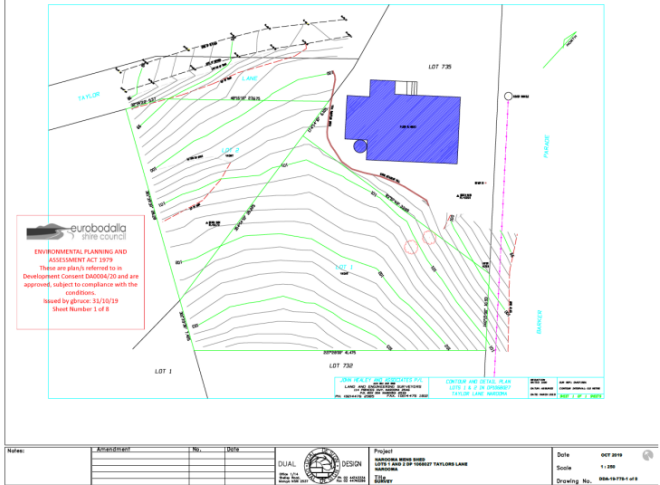


Attachment A - Summary of Themes and suggestion responses

(Please note, these are not the submissions and responses in their entirety – just the key themes and suggested responses)

Number	Key Theme/Issue	Suggested Response
1	Opposition to rate rise	<p>In line with most other NSW Councils, rates and fees are proposed to rise by 2.6 per cent – the rate pegging amount set annually by the NSW Government. The average additional cost for rates this year would be \$77 for households or \$1.49 per week, \$179 for businesses or \$3.45 per week, and \$47 farmland or 92 cents per week.</p> <p>It is important to note that if Council does not take the rate pegging amount, this will inhibit Council’s ability to maintain service levels and capital programs now and into the future. In addition, over 30 per cent of Council’s \$116 million operating expenditure budget this year will be spent on contracts and materials. Council purchases materials from local suppliers, hire local contractors, plant, equipment and labour and employs local people, thus even a small increase in expenditure has a positive flow on impact to our local economy.</p> <p>It is also noted that there is a significant cumulative impact on Council’s financial sustainability in future years if the rate peg is not taken up, unless there is a subsequent decision to have a ‘catch up’ increase. This then places a more significant financial obligation on those future ratepayers. Councillors have been briefed on the cumulative financial impacts.</p> <p>It is proposed that Council makes amendments to its Hardship Policy, which provides immediate assistance to those who need it in the form of payment plans with no interest being charged for 12 months. The proposed changes are through a Directive which establishes the scope of financial assistance to be provided and the modified terms to apply for hardship relief to residential, business and farmland ratepayers, enabling employees who have lost their jobs and businesses that have closed or have had restricted trade as a consequence of Government orders.</p> <p>The Office of Local Government released circular 20-19 Information about Ratings 2020-21 on 26 May 2020. This circular outlines the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 (inclusive) will be 0.0% per annum and that the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 (inclusive) will be 7.0% per annum.</p> <p>It is recommended that the interest freeze be extended from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 inclusive. This is double the requirement set down by the NSW Government. It is important to note that Council had exhibited its overdue interest rate at 7.5% for the 12-month period. This interest rate would now not apply as it is recommended to not impose interest on overdue fees for 2020-21 financial year.</p>

		<p>Further, in addition to the support already provided to businesses and individuals, it is proposed that Council allocate \$200,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund specifically for businesses who have seen significant reduction in revenue as a result of the bushfires or COVID-19. It is noted that the first quarterly rates instalment is due on 30 September 2020, a month later than usual.</p> <p>It is also proposed that the payment of S94 and S64 contributions for development (other than subdivision) be deferred until prior to the issuing of an occupation certificate.</p> <p>These measures are in addition to the support that has already been provided by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments and Council to assist rate payers and businesses that have been impacted by bush fires and Covid-19. A number of these support programs will be ongoing throughout 2020-2021.</p>
2	Governance of the approval/endorsement of the DPOP document	<p>Council's original Delivery Program 2017-21 was developed through an extensive community and stakeholder engagement. The Delivery Program 2017-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21 were revised through Councillor and staff workshops.</p> <p>The revised Delivery Program 2017-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21 was endorsed for public exhibition from 8 April to 20 May 2020. Council continued to engage the community during this period by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making the revised draft Delivery Program 2017-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21 available for the community to read on Council's website. • informing the community about the public exhibition and inviting the community to have their say through information on Council's website, Eurobodalla News - Council's online newsletter and a media release • notifying and inviting community associations and groups to have their say • consulting the community by considering and acknowledging submissions received and providing the community's feedback to Council prior to any decisions being made about the Delivery Program 2017-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21. <p>Council acknowledges that this year has been challenging in relation to community consultation with COVID-19 restrictions in place. We have however, had a very large number of submissions and the community has been well engaged in this process. Hard copies of the Delivery Program 2017-21 and Operational Plan 2020-21 were posted to individuals on request.</p>

