



Richmond Valley Made 2030 Community Consultation Report

Adopted 27 June 2017

Richmond Valley Council recognises the people of the Bundjalung Nations as Custodians and Traditional Owners of this land and we value and appreciate the continuing cultural connection to lands, their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region in the past, present and future.

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Introduction

Since August 2015, Richmond Valley Council has been meeting with, surveying and calling for ideas from our community to feed into the next Community Strategic Plan. This feedback sets out the vision for the next ten years in the Richmond Valley, and will directly influence Council's next four-year Delivery Plan and one-year Operational Plan.

Methodology

Key questions

In line with Integrated Planning and Review guidelines from the Office of Local Government, Richmond Valley Council consultation has been guided by the following four questions for reviewing past and creating new Community Strategic Plans:

Where are we now?
Where do we want to be in ten years' time?
How will we get there?
How will we know we've arrived?

Treatment of these questions has been interpreted differently according to the type of consultation and audience. For example, these questions were used as the basis for internal staff workshops in May and June 2016, with resulting valuable operational insights as well as suggestions for the broader community.

Consultations with the broader community have focused more on the visioning aspect of where the community wants to be in ten years' time, and how that can be achieved. Community consultation has consisted of the following methods:

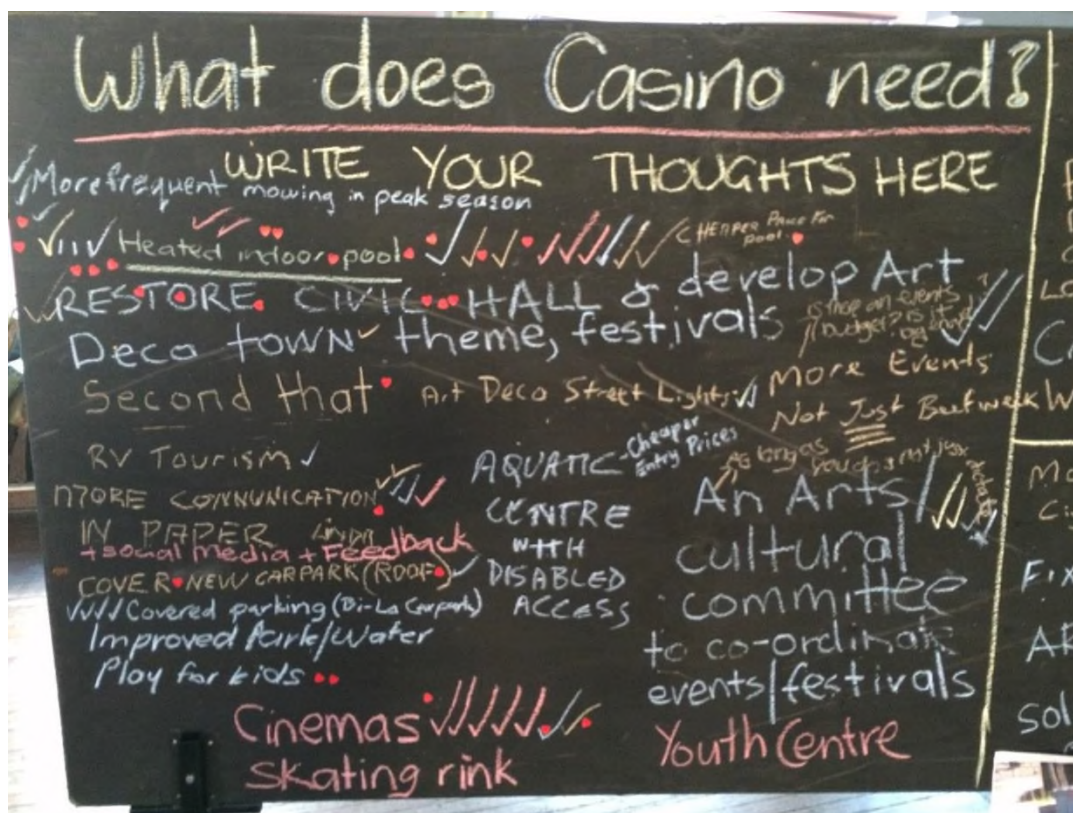
Face to face

Council's face to face consultation has involved a range of public meetings. These have included:

- **Issue-based meetings** where Council staff have met with specific community sectors and groups e.g. residents with disabilities, sporting groups, community groups.
- **Town-based listening tour meetings**, where members of the public have been welcomed to suggest ideas to Councillors and the Executive in an informal workshop format.



- **Signature project nights** for the Casino Drill Hall and Casino Civic Hall, and a Community Workshop night in Evans Head, where Council staff set up chalkboards with pictures and suggestions for residents to add to.

