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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **COUNCIL LAUNCHES 'TOWARDS 2042' COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) CONSULTATION**

Upper Lachlan Shire Council is excited to launch the Towards 2042 consultation, which will shape the future of our community.

Through the Towards 2042 project, Council will guide the community through important discussions on the main aspirations and priorities for our local government area for the next 20 years and document these in a Community Strategic Plan.

Every local government area in New South Wales must work with their community to develop a Community Strategic Plan. This stems from the central assumption that all council planning should originate from a sound understanding of the community's expectations around priorities.

"This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and influence our future. It's your chance to envisage what you, your friends, family and the wider community will need to grow and thrive towards 2042."

Mayor Pam Kensit shared that she looked forward to collaborating with the community on this critical project.

The Towards 2042, community consultation will commence across the local government area with a survey that may be completed online at Council's Have Your Say Webpage

"I encourage everyone to get involved during February and March 2024 and to have their say. We've got full details on how to get involved on our website. There is the opportunity for people to share their thoughts in the survey. The deadline for completing the survey is 15 March 2024" Mayor Pam Kensit said.

"We all have aspirations for a better future. Towards 2042 allows us to consider what we love about where we live, what we'd like our future to look like, and how we will get there. Together, we can document a future vision that respects our unique local area and lifestyle."

Towards 2042 asks the local community some key questions so that we can review our Community Strategic Plan and makes sure it is an accurate representation of our future.

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 partners with Council in its implementation. The Community Strategic Plan ensures the community is working towards a shared vision for a better future.

For more information on how to get involved, please visit the Council's Towards 2042 page.

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