



**Achievements**  
of the  
**2022 – 2023**  
**Delivery Program**  
**Year Ending 30 June 2023**

## Transport

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments	2022-23
<b>1.1 Walcha will be serviced by integrated and efficient transport network</b>							
<b>1.1.1 Develop and maintain a safe and efficient local road and bridge network.</b>							
<b>Timeline:</b>							
1.1.1.1	Infrastructure & Development	Maintain a safe and efficient sealed road network	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	✓
1.1.1.2	Infrastructure & Development	Maintain a safe and efficient unsealed road network	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	✓
		Review and undertake dust suppression program			✓	No dust suppression activities undertaken	✓
		Operate quarries in accordance with mining and environmental requirements.	✓			Quarries are being utilised.	✓
1.1.1.3	Infrastructure & Development	Maintain safe and effective bridges	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	✓
<b>1.1.2 Lead the maintenance, safety and efficiency of regional road links and facilitate the same on state road networks to, from and through the Walcha Local Government Area</b>							
<b>Timeline:</b>							
1.1.2.1	Infrastructure & Development	Work with State & Federal agencies to deliver and maintain a strong regional transport network of local, regional and state roads.	Maintain roads.	✓		Oxley Highway maintained successfully via ongoing RMCC with TfNSW Roads with our LGA were resheeting, graded, heavy patched and resealed during this financial year as part of our Capital Works Program.	✓
<b>1.1.3 Improve community and public transport</b>							
<b>Timeline:</b>							
1.1.3.1	Infrastructure & Development / Corporate &	Advocate for improved community and public transport for the Walcha Community	Existing funding for Community transport is maintained.	✓		Ongoing but was achieved this financial year.	✓
<b>1.1.4 Provide and maintain facilities for the safe movement of pedestrian and cycle traffic</b>							
<b>Timeline:</b>							
1.1.4.1	Infrastructure & Development	Provide and maintain facilities for the safe movement of pedestrian and cycle traffic	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 Plan review			✓	Asset management plan being revised and updated	✓
1.1.4.2	Infrastructure	Seek additional funding to implement plans		✓		Additional funding sought to implement additional footpaths and cycleways.	✓
1.1.4.3	Infrastructure & Development	Review and update the Streetscape Upgrade Program			✓		✓

## Business and Jobs

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments:	2022-23
<b>2.1 Commercial and tourist development will be promoted and encouraged to grow in harmony with the natural environment, to take maximum advantage of commercial opportunities and to increase local employment</b>							
<b>2.1.1 Maintain and improve the appearance of the Walcha Local Government Area to increase tourist and commercial activity</b>							
2.1.1.1	Infrastructure & Development	Maintain streetscapes and street trees as per the Management Plan	✓			Parks and Gardens maintain gardens and mowing around Walcha town as part of the Management Plan.	✓
		Ensure street trees are maintained	✓			Street trees were lopped and tendered to this financial year, some were removed and replaced as required.	✓
<b>2.1.2 Develop and market tourism products targeting identified markets.</b>							
2.1.2.1	Corporate & Community	Operate and maintain the Visitor Information Centre and tourism services	✓				✓
<b>2.1.3 Develop activities that encourage increased visitation frequency and stay length</b>							
2.1.3.1	Corporate & Community	Develop the Tourism Management Plan					✓
2.1.3.2	Corporate & Community	Investigate methods and utilise events to encourage tourists to spend longer in Walcha	✓			Ongoing - promoting Walcha extensively for the Motorcycle Rally, held in November annually, is well received. Ongoing social media program promotes Walcha to a wider audience works well.	✓
<b>2.1.4 Assist, support and encourage the establishment and / or expansion of local businesses</b>							
2.1.4.1	Corporate & Community	Support local businesses as opportunities arise		✓		Continuously promote local businesses whenever possible during tourism campaigns as well as requested by businesses through website, brochures, events, etc	✓
2.1.4.2	Office of GM	Support new businesses seeking to establish in the Walcha LGA (within the guidelines of competitive neutrality)			✓	Promote low costs of development and permissible land uses and benefits to living in Walcha	✓
2.1.4.3	Office of GM	Advocate for Long Day Care facilities to facilitate increase opportunities for employment and social benefits	✓			Seek opportunities that arise within this field whilst supporting and maintaining Long Day care at the Preschool	✓
<b>2.1.5 Promote Walcha's suitability for the aged care community and associated industries</b>							
2.1.5.1	Corporate & Community	Advocate and support the process to attract appropriate medical and allied health workers to work in Walcha	✓			Facilitate any processes to attract workers to Walcha within the medical and allied health workers field	✓
<b>2.1.6 Promote business and employment opportunities within the Walcha region</b>							
2.1.6.1	Office of GM	Advocate for increased telecommunication services		✓		Continuously lobbying for better communications.	✓
<b>2.1.7 Promote the services that appeal to "young" workers eg: childcare, medical, housing, sporting facilities and parks</b>							
2.1.7.1	Office of GM	Advertise the facilities that are available including the facilitation of after school and vocational care services		✓		Promote facilities available	✓
<b>2.1.8 Encourage the development of additional rental accommodation in Walcha</b>							
2.1.8.1	Office of GM	Promote the existing low costs of development and permissible land uses and their benefits			✓	Create Land & Facilities Strategy	✓

