



Achievements
of the
2021 – 2022
Delivery Program
Year Ending 30 June 2022

Transport

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments	2021/22
T1 Walcha will be serviced by integrated and efficient transport network							
T1.1 Develop and maintain a safe and efficient local road and bridge network.							Timeline:
T1.1.1	Maintain a safe and efficient sealed road network	Infrastructure	Undertake maintenance and renewal works	✓		Maintenance and renewal program ongoing.	✓
			Review and update asset management plan to deliver a safe and effective road network			✓	Asset management plan being revised and updated for 2022/23 FY.
T1.1.2	Maintain a safe and efficient unsealed road network	Infrastructure	Undertake maintenance and renewal works	✓		Maintenance and renewal program ongoing.	✓
			Review and update asset management plan to deliver a safe and effective road network			✓	Asset management plan being revised and updated for 2022/23 FY.
			Review and undertake dust suppression program			✓	No dust suppression activities undertaken in 2021/22
			Operate quarries in accordance with mining and environmental requirements.	✓		Update of environmental management plans completed for active Council pits.	✓
T1.1.3	Maintain safe and effective bridges	Infrastructure	Undertake maintenance and renewal works	✓		Maintenance and renewal program ongoing.	✓
			Review and update asset management plan to deliver a safe and effective road network			✓	Asset management plan being revised and updated for 2022/23 FY.
T1.1.4	Work with State & Federal agencies to deliver and maintain a strong regional transport network of local, regional and state roads.	Infrastructure	Maintain State roads.	✓		Oxley Highway maintained successfully via ongoing RMCC with TfNSW	✓
			Seek additional State & Federal funding to upgrade and maintain local, regional and State roads for the community	✓		Additional funding secured during 2021/22 for Oxley Highway, Thunderbolts Way and Local Roads projects.	✓
T1.2 Provide and maintain facilities for the safe movement of pedestrian and cycle traffic							✓
T1.2.1	Provide and maintain facilities for the safe movement of pedestrian and cycle traffic	Infrastructure	Undertake maintenance and renewal works	✓		Maintenance and renewal program ongoing.	✓
			Operate and maintain appropriate street lighting	✓			✓
			Review and update asset management plan to deliver a safe and effective road network. Ensure the Disability Inclusion Action Plan is considered in the			✓	Asset management plan being revised and updated for 2022/23 FY.
			Seek additional funding to implement plans		✓	Additional funding sought to implement additional footpaths and cycleways.	✓
			Review and update the Streetscape Upgrade Program				✓

Business and Jobs

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments:	2021/22	
B1 Promote and encourage commercial and tourism development growth in harmony with the natural environment, to take maximum advantage of commercial opportunities and increase local employment								
B1.1 Develop and market tourism products targeting identified markets.								
B1.1.1	Community & Tourism	Operate and maintain the Visitor Information Centre and tourism services.	Develop the Tourism Management Plan.				✓	
		Investigate methods and utilise events to encourage tourists to spend longer in Walcha					✓	
		Support local businesses as opportunities arise						
B1.2 Develop an environment that will attract new industry to set-up in Walcha								
B1.2.1	Office of the General Manager	Encourage and promote Walcha as a 'change of life' location	Advocate for increased telecommunication services		✓		Continuously lobbying for better communications. Continued lobbying and application for improved mobile services leading to increased mobile towers across the region.	✓
	Community & Tourism		Advertise the facilities that are available including the facilitation of after school and vocational care services	✓			Out of hours & vacation care has been established at Walcha Central School. School holiday program will be produced in conjunction with OSHC to ensure no conflicting activities	✓
			Promote the existing low costs of development and permissible land uses and their benefits			✓	Waiting on development of Land and facilities strategy. Once completed, this action will be undertaken.	
			Develop promotional material highlighting Walcha's lifestyle			✓	As above, can be developed once the Land and facilities strategy completed in conjunction with the Regional Housing Delivery Plan.	
B1.2.2	Office of the General Manager	Advocate and work with Namoi Joint Organisation to drive economic growth opportunities across the region	Advocate and work with Namoi Joint Organisation to drive economic growth opportunities across the region		✓			✓

