



OBERON COUNCIL

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OBERON COUNCIL'S NEW COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN: 2019-2040

Following extensive consultation and feedback from the Oberon communities Council is pleased to provide the first draft Community Strategic Plan 2019-2040 for public exhibition and further comment.

This plan has been developed taking into account the full range of feedback received during the last few months. Over 235 online surveys were completed and more than 40 people were involved in targeted engagement workshops with representatives from the community and youth. Around 8 Pop up events were held in the main street, at community events and the Farmers Markets. A phone survey resulted in over 35 responses.

From this there have been over 1100 ideas, comments and suggestions generated. These have been carefully analysed and considered and grouped into 5 themes within the new plan. These themes are:

- Community Wellbeing – issues relating to health, education, lifestyle, services and the liveability of our communities
- Caring for our Environment – acknowledging the beauty of where we live and balancing the care for the environment at the same time as needing to ensure water security, weeds and waste management
- Growing our Economy – identifying ways to grow the economy, jobs, business and industry and tourism
- Infrastructure and Services – strategies around maintain and improving the critical infrastructure and services such as roads, bridges, water and sewerage, open spaces and facilities
- Leadership and Engagement – the way Council leadership operates and connects with community and the customer service standards expected by community.

All feedback will be held by Council and used in the future for reference in planning and project selection.

The Community Strategic Plan is a high level long term visionary plan. The detail of how and when strategies and visions are delivered is outlined in more detail in what is called the Delivery Program and Operational Plans. The Delivery Program (a 4 year plan) will be redeveloped in early 2019 to reflect the new strategies in the Community Strategic Plan.

Council welcomes further comment on the new Community Strategic Plan. The Plan will be on public exhibition until 15 February 2019. A copy can be obtained from Councils website www.oberon.nsw.gov.au or a hard copy is available at Council's Administration and Library facilities. Submissions are invited to be made by email at council@oberon.nsw.gov.au or by letter to the General Manager, Oberon Council, PO Box 84, Oberon 2787.

We sincerely thank everyone who provided input to date. The feedback was amazing – so many great ideas and suggestions, and such positivity about our community and where we live.

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Mayor