



**COOTAMUNDRA-
GUNDAGAI** REGIONAL
COUNCIL

Operational Plan 2020-21

Part 2 – Actions, Projects and Activities

Actions Projects and Activities 2020/2021

Key Direction 1: A vibrant and supportive community: all members of our community are valued

Objective 1.1: Our Community is inclusive and connected

CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 2020/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 2020/21)
1.1a	A range of programs, activities and events are delivered and promoted across the region to create opportunities for all members of our community to come together and strengthen community cohesion.	1.1a(1)	Deliver a range of programs, activities and events and ensure they are planned, promoted and executed in an efficient, inclusive and professional manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in local events and activities participation rates Increase in community satisfaction with programs, activities and events on offer 	Communications and Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and revise protocols for Civic Events and Ceremonial Functions based on latest Covid-19 advice
		1.1a(2)	Work with our community to promote community spirit by assisting with the administration, organisation and promotion of events and community gatherings as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in local events and activities participation rates Increase in community satisfaction with programs, activities and events on offer 	Communications and Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and conduct a community survey to gauge community interests and expectations regarding local events and activities
		1.1a(3)	Encourage the development of initiatives to welcome new residents and make them aware of the opportunities which exist in the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in new residents satisfaction and participation rates 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and retain current centralised information on the LGA's attributes in the towns and villages including features, events and services, and promote and make available, Liveability Information via Council's website
		1.1a(4)	Provide modern, vibrant and relevant library services, programs and activities to the community in conjunction with Riverina Regional Library (RRL).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in library memberships Increase in library circulation volumes Increase in library program and activity participation rates 	Library Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement program to encourage Library membership and increase overall membership numbers Consider the needs of stakeholders in developing library collections and services in line with Covid-19 requirements
1.1b	Cultural and arts facilities and services are promoted and supported.	1.1b(1)	Build and sustain partnerships with cultural and arts bodies, and the local arts community, to support activities and to secure funding for cultural and arts development in the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in cultural and arts activity participation rates Funding opportunities sought and realised 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue available grant opportunities
		1.1b(2)	Provide assistance to art and cultural bodies to promote and develop programs and facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in cultural and arts activity participation rates 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish new protocols for the operation and management of the Cootamundra Arts Centre
		1.1b(3)	Undertake development of Cootamundra library outdoor area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library outdoor area complete Increase in library users satisfaction with facility 	Building and Property Management and Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete outdoor space adjoining the Stephen Ward Rooms Cootamundra Library for indoor/outdoor meeting space
1.1c	Local groups, clubs, and volunteer organisations are recognised, promoted and supported.	1.1c(1)	Ensure the best interests of local volunteer and community organisations are promoted where ever possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in volunteer and community organisation satisfaction 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify appropriate avenues to promote and support the best interests of local volunteer and community organisations where ever possible
		1.1c(2)	Encourage volunteerism across the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in local volunteerism rates 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify appropriate avenues to promote, support and encourage volunteerism across the local government area
		1.1c(3)	Provide support and funding where possible to support a range of community groups to deliver positive outcomes for the local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in community group satisfaction 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate funding opportunities

1.1d	Recognise and value the importance and uniqueness of the history and heritage of our area and its communities.	1.1d(1)	Continue to provide and maintain the local museums both as a repository and for public viewing of valuable local historical memorabilia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in visitor numbers at local museums • Increase in community and visitor satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide and maintain local museums
		1.1d(2)	Seek funding opportunities for the conservation and enhancement of local historical buildings and structures and undertake these activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding opportunities sought and realised 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate funding opportunities
		1.1d(3)	Facilitate the coordination and promotion of the different historical groups and heritage assets within the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical group participation rates maintained • Increase in historical group, visitor and community satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify ways to promote the different historical groups and heritage assets within the local government area
1.1e	Develop and implement a range of activities and initiatives which promote a culture of accessibility and inclusiveness.	1.1e(1)	Develop and implement accessibility strategies as identified in the Disability Inclusion Access Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Inclusion Access Plan developed and outcomes realised 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure signage on Council buildings is clear and easy to read • Provide support to community organisations in seeking funding for accessibility and inclusion projects • Advocate for access to respite services for carers of disabled children • Ensure information concerning accessible public transport including Community Transport is readily available • Advocate for the allocation of more resources for education, early intervention and childcare for children with a disability • Provide appropriate information on the available access in promotional material for community and tourism events • Review Council documents to make them easy to complete for people of all abilities. <i>All forms to include how people can access assistance in completion</i> • Ensure the Council's Community Strategic Plan considers barriers to an inclusive community and any issues raised • Update existing Council channels to ensure that they have the ability to include access information and other stakeholder requirements, and that this is collected • Ensure that the needs of all stakeholders are considered on all Council committees • When updating mapping and websites include access information on facilities and activities • Provide opportunities for stakeholders to easily report access concerns • In reviewing Council purchasing policy consider ways we can better support businesses which employ people with disabilities
		1.1e(2)	Develop and implement a Youth Strategy which meets the needs of young people within our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Strategy outcomes realised 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Youth Strategy

Objective 1.2: Public spaces provide for a diversity of activity and strengthen our social connections