## Health

ACTION:	Responsible Officer	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments	2022-23
<b>3.1 Health Services and facilities for public health and wellbeing of the community will be protected and enhanced and will be provided and where appropriate managed locally to meet the needs of the community.</b>							
<b>3.1.1 Advocate for the retention of a viable, state-of-the-art Multi Purpose Service in Walcha</b>							
3.1.1.1	Support the Local Health Committee and ensure that Walcha is well represented on the Committee by both Local Government and community representation	Office of GM	Support strategies to attract and retain medical and other health workers to work in Walcha.	✓		Adequate doctors are available within our community.	✓
<b>3.1.2 Advocate for the retention of a pathology service along with the provision of general practitioners and allied health workers commensurate with our community's needs</b>							
3.1.2.1	Support the Local Health Committee and ensure that Walcha is well represented on the Committee by both Local Government and community representation	Office of GM		✓		The Mayor is a Committee Member	✓
<b>3.1.3 Advocate for adequate transport is provided for community members to access local, regional and state services</b>							
3.1.3.1	Provide transport to access health services and advocate for regional health transport	Corporate & Community	Ensure that the community have access to health services within Walcha	✓		Volunteer Medical Appointment drivers for Community Care eligible clients are provided by Walcha Council Community Care through funding	✓
3.1.3.2	Advocate for enhanced community transport for health services	Office of GM	Council is a strong advocate to ensure our ambulance is maintained and kept in Walcha	✓		Walcha has a fully functioning Ambulance station	✓
<b>3.2 The public health and well being of the community will be protected and enhanced.</b>							
<b>3.2.1 Support preventative health systems and activities that promote physical, mental and social health</b>							
3.2.1.1	Work with the schools and other interested community organisations to deliver mental and other health programs.	Office of GM	Partner with other stakeholders in delivering community health promotion events.	✓		Council is active with assisting with mental health programs.	✓
<b>3.2.2 Maintain the availability and quality of water use in rural areas</b>							
3.2.2.1	Safeguard public health	Infrastructure & Development & Development	Ensure that Walcha is well represented on the Committee by both local government and community representation.	✓		The Mayor is a Committee Member	✓
3.2.2.2	Inspect sites where activities may have an adverse impact on public health	Infrastructure & Development & Development		✓		Regular food inspections conducted.	✓
3.2.2.3	Impose appropriate and relevant development conditions	Infrastructure & Development & Development		✓		This is required under the legislation within the appropriate development and is part of the approval process of Development Applications	✓
3.2.2.4	Administer government regulations relating to on-site sewage management systems	Infrastructure & Development & Development		✓		OSSM Strategy is being developed. Inspections of OSSM are completed as required.	✓
<b>3.2.3 Maintain cemeteries in accordance with the community's needs and expectations</b>							
3.2.3.1	Develop a Cemeteries Management Plan	Infrastructure & Development & Development	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:	2022-23
<b>4.1 Education and training opportunities will be provided that deliver the skills and knowledge needed to advance the community.</b>							
<b>4.1.1 Provide quality and accessible preschool and early intervention facilities for children in a safe and supportive environment</b>							
4.1.1.1	Operate and maintain the Walcha Preschool as per the Preschool Management Plan.	Corporate & Community	Operate and maintain the Preschool as per the Preschool Management Plan.	✓		National Quality Standard Assessment rating - meeting this standard. Operating at near capacity levels.	✓
4.1.1.2	Operate and maintain the Early Intervention Centre	Corporate & Community	Operate and maintain the Early Intervention Centre	✓		Operations continuing as normal.	✓
<b>4.1.2 Support access to education for all children in outlying villages</b>							
4.1.2.1	Advocate for school bus routes that encourage attendance at small schools.	Corporate & Community	Advocate for school bus routes that encourage attendance at small schools	✓		Local bus company continues to provide this service	
<b>4.1.3 Support education, training and employment programs for trainees and apprentices and adult education</b>							
4.1.3.1	Support employment programs for trainees and apprentices and adult education.	Corporate & Community	Endorse employment programs	✓		Council continue to employ apprentices and school based trainees when required.	
<b>4.1.4 Provide financial incentives for local children who study and work locally in an area of indentified skill shortage for an agreed number of years</b>							
4.1.4.1	Update Council's Donations Policy to incorporate financial incentives for local children on an agreed set of criteria	Corporate & Community		✓			
<b>4.1.5 Promote Council as a viable and rewarding career choice</b>							
E1.2.1	Support employment programs for trainees and apprentices and adult education.	Corporate & Community	Support employment programs	✓		Council advocacy is paramount within this area.	
<b>4.1.6 Ensure that Aboriginal children have access to early childhood education and early intervention services</b>							
4.1.6.1	Work with the local Aboriginal groups to provide access to early childhood education and early intervention services	Corporate & Community		✓		Council liaises with the Aboriginal Groups to encourage them to use the facilities	

