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Residents come out in force for 'Our Future'

Towong Shire Council has thanked the many community members who participated in the Our Future Community Workshops held in February and March.

Around 200 residents attended a series of community workshops hosted in six locations across the Shire.

Feedback from the sessions is being considered by Councillors and staff as they continue to develop the Council Plan and 2017-18 Budget.

Towong Shire Council Mayor Cr David Wortmann praised the Shire's residents for getting involved.

"It's important that the Council Plan and our vision for the future reflects the needs of our ratepayers and residents," he said. "These workshops were an opportunity for residents and ratepayers to offer their input into the Council's priorities for the next four years.

"The feedback we've received is very pleasing. Common themes included developing and promoting Towong Shire's tourism offering, continued lobbying for improved mobile and internet coverage, more diverse library services as well as general Shire-wide infrastructure maintenance.

"We've compiled the feedback from each session and will be making it available on our website so all residents and ratepayers can see what was discussed at the workshops and get an insight into the thoughts and priorities of the wider community.

"Our intention is to use this input to build a Council Plan and Budget that responds to the needs of our communities, both in the short and long term.

"We appreciate having such an engaged community and we're really grateful to the residents who took the time to come along and participate."

The Draft Council Plan for 2017 – 2021 will be developed throughout May with the draft to be presented to Councillors for in-principle adoption at the 6 June Council meeting. It will then be released for further community input and comment.

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