CSP 18/28			Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 2020/21
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 2020/21)
1.2a	Maintain and enhance the amenity of our main streets and public spaces so that they are attractive, clean and people feel safe.	1.2a(1)	Enhance the amenity and appearance of our towns' main streets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in community and visitor satisfaction Number of urban trees maintained 	Tourism & Economic Development Major Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement upgrades to main street and public spaces as funded by grants Commence preparation for the creation of a Masterplan for Cootamundra CBD Commence intersection improvements for the corner of West and Sheridan Streets in Gundagai
		1.2a(2)	Provide and maintain a clean and attractive streetscape.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in community and visitor satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an attractive streetscape, by implementing the strategies identified in the Open Spaces Strategy
		1.2a(3)	Plan for and construct approved streetscape and public space upgrades as funding permits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works plan realised Increase in community and visitor satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options for improving access to local businesses
1.2b	Promote our sense of identity and enhance the attractiveness of our region by investing in town and village entrances.	1.2b(1)	Improve the amenity of town and village entrances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in community and visitor satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue signage upgrades for entry to towns and villages
1.2c	Encourage the wide-spread use of open spaces and community facilities by ensuring they are welcoming, accessible, maintained and managed for everyone to enjoy, and that they continue to meet the needs of our community.	1.2c(1)	Maintain and improve Council buildings, facilities and parks in accordance with asset management plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in community and visitor satisfaction 	Building and Property Management and Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider accessibility when planning and delivering future Council building upgrades Design new Council developments with accessibility to the main entrance Investigate modifications to Council buildings to improve accessibility for staff
		1.2c(2)	Maintain and improve Council library facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in library memberships Increase in library circulation volumes Increase in library program and activity participation rates 	Library Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create post Covid-19 programs to cater for ongoing service delivery to isolated residents
		1.2c(3)	Maintain and improve Council's parks and recreation and sporting facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Council facilities use Increase in community satisfaction 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete revitalisation works to Council Parks, Gardens and Sporting Grounds across the local government area Maintain Sporting Grounds as per the current adopted schedules and specifications
		1.2c(4)	Co-ordinate the provision of Council facilities for community use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Council facilities use Increase in community satisfaction 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain public open spaces, and identify and manage capital improvement as detailed in the Open Spaces Strategy
		1.2c(5)	Investigate options to work in partnership and enter into joint venture arrangements to make better use of facilities within the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities sought and realised Increase in community facilities use 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise Council representation and liaison with relevant Section 355 Committees

Objective 1.3: Our community members are healthy and safe						
CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 20/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
1.3a	A broad range of services are provided and supported to meet the needs of all members to promote personal health and well-being and encourage a healthy lifestyle.	1.3a(1)	Continue to consult with local health services providers and identify and advocate for opportunities to improve the quality and range of health services provided in the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in health of community • Increase in community and health providers satisfaction 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Interagency Network opportunities • Initiate and participate in Community Drug, Alcohol and Mental Health first response meetings
		1.3a(2)	Promote a wide range of health and community services offered by various agencies in the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in participation rates 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilise available mediums for promotion of services
		1.3a(3)	Provide and maintain Mirrabooka Community Centre building to facilitate health and welfare needs of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Mirrabooka Community Centre use • Increase in community satisfaction 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake continued improvements at Mirrabooka Community Centre
		1.3a(4)	Promote programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices and activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in participation rates of programs and activities 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote programs which encourage healthy lifestyle choices and activities as identified in the Recreation Needs Study and Public Open Spaces Strategy
1.3b	Provide opportunities for the recreational and active use of parks, sporting facilities and swimming pools by ensuring they are promoted, accessible, safe, maintained and managed, and meet the needs of all age groups.	1.3b(1)	Provide, maintain, renew and promote high quality sporting, swimming and active recreational facilities and programs for the community, active sporting associations and visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Council facilities use • Increase in community satisfaction 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate comprehensive consultation sessions with stakeholders, the public and users, to assist in the implementation of the Public Open Spaces Strategy • Complete construction of Country Club Oval Clubhouse/Amenities Building • Finalise development of the Recreation Needs Study and Public Open Spaces Strategy • Finish improvements to the Gundagai Netball Courts lighting and amenities • Finish upgrade to Community Fitness infrastructure in Gundagai
		1.3b(2)	Provide and maintain parks and gardens that are aesthetically pleasing, accessible and are available for passive recreational pursuits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Council parks and gardens use • Increase in community satisfaction 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue maintenance and revitalisation works to Council Parks, Gardens and Sporting Grounds across the local government area
		1.3b(4)	Develop and implement an inspection and maintenance plan for playground equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in number and severity of incidents and injuries at Council playgrounds 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate funding opportunities to enhance Council playgrounds, indoor and outdoor sporting and passive areas to enhance accessibility • Continue undertaking routine playground maintenance and inspections as per the program
		1.3b(5)	Undertake improvements to the Cootamundra and Gundagai swimming pool facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Council facilities use • Increase in community satisfaction 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the pool & gymnasium managers/ leasees to conduct activities for people of all abilities
		1.3b(6)	Work in partnership with active sporting associations, community groups and health providers to ensure sporting facilities are fit for current and future community need.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting associations, community groups and health provider participation rates maintained • Increase in sporting associations, community groups, health providers and community satisfaction 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the current and future community needs of council's public open spaces, and implement the actions as per the Public Open Spaces Strategy • Finish construction of the new facility building located at the Gundagai Netball Precinct as part of Recreation Master Plan

		1.3b(7)	Programs are developed to ensure the ongoing risk assessment and maintenance of Council facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs developed • Reduction in rate of incident and injury at Council facilities • Reduction in number and volume of insurance claims • Reduction in cost of insurance premiums 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai WHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate funding opportunities to enhance Council playgrounds, indoor and outdoor sporting and passive areas to enhance accessibility • Implement the ‘Detail Works Activity Program’ • Carry out and document regular safety inspections and implement work activities that will ensure that all facilities are in a safe and working condition fit for purpose • Review existing footpath network and facilities to determine upgrade and connectivity improvement requirements
1.3c	Work with key partners and members of our community to maintain low levels of local crime and deliver community safety.	1.3c(1)	Work in partnership with local agencies to identify and advocate for opportunities to improve overall community safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in rate of vehicular and pedestrian incidents • Maintain or minimise local crime rate 	Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Officer to work in partnership with RMS on RMS Road Safety Campaigns
		1.3c(2)	Develop and operate safe food handling and public health controls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in rate of local food and public health related incidents 	Environmental Health and Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a Food Safety Education Scheme by promoting the benefits of food safety to our communities and educating operators on food safety practices
		1.3c(3)	A range of programs are supported, promoted and controlled to encourage and enforce responsible companion animal ownership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in companion animal registrations • Reduction in number of impounding’s • Reduction in rate of companion animal related incidents • Reduction in number of companion animal related fines issued 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Companion Animals Audit • Conduct two (2) Free Microchipping Days for Companion Animals • Conduct two (2) Education and Awareness Days in regard to Companion Animals • Analyse data captured through Companion Animals Management System (DAMs) for resource reviews
1.3d	Deliver dependable emergency service management practices and responses which protect our community members.	1.3d(1)	Co-ordinate between the District and Local Emergency Management Committees and provide emergency effective emergency management assistance as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in community satisfaction with emergency responses when required 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with the District and Local Emergency Management Committees to ensure coordination of Emergency Management assistance
		1.3d(2)	Develop and maintain effective and well tested emergency management plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency management plans developed • Increase in community satisfaction with emergency responses when required 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct annual review and update of the Local Emergency Management Plan and Emergency Management Procedures
		1.3d(3)	Maintain an active involvement and positive relationship with FRNSW, RFS and SES, Health, Ambulance, Police, Local Land Services and all emergency services organisations within the legislative framework and for the benefit of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in community satisfaction with emergency responses when required 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with Local Emergency Operations Controller to ensure coordination of Emergency Management assistance
		1.3d(4)	Provide administrative support for the co-ordination of the various emergency services to provide the most effective disaster management for community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in community satisfaction with emergency responses when required 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and equip functional Emergency Operations Centres at Cootamundra and Gundagai • Administrative support provided to Emergency Management meetings