## Stronger Community

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments	2022-23	
<b>5.1 Social services will be planned, maintained and coordinated so that they meet the current and future needs of all groups in the community</b>								
<b>5.1.1 Provide and support Community Care and Meals on Wheels programs so that they reach the appropriate clientele</b>								
5.1.1.1	Provide Walcha Council Community Care	Corporate & Community	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.	✓
5.1.1.2	Support the Meals on Wheels Program	Corporate & Community	Support the Meals on Wheels program.	✓			Meals on wheels numbers have increased. And teams managed well to continue service safely through COVID	✓
5.1.1.3	Provide eligible community services appropriate for the community	Corporate & Community		✓			These are dependant on eligibility criteria of funding.	✓
<b>5.1.2 Support current volunteer efforts and encourage volunteer participation</b>								
5.1.2.1	Maintain volunteer participation including meeting all associated costs with relative compulsory requirements for Council related volunteering	Corporate & Community	Meet all associated costs with relative compulsory requirements for Council related volunteering.	✓			Costs are met for compulsory checks	✓
5.1.2.2	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.	
<b>5.2 The existing strong community spirit and pride will be protected and promoted</b>								
<b>5.2.1 Support and promote participation in community events</b>								
5.2.1.1	Promote existing Council community events.	Corporate & Community	Australia Day & Motorcycle Rally	✓			Council supports these events financially and assists with arrangements outside the Committee's scope.	
5.2.1.2	Stage new community events, especially those suitable for young people.	Corporate & Community		✓			School holiday programs have been funded by State Government grants.	✓
<b>5.2.2 Encourage and support outlying communities to have their own identity through the development of community Infrastructure &amp; Development</b>								
5.2.1.1	Encourage and support outlying communities to have their own identity through the development of community Infrastructure & Development	Corporate & Community		✓			Council assists all towns/communities within the LGA in developing their Infrastructure & Development through applying for grants etc	
<b>5.2.3 Support service, sporting and other community groups</b>								
5.2.3.1	Subsidise public halls as per Council's Donations Policy	Corporate & Community		✓			Allocation in Budget	
5.2.3.2	Provide rate relief as per Council's Donations Policy	Office of GM	Subsidise public halls as per Council's Donation Policy	✓			Allocation in Budget	✓
5.2.3.3	Actively seek grant funding opportunities for community			✓			Multiple grants are available and have been received for the community	✓
<b>5.3 Walcha's cultural identity will be enhanced</b>								
<b>5.3.1 Promote and support Walcha as the premier agricultural area of New England</b>								
5.3.1.1	Promote and support Walcha as the premier agricultural area of New England	Corporate & Community		✓			Council promotes and supports Walcha through its websites and social media channels	✓



