



# GUNNEDAH *Community* STRATEGIC PLAN

A Community Strategic Plan brings community groups and other tiers of Government together, so we're all working toward a shared vision for the future of our community.

Four years ago Council worked alongside the local community to develop our Community Strategic Plan. Since then, our community has seen many changes and it's time to take stock, see if we're on the right track and update the plan.

Now is the time to have your say. We want to hear from all community members so that we can understand your priorities and ideas for the Gunnedah Shire, now and into the future.

## WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN?



The Community Strategic Plan is the highest level of strategic document of Council, identifying the community's priorities that guide Council's direction over 10 years.

It identifies the themes and broad adjectives relating to key issues facing the Gunnedah Community.

## WHY HAVE A COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN?

The NSW Government requires all NSW councils to produce an Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework to ensure Local Government operations and strategic plans are meeting the needs of the community.



The Community Strategic Plan will provide an overall 10-year vision for this framework. This time around, we're just doing a 'pulse check' to see if we're on the right track.

## WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I'VE GIVEN YOU MY IDEAS?



Once we've collated responses from the whole community, Council will take all feedback into consideration and apply a balanced approach to prioritising the aspirations of the Gunnedah Shire Community.



# IT'S YOUR *Community* GET INVOLVED

## POSTCARDS



Keep an eye on your mailbox over the next couple of weeks - we're sending out a 'Postcard to the Mayor' and it's a place for you to put some of your big ideas for the Gunnedah Shire.

Let us know what you like best about living here, and what you'd like to see improve. Its reply paid, so just post it back.

If online is more your thing, you can answer the same questions in our survey located here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXXYBQR](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXXYBQR)

## COMMUNITY VISION BOARD

On Saturday 4 March and Wednesday 8 March 2017 head on down to the Smithurst Theatre court yard right next to the Gunnedah Town Hall and you'll find a huge community vision board.

You can get involved by adding your own stamp and contributing a collection of ideas for the future in Gunnedah.



## YOUTH VIDEO PROJECT

Our Youth Development Officer and Gunnedah Youth Council are leading the charge with a Youth based video project.

During the week of 6 - 10 March, they will have a videographer in tow and will be visiting schools and approaching young people around town to ask them what we should prioritise for the future. There will also be a community wide video being filmed at the same time.

If you're a young person aged 12-25 and would like to be involved in the production please get in contact with our Youth Development officer by giving us a call on 02 6740 2100.



## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Two meetings will be held on Monday, 3 April 2017.

Residents, Ratepayers, Individuals, Community Groups, Not for Profits, Government agencies and Businesses are invited to come along to our Community Meetings.

These will be facilitated sessions that will include a short presentation, an activity and the opportunity for Q and A session to enable us to ascertain and understand the participants priorities for Gunnedah Shire into the future.



**For more information visit our website  
[www.infogunnedah.com.au](http://www.infogunnedah.com.au) or give us a call on 02 6740 2100.**