



COMMUNITY SUMMARY

2019-20

CONNECTED, SUSTAINABLE, CREATIVE



Council continues to focus its efforts on working together with our community to translate their hopes and aspirations into meaningful activities that address the environmental, financial sustainability, resilience, water security and disaster preparedness challenges our Shire faces now and into the future due to the recent drought, bushfires, floods and the current pandemic crisis.. This document provides a snapshot of how Council has responded to the challenges and work delivered in the 2019-20 year.

This document summarises information from the Annual Report. The full document can be found on Council's website at bellingen.nsw.gov.au

A GUMBAYNGGIRR COMMUNITY VISION

A place where there is genuine respect for the land and the original people of this country.

A place where the ancestors' way of holding country is recognised.

A place where there is respect for custodial people who carry this tradition today and for Elders and the children of the future.

A place where we all walk together, where we can all be here in harmony with the land and all life.

The land around here has a great capacity to do that, to heal... in a way that's not separating.

This summary provides a snapshot of Councils contribution towards realising our Shire's Community Vision, which identifies the strategic direction for our long-term future, highlighting actions undertaken to deliver the essential programs, projects and initiatives our community relies on and achievements

- progressive implementation of the recommendations from the UTS's Financial Sustainability Review to improve its long-term financial position
- securing council and grant funding to deliver community infrastructure projects valued at \$11 million
- securing council and grant funding to deliver a \$20 million investment in wastewater infrastructure
- ongoing focus on sustainable development through the Homes for our Future project
- investment in renewables to mitigate utility risk/cost and reduce emissions
- investment in automation and digital transformation through Envision IT corporate system replacement
- implementation of major investment in essential infrastructure including a long term \$29 million bridge replacement program
- strategic asset management planning activities, including the resurfacing of an additional 13 kilometres of poor condition sealed roads, the reconstruction of 2.2 kilometres of road that was in too poor a condition to reseal, the grading of 66 kilometres of our unsealed road network, reduction in load limited bridges, securing \$4million in grant funding to progress replacement of high priority bridges, progression of the groundwater study to inform the secure yield analysis assessments and development of the Councils Integrated Water Cycle Management Strategy to achieve water resilience.
- ongoing investment in community wellbeing through our Youth Hub
- active leadership in the Mid North Coast Joint Organisation
- development and resourcing of a deliberative approach to engagement
- Support and coordination of response mechanisms to the pandemic crisis including activation of the Youth Hub as a call centre for community support and;
- securing \$1.2M in funding towards infrastructure and programs across our Shire to ensure we are a resilient community that can recover and prepare for future challenges.



“GONE ARE THE DAYS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOING THINGS ON THEIR OWN. WE ARE LOOKING TO THE COMMUNITY FOR PARTNERSHIPS TO ENSURE OUR SHARED VISION FOR THE FUTURE IS REALISED”

Bellingen Shire Mayor, Cr Dominic King

HIGHLIGHTS



5,642

TONNES OF WASTE
DIVERTED FROM
LANDFILL



6,955

TONNES OF
KERBSIDE WASTE
COLLECTED



70,352

LIBRARY ITEMS
BORROWED



82,352

LIBRARY VISITORS



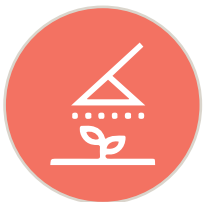
56%

OF OUR
COMMUNITY ARE
LIBRARY MEMBERS



526

HEALTH &
ENVIRONMENT
INSPECTIONS



681

HECTARES WEEDS
REMOVED



20,496

PHONE CALLS
AND COUNTER
ENQUIRIES
ANSWERED



10,200

VISITORS TO
THE CREATE
PLATFORM

IN 2019-20 COUNCIL
DELIVERED A
\$7.7 MILLION
CAPITAL PROGRAM
INCLUDING:



\$1,922,035

ROADS AND TRANSPORT



\$2,064,863

COMMUNITY FACILITIES
TOWN IMPROVEMENTS
SPORT AND RECREATION



\$3,739,412

WATER, SEWER, ENVIRONMENT
AND WASTE *INC FLOOD EVENT



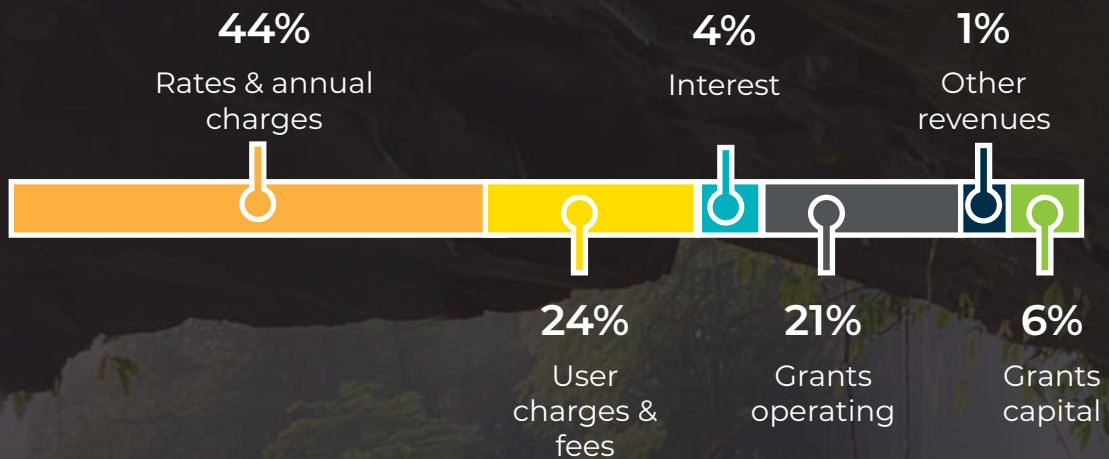
Mylestom Pathway
Project



Dangar Falls
viewing
platform
upgrade

WHERE DO THE FUNDS COME FROM

The Council raised \$35.6million from various sources.



WHERE THE FUNDS GO

Council spent \$40million on maintaining and renewing assets and providing services. (*\$ thousands*)



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