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<b>5.3.2 Make the "Open Air Gallery" theme an integral part of the development of the Walcha Local Government Area</b>							
5.3.2.1	Maintain public art as per the Public Art Asset Management Plan	Infrastructure & Development	Establish, review and update Council's Public Art Policy and Management Plan	✓		Ongoing but is managed well.	✓
5.3.2.2	Encourage more public art across the Walcha region	Corporate & Community	Support creative and visual arts.	✓		Support provided if requested.	
5.3.2.3	Increase access and promotion of the "Open Air Gallery"	Infrastructure & Development	Identify opportunities to increase access	✓		Most of the artwork is easily accessed through the levee banks and main streets. The Open Air Gallery is promoted well throughout our website, social media and VIC.	
<b>5.3.3 Support the activities of cultural organisations</b>							
5.3.3.1	Actively seek grant funding opportunities for cultural organisations	Corporate & Community		✓		Ongoing as requested and required.	✓
<b>5.3.4 Preserve, support and promote the History of Walcha</b>							
5.3.4.1	Preserve historical assets	Infrastructure & 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 through the websites, social media and at the VIC	✓
5.3.4.2	Apply Council's Local Environmental Plan and planning controls.	Infrastructure & Development & 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.	
<b>5.3.5 Promote the natural beauty of the Walcha area as a desirable lifestyle</b>							
5.3.5.1	Promote the natural beauty of the Walcha area as a desirable lifestyle	Infrastructure & Development &	Ensure the natural beauty of Walcha is promoted well	✓		The Walcha Tourism promotional videos on social media displays this action well.	✓
<b>5.4 Walcha's Aboriginal communities will be supported and strengthened</b>							
<b>5.4.1 Increase effective partnerships with, and develop the capacity of, Aboriginal communities</b>							
5.4.1.1	Advocate for improvements in the quality, availability and suitability of Aboriginal housing	Infrastructure & Development & 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.	✓
5.4.1.2	Maintain the water and sewerage systems at Summervale Village in accordance with the Agreement.	Infrastructure & Development	Maintain the water and sewerage supply system.		✓	Ongoing - regular meetings / inspections with DPIE - Water, NSW Health & Amaro	✓
5.4.1.3	Work with the Local Aboriginal Land Council to provide access to early childhood and early intervention services	Corporate & Community			✓	Council liaises with the Aboriginal Groups to encourage them to use the facilities	✓
<b>5.4.2 Increase and support meaningful, long term and equal opportunities for Aboriginal employment</b>							
5.4.2.1	Identify and acknowledge employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people	Office of GM	Identify and acknowledge employment opportunities for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.		✓	Council is Equal Employment Opportunity employer and values all applications for employment equally and on merit without any biases.	✓
<b>5.4.3 Develop a Reconciliation Action Plan</b>							
5.4.3.1	Develop a Reconciliation Action Plan	Office of GM			✓	Council has no resources at this time to complete.	✓