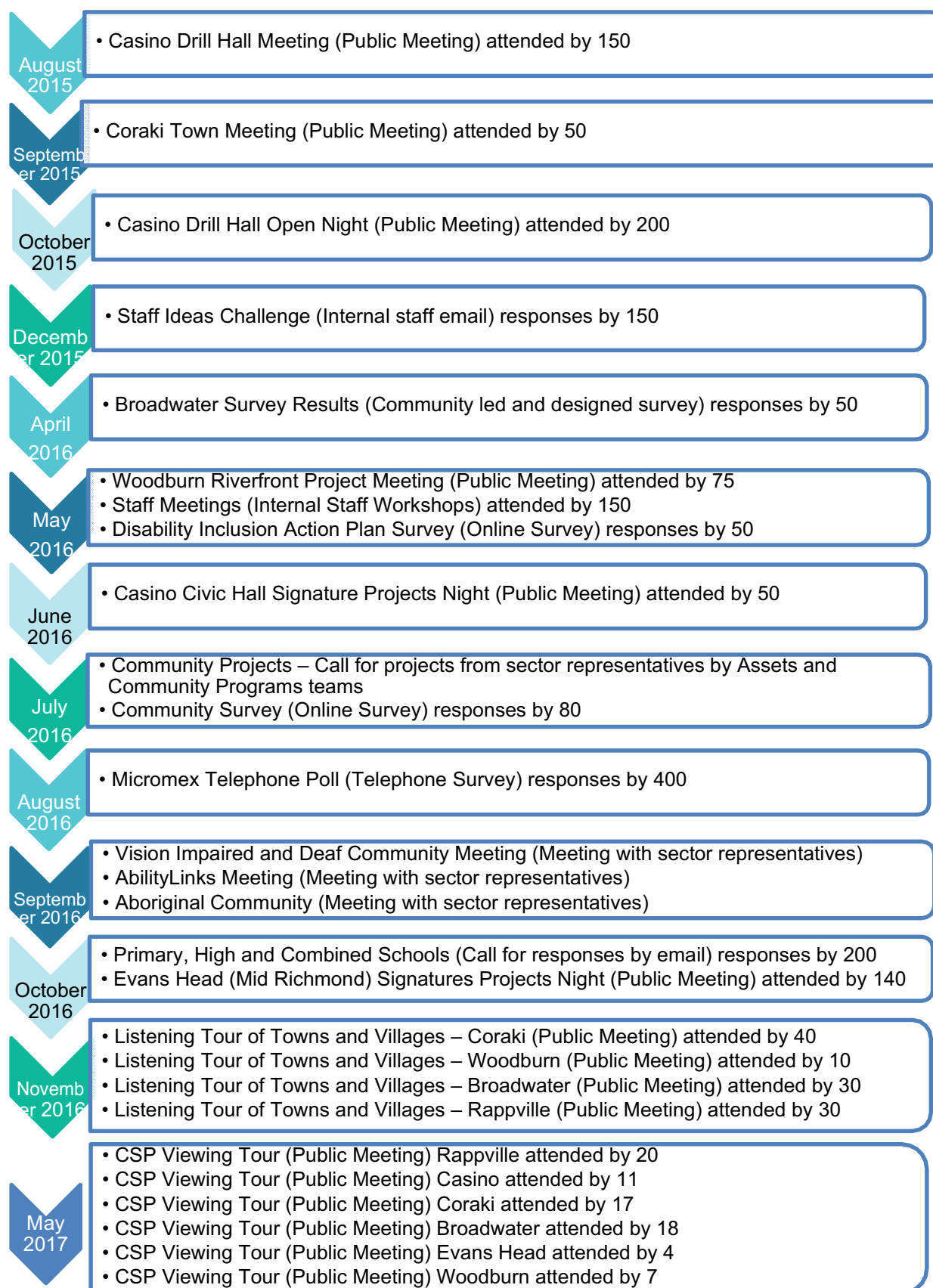


Online communication

Four surveys have provided residents with other ways to have their say on Richmond Valley into the future. These have included:

- **A Broadwater town survey** created and conducted by residents in April 2016. This was a great initiative on behalf of Broadwater residents and has been a valuable resource particularly heading into the November 2016 Listening Tour where Councillors visited Broadwater again.
- **A SurveyMonkey survey focused on disability inclusion action planning**, in May 2016 (51 respondents). This was created in line with new Local Government Act requirements for all councils to have a Disability Inclusion Action Plan by July 2017, and in collaboration with five other Northern Rivers Councils. This survey has identified the top priorities for disability inclusion in the Richmond Valley and allows Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan to be integrated into the new Community Strategic Plan.
- **A SurveyMonkey community survey**, in July 2016 (75 respondents). This was a general request for comments from the community on what they felt Council had previously done well, what Council could improve and the community's vision for 2030. Suggestions were broad, ranging from ideas for new events to requests for less red tape and more cycleways.
- **A telephone poll conducted by Micromex Consulting**, in August 2016 (403 respondents). This allowed a more quantitative look at residents' priorities, including on eight Council Signature Projects, and suggested that roads, communication and employment were a high priority for residents.

Timeline of Consultation Activities



Overall themes across public meetings and surveys

Richmond Valley people really value:

1. OUR COMMUNITY; LIVING

- *Their community – for help, for health, and for fun*
Many community groups want straightforward support for their community programs, advocacy on health, and for building maintenance and upgrades.

The general community also really love events that connect people. For example, there were a number of requests for Christmas events in smaller towns and further promotion of Beef Week.

- *Maintenance of infrastructure*
Many respondents noted that the Richmond Valley has nice facilities but would appreciate greater attention to maintenance (Evans Head Aquatic Centre for example) or that Council could upgrade newer facilities e.g. add on to the Stadium.
- *Parks and open spaces*
Lots of comments were received regarding making parks and riverbanks user friendly, and requests for maintenance of park / sporting field equipment and upgrades
- *The basics*
Residents want clear footpaths, mowing, roads, good management of waste and recycling – general accessibility and good upkeep.

What you said

“Further develop Crawford Square to have a waterpark, all accessible playground, and the pop up cafes sound like a great idea. As a kid, Casino doesn’t have a lot of things to do here, something like a cinema or a waterpark would be a great place to go”

Staff survey, December 2015

“Incorporate more Bundjalung language and history into Casino”

Community survey
July 2016

“A foreshore masterplan for the Evans Surf Club area. The main picnic area in Evans has historically been at the river foreshore reserve. This area is now part of the holiday park reserve and not under Council control. A foreshore masterplan for the expansion of the public recreation area around the skate park / surf club area to improve picnic and day use facilities could be developed and implemented”

Staff survey, December 2015

“Greater promotion of events”

Community survey, July 2016

“Find more uses for local showgrounds”

Community survey
July 2016

“More basics, less new buildings”

Community survey
July 2016

“More connecting walkways in Evans Head”

Community survey
July 2016

On the Richmond River at Broadwater: “We love the river and it is an integral part of our towns, and we would like to have better access to it”

Broadwater residents’ survey, April 2016

“Invest more in parks and open spaces”

Community survey
July 2016

“Town decorations... Christmas tree and street party [in all villages]”

Community survey, July 2016

“I would love to see the El Gronda Theatre restored”

Community survey, July 2016



Excerpt from Micromex Report on Key Findings (Highest priority issues facing the Richmond Valley LGA)

2. OUR ECONOMY; GROWING

- Clear and straightforward development processes**
 The people of the Richmond Valley want clear and simple guidelines and processes for DAs and they want balanced development – it should be available and housing affordability is important but not ‘development at all costs’
- Employment**
 Residents, young and not so young, want to see Council supporting industries in the region, in our Local Government Area, small business, and employment opportunities generally, to the extent of Council’s power and decision making abilities

What you said

“Support Indigenous endeavours in business ventures”

Community survey
July 2016

“Include affordable housing for future new housing developments in our area”

Community survey
July 2016

“Have a thriving tourism industry focusing around the main core industries e.g. beef and dairy”

Community survey
July 2016

“Focus on tourism with diversity of attractions throughout the Valley”

Community survey
July 2016

“Encourage more businesses to invest in the community and create more jobs. Maybe attract a big retailer to town, such as Kmart, and associated partners... then we would be competitive with Lismore and Ballina and people from country would not have to travel as far”

Community survey, July 2016

“Less red tape, help people with developments and remove paperwork”

Community survey, July 2016

“Community values, mix of economy / business with environment and infrastructure (gardens, riverbank, public facilities)”

Community survey
July 2016

“No empty shops”

Community survey
July 2016

3. OUR ENVIRONMENT; MAKING

- *Responsible management of our land and water*
Richmond Valley residents want good management of land and water, with plenty of suggestions for enhancement of our natural environment and waterways. As mentioned above under 'Economy', getting the balance right is important for Richmond Valley residents and land and water users

What you said

"Weed management, attractive parks with useable amenities"

*Community survey
July 2016*

"Maintain and improve areas we already have"

*Community survey
July 2016*

"Be forward thinking with environmental outcomes for the entire Richmond Valley and raise the priority of funding towards projects that will achieve results. Look to develop serious biodiversity management strategies..."

