



IPR Suite

Strategic Community Plan

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



1. What is our Strategic Community Plan?

“The Strategic Community Plan outlines long term (10+ years) vision, values, aspirations and priorities, with consideration of other local government plans, information and resourcing.”

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (2019)

Our Strategic Community Plan, while developed by the Shire, is a collective vision belonging to the community, businesses and service providers. Everyone works together towards realising the collective “vision”.



2. Why do we have one?

The Shire of Gingin's Strategic Community Plan guides the Shire's long-term direction and service delivery in conjunction with the community's aspirations and informing requirements. It informs Council of future direction and indicates probable resourcing requirements including staffing.

To support improved practices and service delivery, the Shire is working towards applying the Local Government Best Practice Guidelines across the organisation which includes the development of our Strategic Community Plan.



3. How is the plan developed?

A major review of our Strategic Community Plan is conducted every 4 years (next scheduled for 2021).

The major review engages with you, the community, to seek your input which is then used to inform Council of any updates and changes to the plan. Your opportunity to provide feedback towards this plan will be promoted and provided in each of the Shire's 3 sub regions being the Lower Coastal, Upper Coastal and Gingin Rural Regions.

A minor review is undertaken with Council in the second year of the 4 yearly review cycle for any minor amendments.



4. What influences the Strategic Community Plan?

Many things influence the development and review of the Shire's Strategic Community Plan.

These include the Shire's core services such as rubbish collection, road maintenance and upgrades, customer service, libraries services and emergency management. Additionally, asset management, State and Federal legislative and regulatory service delivery (e.g. building permits and emergency management) and existing Council endorsed Plans/Strategies influence the direction of the Strategic Community Plan. All of this is balanced against financial constraints and workforce capabilities.



Considerations when building the Strategic Community Plan

Community aspirations are important but are they realistic? Do they take into account the Shire's resources, staff time and how much money the Shire realistically has to spend?



5. How does the Strategic Community Plan inform what the Shire does?

The Strategic Community Plan is a high level informing document that captures community aspirations and Council objectives.

It informs the Long-Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan, which in turn informs the Annual Budget.

The Long-Term Financial Plan and Corporate Business Plan are created so that Council's priorities can be translated into operational activity (service plans and delivery) and resourced appropriately (Workforce Plan).

6. What is the Corporate Business Plan?

The Corporate Business Plan is an operational plan spanning a 4 year period and it identifies the key projects and services that the Shire of Gingin aims to deliver, understanding that projects may require partnerships to off-set costs.

Project/program inclusions are determined through an assessment process, prioritisation of needs and resourcing capabilities.



7. What is the community's level of involvement?

The community has the opportunity to provide input through the engagement activities and feedback. The input is collated into common themes, generally aligned with five focus themes such as community, natural environment, built environment, economic development, governance, etc.

The community is central to determining the collective **Vision** and the aspirations that guide the **Strategic Community Plan** and as a key stakeholder, the community plays a significant role in activating and working towards the shared goals for a positive future for all who live, work and play in our amazing region!



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Refer to our other FAQ sheets:

- Workforce Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan

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