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<b>5.5 Young people will be encouraged and supported to live in Walcha</b>								
<b>5.5.1 Seek, monitor and respond to requests from the youth population</b>								
5.5.1.1	Support the Youth Advisory Committee	Corporate & Community	Budget provision provided for youth activities.	✓			Committee budget provided, meetings held 2-4 times per year.	✓
5.5.1.2	Facilitate structured activities for young people	Corporate & Community		✓			Council supports all structured activities for young people, from preschool to teenagers via storytime to school holiday activities	✓
<b>5.6 People of all ages and abilities will be encouraged to participate in cultural, recreational and sporting activities</b>								
<b>5.6.1 Maintain and improve library, sporting and recreational facilities</b>								
5.6.1.1	Provide an accessible and appropriate range of library and information resources.	Corporate & Community	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.	✓
5.6.1.2	Manage sporting facilities	Infrastructure & Development	Operate and maintain the pool.	✓			Pool has been the recipient of grant funding to keep it maintained. Council also supports all learn to swim programs.	✓
			Operate and maintain the squash courts, community gym and sporting grounds.	✓			The facilities are maintained and meet the needs of the community.	✓
5.6.1.3	Support grant funding applications by local sporting clubs	Office of GM	Seek grant funding to support local sporting organisations.	✓			Grants are consistently being reviewed and applied for when applicable.	✓
<b>5.6.2 Strengthen organisations and groups providing cultural, recreational and sporting activities</b>								
5.6.2.1	Support community members and activities that have the capacity to improve people's quality of life.	Office of GM		✓			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.	✓
<b>5.7 Our community will be more resilient and prepared for natural disasters</b>								
<b>5.7.1 Encourage and support community members to attend resilient and disaster management training</b>								
5.7.1.1	Facilitate opportunities and training to improve community resilience	Corporate & Community		✓			Council received funding for a Disaster Risk Resilience Coordinator who has been focussing on the community being more resilient and prepared for natural disasters	✓
<b>5.7.2 Maintain and improve existing state funded disaster resilience position(s)</b>								
5.7.2.1	Seek grant funding to deliver resilience assistance to the community	Corporate & Community		✓			Grants are consistently being reviewed and applied for when applicable.	✓



## Local Environment & Liveable Communities

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments:	2022-23
<b>6.1 Walcha's distinct and diverse natural and built environment will be protected and enhanced</b>							
<b>6.1.1 Maintain and strengthen partnerships with organisations responsible for natural resource management</b>							
6.1.1.1	Maintain and strengthen partnerships with organisations responsible for natural resource management	Infrastructure & Development & Development Work with LLS authorities and Landcare groups to improve natural resource management.	✓	✓		When resources are available Council work well with these groups	✓
<b>6.1.2 Promote sustainable development and protection of our natural resources through the planning system</b>							
6.1.2.1	Apply Council's Local Environmental Plan and planning controls.	Infrastructure & Development & 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.	✓
<b>6.1.3 Protect and enhance biodiversity, native vegetation, river and soil health.</b>							
6.1.3.1	Carryout Biodiversity Conservation through compliance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016	Infrastructure & Development & Development	✓			Each Development Application is assessed to ensure compliance.	✓
6.1.3.2	Maintain the Walcha Stormwater systems in accordance with the Walcha Stormwater Management Plan		✓			Each Development Application is assessed to ensure compliance.	✓
<b>6.1.4 Engage and support the community to undertake sustainable natural resource management and protect Walcha's natural environment.</b>							
6.1.4.1	Support all Government agencies and community groups in natural resource management activities	Infrastructure & Development & Development	✓				✓
<b>6.1.5 Provide the framework for improvements in efficiency and liveability of a range of compatible land uses and development types.</b>							
6.1.5.1	Support the New England Weeds Authority Business Activity Strategic Plan (BASP)	Infrastructure & Development & Development Undertake Town Planning Services	✓				✓
6.1.5.2	Ensure all development is assessed within the aims of the Walcha LEP 2012	Infrastructure & Development & Development	✓			Each Development Application is assessed under section 4.15 of the EP&A Act 1979 taking into consideration relevant planning controls and ensuring compliance.	✓
6.1.5.3	Conduct a review of the Walcha LEP 2012 as required	Infrastructure & Development & Development		✓			✓
<b>6.2 Solid waste will be managed in a sustainable manner with a continuing reduction in waste generation and disposal to landfill</b>							
<b>6.2.1 Develop and promote programs that increase the participation of the community in recycling</b>							
6.2.1.1	Advertise options for recycling	Infrastructure & Development & Development	✓				✓
6.2.1.2	Educate residents on ways to recycle		✓				✓
6.2.1.3	Participate in container deposit scheme				✓		✓
<b>6.2.2 Implement alternate and affordable processes that reduce waste going to landfill</b>							
6.2.2.1	Identify and investigate process options to reduce waste going to landfill	Infrastructure & Development & Development		✓		Waste Strategy adopted by Council	✓
<b>6.2.3 Monitor and oppose any move to apply the Waste and Environment Levy on the Walcha Local Government Area</b>							
6.2.3.1	Monitor the decisions of the NSW State Government relating to the Levy.	Infrastructure & Development & Development Monitor the decisions of the NSW State Government relating to the Levy			✓	Levy not on the current NSW Governments agenda.	✓