Community survey, July 2016

"Strengthen the ability to enforce environmental regulation and build a larger team to work on restoration projects. Importantly be willing to change and look away from short sighted development. Increase community involvement in planning and allow for the views of each town to control their way forward within the greater Richmond Valley"

Community survey, July 2016

"Focus for all areas to remove weeds and plant more natives"

Community survey, July 2016



Excerpt from Micromex Report on Key Findings (Most Valued Aspect)

4. OUR ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP; STRENGTHENING

- *Transparency and Communication*

Richmond Valley residents want to know how Council makes decisions. They want to have input/good consultation, undertake advocacy, hear from Councillors, and see how Council manages its finances

What you said

“Strongly consider overall transparency of governance”

Community survey
July 2016

“Consultation with community [is important]”

Community survey, July 2016

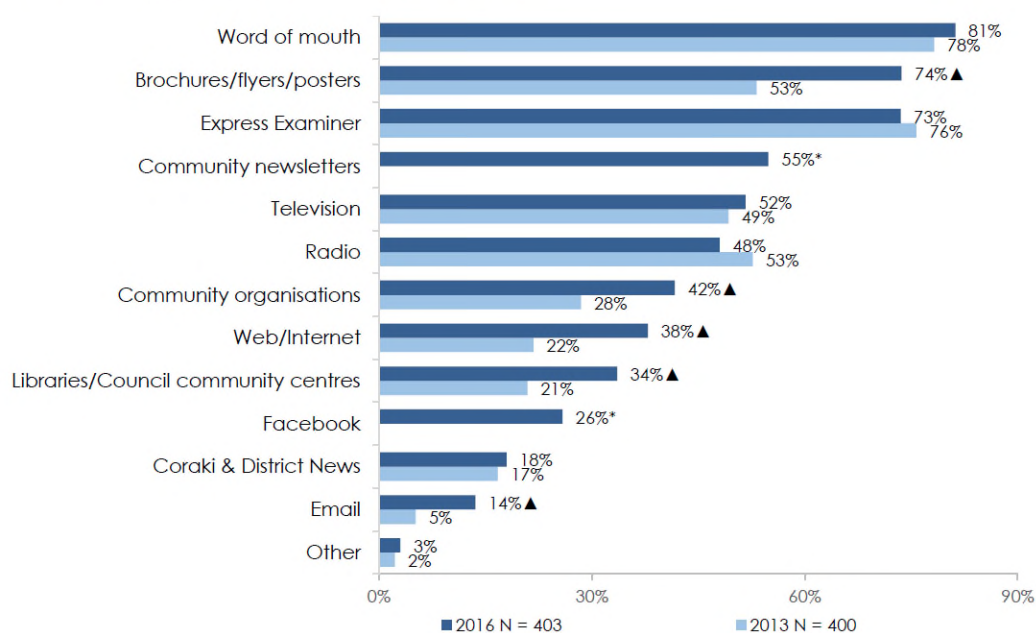
“More open decision making processes”

Community survey, July 2016

“Involve people. People want to be involved...”

Community survey
July 2016

Q3. How do you receive information about Council?



▲/▼ = A significantly higher/lower percentage (by year)

Excerpt from Micromex Report on Receiving Information about Council

Talking to the Towns of the Richmond Valley

The Richmond Valley is a disparate population of approximately 23,000 spread over 3,407 square kilometres in two towns, three villages and additional numerous rural localities. As such, residents are always interested in 'their patch' and want to know what's going on and what Council is doing for their street and their town.

In recognition of this, Council staff and Councillors, the General Manager and Mayor conducted public meetings, surveys and online calls for information focusing on town-specific and site-specific issues, covering Broadwater, Casino, Coraki, Evans Head, Rappville and Woodburn.

Although responses were town-specific, common themes emerged from these consultations as well, and included ideas for: open spaces, playgrounds, parks, streetscapes, public art, foreshores, riversides and beaches, walkways and nature trails, and specifically, Casino's Drill Hall, Civic Hall, shark nets, and Evans Head river and surf areas.

A full list of suggestions may be found at **Attachment A**.



Additional Consultations

Schools

Schools were contacted in the Richmond Valley in October 2016 to encourage young people to provide their views on what the Richmond Valley needs. Young people aged 12 to 18 years of age identified the following as priorities: improved sport and recreation facilities, the lack of public transport within the Richmond Valley (eg between Casino and Evans Head) and to other Northern Rivers towns, more recycling, lots of ideas for events and activities for young people, and many suggestions for businesses to open. Specific ideas and items of importance also included:



Disability Inclusion

In May 2016, Richmond Valley Council consulted with people with disabilities, disability sector workers and interested community members on disability inclusion and accessibility. This was via a region-wide survey covering the Northern Rivers Local Government Areas of Ballina Shire, Byron Shire, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore as well as Coffs Harbour City and Richmond Valley. This survey yielded the following four priorities

- Ensuring public events are accessible (*changing attitudes and behaviours*)
- Providing continuous accessible paths of travel between facilities and services in town centres and public areas (*making communities liveable and accessible for people with disabilities*)
- Changing people's attitudes towards employing people with disabilities (*improving employment opportunities for people with disabilities*)
- Ensuring all information is available in different formats for all abilities (*improving accessibility of systems and processes*)

"Uneven footpaths are a major concern"

Community consultation
September 2016

"What do our libraries have for people with vision impairment?"

