eurobodalla community strategic plan
help our community grow
one community
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When council asked the community in 2009, “What do you want Eurobodalla to be in the year 2030?” it started a community conversation that is still happening today.

Over 3000 people representing many age groups and walks of life were directly involved in the start of this conversation - through surveys, workshops, questionnaires, written submissions, information stalls and local media.

Thousands more were indirectly involved and these people shared their thoughts in conversations, newspaper stories, radio and online.

Over months, ideas flowed. People listened, shared, laughed, took on the challenges and refused to shy away from the hard topics.

This process was championed by 17 residents who formed the Community Reference Group. They gave up their time to be a voice and represent our community.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the contribution this group made to the development of Eurobodalla’s first Community Strategic Plan.

One of the first responsibilities of the new council elected in September 2012 was to review the plan and build on the thoughts and ideas already underway.

So we picked up the conversation again and harnessed more ideas to fine tune the plan to make sure we had the best outcomes for our community.

This Community Strategic Plan reflects the insight, experience, vision, priorities, challenges and hopes for the future of our ‘One Community’. And what a future it will be!

This plan is your plan. It belongs to you, our community, not to Eurobodalla Shire Council. And the people of Eurobodalla have already begun their journey toward achieving their goals.

In practice, One Community will be at the heart of council’s operations. Future plans and decisions made by this council will be aligned to One Community.

In spirit, One Community is the result of an engaged and heartfelt conversation with a committed community who came together to create a powerful vision for our future.

I am proud of this plan and I applaud our community on their commitment to the future. I am looking forward to working together in the years ahead to make our vision a reality and Eurobodalla a better place to live.

Lindsay Brown
Mayor
Why do we plan?

All councils are required to develop short, medium and long term plans under the NSW Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Framework. The Community Strategic Plan ‘one community’ is the highest order plan within this hierarchy that a council and its community will prepare. Its purpose is to identify the community’s main priorities and aspirations for the future, and to plan strategies for achieving these goals. In doing this, the planning process considers the issues and pressures that may affect the community, and the level of resources that will realistically be available to achieve its aspirations.

One Community is supported by subordinate plans: a Resourcing Strategy that includes an Asset Management Strategy, Long Term Financial Plan and Workforce Management Plan. As well as a Delivery Program and Operational Plan which outline activities that are the responsibility of council in achieving our community vision.

While council has a custodial role in initiating, preparing and maintaining the plan on behalf of the community, it is not wholly responsible for its implementation. Other partners, such as Federal and State Agencies, and community groups are also responsible for the delivery of the plan. The aim of the plan is to encourage council, the community and other agencies to work together as one community to deliver on our vision for the future.

Reviewing the plan

This version of the Community Strategic Plan – One Community, is an update of our original Community Strategic Plan - Eurobodalla2030, which was first adopted by council in April 2012.

In September 2012, the Eurobodalla local government elections were held and, in accordance with IPR legislation, a review of the recently adopted plan was required.

It was important that the review process be respectful to and build upon the community input to date and to ensure that the plan remains current and representative.
Why one community?

As part of our review process we asked the community what they wanted their plan to be called. We were looking for a name that would appeal to all ages, stand the test of time and help to connect the people within our shire. The ideas that came back from our community centred on growth, strength and connectivity.

When the name, ‘one community’, was suggested it seemed to capture the essence of what we had heard consistently throughout our community conversations.

Our logo for the plan represents each focus area as a petal that comes together to make a whole flower. This flower represents our focus and aim to work together to help our ‘one community’ grow.

How was the plan developed?

Community involvement in the development of the first Community Strategic Plan was extensive. Council prepared a comprehensive Community Engagement Strategy to provide varied opportunities for our community to express their broad range of opinions, ideas and visions to help shape the plan.

The community was provided with genuine opportunities for active, meaningful and ongoing participation and over 3000 people from all walks of life took part in identifying the key issues, challenges and opportunities in creating the plan.

The Community Engagement Strategy for the review has continued this original conversation with our community, and kept the same intent by using additional input, feedback, contributions and information.

The key messages that were reinforced through our community conversation have helped to fine tune elements of the plan and develop our vision for one community.

