#### **Richmond Valley Council – Community Priorities 2013**

#### QA. Where do you live do you live?

O Backmede	O Banyabba	O Bentley	O Bora Ridge
O Broadwater	O Bungawalbin	O Busbys Flat	O Camira
O Casino	O Clovass	O Clearfield	O Codrington
O Coombell	O Coraki	O Dobies Bight	O Doonbah
O East Coraki	O Ellangowan	O Evans Head	O Esk
O Fairy Hill	O Gibberagee	O Greenridge	O Hogarth Range
O Irvington	O Kippenduff	O Leeville	O McKees Hill
O Mongogarie	O Mount Marsh	O Myrtle Creek	O Naughtons Gap
O New Italy	O North Casino	O Piora	O Shannon Brook
O Six Mile Swamp	O Spring Grove	O Stratheden	O Swan Bay
O Tabbimoble	O Tatham	O The Gap	O Tomki
O Upper Mongogarie	O West Bungawalbin	O West Coraki	O Whiporie
O Woodburn	O Woodview	O Wyan	O Yorklea
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O Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_

### Section A – The Community Experience

#### These questions are about the local community.

Q1a. Do you believe there are enough opportunities in your local area for residents to participate in arts or cultural activities?

Yes O No O

- Q1b. Do you think there are enough opportunities in your local area for you to participate in or attend sporting competitions and/or recreational activities?
  - Yes O No O
- Q2a. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I feel there are benefits to living in a community with people of diverse ages, backgrounds and cultures.

- O Strongly agree
- O Agree
- O Neither
- O Disagree
- O Strongly disagree
- Q2b. I feel I have the opportunity to have a say on key decisions affecting Richmond Valley on important issues.
  - O Strongly agree
  - O Agree
  - O Neither
  - O Disagree
  - O Strongly disagree



# Q3. Please answer yes or no to the following: I feel safe when I am:

- O At home during the day
- O At home alone after dark
- O Walking alone during the day
- O Walking alone in the dark
- O In the Casino CBD late at night

## Thinking about yourself:

### Q4. In general, how would you rate your personal health?

- O Excellent
- O Very good
- O Good
- O Fair
- O Poor
- O Very poor

## Thinking of yourself and the other members of your household:

## Q5a. Which of the following services and facilities have you or are you likely to use:

	In the last 12 months	In the next 12 months
Early childhood health centre	0	0
Youth centre/service	0	0
Community transport	0	0
Public swimming pool	О	0
Indoor recreational facilities	О	0
Outdoor court/oval/pitch	О	0
Library	Ο	0
Theatre/Cinema	Ο	0
Casino Community and Cultural Centre	Ο	0
Playground	Ο	0
Cycling facility/bike path	Ο	0
Skate facility	Ο	0
Park	О	0
Beach	0	0
None of these	0	0

# Q5b. Which of the following events have you or members of your household attended in the last 12 months? Please answer yes or no as I read each one. *Prompt*

- O Beef Week
- O Evans Head Fishing Classic
- O Coraki Art Prize
- O Bentley Art Prize
- O Crankfest Xtreme
- O Carnivale Italiano (New Italy's Anniversary Day)
- O Casino Garden Show & Flower Fair
- O Windara Community's Father's Day Pig Races
- O St Marks Anglican Church Spring Fair
- O Casino Show
- O Camp Oven Festival
- O Seafood Bowling Carnival
- O Woodburn Bridge to Bridge
- O Scripture Union Beach Mission Evans Head
- O None of these

- O Primex
- O Evans Head Malibu Classic
- O Great Eastern Fly-In
- O Australia Day
- O Lion's Club Christmas Carols
- O Quota Art, Craft & Quilt Fair
- O Woodburn Orchid Show
- O Casino Spring Orchid Show
- O Woodburn Riverside Festival
- O Bushman's Heritage Festival
- O Disc Bowls Festival
- O Evans Head Ocean Swim
- O Summerland Drags
- O Beef Meets Reef



### Q6. What do you think is the best thing about living in the Richmond Valley region?

#### Thinking about living in the region:

### Q7a. How satisfied are you with the police presence in the Richmond Valley local area?

- O Very satisfied
- O Satisfied
- O Somewhat satisfied
- O Not very satisfied
- O Not at all satisfied

Q7b. Why do you say that?