3	Following up of unpaid rates (should be more stringent)	<p>If a rate payer is having difficulty paying their rates, in the first instance staff will work with the property owner to develop a payment plan that suits their particular financial circumstances. Council also has a Hardship Policy if a more formal arrangement is requested. Working with a rate payer who is experiencing financial difficulty is always Council's preferred option. If this process is not successful, Council follows a standard process to pursue debt recovery procedures in order to minimise the impact of outstanding debts on Council's financial position. Once rates are two instalments in arrears, and more than \$500 overdue, the debt is referred to our collection agency; Recoveries & Reconstruction. The ratepayer is issued a letter of intent which provides seven days to pay before legal action is commenced and the debt pursued as a legal process. Council's debt recovery policy can be found at: https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/council-policies/policies/Debt-Recovery-Policy.pdf</p>
4	Queries around the salary packages of senior public servants	NSW Local Government Senior Officers are contracted employees as determined by Council.
5	An upgrade to Taylor's Lane in Narooma	<p>Council maintains the first 43 m of the seal, which, if there were no change in usage, would be due for a reseal in approximately 5 years. The current condition does not require immediate maintenance activity. The Narooma Men's Shed have submitted a DA to build a new facility at 41A Barker Parade Narooma (DA0004/20). This was determined on 31 October 2019</p>  <p>Access is via Taylors Lane Narooma</p> <p>One of the conditions of consent is to provide plans for the upgrade of Taylors Lane.</p>

6	Further information requested around the new sewer line being laid along George Bass Dr, Mossy Point	<p>The sewer main under construction along George Bass Drive near Mossy Point and recently constructed along Train Street Broulee is to service new and existing residential development in South Broulee. A new sewage pumping station is being constructed adjacent to Captain Oldrey Park that will discharge into the sewage pumping station near the George Bass Drive roundabout at Tomakin.</p> <p>These works are unrelated to the proposed Eurobodalla Hospital.</p>
7	Minimising the Impacts of Flooding on development and people	<p>Local councils are responsible for managing flood-prone land in NSW with support from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, which provides specialist technical knowledge.</p> <p>Council's Floodplain Risk Management Plans help us consider the consequences of living on flood-prone land. The plans aim are to minimize the losses to our community from flooding. This occurs through a range of property, flood and response modification measures.</p> <p>Flood Risk Management Plans are developed in accordance with the NSW Government Floodplain Manual</p> <p>The manual details the roles and responsibilities of various NSW agencies and includes information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the preparation of flood studies, floodplain risk management studies and plans • floodplain risk management options • flood planning levels and areas • hydraulic and hazard categorisation • emergency response planning
8	Invasive species	<p>Council has been successful in securing additional grant funds to assist with invasive species such as weeds and feral animals. The control of invasive species is the landholder's responsibility. Council has an advisory role.</p>
9	Emergency Resilience Strategy	<p>Council has provided detailed submissions to the NSW Bushfire Inquiry and the Commonwealth Royal Commission into National Natural Disasters. These submissions are available on Councils website at:</p> <p>https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/living-in/about/emergency-information/eurobodalla-community-recovery/bushfire-inquiries</p> <p>These submissions include recommendations relating to actions needed to improve community resilience relating to transport, power supply, telecommunications, evacuation centres, the integrated regional emergency services precinct, water and sewer and key community facilities. Progress is already made on a number of these actions by</p>