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<b>6.2.4 Manage solid waste in an efficient, affordable and sustainable manner</b>							
6.2.4.1	Review and update Council's Waste Management Strategy	Infrastructure & Development	Review the waste management strategy.	✓		Waste Strategy adopted by Council	✓
6.2.4.2	Maintain and operate Council's Waste Services as per the Waste Management Plan	Infrastructure & Development	Maintain and operate waste services as per the Waste Management Plan	✓			
6.2.4.3	Participate in the Northern Inland Regional Waste Group	Infrastructure & Development	Participate in the Northern Inland Regional Waste Group.		✓		✓
<b>6.3 Water supply and sewerage services will be sustainable and environmentally sensitive</b>							
<b>6.3.1 Update the Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy and other water and sewer management plans</b>							
6.3.1.1	Update the recommendations of the Intergrated Water Cycle Management Strategy in line with industry best practice	Infrastructure & Development		✓			
6.3.1.2	Review the Drought Management Plan			✓			✓
6.3.1.3	Renew the Drinking Water Quality Management Plan	Infrastructure & Development		✓		Ongoing.	✓
<b>6.3.2 Provide additional off creek storage capacity to drought proof Walcha while minimising the impact of water extraction from the Macdonald River</b>							
6.3.2.1	Complete and commission the off creek storage project	Infrastructure & Development		✓		Off Creek Storage Dam is under contract and on target for completion	
<b>6.3.3 Ensure our Water &amp; Wastewater business is sustainable</b>							
6.3.3.1	Maintain the water supply system as per the Water Asset Management Plan	Infrastructure & Development			✓		
6.3.3.2	Maintain the sewerage system as per the Sewerage Asset Management Plan	Infrastructure & Development			✓		✓
6.3.3.3	Manage the water supply service in accordance with the Water Strategic Business Plan				✓		
6.3.3.4	Manage the sewerage service in accordance with the Sewer Strategic Business Plan						✓
<b>6.4.1 Establish alternate renewable energy supplies that will meet our energy needs</b>							
6.4.1.1	Review and support Councils use of renewable energy opportunities	Office of the GM		✓			
6.4.1.2	Undertake further consultation regarding renewable energy for the Walcha Local Government Area	Office of the GM		✓			✓