- Liveable: having opportunities to participate in community life, looking after one another and being healthy
- Sustainable: that development is respectful, resources are used wisely and we look after our environment for the future
- Productive: having opportunities to grow, to work and to learn
- Collaborative: We talk to and listen to one another, we are responsible for our actions, and we respect ourselves and others

eurobodalla community strategic plan
planning in partnership

Our community often calls for more action in the areas of health, community safety, education, transport and environmental protection. Delivering on community expectations in these areas however, cannot occur in isolation and must recognise broader regional, national and global context. This means understanding our role and networks with other communities, industries and statewide partners.

The State Government has developed a State Plan – NSW 2012, which has a series of strategic goals that will assist with the delivery of community expectations at a state and regional level, while enabling coordination and alignment at a local level.

Our Community Strategic Plan has been developed with regard to the State Plan and associated Regional Plans.
how will we know the plan is working?

Our objective is to bring about positive change within our community. It is therefore important to regularly check whether or not council, and all partners including our community is making progress towards achieving the goals set in our Community Strategic Plan.

We need to regularly ask ourselves:

Are we starting to see results and improvements?
Are the various partners in the plan doing what they said they would do?
What else do we need to do?

To do this, council will monitor the effectiveness of our Community Strategic Plan through the use of community indicators. The idea of community indicators is to measure issues of relevance to our community regardless of whether council has direct responsibility for them. Community indicators focus on longer-term, population or community level outcomes, measuring overarching changes which are the responsibility of various organisation, levels of government and other stakeholders. These indicators are listed for each of the four focus areas of the plan.

The success of implementing the plan is reported every four years in an end of the council term report that shows our progress towards the indicators listed in the plan. The plan is also fully reviewed and endorsed every four years in line with local government elections to ensure it remains relevant to our community’s changing circumstances.

What is council’s role in implementing the plan?

Council has multiple roles to play in delivering the Community Strategic Plan. Specific activities that council will undertake are listed in its Delivery Program and Operational Plan. Broadly councils role includes being:

A leader: to plan and provide direction through policy and practices.
A provider: of physical infrastructure and essential services.
A regulator: of development, community health and safety, and the environment.
A partner: with community, private and government organisations.
A supporter: to support and advocate for the community it represents.
A promoter: of the Eurobodalla as a place to live, visit and invest.
our community today
who we are today plays an important part in shaping our future for our community tomorrow
shaping our tomorrow

The ideas and hopes of children today influence the growth and development of our community tomorrow. As part of our community conversation we asked our children what community meant to them, what they liked about it and how they wanted to see it grow into a friendly, responsible, thriving and proud community.

what makes our community friendly?
- Enjoying where you live
- Support from your community
- A clean and tidy environment
- Access to activities
- Safety
- Support for local talents

what makes our community responsible?
- Effective use of resources
- Looking after the environment
- Rules for development

what makes our community thriving?
- Employment opportunities
- Moving forward
- Supply of information
- Motivation
- Access to education and training

what makes our community proud?
- Connecting with groups in the community
- Removing barriers
- Community events
- Supporting each other

"become more environmentally aware at school."
Sometimes it can be hard to imagine what things might be like in the future. So as part of our community conversation, community reference group member Stuart Whitelaw shared with us his vision for the future....
The big floods of 2020 and 2022 taught many lessons about intensive horticulture management on the flood plains. The crop losses were compensated by the top dressing of 10mm of river silt across the flats. There is speculation that this mechanism will keep pace with the water table rise.

The Council had shown great vision in ensuring that any land close to town with good soil was protected from subdivision and could be used for agriculture even if it backed onto housing development. The banning of most pesticide spraying and the rise of organic practices mean that this is not such a problem. So despite the loss of production of some vegetables from the floodplain in the big floods, there was little need for food imports.

I am heading to the built environment faculty, which is right in town. This co-operative effort from two regional universities has changed Eurobodalla. There are centres in Narooma (aquaculture and marine studies), Moruya (Food and built environment) and Batemans Bay (Coastal and catchment studies and renewable energy).

The Moruya campus is mostly integrated into the town, with lecture places and admin areas located above the retail areas. Some student housing is also a part of the town centre, but many prefer to live closer to the coast, using the cycleways to get to classes.