Q8a. Have you been a victim of crime in the past 12 months?

- O Yes
- O No (If no, go to Q9)
- Q8b. (If yes), what was the nature of the crime(s)?
  - O The threat of physical force/violence
  - O Actual physical force/violence
  - O Burglary or stealing
  - O Motor vehicle related crime
  - O Other (specify) \_\_\_\_

Council is looking for community feedback on a number of issues.

#### <u>Airport</u>

Richmond Valley Council is in a rare position, in that it has two air strips that are currently being underutilised. Both air strips play a part within Council's economic development plans, and feature as key physical attributes that can be used advantageously to attract and foster new business to Richmond Valley.

Council is considering developing a master plan for the aviation precinct cluster in and around Casino Aerodrome, which includes:

- (i) Supporting and increasing all relevant activities at the Aerodrome
- (ii) Transforming the Aerodrome so it becomes one of the focal points for Casino, which would be advantageous for the community and for attracting visitors to the local area

# Q9. How supportive are you of Council facilitating the growth of such an aviation precinct in and around the Casino Aerodrome?

- O Very supportive
- O Supportive
- O Somewhat supportive
- O Not very supportive
- O Not at all supportive



Council wishes to gain feedback about the community's views on future development plans.

Q10a. Council believes economic development needs to be a central focus if the Richmond Valley region is to prosper and grow.

Examples of this would be:

- The purchase of land to develop the Settlers housing estate in Casino
- Purchasing suitable land for industrial subdivision purposes.

As part of this, Council will develop and implement planning controls to ensure protection of prime agricultural land and public lands. How supportive are you of Council owning and developing industrial, commercial and residential land in the local area so as to promote and facilitate progress and expansion?

- O Very supportive
- O Supportive
- O Somewhat supportive
- O Not very supportive
- O Not at all supportive

#### Q10b. Why do you say that?

- Q11a. Another example of planned economic development involves Council backing the primary local industry of Richmond Valley the beef industry by upgrading the Casino Saleyards. How supportive are you of Council making this upgrade its number one infrastructure priority?
  - O Very supportive
  - O Supportive
  - O Somewhat supportive
  - O Not very supportive
  - O Not at all supportive

Q11b. Why do you say that?

- Q12a. Were you aware Council appointed a new General Manager 12 months ago and subsequently new Executive Managers have also been brought onto the team?
  - O Yes
  - O No



Q12b. This new team's goal is to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and culture of Council. How would you rate their performance in terms of making these changes over the past 12 months ?

- O Very effective
- O Effective
- O Somewhat effective
- O Not very effective
- O Not at all effective
- O I don't know (do not prompt)

#### Q12c. Why do you say that?

#### Section E – Demographic & Profiling questions

Thinking about where you shop in the local area

Q13a. Where do you do the bulk of your retail spending?

0	Lismore	0	Woodburn
0	Casino	0	Evans Head
0	Ballina	0	Grafton
0	Coraki	0	Gold Coast

Q13b. Access to services and facilities is an important issue for residents in our local area. Sometimes the role Council plays in these broader issues is limited, as Local Government neither controls nor is likely to influence all of these issues, however, where relevant, Council may have an advocacy and educative role. What services and facilities do you feel Council needs to be prioritising in order to improve the quality of life for residents in the Richmond Valley LGA?

#### Q14. What is your age group?

- O 18 24
- O 25 34
- O 35 49
- O 50 64
- O 65 years and over

#### Q15. How long have you lived in the Richmond Valley area?

- O Less than 2 years
- O 2 5 years
- O 6 10 years
- O 11 20 years
- O More than 20 years

#### Q16. Which of the following best describes the house where you are currently living?

- O I/We own/are currently buying this property
- O I/We currently rent this property

#### Q17. Do you currently volunteer your time within the community?

- O Yes
- O No



# Q18. Have you ever conducted any studies at Southern Cross University?

Female

- O Yes
- O No
- O I intend enrolling in the future

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# Q20. Gender:

O Male

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

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