

Central NSW Joint Organisation

Local Strategic Planning Statement

Environmental Scan



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Introduction

As part of the development of the Central NSW Joint Organisation (CNSWJO) Statement of Strategic Regional Priority a review of all current CNSWJO Member Council Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS) was undertaken.

The aim of the review was to inform and understand the common planning priorities and actions as well as opportunities.



What is a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)?

In March 2018, the NSW Government made amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and introduced new requirements for Councils to prepare Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS).

The LSPS identifies a Council's 20-year vision for land use planning in for their Local Government Area, setting out planning priorities and actions to achieve this vision, and the means to monitor and report on the delivery of the actions identified.

The LSPS acts as a link between the strategic priorities identified at a regional or district level, and the finer-grained planning at a local level expressed in Council's Local Environmental Plan and development control plans, to ensure consistency in strategic planning approaches. While mainly related to land use planning from the State to the local level the LSPS is also intended to connect and align with Council's broader role via the Community Strategic Plan.

LSPSs should also align key goals and priorities identified in the Central West and Orana Regional Plan (CWORP) 2036, and the Council's own priorities in their Community Strategic Plan as well as other important planning documents and strategies of Council.

The end purpose of a LSPS is to inform local statutory plans and development controls, and create a clear line of sight between regional and local strategic planning. The diagram below illustrates the interconnecting relationship between this LSPS, the Regional Plan and other local planning

Section 3.9 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 requires Councils to prepare a LSPS and review it at least every seven years. The LSPS must include or identify the following:

- the basis for strategic planning in the area, having regard to economic, social and environmental matters,
- the planning priorities for the area,
- the actions required to achieve those planning priorities, and
- the basis for which Council will monitor and report on the implementation of the actions.

Relationship to other Plans

Regional Plans have been prepared by NSW Government to plan for the future population's need for housing, jobs, infrastructure and a healthy environment. The Regional Plan outlines the goals and actions for the Central West and Orana Region to achieve a sustainable future. It applies to 19 local Government Areas covering a total area of 125,666 square kilometres. The vision for the Central West and Orana Region closely reflects the vision and planning priorities identified by the Councils. There are direct linkages between the goals, objectives and actions in both plans for the next 20 years.

The original CWORP's four goals for the Central West and Orana Region were

- The most diverse regional economy in NSW.
- A stronger, healthier environment and diverse heritage.
- Quality freight transport and infrastructure network.
- Dynamic, vibrant and healthy communities.

The original Central West and Orana Regional Plan (CWORP) set out the strategic land-use planning direction for the region over the next 20 years. The plan estimated that by 2036, the region's population would increase to 308,950, which accounts for 23,450 additional persons living in the region.

These goals are supported by 29 strategic directions in the CWORP, and Councils were being asked to undertake further investigations in their LSPS work on how each Local Government Area will achieve their regional priorities.

The original goals and supporting actions from the previous CWORP were used by Council as a guide to develop our Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). These plans have been endorsed and praised as keen strategic planning documents by DPIE yet there is little reference to them in the new draft CWORP.

Councils are concerned that nowhere in the new draft version of the CWORP are there references to the original plan. Nor is there any acknowledgement of the amount of work and effort that Councils have put into their LSPSs.



How Plans are presented

Most of the Local Strategic Planning Statements followed a similar format detailed below

- History of their region
- Place in Central West (including map)
- Overview of Council area
- Statistical Overview
- Detailed discussion of the vision
- Detailed Planning Priorities with clear actions and timeframes

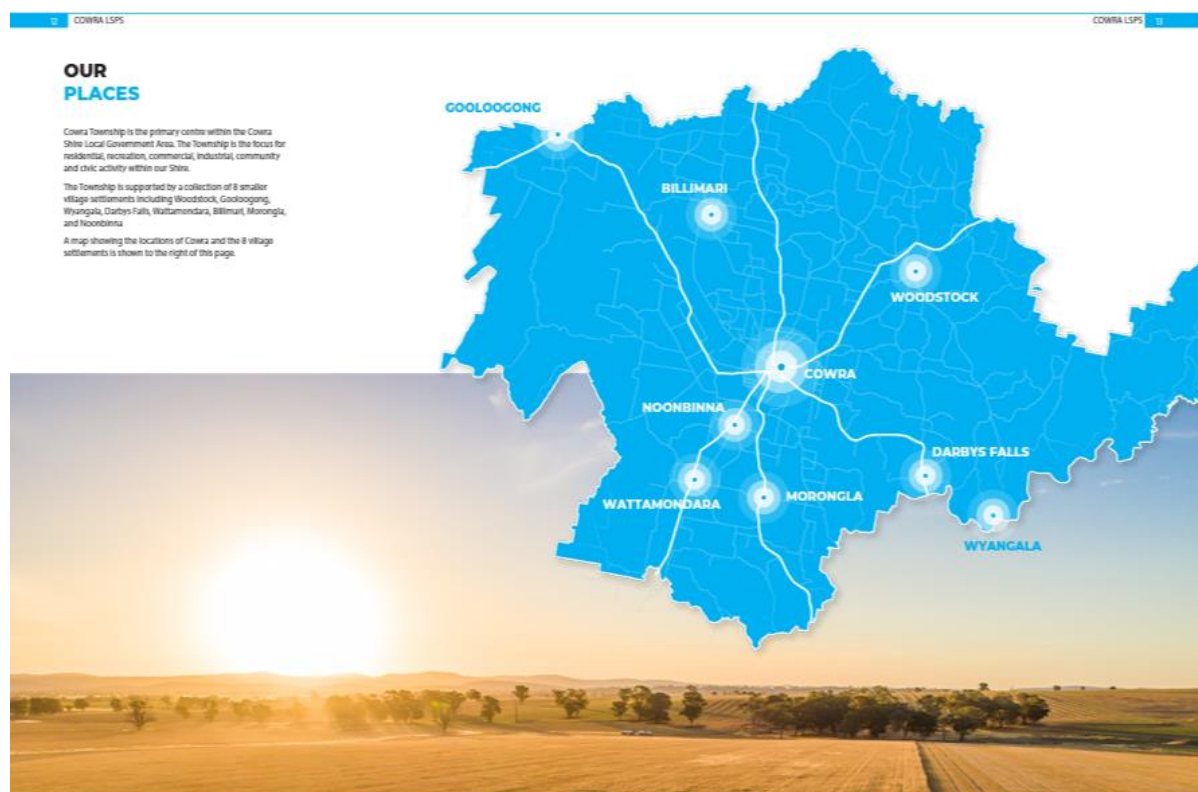


Image from the Cowra LSPSs

Planning priorities - To achieve their 20-year visions, each Council's LSPS has identified Planning Priorities. These indicate the focus of future strategic planning work, which for the most part should be consistent with the directions of the Central West and Orana Regional Plan and the Strategic direction of the Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Actions - Planning Priorities are designed to be delivered through actions to be undertaken over the coming years. These may include the research of identified planning issues, preparation of strategies or policies, implementation of specific projects, or amendment to existing Council plans such as Local Environmental Plans or Development Control Plans.

Implementation, monitoring and reporting - Council will monitor and report on the implementation of the actions to ensure that the planning priorities are being achieved. Most Councils set short medium and long term reporting periods for their actions.

COWRA LPS 2021

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Productivity		Environment		Infrastructure		Liveability							
Goals		Goals		Goals		Goals							
The most diverse regional economy in NSW		A stronger, healthier environment and diverse heritage		A stronger, healthier environment and diverse heritage		The most diverse regional economy in NSW							
NSW Government - Central West Orana Regional Plan	Direction 1 Protect the regions diverse and productive agricultural land. Direction 2 Grow the agribusiness sector and supply chains Direction 3 Develop advanced manufacturing and food processing sectors Direction 4 Promote and diversify regional tourism markets. Direction 5 Improve access to health and aged care services Direction 6 Expand education and training opportunities Direction 7 Enhance the economic self-determination of Aboriginal communities Direction 8 Sustainably manage mineral resources Direction 9 Increase renewable energy generation Direction 10 Promote business and industrial activities in employment lands Direction 11 Sustainably manage water resources for economic opportunities Direction 12 Plan for greater land use compatibility	Direction 13 Protect and manage environmental assets Direction 14 Manage and conserve water resources for the environment Direction 15 Increase resilience to natural hazards and climate change Direction 16 Respect and protect Aboriginal heritage assets Direction 17 Conserve and adaptively re-use heritage assets		Direction 18 Improve freight connections to markets and global gateways Direction 19 Enhance road and rail freight links Direction 20 Enhance access to air travel and public transport Direction 21 Coordinate utility infrastructure investment		Direction 22 Manage growth and change in regional cities and strategic and local centres Direction 23 Build the resilience of towns and villages Direction 24 Collaborate and partner with Aboriginal communities Direction 25 Increase housing diversity and choice. Direction 26 Increase housing choice for seniors Direction 27 Deliver a range of accommodation options for seasonal, itinerant and mining workforces Direction 28 Manage rural residential development Direction 29 Deliver healthy built environments and better urban design							
Planning Priority 1 Leverage the central and strategic location of Cowra Shire to encourage growth and new economic opportunities. Planning Priority 2 Support and grow the agribusiness sector including horticultural/vegetable production, animal production and other agricultural industries by promoting sustainability, innovation and technological advancement.		Planning Priority 3 Protect items and places with heritage significance and areas of high environmental value in Cowra Shire. Planning Priority 4 Manage water resources for the greater benefit of all users within the Shire and the Lachlan Valley		Planning Priority 5 Advocate for new development to be supported by appropriate infrastructure. Planning Priority 6 Work together with Government agencies and other stakeholders to promote beneficial outcomes for Cowra Shire. Planning Priority 7 Improve the liveability of the Shire's villages through on-going maintenance and improvements to services and facilities.		Planning Priority 8 Support the continued growth of the residential housing sector and ensure the availability of housing stock to meet the needs of the population Planning Priority 9 Provide recreational opportunities to meet the needs of residents and visitors to the Cowra Shire.							
Cowra Council Planning Priorities						Cowra Council Planning Priorities							

Cowra example of mapped Planning Priorities to CWORP



Overview and Methodology

Whilst all of the CNSWJO Council's LSPSs basically follow the above structure they are all unique to their Council area. They varied in length from thirty to over one hundred pages and they differed in detail. The number of Planning Priorities also varied from six up to 19 priorities. Some Councils have even engaged a demographer to develop high, medium and low population growth scenarios.

Whilst each Council's LSPS Statement has been prepared and designed to address the individual Council's planning priorities and vision however, there are four clear themes that each Council's LSPSs planning priorities can be divided into;

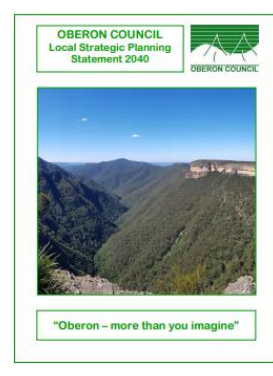
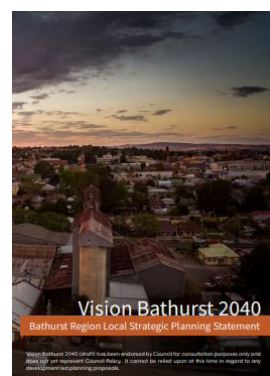
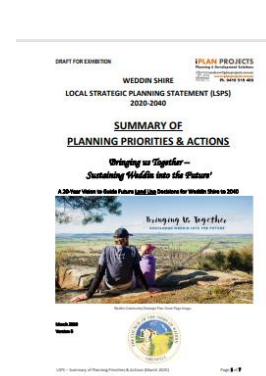
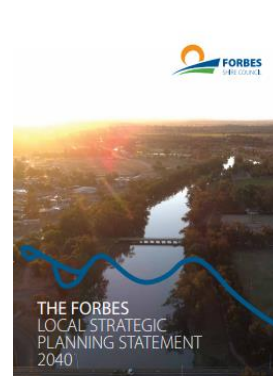
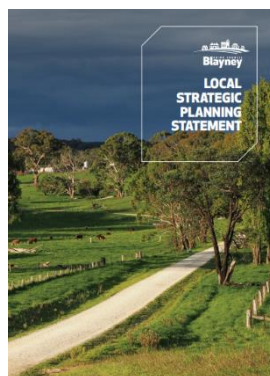
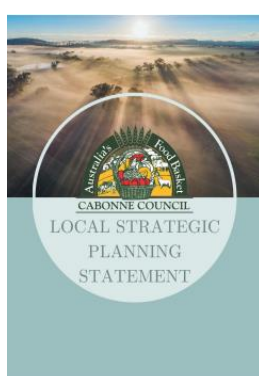
- Community and Leadership
- Infrastructure
- Protection of the Natural and Built environment and
- The Economy.

Under each of these main themes there are also some clear sub themes/ planning priorities. The sub themes do not relate to all of the Councils but most Council's planning priorities fit under the sub themes. It should be noted that some of the Council's planning priorities could fit across multiple themes. For simplicity and for the purpose of this report they have only been placed under one heading.

