



Council Plan 2025-2029

Overview

The **Council Plan** includes the **Community Vision**, four strategic themes, which are supported by a range of strategies, with three overarching principles.

Council's Wellbeing Commitment and **Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan** are incorporated throughout the document.

Community Vision	The Rural City of Wangaratta is a place for everyone. We are a welcoming, connected, and caring community. We value our urban and rural communities, ensuring shared opportunity and quality of life. Our natural environment supports our wellbeing and forms a strong part of our cultural identity. Our strength is our resilience and active participation in shaping a future for everyone to thrive.			
Strategic Themes	Community Wellbeing	Natural Environment	Economy and Tourism	Infrastructure and Place
	We want our community to feel connected, inspired and treated with respect. To have access to programs, services and infrastructure that help us lead fulfilled and healthy lives.	We are committed to protecting and improving our environment while adapting our services and places for the future. Our natural spaces enhance wellbeing, promote biodiversity, and increase resilience to climate change.	We will continue to grow as an economic, creative, and tourism hub for the region. Working to support a sustainable economy that benefits everyone who visits, lives, learns, and works within our community.	We are developing places that connect people, businesses, and neighbourhoods. Our focus is on maintaining and improving what we already have, while delivering new infrastructure to meet community needs.
Strategies	1.1. Provide access to services and programs that enable people to live healthy, active, and inspired lives 1.2. People feel connected and included in the community 1.3. Ensure services and spaces are safe, accessible, inclusive and welcoming to everyone in our community	2.1. Mitigate the impacts of climate change and support the community to prepare for and recover from natural hazard events 2.2. Drive a strong circular economy with resource recovery and reuse 2.3. Increase, preserve and protect the natural environment and open spaces	3.1. Support businesses to locate, invest and create jobs in our municipality 3.2. Ensure residents can access local education and employment opportunities 3.3. Become known as a destination of choice for tourism and cultural experiences	4.1. Plan for infrastructure, facilities and open spaces that reflect changing community and environmental needs 4.2. Advocate, maintain and develop infrastructure that supports and enables our participation in the economy and community life 4.3. Ensure assets are financially sustainable and fit for purpose
Guiding Principles	Financial Sustainability People Communication & Engagement			