The University has almost 4,000 students now, spread across the region. There is intense competition for teaching positions in what is one of the most desirable coastal locations. Many retired academics and professions are encouraged to be mentors and part time tutors in several faculties. Today is my day to take a drawing class and to be a guest judge at a design ‘pinup’ of the ‘garbage housing’ project.

Since Eurobodalla became a Sustainability Hub in 2012, the production of building materials from the waste stream has continued to increase. Over half of the factories in the industrial complex are now involved in recycling waste stream products.

After the drawing class I walk to the ‘slow money’ exchange. After several years as an on line service, our local stock exchange has now got a physical presence in the town. I want to have a chat with their investment advisor about a new start up that aims to produce a new stock feed concentrate. I regularly check on my other little local investments on line with the live web cams, but it is good to talk to someone who has a better handle on the new agriculture systems.

The concept of investing 50% of your assets within 50km of your home has caught peoples’ imaginations, and local employment is the benefactor.

The afternoon lectures at UoS are just beginning so I am able to find a seat at one of the town’s new breed of busy cafes. We all now understand that what we flush today, is returned to us as food in a year’s time. Local food is no longer a novelty, it is what we expect.

The marine park has benefited from the ocean and river outfalls being diverted to land irrigation, fish stocks are booming, and the advantages of a small community waste catchment has resulted in safe, clean fertile soils.

The student exhibition is being set up in the central gallery space, which is also used by the local visual artists and musicians. There will be an opening tomorrow, where the best entries will get a chance to have full scale prototypes of their ‘garbage houses’ constructed at the experimental building station that Council pioneered in partnership with the Uni.

After the judging, a few of us head to the pub for some of the local micro beers that have started to be produced. We have a lot to thank the students for. My elder flower ale is spectacular. I am getting a bit old for the music bars that the Uni has spawned, but the craft beers are appreciated.

After some shopping, I catch the 5.45 shuttle south along the highway. We pass one of the few large trucks that now use the highway. The supermarket trucks now back load with primary industry products for Sydney.

As the real price of liquid fuels has increased 4 fold over the past 20 years, the radial distribution network in Sydney has made less and less sense for many items. Relatively low cost, bulky goods like fruit and vegetables were particularly affected and regional distribution became the norm. The south east has emerged as a region with enough variation in climate and soil types such that most food items are now produced and consumed here.

I leave the shuttle at the charging station, carrying the eggplants, cheese and red wine that I bought at the Locavore store in Vulcan Street and load them into the fully charged buggy.

It’s a balmy evening, it’s Valentine’s Day, and I’m planning a meal from the garden for the two of us with char grilled eggplant and goat’s cheese washed down with some delightful local wine.

Stuart Whitelaw February 14, 2011
our vision for the future

The plan consists of a vision, community values that support our vision and four focus areas that are the framework for a range of objectives and strategies required to implement our vision.

our community vision

Our vision is designed to encourage commitment to our future and a sense of common purpose and responsibility. It reflects the kind of community that we would like to be in twenty years’ time.

liveable communities

friendly
we are happy, supportive and welcoming

sustainable communities

responsible
our choices benefit the community and the environment

productive communities

thriving
we are successful and sustainable in growth and development

collaborative communities

proud
we build community spirit and our Eurobodalla leads the way
our community values

The responsibility to work towards our vision for one community extends well beyond that of our council. It is something we will only achieve if we work together. To do this, we need to understand the values that we hold as a community, and how these can be woven through everything we do. These are the foundations on which we will build our future and sustain our community.

Community spirit:
We are friendly and resilient, and proudly live in harmony with each other and the environment

Mutual respect:
We take responsibility for our actions and give everyone a fair go

Care:
We take interest in the wellbeing of each other and our home

Trust:
We insist on honesty and open decision making

Stewardship:
We make commonsense decisions for the benefit of all, based on research and community consultation

Participation:
We take opportunities to be involved in our community

Cooperation:
We recognise the value of partnerships to help us achieve our goals

Innovation:
We act dynamically when planning for a balanced and prosperous future
This plan describes what we need to do to realise our vision, to take Eurobodalla forward into the future and to be one community. The plan has four focus areas: liveable, sustainable, productive and collaborative. These focus areas are at the heart of the things we need to do together to achieve the future that our community desires.
OBJECTIVE 1: WE ARE HEALTHY AND ACTIVE
1.1 Improve local access to health services
1.2 Encourage and enable healthy lifestyle choices
1.3 Provide the right places, spaces and activities