Health

ACTION:	Responsible Officer	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments	2021/22	
H1 Health Services and facilities will be provided and where appropriate managed locally to meet the needs of the community.								
H1.1 The public health and well being of the community will be protected and enhanced.								
H1.1.1	Support the Local Health Committee	Office of the General Manager	Ensure that Walcha is well represented on the Committee by both local government and community representation.	✓			The Mayor is a Committee Member	✓
H1.1.2	Advocate and support the process to attract appropriate medical and allied health workers to work in Walcha	Environment & Development	Support strategies to attract and retain medical and other health workers to work in Walcha.	✓			Adequate doctors are available within our community.	✓
H1.1.3	Provide transport to access health services.	Community & Tourism	Support regional health transport services.	✓			We are unable to use our funding for donations. We can use our funding to transport eligible clients for local health transport services.	✓
H1.2 Foster preventative health systems and activities that promote physical, mental and social health								
H1.2.1	Work with the schools and other interested community organisations to deliver mental and other health programs.	Environment & Development	Partner with other stakeholders in delivering community health promotion events.	✓			Council is very active in assisting with drought mental health programs	✓
H1.2.2	Safeguard public health	Environment & Development	Inspect sites where activities may have an adverse impact on public health.	✓			Regular food premises inspections conducted.	✓
			Impose appropriate and relevant development conditions	✓				✓
			Administer government regulations relating to on-site sewage management systems.			✓	Currently preparing for implementation of OSSM strategy.	✓
H1.3 Maintain cemeteries in accordance with the community's needs and expectations								
H1.3.1	Manage the cemeteries in accordance with the Cemeteries Management Plan	Infrastructure	Maintain and operate cemeteries as per the Cemeteries Management Plan	✓			Cemeteries are maintained in accordance with past service levels. The development of cemetery management plan has commenced.	✓

Education and Training

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments:	2021/22	
E1 Education and training opportunities will be provided that deliver the skills and knowledge needed to advance the community.								
E1.1 Provide quality and accessible preschool and early intervention facilities for children in a safe and supportive environment								
E1.1.1	Operate and maintain the Walcha Preschool as per the Preschool Management Plan.	Community & Tourism	Operate and maintain the Preschool as per the Preschool Management Plan.	✓			National Quality Standard Assessment rating - meeting this standard. Operating at near capacity levels. Additional funding allow for 2 days of free preschool for 4yo children.	✓
E1.1.2	Operate and maintain the Early Intervention Centre	Community & Tourism	Operate and maintain the Early Intervention Centre	✓			Operations continuing as normal.	✓
E1.2 Advocate for education services for the community								
E1.2.1	Advocate for staffing numbers and transport subsidies to be maintained for small schools	Community & Tourism	Advocate for staffing numbers and transport subsidies be maintained for small schools	✓			Continues to be achieved and maintained each year.	✓
E1.2.2	Advocate for school bus routes that encourage attendance at small schools.	Community & Tourism	Advocate for school bus routes that encourage attendance at small schools	✓			Bus service continues to provide services that cater for this.	✓
E1.2.3	Support employment programs for trainees and apprentices and adult education.	Community & Tourism	Support employment programs for trainees and apprentices and adult education	✓			Community & Tourism currently has 2 active trainees, and are in discussions for a School based trainee for 2023.	✓

