

Relevant extracts from Council's Community Strategic Plan

To view a full version of Byron Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan, refer to Council's webpage link - <http://www.byron.nsw.gov.au/integrated-planning-and-reporting-documents>.

Community consultation

An integral component of the preparation of *linking together our people, our place, our purpose - Byron Shire 2022* is the engagement of our community.

The development of a Community Strategic Plan (CSP), opens the way for Byron Shire Council and the community to engage on discussions about funding priorities, service levels, preserving local identity and to plan in partnership for a more sustainable future. The development of the CSP can be broken down into the following steps:

- Step 1** Review of past community consultation, strategies, plans and policies.
- Step 2** Development of a community engagement plan for Phase 1 of community engagement.
- Step 3** Development of a community discussion paper detailing possible CSP aims, goals and delivery programs.
- Step 4** Engagement Phase 1 – Inform and consult - Community Discussion Paper for the development of a draft CSP.
- Step 5** Engagement Phase 2 - Inform, consult, involve, collaborate - Development of the Draft Community Strategic Plan based on prior engagement and Community Discussion Paper.
- Step 6** Engagement Phase 3 - Inform and consult - Public Exhibition of the Draft Community Strategic Plan, Operational and Delivery Plan and supportive resourcing strategies.
- Step 7** Submission to the Division of Local Government, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Corporate Management

What the community told us – concerns and priorities

1. Priorities from local businesses and community on financial management including:
 - a) The provision of consolidated and relevant financial detail to the community in an easily comprehensible format.
 - b) The operating result of the general fund and the impact of incremental increases in asset valuations and the impact on depreciation.
 - c) Holiday lettings to be rated as a business versus normal residential rates.
 - d) Cost shifting from state government to local government identified.

- e) A list of suggested priorities and service level reductions for different asset classes.
- f) Rates.

5. Ensuring the sustainability of the Council.

Community Outcome CM1: Effective governance, business, project and financial management

Community Strategies

CM1.2 Ensure Council decision making supports fair allocation of resources, services and facilities.

CM1.3 Improve organisational sustainability (economic, social, environmental and governance).

Community Infrastructure

What the community told us – concerns and priorities

1. Priority from local business on quality of town centre and public spaces and parking.
2. Top priorities from community survey:
 - a) Roads
 - b) Public Toilets
 - c) Parking
 - d) Bikeways and bicycle facilities
 - e) Drainage/flood management
 - f) Quality of town centre and public spaces/landscaping
 - g) Water/sewerage
 - h) Provision of facilities (including sports fields)
 - i) Bridges
 - j) Footpaths.
3. Requirement for more community infrastructure:
 - a) To invite retirees
 - b) To cater for residents not to tourists
 - c) For families, older residents, younger residents and for the disabled members of our community.
4. More integrated public transport. There are insufficient affordable public transport options.
5. Pressure of tourism versus rate payer base.
6. Traffic and Byron bypass.

Community Outcome CI 1: Planning for the future

Community Strategies

CI1.1 Provide a network of accessible cycleways and walkways that link with public transport.

CI1.2 Encourage sustainable and accessible transport solutions between towns and villages.

CI1.4 Plan for future traffic demands.

Measures

a Improved access to destinations within Byron Shire.

Community Outcome CI 2: Provision of essential services

Community Strategies

CI2.3 Provide roads and drainage infrastructure within the Shire.

CI2.5 Pursue strategic regional resource sharing initiatives.

Measures

g Provide road, drainage and transport infrastructure within the Shire.

Community Outcome CI 3: Renew and maintain existing infrastructure

Community Strategies

CI3.1 Maintain roads and drainage in a safe and operational condition.

CI3.4 Ensure all public parks and open spaces are accessible, maintained and managed to meet the recreational needs of current and future residents.

CI3.6 Maintain safe and legislative compliant community buildings and swimming pools.

Measures

a Reduction in funding gap for infrastructure renewal and maintenance.

Objective CI4: Develop new infrastructure

Community Strategies

CI4.1 Determine and construct future infrastructure needs to serve the community.

Measures

a Deliver works in accordance with Council's program.