Community consultation
September 2016

"Bench seats – we could do with more of them in the main street"

Community consultation
September 2016

"A talking newsletter... [you just need] a clear voice and good pronunciation"

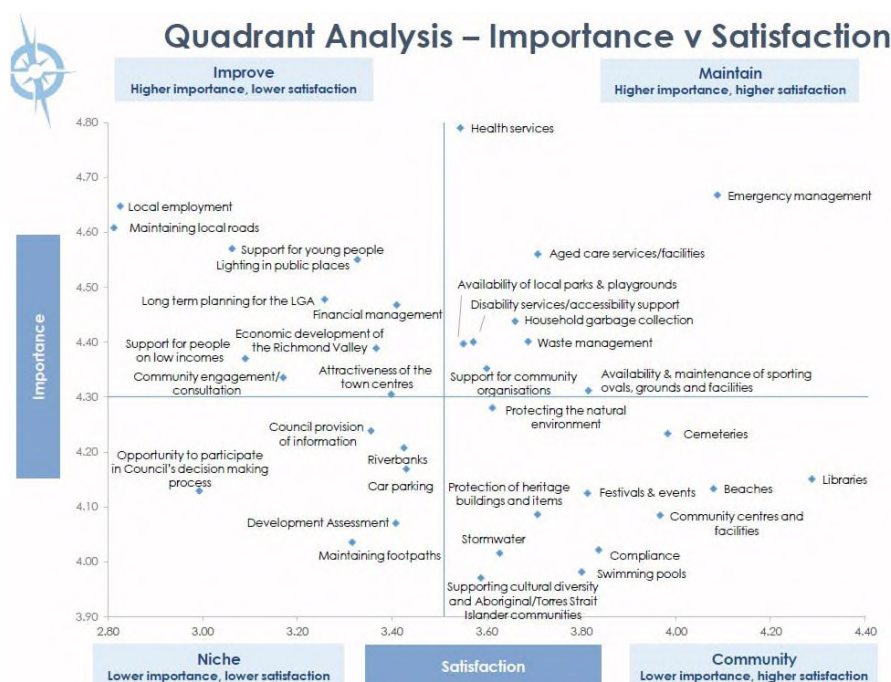
Community consultation
September 2016

Summary of Micromex Telephone Poll

In August 2016, Micromex Research undertook a telephone poll of 403 residents of the Richmond Valley, across all age ranges of residents. This research will inform Richmond Valley Council's new Community Strategic Plan.

Overall the results were very encouraging, with community satisfaction with Council increasing, and clear direction given by the community as to:

- Areas where Council could improve community satisfaction, and
- Community priorities for services and signature projects.



Following is a high level summary of the Community Research report provided by Micromex Research. For further information on results of the research poll please refer to the original report.

High Level Results and Priorities

How satisfied are residents with Council's performance overall?

- 94% of residents were at least 'somewhat satisfied' with Council performance – a significant increase since 2013 (82%), when previous polling was last conducted
 - This is also significantly higher than the average for all NSW Councils

How do residents feel about Council's level of communication with the community?

- 83% of residents were at least 'somewhat satisfied' with Council's current level of communication with the community
 - This is consistent with 2013 levels

What do residents most value about the Richmond Valley?

- 31% of residents indicated that they most value the Richmond Valley's 'community spirit and friendly people'
- 21% of residents value 'location and their access to services / facilities'
- 21% of residents value 'peace and quiet' that the area provides
- 14% of residents value our 'natural environment / scenery'

What do residents believe the Richmond Valley's top priorities should be for the next 5 years?

- 31% of residents said 'local employment'
- 29% of residents said 'road maintenance / infrastructure'
- 11% of residents said 'crime reduction and public safety'
- 9% of residents said 'health services and facilities'

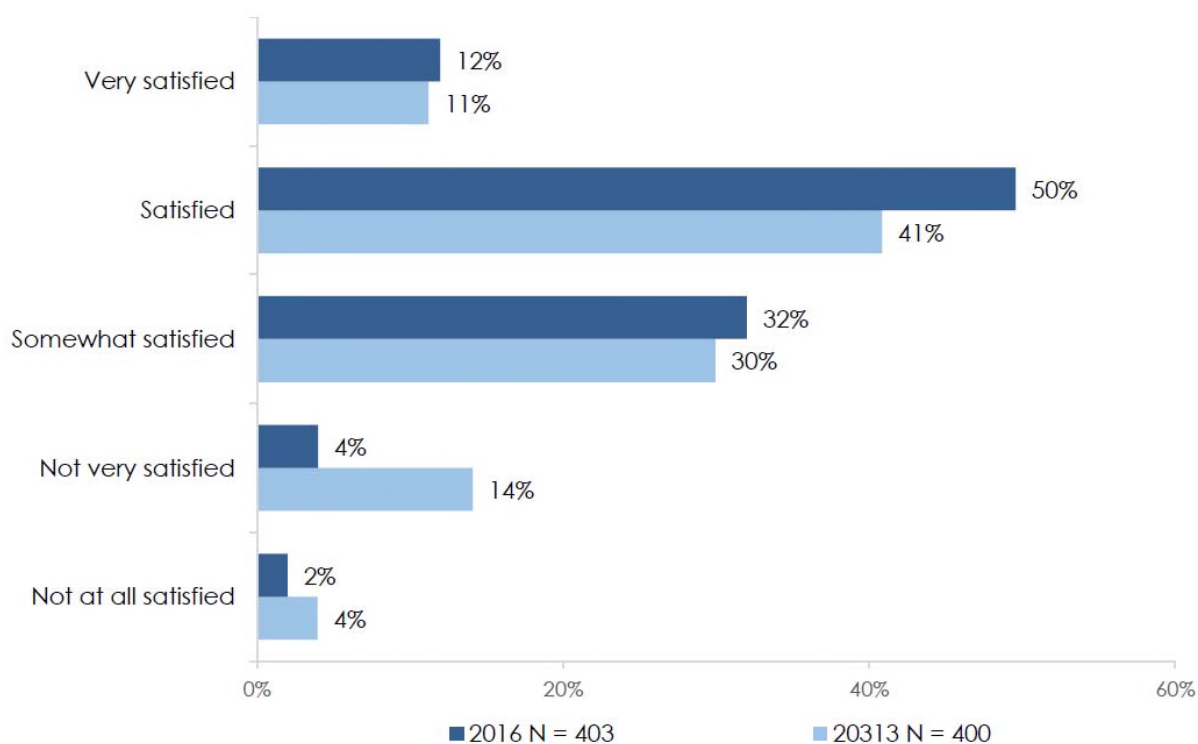
- 8% of residents said 'financial management and economic development'

What additional areas would improve community satisfaction with Council?

Residents rated the following eleven areas as having the highest importance:

1. Local employment
2. Maintaining local roads
3. Support for young people
4. Support for people on low incomes
5. Health services
6. Lighting in public places
7. Long term town planning for the Richmond Valley Council area
8. Community engagement / consultation
9. Opportunity to participate in Council's decision making processes
10. Financial management
11. Economic development of the Richmond Valley

By addressing these areas, Council will have the greatest impact on improving community satisfaction.



