

Kingborough Council invites your opinion on Strategic Plan

Council is inviting all Kingborough community members to have their say on five new draft key priorities for the Council's Strategic Plan, and to suggest practical actions on how they might be achieved, along with performance measures.

The Strategic Plan has to be reviewed every four years by councils. During a workshop in December 2018, Kingborough Councillors indicated a strong preference to review the key priority areas and associated strategies of the current Strategic Plan.

Concerns were raised regarding the current Strategic Plan as being too lengthy, difficult to understand, and that it does not accurately reflect the current strategic priorities of the Council. Link to current [Kingborough Council Strategic Plan 2015-2025](#)

Five new draft priority areas were developed by Councillors and Council Managers. They cover community life, providing quality infrastructure, economic development, Council's resources and the natural environment. The draft priority areas are:

1. Council works with the community to create safe, resilient and healthy places to live.

This covers areas such as events and activities that encourage community involvement and connection, support for local businesses and employment, housing affordability and advocacy for marginalised groups. It also includes improved community engagement, planning for emergencies and developing resilient communities.

2. Council provides quality infrastructure to keep up with a growing community.

This covers areas such as transport, planning and development, community assets (playgrounds, public toilets etc.) and waste management.

3. Council encourages vibrant central and local business districts that provide social and economic opportunities.

This covers areas such as liveability and desirability of our local areas, economic development and job opportunities for the future, and supporting local businesses and employment.

4. Council's systems, technology and people serve community needs.

This covers areas such as staff, governance, financials, customer-oriented services, corporate administration and use of digital technologies.

5. Council ensures that bushland, coasts and rivers are cared for to minimise the loss of natural values and are protected for future generations.

This covers areas such as sustainable development and land use, protection of natural resources and assets, climate change adaptation and mitigation.

An online engagement forum has been published for community members to vote on the draft key priority areas, highlight any areas that people feel have been missed and make suggestions of how we might implement them. We also welcome suggestions for measures to assess if we are being successful in achieving these outcomes. Link: <https://oursay.org/kingborough-council/strategic-plan-priorities>

Feedback can also be submitted to kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au