



Wingecarribee
SHIRE COUNCIL

Annual Report

1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023



Purpose of the Annual Report

- The main purpose of the Annual Report is to report the progress of Council's Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan
- It is a key point of accountability between Council and the community.
- It details the services and activities Council has delivered to achieve not only our obligations under the Local Government Act, but the longer-term vision for the Shire.



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Areas of Focus in 2022/23

- Improving communication and engagement
- Fixing local roads, footpaths, and drainage
- Protecting our natural assets
- Improving car parking around town and village centres
- Transparently managing development and growth
- Enforcing development and building regulations to ensure fairer outcomes
- Strategic planning for current and future communities



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Overall Performance

At the end of June 2023, 176 of the Council's annual deliverables were on track, none were on hold, four (4) were delayed, and none were considered critical.



Our Year in Review

Leadership



People



Places



Environment



Economy



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Overall Performance

Activities delayed included:

- Undertake a review of all Farmland rating properties to ensure they comply with section 515 of the Local Government Act 1993.
- Commence preparation of a master plan for the Resource Recovery Centre.
- Undertake the forward design of footpaths, shared paths and cycle ways projects in the four-year capital works program.
- Participate in the regional project 2024 tender for the disposal of waste.



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Leadership Highlights

- Implementation of Our Road Map: Moving forward as an Organisation.
- Securing over \$38 million in contestable grant funding
- System upgrades improving access to information on Development Applications
- Review of the Community Strategic Plan
- Review of Council's Community Engagement Strategy
- Adoption of a Property Investment Strategy to support growth and diversification

GOALS



1.1

Ethical and trusted levels of government that work together in the best interest of the Shire



1.2

A well-informed, engaged community



1.3

A leading community



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People Highlights

- National Volunteers Week celebrations
- Community Assistance Scheme funds 47 applications
- Library Services investment in new technology and expanded eResources
- Community Expo with over 35 exhibitors
- HSC Study Sessions; supporting students for success
- International Day of People with a Disability and the successful “Creating and Thriving’ exhibition showcasing local artists

GOALS

2.1



A happy, healthy, active and resilient community

2.2



An inclusive community where everyone can participate in community life.

2.3



A creative, diverse and vibrant community



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Places Highlights

- Opening of the Bowral Memorial Hall - \$8.4M plus \$250K Creative Capital Grant
- Completion of the Station Street, Bowral upgrade – almost \$8M
- Delivery of new play spaces for children & families in Moss Vale and Mittagong – Just under \$430,000
- Creation of a new pot hole crew – \$1.3M additional funding over 3 years
- Commencing the Old South Road rehabilitation - \$20M
- Completing the upgrade of sporting venue lighting at Eridge and Loseby Parks

GOALS



3.1 A physically and digitally connected Shire.



3.2 Unique towns, villages and rural landscapes



3.3 Liveable and sustainable communities



3.4 Housing that meets the needs of current and future generations.

Environment Highlights

- Securing multimillion dollar funding for flood protection at Redford Park Detention Basin - \$4.6M
- Signing of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) - one of the largest ever joint electricity purchasing agreements in NSW
- Adoption of the new Stormwater Management Policy
- Critical funding for Koalas and implementation of programs - \$1M
- Increased diversions of waste from landfill – 2% increase

GOALS



4.1

A protected, healthy and diverse natural environment



4.2

A community that lives sustainably for the betterment of the planet



4.3

A low-waste community



4.4

A resilient Shire that takes action on climate change.



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Economy Highlights

- Securing or funding for the Master Plan for the Southern Highlands Innovation Park- \$270K Grant
- Delivering Tulip Time 2022 - \$1.8 M injected into local economy
- Operating Destination Southern Highlands – 11% increase in social media audience
- Supporting Borealis in the Vines - \$19M injected into local economy
- Undertaking a community-led approach to strategic planning; improving outcomes for the community and the economy

GOALS



5.1 People want to visit, work and invest in the Shire



5.2 Sustainable business and industry work in harmony with local community and environment



5.3 A thriving and diverse agricultural industry



5.4 A supported and connected local business community



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Annual Report 2022/23

Available to the community on Council's website and in various community locations from 30 November 2023.

Includes a link to our Audited Financial Statements