Excerpt from Micromex Report re. Community's Overall Satisfaction with Council

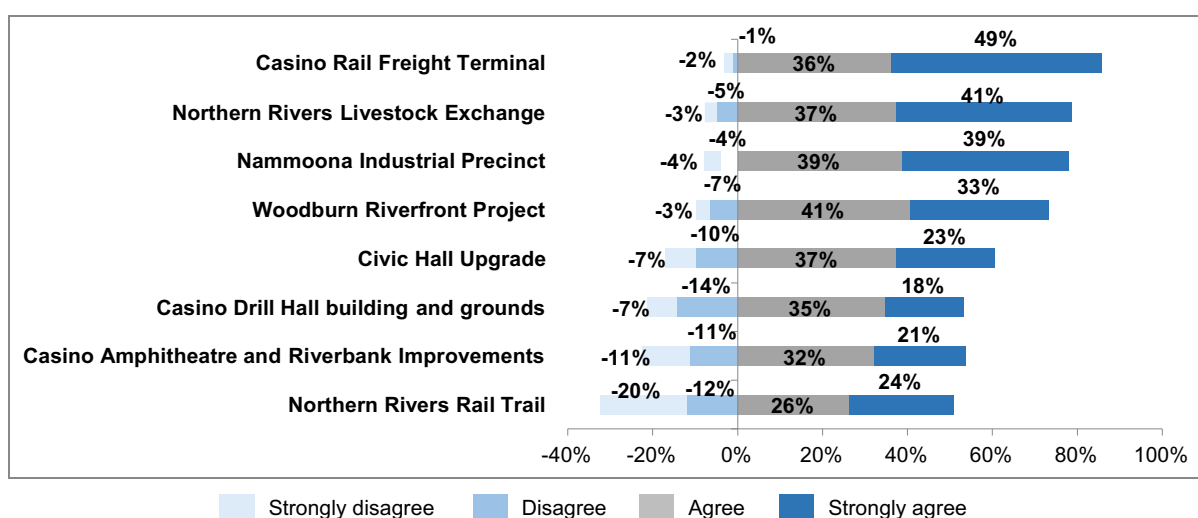
Key Observations from Micromex Research

- 85% of residents were most supportive of the Casino Rail Freight Terminal.
- Residents were least supportive of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.
- Women were significantly more supportive of the Civic Hall Upgrade, whilst men were more supportive of the 'Nammoona Industrial Precinct'.
- 18-24 year old residents and residents from villages were more supportive of the Woodburn Riverfront Project.

Discussion of Signature Projects

Over the past 18 months, Council has identified eight Signature Projects in order to focus efforts on funding these for the most gain.

1. **The Civic Hall Upgrade** involves restoration work to repair and update the building, to ensure it remains a premier cultural centre in Casino.
2. **The Casino Drill Hall building and grounds** require development e.g. with gardens and updated interior for community use.
3. **The Casino Amphitheatre and Riverbank Improvements** include an open air stage for public performances and area to enhance the riverbank.
4. **The Woodburn Riverfront Project** will upgrade picnic and playground facilities and buildings as a tourism drawcard ahead of the Pacific Highway Bypass expected in 2018.
5. **The Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange** will upgrade capacity and safety of the current facilities.
6. **The Nammoona Industrial Precinct** near the sale yards and Casino landfill will expand the current industrial area with more facilities to increase business and employment.
7. **The Casino Rail Freight Terminal** will have an upgrade with a rail freight terminal and grain terminal to increase business and employment.
8. **The Northern Rivers Rail Trail** will link Casino to Lismore through to Murwillumbah as a cycling and walking track on the old railway line. This will be a partnership with other local councils.



Recommendations for Signature Projects

Based on this research, Council should:

1. Recognise residents' support for Signature Projects,
2. Continue to actively connect with the community via dedicated engagement to inform and involve, and
3. Explore and understand expectations around local infrastructure and transport areas.

Viewing Tour for the Community Strategic Plan

In May 2017, Council again visited Broadwater, Casino, Coraki, Evans Head, Rappville and Woodburn as part of the exhibition period with the following draft documents:

- Richmond Valley Made 2030 Community Strategic Plan
- Delivery Program 2017/2021
- Operational Plan 2017/2018 (including Draft Financial Estimates 2017/2021)
- Revenue Policy 2017/2018
- Draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017/2018
- Community Consultation Report 2017

Residents gave responses and suggestions across the full area of Council services, community interests and infrastructure and areas of influence:

- Improvements for Casino Swimming Pool and for a heated pool in Casino
- A suggestion that bridges be identified for maintenance and renewal
- Support for the Jabiru Genebeeinga Bird Sanctuary and Wetlands, and a suggestion against the development of land opposite the EH Memorial Aerodrome for residential purposes (due to endangered pygmy perch)
- Developing and supporting a strong fine arts community
- Support for a hockey field in Coraki
- Signage, road works and beautification works in Coraki
- Support for healthy and active lifestyles
- Suggestion for an outdoor training circuit / outdoor gym to be included in Botanical Gardens at Casino Drill Hall
- Suggestion for an outdoor gym (similar to Iluka exercise centre) in Coraki riverfront precinct
- Installation of a pontoon jetty at the existing boat ramp in Rileys Hill
- Support for the Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- Support for the Coraki Riverfront Upgrade
- Comments on the Rail Trail
- Ongoing recognition and partnership with local Aboriginal community and organisations, including recognition of the Bundjalung Nation as traditional custodians of the land, e.g. Reconciliation Action Plan
- 50 submissions focusing on Broadwater community recreation spaces, mostly opposition to skate park in Broadwater being a priority and in current proposed location near residential housing, but also including support for Council purchasing riverfront land for future public park space, a bike track between Rileys Hill and Broadwater, access to beach, access to the river, town beautification, more / better guttering and footpaths, local transport, maintenance of the koala park, fixing (or advocating for fixing) the Broadwater lookout, making the tennis court a multi-sports, free venue, capitalising on tourism attractions, and more undercover seating, picnic tables, landscaping and a barbecue area
- 30 submissions in favour of a skate park / youth space in Broadwater
- Support for Council advocacy for expansion of public transport, including additional accessible services suitable for people with disabilities
- More focus on renewables
- Support for affordable housing
- Suggestions regarding water and waste, including clean-up of effluent running into Broadwater National Park from the Evans Head sewerage treatment plant; and to consider a constructed wetland as part of this

There were also requests for further consultation with community, including:

- A suggestion to review rates in Evans Head
- Concerns over Northern Rivers Livestock Exchange charges, including a request for further consultation
- A request by the Broadwater community for further consultation on community recreation spaces
- A request to revisit the Broadwater survey of April 2015
- Request for consultation with Aboriginal community and broader Evans Head community on Razorback Lookout proposed walking track
- A request for further information regarding Nammoona Industrial Precinct, on Council's new technology investments in the waste-to-energy sector for this precinct
- Request for a hydrology report on Woodburn Riverside Park to examine effects of flooding

Further comments for the towns taken specifically from the Viewing Tours have been included in Attachment A.

