



ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT





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Abbreviations

ACRONYM	EXPANSION
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
CCC	Cessnock City Council
CPP	Community Participation Plan
CSP	Community Strategic Plan
DCP	Development Control Plan
DPE	Department of Planning and Environment
EP&A Act	Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
GNMP	Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan
HRP	Hunter Regional Plan
IP&R	Integrated Planning and Reporting
LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
LGA	Local Government Area
LSPS	Local Strategic Planning Statement
NSW	New South Wales
TfNSW	Transport for NSW
UGMP	Urban Growth Management Plan
URA	Urban Release Area

Timeframes

INTERMEDIATE	SHORT TERM	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM	ONGOING
0-2 Years	3-5 Years	5-10 Years	10+ Years	Actions that can/ will be undertaken through the lifespan of the strategy

DEMOGRAPHICS

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The following provides a snapshot of the current characteristics of our community and how this has changed over the past year, and with the benefit of some of the Census data, the past 5 years.

Population

The Cessnock Local Government Areas has an estimated residential population of 65,878. This is an increase of 1,758 people since 2021 and represents a growth rate of 2.74%. This growth rate is significantly higher than the growth rate of regional NSW which over the same period as 0.98%.

The high growth rate may be attributed to a combination of reasons. Higher than anticipated growth was occurring before the COVID-19 pandemic, driven by the region's amenity and character, the proximity to Newcastle and easy access to the Hunter Expressway. Since the pandemic, the higher growth in many region's has been driven and sustained by the movement of people away from the cities into regional areas. However, there is still a high level of uncertainty about the endurance of these higher growth rates given the hiatus in the pandemic, return-to-work policies, inflation and the likelihood of higher interest rates. This AMR will report on these trends from year to year.

Household type

In Cessnock City, 28.0% of households were made up of couples with children, 23.2% were lone person households and 25.4% couples without children in 2021. The largest increase between 2016 and 2021 was couples without children (+931 people).

Household size

The most dominant household size in Cessnock LGA is 2 person households (33.7%), followed by lone person households (24.4%)¹.

Tenure

In Cessnock City, 67.5% of households were purchasing or fully owned their home, 23.3% were renting privately, and 2.8% were in social housing in 2021. The number of Mortgages increased by 1,891 between 2016-2021. All tenure types increased apart from social housing that observed a reduction of 24 persons.

Dwellings

The most common dwelling type was a detached dwelling (89.8%) and dwellings with 3 bedrooms (41.9%).

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67,118	99,119	47.68%
2023	2041	% increase

Population



3
Average number of bedrooms



5,369
New jobs by 2036²



2.58	2.41	2.57
Cessnock	Regional NSW	NSW

Average household

EMPLOYMENT LAND

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In April 2023, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) implemented planning reforms in relation to Employment Land. These reforms changed the way in which land for commercial and industrial uses is zoned, and the land uses permitted.

Table 1 below outlines the conversions of the previous business and industrial zones to the new Employment Zones.

TABLE 1: BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL ZONE CONVERSIONS TO EMPLOYMENT ZONES

Previous zone	Current zone
B1 Neighbourhood Centre	E1 Local Centre
B2 Local Centre	
B3 Commercial Core	E2 Commercial Centre
B4 Mixed Use	MU1 Mixed Use
B7 Business Park	E3 Productivity Support
IN1 General Industrial	E4 General Industry
IN2 Light Industrial	
IN3 Heavy Industrial	E5 Heavy Industry

This has meant that there has been an adjustment to the areas of land available for employment purposes, based on the new zones, as shown in figure 1 below.

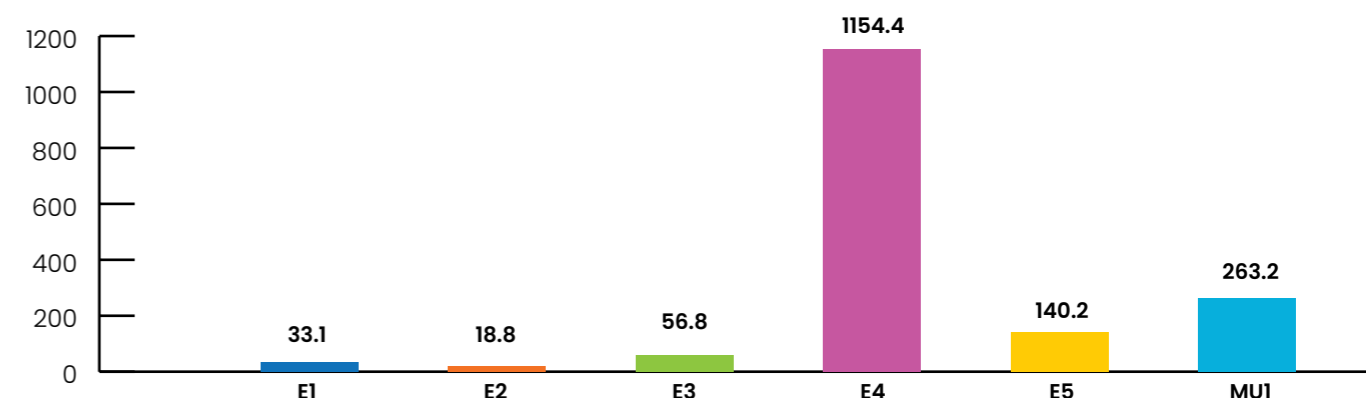


Figure 1: Hectares of land by Employment Zone

In 2022/23 forty-five Development applications related to commercial and industrial development approved. Most of these were located in the Cessnock Commercial Centre, at Branxton relating to the Huntlee Development, and many related to commercial activities within the Vineyards. The most common commercial developments were shop fit-out, refurbishment and change of use. Industrial related developments included depots and self-storage establishments..

Studies that were completed to support the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) indicate that there was a substantial supply of land for employment purposes to accommodate future growth. Given it has

been a number of years since the studies supporting the LSPS were undertaken Council has undertaken an analysis of aerial imagery to understand what portion of our employment lands remain vacant and available for development. This shows that Cessnock has 428ha of developed employment land and 351ha of employment related land that is vacant. This is a significant reduction of the land reported as being available in the last report (approximately 1200ha), as land constrained by either biodiversity or flooding has been removed. In some instances (e.g. Regrowth Kurri Kurri), this constraint will be addressed through Biocertification, freeing up this land for employment purposes.

TABLE 2: DEVELOPED, UNDEVELOPED BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL ZONED LAND IN THE LGA³

Zone	Zoned Land (Ha)	Land Already Developed (Ha)	Undeveloped Land (Ha)	
			Zoned Land that is Constrained (Ha)	Available Zoned Land (Ha)
E1	33.1	19.5	3.6	10.0
E2	18.8	17.5	1.2	0.0
E3	56.8	19.3	25.7	11.9
E4	1154.4	143.6	800.4	210.5
E5	140.2	98.6	20.3	21.4
MUI	263.2	129.7	36.2	97.4
Total	1666.6	428.1	887.4	351.1
		26%	53%	21%

Council intends to conduct a full review of employment lands within the coming year.

RESIDENTIAL LAND

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1009 Residential dwellings were approved in 2022-2023. This is considerably lower than the 1570 last year, but on par with the 958 dwellings reported in 2020-2021. Of these, 660 were single dwellings, 76 dual occupancies, 197 Secondary dwellings and 2 multi units, (Figure: 2).

The number of dual occupancies (76) has dropped compared to the past two years with 103 and 108. There were no seniors housing approved in 2022-2023, however there has been a marked increase in the number of secondary dwelling approvals.

In terms of the type of development occurring in each URA, single dwellings continue to be the dominant use. Over 85% of all dwellings being delivered within URAs are single dwellings. Combined, dual occupancies and secondary dwellings make up the remainder of dwelling types. The last three years have not seen any multi-units approved in the URAs.

One hundred and twenty-one subdivision certificates were issued in 2022-2023, resulting in the delivery of 762 lots.

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1,009
Residential dwellings applications approved



319
Construction certificates



866
Occupation certificates



121
Sub-division certificates issued

TABLE 3: RESIDENTIAL DAs APPROVED BY TYPE OF DWELLING IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Single dwelling	660	812	774
Tourist accomodation	74	15	76
Dual occupancy	76	103	108
Secondary dwelling	197	104	0
Seniors Living	0	206	0
Multi unit development	0	325	0
Group homes	0	5	0

A comparison of the types of residential DAs approved in 2022-2023 (Figure: 2), and 2021-2022 (Figure: 3) and 2020-2021 (Figure 4).

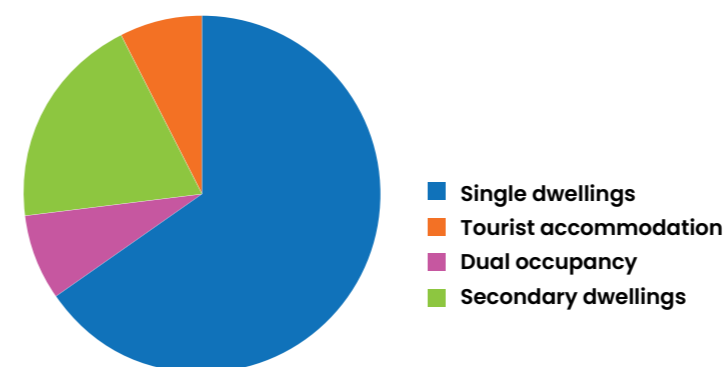
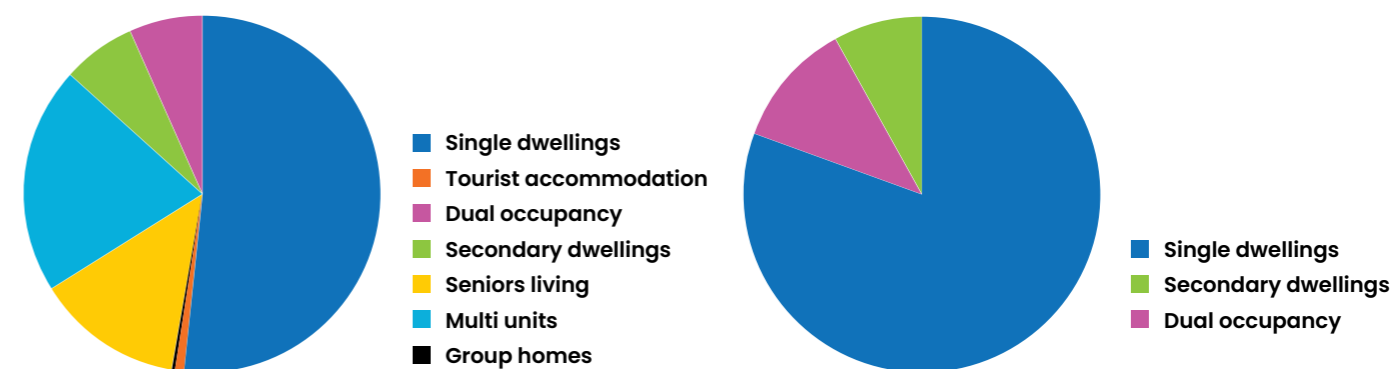


Figure 2: Residential DAs approved by type of dwelling (2022/23)



Figures 3&4: Residential DAs approved by type of dwelling in 2021/22 (left) and 2020/21 (right)

When dwellings are approved, the consent is valid for 5 years and there can be a lag before a Construction Certificate (CC) and Occupation Certificate (OC) are issued. Additionally, not all dwellings that are approved will go on to be constructed. For example, in the past year 1009 residential applications have been approved, 295 CCs issued and 195 OCs issued.

