

**WINGECARRIBEE OUR FUTURE**

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

**PART 1**

**PLAN STRUCTURE**

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# **1. Structure of the Strategic Plan**

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The Strategic Plan is divided into the following Parts:

- Part 1: Plan Structure
- Part 2: Overview Statement and Recommendations.
- Part 3: Issue Sub-Plans
- Part 4: Ecological Setting Overplans
- Part 5: Precinct Plans
- Part 6: Summary of Non-Statutory Actions and Policies.
- Part 7: Paying for Growth and Development

## **Part 1: Structure**

This Part explains the layout of the Strategic Plan and assists readers to learn how to 'use' the document.

## **Part 2: Overview and Recommendations for Implementation**

Part 2 provides a **summary** of the entire Wingecarribee Our Future Strategic Plan. It clarifies the **scope and purpose** of the Plan.

A statement of Council's Vision for the Shire and relevant corporate goals from its Management Plan are also included.

**Council's responsibilities** relating to planning for future land use and development are listed.

A history and background, setting out the Council's **community consultation program** leading to the preparation of the Plan is provided.

It also gives advice on the:

- significant '**driving forces**' that have shaped the Council's strategic planning agenda,
- **key strategic directions** to be pursued by the Council,
- a summary of the most **important actions and strategies** included in the Plan,
- an explanation of the structure of the Plan in light of Council's **commitment to integrate 'ecological sustainability' and 'place based planning'** into its planning for future land use and development, and
- **recommendations concerning implementation** of the proposals included within the Strategic Plan including those relating to a major amendment to the statutory Shire Plan.

### **Part 3: Issue Sub-Plans**

*The Issue Sub Plans provide a comprehensive assessment of key planning issues as relevant to land use planning for the Shire. Issue Sub-Plans have been prepared for:*

- *population and housing,*
- *employment and economic development,*
- *environment,*
- *business centres,*
- *villages,*
- *agriculture and rural lands,*
- *tourism,*
- *industrial development, and*
- *mining and extractive industries.*

*Each of these Issue Sub-Plans present a:*

- *detailed analysis of the extent and nature of the issue area,*
- *review of existing relevant planning policies and regulations,*
- *listing of specific strategic planning challenges in respect of the issue area, and*
- *a new planning approach for each issue area including objectives, strategies and actions.*

*The actions recommended by the Issue Sub-Plans have relevance to the whole Shire, larger areas and specific sites. They also include proposals that have arisen from Council's consideration of more than 100 separate public applications seeking rezoning or other changes to the Shire's planning laws.*

### **Part 4: Ecological Setting Overplans**

*This Part reformats the strategies and actions contained within the Issue Sub-Plans into a planning framework that respects the 'ecological setting' classification of land. An 'ecological setting' classification allocates land a general ecological value based on the integrity of natural ecosystems found on the land. There are three (3) ecological setting overplans, one each for the urban, rural and natural bushland ecological setting. Each overplan contains a listing of proposed changes to the statutory Shire Plan including a recommendation to establish a new zoning regime and zone based planning controls, based on the ecological setting classification of land.*

### **Part 5: Precinct Plans**

*Part 5 comprises a series of 33 Precinct Plans (locality based) that should be read in conjunction with the relevant ecological setting overplan applying to the land. Each precinct plan sets out a series of proposed changes to the statutory Shire Plan, applying to certain land within that Precinct, that supplement the more generic changes included in the ecological setting overplans.*

*These plans are 'specific' on 'placed based' planning actions and will supplement the newly proposed zoning regime arising from the ecological setting overplans.*

### **Part 6: Summary of Non Statutory Planning Policies and Actions.**

*This Part exclusively deals with all those actions and policies that have arisen from the strategic planning process, which do not have a direct implication for changes to the statutory Shire Plan.*

### **Part 7: Paying For Growth and Development**

*Part 7 recognises the importance of coordinating infrastructure planning with strategic land use planning. The nexus between development, environmental impact and community amenity is seen as crucial in making decisions over how much and where infrastructure is required. Not only are infrastructure items land use outcomes in their own right, they influence the extent, nature and location of the environmental impact and amenity levels of the development and its occupants.*