		<p>advocating to other parties (eg installation of improved power back-up systems for telecommunications towers, service stations and aged care facilities).</p> <p>Council continues to advocate to the Australian Government to help our community fund the Eurobodalla Southern Water Storage to secure our water supply and improve resilience during natural disasters.</p> <p>We welcome the community's support in advocating to the Australian and NSW Governments to fund the proposed integrated regional emergency services precinct and the proposed Eurobodalla Southern Water Storage.</p> <p>Council has also applied for funding under the NSW ClubGrants program and set aside \$0.2m of the \$1.4m bushfire funding from the Australian Government to improve the resilience of our evacuation centres in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. At the time of writing we are awaiting the outcome of the NSW ClubGrants application. Subject to these funds being forthcoming these works will be given a high priority for completion.</p> <p>The NSW Government has created a new agency in Resilience NSW who are tasked with building resilience across NSW. Council will continue to engage through the emergency management arrangements in NSW to track progress against the recommendation made in our submissions.</p>
10	Durras Playground Renewal and Requests for an upgrade to the Durras Hall Carpark.	<p>Durras Hall Carpark Upgrade</p> <p>Due to competing priorities Council is unable to allocate funds for the upgrade of the Durras Hall carpark. This may be reconsidered as priority works are completed and funding becomes available in the future.</p> <p>Durras Playground renewal</p> <p>Council will be replacing the existing playground with a similar sized feature as part of our playground renewal program. Our Recreation Planner will be reaching out to the DCA in the new financial year to seek input on the preferred style and type of features community members would like to see in the playground. Once equipment is decided upon, it takes approximately three months for pieces to be manufactured and delivered, so we anticipate installation will take place in early 2021. We will also be replacing the retaining wall and playground perimeter as part of this renewal project.</p>
11	Request for the construction of a new cul-de-sac in Moruya (Queen Street)	<p>It is not appropriate for the construction of the road referred to in this submission to be included as part of the 20-21 Operational Plan Capital Works Program. Agreement from landowners, Council resolution to accept land and to dedicate roads, and a full cost-benefit analysis would be required first.</p>

		<p>As the submission notes, the possibility of constructing the cul de sac was last considered in 2018 and there was insufficient community support at that time to proceed.</p> <p>Under the existing 2020-21 Operational Plan, item 9.2.2.3, Council will continue to review its Operational Land holdings and make strategic recommendations on its use. The Council land referred to in this proposal will continue to be reviewed under this Operational Plan item.</p>
12	Flood Management, healthy waterways and water, sewer and waste management	<p>Local council's are responsible for managing flood-prone land in NSW with support from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, which provides specialist technical knowledge.</p> <p>Council's Floodplain Risk Management Plans help us consider the consequences of living on flood-prone land. The plans aim are to minimize the losses to our community from flooding. This occurs through a range of property, flood and response modification measures.</p> <p>Flood Risk Management Plans are developed in accordance with the NSW Government Floodplain Manual</p> <p>The manual details the roles and responsibilities of various NSW agencies and includes information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the preparation of flood studies, floodplain risk management studies and plans • floodplain risk management options • flood planning levels and areas • hydraulic and hazard categorisation • emergency response planning <p>Ongoing environmental works, Land care and landholders activities occur across the Eurobodalla catchments which ultimately benefit the waterways. Emphasis is in riparian restoration works, reducing sediment and erosion following the recent bushfires.</p> <p>Water, sewer and waste monitoring is undertaken in accordance with Council's environmental licencing requirements.</p>
13	Invasive species management	<p>Council has been successful in securing additional grant funds to assist with invasive species such as weeds and feral animals. The control of invasive species is the landholder's responsibility and council also has an advisory role.</p>