- Community, Liveability and Leadership
 - Housing
 - Land Use Planning
 - Education and Health care
 - Recreational and Cultural Facilities
 - Support for villages, small communities and rural residents
- Infrastructure
 - Transport
 - Water Security
 - Utility Planning
- Protection of the Natural and Built environment
 - Mitigation and Resilience to Climate Change
 - Protect Heritage and Culture
 - Protect and Manage the Natural and Built Environment
 - Manage Land Use conflict
- The Economy
 - Development of Town Centres
 - Supporting existing and emerging industry
 - Agriculture
 - Mining
 - Tourism

LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT	LINK TO PLAN
Parkes Shire Council	CLICK HERE
Forbes Shire Council	CLICK HERE
Cabonne Council	CLICK HERE
Blayney Shire Council	CLICK HERE
Weddin Shire Council	CLICK HERE
Cowra Shire Council	CLICK HERE
Lachlan Shire Council	CLICK HERE
Oberon Council	CLICK HERE
Bathurst Regional Council	CLICK HERE
Orange City Council	CLICK HERE

Table1: Central NSW JO Council LSPS



Role of the Joint Organisation

JOs have been designed to work primarily with State Government however, key priorities for the region are also informed by Federal and even international strategy and policy. Please find following areas of responsibility for each level of government which show the complexity of the strategic framework.

Review

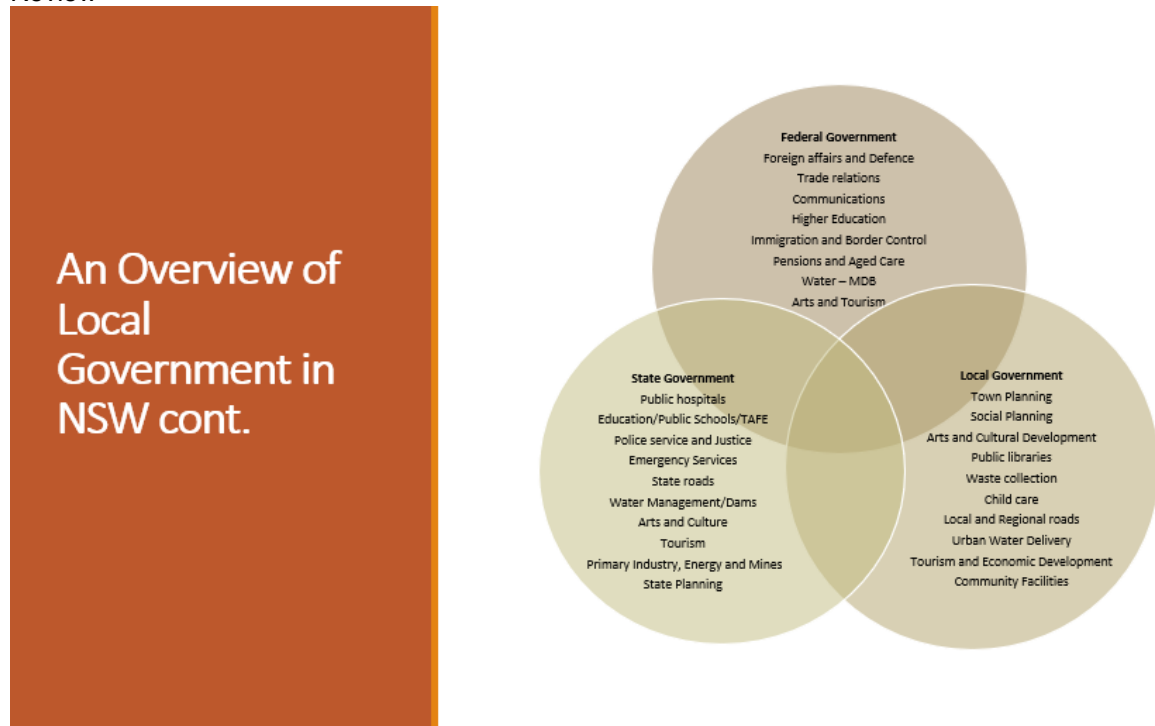


Figure 1: Responsibility levels of government

Each of these State Government Plans have been summarised into actions under the current regional priorities for the CNSWJO:

1. Inter-Council cooperation
2. Regional prosperity
3. Regional Transport and Infrastructure
4. Regional Water Security



Figure 2: Central West Joint Organisation Regional Priorities

As the CNSWJO moves forward in the planning process for a new Statement of Regional Priorities, these priorities may be challenged, and the plan may need to be adjusted to reflect future aspirations for the region. However, in the preparation of this document these four themes were considered in summarising the planning priorities that relate across all Councils not just on an individual level.

A summary of all the CNSWJO Council's Planning Priorities under each of the themes can be found in Appendix A



Overview of Planning Priorities and Actions

1 Community, Liveability and Leadership

In all of the LSPS's this was an important planning priority for Councils. Ensuring that the right social infrastructure is planned for and in place to support the diverse needs and liveability of their communities.

Housing

All but one of the ten Central NSW Councils' LSPSs identified having affordable and a diverse offering of housing as a key planning priority.

Actions: Planning Priority – Housing

- Prepare / update Council's Housing Strategy. Key considerations for the strategy should include that a diverse range of housing options are available to meet the changing needs of all community members.
- The strategy should identify future residential growth, plans for land releases as well as potential land conflicts.
- The strategies should also identify future infrastructure needs such as water, sewer, communications and transport.

Land Use Planning

As part of the development of their LSPSs a number of Councils refer to the opportunity to review their Land Use Strategies as well as their Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) and Development Control Plans (DCPs) in line with the outcome of their LSPSs.

Actions: Planning Priority – Land Use Planning

- Exploring investment in infrastructure to open up more large lot residential land around the edges of towns
- Reviewing how developer contributions are allocated
- Reviewing DCP and LED
- Investigating incorporating sustainability principles and safety by design standards in DCPs
- Investigating options for future social infrastructure such as hospitals
- Ensure enough commercial and residential land and planning for future growth
- Reviewing zoning to allow key industries

Education and Healthcare

Forty percent of Councils identified the need to strategically plan for social infrastructure such as health, education and community facilities as a key planning priority.

Actions: Planning Priority – Health and Education

- Collaboration with the State Government to work together to identify the community's future needs in health and education services
- Ensuring health precincts, identified in DCP and LEPs
- Investigate innovative ways to collaborate to share facilities/ colocation of services
- Develop wellness programs for the Shire

- Ensure that there are a variety of options and availability for assisted living
- Develop an Ageing Strategy
- Ensure Disability Inclusion Plans are kept up to date
- Expansion of education facilities including tertiary

Development of Recreational and Cultural facilities

Many of the LSPSs had a planning priority regarding the importance of ensuring that communities have accessible access to cultural and recreational facilities. Recreational and cultural facilities are important to communities for a myriad of reasons including improving the liveability of communities, encouraging a healthy active community, they enable communities to host sporting and cultural events and encourage people in communities to be socially connected.

Actions: Planning Priority – Recreation and Cultural facilities

- Preparing strategies for sports and recreation facilities
- Investigating the rezoning of land to expand recreation facilities
- Using data to identify the specific needs of sub-groups and vulnerable people in the community
- Investigate how “travel plans” can connect to recreation facilities
- Develop master plans for open spaces and sporting facilities
- Working with Crown Lands, to prepare and implement a Plan of Management over Crown Land that Council manages in consultation with the community.
- Develop/ review Active Movement Plans

Support for Villages, Small communities and Rural residents

The LSPSs recognised the important role that rural residents, smaller communities and villages play in the economic diversity of Council areas. Over the last few years and the advent of people seeking a “tree change” we have seen patterns of settlements change and communities located closer to the larger regional centres of Bathurst and Orange such as Millthorpe, Blayney and Oberon benefitting from new residents. The LSPS planning priorities were also concerned about ensuring that the smaller communities had the appropriate infrastructure to ensure their resilience and that their rich histories were maintained.

Actions: Planning Priority – Support for Villages, Small communities and Rural residents

- Economic development strategies for smaller communities
- Review pattern of settlements
- Ensure DCPs identify culturally/ historically significant items/ areas
- Develop population and retention strategies for smaller communities
- Prepare analysis of implications of climate change / variability & opportunities/challenges/ responses to minimise impacts on agriculture & settlement sustainability (especially water security).
- Improve transport connection into larger centres
- Review social infrastructure including health and ageing services
- Develop Master Plans for small communities including signage strategies

2 Infrastructure

Proactively planning for the future liveability of communities and the importance of identifying future infrastructure requirements was a focus of all of the LSPSs. By identifying population growth, patterns of settlement and areas of economic expansion allows Councils to plan, budget and advocate for short, medium and long term infrastructure requirements.

The term infrastructure refers to a wide variety of assets – including transport, water, sewer, roads, active transport assets, gas and telecommunications.

In regards to infrastructure there were three main planning priorities:

Transport

The Central West Councils identified through their LSPSs that transport networks should be designed to support vibrant places whilst enabling the successful movement of people to access jobs, services and social opportunities regardless of age, ability and income.

Many of the plans highlighted the importance of transport links for the economic and social viability of communities. They spoke to the importance of public transport from smaller regional areas to larger regional centres.

In line with the CWORP many of the Councils highlighted the importance of connecting the Central West to the global markets as well as major domestic markets. Many of the Councils really focused on identifying key freight routes for agricultural producers.

Actions: Planning Priority - Transport

- Develop Council specific transport and infrastructure strategies
- Promote and support connectivity between major centres in the Central West and other regional centres and ports in NSW and beyond
- Continue to promote air services both passenger and freight
- Develop airport master plans
- Ensure first and last mile connectivity for primary producers
- Ensure Councils are positioning themselves to leverage the Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail and Parkes SAP
- Advocate for the flood proofing of the Newell Highway (especially south of Forbes)
- Work with Transport for NSW to extend the HPV network
- Promote public transport between smaller communities and larger centres but also within centres
- Develop parking strategies
- Explore options to support new technology in vehicles such as EV charging stations
- Review disability action plans to ensure transport routes are accessible and encourage active movement

Water Security

Planning for long term strategic water security is vital for the growth and survival of Regional Communities.

The CNSWJO and its member Councils continue to work with the state government on the development of the Regional Water Strategies for the Lachlan and Macquarie-Castlereagh catchments. A priority has been the integration of town water into the state government's strategic

water planning framework. Negotiations with the State on a collaborative structure to enable delivery of the RWSs continues. This priority is reflected across the Council's LSPSs

Actions for Planning Priority – Water Security

- Update/ undertake detailed Integrated Water Cycle Management strategies (IWCN) which should identify measures for current and future growth and sustainable water usage, taking into consideration climate change
- Identify and work with stakeholders regarding water usage and sustainability
- Develop drought management strategies
- Explore options to create redundancy in water network by having multiple water sources
- Explore and identify opportunities for recycled water and reduce potable water usage in industrial use
- Prepare stormwater studies (especially as we are seeing a changing climate)
- Protect sensitive water ways and develop projects as part of DCP requirements
- Consider ground water vulnerable land when preparing DCPs
- Upgrade current water infrastructure such as STPs to current standards
- Review water and sewer connects for smaller communities
- Work with CNSWJO to advocate for upgrades to infrastructure

Other Utilities

Quite often delivering “other” utilities such as telecommunications, gas, renewable energy, education and health care services falls outside Council's core business. But Council do play a role in ensuring that they are advocating for their communities to ensure that they have access to essential services. Not having access can stunt economic and social growth.

An example of this is technology which as we are emerging from the current pandemic, we are extremely grateful for the role that technology has played in our daily lives – it has allowed us to continue working, educating our children and enabled us to keep in touch with loved ones, whether they are across the street, the country or around the world.

Actions: Planning Priority – Other Utilities

- Work with government and private sector to upgrade telecommunication infrastructure
- Prepare / update Developer Contributions Plan
- Investigate the usage and how to leverage renewable power
- Ensure appropriate provision of higher-level infrastructure (emergency services, education, health, main roads etc)

3 Protection of the Natural and Built Environment

Currently in regional NSW we are on the cusp of an exciting new era. The post pandemic world means that people are more able to live where they want to live rather than where they need to live for work.

With this growth Councils need to plan to manage the potential conflict between the expansion of regional communities and the impact that it may have on the environment. Planning for climate change is more important than ever as we are seeing the impact that climate change is playing out in the area.

Mitigation and Resilience to Climate Change

A key planning priority for many Councils was to increase their resilience to natural hazards and mitigate and adapt to a changing climate.