Conclusion

Richmond Valley residents care about services, infrastructure, face to face contact, employment, roads, good communication, love the outdoor lifestyle, being connected and are very proud of our towns and public areas. Great ideas have come out of consultations, and a positive focus for Richmond Valley Council to provide more of what residents, businesses and visitors want and need.



Attachment A – Community Consultation Feedback by Category

The following tables group suggestions from the Signature Project Night in Casino, the Workshop in Evans Head and the Listening Tour in Rappville, Coraki, Woodburn and Broadwater in 2016 and the final round of visits to all six towns and villages in May 2017.

Open Spaces

| Casino |
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| Use family groups/school groups/organisations to nominate to look after an entrance to town garden. Small area to do and plant as they wish. Graft road, gardens under trees, behind horse stables on race course side. Contract a time and swap groups. |
| More Gardens |

| Coraki |
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| Community Garden - Back of Bowling Club |
| Footpath/Walkway - QE Drive to Servo |
| Caravan Park Steps & Rail (Safety Issues) |
| Preserve Native Habitat & Animals |
| Fenced dog park as dogs run across road to other dogs in houses. This is dangerous for the dogs. |
| Community Vegetable Garden |
| Native and Fruit Trees |
| Community Vegetable garden |

| Woodburn |
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| Rose Garden |
| Clean up and beautify town entrances |
| Promote civic pride |
| RSL Memorial/Cenotaph |
| Botanical/native garden |
| Verge/community gardening |
| Waterspout in River |

| Broadwater |
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| Attraction sign |
| Community garden |
| Community hub/village area |
| History info in park - train of sugar |
| Remove sand from park and all to be soft fall |
| BBQ |

| Rappville |
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| BBQs and tables |

| Evans Head |
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| Shade and drainage |
| Water Stations - bubbler and bottle refilling |
| Rubbish bins down town and on river banks |

General Ideas

| Casino |
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| Heated Indoor Pool |
| Restore Civic Hall and develop art deco town theme, festivals |
| More events not just Beef Week |
| RV Tourism |
| More Communication in paper and social media and feedback |
| Cover new carpark (roof) |
| Aquatic Centre with disabled access |
| An arts/cultural committee to co-ordinate events/festivals |
| Youth Centre |
| Civic Centre |
| Fix floor in Civic Hall |
| Art Deco |
| RVC needs to develop a strategy for tourism - long term we need to give travellers a reason to stay and people to come. |
| More attractions - be open when visitors are around |
| Promote RVC region - this will create more businesses and growth. |
| More Events - Tourism body and events committee |
| Arts/Cultural committee |
| Festivals |
| Council call for EOI to establish arts/cultural body |
| Upgrade swimming pool facility - encourage regional carnivals and heat to allow for year round use. |
| Outdoor Events - Music, food, BBQ's, Cinema, Artists Workshops, Markets, Music Festivals, Under 18 alcohol/drug free music/concerts, something for the kids - then you'll get the parents |
| Update current facilities to a standard to attract outsiders - events (larger scale than just Casino) - sporting facilities (pool, tennis courts etc) |
| Buy bowling club and create a 'sports centre', indoor pool (water park for infants), more tennis courts, landscape, river frontage, art, ENDLESS opportunity on one block. |
| Woodburn Festivals |
| Coraki - free camping |
| Path to Broadwater Beach |
| Buy old bowling club turn it into a bar and restaurant overlooking the river. |
| Civic Hall - Air condition the building, movie nights, restore to former glory (concerts, musicals, deb ball), promote the hall so it gets used, move toilets to rear of hall, bar, Boxing Tournaments back in the hall. |
| (Please note – Viewing Tour 2017 Comments – none received on the night at Casino) |

| Coraki |
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| Any of the luxuries that Evans Head and Casino Get. |
| The old Campbell Hospital building is refurbished to accommodate younger people with acquired brain injury, MS etc who have no other options available other than aged care. |
| Fix baby pool and turn the grass inside the fence. |
| New fence for pool - it has been cut |
| Promotion of the beach and caravan park |
| Please put a mirror for traffic on Glebe Bridge as the far side is too low to see from the Give Way sign |
| Upgrade Tennis Club Toilets |
| Youth Hall Toilets, Roof and Disabled Toilet (toilets are circa 1973) Lamington drives built new kitchen |
| Disability Toilets |
| Tourist ferry to Woodburn/Broady/Ballina |
| Ferry Wharf |
| Heritage Buildings maintained and preserved/promoted used for Tourism |
| Fix the main street pavement |

| Coraki cont. |
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| Promised street- tree plantings but awareness of traffic visibility |
| Low planting to create attractive pool scape |
| Better, larger signage for Caravan Park on QEII Drive |
| Historic Profile of Coraki in Council Tourist advertising |
| Lower Speed limit on QEII Drive |
| Youth Hall - Disability toilet - paint white roof strut |
| Caravan Park Steps |
| Youth Hall Toilet Roof |
| Outside SPAR shop/complex aluminium steel bridging road-gutter (promised but not got yet) |
| Drainage - Kerb Gutters |
| Viewing Tour 2017 Comments |
| Coraki Riverside plans drafted by Council in 2006 to be included in the CSP and 2003 planting list |
| Capitalise on the quick turn over of residential property for sale in Coraki |
| Riverbank needs rehabilitation and any main street/river front improvements incorporate good environmental rehab works. |

| Woodburn |
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| Waterspout in River (attraction) |
| Get the cars out |
| Parking |
| Town needs a stopover caravan park |
| Woodburn Bridge is the highway access to Lismore and beyond. We need these to stop here as well. |
| Western access to Casino etc. |
| Space to relax on your highway journey " we always stop at Woodburn". |
| Reduce highway noise - not looking good so far |
| Increase parking spaces |
| Cars to park behind main street |
| BIG signs at entrances to town |
| 2018 timeline to be in place |
| Woodburn to work with Broadwater |
| Decorate and light up the bridge |
| Riverside Park Building - Heritage inspired buildings - less is more. |
| Build a river 'bus' stop encourage taxi busses from Ballina. |
| Orchid House |
| High set building incorporating art gallery/VIC showcasing all areas i.e. beach, Bundjalung National Park, Black Rocks, Villages, River, cattle country and to the mountains |
| Pontoon for visitors by River - not just jet skis |
| Auditorium on river for public performances |
| Amphitheatre - for local thespians and community |
| Area to tie boats up |
| Feature the bridge - paint and light up! |
| After the bypass - Takeaway the existing highway and create a mall from the shops to the river |
| Caravan park |
| Viewing Tour 2017 Comments |
| Would like to see the road to stay the same, upgrade the park but not the road. |
| Place to park the boats. |
| Keep as much car parking in the main street. |
| Move the toilets to the centre of the park from the Masterplan. |
| Safety Concerns of placement of toilet to kids playground where it is too close. |
| Consider attracting caravans and campers to Woodburn to stay. |
| When the camper/caravan park is constructed, the VIC should be in that same facility. |

