Council shares the community’s aspirations for a healthy, vibrant and prosperous Shire.

The draft 2017 - 2021 Council Plan has been developed to reflect the community’s desire to make Towong Shire a better place to live.

The draft Council Plan sets out Council’s proposed direction and activities for the next four years.

Almost 200 residents and ratepayers met with Council during a series of workshops held in February and March to help us plan priorities for the future of the Shire.

Others have contributed to this plan by engaging directly with Council on matters that concern them most. Many others have also been involved in other community planning projects that are linked with this plan.

We are pleased to present this snapshot of the strategies included in the draft Council Plan. A full copy of the Council Plan can be viewed online at www.towong.vic.gov.au or at Council’s offices in Corryong or Tallangatta.

Your feedback, comments and suggestions are invited.

Strategies (with whole of Shire benefits)

Organisational improvement
- Improve service delivery and reduce costs
- Continue to lobby for increased government funding support

Community wellbeing
- Develop the 2017 - 2021 Towong Shire Healthy Communities Plan
- Review library services and servicing of remote areas
- Pursue extended child care services across the Shire
- Seek funding for recreation facility upgrades
- Seek funding to upgrade playgrounds
- Participate in initiatives with the aim of reducing family violence

Asset management
- Liaise with VicRoads to consider road safety improvements
- Improve town entrances and signage

Land-use planning
- Review the Towong Planning Scheme
- Undertake amendments to the Planning Scheme

Environmental sustainability
- Review waste services across the Shire
- Deliver strategic tree plantings under the Tree Management Plan
- Encourage sustainable design for buildings

Economic and tourism development
- Develop and implement a Recreation Hunting Tourism Strategy
- Lobby for improved mobile phone and internet coverage
- Work with business operators to assist them to become more profitable

Towong Shire Council
Left to right: Cr Andrew Whitehead, Cr Aaron Scales (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jennie Star, Cr David Wortmann (Mayor), Cr Peter Tolsher.
What does the draft Council Plan include for your area over the next four years?

**Peninsula**
- Deliver town improvement and beautification program (Year 2 Granya, Year 3 Bethanga)
- Continue Georges Creek Road upgrade
- Pursue suitable funding to improve Lake Road from Bellbridge to Kurrajong Gap Road
- Assess critical stormwater areas in Bethanga for low flow piping
- Investigate options for the Bethanga Bay Recreation Reserve
- Seek funding to upgrade the skate park in Bellbridge
- Investigate options for delivery of stage two of Our Bellbridge
- Continue to explore solutions for Bellbridge Wastewater expansion
- Consider the options available for the Bethanga Wastewater Project

**Upper Murray**
- Deliver town improvement and beautification program (Year 1 Walwa)
- Deliver the Great River Road project
- Provide guidance to the Corryong Memorial Hall Committee to update their masterplan and seek funding for improvements
- Seek funding to upgrade the skate park in Corryong
- Deliver Corryong Airport upgrade
- Deliver the Corryong Swimming Pool upgrade
- Work with stakeholders to progress the upgrade/sealing of the Benambra-Corryong Road
- Explore options in relation to a Centre for Dairy Excellence in the Upper Murray
- Seek further funding and deliver the Upper Murray Events Centre
- Seek funding for the Connecting Corryong project
- Work with UM2030 Community Board to deliver outcomes from the UM2030 Plan
- Explore options to increase the availability of residential and industrial land in Corryong

**West**
- Deliver the Destination Tallangatta project
- Establish a Tallangatta Neighbourhood House Advisory Committee
- Seek funding to upgrade the Tallangatta netball courts
- Seek funding to upgrade the skate park in Tallangatta
- Explore options to increase the availability of residential and industrial land in Tallangatta
- Continue to lobby for the expansion/improvement of the Tallangatta wastewater plant
- Explore options to capitalise on Tallangatta’s Notable Town status
- Advocate for houseboats on Lake Hume

**Mitta Valley**
- Deliver town improvement and beautification program (Year 4 Mitta Valley towns)
- Seek funding to upgrade Eskdale cricket facilities
- Deliver Eskdale Netball Courts upgrade project
- Research options for Mitta Mitta town water with North East Water
- Research options available for reticulated sewerage in Eskdale
- Advocate for houseboats on Dartmouth Dam
- Work with local operators to facilitate the development of a farm gate trail in the Mitta Valley

Submissions close 5pm Thursday 20 July 2017
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If you would like to be heard, in person or through a representative, please let us know in your submission. All submissions will be considered at the Council Meeting to be held at 10.30am on Tuesday 1 August 2017 at Tallangatta.