

# Towards 2042! Survey

We are reviewing our Community Strategic Plan and would like to hear from you about your ideas and priorities for our future.



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



# About you

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## Questions

### ABOUT YOU?

On this page, we ask some questions about you.

We ask these questions so that we can compare aspirations and priorities across different demographic markers. For instance, how do young people's responses differ from older persons, and how do different genders compare.

**1. Age**

- 18 – 24     25 – 34     35 – 49     50 – 59     60 – 69     70 – 84     85+ years

**2. Gender**

- Woman or female     Man or male     Non-binary     Prefer not to answer     I use a different term (*please specify*)
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**3. Which town or village do you live in or nearest to?**

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**4. Do you live in a rural or urban environment?**

- Rural     Urban

**5. Do you identify as any of the following?**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQIA+   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lived experience of mental health issues   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Person with disability                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lived experience of alcohol or drug issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander              | <input type="checkbox"/> Lived experience of family violence        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-English speaking background                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Served in the Australian Defence Force     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lived experience of housing stress or homelessness | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above                          |

### YOU CAN DO THIS SURVEY ONLINE

Visit Council's website for more information.



# 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

**1022**

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

**2**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

**8**

born overseas

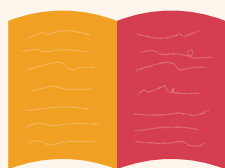
**3**

speaking languages other than English at home



**24**

with an individual income less than \$400 per week

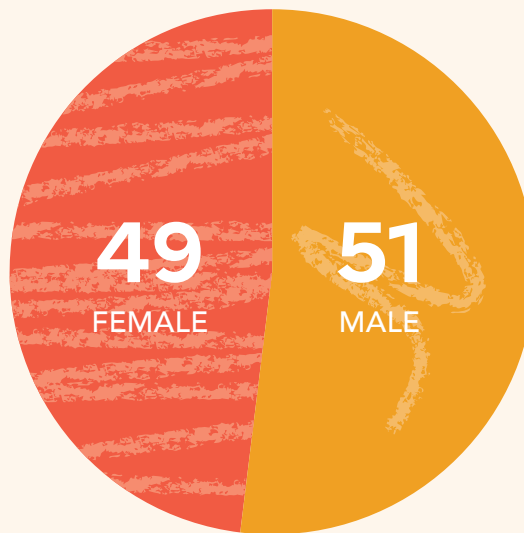


**49**

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

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## 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.

**6. 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..



Very happy



Happy



Neutral



Unhappy



Very unhappy

**7. What else would you like to tell us?**

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

Yes - go to Q9.    No - go to Q11.

**9. 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



**10. 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?**

**11. Is there anything missing in the Upper Lachlan CSP 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.

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### 13. 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.

### 14. 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.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**16. 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.