

Theme 1: Engaging and Supporting the Community

This theme includes community leadership and engagement in decision-making, Council's role as an organisation and the need to fund and manage infrastructure.

Volunteers are the life blood of the community, giving their time to help run a wide range of community groups and activities. However, many volunteers are ageing and there is a need to involve younger people in this essential work. Communities that work together are successful and the many committees and community groups all contribute to the daily running of the Shire. They need support and encouragement to continue performing this valuable role. Individual community members need to take the opportunity to be involved in planning and decision-making on future policies that influence the future of the Shire.

Council plays a key role in planning and providing the infrastructure and services needed for a healthy and prosperous community. It aims to be an open, sustainable and efficient organisation. Funding the infrastructure that supports our daily life requires long-term financial planning and the attraction of external revenues from the State and Australian governments. This is an area that Council can help facilitate.

What you can do to help achieve the desired future outcomes:

- Become a volunteer
- Get involved with a community group, a hall committee or progress association
- Provide feedback to Council on services
- Regularly visit the Council website and social media to keep abreast of activities
- Participate in community engagement activities and give your opinion
- Stand for Council
- Work on a Council committee

1.1 Community leadership is strengthened, and volunteers are engaged

Theme (1) Engaging and Supporting the Community -Strategies	Council role	Who needs to work together
1.1.1 Increase volunteer opportunities especially for young people and people with disability.	Facilitator Provider	Council
1.1.2 Support and celebrate volunteers as positive role models.	Facilitator Provider	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities
1.1.3 Build the capacity of community organisations and sporting groups to remain sustainable in the long term.	Facilitator	Hall Committees and Progress Associations
1.1.4 Encourage and support village hall committees and progress associations, service groups, action groups and other community organisations involved in delivering activities and programs that benefit the local community.	Facilitator	Community groups
1.1.5 Work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities on activities and programs.	Facilitator	Churches
1.1.6 Work with multicultural communities on activities and programs.	Facilitator	Clubs State Government

1.2 Council is a sustainable, ethical and efficient organisation

Theme (1) Engaging and Supporting the Community -Strategies	Council role	Who needs to work together
1.2.1 Foster a strong organisational culture which strives for best practice and continued improvement in all operations.	Provider	Council Naomi Joint Organisation
1.2.2 Position Council as an employer of choice, promoting a safe, healthy, inclusive and innovative working environment.	Provider	Office of Local Government
1.2.3 Share resources and undertake collaborative projects with others where there is a net community benefit to do so.	Provider Facilitator	
1.2.4 Improve Council's financially sustainable position, delivering value for money services to the community.	Provider	
1.2.5 Continue to work so that Council has good governance and transparent decision making.	Provider	