14	Transfer Stations and income generated from this	<p>The Moruya transfer station is part of the Waste Management service. The income and expenditure in relation to this component of the service is included in the total for Waste Management. The transfer station services the community by providing free recycling for cardboard, mixed recycling e.g. glass, plastic, steel, aluminium. Collection of polystyrene and metal, including whitegoods for recycling is also free. The transfer station accepts domestic quantities of general waste and green waste, for which the adopted fees of council apply.</p> <p>Income from transfer stations is included in the general fund fees & charges revenue line.</p>
15	<p>Questions around how Bushfire funding has been/will be spent</p> <p>Bushfire Preparedness and recovery (including mental health services)</p>	<p>Council has received funding from both the NSW and Commonwealth Governments and has allocated these funds to a number of projects that will assist impacted communities and businesses. These reports can be found at: https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/meetings/2020/march/ordinary-council-meeting-10-march-2020/Agenda-Public.PDF and https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/meetings/2020/april/ordinary-council-meeting-7-april-2020/Agenda-Public.pdf</p> <p>Council has further provided assistance through waving some fees for water reconnections, DA assessments and additional services for waste disposal. A dedicated support hot line has also been established to assist fire impacted residents.</p> <p>Council is currently in the process of setting up the Eurobodalla Bushfire Recovery Support Service, with funding from the state and federal governments. The service will commence in July 2020 and operate from a shopfront in Moruya, providing case management and referral services and information, including support to access housing, mental health, financial assistance, as well as helping people to navigate rebuilding and recovery processes. The service will include outreach and information days, with case managers working from the office as well as visiting people at home and in the community.</p> <p>Council has allocated funds to upgrade the designated emergency evacuation centres, located at Hanging Rock, Moruya Showground and Narooma Leisure Centre. Improvements include improved infrastructure for generators and improved comfort for older people and people with a disability and their carers', with facility upgrades such as accessible toilets and improved showers.</p>
16	Resilience to Natural Hazards	<p>Council has provided detailed submissions to the NSW Bushfire Inquiry and the Commonwealth Royal Commission into National Natural Disasters. These submissions are available on Councils web-site at: https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/living-in/about/emergency-information/eurobodalla-community-recovery/bushfire-inquiries</p>

		<p>These submissions include recommendations relating to actions needed to improve community resilience relating to transport, power supply, telecommunications, evacuation centres, the integrated regional emergency services precinct, water and sewer and key community facilities. Progress is already made on a number of these actions by advocating to other parties (eg installation of improved power back-up systems for telecommunications towers, service stations and aged care facilities).</p> <p>Council continues to advocate to the Australian Government to help our community fund the Eurobodalla Southern Water Storage to secure our water supply and improve resilience during natural disasters.</p> <p>We welcome the community's support in advocating to the Australian and NSW Governments to fund the proposed integrated regional emergency services precinct and the proposed Eurobodalla Southern Water Storage.</p> <p>Council has also applied for funding under the NSW ClubGrants program and set aside \$0.2m of the \$1.4m bushfire funding from the Australian Government to improve the resilience of our evacuation centres in Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma. At the time of writing we are awaiting the outcome of the NSW ClubGrants application. Subject to these funds being forthcoming these works will be given a high priority for completion.</p> <p>The NSW Government has created a new agency in Resilience NSW who are tasked with building resilience across NSW. Council will continue to engage through the emergency management arrangements in NSW to track progress against the recommendation made in our submissions.</p>
17	Climate change, including the Variable and Changing Climate Adaptation Strategy	The Climate Adaptation Strategy is an action that was identified in the Emissions Reduction Plan 2017-2021. As part of the review of this Plan the Climate Adaptation Strategy is to be developed which is to consider Council's response to changes in our climate. Risks, impacts and strategies for adaptation will be considered, along with additional emission reduction actions.
18	Construction of the Batemans Bay Regional Arts, Aquatic and Leisure Centre (BBRAALC)	<p>Council has undertaken an extensive dialogue with all stakeholders (see response to questions under collaborative and engaged community) to determine the mix of facilities being included in the BBRAALC.</p> <p>The BBRAALC project has secured \$51 million in grant funding. BBRAALC Council has been up front that the grant funding alone will not be sufficient to fund the new facility. Council has also been very clear that until the construction tenders are received and assessed the differential between the secured grant funding and final build cost is unknown (Council has based the differential on estimates provided by our contracted Quantity Surveyor). Council has examined a range of options on how the funding shortfall could be addressed. These additional contributions have been made with due consideration to broader Council operations.</p>