OBJECTIVE 2: OUR COMMUNITY IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE
2.1 Enable accessible and affordable lifestyle options
2.2 A shared responsibility for community safety
2.3 Celebrate our creativity and cultural expression

OBJECTIVE 3: OUR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT ARE IN HARMONY
3.1 Encourage respectful planning, balanced growth and good design
3.2 Respond to our changing environment
3.3 Value, protect and enhance our natural environment

OBJECTIVE 4: WE USE & MANAGE OUR RESOURCES WISELY
4.1 Develop a clean energy future
4.2 Use our water wisely
4.3 Reduce, reuse and recover waste
4.4 Identify and make best use of our resource land

OBJECTIVE 5: WE HELP OUR LOCAL ECONOMY GROW
5.1 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure
5.2 Support the growth of our business community
5.3 Promote our community as the place to visit, live, work and invest

OBJECTIVE 6: WE ARE SKILLED AND HAVE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
6.1 Increase the range of opportunities to work locally
6.2 Build on our quality education and training opportunities

OBJECTIVE 7: WE ARE AN ENGAGED & CONNECTED COMMUNITY
7.1 Encourage an informed community
7.2 Enable broad, rich and meaningful engagement to occur
7.3 Build on our sense of community

OBJECTIVE 8: WE WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS
8.1 Build strong relationships and shared responsibilities
8.2 Work in partnership to plan for the future
8.3 Provide representative, responsive and accountable community governance
liveable communities

objective 1 - we are healthy and active
objective 2 - our community is a great place to live

A liveable community has pride of place, ease of access, community harmony, a mobile and healthy population that participates in community life, a feeling of safety and security, a strong vibrant cultural base and places to relax, study and play.
OBJECTIVE 1: WE ARE HEALTHY AND ACTIVE

We have access to a diverse range of high quality health care services and are supported in living a healthy and active life by the opportunity to participate in recreation activities.

How will we get there?

1.1 Improve local access to health services
1.2 Encourage and enable healthy lifestyle choices
1.3 Provide the right places, spaces and activities

Council Role

- Advocate for better health services for the community
- Provide home and community care services
- Promote healthy lifestyle choices to staff and the community
- Support local sporting groups and clubs
- Ensure recreation opportunities and facilities to meet changing needs
- Attract and assist recreation providers
- Provide Healthy Community Grants
- Provide shared pathways

Community Role

- Be physically active – walk, cycle or play a sport
- Embrace a healthy lifestyle and encourage others to as well
- Have regular medical check-ups
- Have a good work/life balance
- Increase your knowledge on healthy living
- Enjoy your local park, sportsground or patrolled beach

Who else can help us get there?

Partners who can help achieve our objectives will include Federal and State Government Agencies, service providers and community groups such as:

- Medicare Local
- Department of Education and Communities
- Department of Family and Community Services
- Peak industry bodies and local sporting groups

"We can build a great place to live by providing opportunities for participation in initiatives that have meaning and value with positive outcomes for everyone."
We can work together to create great experiences and activities. All residents can be involved and Council can help them on their way.

OBJECTIVE 2: OUR COMMUNITY IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Our community is strong, safe and connected with equal access to the services and facilities that ensure a great quality of life for all ages.

How will we get there?

2.1 Enable accessible and affordable lifestyle options

2.2 A shared responsibility for community safety

2.3 Celebrate our creativity and cultural expression

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<td>• Share your cultural events</td>
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Who else can help us get there?

Partners who can help achieve our objectives will include Federal and State Government Agencies, service providers and community groups such as:

• Department of Family and Community Services
• Department of Education and Communities
• Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
• South East Arts Region
• Roads and Maritime Services
How do we know if we are on track to achieve a **liveable** community?

Our progress towards achieving the objectives of a liveable community will be measured against the following community indicators. They will be reported on every four years in line with the end of the council term.

- Health
- Safety
- Active Living
- Creativity and Culture

Measures, targets and data sources used to inform the report can be found in the Eurobodalla Indicator Framework document.
A sustainable community is characterised by our appreciation of natural surroundings and biodiversity. This is supported by responsible planning and management practices and the lifestyle actions we agree to, to reduce our impact on the natural environment and to conserve valuable resources.
WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE IN 20 YEARS TIME?