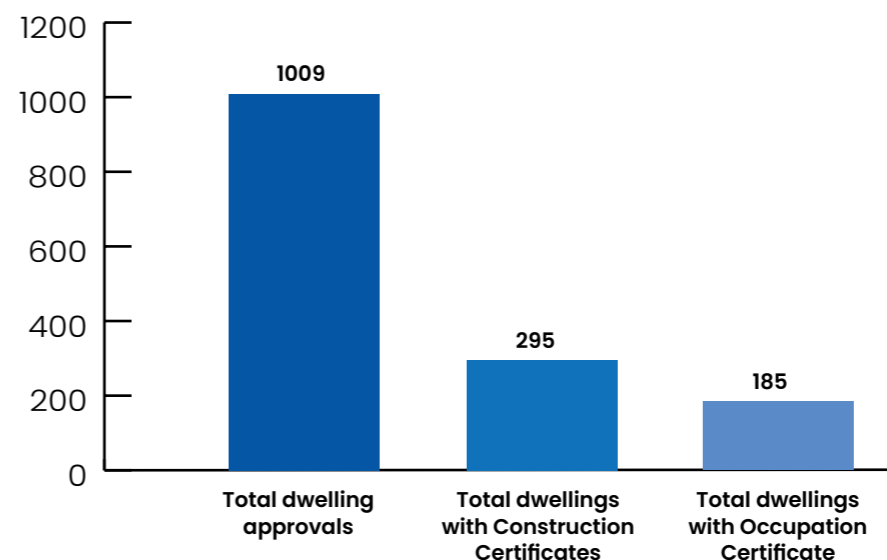


Figure 5: Dwellings approved and Construction Certificates/Occupation Certificates (2022/23)

WHERE IS GROWTH OCCURRING

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As expected most of the residential development occurred in the Urban Release Areas (URAs). Huntlee, Bellbird Heights and Avery's Village were the most active in 2022-2023. Compared with last year (2021-2022), Huntlee and Avery's Village were most active.

Table 3 and Figure 4 show a breakdown of the type of development by URA and zone.

TABLE 4: A BREAKDOWN OF THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT BY URA AND INFILL DEVELOPMENT							
URA	Single Dwell	Dual Occu	Second Dwell	Tourist Accom	Seniors Liv	Multi-Unit Dev	Total of Dwells
Avery's Village	59	13	35	0	0	0	107
Bellbird Heights	12	0	4	0	0	0	16
Bellbird North	34	0	2	0	0	0	36
Cliftleigh	70	0	1	0	0	0	71
Lovedale Integrated Tourist	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Govt. Rd	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Heddon Greta	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Huntlee	213	6	9	0	0	0	228
Kitchener	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nulkaba BC10	12	0	0	0	0	0	12
Paxton	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Rose Hill	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
The Vintage	16	0	0	0	0	0	16
Valley View Place	19	0	1	0	0	0	20
West Street Greta	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
Infill Land	216	57	141	74	0	2	490
Grand Total	660	76	197	74	0	2	1009

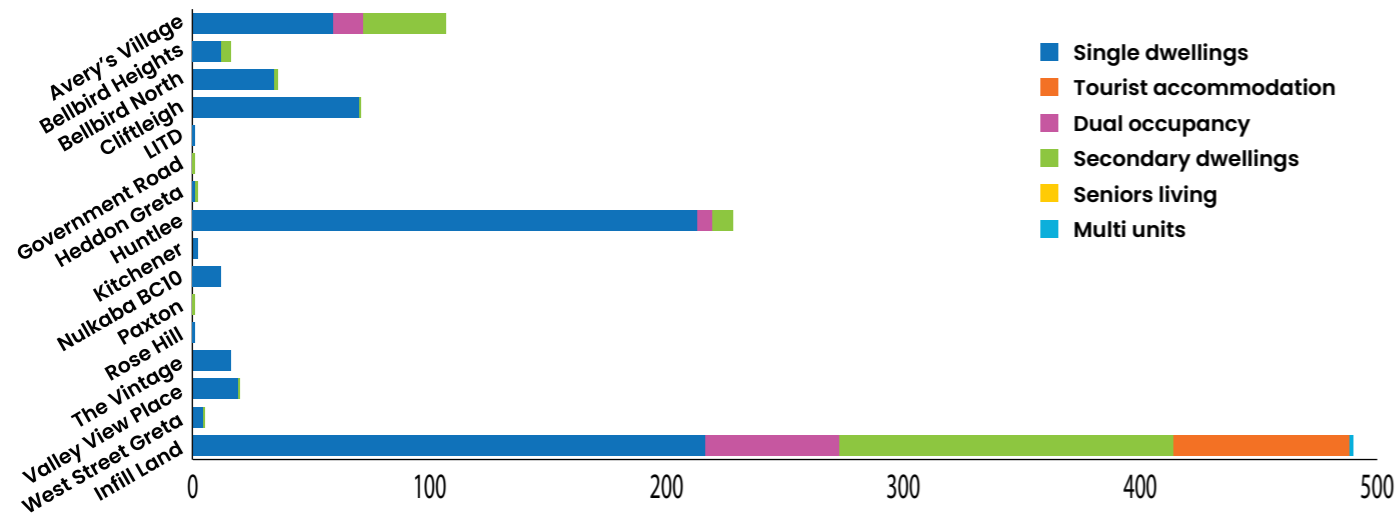


Figure 6: A breakdown of the type of development by URA and infill development

The RU2 Rural Landscape and RU5 Villages zone still saw considerable growth with over 100 residential DAs approved in these two zones. This shows that while growth in the more urban R2 and R3 zone is important growth is still occurring in the rural area and villages zones and infrastructure and services need to be provided to these areas.

The amount of infill development in the Cessnock LGA over the past 12 months has increased by 10%. In 2020-2021 Cessnock had 36% of residential development as infill. In 2021-2022 this increased to 46.5%. In 2022-2023, this increased to 48.6%, demonstrating an increased trend in providing infill development. Much of this growth can be attributed to the high number of secondary dwellings being delivered.

The Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan (GNMP) has a target of 60% of development occurring as infill housing and 40% as greenfield, split across the whole of the GNMP area. The revised Hunter Regional Plan (HRP) 2041 increases the target for infill development to 80%.

TABLE 5: PERCENTAGE OF INFILL AND GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Infill	48.6%	46.5%	36%
Greenfield (URAs)	51.4%	53.5%	64%

For the purpose of this report infill development is counted as residential development that occurred outside the URAs.

URBAN RELEASE AREAS

Urban Release Areas (URAs)

Cessnock has 22 Urban Release Areas:

- Anvil Creek
- Avery's Village
- Black Hill
- Branxton Street Greta
- Bellbird North
- Bellbird Heights
- Cessnock BC5
- Cliftleigh
- Government Road
- Heddon Greta
- Huntlee
- Kitchener
- Kurri Kurri Regrowth (formerly Hydro sit)
- Lovedale Integrated Tourist Development site (formerly Golden Bear)
- Millfield CC5
- Mount View Road Millfield
- Nulkaba BC10
- Paxton
- Rose Hill
- Valley View Place
- The Vintage
- West and Wyndham Street

Over the past five years subdivision certificates have consistently been issued for new lots in the URAs (Figure 7). Lot approvals peaked in 2020-2021, predominantly related to the subdivision approval for the Bellbird Heights URA. This past year (2022-2023) has seen the lowest rate of lot approvals across the five-year period, with only 20 lots being approved.