Key Direction 2: A prosperous and resilient economy: we are innovative and 'open for business'

Objective 2.1: The local economy is strong and diverse

CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 20/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
2.1a	Develop and deliver strategies which support the economic sustainability of the Cootamundra-Gundagai region.	2.1a(1)	Develop and implement an integrated Tourism and Economic Development Strategy for the Cootamundra-Gundagai region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tourism and Economic Development Strategy developed and outcomes realised 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange two (2) annual joint meetings with the Cootamundra Tourism Action Committee and the Gundagai Tourism Action Committee Prepare update reports to Council on achievements, against the action plan contained in the Tourism and Economic Development Strategy Commence preparation for creating and maintaining Council's tourism websites Consider Assess Trails, Art Trails and Walking and Riding Trails, in budget development deliberations inclusive of capital and operational expenditure Coordinate a workshop with businesses and Tourism Action Committees to plan for growth in the visitor economy held Determine costing and funding source for an LGA wide promotional documentary Implement 'standardised visitor data capture' Implement masterplan improvements to Heritage Centre and have shovel ready for grant applications In collaboration with investors/owners, assist in the creation of a masterplan for an outlet for local produce at the Old Gundagai Mill site Secure and develop The Motorcycle Collection as a tourism attraction in Cootamundra
		2.1a(2)	Work in partnership with individuals, the private sector, other agencies and levels of government to deliver economic development initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in size of local economy Increased community participation in tourism and economic development committees/groups 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate and host a meeting with businesses across the LGA annually to discuss business conditions and issues impacting growth Identify businesses who would partner with Council in a program of regularly updated information distributed from their premises
		2.1a(3)	Implement strategies which encourage the growth of the local population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in local population 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in Country Change initiative
		2.1a(4)	Actively seek and apply for funding opportunities which deliver additional income and contribute to community objectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding opportunities sought and realised 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pursue available grant opportunities
		2.1b(1)	Work with land-owners, farmers and other agencies to advocate for the protection of the local agricultural sector through an effective land-use strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in size of local economy of agricultural sector 	Strategic and Statutory Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Rural Land Strategy
2.1b	Develop and implement land-use strategies and management practices which protect our agricultural sector.	2.1b(2)	Develop and operate development control systems which support the protection of agricultural land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development controls in place Increase in size of local economy of agricultural sector 	Strategic and Statutory Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop new LEP and DCP
		2.1b(3)	Provide, maintain and upgrade as funding permits the Saleyards facility which allows the regular sale of animals from this and surrounding districts in a suitable environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Saleyards facility use Increase in Saleyards users satisfaction with facility 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain Saleyards Facility

		2.1c(1)	Work with key partners to explore and advocate for opportunities to better utilise and develop transportation and freight networks which meet our community needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in community, business and industry group satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate options to better use and develop transportation and freight networks in the Local Government area
2.1c	Ensure transportation networks link our local government area with other regional centres and cities and support economic, environmental and community needs.	2.1c(2)	Provide and maintain a safe and well maintained aerodrome for use by commercial and recreational aircraft and promote use by external users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in aerodrome facility use • Increase in aerodrome user satisfaction • Reduction in rate of incident and injury at aerodrome 	Aerodrome	No specific projects or actions have yet been identified for 20/21
2.1d	Ensure communication and electronic technologies are accessible to all, meet the current and future needs of our community, and provide consistent and reliable coverage across the local government area.	2.1d(1)	Promote the development of efficient telecommunications technology for business, land owners, education and health needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in community satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support and promote the NBN installation in the Local Government area, which drives high quality connectivity to meet business and student needs
		2.1d(2)	Support and advocate for the installation of the National Broadband Network across the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of National Broadband Network • Positive feedback from community 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate provision of information on the NBN to the Community on Council's website
		2.1d(3)	Offer and promote free public Wi-Fi internet access in key public spaces across the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of public Wi-Fi network • Positive feedback from community 	Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to offer free Wi-Fi service at Council Libraries and Administration Centres
2.1e	Identify, promote and incentivise the strategic and innovative investment opportunities that exist in our region.	2.1e(1)	Implement a range of initiatives which support and promote the sustainable development of the towns' Central Business Districts and industrial land.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in occupation rates of commercial land • Increase in number of businesses operating locally • Increase in community, business and industry group satisfaction 	Strategic and Statutory Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Cootamundra and Gundagai Town Strategies
		2.1e(2)	Promote to the community and industry groups potential growth opportunities and development efficiencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in size of local economy • Increase in occupation rates of commercial land • Increase in number of businesses operating locally • Increase in community, business and industry group satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate communication mediums for training and funding opportunities for businesses • Identify value adding opportunities (use of new technology, processes and packaging, collaborations, shared transport costs, use of waste materials for new products etc.) to maximise the opportunities in the sectors where Cootamundra-Gundagai's competitive advantage exists
		2.1e(3)	Encourage growth in development and construction locally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in development and construction rates 	Strategic and Statutory Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop factsheets for developing and building in the local area
2.1f	Develop and strengthen effective partnerships with, and between, locally-based organisations and business operators to enhance connectivity and working	2.1f(1)	Work in partnership with agencies and other levels of government to support local businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in size of local economy • Increase in number of businesses operating locally • Increase in community, business and industry group satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate and support local business training opportunities

	together.	2.1f(2)	Work with key partners and local business owners, investors and employers to investigate, advocate for and promote opportunities for business development and networking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in participation in local development and networking programs • Positive feedback from participants 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a list of available industrial land and publish quarterly updates on Council's website
		2.1f(3)	Maintain a close liaison and continue to work with Regional Development Australia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in economy of Riverina region 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Regional Development Australia forums • Participate in the Country Change Initiative