OBJECTIVE 3: OUR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT ARE IN HARMONY

We respect and value our natural environment, understand the effects of our actions and make wise decisions to retain balance.

How will we get there?

3.1 Encourage respectful planning, balanced growth and good design

3.2 Respond to our changing environment

3.3 Value, protect and enhance our natural environment

Council Role

- Undertake invasive species programs
- Manage growth and development
- Ensure planning is responsive to the environment and community needs
- Encourage sustainable development
- Plan for the impacts of climate change
- Undertake bush and wetland regeneration
- Provide for conservation of endangered ecological communities and threatened species
- Support Landcare volunteers
- Deliver environment education programs
- Support local emergency services
- Undertake bushfire hazard reduction

Community Role

- Be active in commenting on new development
- Get involved in activities and events that assist to protect the environment
- Take ownership of our natural environment
- Retain vegetation on private property
- Dispose of garden waste carefully
- Plant a tree
- Know what to do in an emergency

Who else can help us get there?

Partners who can help achieve our objectives will include Federal and State Government Agencies, service providers and community groups such as:

- Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority
- Department of Planning and Infrastructure
- Office of Environment and Heritage
- Landcare Groups
- Department of Primary Industries
- Sustainable Agriculture and Gardening Eurobodalla (SAGE)
WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE IN 20 YEARS TIME?

OBJECTIVE 4: WE USE AND MANAGE OUR RESOURCES WISELY

We take responsibility for the management and consumption of our valuable resources and recognise the impact that our actions have both today and on future generations.

How will we get there?

4.1 Develop a clean energy future
4.2 Use our water wisely
4.3 Reduce, reuse and recover waste
4.4 Identify and make best use of our resource land

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<td>• Use water thoughtfully</td>
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<td>• Provide and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and waste</td>
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<td>• Compost kitchen and garden waste</td>
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<td>• Undertake waste minimisation and education programs</td>
<td>• Install energy and water saving options in your home</td>
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<td>• Provide and promote initiatives to reduce water, energy and waste</td>
<td>• Use recyclable bags and say no to plastic</td>
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<td>• Carpool, ride a bike or walk</td>
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Who else can help us get there?

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• Department of Planning and Infrastructure
• Office of Environment and Heritage
• Department of Primary Industries
• Sustainable Agriculture and Gardening Eurobodalla (SAGE)
How do we know if we are on track to achieve a sustainable community?

Our progress towards achieving the objectives of a sustainable community will be measured against the following community indicators. They will be reported on every four years in line with the end of the council term.

- Growth and Development
- Natural Environment
- Waste
- Water
- Native vegetation cover
- Environmental Change

Measures, targets and data sources used to inform the report can be found in the Eurobodalla Indicator Framework document.
A productive community provides people with positive choices for investment, employment and study. An innovative, diverse and resilient economy requires collaboration between local people and other levels of Government to ensure that funding for infrastructure and economic development exists to support market strength and diversity.

productive communities

objective 5 - we help our local economy grow
objective 6 - we are skilled and have access to employment opportunities
WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE IN 20 YEARS TIME?

OBJECTIVE 5: WE HELP OUR LOCAL ECONOMY GROW

Our business and industry sector is smart, innovative, and resilient and is supported and prepared for future growth and challenges.

How will we get there?

5.1 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure

5.2 Support the growth of our business community

5.3 Promote our community as the place to visit, live, work and invest

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<td>• Advocate for funding for major projects</td>
<td>• Use local and regional service providers</td>
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<td>• Advocate for evolving legislation to support positive growth and change</td>
<td>• Promote the Eurobodalla Shire as a great place to live, visit and explore</td>
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<td>• Provide and maintain public infrastructure</td>
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<td>• Promote and support business investment and employment growth</td>
<td>• Enjoy local entertainment options</td>
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<td>• Provide visitor information services</td>
<td>• Report problems with infrastructure</td>
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<td>• Advocate for National Broadband Networks</td>
<td>• Seek work in local area</td>
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<td>• Partner with business and industry to attract funding and investment</td>
<td>• Employ local people</td>
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<td>• Develop and promote tourism brand</td>
<td>• Pursue business skills and learning opportunities where possible</td>
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<td>• Provide support services, networking and training opportunities for local business and industry</td>
<td>• Support and/or join your local chamber of commerce</td>
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Who else can help us get there?