		<p>There has been very little downsizing of the main elements included in the final design for the BBRAALC. When compared with the original Otium business case some areas are actually larger such as the warm water pool. The only significant change was to reduce the theatre space to 350 seat as opposed to the original scope of 500 seats. This decision was made after consultation with industry experts who believed 350 seats was more appropriate for the region taking into a variety of aspects including predicted growth for the area. Business planning has been undertaken based on the development as proposed.</p> <p>Council has been very clear that no final decision has been made with regard to the longer term future of the Batemans Bay Community Centre including the option of selling the property.</p> <p>This requirement would need to be considered along with the broad range of requests from within the community.</p> <p><u>Collaborative and Engaged Community</u></p> <p>An analysis of the community needs and expectations regarding a contemporary year round indoor aquatic/health and performance venue have been ongoing since 2010. The community has been engaged through key studies including Council’s Situation Analysis Arts and Infrastructure Report 2010, Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2010, Montemare Consulting (which undertook extensive community and stakeholder consultation including market research into behaviours, motivations and potential usage by both residents and non-residents). In addition, council has had open meetings which was followed by the development of the Otium Business Case that re-assessed and updated the needs and expectations of the community.</p> <p>As with any project once the broad scope is agreed a more refined approach is required. The project then sought input from a broad range of stakeholders to represent the best interests of the broader community. All stakeholders were still able to comment through the kiosks held across the Shire and through the open survey (full results were tabled in Council meeting). This process balanced the need of the project to obtain key information around the new facility but still allow all stakeholders to be involved.</p> <p>Both theatres and aquatic venues across Australia are working on how they will operate as COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted. Currently, there is nothing to suggest both aspects cannot return to normal operations very similar to that, prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. It is also important to note the grant funding can only be applied for on the proviso that it meets the specific selection criteria. It is not simply a matter of assuming the funding for BBRAALC can just be transferred for other projects within the Shire. Council will continue to apply for grant funding where it believes it meets the specific criteria as this represents an important source of revenue for Council.</p>
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19	The Resourcing Strategy	<p>Eurobodalla Shire Council's Resourcing Strategy consists of three inter-related elements, the Long-Term Financial Plan, the Asset Management Plan and the Workforce Management Plan.</p> <p>Our Resourcing Strategy is reviewed internally on a yearly basis in line with standard review of our DPOP. The Resourcing Strategy is aligned to the Community Strategic Plan. Direction issued by the Office of Local Government is that the existing Delivery Program will apply for a further 12 months. Following the development of a revised Community Strategic Plan in 2021, the Resourcing Strategy will be reviewed.</p>
20	The Mystery Shopper Program	<p>The contract for the mystery shopper program was due to be concluded by 30 June 2020. However, due to COVID-19, we have postponed our final assessments to October, November, December 2020. Funding for this program is part of the 2019/20 budget.</p>
21	Farmland Rate Impact	<p>The Environmental Levy on farmland will increase by 8%. This calculation is derived from rateable land values across Farmland, Residential and Business. The overall increase is capped at 2.6% but varies across the categories depending on relative land values.</p>
22	The Water/Sewer Dividend and water and sewer funding	<p>In response to the question around council's declaration of dividends from the water and sewer funds the process is described as follows:</p> <p>The declaration and payment of dividends from council's water and sewer operations to council's general fund, is tightly regulated and subject to an annual independent audit of council's compliance to specific best-practice guidelines, followed by a council resolution to allow the dividend to be passed. Demonstrated best-practice management is a pre-requisite for payment of a dividend from the surplus of council's water supply and sewerage businesses.</p> <p>The NSW Government, through the Department of Water and Energy, issues guidelines for best-practice management of water supply and sewerage (last update August 2007).</p> <p>The guidelines specify 6 criteria which need to be met to qualify for a dividend payment.</p> <p>These criteria are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Business Planning 2. Pricing (including Developer Charges, Liquid Trade Waste Policy and Approvals) 3. Water Conservation 4. Drought Management 5. Performance Reporting