Objective 2.2: Strategic land-use planning is co-ordinated and needs-based

CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21				Operational Plan 20/21
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
2.2a	Develop integrated land-use strategies which meet the community's current and future needs.	2.2a(1)	Develop a new, comprehensive Local Environmental Plan for the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Environmental Plan is developed • Increase in number and value of development approvals • Increase in community satisfaction 	Strategic and Statutory Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence preparation of new draft Development Control Plan
		2.2a(2)	Identify and address current and future land-use needs through integrated strategic planning and development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number and value of development approvals • Increase in community satisfaction 	Strategic and Statutory Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence preparation of new draft Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan
		2.2a(3)	Provide accurate and timely advice regarding existing and proposed development within the legislative scope of Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses are provided within agreed timeframes • Inspections are undertaken within agreed timeframes • Increase in customer satisfaction 	Building Control and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to enquiries provided within 5 working days • Inspections undertaken within 48 hours of notification
2.2b	Provide appropriate land-use development to meet market demand	2.2b(1)	Develop and operate development control plans to ensure compliance with appropriate legislation and to achieve the best possible planning and development outcomes for the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number and value of development approvals • Increase in community satisfaction 	Building Control and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence preparation of new draft Development Control Plan
		2.2b(2)	Ensure that a supply of industrial and residential land is available at all times to facilitate the orderly expansion of the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet or exceed land sales targets 	Land Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market and promote Bourke Estate residential subdivision in Gundagai • Prepare preliminary planning proposal for Stage 2 of Claron Estate residential subdivision in Cootamundra, including access to the Cemetery • Complete construction of roads and provisions of services for subdivision of industrial land at Turners Lane in Cootamundra

Objective 2.3: Tourism opportunities are actively promoted

CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21				Operational Plan 20/21
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
2.3a	Develop and implement strategies which provide opportunities for increased tourism.	2.3a(1)	Develop and implement an integrated Tourism and Economic Development Strategy for the Cootamundra-Gundagai region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism and Economic Development Strategy developed and outcomes realised 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement strategies from the Tourism and Economic Development Strategy
2.3b	Actively promote the local government area and local programs, activities and events to attract visitors to the region.	2.3b(1)	Work co-operatively with key partners to identify opportunities and to further promote the local government area to tourists and visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in tourist and visitor rates • Increase in tourist and visitor satisfaction • Increased community participation in tourism and economic development committees/groups 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include access information on facilities and activities when updating mapping and websites • Investigate options for the production of a Mobility Map

		2.3b(2)	Work with the community to develop a marketing strategy for the local government area as a tourist destination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing strategy developed • Increase in tourist and visitor rates • Increase in tourist and visitor satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Branding Marketing Strategy for Tourism and Economic Development of the Local Government Area
		2.3b(3)	Ensure local programs, activities and events are actively promoted via a range of mediums to attract and encourage visitors and tourists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in tourist and visitor local events and activities participation rates • Increase in tourist and visitor satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Cootamundra Tourism Website, and continue production of Events Newsletter • Continue to maintain and promote Calendar of Activities, Programs and Community Events • Implement a competitive application based events funding program in the LGA
2.3c	Invest in improvements to visitor amenity and experiences.	2.3c(1)	Provide and maintain Visitor Information Centres which meet the needs of tourists and visitors to our local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Visitor Information Centre facility use • Increase in tourist and visitor satisfaction 	Visitor Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse Visitor Services Review and conduct further research as necessary
		2.3c(2)	Undertake a redevelopment of the Gundagai Visitor's Information Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility improvements undertaken • Positive feedback from tourists and visitors 	Visitor Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-develop the Gundagai Visitors Information Centre including removal of internal visitors toilets, provision of a theatre space and accessibility improvements
		2.3c(3)	Provide a high quality accommodation facility at the Caravan Parks in Cootamundra and Gundagai for the use of visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in Caravan Park facility use • Increase in tourist and visitor satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review existing Caravan Park facilities, recommend improvements and consider funding options
		2.3c(4)	Undertake connection of water supply to the Dog on the Tuckerbox site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water connection complete • Improvement in water quality at site • Meet or exceed site development targets 	Water & Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver infrastructure for water supply extension to Dog on the Tuckerbox site
		2.3c(5)	Maintain and improve the tourism infrastructure, facilities and services in the local government area to make our area an attractive place to visit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in tourist and visitor rates • Increase in tourist and visitor satisfaction 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence implementation of the recommendations of the Gundagai Gaol Masterplan • Develop Strategic Management Plan for WWII inland aircraft fuel depot

Objective 2.4: Our local workforce is skilled and workplace ready

CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 20/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
2.4a	Develop and implement strategies which increase the knowledge, skills and health of our local workforce.	2.4a(1)	Promote local employment and training opportunities within the Council organisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in job vacancy applications received from community members • Increase in training opportunities offered • Increase in staff training participation rates 	Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Council Training Plan • Include relevant discrimination legislation in EEO Policy, Staff Induction and Recruitment Training • Include consideration for disability inclusion in Council's Workforce Management Plan • Investigate barriers that exist for people with a disability and their carers in accessing employment in council positions and standing for council positions
		2.4a(2)	Work with various agencies to promote a range of programs, activities and opportunities which improve the health, well-being and employability of our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease in local unemployment rate • Increase in employee and employer satisfaction 	Community and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate mediums to promote programs activities and opportunities offered in the local government area by other bodies

Key Direction 3: Sustainable natural and built environments: we connect with the places and spaces around us