| Broadwater |
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| Halfway safety zone middle of highway for pedestrians and scooters e.g. Woodburn |
| Historical markers in town |
| Turning lane at Caravan Park and Post Office |
| Billboards to say what is in town |
| Footpath on highway from Mill to BP. |
| Do not litter/no camping signs on wharf in Wharf St |
| School warning 40 lights to be on highway not on Byrnes Street as the zone is past the school |
| Correct bend at top of Little Pitt Street (around gutter) |
| Attraction Signs |
| Public access within operating hours of sugar mill weigh bridge |
| Memorial to mark and remember Broadwater's Aboriginal Massacre |
| Boat tours up Richmond River (all towns) |
| Day boat cruise Wardell, Broadwater, Rileys Hill, Woodburn. Stop for coffee, history talk, music. |
| Viewing Tour 2017 Comments |
| Youth Space |
| Picnic Area like Evans Head need newer amenities public toilets not well kept at all Family friendly area |
| Need to look at land in Broadwater to see if there are any other land available to put the skatepark. |
| What is the highway being called once it is handed over. |

| Rappville |
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| Train on the mural |
| Clean up surface for James Lane |
| Footpaths |
| Footpath from Crossing to Pub |
| Railway foot crossing opposite pub, kids cross there now |
| Neaten up grassland either side of railway in township - mowed regularly |
| Traffic Count on Rappville Road |
| Mobile Phone Blackspot |
| Paint the station a picture of a steam train |
| Use Anti-Graffiti Paint |
| Have a mural on the "generator box" |
| Priority is Rappville Rd. This is an industrial road, not a country lane with only light traffic. The road caters to log-trucks (40 to 60T), sawdust trucks, concrete agitators, heavy machinery on floats, other semi-trailers, bogie-tippers and dog trailers and other lighter truck traffic. The road was constructed as a light traffic road and needs to be upgraded to industrial standard, to 1. Cater to safe transport of goods 2. Have safe transit of traffic in general at 100km/hr. |
| Viewing Tour 2017 Comments |
| Ensure Murray Street is included in Rappville Road repairs. |
| Would like public toilet in Rappville (so they don't use toilet in hall Should the disabled toilet in the hall have outside access |
| Footpath in Rappville Should be a pedestrian link through Rappville or signage to say who is in the right and who is in the wrong Corner from Train crossing is completely caved in where the phone/electricity box is. |

| Evans Head |
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| Too much development could spoil what makes Evans Head unique |
| Nursing Home |
| More land for housing |
| Move the flying foxes on |
| More land release for more affordable housing |
| Parking for businesses as town gets bigger |
| Water Park |
| More land for housing |
| Open Iron Gates |
| Maintain our heritage |
| Australia Day rubbish collection along road into Evans from Broadwater |
| (Please note – Viewing Tour 2017 Comments – none received on the night at Evans Head) |

Playgrounds / Parks

| Casino |
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| Seating will be great if it is maintained. |
| Update current parks and keep maintained to a level that families/young children/travellers feel safe in Casino |
| Improved Park/water play for kids |

| Coraki |
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| Trampoline - Wall nets around it. |
| Climbing wall for older children than current one. |
| Exercise equipment for parents |
| Equipment for older children e.g. flying fox |
| Playground in upper Coraki in old hospital precinct designed for older children (younger teens) as well as younger. |
| Coraki Hockey Turf |
| Turf Hockey Field |
| Upgrade Tennis Club Toilets |

| Woodburn |
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| More trees and swings |
| Extension onto existing roadway |
| Amphitheatre |
| More quiet space |
| Solid walkway for exercise after long car trip |
| Exercise area |
| Inflatable jumping balloon (castle) for kids |
| Child friendly |

| Broadwater |
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| Multi-use basketball/skate park facility |
| Drinking Fountain |
| Covered tables |
| More playground equipment |
| All the above in the existing park. |
| Picnic ground riverside incorporate bbq, basketball, skate, public rest area - all at one site |
| Big basket swing |
| Sporting equipment for older kids |
| Toilet Block |
| Park Upgrade at Stan Payne Oval |

| Rappville |
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| Create a usable playgym area for everyone i.e. basketball courts, swings, multi-purpose - Utilise the tennis court |

| Evans Head |
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| Basketball 1/2 court at Banksia Street Park for kids |
| Park run club |
| Stan Payne Oval sporting facility upgrade |
| Tennis Courts - Woodburn maintained and open |
| Exercise Equipment |
| Check Tamworth Park for kids |
| Shaded playgrounds |
| Stan Payne Oval Facilities |
| Pool - lower the admission too expensive for families to access swimming/gym |
| Pool - Would like Waterslides |
| Trampoline Park |
| Waterpark |
| Stan Payne oval sporting facilities upgrades |
| Games and exercise frames on walkway (like Townsville Strand) |
| Dog off leash area, Clear areas and signage wording |

Streetscape

Please note, Rappville is omitted from this section as no suggestions were given for its streetscape.

| Casino |
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| Have cow footprints on footpath directing you to attractions |
| Heritage style lighting |
| Use timber in our streetscape |
| Sculptures in public places - where are they? |
| Where's our big "Cow" - celebrate the beef capital of Australia!!! |
| Seating/Gardens |
| Redo our Town's Signage please |
| Art deco street lights |

| Coraki |
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| Lots of trees for shade and beauty to prevent melanoma |
| Attractive trees e.g. quandong eumundii |
| Garden plantings as per Evans Head and Casino |
| Heritage buildings maintained and preserved/promoted used for tourism |
| Native and fruit trees |
| Promised street-tree plantings but awareness of traffic visibility |
| More planting to create attractive poolscape |

| Woodburn |
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| Seating |
| Open plan |
| Family Friendly |
| Flowers hanging at shop fronts in baskets |
| Native garden/landscaping |

| Broadwater |
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| Mural on wall in park - attached to wall not painted on |
| We would like the rock basket seat |
| Beautify the town |
| Weed management is terrible |
| Flowers, trees we want pretty TIDY towns awards |
| Broadwater cont. |
| Open drains piped and filled |
| "Sweet place to stop" |

| Evans Head |
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| Aboriginal Art in street |
| Colour greenery, triangle garden beds/seating on main road |
| Bird boxes |
| Street art |
| Boardwalk to Airforce and Street art |
| Seating |