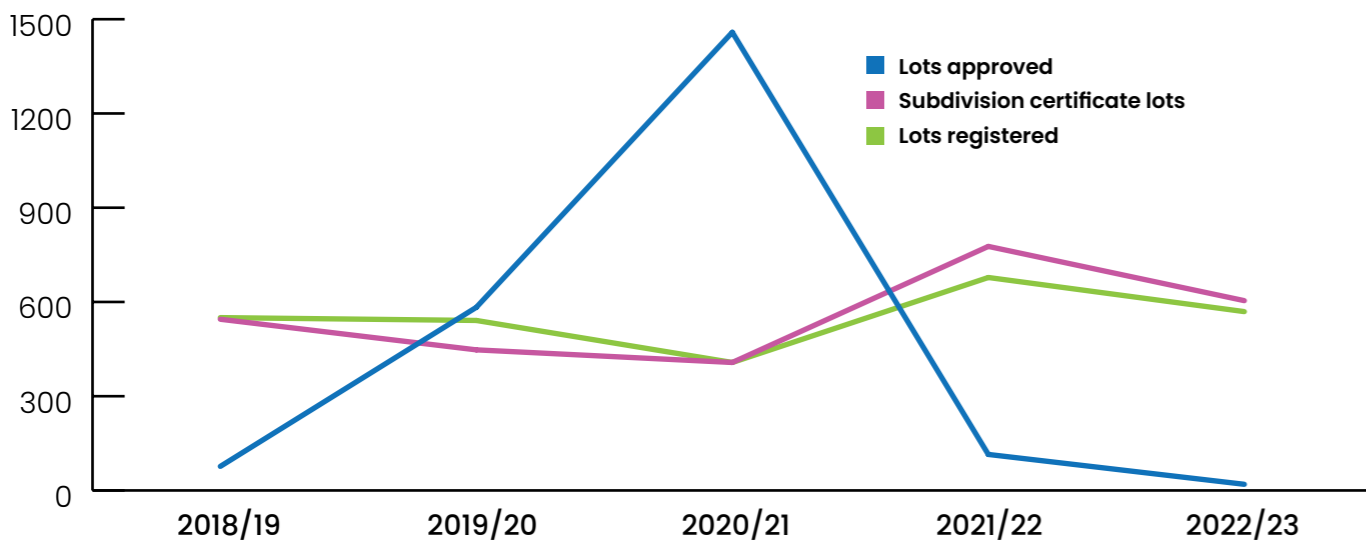
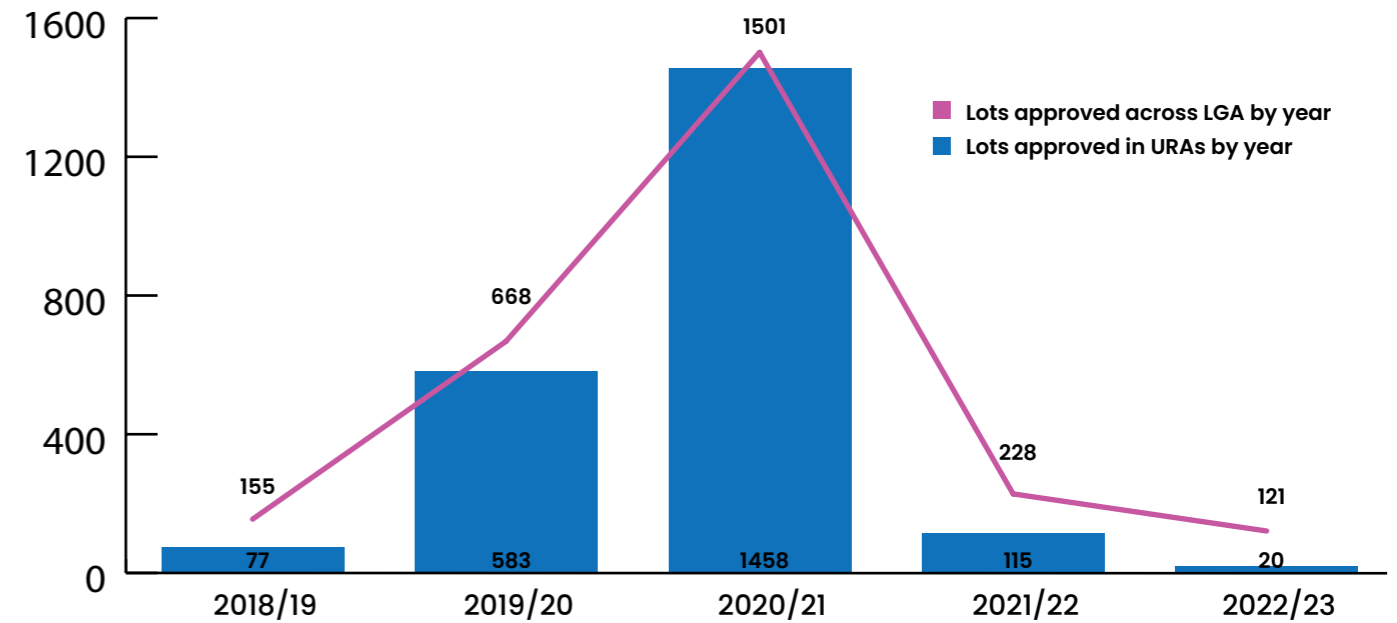


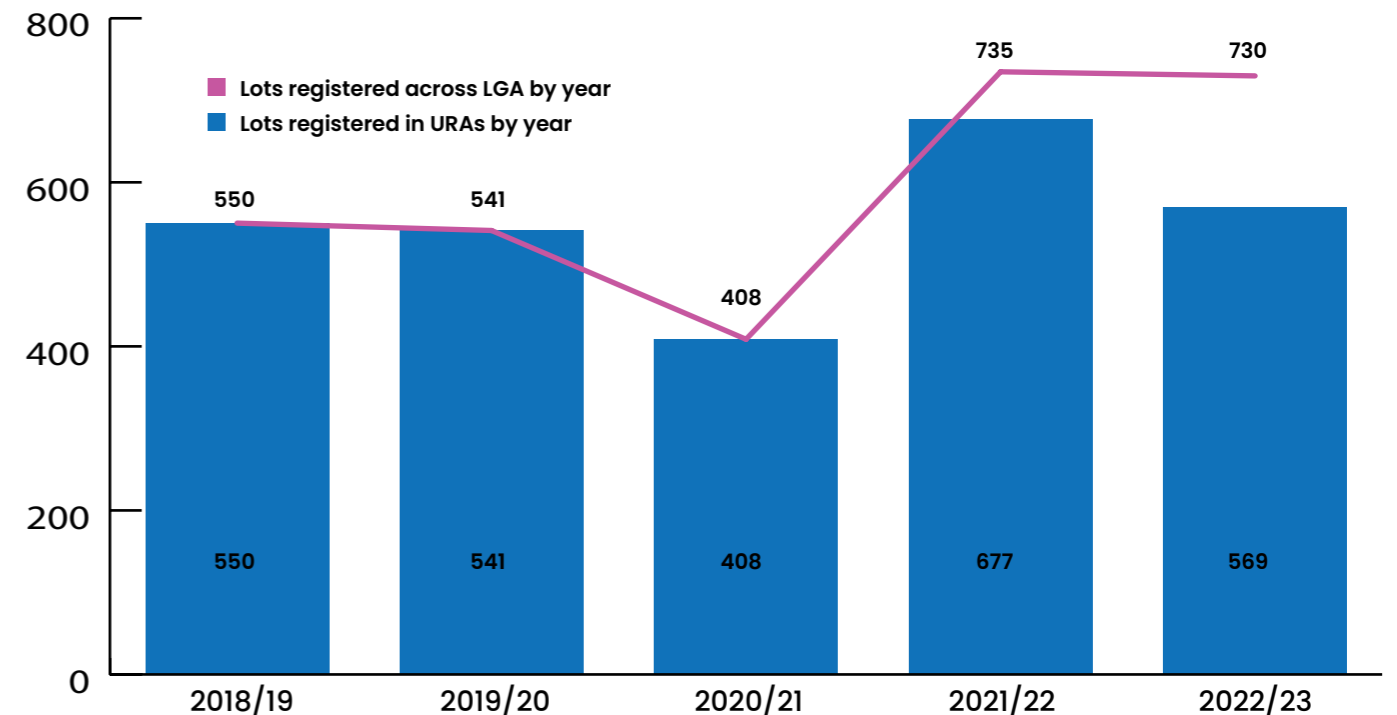
Figure 7: Five-year trend for residential lots approved, subdivision certificates and lots registered in the URAs

TABLE 6: FIVE-YEAR TREND FOR URA RESIDENTIAL LOTS (2018-23)					
	2018/18	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Lots approved	77	583	1458	115	20
Subdivision certificates issues	545	448	408	776	604
Lots registered	550	541	408	677	569



Figures 8&9: Five-year comparison of lots approved across the LGA and in URAs

Figures 8 and 9 demonstrate that the bulk of new lots approved between 2019 and 2021 are within URAs. More recently, new lot approvals are becoming more prevalent within infill areas, accounting for approximately half of all lots approved in 2021-2022 and more than five times as many in 2022-2023.



Figures 10&11: Five-year comparison of lots registered across the LGA and in URAs

The registration of lots however presents a different picture (figures 10 and 11). The overwhelming majority of lots released in the past five years has occurred within URAs.

In the past five years, Averys Village, Bellbird, Cliftleigh and Huntlee have consistently had high activity levels however Bellbird North has started releasing lots in the last few years (Figure 12). Cliftleigh is now nearing completion, however Huntlee and Bellbird North are expected to continue to release lots in the future.

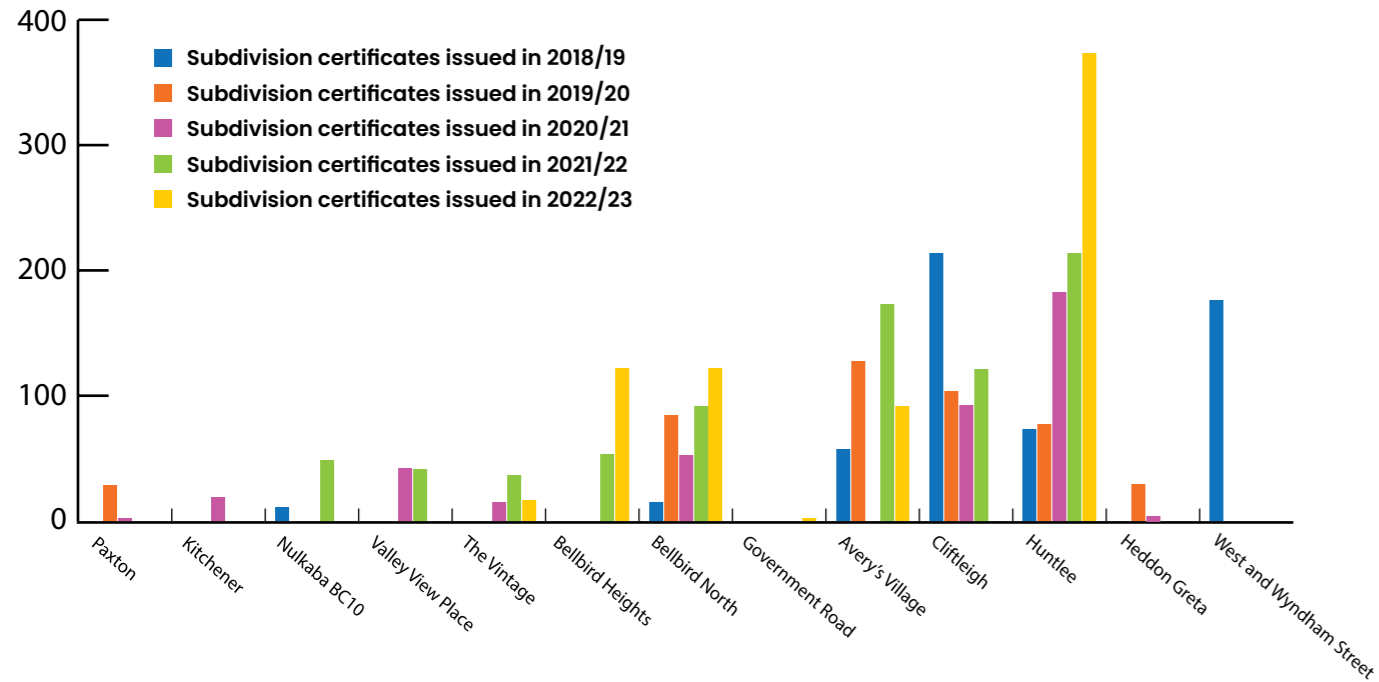


Figure 12: Five-year comparison for subdivision certificates issued in URAs

Note: URAs that have not released lots in the past five years have not been included in Figure 12.