Objective 3.1: The natural environment is valued and protected

CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 20/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
3.1a	Develop and implement land-use strategies and management practices which enhance and protect our natural environments and biodiversity.	3.1a(1)	Develop and operate development control systems which ensure compliance with appropriate legislation and achieve the best possible environmental outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new developments are assessed against impact on environment Increase in community satisfaction 	Building Control and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to assess all development applications against environmental impact and legislative requirements
		3.1a(2)	Operate an efficient quarrying service in an environmentally responsible manner that meets all statutory requirements and standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarry materials meet standards of Council's roadwork activities 	Civil Maintenance and Construction – Cootamundra	No specific projects or actions have yet been identified for 20/21
		3.1a(3)	Provide and maintain a stormwater disposal system which minimises the carriage of pollutants from the stormwater system to the creek and river systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface water is redirected to underground stormwater network for appropriate discharge 	Assets Civil Maintenance and Construction – Cootamundra Civil Maintenance and Construction – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete upgrade of stormwater infrastructure in accordance with the priorities identified in the stormwater priority assessment report
		3.1a(4)	Develop and implement a street tree planting plan which enhances amenity and our natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street tree planting plan implemented Number of urban trees maintained Positive feedback from community 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to undertake Street Tree Planting in accordance with Gundagai Street tree planning Masterplan
3.1b	Investigate and implement renewable energy technologies to reduce our environmental footprint.	3.1b(1)	Investigate, identify and promote opportunities that exist within the local government area for implementation of renewable energy technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in energy supply from renewable sources 	Deputy General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiate terms of a power partnership agreement on various Council facilities
		3.1b(2)	Undertake a review of the environmental impact of Council-owned facilities and infrastructure and implement measures which reduce Council's environmental impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of environmental impact undertaken and identified outcomes realised Reduction in power consumption Reduction in use of potable water 	Buildings and Property Management and Maintenance - CGRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate funding sources for solar energy works for Council buildings
3.1c	Investigate and implement sustainable waste and water strategies.	3.1c(1)	Undertake a review of waste services across the Local Government area and develop a waste strategy that provides equitable waste services for all residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste Strategy developed and outcomes realised 	Waste Management	No specific projects or actions have yet been identified for 20/21
		3.1c(2)	Provide and maintain appropriate rubbish removal, disposal, recycling and greenwaste facilities in the most cost effective, environmentally sustainable and efficient manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of volume of waste going to landfill Increase in recycling and greenwaste rates Increase in community satisfaction 	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commence planning for construction of a re-use shop at Cootamundra Waste depot Undertake improvements at Gundagai Waste Depot as per the Waste Implementation Plan Commence planning for construction of Waste Facilities and methods of operation as determined by the Waste Implementation Plan
		3.1c(3)	Provide a facility through which used chemical drums can be disposed of correctly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in volume of correct chemical drum disposal rate 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide a drum muster collection service each year at both Cootamundra and Gundagai

		3.1c(4)	Provide a facility for the composting and re-using of greenwaste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in volume of greenwaste disposal and composting rates 	Waste Management	No specific projects or actions have yet been identified for 20/21
		3.1c(5)	Reuse waste water to increase the amenity of Council parks, gardens and recreational facilities and to reduce the demand on the water supply.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in use of potable water 	Recreation Facilities – Cootamundra Recreation Facilities – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with Council departments to increase the use of re-treated water to Gundagai ovals
3.1d	Deliver, encourage and support a range of programs, activities and projects that promotes awareness encourages the active protection and sustainability of our natural environment.	3.1d(1)	Provide programs, information and services to our community to increase awareness of, and participation in, environmentally sustainable activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in power consumption • Reduction in use of potable water • Reduction of volume of waste going to landfill • Increase in local participation rates and community satisfaction 	Waste Management Water & Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate opportunities to use raw water
		3.1d(2)	Provide programs, information and services to increase voluntary recycling and reuse to reduce waste to landfill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of volume of waste going to landfill • Increase in recycling rates 	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate funding opportunities and conduct community consultation and education sessions for the materials recovery facility
		3.1d(3)	Encourage the best use of treated water through water saving measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in use of potable water 	Water & Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate opportunities to increase the use of reuse water
		3.1d(4)	Contribute to coordinated planning and reporting across local, regional, state and federal areas for the management of the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory reporting requirements are met 	Building Control and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly lodgement of ABS statistics • Monthly lodgement of Building Professionals Board (BPB) statistics
		3.1d(5)	Seek funding for projects aimed at supporting the protection and sustainability of our natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding opportunities sought and realised 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Funding opportunities pursued and secured when available
		3.1d(6)	A range of programs are supported, promoted and controlled to reduce and enforce illegal dumping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced incidents of illegal dumping 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake illegal dumping surveillance • Investigate options for technology, to enhance illegal dumping surveillance
3.1e	Undertake active weeds and pest management practices.	3.1e(1)	Noxious weeds will be contained, reduced or eliminated as appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold or reduce levels of known invasive weed species • Increase in landowner satisfaction 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake Weed Control program in conjunction with Riverina Regional Strategic Weed Management Plan • Develop a Community Education and Awareness program in regards to weed management
		3.1e(2)	Promote and deliver programs and initiatives which promote and educate the community on noxious weeds and pest management practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold or reduce levels of known invasive weed species • Increase in local participation rates • Increase in landowner satisfaction 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the Mangers Established Pest Animals and Weeds Project (MEPAAW)