*There is even more significance though, in **the capacity of the community to pay** to meet its existing and future infrastructure requirements in the face of pressures for growth. If that 'capacity to pay' is restrained by revenue or other resourcing issues, then questions must be confronted over*

- *the 'affordability' of growth and development (such as the preparedness for a community to accept rate increases or a government's willingness to allocate special grant funding to meet infrastructure needs), and/or*
- *the extent and types of impacts on the environment and local amenity, that the community is prepared to accept in the face of additional growth and development.*

### **Overall**

*It is important to remember that the primary purpose of the Strategic Plan is to inform a review of the statutory Shire Plan. The intended outcome is a new Shire Plan (which at this time is anticipated to involve a significant amendment to the existing Shire Plan – Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan LEP, 1989).*

*The ecological setting overplans and the precinct plans will form the primary basis of the likely amendment to the statutory Shire Plan. These nominate a new framework for the Plan, that will impact on future zoning classifications and development controls aimed to achieve better ecological and 'place based' outcomes.*

*Outputs from further investigations like the proposed local environmental studies and specific precinct based infrastructure assessments will also help to inform the new Shire Plan, as will the forthcoming Strategic Land and Water Capability Assessments currently being prepared by the Sydney Catchment Authority. Phase 2 of the Shire's own Biodiversity Strategy will also need to be taken into account, as biodiversity conservation strategies are further refined.*

## **2. How to Use the Strategic Plan**

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**Refer to the 'Issue Sub-Plans' (Part 3) to find out about :**

- *general research and analysis that support the proposed strategies and actions included in the Strategic Plan. It may also be of assistance to examine the initial Wingecarribee Our Future Discussion Papers; and*
- *more detail concerning individual planning issue areas including:*
  - *population and housing*
  - *environment*
  - *agriculture and rural lands*
  - *employment and economic development*
  - *villages*
  - *business centres*
  - *tourism*
  - *industrial development*
  - *mining and extractive industries*
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*Each respective Issue Sub-Plan provides information (with specific reference to the relevant planning issue) on:*

- *a review of current planning outcomes,*
- *related State and Regional planning,*
- *a discussion of statutory planning issues,*
- *identified 'strategic challenges' for future planning,*  
*and*
- *planning objectives, strategies and actions relevant to each respective issue area.*

**Refer to the 'Ecological Setting Overplans' (Part 4) to find out about:**

- *how the Council has incorporated the principles of ecologically sustainable development into the Strategic Plan, and how it proposes to structure a new statutory Shire Plan on a foundation of ecological sustainability. (Further detail can be found in the Environment Issue Sub-Plan);*
- *the ecological setting classification of all land within the Shire (Maps are included);*
- *a listing of strategies and actions that the Plan identifies as being relevant to land with a particular ecological setting (urban, rural or natural bushland); and*

- *suggestions for ‘structural’ change to the current statutory Shire Plan in respect to land’s ecological setting classification. This includes a amendment to the zoning framework and the introduction of new planning controls relevant to that ecological setting.*

**Refer to the ‘Precinct Plans’ (Part 5) to find out about:**

- *statements about the character of individual town, village and rural localities; and*
- *a listing of actions from the Strategic Plan suggesting a change to the current statutory Shire Plan as it affects individual towns, villages and rural localities, including site specific proposals (reference is also made to the different ecological setting classifications and ‘overplans’ applying to separate town, village and rural locality planning precincts).*

**Refer to the ‘Summary of Non Statutory Actions and Policies’ (Part 6) to find out about:**

- *all those actions and policies included in the Strategic Plan that do not have a direct and immediate impact on the review of the statutory Shire Plan, but either generally:*
  - *require additional planning investigation work to be undertaken or*
  - *relate to infrastructure planning and construction, or*
  - *involve matters of land use planning ‘policy’ not requiring inclusion in the statutory Shire Plan.*