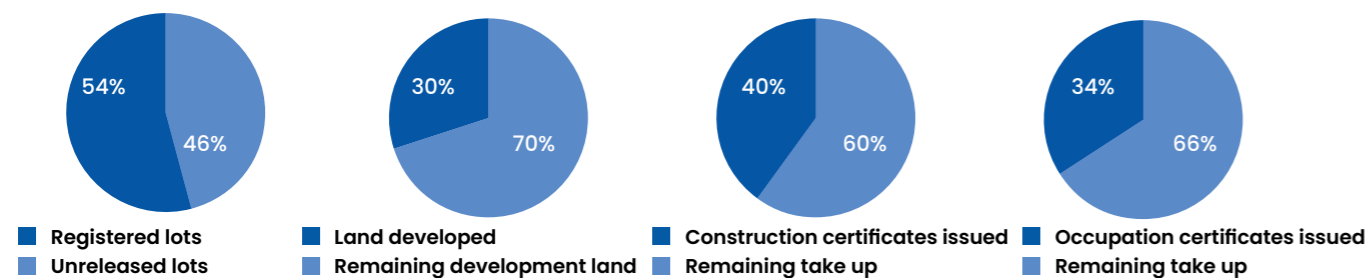
Progress of each URA

The following represents how each of the URAs are progressing in terms of:

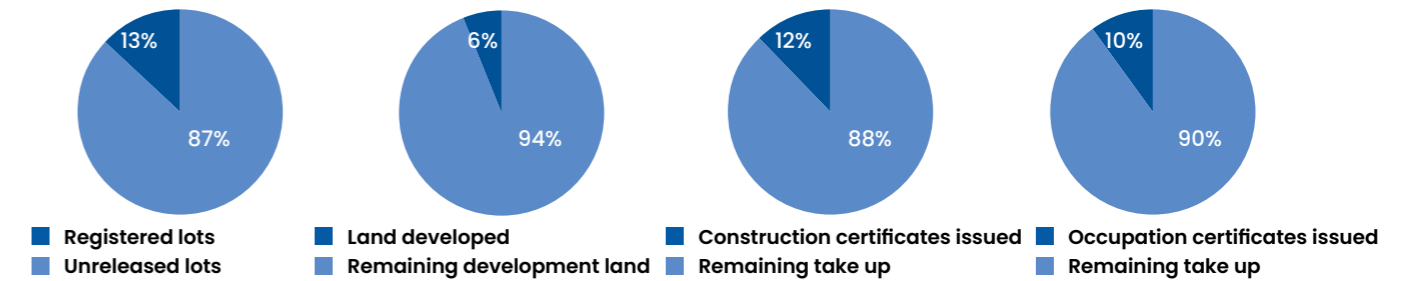
1. Number of registered lots (those with DA approval and a subdivision certificate issued) vs number of unreleased lots (those with DA approval but without a subdivision certificate)
2. Area of land developed (with approved and registered lots) vs remaining land with development potential
3. Number of lots with Construction Certificates issued vs number of lots remaining without
4. Number of lots with Occupation Certificates issued vs number of lots remaining without

Note: No Subdivision Certificates have been issued in Anvil Creek, Blackhill, Branxton Street Greta, Cessnock BC5, Lovedale Integrated Tourist Development, Government Road, Kurri Kurri Regrowth, Millfield CC5 and Mount View Road, Millfield.

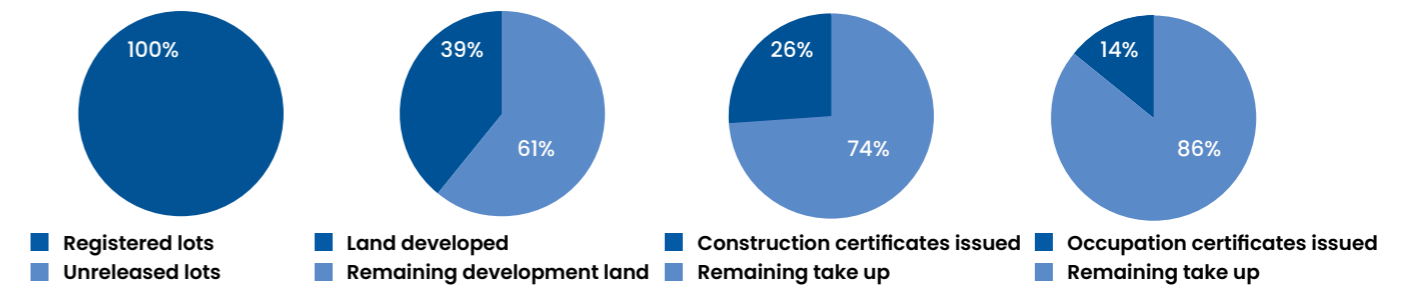
Avery's Village



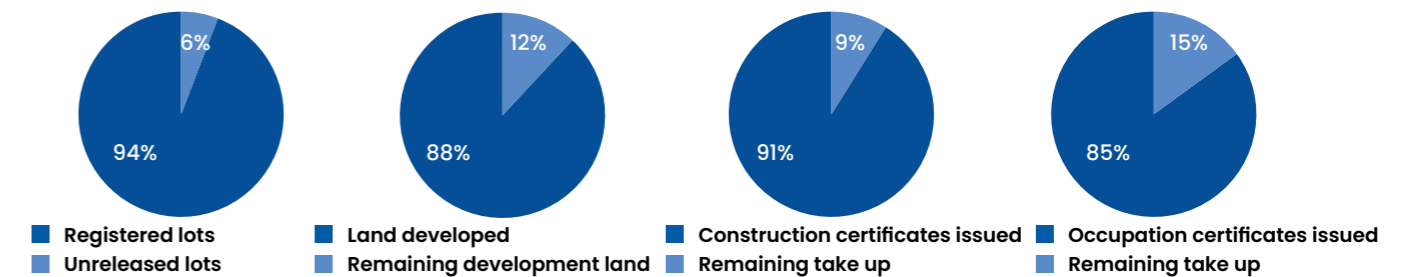
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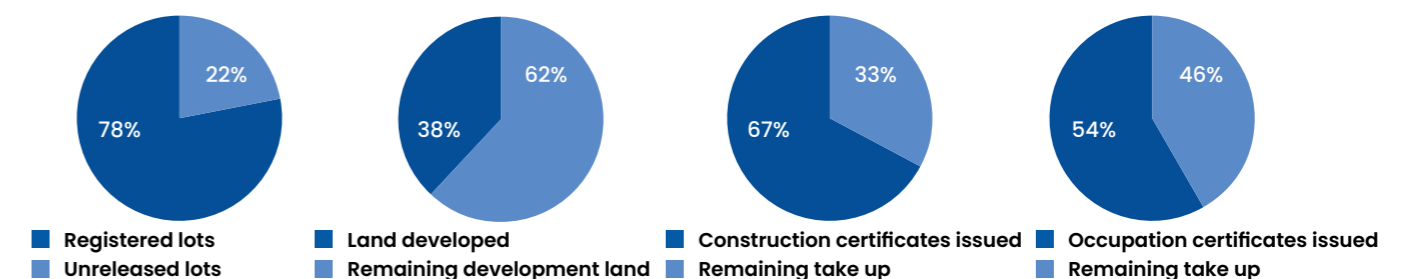
Bellbird Heights