Actions: Planning Priority – Mitigation and Resilience to Climate Change

- Update LEPs to reflect and create buffer zones around environmentally sensitive areas
- Undertake new flood studies
- Review bushfire prone maps
- Update contaminated land register
- Review DCPs to ensure that enough measures are in place to manage stormwater
- Build resilience via encouraging industries that are not water intensive especially within the agriculture sector
- Ensure residential development adheres to BASIX
- Develop/ implement Renewable Energy Action Plans for Councils
- Develop an urban tree planting plan
- Work with Government and other agencies to develop the skills and knowledge to deal with climate change
- Ensure that Councils have an up-to-date Waste Management Plan
- Ensure up to date Local Emergency Management Plan

Protect Heritage and Culture

It is essential that heritage and culture is protected. This includes European and non-European heritage and culture. This needs to be done in a respectful, consultative and sensitive way.

Actions: Planning Priority – Protect Heritage and Culture

- Undertake/ review an Aboriginal Heritage Study in consultation with stakeholders including local Aboriginal Land Council – amend LEP to reflect the findings
- Protect, manage and respect Aboriginal objects and places in accordance with legislative requirements.
- Map high value fishing habitats
- Promote and preserve heritage and educate the public on the importance of heritage items including main streets and villages
- Develop adaptive reuse strategies for identified heritage items/ buildings
- Promote Council's heritage assistance fund
- Undertake a review of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to update the RU3 Forestry Zone, E1 National Parks and Nature Reserves Zones, RE1 Public recreation Zone and RE2 Private Recreation Zone to ensure protection and appropriate management of areas of high

environmental value.

- Update LEP schedule 5 to include non-Aboriginal heritage items
- Work with land owners to preserve vegetation
- Protect and enhance the natural environment via special projects and appropriate management plans

Protect and Manage the Natural and Built Environment

Many Councils identified a planning priority of valuing, protecting and enhancing the landscape's natural environment & ecological processes to achieve sustainable development.

Actions: Planning Priority – Protect and Manage the Natural and Built Environment

- Prepare/ review DPCs to ensure that they address management of rural lands, biodiversity and to address controls for development in areas of natural hazards to provide consistent controls across the Shire
- Identify suitable locations for renewable energy projects
- Work with communities and Local Land Services to restore and enhance native vegetation corridors (whilst managing bushfire risk), particularly along travelling stock routes, road corridors, watercourses, and on Crown lands
- Review IWCMS
- Review/ develop Drought Management Plan to ensure that it remains relevant to emerging issues in water security within the Lachlan Valley including the planned upgrades to the Wyangala Dam Wall
- Protect high environmental value assets through Local Environmental Plans
- Promote and preserve our natural environment in sensitive areas
- Maintain up-to-date studies in relation to biodiversity, urban waterways and the Region's vegetation
- To promote community stewardship of the natural environment to ensure its vitality into the future

Manage Land Use Conflict

One of the key areas that the Councils identified as a planning priority was managing the potential for land use conflict by proactively putting strategies in place. This includes protecting productive agricultural land from urban encroachment.

Actions: Planning Priority – Manage Land Use conflict

- Investigate the creation of a Council Right to Farm Policy
- Undertake a review to find locations suitable for industries that require a buffer zone and good access to power, gas and water
- To protect rural lands at the City's edges from inappropriate development and urban land use encroachment such as seniors housing that is enabled by State Environmental Planning Policies
- Prepare a dwelling opportunity map to determine where dwellings are permissible on concessional lots and existing holdings within the Shire
- Maintain a suitable minimum lot size applying to new dwellings and related subdivisions in the primary production zone that meets the needs of genuine farming interest and removes the potential for speculative adhoc housing demand in the rural zone

- Support diversification of agriculture by reviewing permissible land uses within rural zones to reflect industry requirements
- Examine the ongoing relevance of and demand for rural lifestyle housing in the Region; and
- Review and update Development Control Plan provisions relating to developments located on the edge of industrial estates



4 The Economy.

The Central West is poised to take advantage of new economic opportunities, including embracing net zero targets and circular economic models. There are significant opportunities for investment in agribusiness, value-added manufacturing developments, critical minerals, waste recovery and recycling and unique tourism experiences. These opportunities are underpinned by major investments from both the public and private sectors in the Inland Rail, Parkes Special Activation Precinct and the Central–West Orana Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) and significant mining exploration.

To make the most of all of these opportunities the Councils of the Central West have to have appropriate planning measures in place to plan for liveable communities.

Enhance Town Centres

Numerous Councils have a planning priority around ensuring that their town centre's character was protected whilst activating retail areas and encouraging commerce.

Actions: Planning Priority – Enhance Town Centres

- Develop / review / implement Main Street strategies
- Develop digital/ smart city strategies
- Consult with stakeholders to determine barriers to retail and hospitality growth in the town centre. Implement strategies to overcome barriers and if appropriate review and update the Development Control Plan and Local Environmental Plan to support these uses
- Develop / review / implement settlement strategies
- Develop/ review/ implement a Retail Strategy, particularly in light of changing trends

Supporting Existing and Emerging Industry

Councils identified a need to support emerging industries to ensure that they have strong diverse and sustainable economies. Many of the planning priorities looked to leverage the Central West's strategic location at the heart of regional NSW and took for opportunities to start to develop appropriate planning frameworks to support new industries.

Actions: Planning Priority – Support existing and emerging industry

- Advocate for research and development of new and emerging business enterprises and models, including alternative energy, freight logistics, value-add manufacturing, circular economy and sustainability-based industries in the Region
- Advocate for the timely completion of Wyangala Dam Upgrades and a review of water distribution /allocation (other than for environmental purposes) to drive economic performance in the region
- Support the initiatives identified in the REDS
- Ensure light industrial land is available to support large industry development such as mining (monitor take up to ensure that there is always a supply on hand)
- Identify locations for future large-scale industries such as mines and solar farms outside of agricultural land and future residential growth areas
- Maintain up to date Economic Development plans
- Ensure plans such as airport master plans are continually updated in line with emerging industries
- Continue to advocate for better transport links to Sydney
- Advocate for local employment opportunities with State and Federal government agencies

Agriculture

The value of agriculture in the Central West is over a \$1billion and consists of a range of livestock for meat and wool, cotton, broadacre crops and vegetables. It is also a major employer across the region and in many Central West Local Government Areas it is the main employer. Managing and protecting and encouraging diversification in agriculture was a key planning priority for many Councils.

Actions: Planning Priority –Agriculture

- Research diversification and value adding opportunities for agriculture
- Research best practice land use controls to prevent land use conflict, especially for important agricultural land. Implement LEP and DCP controls as appropriate to reflect best practice and ensure this is taken into account when determining development applications
- Ensuring that there is sufficient flexibility in land use and planning controls to enable agriculture to adapt to changing market demands and pressures without compromising future agricultural potential
- Protect important agricultural land use resources whenever possible by discouraging land use unrelated to agriculture from locating on agricultural land and minimise any unnecessary fragmentation of rural land
- Promote and facilitate the development of intensive agricultural opportunities.

Mining

Central NSW has the opportunity to play a large role in the developing critical minerals market. It is located along the Macquarie Arch and significant exploration and well as existing exploration is already happening with the area.

To take full advantage of the opportunities that mining and critical minerals present, new markets need to be established and the general public needs education to understand the significant role mining will play in extracting the minerals required for a clean energy future. Councils look to develop planning priorities which support mining whilst being mindful of the impact that it may have on the environment.

Actions: Planning Priority – Mining

- Ensure that mining is sustainable and provides for additional employment opportunities
- Assist in developing mining potential and protect resources while planning for long-term social and utility growth.

Tourism

Tourism in Central NSW is a billion dollar business. The development of tourism assets also enhances the liveability of communities. Planning priorities in regards to tourism aimed to broaden the depth, quality and awareness of the local and sub-regional visitor opportunities, attractions and facilities.

Actions: Planning Priority – Tourism

- Update Destination Management Plans
- Enhance visitor information facilities
- Work with transport providers such as airlines to ensure easy access to the Central West
- Provide essential services for tourists to encourage them to stop and stay in the town, such as a strong town centre, accommodation, caravan services, food and beverage providers and

public amenities

- Ensure land use zonings and development controls encourage a range of attractions and experiences for tourists such as events, tours, functions.



Appendix A – Planning Priorities and Actions for CNSWJO



	Planning Priority Community – Housing
Parkes	<p>Planning Priority 10- Provide a range of diverse housing in the right locations to accommodate housing demand that meets the needs of changing demographics within the Parkes Shire</p> <p>10.1 Undertake a Local Housing Study to properly inform the Integrated Land Use, Transport and Infrastructure Strategy on the release of new residential release areas identified in the LSPS to ensure these areas respond to land / servicing constraints and opportunities, population growth scenarios and other demographic factors and demand for various housing options.</p> <p>10.2 Undertake a review of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to amend Clause 4.1AA of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to remove the requirement for community title lots to comply with a minimum lot size map.</p> <p>10.3 Undertake a review of the Parkes Shire Development Control Plan 2013 to include “Masterplans” of undeveloped land zoned R1 General Residential, as well as any new residential release areas.</p> <p>10.4 Undertake a Parkes Shire Social and Affordable Housing Implementation Strategy.</p>
Forbes	<p>Our Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Deliver healthy, diverse and liveable neighbourhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a Housing Strategy that identifies future residential growth areas, plans land releases and proposes strategies to manage required infrastructure upgrades and environmental constraints such as flooding and groundwater vulnerability. • Investigate any barriers to the supply of varied housing types and amend land use controls if necessary. • Investigate land use controls that support infill development and implement as necessary. • Rezone land as appropriate to support residential growth and future land releases. -
Cabonne	<p>Priority 5- Provide opportunities to ensure a variety of housing types are available across our shire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Cabonne Settlement Strategy to identify suitable areas for growth and increase housing choice, including housing for older people and affordable housing options. (Short Term) • Implement a comprehensive Development Control Plan for residential and urban development. (Medium Term) • Advocate for improvements to health and transport services for our villages. (Continual)
Blayney Shire	<p>Planning Priority 4: Provide diverse housing choices and opportunities to meet changing demographics and population needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement the recommendations within the review of the Draft Blayney Settlement Strategy 2019. ▪ Guide local and strategic planning to create diverse housing choices and opportunities within Blayney Shire.
Weddin Shire	<p>Housing Choice and Diversity: Facilitate improved housing choice to meet the needs of all members of the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to investigate ways to remove barriers in the market / planning system to delivery of housing choice including smaller lots & dwellings suited to smaller households. • Test the recommendations of the Grenfell Settlement Strategy (2019) to reduce (or possibly remove) minimum lot size for Torrens Title subdivision in Zone R1 General Residential in Grenfell. • Investigate level/needs of vulnerable groups & rental accommodation provision & barriers/opportunities to address shortfalls. • Support older citizens to remain in their existing communities/homes for as long as possible with access to services, health & recreation & upgrades to accessibility/safety. • Facilitate key organisations to provide more independent & seniors living dwellings in settlements, primarily Grenfell (Council may investigate the business case for involving itself in housing provision). • Maintain priority for large lot residential to be located in & around Grenfell (unless it is a conversion of an existing village zone or surrounding a village with existing large lot residential pattern). • Prioritise employment lands & urban residential land supply over large lot residential supply (where it does not significantly impact existing Zone R5 land owners) to improve economy & leverage infrastructure.

Cowra	<p>Planning Priority 8 - Support the continued growth of the residential housing sector and ensure the availability of housing stock to meet the needs of the population</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will undertake a review of the Cowra Shire Council Development Control Plan 2014 and introduce controls that encourage housing diversity and facilitate higher density living in suitable areas. • Council will monitor dwelling approvals against land supply to ensure that demand is being met in planned areas and report on these findings in the 5 yearly reviews of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012. • Council will undertake a review of Cowra Council Development Control Plan 2014 to ensure building and design controls meet best practice and will continue to facilitate high quality buildings that maintain and improve the built and environmental amenity of the Cowra Shire. • Council will undertake a review of the Cowra Shire Council Development Control Plan 2014 and introduce controls that encourage building design in accordance with the principals of Universal Design to create housing that usable by all people.
Lachlan	<p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure future residential development is located on land that is currently zoned and serviced or • identified for rezoning within the Lachlan Shire Urban Settlement Strategy. • Ensure housing in villages is within existing zoned land and that the villages are appealing through enhancing/maintaining areas in accordance with Village Enhancement Plans. • Ensure appropriate interface between residential, rural and the renewable energy industry sector.
Oberon	
Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 16 - Provide new homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an up-to-date Housing Strategy. • Prepare Local Character statements for the new greenfield locations, urban renewal locations and precincts within the Bathurst heritage conservation area to: • establish new neighbourhood character for new locations; • manage changed living densities; • manage change between old and new housing stock; • maintain and improve neighbourhood character; and • improve sustainability, accessibility, affordability and ageing in place. • Undertake a social impact assessment of the potential loss of low cost housing in lands identified by the Bathurst 2036 Housing Strategy as possible locations for urban renewal. • Update the Bathurst Floodplain Management Plan and determine the appropriateness of rezoning flood protected lands for residential purposes and/or increasing the living densities of existing flood protected residential lands. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop local character statements to achieve alternative approaches to some of the existing one size fits all State Housing Codes. • To promote the provision of new housing products that provides greater housing choice.

