

Towards 2042! Discussion Guide

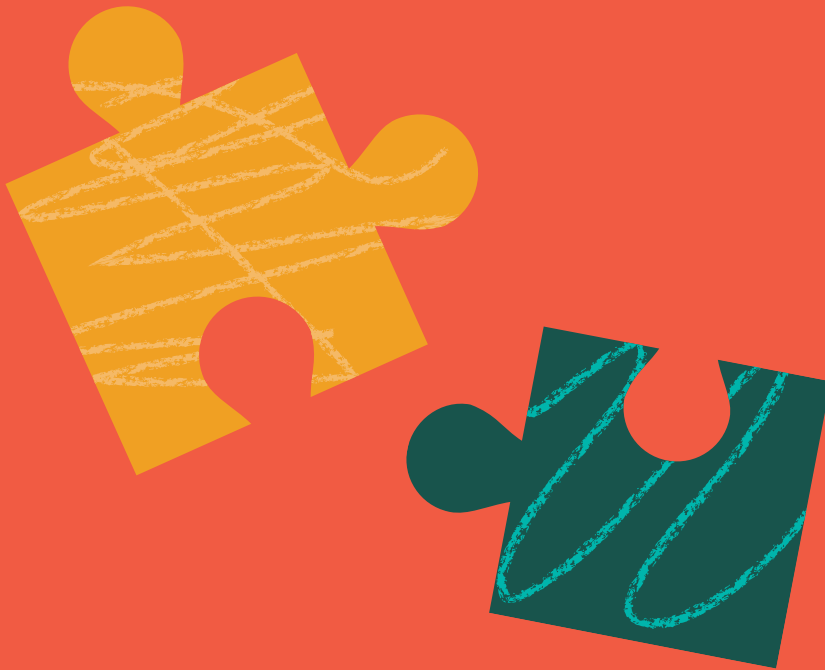


HAVE YOUR SAY!
Together, let's shape
our community's
future.



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About

Towards 2042 Discussion Guide

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is reviewing the Community Strategic Plan and would like to hear from you about your ideas and priorities for our future.

The questions in this Discussion Guide are aligned with the online survey. The survey, and responses to this Discussion Guide will be open from 1 February to 15 March 2024.

We will use the information you provide us to review our Community Strategic Plan and make sure that it is an accurate representation of our community's vision.

There will be further opportunities to have your say when the Draft Community Strategic Plan is made available.

WHO IS THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR?

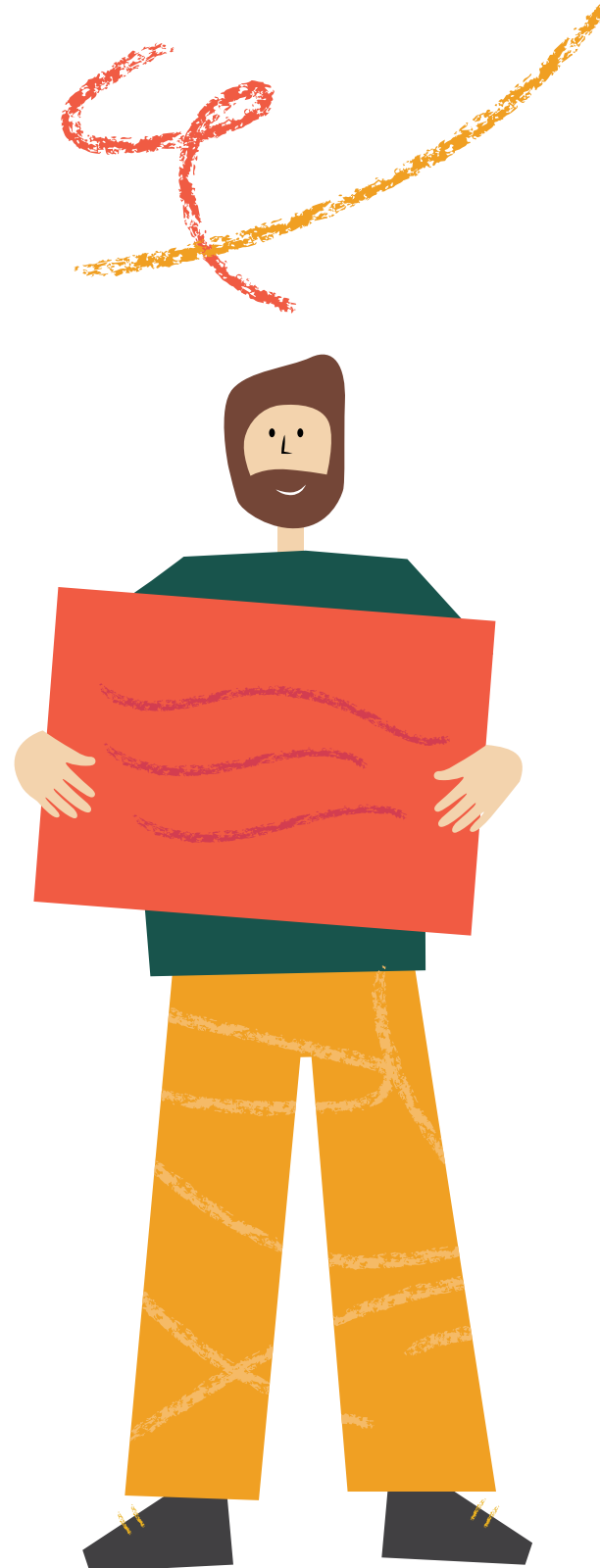
This Discussion Guide is for community groups or committees that would like to provide group feedback to this project. Groups are integral to the success of our community, so we're keen to hear thoughts via your collective voice.