		<p>6. Integrated Water Cycle Management</p> <p>To be eligible to make a dividend payment from a surplus, council must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Demonstrate best-practice management compliance through an independent compliance audit report; and · Obtain an unqualified financial audit report for its water supply and/or sewerage business(es). · Resolve in a council meeting open to the public that it has achieved “substantial compliance” with each criterion in these guidelines. <p>Eurobodalla Shire Council met the above requirements in 2019 for the passing of the 2017/2018 financial year dividend. The passing of the 2018/2019 financial year dividend will be assessed this year by independent auditors Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu.</p> <p>It should also be noted that any dividends passed from water and sewer to the general fund, become restricted funds which can only be released by council resolution.</p> <p>At its meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2019, Council resolved to transfer dividends from the Water and Sewer Funds of \$611,900 and \$566,440 respectively based upon 2017-18 audited results in the Water and Sewer Funds, and subject to achievement of substantial compliance with Best Practice Guidelines and approval from the Department of Primary Industries, Water.</p> <p>NSW Government legislation requires that Council operates its water and sewer businesses as two distinct funds separate to the General Fund. The recent Special Rate Variation applied only to the General Fund and there has been no use of special rate variation income on water and sewer operations or projects.</p> <p>The water and sewer funds have their own 30 year long-term financial plans which addresses all of the infrastructure requirements needed to accommodate growth and asset renewals to ensure reliability and security of our water supply and sewerage services. Infrastructure that has been classified as in poor or critical condition are being renewed or upgraded as resources permit, but in the meantime are being maintained to ensure adopted levels of service are maintained.</p> <p>Council’s Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy highlights the need for the proposed Eurobodalla Southern Water Storage. The recent drought has reinforced this need for additional water storage and Council has been proactive in advancing the design an-of-river storage near Bodalla, sourcing water from the Tuross River. Council has received Project Approval and 25% funding from the NSW Government. This project has commenced with tenders currently being considered for a new River Pumping Station that will transfer water from the Tuross River to the new</p>
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23	Request for confirmation that the road at Maloney's Beach will be resealed.	<p>A number of roads in the Maloneys Beach area were resealed as part of the 2018-19 reseal program. The aggregate used was 14mm which is consistent with best practice (both cost effectiveness and road user safety) and other urban roads within the shire. A number of complaints were received from the Maloneys Beach community with regard to the size of the aggregate used. Council has therefore made the undertaking that future resealing of the roads in this area will use a 10mm aggregate.</p> <p>At present Maloneys Drive and Hibiscus Close will be due for a reseal in approximately 3-5 years. These roads will be resealed with 10mm aggregate consistent with our commitment to the MBRA.</p> <p>As previously advised to the MBRA, the request to reseal roads recently resealed in 2018-19 is not warranted nor recommended. This proposal would also see valuable resources diverted away from other much older seals across the local road network, increasing maintenance costs and road safety risks, disadvantaging others in the community.</p>

		
24	<p>Community facilities and infrastructure in Longbeach, including completion of footpaths along Northcove road and long beach road, Cullendulla footbridge and removal of unsafe trees in Sandy Place Reserve and the completion of the new playpark and bushfire preparedness</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Safer Places are places of last resort during a bushfire emergency, only to be used when all other options in a person’s bush fire survival plan is unable to be enacted. NSPs are not evacuation centres and may not have support personnel or infrastructure available. NSPs are assessed and selected by the NSW Rural Fire Service. This request should be directed to the NSW Rural Fire Service. The existing NSPs in Eurobodalla can be found on-line on the RFS web-site at:</p> <p>https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places</p> <p>Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2017 was developed to deliver on this issue raised in the submission. This strategy is available on Council’s website at:</p> <p>https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/community-and-future-planning/strategies/shared-path-strategy</p> <p>The first stage of the Northcove Road footpath starting from the Maloneys Beach end was completed in 2019-20.</p>