Partners who can help achieve our objectives will include Federal and State Government Agencies, service providers and community groups such as:

• Regional Development Australia (RDA)
• Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
• Roads and Maritime Services
• South East Australian Transport Strategy Inc
• Chambers of Commerce and Businesses
• Destination NSW
“My top three ingredients for a productive community are education, access to support and resourcing.”

WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE IN 20 YEARS TIME?

OBJECTIVE 6: WE ARE SKILLED AND HAVE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our lives are enriched through access to quality education which enables the development of a skilled workforce and the uptake of local job opportunities.

How will we get there?

6.1 Increase the range of opportunities to work locally
6.2 Build on our quality education and training opportunities

Council Role

- Support and advocate for the growth of tertiary education opportunities in our area
- Partner with business and industry to develop and explore opportunities for job growth within the region
- Provide opportunities for cadetships, apprenticeships and work experience within council

Community Role

- Think local when looking for work opportunities
- Create opportunities for trainees, apprenticeships and work experience
- Undertake education and vocational training

Who else can help us get there?

Partners who can help achieve our objectives will include Federal and State Government Agencies, service providers and community groups such as:

- Regional Development Australia (RDA)
- Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services
- Department of Education and Communities
- Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
- Chambers of Commerce and Businesses
- Local education providers
How do we know if we are on track to achieve a productive community?

Our progress towards achieving the objectives of a productive community will be measured against the following community indicators. They will be reported on every four years in line with the end of the council term.

- Assets and Infrastructure
- Growth and Promotion
- Employment and Education

Measures, targets and data sources used to inform the report can be found in the Eurobodalla Indicator Framework document.
A collaborative community is informed, has responsible decision making and a sound financial position supported by capable leaders, functional assets and efficient operations to meet the changing needs of the community.

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OBJECTIVE 7: WE ARE AN ENGAGED AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Our thoughts and ideas are valued, we are empowered with the knowledge and have the opportunity to participate.

How will we get there?

7.1 Encourage an informed community
7.2 Enable broad, rich and meaningful engagement to occur
7.3 Build on our sense of community

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• South East Regional Organisation of Councils
• Division of Local Government
• Progress and community associations
• Chambers of commerce

“Listen to others who may have a different point of view. Participate in local activities and become more social. Create opportunities and pathways for people to connect.”
“My top three ingredients for a collaborative community are open communication, reciprocal relationships and respect.”

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OBJECTIVE 8: WE WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS

We respect our community leaders who listen to and act on our behalf, and value our community’s knowledge, experience and ideas which help us implement our vision for the future together.

How will we get there?

8.1 Build strong relationships and shared responsibilities
8.2 Work in partnership to plan for the future
8.3 Provide representative, responsive and accountable community governance

Council Role
- Work in partnership with Federal and State Government, other councils and regional organisations
- Support mayor and councillor’s in their role
- Provide corporate functions
- Conduct council business in an open and transparent manner and in accordance with legislative and statutory requirements
- Act with the wider community in mind
- Be responsive to new information
- Manage expectations
- Be an employer of choice
- Ensure the needs of our Shire and community are reflected in state and regional plans
- Seek sources of funding to implement our community vision

Community Role
- Join a council committee
- Get involved in a community group or organisation
- Provide feedback to council
- Get to know our council and how it supports our community
- Read about how council compares to other equivalent NSW councils
- Keep an open mind

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- Community Engagement
- Community Satisfaction
- Governance

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For more information about the eurobodalla community strategic plan go to www.esc.nsw.gov.au

Access to Information

The best way to find out information about council is to read the meeting agenda papers, subscribe to the online newsletter and read Council Noticeboard in the local papers, visit the website, drop into a library in Narooma, Moruya and Batemans Bay, or visit the council administration building in Moruya.

Community Information is also made freely available at the Dr Mackay and Batemans Bay community centres. There are links to networks, people and groups in the community in council’s Community Services Directory, an online directory of services groups, sporting, culture and other interest groups that is available on council’s website.

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