HOW TO USE THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE

This Discussion Guide will help you lead conversations within your community group, association or committee.

It includes:

1. Advice on leading your own conversation.
2. An overview of our region.
3. A suggested agenda.
4. Survey questions for you to respond to.
5. How to return the Towards 2042 Discussion Guide:
 - If you were emailed by a Council contact, check the email for a link to complete the Discussion Guide online.
 - Visit Council's website and complete the **Towards 2042 Survey**. Be sure to choose "group response" when completing.
OR
 - Complete a printed copy of the Discussion Guide and return it to Council's Customer Service Centre.



Hosting your own discussion

Use this Guide to document the discussions in your community

Provided in this Guide is:

- An overview of our community.
- Instructions on how to host and facilitate your own discussion.
- The questions to ask your community group.
- Instructions on how to return your completed Discussion Guide.

SUGGESTED AGENDA (40 MINUTES)

- 1. Welcome everyone**
- 2. Acknowledgment of Country**
- 3. Information about Towards 2042 project (5 mins)**
 - Thank you for having your say about the future of our community as we think Towards 2042.
 - Through the Towards 2042 consultation, Council will guide the community through important discussions on our local government area's main ideas and priorities and document these in a Community Strategic Plan.
 - Council has a custodial role in initiating and preparing the Community Strategic Plan, but it is a community plan. Many partners, such as state agencies and community groups, will be responsible for its implementation. The Community Strategic Plan ensures the whole community is working towards a shared vision for a better future.
 - The purpose of today's discussion is to understand as a group why our community is special to us and what we'd like our community to look like in the future.
- 4. About our region and our community (5 mins)**
Share the snapshot on pages 6 and 7 with the group to provide a starting point and prepare your group for the conversations
- 5. Take some individual thinking time (5 mins)**
Before getting into the survey questions, take a few minutes to think about:
 - What led you to live in our community? Why is it special to you? What do you value most about this place and its community?
 - Imagine our community in 10 years from now. What does our lifestyle offer? What will people value most?
- 6. Complete the survey (20 mins)**

Ways to submit your groups responses are highlighted on the previous page.
- 7. Thank-you**



Your details

On this page, we ask some questions about your group.

We ask these questions so that we can compare aspirations and priorities across different groups. For instance, we can compare how responses from groups from different geographic areas differ.

GENERAL

What is the name of your group/committee? _____

About your group _____

What is the purpose of your group? _____

How many people are in your group? _____

How many people contributed to this discussion? _____

Where are you meeting (town/suburb/village/area)? _____

GROUP CONTACT

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____



About our community

Located on the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales, the Upper Lachlan is ideally placed within easy reach of both Sydney and Canberra.

The shire is characterised by prime agricultural production, welcoming communities and a relaxed country lifestyle supported by modern services. The Upper Lachlan is a rich and diversified pastoral and agricultural area with the major industries being wool, fat lambs, beef cattle and seed potatoes but also extends to alpaca, lavender, vineyards, poultry and more.

WHAT WE MEAN BY 'OUR COMMUNITY'

Our community describes the entire municipality. It includes our business centres, towns, villages and rural areas. Our towns include Crookwell, Gunning and Taralga. The villages include Bigga, Binda, Breadalbane, Collector, Grabben Gullen, Dalton Jerrawa, Laggan and Tuena and we have over 30 other localities within our shire.



Key stats

8,539
population

8,591

forecast 2036
population

49 years
median age

56

total births

83.9 years
life expectancy

\$1,465

median weekly
household income

4,576

number of dwellings

\$1,540/month

median mortgage
repayment

\$277/week

median rent

2.4

average
household size

1,443

number of businesses

4,121

total labour force

TOP INDUSTRIES OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
2. Health Care and Social Assistance
3. Public Administration and Safety
4. Construction
5. Education and Training

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SEIFA Index

If Upper Lachlan Shire consisted of 100 people, there would be:

2

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

8

born overseas

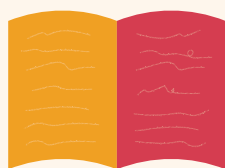
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speaking languages other than English at home