Orange

Planning Priority 4 - Provide diverse housing choices and opportunities to meet changing demographics and population needs, with housing growth in the right locations.

- Review the Orange Sustainable Settlement Strategy and replace with a Local Housing Strategy
- Review and update the Orange Development Control Plan with provisions tailored to the various forms of residential development.

Planning Priority 2 - Support the delivery of new homes in residential release areas, including North Orange and Shiralee, and increase the range of housing options in existing urban areas.

- Prepare a revised housing strategy, informed by affordable and accessibility requirements, to replace the Orange Sustainable Settlement Strategy.
- Ensure a stable supply of residential land, supported by infrastructure, to provide housing opportunities for new residents.
- Review the subdivision code to reflect the Disability Inclusion Action Plan recommendations.
- Review and update development controls in relation to established areas, particularly heritage conservation areas and other neighbourhoods where the established character should be maintained or enhanced.
- Review and update the Development Contributions Plans

	Planning Priority Community – Land Use Planning
Parkes	
Forbes	
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	
Cowra	<p>Planning Priority 5- Advocate for new development to be supported by appropriate infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will continue to progressively augment reticulated sewer to the R5 Large Lot Residential zone in West Cowra (the West Cowra Growth Area). • Council will continue to progressively augment reticulated water to the R5 Large Lot Residential zone in East Cowra (the East Cowra Growth Area). • Council will review the developer contribution planning framework for the Cowra Shire to determine the program of community infrastructure required to service the Shire communities and their associated project costs. • Council will undertake a review of the Cowra Shire Council Development Control Plan 2014 to provide appropriate guidance on the requirements of utility service providers for new development proposals • Council will comprehensively investigate all options relating to the planned upgrade of the Cowra Hospital including a study of potential greenfield sites for construction of a new purpose-built facility. • Council will lobby for the reopening of the Blayney to Demondrille rail line for the benefit of Cowra and surrounds. • Council will determine a preferred improvement plan for the Cowra Aquatic Centre.
Lachlan	<p>Development Planning and Promotion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate opportunities for land use growth to ensure business and industrial uses have solid foundations. • Implement the recommendations of the Lachlan Shire Urban Settlement Strategy in policy including LEP and DCP. • Investigate opportunities for land use growth • Prepare, review and update relevant policy in consultation with the community to recognise and conserve heritage assets and items and include appropriate local planning controls. • Support the provision and continued development of major regional sports, recreation and cultural facilities

Oberon	<p>Planning Priority One - Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continually review and update the Oberon Land Use Strategy on a 5 yearly basis. • Continually review and update the Oberon Local Environmental Plan 2013 on a 5 yearly basis. • Undertake the development of a brand new Oberon Development Control Plan to reflect the existing and desired built form within our residential areas. Biennial reviews and updates of the Oberon Development Control Plan are to be undertaken to ensure that the document remains relevant to the fast changing environment. • Investigate and identify future potential for varied housing options. • Review the Oberon Timber Complex buffer to ensure that is achieving its intent to protect both the industrial and residential zones without unnecessarily obstructing development. Investigate opportunities to minimise any potential obstructions from the buffer on non-habitable development. <p>Planning Priority Five – Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On review of the Oberon Local Environmental Plan 2013 Council will investigate the practicalities of providing industrial zoning where appropriate. This measure will minimise the risk of land use conflict posed by non-compatible land uses being permissible development in zone RU5 Village. • Identify key regional forestry freight corridors that contribute to the broader regional viability of the forestry sector and seek funding to ensure these roads have the capacity to support existing forestry processes. • Identify the freight networks that are utilised by Oberon’s extractive industries and to ensure these roads have the capacity to support the extractive industries. • Investigate whether there are opportunities in the planning system to encourage better land management by the timber industry. • Investigate opportunities to secure community contributions from the development of industry through the review of Council’s contribution plans. • Update Councils Bush Fire Lands Prone Map in conjunction with latest RFS information. • Actively promote economic development initiatives leveraging off existing and emerging industries. • Encourage collaboration between educational facilities and local businesses. • Investigate more event opportunities linking to the distinct seasons in Oberon and leveraging off the successful Spartan event that was held in March 2020.
Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 5 - Ensure a suitable supply of employment and urban services land</p> <p>5.1 Develop an industrial and urban services strategy to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assess the demand and supply of industrial land into the future; • assess the best location for future supply; • investigate the appropriateness of land east of the Bathurst Regional Airport and the former army depot land at Lloyds Road for future industrial purposes; • assess the appropriateness of the southern side of Sydney Road (between Raglan and the Gateway Enterprise Park) as a future Enterprise Corridor; • investigate opportunities to attract new industry to the Bathurst Region; and • investigate opportunities to attract new light industry and aero related industry in the vicinity of the airport . <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify funding opportunities to secure the planning and construction of the southern ring road route to link the city’s employment areas.

Orange	<p><i>Planning Priority 5 - Ensure that building design and construction is of high quality, and maintains resident amenity.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the Orange Development Control Plan to deliver a well-rounded synthesis of: • Enhancing residential amenity • Water Sensitive Urban Design principles • Ecologically Sustainable Development principles • Universal Design Principles • Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles • Planning for Bushfire Protection 2018 recommendations <p>Planning Priority 9 Enhance local and neighbourhood centres as great, connected places, whilst maintaining the regional town atmosphere.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the Orange Development Control Plan to include provisions relating to cyclist parking and end-of-trip facilities in commercial precincts. • Improve pedestrian linkages throughout the city, particularly in proximity to significant destinations and parks. • Develop a comprehensive outdoor and street activities policy in relation to public land and road reserves. • Review and update plans of management for all parks and reserves. • Develop precinct level masterplans for all commercial areas within Orange.
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	Planning Priority Community – Education and Health
Parkes	
Forbes	<p>Our Education and Health <i>Identify, maintain and improve health and education services to support the needs of the community</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with NSW Health and NSW TAFE to identify what health and education services are needed to support the growth of the community. • Investigate existing public and private infrastructure that can provide accommodation for health and education professionals and implement a strategy to ensure this is provided. • Investigate formalizing the Health Precinct within the DCP and LEP. • Work with relevant stakeholders to deliver joint-venture opportunities for shared community and school facilities on school sites, including sporting fields, amenities, parking, community halls, child care, arts and library facilities.
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p>Essential Services: Maintain and enhance essential services to address Shire needs and support population growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to implement & update Council's Wellness Plan to address the Shire's health & aged-care needs & respond to changing risks & demand. • Continue to invest in the Grenfell Medical Centre/Health Hub & attract doctors/ specialists /health professionals to Grenfell to service the Shire's medical/health needs & minimise the need to travel to larger centres. • Continue to work with NSW Health to maintain & enhance the Grenfell Multi-Purpose Health Service. • Facilitate the provision of, & support for, independent & seniors living in a range of dwelling sizes to allow the community to age-in-place including home-modification services. • Continue to maintain/upgrade recreational facilities in line with local needs. • Continue to work with NSW Education to identify issues & opportunities with all of the primary & secondary schools in the Shire - maintain & enhance existing services, facilities, teachers, & resources to support local communities & achieve high-standards of education & training. • Continue to work with TAFE NSW to leverage the new Connected Learning Centre (CLC) & ensure that it is addressing sub-regional & local training needs (e.g. health & aged care) & working closely with businesses/industry for synergies to identify skill shortages & integrate employment opportunities.
Cowra	

Lachlan	
Oberon	
Bathurst	<p><i>Planning Priority 19 - Deliver social, community and cultural infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and develop an Ageing Strategy for the Bathurst Region. • Complete the Master Plan for the Bathurst Health and Knowledge precinct in partnership with the Western NSW Local Health District, NSW Department of Planning and Charles Sturt University. • Complete the Next Practice Performing Arts Framework. • Maintain an up-to-date Disability Inclusion Action Plan. • Complete the Bathurst Town Centre Master Plan. • Collaborate with the Primary Health Network to develop a Bathurst Region Health Snapshot. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To attract and encourage the delivery of social services and infrastructure within the Bathurst Region. • For clear, up-front, education priorities to support the early planning of new suburbs and in particular the exploration of opportunities to create a third public high school campus. • For health service improvements, co-location of services close to where people live and improved transport access to health services. • To achieve appropriate accessibility outcomes for adaptive reuse of heritage assets
Orange	<p><i>Planning Priority 8 - Support the growing healthcare sector and related industries in the health precinct at Bloomfield around Orange Health Service.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Orange Local Environmental Plan to ensure that there are opportunities for healthcare and allied professions in appropriate locations and zones. • Review the parking requirements for healthcare and allied professions. • Review other design requirements to ensure that protection of residential amenity is retained while also allowing flexibility to provide for the sometimes specific needs of different health care facilities. • Advocate for additional facilities in the health precinct to deliver a wider range of health and related services. • Support and advocate for the establishment and growth of a rural medical school in conjunction with tertiary education providers and the health service facilities.

	Planning Priority Community - Recreation and Cultural Facilities
Parkes	
Forbes	<p>Our Community and Culture Improve community facilities to support a diverse lifestyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a Sports and Recreation Strategy and establish function and use for the existing sporting and recreational open space and to capitalise on future opportunities • Implement the Lake Forbes Activation Plan. • Investigate and rezone land for high quality recreational spaces and move away from “pocket park” green infrastructure.
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p>Amenity: Improve accessibility, inclusivity, connectivity & public recreation facilities for a healthy & equitable community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate & source data about specific issues & needs for sub-groups & vulnerable communities within the Shire's population including, but not limited to, indigenous communities. • Prioritise & implement (& update) the recommendations of the Active Travel Plan (2018) as funding becomes available for each of the settlements. • Finalise & implement the Main Street Upgrade Plan (2019) for Grenfell's Main Street. • Extend the Active Travel Plan(s) to create Village (Enhancement) Plans focussing on gateways, connections, signage, landscape & street trees, & recreation upgrades for all settlements. • Review the potential for additional connectivity & recreational opportunities as part of the Grenfell Railway Precinct Concept Plan. • Maintain & enhance the useability & amenity/safety of open spaces & recreation areas for all communities (where there is demand). • Promote shade, ecological linkages, & improved water management along key corridors in each settlement, focussing initially on Grenfell. • Carry out a programme of street tree planting & maintenance. • Provide ecologically sustainable landfills with minimal adverse environmental impacts. See ENVIRONMENT.
Cowra	<p>Planning Priority 9 - Provide recreational opportunities to meet the needs of residents and visitors to the Cowra Shire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For areas of significant open space and recreation value within the Shire's villages, Council will work with stakeholders to prepare Master Plans that reflect community aspirations and realistic improvement options and goals • Council will review the Cowra Sport and Recreation Plan • For all of the public spaces for which Cowra Council is the Crown Land Manager, Council will progressively prepare and implement a Plan of Management in consultation with the community.
Lachlan	

Oberon	<p>Planning Priority Two – Community Well-being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake access masterplans for our commercial core areas to provide accessible public and commercial spaces that attract and retain visitors to the area. • Undertake analysis of sporting facilities and community facilities to ensure planned upgrades have capacity to service demands of a changing population. • Wherever possible provide or encourage the provision of infrastructure that is different to adjacent towns and villages so that variety is maintained and to encourage people from nearby townships to visit. • Review and investigate the opportunity to fund the upgrade of community facilities. • Use the SWOT Analysis identified in the village plans as the basis for delivering improvements in the local villages
Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 18 - Deliver open space and recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an up-to-date Open Space Strategy. • Undertake a review of the Bathurst Access and Cycling Plan to ensure existing and future open space areas are accessible and form part of a walking/cycling network. • Undertake a sporting facilities strategy. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For funding to support the creation of new and embellishment of existing open space and sporting facilities. • To identify sufficient resources to perform the required level of maintenance and upkeep of open space and recreation facilities to meet the community's expectations.
Orange	<p>Planning Priority 6- Provide recreational opportunities to meet the needs of residents of, and visitors to, Orange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the Orange City Council Recreation Needs Study • Require residential rezoning of more than 15 lots to include space for public recreational activities commensurate with the scale of the area to be rezoned, or planning agreements to embellish existing nearby public open space. <p>Planning Priority 3 Provide a range of facilities and services to meet community needs, and foster a culturally rich, creative and socially connected Orange community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and facilitate existing and emerging festivals and events, especially those that tap into culture, creativity and diversity. • Require all Council supported events to incorporate accessibility measures. • Review planning controls in relation to festivals, events and tourism • Review planning controls in relation to community services and facilities. • Monitor grant funding sources with a view to alerting our community to potential opportunities via the news section of Councils website.