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<b>6.5 The character of Walcha and its surrounding villages will be maintained while protecting the productivity of our rural land</b>							
<b>6.5.1 Maintain the character of the Walcha Local Government Area through orderly development of the natural and built environment</b>							
L6.1.1	Apply Council's Local Environmental Plan and Planning controls to ensure development complies with codes, regulations and policies.	Infrastructure & Development & Development	Ensure development complies with LEP and planning legislation.	✓			✓
			Investigate reports of illegal building works.	✓			✓
<b>6.5.2 Ensure that sufficient land is available to meet the demand for appropriate land uses</b>							
6.5.2.1	Undertake review of NENW Housing & Land Monitor Report to assess housing and employment land availability and demand	Infrastructure & Development & Development	Provide housing and employment land data to the DoP&E to assist in preparation of the NENW Land Monitor Report	✓			✓
<b>6.5.3 Enhance the Walcha Local Government Area so that it continues to be an attractive place to live, work and visit</b>							
6.5.3.1	Maintain parks as per the Parks Asset Management Plan	Infrastructure & Development	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.	✓			
6.5.3.2	Control activities that impact on residential amenity.	Infrastructure & Development & Development	Investigate reports of activities that impact negatively on residential amenity.	✓			✓

## Keeping People Safe

ACTION:	Responsible Officer	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments:	2022-23
<b>7.1 Police stations will be resources appropriately to effectively control and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour and to keep our community safe</b>							
<b>7.1.1 Lobby to ensure appropriate staffing to minimise crime and antisocial behaviour</b>							
<b>7.1.1.1 Advocate to ensure 24/7 local police availability</b>	<b>Office of GM</b>	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	✓
<b>K1.1.2 Implement and deliver programs and actions that support Police efforts to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.</b>	<b>Office of GM</b>	Encourage and support the work of the Community Consultative Committee and Police activity where requested and appropriate.		✓		Ongoing	✓
<b>K1.1.3 Utilise the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Strategy to reduce preventable risk before development is approved.</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development &amp; Development</b>	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.	✓			CCTV Cameras were installed within the CBD of Walcha in various places. This has assisted Police with reduced crime incidents	✓
<b>7.2 Emergency services will be provided to ensure the safety of our community and visitors</b>							
<b>7.2.1 Advocate for viable and state-of-the-art emergency services in Walcha capable of adequately dealing with local needs</b>							
<b>7.2.1.1 Provide support for local emergency services and develop efficient and well equipped rural fire brigades.</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development</b>	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		✓			✓
<b>7.2.1.2 Help rural landholders identify their properties.</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development</b>	Support and promote the installation of rural addressing.	✓			Rural addressing continues to be popular amongst landholders.	✓
<b>7.2.1.3 Provide local emergency management.</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development</b>	Participate in the Local Emergency Management Committee.	✓			Director Infrastructure & Development is the Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO)	✓
<b>7.2.2 Develop and promote responsible ownership of animals</b>							
<b>7.2.2.1 Adminster the companion animal legislation</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development &amp; Development &amp; Development</b>		✓				✓
<b>7.2.2.2 Promote the desexing of domestic animals not used for breeding purposes</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development &amp; Development &amp; Development</b>		✓				✓
<b>7.2.2.3 Review and update the Companion Animal Management Plan</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development &amp; Development &amp; Development</b>			✓			✓
<b>7.2.2.4 Operate and maintain the Walcha Council Pound</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development &amp; Development &amp; Development</b>		✓				✓
<b>7.2.3 Promote community resilience</b>							
<b>7.2.3.1 Facilitate opportunities and training to improve community resilience</b>	<b>Infrastructure &amp; Development &amp; Development</b>		✓			Grant funding provided a Diaster Risk Resilience Officer who has been active preparing the community for natural disasters	✓