Stronger Community

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments	2021/22
S1 Social services will be planned, maintained and coordinated so that they meet the current and future needs of all groups in the community							
S1.1 Provide and support Walcha Council Community Care and Meals on Wheels programs so that they reach the appropriate clientele							
S1.1.1	Community & Tourism	Provide community aged care services appropriate for the community.	✓			Referrals from the MAC have increased due to expansion of services offered. Services continue to be delivered to existing clients.	✓
		Maintain the Community Care groups.	✓			Groups have been maintained and client numbers have increased.	✓
		Support activities that provide meaningful engagement and social interaction that fall outside established programs	✓			These are dependant on eligibility criteria of funding.	
S1.1.2	Community & Tourism	Support the Meals on Wheels program.	✓			Meals on wheels numbers have increased. And teams managed well to continue service safely through COVID	✓
S1.2 Support volunteer efforts and encourage volunteer participation							
S1.2.1	Community & Tourism	Meet all associated costs with relative compulsory requirements for Council related volunteering.	✓			Costs are met for compulsory checks	✓
		Providing in-kind support to community events and organisations.			✓	No budget provided for this type of support. Existing program funding does not allow for this type of support.	
S2 The existing strong community spirit and pride will be protected							
S2.1 Support and promote participation in the community							
S2.1.1	Community & Tourism	Australia Day	✓			Council supports this financially and assists with arrangements outside the Committee's scope.	
S2.1.2	Community & Tourism	Stage new community events, especially those suitable for young people.	✓			School holiday programs have been funded by State Government grants. Motorcycle Rally has been run and was very successful.	✓
S2.1.3	Office of the General Manager	Subsidise public halls as per Council's Donation Policy	✓			Allocation in Budget annually	✓
		Provide Rate Relief as per Council's Donation Policy	✓			Allocation in Budget annually.	✓
		Provide other financial assistance where appropriate.	✓			Considered at Council Meetings when requested.	✓
S2.1.4	Office of the General Manager	Actively seek grant funding opportunities for community	✓			Multiple grants are available and have been received.	✓
S3 Walcha's cultural identity will be enhanced							
S3.1 Make the "Open Air Gallery" theme an integral part of the development of the Walcha Local Government Area							
S3.1.1	Infrastructure	Establish, review and update Council's Public Art Policy and Management Plan	✓			Ongoing but is managed well.	✓
S3.1.2	Community & Tourism	Support the schools in creative and visual arts.	✓			Support provided if requested.	
	Infrastructure	Maintain Arts Advisory Committee	✓			Arts Advisory Committee has been maintained and meets quarterly.	

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S3.1.3	Infrastructure	Identify opportunities to increase access	✓			New artwork has been added to the collection and access is within the levee banks and CBD.	✓
S3.2 Preserve , support and promote the History of Walcha							✓
S3.2.1	Environment & Development	Provide rate relief for Historical Museum	✓			Budget allocation provided	✓
		Promote local heritage through the VIC and Local History Centre	✓			Local History Centre and therefore local heritage is promoted well at the VIC and on website	✓
S3.2.2	Environment & Development	Apply Council's Local Environmental Plan and planning controls	✓			Through the development application assessment process and the section 4.15 assessment and integrated development provisions.	✓
S4 Walcha's Aboriginal communities will be supported and strengthened							
S4.1 Increase effective partnerships with, and develop the capacity of, Aboriginal communities							
S4.2 Support improvements in the quality, availability and suitability of Aboriginal housing							
S4.2.1	Environment & Development	Advocate for improvements in the quality, availability and suitability of Aboriginal housing	✓			Aboriginal Advisory Committee was established to assist with this process. The Elders of the Aboriginal Community will advise if they are in need of advocacy outside the meetings if required.	✓
S4.2.2	Infrastructure	Maintain the water supply system.		✓		Ongoing - regular meetings / inspections with DPIE - Water, NSW Health & Amaroo	✓
		Maintain the sewerage system.		✓		Ongoing - regular meetings / inspections with DPIE - Water, NSW Health & Amaroo	✓
S4.3 Ensure that Aboriginal children have access to early childhood education and early intervention services.							
S4.3.1	Community & Tourism	Ensure that the fees are subsidised in accordance with relevant guidelines.	✓			All funding requirements are met, including the requirement to keep fees low for equity groups.	✓
S4.4 Increase and support meaningful, long term and equal opportunities for Aboriginal employment							
S4.4.1	Office of the General Manager	Identify and acknowledge employment opportunities for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.		✓			✓
S5 Young people will be encouraged and supported to live in Walcha							
S5.1 Seek, monitor and respond to requests from the youth population							
S5.1.1	Community & Tourism	Budget provision provided for youth activities.	✓			Committee budget provided, meetings held 2-4 times per year.	✓
S5.1.2	Community & Tourism	Support the Walcha Playgroups	✓			Hall rental is paid for the mobile playgroup.	✓