	Planning Priority Community - Support Smaller communities and Villages
Parkes	
Forbes	
Cabonne	<p>Priority 4 - Support and promote sustainable development within our villages and celebrate our history.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a shire wide economic development strategy to foster development and economic within the villages. (Medium) • Review the Cabonne Settlement Strategy to identify suitable areas for growth. (Short) • Prepare a comprehensive Development Control Plan for commercial areas, including specific controls for Heritage items and heritage conservation areas. (Medium Term) • Investigate potential for Aboriginal heritage study for Cabonne Local Government Area. (Long Term) • Protect, manage and respect Aboriginal objects and places in accordance with legislative requirements. (Continual)
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p>Growth, Resilience and Sustainability: Manage change and risk to promote resilient and sustainable rural and urban communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to have population retention &/or growth as a key goal of the CSP & target /plan for population growth across the Shire in appropriate locations. • Prepare analysis of implications of climate change / variability & opportunities/challenges/ responses to minimise impacts on agriculture & settlement sustainability (especially water security). See ENVIRONMENT. • Ensure appropriate levels of services/facilities for villages in line with population & community needs. See ECONOMY. • Improve transport connections between villages/towns for integrated service delivery. See INFRASTRUCTURE. • Manage an ageing population & provide health services that minimise loss of older citizens to other larger centres.
Cowra	<p>Planning Priority 7 - Improve the liveability of the Shire's villages through on- going maintenance and improvements to services and facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For areas of significant open space and recreation value, Council will work with village stakeholders to prepare Master Plans that reflect community aspirations and realistic improvement options and goals • Council will develop a sign improvement plan for all the villages to rationalise and improve directional and village signs
Lachlan	
Oberon	

Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 17 - Create vibrant and sustainable local villages and rural settlements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a major review of the existing Rural Village Plans. • Review the Bathurst Region Rural Strategy in terms of rural lifestyle settlement to determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether it is desirable for the Region to produce more rural lifestyle lots in terms of the protection of the Region's agricultural and environmentally sensitive lands; • what future demand there is for rural lifestyle development and in what form; and • if new supply is to be provided, where is it best located. • Develop local character statements for the Region's villages. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For contemporary telecommunication services within the local villages. • For improved health service delivery in the local villages. • For the retention of the existing schools in the villages. • To improve private and public transport opportunities between Bathurst and the Region's villages. • To investigate opportunities for the inclusion of a rural residential zone in the Standard Instrument Local Environmental Plan
Orange	

Infrastructure - Transport

Parkes

Planning Priority 1- Promote and support connectivity between major centres in the Central West and other regional centres and ports in NSW and further afield
- Investigate the optimal location for an air freight facility at Parkes, in order to respond to private sector interests or government authority enquires on such matters

Planning Priority 2- Promote and support connectivity to and throughout the Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct

2.1 Investigate key freight / transport routes servicing the Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct and other important freight generating developments in the Central West of NSW to ensure a robust classified road network in the area.

2.2 Investigate new markets, marketing and communications platforms, business models and other innovations to connect businesses in the Central West of NSW to the Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct and other important value adding industries in the area

Planning Priority 3- Provide connectivity to towns, primary production lands and other employment generating developments in the Parkes Shire

3.1 Undertake a Traffic and Transport Study to properly inform the Integrated Land Use, Transport and Infrastructure Strategy about the key road infrastructure investments required to provide safe and efficient roads and facilities, with particular focus on the following:

- Providing key freight transit corridors.
- Formalising a Parkes urban area road hierarchy.
- Providing road and intersection treatments to ensure safe and efficient movement of trucks, cars, bikes and pedestrians.
- Investigating the need for any land-use planning controls to minimise conflict between road operations and sensitive land-uses.

3.2 Review and update the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to minimise the encroachment of incompatible land-uses along major road and rail corridors.

3.3 Investigate the relevancy of the existing Parkes National Logistics Hub Buffer (mapped in the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012) and update where required to respond to the Parkes National Logistics Hub State Environmental Planning Policy.

3.4 Investigate gateway / approach routes opportunities to the Parkes Urban Area and Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct from the Newell Highway and other important main roads.

3.5 Develop a Future Fleet Strategy for Parkes Shire to guide Council on how best to approach a future fleet that will comprise electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles, as well as connected and autonomous vehicles.

3.6 Investigate more flexible and on-demand transport options as part of the Traffic and Transport Study.

Planning Priority 13 - Promote the development of the Parkes Shire

13.1 Undertake an Integrated Land Use, Transport and Infrastructure Strategy to determine the future needs for industrial and commercial land in urban centres in the Shire, with particular focus on:

- The need to maintain the primacy of the Parkes Central Business District, by limiting the scale of proposed new retail and office premises on land not zoned B2 Local Centre.
- The need to review the existing B4 Mixed Use Zone at Parkes to reflect long term residential and light industrial land-use.
- The need to determine future land-use and appropriate zoning along the Newell Highway Bypass Corridor, Condobolin Road (between Newell Highway Upgrade and Clarinda Street) existing B4 Mixed Business zoned areas adjoining Clarinda Street and Woodward Street and the urban area adjoining Forbes Road (south of the railway corridor).
- The need to determine future land use and appropriate zoning in the Parkes Industrial Estate, including appropriate scaled commercial and light industrial developments.
- The need to explore the merits of formalising industrial zoning / precincts in Peak Hill and Trundle.
- Tourist and visitor accommodation, conference venues and the like in appropriate locations.

13.2 Undertake a review and update of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to:

- Include additional permitted uses without consent on certain parcels of land that frequently support appropriate temporary community uses.
- Permit specific land uses with consent in the SP2 Infrastructure "Airport" Zone, which support the development of the Parkes Regional Airport Business Park.
- Include the Obstacle Limitation Surface Map and relevant special provisions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolve zones boundaries between existing residential and industrial areas. <p>13.3 Undertake a review of the Parkes Shire Development Control Plan 2013 to include “Masterplans” of undeveloped industrial land zoned IN1 General Industrial, as well as any new light or general industrial release areas.</p>
Forbes	<p>Our Transport <i>Improve and enhance transport connections to improve access to global markets</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure land zonings will accommodate the investment and growth in the Shire expected from infrastructure upgrades • Investigate future growth options for the Forbes Aerodrome and ensure land use controls support any predicted growth including possible residential uses. • Investigate how the agricultural and manufacturing sector can leverage inland rail to move freight to markets and ports and action any changes as appropriate. • Upgrade transport routes in rural areas to ensure agricultural businesses can reach markets via the most direct route in line with the Agricultural Strategy. • Increase flood resilience of the Newell Highway.
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p>Transport: Create efficient transport networks and improve connectivity and safety to sustain economic and population growth.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Freight: Continue to identify major agricultural & industrial producers, key freight routes (conduct traffic counts), & limitations to efficient freight transport throughout the Shire (see Regional Plan) & address through infrastructure strategies. 2. Freight/Logistics: Facilitate local road freight & logistics facilities on or near the Mid Western Highway (particularly in & around Grenfell or possibly Caragabal – see ECONOMY below). 3. State & Regional Roads: Continue to work with RMS to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Upgrade state & regional road networks focussing on key shire freight routes & connections to nearby major centres. o Upgrade the Newell Highway to minimise the impacts of flooding & flow-on effects to local & regional roads. o Extend B-Double/HML/Road Train routes (without permit) along the Mid-Western Highway to Henry Lawson Way (Bogolong) to connect to Forbes). 4. Inland Rail/Parkes SAP: Prepare a brief analysis of the potential benefits & challenges that future Inland Rail & Parkes Special Activation Precinct (SAP) could have on Weddin Shire & surrounding Local Government Areas (LGAs).
Cowra	
Lachlan	
Oberon	

Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 3 - Connect the Bathurst Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare an Integrated Transport Plan for the City of Bathurst focussing on linkages to and from the CBD. • Maintain an up-to-date Community Cycle and Access Plan. • Maintain up-to-date statistics on CBD carparking occupancy rates. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To implement the 2056 NSW Transport Plan and the Connecting the Central West and Orana Program, and in particular to: • promote active transport; • improve intercity transport services to support access to health services; and • explore opportunities to introduce changes in transport technology such as electric vehicles, autonomous transport and ride-sharing. <p>§ For continued access to the Sydney airports.</p> <p>§ To secure upgrades to the Great Western, Mitchell and Mid-Western Highways and the Bells Line of Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To achieve improvements to the Main Western Rail line, including electrification of the network to Bathurst and/or faster rail services between Bathurst and Sydney. • For the retention of the Bathurst Bullet services. • To achieve improvements to intercity bus services and community transport services to the region's villages, particularly to support access to health services. • To identify funding opportunities and assistance to secure: • new river crossings; • the southern ring road route; • a new connection to the Mitchell Highway to service the Windradyne and Robin Hill residential growth areas; and • a new connection to the Great Western Highway as a result of the extension to Emerald Drive
Orange	<p>Planning Priority 10 - Improve access to, from and within Orange, and encourage active transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate recommendations of Disability Inclusion Action Plan into the DCP • Review, Maintain and update the Disability Inclusion Action Plan and Orange Mobility Map • Require Greenfield subdivisions involving new roads to include footpaths and pedestrian friendly layouts by minimising path gradients and maximising permeability with mid-block connections

	Infrastructure - Utilities - Security Water, Telecommunications etc
Parkes	<p>Planning Priority 4 - Provide adequate infrastructure in the Central West</p> <p>4.1 Establish a Growth and Population Monitor as recommended in the Astrolabe Demographic Analysis dated Ongoing February 2020 and provide data to State government service authorities (e.g. Department of Education, Department of Communities and Justice, NSW Health and NSW Police) and other interested agencies.</p> <p>4.2 Advocate for the timely completion of Wyangala Dam Upgrades and a review of water distribution /allocation in the region (other than for environmental flows).</p> <p>Planning Priority 6: Provide adequate infrastructure to service urban settlements and other parts of the Parkes Shire</p> <p>Planning Priority 6 - IWCM review</p> <p>6.1 Undertake a review of the Parkes Shire Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy to properly inform the Integrated Land Use, Transport and Infrastructure Strategy about the key infrastructure investments required to provide safe and secure potable water supplies and waste water management services and facilities for consumers within the sub-region, with particular focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing suitable water supply to the Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct. • Upgrading the Forbes to Tottenham Reticulated Water Supply Scheme (B Section Pipeline) to meet current and future demands and comply with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. • Augmenting reticulated water supply and sewerage to un-serviced urban land and future urban expansion areas. • Recycling urban wastewater and stormwater at Parkes for reuse. <p>6.2 Undertake a review of the Parkes Shire Section 94 and 94A Contributions Plans 2016 (now referred to as Section 7.11 and 7.12 Contributions Plans) and the Parkes Shire Council Voluntary Planning Agreement Policy 2016 to determine the program of community infrastructure required to service Shire communities and their associated project costs.</p> <p>6.3 Undertake a review of the Parkes Shire Development Control Plan 2013 to provide appropriate guidance on the requirements of utility service providers for new development proposals.</p> <p>6.4 Review available data, including data from Council's own growth and population monitoring, as part of Council's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework to ensure adequate water supplies, sewerage, community services and facilities are delivered in a timely manner. Medium Term</p> <p>6.5 Undertake an Open Space and Recreation Study to properly inform the Integrated Land Use, Transport and Infrastructure Strategy on future passive and structured recreation needs, community land requirements and any opportunities to convert unnecessary community land to alternative operational land purposes.</p> <p>6.6 Undertake a Cemetery Study to properly inform the Integrated Land Use, Transport and Infrastructure Strategy to service Shire communities, with particular focus on the future development / expansion of the Parkes Cemetery, including land for potential new burial sites, crematorium, chapel, car parking and landscaping.</p>

Forbes	<p>Our Water Responsibilities</p> <p>Ensure land use planning and water management are integrated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with stakeholders and research best practice water management to investigate how land use controls can best ensure the efficient use of water in all land uses. • Work with stakeholders to investigate appropriate land use controls for Irrigated Agriculture and large Water Storages and update the LEP and DCP as required. • Implement water infrastructure upgrades as required. • Investigate the use of buffer zones to protect the Lachlan River and mark these within the DCP if appropriate. • Update the DCP to include matters for consideration in the assessment of proposals on Groundwater Vulnerable land. <p>Our Infrastructure</p> <p>Identify, plan and provide infrastructure in line with growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a report that identifies various growth scenarios to assist in infrastructure planning. • Work with government and private agencies to deliver upgraded telecommunication and NBN infrastructure upgrades. • Update the Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan (IWCM) addressing infrastructure options to service future growth areas within a low, medium and high growth scenarios whilst maintaining existing service levels to the current serviced areas. • Investigate and determine the infrastructure needs for the local community in line with identified areas of growth. Prepare a Developer Servicing Plan and • align Council's Capital Works Program with identified future infrastructure needs. • Prepare stormwater studies for Cypress Lane and South Forbes drainage corridors and amend
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p>Utilities: Capitalise on and improve existing utilities and align future expansions with planned growth areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth: Manage growth to focus development in locations that maximise efficient use of existing (& proposed) infrastructure. • Growth: Work with CTW to improve water security for Weddin's settlements & allow for some growth & industrial use. • Sewer (Grenfell): Upgrade the Grenfell Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) to current standards with some additional growth capacity. • Sewer Extension (Grenfell): Prepare a preliminary investigation of sewer (& water) extension to the east of Grenfell to open up residential & industrial growth areas along with indicative costings & methods to fund works. • Sewer/Water (Villages): Review funding & design to expand water & sewer reticulation (as required) to Caragabal, Quandialla & Greenethorpe. • Drainage (Grenfell): Improve drainage in flood affected settlements including Grenfell (e.g. O'Brien's Tributary), Quandialla & Greenethorpe. • Communications: Review & continue to negotiate opportunities for improved communications, especially mobile phone reception & internet connections. • Communications: Upgrade Grenfell Telecommunications Exchange to Fibre to enable improved connectivity for new premises. • Energy: Leverage energy infrastructure for renewable generation & review electricity infrastructure opportunities & constraints. • Waste: Continue to manage waste depots whilst reviewing ways to minimise waste disposal & maximise re-use/recycling.
Cowra	<p>Planning Priority 6- Work together with Government agencies and other stakeholders to promote beneficial outcomes for Cowra Shire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for State Government investment in key infrastructure and services within the Cowra Shire, including but not limited to roads, rail, NBN and health care (including a new hospital) • Continue to utilise the CNSWJO as a resource for collaboration on key issues to promote good outcomes for Cowra Shire • Continue to engage and consult with the Shire's eight village communities to identify and respond where appropriate on key planning issues • Continue to engage the community and report on the progress of the various items, projects and • recommendations contained within the Cowra Shire Village Action Plan. • Continue to apply for NSW and Federal Government grants for projects that benefit the local community. • Continue to provide assistance to other partners in the local community that apply