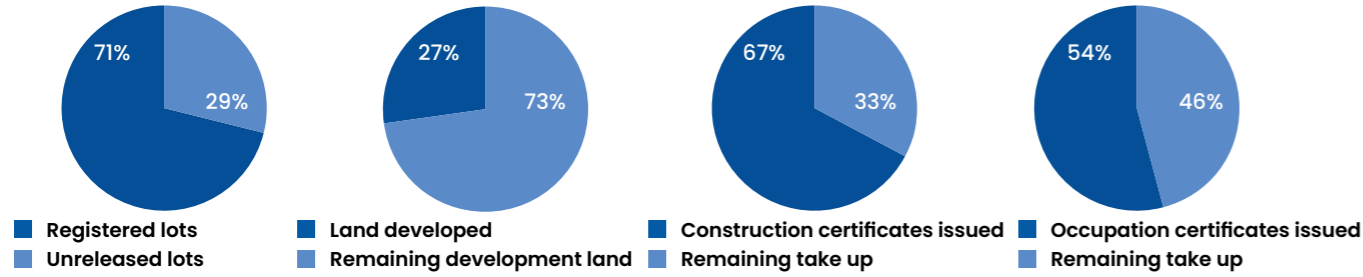
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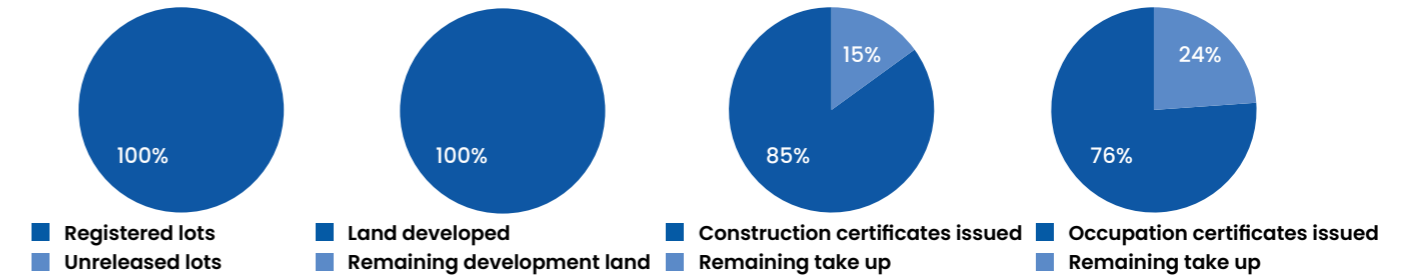
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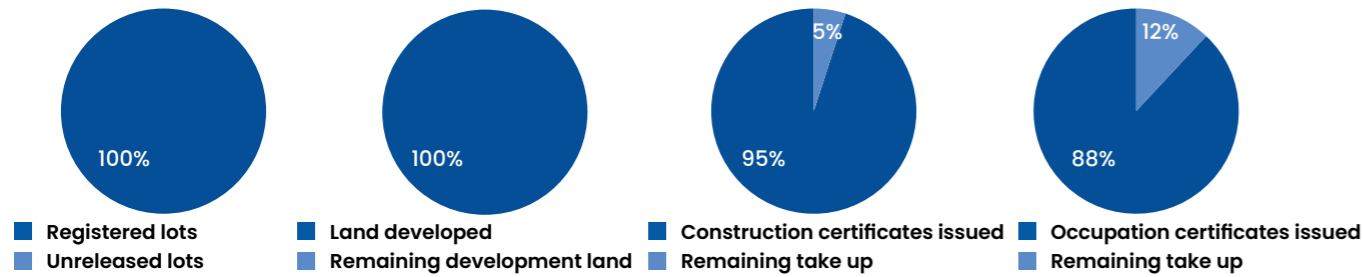
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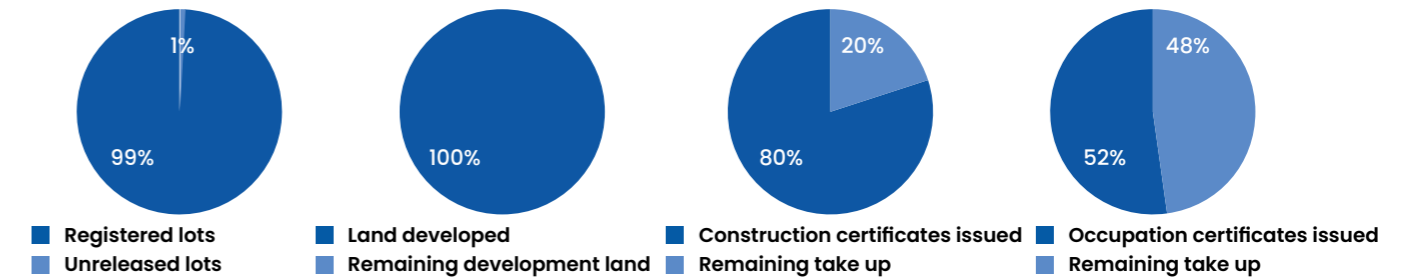
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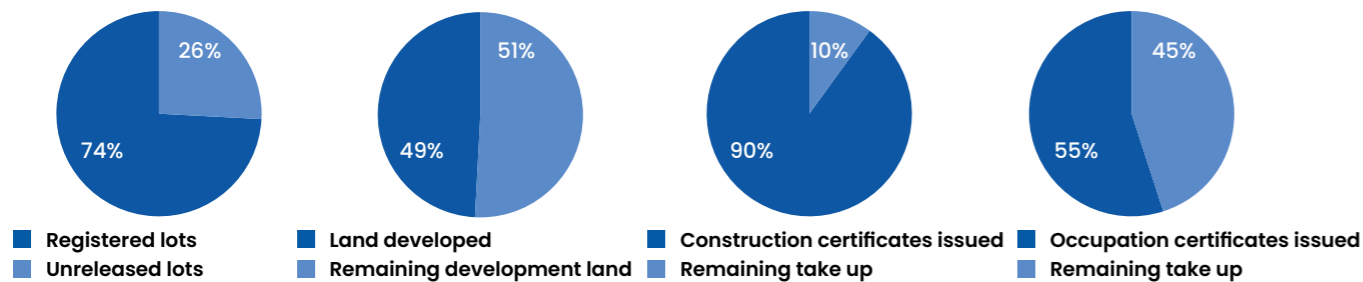
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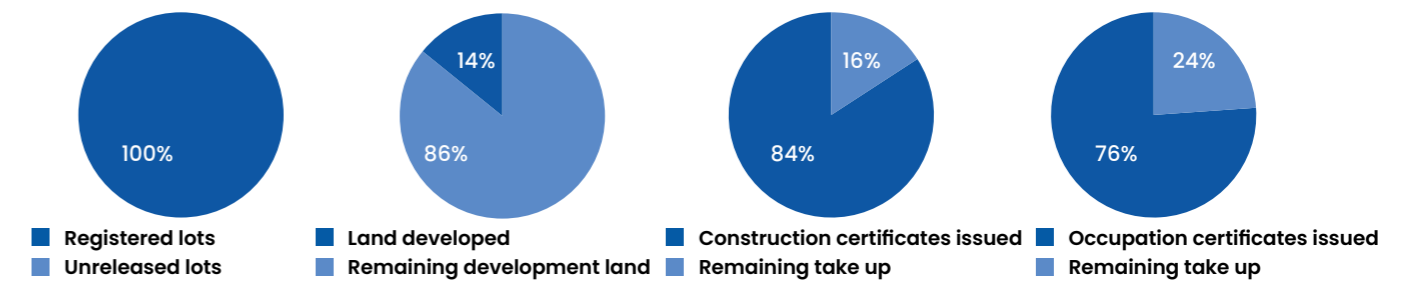
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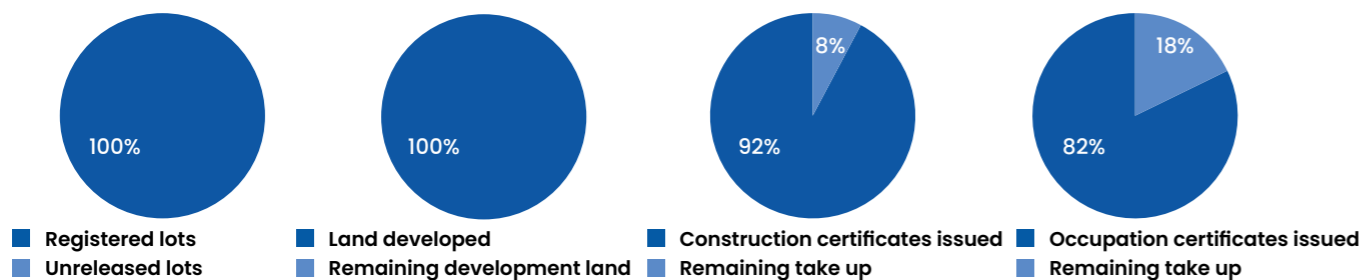
Nukulba BC10



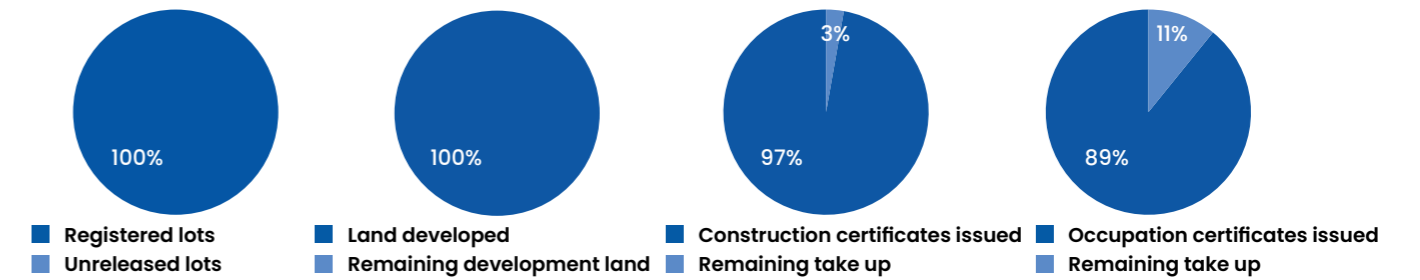
The Vintage



Paxton



West and Wyndham Street



PROGRESS OF UGMP

PROGRESS OF URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN (UGMP)

The Urban Growth Management Plan (UGMP) is intended to guide the future release of land to support the growth of our community. The UGMP provides for three different lifestyle opportunities across the region and it allows Council to consider place strategies/structure plans and planning proposals for new residential land within each of these categories when the supply for that category reaches 15 years or less.

Based on a scenario of 630 dwellings per annum and the market lot size⁴ scenario Cessnock has the following supply.

Lifestyle category	Current supply (30 June 2023)	Previous reported supply (As of 30 June 2022 – Adoption of the Interim Review UGMP)	Previous reported supply (30 June 2021)	Previous reported supply (March 2021 – Adoption of UGMP)
Village lifestyle	12 years	12 years	12 years	11 years
Established Urban	16 years	16 years	18 years	20 years
Commuter Urban	20 years	17 years	21 years	22.5 years

To address the shortfall in the Village lifestyle category, Council commenced the Structure Planning Process for the Nulkaba Investigation area. The draft Structure Plan is expected to be exhibited shortly.

The supply within the Commuter Urban category has increased with the rezoning of the Regrowth Kurri Kurri site in December 2022. This site has the capacity to delivery in the order of 1500 residential lots.

The supply in the Established Urban category, remains above the 15-year supply threshold. Notwithstanding, Council has endorsed the preparation of a Structure Plan (Place Strategy) for the Sawyers Gully Urban Investigation Area (SGUIA) in October 2021.

Additionally, The UGMP (Interim Review) 2022 contains an exemption for 3 lots on Main Road, Cliftleigh to progress prior to the 15-year threshold being reached reasons for this outlined in the Interim UGMP.

The UGMP (Interim Review) on Council’s webpage along with the methodology statement should be read in full for further information on how these figures were derived.

4. Market lot size is the lot size that is delivered by the development industry. This compares to the minimum lot size which is an LEP development control.