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S6	People of all ages and abilities will be encouraged to participate in cultural, recreational and sporting activities						
S6.1	Maintain and improve library, sporting and recreational facilities						
S6.1.1	Community & Tourism	Provide an accessible and appropriate range of library and information resources.	Improve and increase the collection of library resources in accordance with Central Northern Regional Library Resources Policy.	✓		Collection is updated weekly	✓
		Provide and promote a wide range of library activities and programs		✓		Facebook and instagram posts have highlighted the range of services available at the library	✓
		Provide free public access computers and internet access.		✓		This service is ongoing. Introduction of colour printing option. Wi-Fi use no longer requires "coDI" and can be accessed outside the library building.	✓
S6.1.2	Infrastructure	Manage the pool and squash courts in accordance with the Pool and Squash Courts Management Plan.	Operate and maintain the pool.	✓		Stage 1 improvements to Walcha Pool completed included heating and infrastructure. Further grant funding secured will allow improvements to the amenities building.	✓
		Operate and maintain the squash courts.		✓		The Squash Courts are utilised well and meet the needs of the community.	✓
		Support the learn to swim programs.		✓		Learn to Swim programs are promoted on website.	✓
		Monitor the operation of the gym at the squash courts.			✓	Operating review of centre to be completed within the next twelve months. Membership is constant	✓
S6.1.3	Infrastructure	Manage sporting grounds in accordance with the Sporting Grounds Management Plan.	Operate and maintain sporting grounds as per the Sporting Grounds Management Plan.	✓			✓
S6.1.4	Office of the General Manager	Support sporting organisations	Seek grant funding to support local sporting organisations.	✓		Grants are consistently being reviewed and applied for when applicable.	✓
S6.1.5	Office of the General Manager	Support community members and activities that have the capacity to improve people's quality of life.	Support community members and activities that have the capacity to improve peoples' quality of life	✓		Council supports all organisations within our capacity and are happy to add information on social media when required. Early Intervention and Speech Pathology services are part of Council services.	

Local Environment & Liveable Communities

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments:	2021/22
L1 Walcha's distinct and diverse natural and built environment will be protected and enhanced							
L1.1 Maintain and strengthen partnerships with organisations responsible for natural resource management							
L1.1.1	Develop partnerships with natural resource management organisations.	Environment & Development	Work with LLS authorities and Landcare groups to improve natural resource management.	✓			✓
L1.2 Promote sustainable development and protection of our natural resources through the planning system							
L1.2.1	Apply Council's Local Environmental Plan and planning controls.	Environment & Development	Undertake Town Planning Services	✓		Each Development Application is assessed under section 4.15 of the EP&A Act 1979 taking into consideration relevant planning controls and ensuring compliance.	✓
			Carryout Biodiversity Conservation through compliance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016	✓		Each Development Application is assessed to ensure compliance.	✓
L1.2.2	Monitor changes to planning legislation.	Environment & Development	Action planning legislation changes into Council procedures.		✓	Ongoing and progressing as per legislative requirements	✓
L1.3 Address the impact of climate change on the community							
L1.3.1	Work with organisations to develop and implement programs that will reduce the impact of climate change.	Environment & Development	Lead and promote the use of fuel efficient, low emissions plant and equipment.		✓	Achieved with plant purchases.	✓
			Take advantage of Government subsidies and rebates to make the community more energy efficient.		✓	Work commenced	✓
L1.3.2	Assess Council's current carbon footprint	Environment & Development	Engage consultant to carry out energy efficient audit.		✓	Consultant completed	✓
L1.4 Protect and enhance biodiversity, native vegetation, river and soil health.							
L1.4.1	Protect and enhance biodiversity, native vegetation, river and soil health.	Infrastructure	Maintain the Walcha stormwater system in accordance with the Walcha Stormwater Management Plan.	✓			✓
			Review and update the Walcha Stormwater Management Plan.			✓	Deferred
			Maintain the native vegetation by enforcing the Roadside Vegetation Policy.	✓		There have been consistent requests regarding the roadside vegetation policy. Since its adoption it has saved much confusion and has clarified the requirements of clearing within Council road reserves.	✓
			Protect the significant roadside environmental areas.	✓		All capital roadworks subject to Review of Environmental Factors.	✓
					✓		
			Maintain soil integrity by implementing Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Controls.		✓		✓
			Maintain aquatic environments by following the criteria set out within the NSW Fisheries Permits.	✓			✓
L1.5 Engage and support the community to undertake sustainable natural resource management and protect Walcha's natural environment.							
L1.5.1	Engage and support the community to undertake sustainable natural resource management and protect Walcha's natural environment.	Environment & Development	Support all Government agencies and community groups in natural resource management activities.		✓		