	<p>Other issues for Longbeach including more bus shelters, a mailbox, increasing the number of garbage bins and future planning suggestions.</p>	<p>Grant applications continue to be sought to support the implementation of pathways strategy. A grant application has been lodged with the NSW Government to continue the new footpath along Northcove Road. Council is awaiting the outcome of this application.</p> <p>The concern about the Cullendulla footbridge concept from some residents is noted. There is no immediate proposal to construct a footbridge between Long Beach and Surfside during 2020-21. This area is within the Marine Park and National Park and would require extensive environmental studies and approval with long lead times and no guarantee of approval being granted.</p> <p>Given the many other priorities across Eurobodalla, grant funding applications are focussed on delivering the identified pathways in the adopted pathways strategy.</p> <p>A customer service request will be raised to ensure an inspection of the risk posed by trees along Northcove Road is undertaken and advice provided to the LBCA. The lands backing onto properties along Northcove Road is, in many cases, private land. Any concerns relating to the potential bushfire risk from these lands should be raised directly with the NSW Rural Fire Service. Where Council reserves under Council's care exist (mainly along the headland), Council will continue to undertake Asset Protection Zone maintenance on a priority basis in accord with the available budget.</p> <p>The new recreation space in Sandy Place Reserve is being constructed in June-July 2020 and will include recreation options for all ages and landscaping to discourage vehicular access onto the reserve for safety.</p> <p>Council pursues grants for new bus shelters. Current funding for bus shelters has been allocated for the next two years within Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grant Scheme (CPTIGS). There are therefore no works proposed on bus shelters in Long Beach in 2020-21.</p> <p>There are no current funds available for the Reedy Creek Boardwalk. This project is a low priority in comparison with other open space and pathway priorities.</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>Sage Farmers Market request for funding for batteries for solar power system and machinery</p>	<p>Council supports the activities of SAGE and continues to advocate for locally grown food for the region. Council is unable to provide funding for batteries and solar power system and machinery. Council would be happy to support grant applications, submitted by SAGE, for such funding from NSW and Australian government grants.</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>Short stay location for RVs in Moruya (Business Chamber)</p>	<p>Council is seeking funding to undertake a town centre plan as part of the Moruya Bypass project. Planning for this facility would best be considered as part of this broader planning process, to take advantage of any proposed route changes.</p>

		<p>Council has assisted with short stay parking for cars and caravans within the Moruya CBD. There are no proposals to extend the on-street parking.</p> <p>This additional request relates to provision of an area for RV camping separate to the existing caravan park businesses in Moruya. No alternate sites have been identified for this purpose nor has Council established a policy position on this matter.</p>
27	Establishment of a Moruya Business Hub (Business Chamber)	Key Priority 1 Action 1.3 of Advancing Eurobodalla Economic Development Strategy identifies the need to identify local business needs in terms of training and support. Consideration and appropriateness of an innovation hub is to be considered as part of this program.
28	A major art structure to be located outside the BAS for advertisement and further support for the BAS (Business Chamber)	The Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre (The Bas) is run as part of the Community, Arts and Recreation Directorate of Council, with a dedicated Creative Arts Officer developing and implementing the program of exhibitions. Since opening the Bas has welcomed 20,000 visitors, showcased 98 artists and delivered 49 exhibitions, programs and events, supported by over 30 community volunteers in its first 12 months of operation. The Bas has received significant corporate sponsorship, including a \$300K contribution to its construction by Mr Basil Sellers AM. Mr Sellers has also sponsored the Basil Sellers Art prize for over a decade, with the prize now a NSW/ACT wide competition, with \$20K provided annually. Enhancing the visitor experience and seeking additional revenue will be a focus of the service going forward.
29	That council fund a staff coordinator at the Moruya Town and Visitor Information Centre Pop-up (Business Chamber)	The Visitor information servicing review identifies the need to shift focus from static visitor information centres to provide an effective visitor information service. The review report made several recommendations for Eurobodalla Tourism to deliver visitor servicing around a dispersed visitor information partnership model. Staff will begin to work with key partners in the development of this model. Engagement with the business chamber will be undertaken as part of this. Consideration of a pop-up in Moruya could be part of the proposed new dispersed model.
30	Voucher scheme for business	<p>Council is supporting business through a variety of financial and technical mechanisms, for example no fees were charges in 2020 for food shop inspections and there was a relaxation of fees for on-street dining.</p> <p>Council has supported the Love the Bay buy local program. In addition, Council's Business Development and Tourism team has worked tirelessly over the bushfire and COVID-19 period encouraging and upskilling businesses to be able to market digitally and to sell on-line to take advantage of the plethora of buy local campaigns currently available. This approach builds long term resilience into our local businesses to take advantage of broader consumer market. In addition, Council is about to launch a Visiting Friends and Relative Campaign to encourage locals to invite their friends</p>