PROGRESS OF STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENTS

PROGRESS OF STRATEGIC PLANNING STRATEGIES AND PLANS

This section provides an overview of the progress of actions within strategic planning strategies and plans. This year, two new Strategic Plans have been adopted, including the Heddon Greta – Cliftleigh Structure Plan and the Climate Change Resilience Plan.

TABLE 8: ACTIONS MONITOR: STRATEGIC PLANNING STRATEGIES AND PLANS

Project ID	Actions	Timeframe		
		Short (0-2yrs)	Med (3-5yrs)	Ongoing/ Long (5+yrs)
Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS)				
Planning Priority 1	1. Prepare a Local Housing Strategy that:		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 1	Analyses local housing needs and housing preferences.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 1	Responds to the spectrum of housing types and needs across the local government area.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 1	Prioritises the delivery of infill housing within existing urban areas		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 1	Meets social and affordable housing requirements for low and very low-income households.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 1	Considers the extent of the existing R3 Medium Density Residential zone in Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Weston and Branxton.		●	
Planning Priority 1	Considers opportunities for medium-density development along the Cessnock to Maitland Growth Corridor.		●	
Planning Priority 1	2. Prepare an Urban Growth Management Strategy including a sequencing strategy for future development		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 1	3. Prepare a corridor plan for the Cliftleigh – Heddon Greta Corridor.		COMPLETED	

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Planning Priority 1	To ensure the area is adequately serviced and new growth is integrated with the existing residential areas.			
Planning Priority 1	4. Prepare an annual monitoring report.			●
Planning Priority 1	To report on land and housing supply and demand.			●
Planning Priority 1	To inform when it is necessary to investigate the provision of additional land for development.	●		
Planning Priority 1	To record the use and uptake of employment land over the life of the strategy.			●
Planning Priority 1	To inform when it is necessary to investigate the provision of additional employment land.	●		
Planning Priority 1	5. Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan.	●		
Planning Priority 1	To permit higher density development, such as shop-top housing, in B2 Local Centre, B3 Commercial Core and B4 Mixed Use zones where considered appropriate in respect to environmental constraints.		●	
Planning Priority 1	To review the extent of the existing R3 Medium Density Residential zone in the Kurri Kurri, Cessnock, Weston and Branxton commercial centres and opportunities for medium density development along the Cessnock to Maitland Growth Corridor		●	
Planning Priority 1	To review the zoning in urban release areas to encourage medium-density development around commercial centres and areas of high amenity.	●		

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Planning Priority 4	To review minimum lot size and subdivision controls to promote higher density around urban centres, key transport nodes and along major road corridors.		•	
Planning Priority 4	To review the minimum lot size and zoning requirements at Bellbird. In particular, the minimum lot size at Echidna Close and the rural zoning at Edden Street, Bellbird.	•		
Planning Priority 6	To review the land-uses in the E4 Environmental Living zone.		•	
Planning Priority 7	To rezone residual parcels of land from the Hunter Express Way.		•	
Planning Priority 8	To review the extent and application of the RU4 Primary Production zone subject to the recommendations of the Vineyards District Discussion Paper.	•		
Planning Priority 8	To ensure that land-uses are compatible with the rural landscape.	•		
Planning Priority 8	To investigate the inclusion of all rural zones in Clause 5.3 Development near zone boundaries.	•		
Planning Priority 8	To Investigate the merit of introducing a RU6 Transition zone to buffer rural and environmental zones.	•		
Planning Priority 9	To ensure land-uses and controls in the Vineyard District are compatible with the scenic rural character of the area and the long-term economic sustainability of the District.		•	
Planning Priority 10	To provide flexibility for new tourism development in suitable locations.		•	
Planning Priority 11	To align the zoning of centres to reflect the centres hierarchy.		•	

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Planning Priority 11	To ensure permitted development is consistent with the objectives of each zone.	•		
Planning Priority 11	Investigate the extent of the B4 Zone at Huntlee, to provide a clear direction as to Huntlee's future role in the centre hierarchy.		•	
Planning Priority 11	To ensure the extent of the B3 Commercial Core, B4 Mixed Use and B7 Business Park zones are appropriately utilised in the Cessnock Town Centre.	•		
Planning Priority 11	Investigate the extent and value of the B4 Mixed Use Development Zone at Weston.	•		
Planning Priority 13	Investigate the extent of industrial zoning within the Hunter Economic Zone (HEZ) in consultation with landowners and State government agencies and rezone significant environmental lands to an appropriate environmental zone.		•	
Planning Priority 14	To redefine and simplify the employment zones.		•	
Planning Priority 17	To investigate the use of environmental zones.		•	
Planning Priority 17	To investigate the use of buffer zones between areas of high environmental value (e.g. National Parks) and urban areas		•	
Planning Priority 17	To ensure the land-uses permissible in each of the environmental zones are consistent with the objectives of the zone.		•	
Planning Priority 17	To investigate the extent of industrial zoning within the Hunter Economic Zone in consultation with landowners and state government agencies, with the aim of rezoning significant environmental areas to an appropriate environmental zone.		•	

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Planning Priority 17	To examine the urban release areas and rezone riparian corridors to an appropriate environmental zone.	●		
Planning Priority 17	To investigate the introduction of planning controls to reduce land-use conflict for lands of high environmental value.	●		
Planning Priority 18	To rezone the Crown Land within the National Park Corridor to an appropriate Environmental Zone in consultation with the NSW State Government.	●		
Planning Priority 19	To ensure significant riparian corridors and water bodies are zoned to an appropriate environmental zone.	●		
Planning Priority 20	To ensure that the zoning and land-uses for land that is significantly affected by natural hazards (e.g. flooding and bushfire) reflect the risk.	●		
Planning Priority 20	To identify lands that may be suitable for renewable energy projects and reflect that through zoning.		●	
Planning Priority 20	To identify opportunities for urban agriculture and other measures to improve food security.		●	
Planning Priority 20	To ensure that the zoning and land-uses for land that is significantly affected by natural hazards (e.g. flooding and bushfire) reflect the risk.	●		
Planning Priority 22	To investigate options to add scenic protection controls.	●		
Planning Priority 22	To review the minimum lot sizes applicable to rural and environmental zones to avoid fragmentation of rural land.		●	
Planning Priority 22	To ensure permitted land-uses are compatible with the rural character and amenity of the Vineyards District.	●		

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Planning Priority 22	To investigate the viability of the RU6 Transition zone or a local provision to provide buffers.		●	
Planning Priority 22	To investigate local policy relating to dwelling entitlements.	●		
Planning Priority 24	To ensure heritage items and heritage conservation areas are appropriately identified and protected;	●		
Planning Priority 24	To consider how Aboriginal cultural heritage and cultural landscapes can be protected; and	●		
Planning Priority 24	To recognise heritage as it relates to the character of an area -considering ways to identify clusters of places and items which contribute to the significant character of a place.	●		
Planning Priority 27	To ensure major events are permitted in strategic centres and other suitable locations.		●	
Planning Priority 27	To enable land-uses that support events, such as tourist and visitor accommodation, function centres, to be permissible in strategic centres and other suitable locations.		●	
Planning Priority 28	To ensure that permitted development is consistent with the objectives of the RU5 Village zone.	●		
Planning Priority 30	To consider if dual occupancies and multi-unit dwellings are appropriate in the villages.		●	
Planning Priority 30	To provide minimum lot sizes in the RU5 Village zones that promote higher density and housing diversity where reticulated sewer and water are connected, and the site is not otherwise constraints.	●		
Planning Priority 1	6. Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan.	●		

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Planning Priority 1	To include development controls for dual occupancy and medium-density development that maintains the neighbourhood character.	●		
Planning Priority 2	To include development controls that encourage affordable and adaptable housing.	●		
Planning Priority 3	To ensure that there are adequate design standards for buildings in our centres.	●		
Planning Priority 19	To ensure the preservation of green corridors and water sensitive urban design principles	●		
Planning Priority 3	To include provisions to encourage increased place making in our centres.	●		
Planning Priority 4	To ensure adequate guidance is provided for access requirements.	●		
Planning Priority 4	To include provisions to encourage energy efficiency and greening of buildings.	●		
Planning Priority 6	To include criteria to guide the rezoning of land to E4 Environmental Living.		●	
Planning Priority 23	To ensure objectives and controls appropriately reflect the different character areas within the Vineyards District.	●		
Planning Priority 8	To ensure higher risk, non-agricultural land-uses are managed appropriately.	●		
Planning Priority 8	To introduce effective buffer distances to protect existing and potential rural land-uses from incompatible development.	●		
Planning Priority 8	To ensure objectives and controls are sufficiently robust to protect important agricultural activities from inappropriate development, including urban encroachment, land fragmentation and inappropriate forms of residential and tourism development.	●		

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Planning Priority 9	To provide clear development standards for the range of non-agricultural development that is permitted in the Vineyards District.	●		
Planning Priority 9	To provide clear development standards for the range of non-agricultural development that is permitted in rural and environmental areas and the Vineyards District.	●		
Planning Priority 14	To provide guidance on appropriate design and building in rural and other sensitive areas. Provide clear design and building standards for industrial development.	●		
Planning Priority 17	To update the trees and vegetation management provisions.	●		
Planning Priority 17	To review and update the tree species list to ensure that it contains primarily local native species.	●		
Planning Priority 17	To introduce effective buffer distances to environmental lands from incompatible development.	●		
Planning Priority 19	To Introduce Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) controls.	●		
Planning Priority 19	To review stormwater management standards.	●		
Planning Priority 20	To review development controls to ensure that they build resilience and that development is appropriate for the level of risk.	●		
Planning Priority 20	To prepare development controls to improve building performance and include sustainable development initiatives.	●		
Planning Priority 20	To review planning controls to encourage investment in renewable energy.		●	