Objective 3.2: Our built environments support and enhance liveability						
CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 20/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
3.2a	Develop and implement land-use plans and design practices which complement the character of our communities, are considerate of our heritage, support sustainable design practices and respond to changing needs.	3.2a(1)	Develop and operate development control systems to ensure compliance with appropriate legislation and to achieve the best possible development outcomes for the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number and value of development approvals • Increase in community satisfaction 	Building Control and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Development Applicants with relevant information concerning Disability Discrimination legislation
		3.2a(2)	Ensure new development is considerate of our heritage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP identifies areas of heritage significance • All new developments are assessed against impact on heritage 	Building Control and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include heritage considerations when assessing all Development Applications, as applicable, and in accordance with the LEP
3.2b	Ensure a variety of housing options are made available.	3.2b(1)	Ensure that planning and development controls are in place to promote and facilitate a variety of housing options for residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in number and value of development approvals • Increase in market satisfaction 	Building Control and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue preparation of new draft Development Control Plan
3.2c	Deliver and maintain infrastructure to meet the current and future needs of our community.	3.2c(1)	Operate and maintain a water reticulation system capable of providing potable water to all connected premises with minimum disruption and maximum efficiency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% compliance with NSW Health water supply guidelines • Reduction in unplanned service interruptions and maintenance required • Increased community satisfaction 	Water & Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement an Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM) Plan
		3.2c(2)	Undertake Cootamundra Water Main Replacement Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cootamundra Water Main Replacement Program complete • Reduction in unplanned service interruptions and maintenance required • Positive community feedback 	Water & Sewer	No specific projects or actions have yet been identified for 20/21
		3.2c(3)	Investigate options for the connection of a water supply to Nangus Village, and consult with the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options identified and community consultation activities undertaken 	Water & Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with Goldenfields Water to prepare business case for connection of water supply to Nangus Village
		3.2c(4)	Operate and maintain a sewage system and treatment plant capable of removing sewage from all connected premises with minimum disruption and maximum efficiency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% compliance with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) licensing guidelines • Reduction in unplanned service interruptions and maintenance required 	Water & Sewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commence construction for the Gundagai Sewer Treatment Plant replacement
		3.2c(5)	Provide and maintain a stormwater disposal system which allows the removal of stormwater from the towns in the most economical and efficient manner possible whilst minimising impact on natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface water is redirected to underground stormwater network for appropriate discharge 	Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete upgrade of stormwater infrastructure in accordance with the priorities identified in the stormwater priority assessment report
		3.2c(6)	Undertake Stormwater Mitigation Strategy across Cootamundra and Gundagai.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater Mitigation Strategy complete and outcomes realised • Positive community feedback 	Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue undertaking Cootamundra Flood Study

		3.2c(7)	Manage Council's waste collection, disposal and processing facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of volume of waste going to landfill • Increase in recycling and greenwaste rates • Reduction in number and severity of injuries and incidents in waste delivery areas and facilities • Increase in community satisfaction 	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage Council's waste collection, disposal and processing facilities in accordance with the Waste Strategy and Implementation Plan
		3.2c(8)	Provide an adequate mix of high quality, disabled accessible and appropriately located public toilet facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease in number of complaints • Increase in community satisfaction 	Buildings and Property Management and Maintenance - CGRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue monitoring Council Public Toilet Facilities
3.2d	Develop and implement strategies to deliver safe and accessible local roads, bridges, footpaths and parking.	3.2d(1)	Develop and implement strategies to improve safety and accessibility of all road users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in rate of vehicular and pedestrian incidents • Increase in community satisfaction 	Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Officer to work in partnership with RMS on RMS Road Safety Campaigns • Ensure information is available for, users of scooters and electric wheelchairs on footpaths, and pedestrian safety
		3.2d(2)	Maintain civil infrastructure including roads, footpaths, bridges and traffic facilities to agreed standards as set out in asset management plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil infrastructure renewal undertaken in accordance with schedule • Increase in community satisfaction 	Civil Maintenance and Construction – Cootamundra Civil Maintenance and Construction – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake annual road maintenance program
		3.2d(3)	Undertake the Footpath Renewal Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath renewal program undertaken in accordance with schedule • Reduction in number and severity of footpath related injury and incidents • Increase in community satisfaction 	Civil Maintenance and Construction – Cootamundra Civil Maintenance and Construction – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake Footpath Renewal and Extension Program
		3.2d(4)	Develop and implement asset management plans and strategies for all transport assets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset management plans developed and outcomes realised • Renew sub-standard assets to agreed service levels 	Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update condition assessment data across the local government area
3.2e	Supply local public transport networks to cater for the current and future needs of residents, businesses and visitors.	3.2e(1)	Provide, maintain and renew Council-controlled public transport infrastructure within the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport renewal undertaken in accordance with schedule • Increase in community satisfaction 	Assets	No specific projects or actions have yet been identified for 20/21
		3.2e(2)	Advocate for State and Federal departments to improve public transport networks to meet the needs of our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in community satisfaction 	Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Riverina Joint Organisation on identified public transport initiatives

Key Direction 4: Good governance: An actively engaged community and strong leadership team						
Objective 4.1: Decision-making is based on collaborative, transparent and accountable leadership						
CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 20/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
4.1a	Council is representative of the community and works together to meet the needs of our local government area.	4.1a(1)	Councillors will support and advocate for the needs of all members in our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in community satisfaction 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure Councillors are available and contactable by community members
		4.1a(2)	Implementation of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's suite of plans, including the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and resourcing plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are implemented and outcomes realised 	IPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present quarterly 'Progress Report' on Delivery Program/Operational Plan to Council and the Community
		4.1a(3)	Council's corporate plans are informed by community expectations and are reviewed and updated on a regular basis to meet the changing needs of our community members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans reviewed and updated as required 	IPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct 6 monthly review of Operational Plan and resourcing strategies
4.1b	Strengthen strategic partnerships with the community, business and all levels of government.	4.1b(1)	Councillors will use all occasions presented to advocate for funding and assistance from other levels of government and agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding opportunities sought and realised 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek funding opportunities when available
		4.1b(2)	Participation in LG NSW as the representative body of Local Government in order to improve the standing of Local Government in NSW.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of advocacy and participation in LG NSW events and activities 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for increases in federal assistance grant funding for Regional NSW
		4.1b(3)	Participation in relevant RERO activities that will benefit the local government area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of advocacy and participation in RERO events and activities 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in RERO events and activities
		4.1b(4)	Maintain effective working partnerships with key stakeholder groups such as the Rural Fire Services, Local Land Services and Riverina Regional Library.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of advocacy and participation in stakeholder events and activities 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in RERO events and activities
		4.1b(5)	Continue to foster and support the Youth Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain or increase level of representation on Youth Council Increase in Youth Council program and activity participation rates Increase in Youth Council participants satisfaction 	Youth and Aged Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise Youth Council in Cootamundra
		4.1b(6)	Work in partnership with community members, businesses and all levels of government to deliver community priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of partnerships Plans are implemented and outcomes realised 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in Stakeholder events and activities
4.1c	A clear strategic direction is outlined in Council's corporate plans and guides Council's decision-making and future planning.	4.1c(1)	The development of the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's integrated suite of plans, including the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program, Operational Plan and resourcing plans, provide a clear strategic direction and drives the organisation's activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are implemented and outcomes realised 	IPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and adopt Operational Plan for next financial year