Lachlan	<p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote & facilitate small-scale renewable energy projects using solar, wind, geothermal or other • innovative storage technologies through local environmental plans. • Explore opportunities for connection with inland rail at Parkes through a branch line and local logistics hub at Condobolin for local producers and industries. • Continue to develop the Lachlan Valley Way, The Gipps Way and local road links to support regional transport from Griffith and Hillston to Tottenham and Narromine to link with the Newell Highway at Gilgandra. • Develop a regional road transport support node at Condobolin.
Oberon	<p>Planning Priority Three – Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete an integrated water management plan to ensure future water and sewerage aligns with future growth • Complete identified upgrades and construction projects within Councils Delivery Program (2017-2021), Operational Plan (2019-2020) and Abercrombie Regional Economic Development Strategy (2018-2022). • Complete the upgrade to the Oberon Sewerage Treatment Plant
Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 1 - Plan for water security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities for multiple sources of water to meet the Region's needs. • Review the studies already completed (e.g. Climate Change and Water Security Plan). • Review Council's Drought Management Plan. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To include Council's water projects in the Schedules of the Water Supply (Critical Needs) Act 2019. • To implement opportunities to improve water efficiency with high water users. • To reduce industry's reliance on potable water where possible. • To develop a regional water pipeline from southern NSW dams to facilitate inter- catchment transfers of water. • To promote water-wise practices. • To retain Council control and ownership of the Region's water supply. <p>Planning Priority 2 - Align development, growth and infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake relevant infrastructure planning, associated environmental assessment and cost benefit analysis to determine: • the 'next' major residential expansion area; • the suitability of the "Gateway Investigation area" for urban development; and • the suitability of land to the east of the airport and the former Army depot at Lloyds road for future industrial (or other) purposes. • Complete a review of the Village Plans. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure appropriate provision of higher-level infrastructure (emergency services, education, health, main roads, and so on). • To identify funding opportunities to support the provision of major new local infrastructure projects (southern ring road, new river crossing, water reservoirs and so on).

Orange	<p>Planning Priority 18 - Advocate for development to be supported by infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the Orange Development Contributions Plan. • Review and update sewer and water servicing strategies. • Regularly monitor water consumption and supply to inform water security projects and related advocacy. • Regularly monitor traffic and parking levels across the city and promote alternative travel modes to reduce private vehicle dependency. • Promote the retention and enhancement of rail and air services to connect Orange with key centres around Australia. • Research and prepare an Airport master plan in close consultation with the community and key airport users.
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	Environment - Resilience to Climate Change
Parkes	<p>Planning Priority 7 - Increase resilience to natural and technological hazards and climate change in Parkes Shire</p> <p>7.1 Undertake an amendment to the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to include a Lake Endeavour/ Metcalfe Drinking Water Catchment Buffer Map and associated special provisions to guide new development proposed to be located within the drinking water catchment.</p> <p>7.2 Undertake a review of completed flood studies undertaken in the Parkes Shire and include in the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 mapping, where applicable.</p> <p>7.3 Undertake a Contaminated Land Policy, consistent State Environmental Planning Policy 55 Remediation of Land, Managing Land Contamination Planning Guideline and other applicable policies.</p> <p>7.4 Undertake a review of the Parkes Shire Bushfire Prone Land Map NSW Rural Fire Service.</p> <p>7.5 Undertake a review of the Parkes Shire Development Control Plan 2013 to establish adequate controls for the management of stormwater from new developments proposed to be located within urban areas.</p> <p>7.6 Undertake a Local Adaptation Plan.</p> <p>7.7 Investigate development controls to encourage adaptable and resilient buildings in the Parkes Shire.</p> <p>7.8 Adopt an integrated approach to water cycle management across the region that considers climate change, water security, sustainable demand and growth, and the natural environment.</p>
Forbes	<p>Our Resilience</p> <p>Plan for resilience in natural hazards and a changing climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build drought resilience by supporting value-adding industries on agricultural land that is not dependent on water use • Identify, plan and respond to issues surrounding climate change and natural disasters and their short and long term impact in line with the Central West Orana Regional Adaptation report • Update the Forbes Floodplain Risk Management Study
Cabonne	<p>Priority 9 - Mitigate and adapt to Climate Change and support Renewable energy projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring residential development adheres to the requirements of BASIX (Continual) • Support the implementation of council's Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP) (Short Term) • Support Council's urban tree planting program (Continual)

Blayney Shire	<p>Planning priority 6: Protect and conserve the natural environment and heritage qualities while adapting to the impacts of hazards and climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Actively promote Council's Heritage Assistance Fund, Heritage Advisory Services, and other initiatives that contribute to the conservation of heritage. ▪ Review the adequacy of the current Blayney Shire Heritage Conservation Areas. ▪ Continue to work with Government agencies and other stakeholders to give the community skills and knowledge to deal with climate change and hazards and cultural heritage.
Weddin Shire	<p>Hazards and Climate Change: Adopt land use strategies that avoid, minimise and/or mitigate against natural hazards & climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update all Land Use Strategies to address climate variability & look to diversify agriculture & the economy & implement recommendations relating to this planning priority. • Avoid, & if not possible to avoid, minimise &/or mitigate any impacts from natural hazards on land uses & future development through good strategic planning. • Improve drainage in flood affected settlements including Grenfell (e.g. O'Briens Tributary), Quandialla & Greenethorpe. • Prepare a Flood Study for Bimbi (short term) & Greenethorpe. • Continue with Emu Creek environmental works to improve flood conveyance in Grenfell. • Update the Emu Creek Floodplain Risk Management
Cowra	
Lachlan	
Oberon	
Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 14 - Create a sustainable Bathurst Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an up-to-date Waste Management Plan and plan for the future of Council's Waste Management Centre. • Prepare and adopt a Renewable Energy Action Plan for Council's operations. • Develop an emissions reduction plan for the Bathurst region. • Consider sustainable transport options as part of the Bathurst Integrated Transport Plan. • Develop a Cooling the City Strategy as a likely outcome of the Bathurst Town Centre and new land release area Master Plans to reduce the impacts from the heat island effect. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify ways to increase the energy and water efficiency targets under BASIX or enable Council to set higher targets beyond BASIX and require adherence to basic sustainable design principles. <p>Planning Priority 15 - Improve resilience to natural hazards and extreme weather events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the Bathurst Floodplain Management Plan • Finalise the updated Bushfire Prone Land Map. • Maintain an up-to-date Local Emergency Management Plan. • Review, update and adopt Council's Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan. • Develop a Cooling the City Strategy. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To obtain funding for and review the Bathurst Floodplain Management Plan.

Orange

Planning Priority 16 - Adapt to the impacts of hazards and climate change.

- Consider initiatives that respond to the impacts of climate change, mitigate the urban heat island effect and reduce vulnerability to extreme heat.
- Ensure development, including rezonings, is consistent with the Blackmans Swamp Creek and Ploughmans Creek Flood Study.
- Maintain, and review as necessary, existing planning controls and objectives within Orange's Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plans relating to natural hazards and climate change.
- Prepare planning controls for the Orange LEP and DCP to require that new greenfield subdivisions are designed to facilitate stormwater harvesting on an estate wide basis.
- Undertake an Urban Efficiency Strategy to enhance local resilience and to guide the security of water and energy supplies while minimising waste generation.

	Environment - Protect Heritage and Culture
Parkes	<p>Planning Priority 8 - Protect items and places with heritage significance and areas of high environmental value in Parkes Shire</p> <p>8.1 Undertake a review of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to update the RU3 Forestry Zone, E1 National Parks and Nature Reserves Zones, RE1 Public recreation Zone and RE2 Private Recreation Zone to ensure protection and appropriate management of areas of high environmental value.</p> <p>8.2 Undertake an amendment to Schedule 5 Heritage Items of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to include updated non-Aboriginal Heritage Items.</p> <p>8.3 Undertake an Aboriginal Heritage Study of the Parkes Shire in consultation with relevant stakeholders to amend Schedule 5 Heritage Items of the Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012 to include Aboriginal Heritage Items.</p> <p>8.4 Develop high value fish habitats mapping</p> <p>8.5 Identify suitable locations and facilitate small-scale renewable energy projects using bioenergy, solar, wind, small-scale hydro, geothermal or other innovative storage technologies through local environment plans.</p>
Forbes	<p>Our Heritage and Biodiversity Protect and enhance our heritage and biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to promote and preserve the heritage values of Forbes via suitable land use controls that are reflected in the Development Assessment process. • Review and amend the Heritage Conservation Area (HCA) of the Forbes Town Centre and update the Heritage Register as needed. • Prepare an adaptive re-use strategy to inform development opportunities of our heritage buildings into the future and reflect any outcomes of this report in the DCP. • Work with land holders to preserve existing vegetation throughout the Shire. • Protect and enhance our environmental features such as Gum Swamp Wetland and the Lachlan River through special projects and appropriate management plans
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p>Heritage and Culture: Protect, enhance and build upon Indigenous and Non-Indigenous culture, heritage and local character.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) mapping & confirm accuracy with NSW Government & Local Aboriginal Land Councils. • Continue to implement the WSC Strategic Heritage Plan 2018-2021 & heritage planning controls. • Update existing Heritage Studies to include appropriate buildings & places, especially on main streets. • Educate the community on benefits of heritage listing (e.g. grant funding/free heritage service) whilst ensuring listing balances economic & community goals for development. • Review buildings the community would like to adaptively re-use to protect heritage fabric & integrate alternative uses (e.g. former bank buildings- Main St, Grenfell). • Integrate heritage advice in the preparation of land use strategies, master plans, & reviews of land uses for improved heritage & cultural outcomes. Ensure consistency with the NSW Government Cultural Infrastructure Plan 2025. • Improve links with local culture, character, tourism & the arts. See ECONOMY – Tourist & Visitor Services for details.

Cowra	<p>Planning Priority 3 - Protect items and places with heritage significance and areas of high environmental value in Cowra Shire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will collaborate with the NSW Rural Fire Service to update the Cowra Shire Bushfire Prone Land Map • Council will prepare a Development Control Plan for the protection of important biodiversity assets and areas of high environmental value within the Shire. • Council will complete a Shire wide Community Based Heritage Study and update Schedule 5 of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012 • Council will partner with First Nations People and their community to prepare a Cultural Heritage Study for the Cowra Shire and where appropriate Council will amend Schedule 5 of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012 to include identified Aboriginal Heritage Items or Places • Council will partner with First Nations People and their community to develop a Cultural Interpretation Centre at the Cowra Peace Precinct, consistent with the vision in the Cowra Peace Precinct Masterplan and the Valley View Estate Urban Design Masterplan
Lachlan	<p>Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect, manage and respect Aboriginal objects and places in accordance with legislative requirements. • Complete heritage studies in consultation with the Aboriginal community to ensure preservation of sacred sites and connection to country. • Prepare, review and update heritage studies in consultation with the community to recognise and conserve heritage assets and items and include • appropriate local planning controls. • Investigate opportunities to redevelop and enhance streetscapes and entrances to towns and villages.
Oberon	
Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 9 - Protect Indigenous cultural heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to identify and investigate sites of Aboriginal cultural heritage. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For improved notification procedures for sites listed on the AHIMS database for the Bathurst Region. • For the appropriate management of sites of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. • To promote the importance of the Region's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. <p>Planning Priority 10 - Protect European and non-Indigenous heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an up-to-date Heritage Plan. • Introduce a place based approach to heritage management within the Region's villages and for localities within the Region's Heritage Conservation Areas to improve overall urban design outcomes through the development of local character statements for each locality. • Continue to review the extent of heritage conservation areas within the Bathurst Regional LGA and the identification of new heritage items. • Continue to research and record information in relation to the Bathurst Region Heritage assets within the State Heritage Inventory database. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and list heritage items of State Significance. • To engage with heritage interest groups as outlined in the Bathurst Regional Community Participation Plan. • To promote the importance of the Region's unique heritage.
Orange	<p>Planning Priority 12 - Protect and conserve the natural, built and Aboriginal cultural heritage of Orange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regularly review and update the heritage inventory and associated heritage listings in the Local Environmental Plan. • Consult on a regular basis with the Local Aboriginal Land Council and broader Aboriginal community in relation to indigenous heritage matters.