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L1.6 Provide the framework for improvements in efficiency and liveability of a range of compatible land uses and development types.							
L1.6.1	Environment & Development	Support the New England Weeds Authority Business Activity Strategic Plan (BASP).	✓				✓
		Ensure the aims of the Walcha LEP 2012 are adhered to.	✓				✓
		Conduct a review of the Walcha LEP 2012 as required.	✓				✓
L1.7 Manage Land Contamination through the planning and development control process							
L1.7.1	Environment & Development	Identify and investigate land contamination during the environmental planning and assessment process and the integration of any necessary remediation into any redevelopment or zoning.	✓				
L1.7.2	Environment & Development	Facilitate and control land remediation through SEPP 55	✓				✓
L2 Solid waste will be managed in a sustainable manner with a continuing reduction in waste generation and disposal to landfill							
L2.1 Develop and promote programs that increase the participation of the community in recycling and reducing waste going to landfill							
L2.1.1	Infrastructure	Advertise options for recycling.	✓				✓
		Educate residents on ways to recycle.		✓		Waste Strategy under development	✓
L2.1.2	Infrastructure	Implement actions that capture more recyclables.		✓		Waste Strategy under development	✓
L2.1.3	Infrastructure				✓	Unable to negotiate collection with local CDS collector - Transwest Fuels. Discussions have been held between Tomra/Cleanaway with the view to have a Return & Earn in Walcha	✓
L2.2 Implement alternate and affordable processes that reduce waste going to landfill							
L2.2.1	Infrastructure	Identify and investigate process options.		✓		Waste Strategy under development,	✓
L2.3 Monitor and oppose any move to apply the Waste and Environment Levy on the Walcha Local Government Area							
L2.3.1	Infrastructure	Monitor the decisions of the NSW State Government relating to the Levy			✓	Levy not on the current NSW Governments agenda.	
L2.4 Manage solid waste in an efficient, affordable and sustainable manner							
L2.4.1	Infrastructure	Review the waste management strategy.		✓		Waste Strategy under development,	✓
L2.4.2	Infrastructure	Maintain and operate waste services as per the Waste Management Plan		✓			
L2.4.3	Infrastructure	Participate in the Northern Inland Regional Waste Group.		✓			✓