		4.1c(2)	Council's decision-making and future planning shows evidence of being linked to Council's integrated suite of plans and the needs of our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of linkage between Council decisions and Council plans 	IPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All decision making reports, including strategies and plans are to show linkages to the relevant objective in the Community Strategic Plan
		4.1c(3)	Determine development applications in an efficient and effective manner based on merit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responses are provided within agreed timeframes Increase in customer satisfaction 	Building Control and Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of DAs determined within statutory 40 days' timeframe
		4.1c(4)	Develop a Place Plan which incorporates the Economic Development, Open Space Recreation, Arts and Cultural and Disability Action Strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place Plan is developed and outcomes realised 	Tourism & Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Placemaking plan for the planning decision and management of Public Spaces in the Local Government Area
4.1d	Monitor, review and report on the outcomes of corporate plans.	4.1d(1)	Council will track the progress towards the achievement of the corporate plan objectives against measurable outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are implemented and outcomes realised Monitoring and reporting undertaken 	Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continually identify improvements in operating councils corporate planning software (Pulse)
		4.1d(2)	The integrated planning and resourcing documents will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to meet the changing needs of our community members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans reviewed and updated as required 	Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated planning and resourcing strategies reviewed and updated as legislatively required Develop a strategy to update Council's Integrated planning suite of plans and resourcing strategies on a regular basis to meet the changing needs of our community
		4.1d(3)	Progress on the achievement of corporate plan objectives will be shared with the community via a range of communication methods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are implemented and outcomes realised Monitoring and reporting undertaken 	Communications and Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and present report identifying Community communication options and strategies
4.1e	Elected representatives are trained, skilled, resourced and knowledgeable.	4.1e(1)	Support for Councillors to attend training, conference and development opportunities will be provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Councillor participation in training, conference and development opportunities 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend the Local Government NSW Annual General Conference, in line with Covid-19 requirements
		4.1e(2)	Programs and activities which encourage and develop the capacity of current and future community leaders is provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in programs and activity participation rates 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify programs and activities which encourage and develop the capacity of current and future community leaders
		4.1e(3)	Provide and maintain services and infrastructure that assists the efficient and effective undertaking of the duties of the elected Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Elected Councillor and Executive Office satisfaction 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide and maintain services and infrastructure to assist elected representatives in undertaking their duties
		4.1e(4)	Support Council's elected representatives in undertaking their role in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in Elected Councillor satisfaction 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide administrative support to Council's elected representatives to assist in undertaking their role in the community

Objective 4.2: Active participation and engagement in local decision-making

CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 20/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
4.2a	Ensure opportunities for genuine and robust community consultation and engagement are provided to all members of our community.	4.2a(1)	A range of consultation and engagement activities will be offered to our community in order to plan the long term future direction of the local government area and to inform of Council's decision-making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in consultation and engagement activities participation rates 	Communications and Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain support for councils Digital Communication Panel
4.2b	Provide opportunities to review the objectives and delivery of the Community Strategic Plan to ensure it continues to meet	4.2b(1)	Council will regularly and continuously seek community feedback to seek additional input to the Community Strategic Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in consultation and engagement activities participation rates 	Communications and Media IPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant staff to undertake Community Engagement Training (IAP2)

	the changing needs of the community.	4.2b(2)	Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's suite of plans will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis to meet the changing needs of our community members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans reviewed and updated as required 	IPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a strategy to update the Community Strategic Plan on a regular basis to meet the changing needs of our community
4.2c	Engage and partner with the community in delivering the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan.	4.2c(1)	Promote the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan and work in partnership with community members, businesses and other local stakeholders to deliver community priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of partnerships Plans are implemented and outcomes realised 	Communications and Media IPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Community Engagement Strategy to assist with delivering the objectives in the Community Strategic Plan Continue to promote the objectives of the community strategic plan via Council's media channels
4.2d	Promote and celebrate the achievements of Council and our local community.	4.2d(1)	Progress towards the achievement of the Community Strategic Plan objectives will be shared with the community via a range of communication methods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and reporting undertaken 	Communications and Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to promote the objectives of the community strategic plan via Council's media channels

Objective 4.3: Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council

CSP 18/28		Delivery Program 18/19 – 20/21			Operational Plan 20/21	
No.	Strategy	No.	Principal Activities	Measure of Success	Responsibility	Actions (Projects and Activities 20/21)
4.3a	Maintain a strong and robust financial position that supports the delivery of services and strategies and ensures long-term financial stability.	4.3a(1)	Ensure Council's long term financial planning supports the delivery of community expectations and financial stability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) is presented as a balanced budget considerate of community expectations and financial constraints 	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to consolidate Council's rating structure
		4.3a(2)	Ensure the availability of finances are managed, controlled, reviewed and regularly reported on in order to provide the appropriate services and facilities within the allocated budget and achieve the maximum value for expenditure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement of operational activities and projects identified in the Operational Plan within budget Statutory reporting requirements are met Monitoring and reporting undertaken 	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and implement procedures to enable all staff with budget responsibility to effectively operate Council's integrated budgeting process
		4.3a(3)	Ensure all procurement meets legislative and policy requirements and delivers best value for the community and the Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents of non-compliance 	Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a suite of Audit Reports to monitor procurement practices Undertake assessment and improvement of procurement processes
		4.3a(4)	Identify and follow-up opportunities to increase Council's revenue base including grant funding opportunities to deliver additional income to fund major projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding opportunities sought and realised 	Strategic and Statutory Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify grant opportunities to fund major projects as they arise, lodge grant applications as appropriate Develop new Section 7.11 Development Contribution plan and Section 64 Headworks Charges
		4.3a(5)	Develop Asset Management plans which deliver long-term financial sustainability and asset renewal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset management plans developed and outcomes realised Renew sub-standard assets to agreed service levels 	Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and improve Asset Management Plans Implement works programs to improve asset condition
		4.3a(6)	Improve functionality and amenity within Council's work depots.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in works depot operating costs Increase in site efficiency 	Depot and Workshop – Cootamundra Depot and Workshop – Gundagai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete planning for improvements to Cootamundra Depot and Bradman Street Depot
		4.3b(1)	Council ensures statutory compliance is achieved and demonstrates good governance practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents of non-compliance Policies reviewed in accordance with schedule Statutory reporting requirements are met 	Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in the Alliance Legislative Compliance Framework Methodology

