal and state level

Council acts as a champion for the community's needs at Federal and State level, acting assertively and proactively to support the Shire's interests. Federal and State Governments and agencies have Narrabri Shire clearly in mind when they make decisions that may affect the Shire. We may be moderate in size, but we will not be forgotten in areas such as internet and mobile telephone access, highway construction and maintenance and water management.



PROACTIVE LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY: Managing for all and standing up for our Shire

What Council will do:

Council action	Definition of succes	Measurement	
Transparent communication			
1. Proactively engage with	Positive perceptions of the	Community satisfaction survey	
and transparently inform the	Council		
Community about Council		Effective Marketing and	
activities	Elected representatives provide	Communications program	
	face-to-face visits across the		
2. Adopt a service attitude	Shire		
	Customan comits training		
	Customer service training		
	"How can we help?" attitude		
Meeting commitments			
1. Funds are allocated as per	Infrastructure improvements	Community satisfaction survey	
annual plans			
	Staff engagement in the	Annual Plans	
2.Demonstrate accountability	process		
for actions	Des la como disella com	Council staff turnover	
2 06	Regular communication re		
3. Share best practice and	funding activities		
successes with other Councils	Denobrant against other		
A Poolign management and	Benchmark against other Councils		
4. Realign management and organisation structure to be	Councils		
in line with Council services	More residents are satisfied		
offered	with Council governance		
Official	With Council governance		
	Customer first approach is		
	realised		



Streamlining for growth and reducing red tape				
1. Develop effective workflow	Improvement in quality and	Community satisfaction survey		
practices	response times to queries			
		Website traffic		
2. Finalise customer requests	Perception that Council staff are			
and concerns in a timely fashion	friendly and helpful	Staff productivity		
3. Provide easy access to	Increased use of Council			
Council for total community	website			
A voice for the Shire at federal a	A voice for the Shire at federal and state level			
1. Regularly promote community	Improved funding for	Community satisfaction survey		
issues to government agencies	infrastructure and services			
		Broader awareness of Narrabri		
2. Encourage individuals and	Residents voicing their opinion	Shire		
groups to voice their issues to	to government agencies on			
government authorities	important issues			

What the community can do:

- Take an active role in the Shire's future direction
- Provide constructive feedback to Council

Relevant documents:

- Narrabri Shire Economic Social Plan 2010-2015: 16.11
- Narrabri Shire Council Community Workshops Report 2012



Where to from here?

Achieving the aims of this Community Strategic Plan will require everyone in our community – individuals, community groups and businesses - to play their part.

Council will play a major role in supporting the plan, integrating the plan with initiatives that are already underway, communicating plans for the future and working with others (Federal and State Governments and agencies, community groups, and so on) to make progress.

Council will also look to this plan as a guide when creating strategic plans and budgets over the next ten years.

Narrabri Shire Council looks forward to working with the entire community to create the Shire we all want.



SECTION 4

Acknowledgements

Narrabri Shire Council Strategic Planning Document November 2011
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NSW Government Western Region report
Local Government Act 1993

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