	Environment - Protect and Manage Natural & Built Environment
Parkes	
Forbes	
Cabonne	<p>Priority 7- Protect and enhance our landscape, biodiversity and waterways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare Development Control Plan that addresses management of rural lands, biodiversity and recent changes to bring Council controls in line with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and the State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017. (Medium Term) • Review Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012 mapping of Biodiversity areas. (Medium Term) <p>Priority 8 - Manage natural hazards to mitigate their impacts on our communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the requirements of the NSW Floodplain Development Manual by updating flood studies and floodplain risk management plans. (Medium Term) • Prepare a Development Control Plan that addresses controls for development in areas of natural hazards to provide consistent controls across the shire. (Medium Term) • Manage the risks of disturbance in areas affected by Naturally Occurring Asbestos by increasing public awareness and providing mapping to the community. (Continual) • Assess Development in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019.
Blayney Shire	<p>Planning Priority 5- Promote and support growth in the renewable energy industry sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work with businesses and other stakeholders to find appropriate locations for renewable energy generation potential and access to the electricity networks. ▪ Continue to work with Government agencies and other stakeholders to promote Blayney Shire as an area for renewable energy industries and development. ▪ Review Blayney Shire Council Renewable Energy Action Plan.
Weddin Shire	<p>Natural Environment: Value, protect and enhance the natural environment and ecological processes to achieve sustainable development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review surface water & groundwater supplies for the natural environment to manage environmental flows & protection of riparian corridors/watercourses & groundwater systems. • Make adequate provision for urban stormwater & implement Integrated Water Catchment Management (IWCM) Strategic Study outcomes. • Support & promote local & regional sustainability forums/ public developments. • Identify, plan & respond to issues surrounding climate change & natural disasters in accordance with the Central West Orana Regional Adaptation Report. • Work with communities & Local Land Services to restore & enhance native vegetation corridors (whilst managing bushfire risk), particularly along Travelling Stock Routes, road corridors, watercourses, & on Crown lands.

Cowra	<p>Planning Priority 4- Manage water resources for the greater benefit of all users within the Shire and the Lachlan Valley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will prepare an Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan for the Cowra Shire • Council will undertake a review of Council's Drought Management Plan to ensure that it remains relevant to emerging issues in water security within the Lachlan Valley including the planned upgrades to the Wyangala Dam Wall. • Council will investigate the merits of amending Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012 to include a Drinking Water Catchment Map with the aim of properly guiding new development proposals within the drinking water catchment of the Wyangala Dam. • Council will undertake a review of Cowra Council Development Control Plan 2014 to ensure that water sensitive urban design principles are implemented where appropriate as part of new development in the Cowra Shire. • Council will investigate the likelihood of providing improved water quality to the villages of Billimari and Wyangala • Council will progress the Billimari bore field water security project.
Lachlan	<p>Protect our Natural Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the consistency of the water supply to the community and investigate and improve the network infrastructure where possible • Protect high environmental value assets through local environmental plans • Promote and preserve our natural environment in sensitive areas. • Undertake studies and implement recommendations to ensure water and the environment are sustainable. • Incorporate the best available hazard information into the Lachlan LEP and DCP consistent with current flood studies, flood planning levels, modelling and floodplain risk management plans. • Review Councils Bushfire hazard mapping with NSW Rural Fire Service and update policy to ensure land use is well informed and development is appropriately protected.
Oberon	<p>Planning Priority Four – Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the creation of a Council Right to Farm Policy. • On review of the Oberon Local Environmental Plan 2013 investigate the appropriateness of minimum lots sizes rural zones through undertaking a strategic analysis. • Undertake a review to find locations suitable for industries that require a buffer zone and good access to power, gas and water. • Continually review and amend the Oberon Local Environmental Plan 2013 as required, seeking to maximise opportunities and protect sensitive areas. • On review of the Oberon Local Environmental Plan 2013 investigate the suitability of existing biodiversity layers and associated controls and consider whether less coarse biodiversity mapping should be provided. • To better identify land with high conservation attributes and undertake a review of road and public space biodiversity mapping. • Investigate alternative opportunities on rural land with minimal agricultural or environmental value.
Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 12 - Enhance environmentally sensitive land and biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain up-to-date studies in relation to biodiversity, urban waterways and the Region's vegetation. • Complete the review of the Stormwater Developer Contribution Plans. • Prepare a Koala Management Plan for the Bathurst Regional Council area in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policy. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deliver projects that rehabilitate waterways to a more natural condition. • To promote community stewardship of the natural environment to ensure its vitality into the future. • To protect rural lands at the City's edges from inappropriate development and urban landuse encroachment such as seniors housing that is enabled by State Environmental Planning Policies. • To obtain and fund improved environmental mapping for the Bathurst region.

Orange	<p>Planning Priority 13 - Protect, conserve and enhance Orange's urban tree canopy, landform, waterways and bushland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update the Orange Street Tree Master Plan by 2023. • Review and update the Orange Development Control Plan to: • Require greenfield subdivisions to protect and enhance waterways and riparian corridors. • Require multi dwelling housing to include a minimum area of deep-root landscaping for trees, proportional to the scale of the development. <p>Planning Priority 14 - Protect, conserve and enhance the natural, visual, environmental and heritage qualities of Orange's scenic areas, and significant views to and from Mount Canobolas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain appropriate land use zones in scenic areas to avoid inappropriate development in highly visible areas. • Review and update the Development Control Plan in relation to design and siting requirements on land of scenic significance. • Review and update the city of Orange Heritage Manual by 2021. <p>Planning Priority 15 Manage energy, water and waste efficiently to ensure a sustainable urban environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance to households to improve water efficiency. • Produce and publish a list of water efficient plants suitable to the local climate. • Seek opportunities to install solar panels at all Council owned buildings. • Continue to upgrade streetlights to more energy efficient forms.
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	Environment - Manage land use conflict
Parkes	<p>Planning Priority 9- Protect Productive Agricultural and land with known high mineral deposits in Parkes Shire</p> <p>9.1 Prepare a dwelling opportunity map to determine where dwellings are permissible on concessional lots and existing holdings within the Parkes Shire.</p> <p>9.2 Undertake a review of the Parkes Shire Development Control Plan 2013 to establish adequate setback controls between new housing developments and operating mines, extractive industries, rural industries, intensive agriculture and other primary production activities.</p> <p>9.3 Maintain a suitable minimum lot size applying to new dwellings and related subdivisions in the primary production zone that meets the needs of genuine farming interest and removes the potential for speculative adhoc housing demand in the rural zone.</p> <p>9.4 Build the resilience of towns and villages, to build drought resilience in rural communities supporting primary producers and communities to improve preparedness and decision-making</p>
Forbes	
Cabonne	<p>Priority 1- Support the diversification in agriculture and protect agricultural land from urban encroachment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the recommendations Blayney, Cabonne and Orange Subregional Rural and Industrial Lands Strategy Review. (Short Term) • Support diversification of agriculture by reviewing permissible land uses within rural zones to reflect industry requirements. (Short Term) • Review the Cabonne Development Control Plan for Rural Lands to ensure that rural land is protected from inappropriate development. (Medium Term) • Advocate for the Right to Farm Policy. (Continual)
Blayney Shire	

Weddin Shire	<p>Land Use Compatibility: Minimise land use conflict through good strategic planning to maximise economic growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support the Right to Farm Policy of the NSW Government whilst enabling flexibility for farmers to diversify uses on rural land. • Implement the recommendations of the Grenfell Settlement Strategy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Identification & prioritisation of new serviced industrial land away from existing residential lands with good buffers; o Identification of new business & light industrial growth outside Grenfell's main street(s) on the edge of the town centre.
Cowra	
Lachlan	
Oberon	
Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 13 – Protect primary production land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Bathurst Region Rural Strategy and, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the minimum lot size for rural zones through a strategic analysis of agricultural land and practices; • identify and protect important agricultural land from urban sprawl and incompatible land uses; • examine the ongoing relevance of and demand for rural lifestyle housing in the Bathurst Region; and • identify opportunities to value add and diversify agricultural product Collaborate with partners • To protect rural land from inappropriate development and urban land use encroachment such as seniors housing.
Orange	<p>Planning Priority 17 - Plan for industrial land and protect industrial areas from incompatible land uses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update of the sub-regional strategy with neighbouring Councils to prepare a new Rural and Industrial Lands Strategy. • Avoid or minimise the extent of Industrial to non- industrial land through appropriate land use zone patterns. • Review and update Development Control Plan provisions relating to developments located on the edge of industrial estates.

	Economy - Development of Town Centres
Parkes	
Forbes	<p>Our Town Centre <i>Celebrate and protect active street frontages of the town center while growing the retail and hospitality industries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support implementation of the CBD Masterplan and uses that maintain active street frontages. • Work with stakeholders and industry experts to prepare a Digital Strategy which investigates the use of digital technology and implement programs to support patronage of the town centre. • Consult with stakeholders to determine barriers to retail and hospitality growth in the town centre. Implement strategies to overcome barriers and if appropriate review and update the Development Control Plan and Local Environmental Plan to support these uses. • Investigate and implement Local Character Statements to preserve the character of the town centre
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p><i>Town Centre and Retail Services: Protect and enhance town centres and the character of main streets whilst allowing them to adapt to changing market demands.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the recommendations of the Grenfell Settlement Strategy (2019) relating to growth areas for commercial & light industrial uses in close proximity to Grenfell's town centre. • Protect the commercial activity of Grenfell's town centre, particularly along the ground level of Main Street. • Continue to monitor & respond to the need for additional flexibility in uses in the town centre with a particular focus on mixed-use buildings (particularly mixed light industry & retail/business). Only allow for additional residential uses if main street activity is protected. • Preserve the character & amenity of historic main streets (see ENVIRONMENT Section for additional details). • Continue with street upgrade programs that build on the desired future character of areas & create unique & interesting places for people to live, work, shop & meet.
Cowra	
Lachlan	
Oberon	

Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 4 - Maintain a thriving local business and retail economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the Bathurst Town Centre Master Plan. • Complete the Bathurst Health and Knowledge Master Plan. • Review the Bathurst Retail Strategy, particularly in light of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § changing trends in retailing, and the need for an additional major regional retail shopping centre; and § recommendations of the Bathurst Town Centre Master Plan. • Undertake a review of the Village Plans for the Region's rural villages in relation to opportunities for appropriate convenience shopping. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect Council's retail centres policy and the primacy of the Bathurst CBD as the regional retail hub of the Bathurst region. <p>Planning Priority 8 - Become a Smart city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an up-to-date Smart Community Strategy. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support Charles Sturt University's investigations into a potential CBD based campus and identify new opportunities for the existing campus. • For improved communication infrastructure and funding particularly to support communication improvements in the village and rural areas of the Region and along key transport routes. • For Mobile Blackspot funding and external funding to improve mobile reception throughout the Region. • For funding and improved internet connectivity to the knowledge, education and technology precinct, the health precincts, employment and commercial areas, and the Mount Panorama and Bathurst Airport precincts.
Orange	