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Planning Priority 20	To include land-use policies that reduce resource consumption and minimise waste generation.	●		
Planning Priority 20	To prepare development controls to improve building performance and include sustainable development initiatives.	●		
Planning Priority 21	To include best practice policies for subdivision and development.	●		
Planning Priority 21	To include controls relating to rehabilitation and remediation of degraded land.	●		
Planning Priority 22	To include development controls that minimise the impact of urban development at the rural – urban interface.	●		
Planning Priority 22	Identify visually significant views and tree-lined local roads and provide controls to protect these assets.	●		
Planning Priority 23	To ensure an appropriate level of protection for each 'character area' with the Vineyards District.	●		
Planning Priority 23	To ensure the 'Significant Areas' map provides sufficient protection to valuable landscape elements.	●		
Planning Priority 24	To include controls for development in heritage conservation areas.	●		
Planning Priority 25	To provide guidance on developing heritage items and in conservation areas, including provisions for adaptive reuse and disabled access.	●		
Planning Priority 26	To ensure that eco-tourism is sensitively designed and minimises environmental impact.	●		
Planning Priority 26	To ensure that agri-based tourism supports the viability of agriculture.	●		

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Planning Priority 29	To include development controls to inform development at Wollombi.	●		
Planning Priority 4	7. Review Council's development contribution framework-		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 2	To ensure that appropriate infrastructure is funded by the developer.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 4	To contribute to the active transport works in Council's Traffic and Transport Strategy.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 2	To ensure that appropriate infrastructure is funded by the developer.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 5	To incentivise infill development within existing urban areas.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 9	To repeal the Tourism S94 Plan.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 9	To capture contributions from tourist-related development under council's Section 7.12 Levy Contributions Plan.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 10	To ensure that tourism development contributes to infrastructure provision and town centre improvements.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 26	To ensure that community infrastructure needed to support nature based and recreational tourism is appropriately funded.	●		
Planning Priority 27	To provide funding mechanisms to capture contributions from events, festivals and other tourist activities to support the provision of related infrastructure.	●		
Planning Priority 3	8. Review the Parking and Access Strategy for the Cessnock Commercial Centre.		●	
Planning Priority 3	9. Continue to apply for government funding to implement the public domain works that are identified in Council's endorsed town centre strategies and masterplans.			●

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Planning Priority 3	10. Continue to capture development contributions and investigate alternative funding options to complete town centre public domain works.			●
Planning Priority 3	11. Prepare a town centre place-making strategy to encourage development and investment that will increase activation, amenity and use of existing sites in our centres.		●	
Planning Priority 3	12. Target the Local Heritage Fund to façade improvement for heritage buildings in our centres.	●		
Planning Priority 29	13. Prepare a villages strategy that:			
Planning Priority 28	Identifies key features of each village.		●	
Planning Priority 28	Identifies opportunities for improvements to the public domain in each village.		●	
Planning Priority 28	14. Council will prepare a Local Character Study and Local Character Statement for residential land in relevant City locations		●	
Planning Priority 26	15. Investigate options for a cycleway and trail through the Vineyard District.		●	
Planning Priority 18	16. Prepare a Greener Places, Urban Forest Policy and Street Tree Policy.		●	
Planning Priority 4	17. Continue to implement Council’s adopted plans for access and mobility, recreation and open space, traffic and transport and community.			●
Planning Priority 4	18. Undertake a movement and place study for our roads in major urban areas.		●	
Planning Priority 4	19. Support a place based planning approach to better guide planning and urban design outcomes for urban areas.		●	

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Planning Priority 5	20. Council will continue to monitor residential land supply.			●
Planning Priority 5	21. Council will continue to participate in the Hunter Urban Development Program.			●
Planning Priority 6	22. Undertake an Environmental Lands Study.		●	
Planning Priority 8	23. Investigate a precinct planning approach for the rural and environmental areas to reflect the different character and capabilities of land across the region.		●	
Planning Priority 8	24. Identify and map important agricultural land, significant agricultural landscapes and sensitive view sheds.		●	
Planning Priority 8	25. Lobby the State Government to realign the Viticulture Critical Industry Cluster boundary with the RU4 Primary Production Small Lots Zone and the important viticultural land map to ensure uniform status across the Vineyards District.			●
Planning Priority 8	26. Investigate policy options to protect the region’s productive agricultural land from fragmentation and inappropriate development.		●	
Planning Priority 8	27. Investigate the viability of new and emerging agricultural industries and how to support diversification of the sector through local planning policies.	●		
Planning Priority 8	28. Prepare a Rural Lands Policy.	●		
Planning Priority 9	29. Continue to facilitate the Vineyard District Community Working Group for the Vineyards District Project.		●	
Planning Priority 11	30. Progress the ‘Hydro’ Planning Proposal.		●	

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Planning Priority 11	Apply a new B5 Business Development Zone to the Hydro site south of the expressway and north of the existing Kurri Kurri Industrial Estate.		•	
Planning Priority 13	With the inclusion of employment land to encourage a range of appropriate industries and specialised retail premises.		•	
Planning Priority 12	31. Engage with local business chambers and public organisations to determine how the local planning framework can be modified to support their continued growth and diversification.	•		
Planning Priority 12	32. Lobby the State and Federal governments to encourage new public organisations, including health and education services to establish in the local government area.			•
Planning Priority 12	33. Investigate opportunities to incentivise the creation of shared workspaces in our centres.		•	
Planning Priority 12	34. Lobby for a university presence that capitalises on the LGA's strengths.		•	
Planning Priority 12	35. Continue to implement place-making and public domain strategies and continue to apply for funding to support the City's centres.			•
Planning Priority 15	36. Continue to implement the Cessnock Airport Master Plan.			•
Planning Priority 15	37. Continue to implement Council's Economic Development Strategy.			•
Planning Priority 15	38. Continue to implement the Cessnock Traffic and Transport Strategy.			•
Planning Priority 15	39. Investigate park and ride facilities and commuter parking at public transport nodes and HEX interchanges in collaboration with the RMS.		•	

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Planning Priority 15	40. Investigate amending land-use zones in areas affected by significant changes to the road network.		•	
Planning Priority 15	41. Preserve the rail corridor for potential future use.			•
Planning Priority 15	42. Investigate and plan for the provision of a university campus in the LGA.		•	
Planning Priority 16	43. Prepare a Smart City Strategy.			•
Planning Priority 16	44. Lobby for broader internet and mobile coverage.			•
Planning Priority 17	45. Prepare an Environmental Strategy.		•	
Planning Priority 17	46. Investigate if it is appropriate to introduce a sensitive land map with a clause that requires Council to consider the environmental qualities of the land in any planning proposals or development applications.	•		
Planning Priority 24	47. Engage with Austar, Local Aboriginal Land Councils and other major land holders about the future management of their lands and to reflect the environmental value of these lands in the Environmental Lands Study.	•		
Planning Priority 17	48. Enhance development and implement green and blue grids within new and existing urban areas.		•	
Planning Priority 18	49. Continue to implement actions from Council's Biodiversity Strategy 2014.			•
Planning Priority 18	50. Investigate planning mechanisms to provide greater protection for areas of high biodiversity and biodiversity corridors.	•		

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Planning Priority 18	51. Investigate the possibility of Council making strategic land purchases for the purpose of establishing Biodiversity Stewardship Sites*.		●	
Planning Priority 18	52. Work collaboratively with stakeholders to identify lands of high biodiversity and strategies to protect and enhance these areas.		●	
Planning Priority 18	53. Work with the state government to ensure the long-term protection of regionally significant biodiversity corridors e.g. the Watagan to Stockton Link through strategic bio-certification.			●
Planning Priority 18	54. Continue to implement the Cessnock Biodiversity Management Plan.			●
Planning Priority 18	55. Investigate funding and grant opportunities to support environmental improvement works.			●
Planning Priority 18	56. Prepare a policy on the protection of watercourses and drainage channels.		●	
Planning Priority 19	57. Investigate the zoning of lots that contain significant waterbodies to ensure the type, location and extent of zoning is appropriate.	●		
Planning Priority 19	58. Apply for grant funding for projects that improve water security, water quality and the condition of urban waterways.			●
Planning Priority 19	59. Implement a water-sampling program to establish a base line for monitoring the success of the Environmental Strategy.	●		
Planning Priority 19	60. Work with Hunter Water to:			●
Planning Priority 19	Naturalise and potentially increase capacity of water and drainage channels throughout the LGA subject to flooding assessments; and		●	

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Planning Priority 19	Undertake specific water saving and improvement initiatives related to recycled water usage and integrated water management solutions.			●
Planning Priority 20	61. Prepare a Climate Change Policy and Strategy.		●	
Planning Priority 21	62. Prepare a Green Building Policy.			●
Planning Priority 24	63. Prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Strategy in consultation with local Aboriginal people and groups.	●		
Planning Priority 24	64. Undertake Phase 2 of the Aboriginal Heritage Study.		COMPLETED	
Planning Priority 24	Continue to apply for funding to continue the local heritage small grants program and heritage advisory service.			●
Planning Priority 25	66. Prepare a Heritage Strategy.			
Planning Priority 25	To recognise, protect, enhance and promote heritage items and heritage conservations areas.	●		
Planning Priority 25	To promote key heritage attractions.	●		
Planning Priority 25	Investigate the merit of a heritage interpretation plan to provide guidance and strategies on communicating the significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas to the local community and visitors.	●		
Planning Priority 24	67. Continue to apply for funding to continue the Cessnock City Council Local Heritage Small Grants program and heritage advisory service.			●

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Planning Priority 26	68. Promote the Watagan and Yengo National Parks as destinations of natural and Aboriginal significance.			●
Planning Priority 26	69. Prioritise the implementation of the Richmond Vale Rail Trail.	●		
Planning Priority 27	70. Continue to undertake the Vineyards District project.	●		
Planning Priority 28	71. Continue the implementation of the town centre public domain plans.			●
Planning Priority 28	72. Investigate and identify precincts that require local character statements.		●	
Planning Priority 22	To remove reference to the R5 Large Lot Residential zone in Clause 4.2A of the LEP.		●	
Planning Priority 22	To update the LEP Dwelling Entitlements Map to include parcels of land that have been identified as having an entitlement.	●		
Planning Priority 23	To ensure the zone applied to the Cessnock LGA Vineyards District and the land-uses it nominates as permissible are compatible with the rural character and amenity of the area.	●		



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Branxton Sub-Regional Strategy - Land Use Strategy and Plan				
GE01	Endorse the Key Guiding Principles provided by this strategy		COMPLETED	
GE02	Review housing supply and demand every 5 years to ensure that this Strategy is up to date and on track.		COMPLETED	
GE03	Develop and/or maintain development controls within Huntlee, Branxton, East Branxton and Greta that complements similar development controls in each of the other areas.		COMPLETED	
GE04	Monitor the supply and demand for integrated golfing tourism and residential development, and amend land use provisions accordingly.			●
LZN01	Investigate rezoning RMS owned land to be integrated with the Huntlee precinct			●