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L3 Water supply and sewerage services will be physically and environmentally sensitive							
L3.1 Implement the recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy and other water and sewer management plans							
L3.1.1	Implement the recommendations of the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy.	Infrastructure	Review the drought management plan.	✓			
			Review the water quality management plan annually.	✓			✓
L3.1.2	Implement measures to better quantify and mitigate unaccounted water losses.	Infrastructure	Continue the replacement of old water meters.	✓		Ongoing.	✓
L3.1.3	Maintain the water supply system as per the Water Asset Management Plan.	Infrastructure	Renewal & Upgrade Works – Sandfill media replacement, Drought Management Plan, WTP Automation	✓		Water meter renewals ongoing . Water main renewals deferred.	✓
			Maintain the water supply system as per the Water Asset Management Plan.	✓			✓
			Review and update the Water Asset Management Plan.	✓		Asset management plan being revised and updated for 2022/23 FY.	
			Undertake Apsley Dam Feasibility Study	✓			
L3.1.4	Maintain the sewerage system as per the Sewerage Asset Management Plan.	Infrastructure	Maintain the sewerage system as per the Sewerage Asset Management Plan.	✓			✓
			Review and update the Sewerage Asset Management Plan.	✓		Asset management plan being revised and updated for 2022/23 FY.	
L3.1.5	Maintain the water supply system in accordance with the Water Strategic Business Plan.	Infrastructure	Operate the water supply service as per the Water Strategic Business Plan.	✓		Namoi Regional Water Strategy funding approved by DPIE Water Jan 2021.	✓
			Reduce the annual cost of pumping water.	✓			✓
L3.1.6	Manage the sewerage service in accordance with the Sewer Strategic Business Plan.	Infrastructure	Operate the sewerage service as per the Sewer Strategic Business Plan.	✓			✓
			Find a commercial use for effluent and sludge.			✓	
			Reduce the volume of effluent discharged into the Apsley River by the completion of Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade.	✓		Third party use options investigated and not found feasible. New operations for management of algae outbreaks achieves some reduction in volume of effluent being discharged in the Apsley River.	
L3.2 Provide additional off creek storage capacity to drought proof Walcha while minimising the impact of water extraction from the Macdonald River							
L3.2.1	Provide additional off creek storage.	Infrastructure	Investigate suitable sites for additional off creek storage reservoirs.	✓		Site found and under construction for new Off Creek Storage Dam	
L3.3 Identify possible new water sources							
L3.3.1	Find water sources other than Macdonald River	Infrastructure	Find water sources other than Macdonald River	✓			
L3.3.2	Promote water use efficiency and water saving.	Infrastructure	Promote water use efficiency and water saving		✓	As per Drought Management Plan	✓

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L4 Walcha will increase the use and production of renewable energy							
L4.1 Establish (with partners) alternate renewable energy supplies that will exceed the energy needs of our community							
L4.1.1	Office of the General Manager	Review and support Councils use of renewable energy opportunities		✓		Solar energy options were visited.	✓
L5 Agricultural activities will be environmentally sustainable							
L5.1 Protect and promote farming practices using the principles of ecologically sustainable development							
L5.1.1	Environment & Development	Partner with other government agencies to promote environmental sustainable practices.			✓	Benefit and details to be evaluated as part of developing the new CSP	
L6 The character of Walcha and its surrounding villages will be maintained while protecting the productivity of our rural land							
L6.1 Maintain the character of the Walcha Local Government Area through orderly development of the natural and built environment							
L6.1.1	Environment & Development	Apply Council's Local Environmental Plan and Planning controls.					✓
		Building Control - Ensure development complies with coDI, regulations and policies.	✓				✓
		Development Control - Ensure development complies with the Local Environmental Plan and other planning legislation.	✓				✓
		Investigate reports of illegal building works.	✓				✓
L6.2 Ensure that sufficient land is available to meet the demand for appropriate land uses							
L6.2.1	Environment & Development	Undertake review of NENW Housing & Land Monitor Report to assess housing and employment land availability and demand				Provide housing and employment land data to the DoP&E to assist in preparation of the NENW Land Monitor Report	✓
L6.3 Prevent agricultural land from being developed in ways that reduce its productivity							
L6.3.1	Environment & Development	Apply Council's Local Environmental Plan and planning controls.				Ensure the Local Environmental Plan complements the LLS Strategic Land Use Plan.	✓
L6.4 Enhance the Walcha Local Government Area so that it continues to be an attractive place to live, work and visit							
L6.4.1	Infrastructure	Maintain parks as per the Parks Asset Management Plan				Maintain parks and gardens as per the Parks Asset Management Plan	✓
						Enhance the facilities at, and the use of, Council's Parks ensuring equipment is inclusive.	✓
L6.4.2	Infrastructure	Maintain streetscapes and street trees as per the Management Plan				Maintain streetscapes and street trees as per the Management Plan	✓
6.6.4.3	Environment & Development	Control activities that impact on residential amenity.				Investigate reports of activities that impact negatively on residential amenity.	✓

