

## CASE STUDY:

# CREATING FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE COMMUNITY

At Council our home is our community. A homes blueprint guides its development and ensures it has solid foundations. Solid foundations are what gives a home its integrity, strength, and longevity. The blueprint for our home is Blueprint100; a future-focused strategy that will help us to develop our infrastructure and build our services to cater for a growing community.

The foundations for our home are our diverse range of strategies and plans. While we have started developing these foundations there are some gaps to be filled. Over the next 12 months we are aiming to fill these gaps. Some of the strategies and plans that we will be working on include:

### WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:

As our region recovers from the worst drought on record we are reviewing and reconfigure the documents that guide our decision-making process when it comes to drought and demand management. The new Water Management Plan will encompass the Drought Management Plan, Demand Management Plan, Emergency Water Supply Plan, and the Water Restrictions Communications and Engagement Plan.

### CITY ENTRANCE STRATEGY:

This strategy will create a plan that guides the embellishment of the key entry points into Tamworth and the surrounding villages. This includes but is not limited to signage and flora. The strategy will result in improved physical amenity with statement landscaping, strengthened Tamworth brand with city and town signage, and a celebration of our culture through recognition of the lands Traditional Owners.

### SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY:

Tamworth Regional Council's Sustainability Strategy was developed in 2017 and provides an integrated and coordinated approach to advancing sustainability in our region. In 2021 we will be reviewing and adapting the strategy where necessary to align it with Blueprint100.

### OPEN SPACE REINVESTMENT STRATEGY:

Feeding on from the Open Space Management Plan the Open Space Reinvestment Strategy will identify any excess parcels of open space and assess if these can be reinvested. This reinvestment could potentially allow for embellishment of other open spaces.

### YOUTH STRATEGY:

The Tamworth Regional Youth Strategy will demonstrate Council's strong commitment to young people and will include a number of actions for improving outcomes for young people in the Tamworth Region. It will encourage our youth to participate and contribute to community life, build their resilience, and help empower them to make positive decisions about their future.

### VOLUNTEER STRATEGY:

The Regional Volunteer Strategy will set out Council's strategic vision for growing volunteering across the region for 2021-2022, ensuring that volunteering is encouraged, supported and recognised.

### RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN:

Council's vision for reconciliation is *"a region that is moving forward, responding to the changing needs of the community. A place everyone can be proud to call home"*. To achieve this vision Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan was adopted in 2018. This was a two year plan the now requires review following a number of actions being completed and further actions to be added for Council to achieve in the coming years.

### DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN:

The purpose of Council's Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) is to set out the strategies and actions for Council and the community to deliver on, enabling people with a disability to have greater access to information, services and facilities throughout the Tamworth Regional Council area. Council's current DIAP was produced in 2017 and is up for review in 2021.