4.3b	Council meets all legislative requirements and operates within good governance practices and frameworks.	4.3b(2)	Support and funding for elections is provided as required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election funding provided as required 	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make provision in the Long Term Financial Plan for funding of the 2020 Council elections
		4.3b(3)	Implement effective integrated risk management strategies and practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans are implemented and outcomes realised Monitoring and reporting undertaken No incidents of non-compliance 	Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake development of a Corporate Risk Register Implement Internal Audit and Fraud Control Plan
		4.3c(1)	Current, informative and easy access to Council information is made available to the community using a range of communication methods, including traditional media and digital channels, Council's website, Community News newsletter and social media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in use of online services and social media Increase in community satisfaction 	Communications and Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve services available on Council's websites through the development of e-Services and online forms Develop Engagement Strategy to inform the community and receive feedback, including feedback on major projects
4.3c	Information is communicated to our community consistently, reliably and timely, and over a variety of platforms to meet the needs of residents.	4.3d(1)	Provide quality customer service during all "front line" interactions between Council and the community and in all other interactions between staff, agencies, Council and the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer responses are provided within agreed timeframes Increase in customer satisfaction 	Customer Service Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement a new Customer Service Charter Work with the Customer Service Team to develop an Online Booking System for Council facilities
4.3d	Council services the community in a manner that is professional, efficient and promotes an ease of 'doing business'.	4.3d(2)	Adopt and maintain information technology and communication services and infrastructure that assists the efficient and effective undertaking of Council's operations, increases productivity and adequately supports the organisation and our community's needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in customer and staff satisfaction 	Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate Civica/Authority (Finance System) and Magiq Documents (EDRMS) Review Business Systems and identify services that can be delivered on Council's Website
		4.3d(3)	Council's records are managed in compliance with the appropriate legislation and supports efficient and effective work practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No incidents of non-compliance Increase in customer and staff satisfaction 	Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review infoXpert workflows to streamline record keeping
		4.3d(4)	Requests for service are processed in an efficient and effective manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer responses are provided within agreed timeframes Actions are undertaken within agreed timeframes Increase in customer satisfaction 	Customer Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Customer Satisfaction Survey to provide comparison data for the benchmark identified in 2018 Review responsibilities and provide training to enable customer service staff to respond to Planning and Rating enquiries
		4.3d(5)	Provide well-maintained cemeteries and efficient, appropriate and dignified cemetery operations and services that create the most peaceful surroundings possible for funeral parties and visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service reviews undertaken Responses and activities are undertaken within agreed timeframes Increase in customer satisfaction 	Regulatory Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Cemetery Services Strategic Plan Provide signage, seating and additional landscaping for the Gundagai Area Cemeteries Complete the Mapping of Cemeteries for plot identification, future planning and publishing of information online

		4.3d(6)	Council's fleet of light vehicles and heavy plant is maintained to ensure efficient, cost-effective and timely service delivery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fleet replacement and maintenance schedules are met 	Plant and Fleet Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake plant replacement in accordance with related policies and programs
4.3e	Continuous improvement practices are utilised to ensure facilities and services are provided efficiently and meet the changing needs of our community.	4.3e(1)	Effective day-to-day management and leadership of the organisation conducts service reviews and implements continuous improvement practices to create greater efficiencies and effectiveness across the organisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service reviews undertaken Increase in customer and staff satisfaction 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and develop Improvement programs
		4.3e(2)	Ensure adequate project management techniques are in place to ensure the delivery of projects which meet the changing needs of our community on time, within budget and to an acceptable standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects are delivered on time, within budget and to an acceptable standard Positive feedback from community 	Deputy General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake monitoring of project implantation
4.3f	Council attracts, retains, develops and supports employees in a safe, healthy and non-discriminatory work environment.	4.3f(1)	Implement strategies which promote Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council as being an employer of choice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in job vacancy applications received Increase in quality of conditions of employment compared to other comparable regional Councils 	Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and enhance recruitment practices
		4.3f(2)	Review the efficiency and effectiveness of Council's adopted Organisational Structure and ensure the structure and staffing mix can adequately deliver the activities approved by Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisational Structure review complete and outcomes achieved Achievement of operational activities and projects identified in the Operational Plan on time and within budget Increase in community satisfaction 	General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Operational Plan activities
		4.3f(3)	Implement the Workforce Management Plan to support all staff in the delivery of community expectations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce Management Plan implemented and outcomes realised 	Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update statistics and demographics in the Workforce Management Plan
		4.3f(4)	Provide a safe and healthy environment for staff and contractors through compliance with all WH&S legislative requirements and minimising risk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in number and severity of workplace injury and incidents Reduction in number and volume of Worker's Compensation claims Reduction in cost of Worker's Compensation Insurance premiums Achievement of initiatives outlined in Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan 	Human Resources WHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop internal Council newsletter, and incorporate WHS messages to all staff Monthly WHS reports and statistics discussed a Managers Meetings
		4.3f(5)	Develop and implement a Staff Wellbeing Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Wellbeing Program implemented and outcomes realised Increase in staff satisfaction 	Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement Staff Wellbeing Program
4.3g	Council staff are well-trained, skilled, resourced and knowledgeable.	4.3g(1)	Implement a training plan to enhance the skills and knowledge of staff across the organisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training plan implemented and outcomes realised Positive feedback from staff Staff progression through salary system 	Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Staff Training Plan following skills/performance process

		4.3g(2)	Provide learning and development opportunities to staff to develop the individual's potential and meet the needs of the community and organisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in training opportunities offered • Increase in staff training participation rates • Positive feedback from staff • Staff progression through salary system 	Human Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop succession plans for each Section of Council • Implement Performance Review Program, and undertake the first cycle
		4.3g(3)	Staff are supported in the achievement of organisational objectives by having access to a range of business tools, systems and technologies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in use of business tools, systems and technologies • Increase in staff satisfaction 	Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide ongoing enhancement to Staff Intranet • Undertake integration of Mapping Systems with Council's Corporate Systems