		and relatives to the shire for a visit. Evidence clearly identifies that our VFR market spend more locally than our residents.
31	Renewable Energy Policy Upgrade	Council is proactive in regards to renewable energy and has a target to source 100% of Council's electricity from renewable energy by 2030. Council has installed over 750kW of solar power. Council will continue to keep abreast of renewable energy options.
32	Review Batemans Bay recycling centre and green waste disposal concessions	<p>At the Surf Beach waste facility reusable items are recovered and sold through the Buy Back Shop. There is also a Community Recycling Centre for the free drop off of household problem items e.g. batteries, light bulbs/tubes, paint, gas bottles, smoke detectors, oils.</p> <p>Council provides composting and worm farming workshops to support the community to manage food waste at home. Composting food at a larger scale requires additional infrastructure to manage all the issues associated with the process e.g. odour.</p> <p>The waste facilities charge the council adopted fee for the acceptance of green waste. The green waste is processed into a shredded green waste product that is tested and supplied to the community for free. Depending on demand, this product is usually available from the Surf Beach and Brou waste facilities and the Moruya transfer station.</p> <p>Council already offers free water-wise and bush friendly garden visits to encourage the use of native plants and water conservation in gardens.</p> <p>Managing the green waste on our properties year round will help alleviate the need to focus on the lead up to fire season. For those receiving the domestic collection service, making sure the fortnightly green waste collection is fully utilised goes a long way to keeping on top of garden waste.</p>
33	Full implementation of the Cycling Path Network	<p>Council's adopted Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2017 is available on Council's web-site at: https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/community-and-future-planning/strategies/shared-path-strategy</p> <p>Grant applications continue to be sought to support the implementation of pathways strategy.</p> <p>Council has recently secured \$1m for each of the next three years to provide safety upgrades to Tomakin Road. This work will include wide sealed shoulder to assist in making on-road cycling safer, and to improve road safety for all motorists. Similar work was recently completed on Cullendulla Drive between Blairs Road and the Princes Highway. Council has also secured grant funds to widen Garlandtown bridge and adjoining road. This work will include minimum 2m wide sealed shoulders to improve road safety and provide for on-road cyclists.</p>
34	Electronic Vehicle charging points	Electric vehicle charging stations have been installed on council land in Batemans Bay and Narooma. Council will continue to advocate for more charging stations.

35	Inclusive Transport	Council continues to advocate for electric vehicle charging points, improved active transport and funds footpaths in accordance with the Pathways Strategy. Opportunities to enhance active include transport continue to be sought.
36	Suggestion around coin operated shopping trolleys	Council continues to work with businesses and notifies on abandoned trolleys. Council advocates for trolley collection and mechanisms for shop premises to better manage their trolleys.
37	Install a paved footpath in Haslington Street, Moruya	<p>Council's adopted Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy 2017 which is available on Council's web-site at: https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/community-and-future-planning/strategies/shared-path-strategy</p> <p>The adopted strategy does not include a proposed pathway in Haslingden Street due to the alternative pedestrian routes via Vulcan Street south and Bergalia/Evans Street.</p>
38	Install a traffic slowing mechanism on Evans Street	<p>Evans Street is a local collector street and bus route with a 40km/hr school speed zone between south of Murray Street and Campbell Street and on Bergalia Street near the back of Moruya High School.</p> <p>In the longer term, additional measures may be required to reduce traffic speeds along this route. However, this is a lower priority compared to other areas requiring treatment across Eurobodalla. In recent years Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constructed off-road footpaths that now link along Evans Street from Campbell Street to Moruya Street - Constructed off-road shared pathway along Bergalia Road from John Street to Haslingden Street - Upgraded the Evans Street and Murray Street intersection and signposting to improve safety. <p>No further work in Evans Street is proposed in 2020-21.</p>
39	More support for Indigenous Youth	Council runs two youth cafes in the shire with subsidised transport each week for young people to attend with both services supporting approximately 90% Aboriginal youth attendance. Council provides 5 skate, scooter and bike events per year where all young people participate. Council has also provided the YDrive program to support young people to obtain their licence with 50% of Aboriginal youth participating. A new Aboriginal Action Plan has just been endorsed where Council will look to provide opportunities for Aboriginal youth via its services and in conjunction with others.
40	Requests a copy of the ESC Organisational Structure	A copy of the Organisation structure can be found on Council's website: https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/council/organisation-structure