Keeping People Safe

ACTION:	Responsible Officer	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments - as at 30 June 2020 if needed	2021/22
K1 Police stations and staff numbers will be provided to effectively control and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour and to keep our community safe							
K1.1 Lobby to ensure that the existing number of police stations is maintained and that they are staffed with fully active officers							
K1.1.1	Maintain local police availability.	Office of the General Manager	Monitor the availability of Police to meet the community needs.	✓		Ongoing	✓
			Encourage the community to report and record all incidents.			Benefit and details to be evaluated as part of developing the new CSP	✓
K1.1.2	Implement and deliver programs and actions that support Police efforts to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.	Office of the General Manager	Encourage and support the work of the Community Consultative Committee and Police activity where requested and appropriate.	✓		Ongoing	✓
K1.1.3	Utilise the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Strategy to reduce preventable risk before development is approved.	Environment & Development	Develop consultation protocol between Walcha Council and the NSW Police (Oxley Local Area Command) for development types for which a formal crime risk assessment should be undertaken.	✓			✓
K2 Emergency services will be provided to ensure the safety of our community and visitors							
K2.1 Maintain viable and state-of-the-art emergency services in Walcha capable of adequately dealing with local needs							
K2.1.1	Provide support for local emergency services and develop efficient and well equipped rural fire brigades.	Infrastructure	Ensure that rural fire service brigades are adequately equipped.	✓			✓
			Support the urban fire brigade.		✓		✓
			Help to bring about the construction of a new fire station for the NSWFB in Walcha.			✓	✓
			Support State Emergency Services.		✓		✓
			Carry out adequate fuel management operations.		✓		✓
			Monitor the NE Zone Bush Fire Management Plan		✓		✓
K2.1.2	Help rural landholders identify their properties.	Infrastructure	Support and promote the installation of rural addressing.	✓		Rural addressing continues to be popular amongst landholders.	✓
K2.1.3	Provide local emergency management.	Infrastructure	Participate in the Local Emergency Management Committee.	✓		Director Infrastructure is the Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO)	✓
K2.2 Develop and promote responsible ownership of animals							
K2.2.1	Promote responsible pet ownership.	Environment & Development	Administer the companion animal legislation.	✓			✓
			Promote the desexing of domestic animals not used for breeding purposes.	✓			✓
			Review and update the Companion Animal Management Plan		✓		✓
K2.2.2	Keep stray animals and stock from public places.	Environment & Development	Operate and maintain the Walcha Council Pound.	✓			✓

Better Government

B1 Walcha Council will exemplify good leadership, mutual respect and trust by being inclusive, ensuring open information and communication and encouraging active participation at all levels

B1.1 Councillors will exhibit leadership on Council and regional committees as well as in community organisations

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments - as at 30 June 2020 if needed	2021/22
B1.1.1	Office of the General Manager	Provide the opportunity for the community to have input via Council committees.	✓				✓
B1.1.2	Office of the General Manager	Implement Council's Community Engagement Strategy.		✓		Review Community Engagement Strategy prior to development of new CSP	✓
		Prepare, distribute and explain an informative and easily understood Annual Report	✓				
		Liaise regularly with the media and issue media releases					
		Establish and implement a Community Engagement framework and plan					
B1.2 Provide a framework for the efficient and effective administration of Council							
B1.2.1	Office of the General Manager	Provide high quality support and assistance to Council and Councillors.	✓				✓
		Keep Councillors aware of issues affecting local government.	✓			OLG provided online webinars for all Councillors on a range of topics to assist the new Councillors and refresh the re-elected Councillors with their positions.	
B1.2.2		Ensure Council's operations are compliant with legislation.		✓			
		Ensure Council's operations are compliant with the Local Government Act					
B1.3 Maintain a stable and secure financial structure for Council							
B1.3.1	Office of the General Manager	Ensure Council's financial practises comply with statutory and industry standards.	✓			Council prepares annual financial statements following applicable accounting standards which are audited by the Auditor General. An interim and final audit are conducted annually. Financial management practices are reviewed by the Audit Risk and Improvements Committee during the year.	