Public Art

Please note, Coraki was omitted from this section as no suggestions were given for public art.

| Casino |
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| Continue with Murals - make them more modern and vibrant - local artists, local culture, school groups |
| Mural competition like Sheffield |
| Bull/art/beef week/schools/Take making of life like bulls to display for Beef week/community involvement traditional lifelike, breeds and/or abstract |
| Frescoes/murals on side panels |

| Woodburn |
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| High set building incorporating art gallery/VIC showcasing all areas i.e. beach, Bundjalung National Park, Black Rocks, Villages, River, cattle country and to the mountains |
| Feature the bridge - paint and light up! |

| Broadwater |
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| Someone local can create - we have lots of talented fresh people. |
| Clean graffiti off bridge – that's public art we don't want |
| We have a wood carver in town - he would create magnificent things for the park |
| Sculptures in Park |
| Local indigenous art and history |
| Decorate Mill fence |

| Rappville |
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| Train on the mural |
| Paint the station a picture of a steam train |
| Have a mural on the "generator box" |

| Evans Head |
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| Aboriginal Art in street |
| Street art |

Foreshore – Riverside – Beach

Please note, Rappville is omitted from this section.

| Casino |
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| Bring the Community to the Riverbank - maintain parks, board walks and free BBQ areas with shelters |
| Representation of local Indigenous culture and heritage |
| Open up behind tennis courts (Council assets) and incorporate walkways art/play equipment to attract walkers/general public back to the area. |
| Remove bats |
| Open up walkways |
| Enforce 'no alcohol' rule |
| Suspension bridge to QE2 |
| Improve public toilets |
| Swimming hole |
| Beautify Casino Riverbank |
| No bats - walkway along river |
| BBQ picnic tables on high banks |

| Coraki |
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| Jetty with shade cover over tables out over the river |
| Viewing platform of the river junction |
| Fix baby pool and turn the grass inside the fence. |
| New fence for pool - it has been cut and fixed with zip ties |
| Promotion of the beach and caravan park |
| Boat Ramp - upgrade tap, table clean fish |
| Steps and Disability ramp to riverside event areas |
| Jetty with shade cover over tables - out over the river |
| Viewing platform of the river junction |
| Boat Ramp |
| Fish Cleaning Table |
| Ferry Wharf |
| Tourist Ferry to Woodburn/Broadwater/Ballina |

| Woodburn |
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| Improve access through to park |

| Broadwater |
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| Broadwater Beach needs a tidy up at lookout and entry on beach. Maybe National Park job |
| Restrict 4WDs on beach |
| We need river and boat access |
| Tables, Chairs, fish cleaning table |
| Clean up river banks |
| Water fountain play area spouting recycled water in park. People would pull off the road to do it. |
| Bins under bridge |
| Clean up under bridge |
| Access to the river somewhere for the locals to relax, fish, swim, boat, ski (wind surfer) |
| Add a boardwalk |
| Covered picnic and BBQ area |
| "Reclaim the River" all residents would like access to the River |
| Tables and chairs along riverfront (covered seating Wharf St) |
| Clean up river banks |
| Boat access - reclaim our river |

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| Access to river - fish, boat, canoe, surf ski, sit and contemplate (the sunset is unreal) |
| Safe beach access - we want to walk and ride safely |

Evans Head

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| Ocean Pool |
| Clean up our rivers. An A not an F. |
| A reception/café/restaurant on riverbank with accommodation attached so conferences, weddings, parties and public enjoy property near fishing co-op |
| Get rid of noxious weeds |
| More access |
| Access for community to beach and park on river (not just for caravan park guests) |
| No dogs in river |
| BBQ and shade at start of bridge on north side |
| Foreshore Masterplan |
| New Showers on Beach |
| Improve café at Surf Club |
| Music system at Surf Club |
| Tent sponsored for advertising on beach and funds raised to surf club |
| BBQ and toilets by the skate park and park too. |
| Re-build bridge to Gumma Garra (Gummigarrah) at Bundjalung National Park |
| Playground for small kids |
| Keep dogs out of river |
| Beach sand cleaning |
| Dredging river and bar |
| Sand bypass |
| Access and parking to beach and river |
| Noxious weed on river bank, clean, more access |
| Artificial reef |
| No horses on beach |

Walkways – Nature Trails

Please note, Casino and Rappville are omitted from this section as no suggestions were given for their walkways / nature trails.

| Coraki |
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| Cycle track with marking of distance (e.g. from Post Office of) to show how far they travelled. |
| Footpath/cycleway from take-away area down to Tony's shop (safety Issue) |
| Cycle Track to Bungawalbyn Bridge and back |
| Cycle track with marking of distance from Post Office (for example) of distance cycled |
| Walking/running track with exercise equipment along the way |

| Woodburn |
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| Cycle track to Bungawalbyn Bridge and back |
| Walking Track loop around village promoting a healthy Community |
| Cycleway to Evans Head |

| Broadwater |
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| Koala Park - what will happen |
| Footpath from Broadwater Evans Road 10+ kids use bus stop – it's not safe |
| Walk from town straight through to Beach - 2.5 kms |
| Bike Trail |
| Boardwalk along bank |
| Koala corridor |
| network and map around River Street |
| Bike path to beach along Broady/Evans Road from Caravan Park to end of George Street |
| Reinstate lookout (whale watching) |
| Safe access to beach |
| Ride walk drive (speed limit too high) |
| Bike path from Evans to Woodburn and Broadwater - Great for tourists |
| Riverside cycleway |
| Turn park footpath into a mini road with signs and crossings for kids to ride their bikes |
| Continue Footpath (bikeway) down George and Pitt Street |
| Path/bike path to Post Office from Rileys Hill Road and Highway Corner |
| Connect Broadwater bike path to turn off Broadwater beach road - at very least 'safe' access to Broady Beach Road (bike path) |
| Footpaths - there is nowhere safe to ride or walk |
| Historical walk - markers for historical sites |
| Bike path to Broadwater beach |

| Evans Head |
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| I like our bush walks |
| Riverbank walk |
| Have a walkway/exercise/waterpark like Townsville Strand |
| Bike path to Broadwater and Woodburn |
| Evans River K-12 Bundjalung trail in conjunction with National park, open to community and tourist |
| Headland and Walkways |
| Razorback lookout redevelopment platform & café |
| Cycle track round trip (Evans-Broadwater-Woodburn) 30ks |
| Coastal walks and Cycle tracks |
| Razorback lookout redevelopment platform & café |