24

with an individual income less than \$400 per week

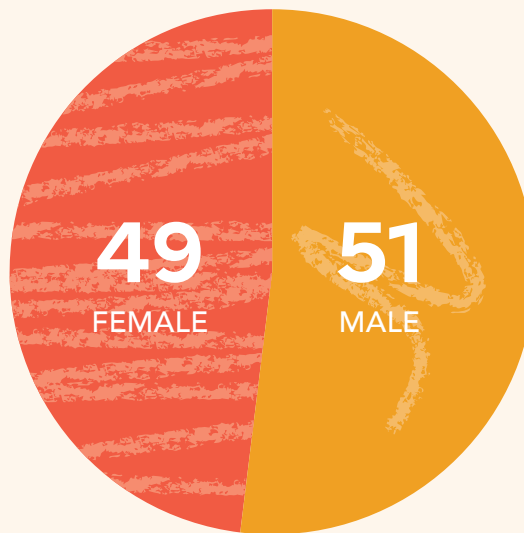


49

that completed higher education

51

that did not complete year 12



22: 0 – 19 years **45:** 20 – 64 years
34: 65+ years



29

living by themselves

71

living in families



14

care for someone with a disability

6

have a disability



81

who own or mortgage a house

13

who rent



2

unemployed and looking for work

22

who volunteer



60

who drove to work

32

working part time

59

working full time

5

who walked to work

Have your say






Questions

ARE WE ON TRACK?

Every four years Council documents the community's vision in a Community Strategic Plan. In this section, we ask you questions to understand if the current vision is still valid, whether you think we're on track for achieving our vision, and what needs to change.

1. How do you feel about the vision in the adopted Upper Lachlan Shire Community Strategic Plan 2042?

The vision is: To build and maintain sustainable communities while retaining the region's natural beauty..

				
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Very happy	Happy	Neutral	Unhappy	Very unhappy

2. What else would you like to tell us?

3. Have you read the Upper Lachlan Shire Community Strategic Plan 2042?

Yes - go to Q4. No - go to Q6.

4. Within the plan there are 5 high-level strategic themes. The themes are:

- Our community
- Our economy
- Our environment
- Our infrastructure
- Our civic leadership

Do you agree with these strategic themes?

Yes, all Yes, some No Unsure



5. Do you think we are on track with delivering the 5 high-level strategic priorities?

Our community

Yes Partly No Unsure Other (please specify) _____

Our economy

Yes Partly No Unsure Other (please specify) _____

Our environment

Yes Partly No Unsure Other (please specify) _____

Our infrastructure

Yes Partly No Unsure Other (please specify) _____

Our civic leadership

Yes Partly No Unsure Other (please specify) _____

IS THERE ANYTHING MISSING?

6. Is there anything missing in the Upper Lachlan Shire Community Strategic Plan Towards 2042?

Strategic priorities	What is missing?
Our community	
Our economy	
Our environment	
Our infrastructure	
Our civic leadership	
Other (please specify)	

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Things change over time and quite often we are faced with issues that we hadn't even considered (global pandemic). In this section, we ask you questions about the strengths and challenges we face as a community right now.

7. What makes your community a great place to live? Please list your top 5 options.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

8. What do you think are the main challenges facing our community? Please list your top 5 options.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE IN 10 YEARS TIME?

The questions in this section require you to think towards 2042. Spend some time thinking about how you would like your community to be in ten or more years.

9. What have you seen in another area/shire that you think would work well in your community? This might be a facility, attraction, service or event that you think is missing in your area.

Yes - please share your top five

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

No

10. What is one thing you would like to see achieved in your community in the next ten years?

1. _____

11. What services or projects do you think Upper Lachlan Shire Council should be prioritising, or lobbying other levels of government for? (please choose your top 5)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage. | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural hazard risk reduction. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility. | <input type="checkbox"/> Drought preparedness and recovery. | <input type="checkbox"/> Our towns and places. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aged and disability services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Early childhood and childrens services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and playgrounds. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development. | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health and wellbeing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic facilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> Education and training. | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation reserves. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and cultural services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment. | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation planning and management. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asset management. | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental stewardship. | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business support. | <input type="checkbox"/> Event attraction and management. | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads and parking. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bushfire/flood recovery. | <input type="checkbox"/> Family services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and industry attraction. | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial sustainability. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewerage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Character and amenity. | <input type="checkbox"/> Future resilience. | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change and adaption. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardens, trees and landscaping. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports facilities. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications – IT, Internet and Mobile. | <input type="checkbox"/> Governance. | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic planning. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community buildings and facilities. | <input type="checkbox"/> Health services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism and visitors. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community development. | <input type="checkbox"/> History and heritage. | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community engagement. | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing availability and affordability. | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste management. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community service delivery. | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure. | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterways. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 recovery. | <input type="checkbox"/> Land use and planning. | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed control. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer service. | <input type="checkbox"/> Library services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's services. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle, shared pathways and footpaths. | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting. | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth services and support. |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal and child health. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |



HOW TO RETURN YOUR SURVEY

Once you have completed the survey, please return to Council's Customer Service Centre by 15 March 2024.