



Council Plan 2017–2021 2020/21 Annual Review

Key highlights of the Council Plan annual review

The Council Plan is a road map which sets out the priorities and goals for the four-year Council term. Each year the Council Plan is reviewed to confirm key priorities for the remaining period and to guide preparation of the annual Budget. The Council Plan 2017–2021 2020/21 Annual Review was adopted by Council on Wednesday 26 August 2020.

Key principles for Council Plan delivery

Council will strive to:

- Effectively manage Council's resources and finances
- Create value for the community in the delivery of its services
- Provide positive leadership and direction for the Baw Baw community
- Be a Council that is open, transparent, listens and responds to the community

Strategic objectives

The Council Plan outlines four strategic objectives:

1. Vibrant Communities
2. Thriving Economy
3. Safe and Sustainable Environments
4. Organisational Excellence

Under each of these strategic objectives, Council has identified the services it will deliver and a number of strategies to achieve these objectives and desired outcomes.

As part of the 2020/21 annual review, Council has endorsed the following priorities and initiatives for the year ahead.

Objective 1: Vibrant Communities

- 1.1 Continue design works and advocacy for external funding to support the Community Hub facility in Drouin
- 1.2 Commence detailed design and construction of the Drouin Civic Park redevelopment project
- 1.3 Continue implementation of the small town and rural communities Placemaking Program
- 1.4 Establish Council's position to provide the infrastructure required to implement the State Government's commitments relating to 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten
- 1.5 Commence development of neighbourhood preferred character guidelines
- 1.6 Commence development of Longwarry Structure Plan
- 1.7 Commence implementation of the long-term Drouin Township Plan
- 1.8 Complete the Baw Baw Civic Precinct Masterplan
- 1.9 Deliver Baw Baw Shire's youth FReeZa program
- 1.10 Continue implementation of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan annual action plan
- 1.11 Continue progress towards delivering recreation facilities prioritised in the Recreation Strategy and Recreation Masterplans
- 1.12 Implement the revised Open Space Maintenance Standards



Image: Open space maintenance activities

Objective 2: Thriving Economy

- 2.1 Implement Council's Economic Development Strategy that is based on four pillars: business engagement, business attraction, advocacy and tourism
- 2.2 Continue to deliver Destination Action Plans to support the growth of the Baw Baw Shire visitor economy
- 2.3 Adopt and implement phase one of the Recreational Vehicle Strategy



Image: One of Council's key tourism destinations, Walhalla

Objective 3: Safe and Sustainable Environments

- 3.1 Continue implementation of Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy action plan
- 3.2 Commence implementation of Council's new Road Maintenance Contract
- 3.3 Continue the Warragul CBD Streetscape Project improvement works
- 3.4 Complete review of Council's Road Management Plan
- 3.5 Implement and deliver Council's Accelerated Footpath Program

Objective 4: Organisational Excellence

- 4.1 Continue Council's service planning and review program to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Council services
- 4.2 Implement recommendations from the service review of the Aged and Disability Services Program
- 4.3 Review Council's Engagement Policy and commence work with the community to review the long-term Community Vision for the Shire
- 4.4 Continue to advocate for Baw Baw Shire and its community through ongoing engagement with Government on priority issues and projects



Image: Accelerated Footpath Program

More information

Following a four week consultation period held from 25 June – 23 July, the Council Plan 2017-2021 2020/21 Annual Review was adopted by Council on Wednesday 26 August 2020.

The full Council Plan 2017-2021 2020/21 Annual Review can be viewed at www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CouncilPlan

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