	Economy - Support existing and emerging Industry
Parkes	<p>Planning Priority 11 - Promote the development of the Central West 11.1 Advocate for research and development of new and emerging business enterprises and models, including alternative energy, freight logistics, value-add manufacturing, circular economy and sustainability based industries in the Region. 11.2 Advocate for the timely completion of Wyangala Dam Upgrades and a review of water distribution /allocation (other than for environmental purposes) to drive economic performance in the region. 11.3 Advocate for the development of alternative energy, freight logistics, value-add manufacturing, circular economy and sustainability based industries at the Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct in accordance with Masterplan and State Environmental Planning Policy provisions.</p> <p>Planning Priority 5- Provide adequate infrastructure to service the Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct 5.1 Advocate for the development of a water delivery model to provide secure water supply to the Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct 5.2 Advocate for the supply of adequate power, including centralised and distributed energy, natural gas and telecommunications to service developments Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct. 5.3 Advocate for the delivery of training and skill development to support the needs Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct 5.4 Advocate for the development of a Parkes Shire Local Community Facilities Contributions Framework, through the implementation of Section 7.11 Contributions or Voluntary Planning Agreements.</p> <p>Planning Priority 12- Promote the development of the Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct 12.1 Support the objectives of the Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation (RGDC) Parkes National Logistics Hub Special Activation Precinct.</p>
Forbes	<p>Our Industries Support and grow our Industries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure an adequate supply of suitably zoned and serviced land for commercial and industrial redevelopment. • Work with landholders and stakeholders to identify the best location for the future expansion of the Central West Industrial Park • Investigate how best to accommodate light industrial and small scale manufacturing uses and rezone land as appropriate. • Identify locations for future large scale industries such as mines and solar farms outside of agricultural land and future residential growth areas. • Prepare a study on infrastructure upgrades required to support expansion and use of the Central West Industrial Park.
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	<p>Planning Priority 1 - Leverage the central and strategic location of the Blaney Shire to encourage growth and economic opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guide local and strategic planning to encourage new industries and businesses, and manage the interface with other land uses. ▪ Continue to work with Government agencies and other stakeholders to promote Blayney Shire as a tourist destination. ▪ Update Council's Destination Management Plan 2016 – 2020. <p>Planning Priority 3 - Support sustainable growth in the transport, manufacturing and logistics sectors within Blayney Shire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to work with Government agencies and other stakeholders to promote Blayney Shire as a productive and appropriate location for transport, manufacturing and logistic sectors. ▪ Continue to leverage and support the Blayney Demondrille Line and upgrades to Mid-Western Highway and Millthorpe Road to improve access within Blayney Shire and the region. ▪ Identify a potential corridor for a Heavy Vehicle detour route north or west of the Blayney township. Identify and protect the corridor in key strategic planning documents,

	including the Blayney, Cabonne and Orange and Industrial Lands Strategy, Blayney Settlement Strategy Review and or Blayney Local Environmental Plan.
Weddin Shire	<p><i>Industry and Logistics: Leverage the Shire's natural resources and infrastructure to facilitate a diverse range of industries and logistics that value-add to raw resources.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce Grenfell as the primary serviced (sewer/water) industrial centre for Weddin Shire though a range of industry is permissible throughout the rural zone & lower impact industry can occur in Village Zones. • Consistent with the Grenfell Settlement Strategy (2019) – seek to identify new lands for industrial expansion in & around Grenfell. • Identify industrial opportunities that may arise from changing agricultural production, value-adding, regional infrastructure upgrades, food & fibre strategies, & NSW Government investigations & policies. • Identify logistics opportunities that may arise from Inland Rail, Parkes Transport Hub, Parkes Special Activation Precinct, & regional transport infrastructure & connections (see INFRASTRUCTURE for more details). • Continue to facilitate appropriate mineral resource exploration & development in the Shire in suitable locations. • Continue to develop local economic development strategies that retain & attract new industrial & logistics operators & identify & leverage Weddin Shire's competitive advantages.
Cowra	<p><i>Planning Priority 1 - Leverage the central and strategic location of Cowra Shire to encourage growth and new economic opportunities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will support Cowra Tourism to development of a Destination Management Plan for the Cowra Shire in partnership with the key tourism stakeholders and the local community. • Council will review the provisions of the Cowra Council Development Control Plan 2014 to ensure that the planning control framework adequately aligns with the strategic framework for the Shire set by this LSPS. • Council will review the Cowra Airport Masterplan to ensure that it remains relevant to emerging issues in the aviation industry and facilitates the primary objective of growing the Cowra Airport into a leading aviation hub and centre for private and government sector investment of regional significance. • Council will investigate the potential suitability of amending Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012 to enable the efficient, orderly and practical use of land adjoining main road corridors for a range of suitable purposes. • Council will undertake a comprehensive and co-ordinated review of the existing framework for directing the travelling public to key tourism opportunities and attractions within the Cowra Shire, including the rural and village areas.
Lachlan	
Oberon	
Bathurst	<p><i>Planning Priority 7 - Leverage new opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an up-to-date Destination Management Plan and Economic Development Strategy. • Implement the Bathurst Airport Master Plan. • Develop an industrial and urban services strategy to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § investigate opportunities to attract new industry to the Bathurst Region; § investigate opportunities to attract new light industry and aero related industry in the vicinity of the airport; and § identify land suitable for industrial purposes adjacent to freight and transport corridors. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For improvements to the Bells Line of Road, Great Western Highway; higher mass limit bridges, and access to Parkes. • For ongoing access to Sydney's airports

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Planning Priority 11 - Provide for opportunities for local employment.

- Monitor the take up rate of industrial land and seek to maintain a 10 – 20 year supply.
- Review and update the Blayney Cabonne Orange rural and industrial lands strategy in conjunction with partner councils.
- Advocate for local employment opportunities with State and Federal government agencies.
- Pursue grant funding opportunities to assist new and growing local businesses.

Planning Priority 19 - Work together with Government agencies and other stakeholders to promote good outcomes for Orange.

- Respond (ongoing) to State and Federal government exhibitions of discussion papers and draft policies / legislation.
- Review (ongoing) State and Federal government funding initiatives and programs for applicability to projects within Orange and the region so as to deliver better outcomes to ratepayers at least cost.
- Advocate (ongoing) for Orange, and regional NSW more broadly, to benefit from government expenditure and employment opportunities.
- Advocate (ongoing) for investment in regional infrastructure as a catalyst to enhance the economic contribution and growth of Orange and regional areas.
- Maintain clear and current data on local environmental and economic indicators to serve as an evidence base for advocacy work.

	Economy - Agriculture
Parkes	
Forbes	<p>Our Agriculture Protect and support the growing diversification of the agricultural sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research what diversification and value-adding opportunities looks like for Forbes and consult with stakeholders to determine how land use controls can support this. Implement changes as appropriate. • Implement the actions identified within the Forbes Agricultural Strategy 2018- 2030. • Research best practice land use controls to prevent land use conflict, especially for important agricultural land. Implement LEP and DCP controls as appropriate to reflect best practice and ensure this is taken into account when determining Development Applications.
Cabonne	
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p>Agriculture and Agribusiness: Protect & facilitate the agriculture and agri- business sector(s) to encourage resilience and diversification for a robust economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Council's Primary Production Strategy (2012) & address/align with relevant State Government Policy & regional agricultural strategy relating to agriculture (see list at end of LSPS). Seek NSW Government endorsement to enable implementation of the Strategy. • Ensure there is sufficient flexibility in land use & planning controls to enable agriculture to adapt to changing market demands & pressures without compromising future agricultural potential.
Cowra	<p>Planning Priority 2 - Support and grow the agribusiness sector including horticultural/vegetable production, animal production and other agricultural industries by promoting sustainability, innovation and technological advancement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council will undertake a review of Cowra Council Development Control Plan 2014 to ensure new housing development is appropriately setback from operating extractive industries, rural industries, intensive forms of agriculture and primary production generally as well as the main supply chains to those uses / areas. Consider the findings of the NSW Government's Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL) mapping project and implement necessary changes to the local planning framework to ensure proper consideration is given to future development proposals on affected land within the Cowra Shire
Lachlan	<p>Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect important agricultural land use resources whenever possible, by discouraging land use unrelated to agriculture from locating on agricultural land and minimise any unnecessary fragmentation of rural land. • Promote and facilitate the development of intensive agricultural opportunities.
Oberon	
Bathurst	

Orange	<p>Planning Priority 7 - Leverage Orange's rural character to support diverse industries such as value-added manufacturing and food tourism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Orange Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to provide more opportunities for value-added manufacturing, food tourism and other industries in appropriate locations. • Review the Orange Development Control Plan (DCP) to ensure industry in rural areas is appropriately designed and operated to protect the rural character and operational integrity of surrounding farms. • Review DCP provisions in relation to rural building design requirements to limit intrusive elements in scenic areas.
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	Economy - Mining
Parkes	
Forbes	
Cabonne	<p>Priority 3- Support sustainable growth in mining and industry and leverage off opportunities within the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the recommendations Blayney, Cabonne and Orange Subregional Rural and Industrial Lands Strategy Review. (Short Term) • Identify industrial and employment land opportunities and reduce land use conflicts through local land use strategies. (Medium Term) • Create a comprehensive Development Control Plan to guide development in employment generating industries. (Medium Term) • Encourage the sustainable development of industrial and employment land to maximise infrastructure and connect to the existing freight network. (Continual) • Explore opportunities for Council to capitalise on the Parkes Special Activation Precinct in regard to industry and flow on benefits. (Medium Term)
Blayney Shire	<p>Planning Priority 2 - Support sustainable growth in the mining and agribusiness sectors within Blayney Shire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage agribusiness diversification and value- adding opportunities by reviewing local plans to ensure land use zoning and definitions reflect industry requirements. ▪ Continue to work with Government agencies and other stakeholders to promote Blayney Shire as a productive and viable agricultural and mining local government area. ▪ Promote and facilitate the development of intensified agricultural opportunities, leveraging existing strategic advantages and potential future infrastructure.
Weddin Shire	
Cowra	
Lachlan	<p>Mining and Mineral Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that mining is sustainable and provides for additional employment opportunities in Lachlan Shire. • Assist in developing Lachlan Shire's mining potential and protect resources while planning for long-term social and utility growth.
Oberon	
Bathurst	
Orange	

	Economy - Tourism
Parkes	
Forbes	<p>Our Tourism <i>Promote and diversify the tourism economy in Forbes</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Central Tourist Hub in the new location for the Forbes Visitor Information Centre as a key point for visitors which reflects the vibrant, unique and creative nature of Forbes. • Work with State Government Agencies to enhance transport links from Sydney. • Provide essential services for tourists to encourage them to stop and stay in the town, such as a strong town centre, accommodation, caravan services, food and beverage providers and public amenities. • Ensure land use zonings and development controls encourage a range of attractions and experiences for tourists such as events, tours, functions, art installations, unique produce and other activities.
Cabonne	<p>Priority 2- Support and Promote sustainable tourism across Cabonne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the recommendations Blayney, Cabonne and Orange Subregional Rural and Industrial Lands Strategy Review. (Short Term) • Review Cabonne Tourism Plan (Medium Term) • Review Cabonne Local Environmental Plan 2012 to ensure that land uses are conducive to the continued diversification in the agricultural tourism market. (Medium Term)
Blayney Shire	
Weddin Shire	<p>Tourist and Visitor Services: Broaden the depth, quality and awareness of the local and sub-regional visitor opportunities, attractions and facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement the new Weddin Destination Management Plan that will replace the existing Tourism Strategy for Weddin &/or the sub-region • Ensure that zoning, planning controls & tourism definitions are sufficiently flexible to align with changing needs in that sector & facilitate good economic outcomes whilst not undermining other core economic uses such as agriculture, industrial or business uses on or near those uses. • Improve links between heritage, culture, tourism, & the arts, & build on the culture/character that makes Weddin Shire unique (e.g. Henry Lawson Festival; O'Briens Hill upgrade plan & visitor facilities; ongoing works with Village Progress Groups). • Create a master plan for the Grenfell Rail Precinct that can potentially include camping, other accommodation; adaptive re-use of the rail station, public art, public spaces, events & markets; & interpretation of the important heritage & history of the area with quality connections to the Grenfell Town Centre & walking/cycle paths.
Cowra	
Lachlan	<p>Tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish grow and promote the tourism economy in line with the framework set out in the Destination Management Plan • Complete development of the tourism precinct near Utes in the Paddock art exhibition and establish • a Lachlan art trail through villages and towns on prominent infrastructure. • Ensure experiences are available throughout the year to accommodate seasonal fluctuations • Work collaboratively with neighbouring regional councils, Central West Joining Organisation and stakeholders to promote Lachlan Shire as a tourist destination.
Oberon	

Bathurst	<p>Planning Priority 6 - Protect Mount Panorama (Wahluu) as a motor sport and event precinct</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the economic impact reports for racing events at Mount Panorama. • Update noise impact assessments from motor racing at Mount Panorama. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To protect Mount Panorama from inappropriate development to ensure it can continue to operate as an international motor racing venue. • For innovative technology use and research and development of the Mount Panorama motor sport precinct (e.g. e-vehicles and drone racing). <p>Planning Priority 11 - Maximise the Region's tourism opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an up-to-date Destination Management Plan and Economic Development Strategy. <p>Collaborate with partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support tourism activities and public infrastructure that will contribute to the visitor experience.
Orange	<p>Planning Priority 1 - Capitalise on Orange's character, lifestyle and heritage to enhance tourism and attract new residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Local Environmental Plan to consider additional opportunities for Tourism related developments. • Review the Local Environmental Plan on a regular basis to update the heritage listings. • Review and update the City of Orange Heritage Manual by 2023. • Review and update heritage study, amend LEP to include recommendations. • Review and update heritage infill policy. • Collaborate with neighbouring Councils and regional forums to promote Orange. • Continue to attract tourism related events to Orange that add to an active year-round calendar. • Facilitate the development of venues in appropriate locations to cater for new and diverse activities. • Facilitate the development of tourist and visitor accommodation in appropriate locations and for a wide range of price points. Review and update the Regional Economic Development Strategy (REDS) by 2024.



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