## Better Government

### 8.1 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

#### 8.1.1 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:	2022-23
8.1.1.1	Office of GM	Provide the opportunity for the community to have input via Council committees.	✓				✓
8.1.1.2	Office of GM	Review and update Council's Community Engagement Strategy and Resourcing Strategy		✓		Review Community Engagement Strategy prior to development of new CSP in 2024-2025	✓
8.1.1.3	Office of GM	Investigate all avenues to ensure Councils long term financial sustainability including a potential Special Rate Variation	✓			Special Rate Variation approved - commenced 2023-2024	
8.1.1.4	Office of GM	Actively participate in the activities of the Namoi Joint Organisation of Councils		✓		Continuing to participate in both ongoing projects and meetings of the Namoi Joint Organisation of Councils	
<b>8.1.2 Provide a framework for the efficient and effective administration of Council</b>							
8.1.2.1	Office of GM	Provide high quality support and assistance to Council and Councillors.	✓			Regular emails are sent to ALL Councillors regarding issues and updates.	✓
		Provide appropriate training for Councillors.	✓			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.	
8.1.2.2		Ensure Council's operations are compliant with legislation.		✓		Ensure Council's operations are compliant with the Local Government Act	
<b>8.1.3 Walcha Council will adopt and implement Asset Management Plans that ensure the communities assets are efficiently operated and maintained for the duration of their life cycle</b>							
8.1.3.1	Office of GM	Update and adopt revised asset management plans to proactively manage Council assets now and into the future	✓				✓
<b>8.1.4 Walcha Council as an organisation will periodically review its structure to ensure best fit with the changing external environment and will at all times endeavour to deliver services efficiently and effectively</b>							
8.1.4.1	Office of GM	Review the organisations structure and implement changes to proactively manage Councils assets now and into the future	✓				✓
<b>8.1.5 Walcha Council will ensure systems and processes are implemented that facilitate the delivery of the Community Strategic Plan</b>							
8.1.5.1	Office of GM	Undertake service reviews and continuous improvement to facilitate the implementation of the Community Strategic Plan	✓				✓
<b>8.1.6 Walcha Council will ensure a values led culture that enables all staff and its contractors to deliver efficient and effective services to our community</b>							
8.1.6.1	Office of GM	Undertake a cultural change program to deliver optimised services to the community	✓				✓
<b>8.1.7 Maintain rail and freight services</b>							
8.1.7.1	Office of GM	Advocate to ensure rail and air-freight services available to the Walcha community are maintained	✓				✓
<b>8.1.8 Maintain and improve the standard and competitiveness fo our regional air services</b>							
8.1.8.1	Office of GM	Advocate to ensure the air services available to the Walcha community are maintained and where possible, improved	✓				✓



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### 8.2 Council rate funding for Local Government projects will be supplemented by income generated from other sources

#### 8.2.1 Maintain a stable and secure financial structure for Council

ACTION:	Area of Responsibility	TASK:	Achieved	In Progress	Deferred	Comments:	2022-23
8.2.1.1	Ensure Council's financial practises comply with statutory and industry standards.	Office of GM		✓		Council follows accounting standards with the financial statements, with an audit conducted annually. Financial management practices are reviewed by the Audit Risk & Improvement Committee.	✓
<b>8.2.2 Encourage and support entrepreneurial activities</b>							
8.2.2.1	Facilitate opportunities and training to support increased revenue and commercial opportunities	Office of GM	✓				✓
<b>8.2.3 Identify surplus Council owned assets for development or possible sale and reinvestment</b>							
8.2.3.1	Review Council assets in a commercial manner to take advantage of development and investment opportunities	Office of GM	✓				✓
<b>8.2.4 Involve the community in the identification of Infrastructure &amp; Development projects</b>							
8.2.4.1	Provide the opportunity for the community to have input via Council committees.	Office of GM	✓				✓

### 8.3 The boundaries of the Walcha Local Government Area will be modified to reflect existing and developing communities of interest.

#### 8.3.1 Modify the boundaries of the Walcha Local Government Area to reflect existing and developing communities of interest

8.3.1.1	Review and progress discussions with neighbouring Councils to modify the boundaries of the Walcha LGA to reflect existing and developing communities of interest.	Office of GM	✓				✓
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