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LZN02	Review business zoning regime for Branxton, Greta and Huntlee to ensure the zoning for each area complements the other two without jeopardising their future viability.		COMPLETED	
LZN03	Review land use provisions/zoning in rural areas in relation to commercial activities		•	
LZN04	Review the extent of B4 Mixed Use zoning within the Huntlee precinct at least every 5 years to be consistent with approved or appropriately proposed development.			•
LZN05	Review residential zoning regime for Branxton, Branxton East, Greta and Huntlee to ensure the land use provisions and development controls in each area complements the others.		COMPLETED	
LZN06	Review zoning for Greta Migrant Camp with consideration of applying an SP3 Tourist zone across the site, consistent with the zoning approach for similar tourist developments within the Cessnock Local Government Area. Areas currently zoned E2 Environmental Conservation should be maintained as E2 zoning.			•
LZN07	Review the extent of the R5 zoned land in Greta with consideration of applying an R2 Low Density Residential zoning where the land can be appropriately serviced.			•
ENV01	Address flooding issues effecting the western portion of the Huntlee precinct			•
ENV02	Complete the floodplain risk management plans for Branxton and Greta with consideration of a flood planning level for industrial and commercial development.		COMPLETED	
ENV03	Review Branxton Wastewater Treatment Works buffers			•

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TIN01	Establish appropriate setbacks to significant interregional transport corridors			•
TIN02	Extend reticulated sewer from the Huntlee precinct to North Rothbury			•



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Branxton Town Masterplan				
MS01	Increase amenity and activity in main street with new development and business that provide for the convenience and day-to-day needs of residents and visitors, including tourism uses in the vicinity of the Town Centre.			●
MS02	Permit shop top housing and mixed use development in the Town Centre.		COMPLETED	
MS03	Implement streetscape improvements such as street trees, wider footpaths and street furniture as detailed in a Public Domain Plan.			●
MS04	Formalise pedestrian crossings to improve safety and connection.			●
MS05	Rationalise driveway crossings along the southern side of the main street in longer term.			●
C01	Improve existing vehicular and pedestrian/ cyclist connections to and from the medical centre, particularly travelling west.		●	
C02	Plan for new connections at the rear of commercial properties on the northern side of Maitland Street to minimise vehicular reliance on the main street.		COMPLETED	
C03	Plan for new mid-block pedestrian laneway from Maitland Street to the existing / extended vehicle laneway.		COMPLETED	
C04	Locate parking and loading facilities so that they operate efficiently and do not intrude on the public realm.		COMPLETED	

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C05	<p>Integrate a Traffic and Transport Strategy for Branxton into a DCP. This strategy, and associated guidelines, should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the network of streets linking the Town Centre to adjoining areas; Establish a hierarchy of roads, to provide for growth in traffic volumes and cater for future diversion of heavy traffic; Establish a system of connected paths between the Town Centre and surrounding open space and recreation areas, public transport areas (school bus interchange, Branxton train station), community facilities (preschool and primary school, churches, community centres), residential areas; Identify the streets and lanes that will be shared spaces, providing for the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles; Support a street network that offers alternative routes to destinations, in order to increase permeability and to spread traffic; and Identify design requirements and opportunities to enhance the public domain. 			●
AG01	Establish street trees to improve the look of key approaches along the New England Highway, Cessnock Road and Clift Street.			●
AG02	Create subtle 'gateways' near the Maitland Street/Clift Street intersection and Maitland Street/Cessnock Road intersection, through the use of measures such as appropriate signage, public art and public spaces.		●	
RE01	Improve pedestrian/cyclist connections to Miller Park.		●	

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RE02	Improve connections between main street and Branxton Park, and retain gathering space at Branxton Park in association with memorials.		COMPLETED	
RE03	Consult with Branxton Golf Club regarding potential to improve links with Town Centre.		COMPLETED	
PA01	Consult with Royal Federal Hotel and the IGA Supermarket over the potential to rationalise existing car parking for these businesses with a view to improve vehicular and pedestrian connection.		COMPLETED	
PA02	Remove parking time restrictions along Maitland Street.	●		
PA03	Consult with Golf Course and adjoining landowners to investigate opportunities to extend the public car park at the corner of Maitland Street and Cessnock Road.		COMPLETED	
PA04	Replace part of the public car park on the corner of Maitland Street and Cessnock Road with a new public space.			●
HE01	Protect view corridors within Branxton Town Centre to the surrounding rural setting.		COMPLETED	
HE02	Ensure future streetscape improvements acknowledge the existing heritage and do not incorporate inappropriate, more contemporary treatments such as raised thresholds, excessive use of 'blisters' along kerb lines and dominant signage and 'gateway' features.		COMPLETED	
HE03	Establish appropriate guidelines to encourage future development to complement the existing heritage character.		COMPLETED	
HE04	Remove unnecessary and out of character signage, and other traffic management devices in Town Centre.			●

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HE05	Promote heritage character with heritage appropriate signage.		COMPLETED	
FD01	Encourage infill mixed use and residential development to increase the population in the Town Centre, including seniors and smaller lot housing within 400 metres walking radius of the core business area.		COMPLETED	
FD02	Review the business zoning scheme to retain commercial activities on land currently zoned R2.		●	
FD03	Complete floodplain risk management plans, and consider a separate commercial flood planning level		COMPLETED	
FD04	Retain two-storey height limits along both sides of Maitland Street.		COMPLETED	
FD05	Encourage commercial development by requiring commercial land uses are provided for all new development at ground level along either side of Maitland Street between Clift Street and Cessnock Road.		COMPLETED	
FD06	Maintain a fine-grained urban form of facades along Maitland Street within the Town Centre to encourage local businesses to establish.		COMPLETED	

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Branxton Public Domain Plan and Implementation Plan				
Section 1: Public Domain Plan Objectives 1.1 Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To revitalise the main street (Maitland Street) Increase/improve connectivity to and within the town centre To improve approaches and gateways To strengthen relationships to recreation areas To rationalise parking To respond to unique heritage and rural setting To enable and encourage future development 		COMPLETED	
1.3 Open Spaces and public squares	Formalise car park area and line car parks.			●
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Branxton Oval)	Allow developers to offset some car parking deficiencies within the town centre to the oval by way of contributions or planning agreements to fund improvements to the car park.			●
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Branxton Oval)	Improve the setting of the historic rotunda and the cenotaph.		COMPLETED	
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Branxton Oval)	Provide pedestrian and vehicular signage to and from the Oval from the town centre.		COMPLETED	
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Branxton Oval)	Improve the circulation of vehicles around the car park.			●
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Branxton Oval)	Improve pedestrian pavements along John Rose Avenue.		COMPLETED	
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Branxton Oval)	Upgrade amenities.			●

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1.3 Open Space and public squares (Branxton Oval)	Provide additional facilities to facilitate the interchange and to protect the rotunda and cenotaph.		COMPLETED	
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Branxton Oval)	To provide additional signage to direct RV campers to the camping area and stipulate the terms of use.		COMPLETED	
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Miller Park)	Directional signage will be provided in the town centre to direct visitors to the park.			●
1.3 Open Space and public squares (Visitor Entry Statement and Parking Area)	A visitor entry statement and parking area is proposed at the eastern gateway to the town centre. This area will provide new town signage, picnic tables and interpretation signage. The area will allow planting of large trees to further improve the gateway to the centre. It may also be a site for local artwork			●



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Cessnock CBD Masterplan				
Access & Movement 1	Create low speed environments in the CBD and identify streets which have the potential to become 40 km/h high pedestrian activity zones and/or shared zones, e.g. Cooper Street and parts of Charlton Street.		•	
Access & Movement 2	Create a robust access network throughout the western CBD area, e.g. connecting Charlton Street between Hall Street and Aberdare Road, formalising the link to Wollombi Road through the Council-owned carpark and creating new links across the drainage channels.		•	
Access & Movement 3	Investigate and liaise with RMS regarding the potential to realign Vincent Street and Allandale Road.		•	
Access & Movement 4	Increase the number of safe pedestrian crossing points on Council roads throughout the CBD. Liaise with RMS to identify opportunities for additional crossing points along Wollombi Road.			•
Access & Movement 5	Investigate existing intersection treatments and roundabouts, which are often hazardous for pedestrians, e.g. at Charlton/Cooper Streets and along Cumberland Street. (Links to KP2.1)			•
Access & Movement 6	Identify locations with poor footpath pavement and upgrade pavement quality to improve access for less mobile people, e.g. laneways off Vincent Street and southern side of Cooper Street between Vincent and Cumberland Streets.			•
Access & Movement 7	Improve and maintain the walking path to Bridges Hill Park.			•

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Access & Movement 8	Improve public transport options, e.g. increase frequency of existing bus services and work with state/federal government to investigate potential of train services (see Cessnock 2020 Community Plan).			•
Access & Movement 9	Review / update the 1995 Bicycle Plan to coordinate investment in a network of safe and coherent bicycle routes (both on- and off-road), link into regional (tourist) bike routes.			•
Access & Movement 10	Provide basic secure bicycle lock-up rings across the CBD and establish highly visible bike parking spots at key locations, e.g. the library, the Art Gallery and major retailers.			•
Access & Movement 11	Consolidate carparking to free up valuable development land and to increase the attractiveness of the CBD, e.g. through provision of carparking on regular shaped land parcels or the establishment of multi-level carparks.			•
Access & Movement 12	Investigate optimal location and number of accessible car parking spaces in the CBD.			•



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Public Domain 1	Investigate the opportunity to partner with the TAFE to develop central parklands, which could incorporate a playground, water sensitive urban design measures and opportunities for community gardens. (Links to KP4.1)			●
Public Domain 2	Establish Vincent Street as an 'eat-street' where people can enjoy outdoor cafes and al-fresco dining.			●
Public Domain 3	Upgrade important public open spaces such as H.J Sternbeck Lions Park, e.g. by investigating tenure of the Telstra building, adding a temporary cafe/coffee cart, a small water feature and/or public art and redesign the park so it feels more comfortable to be/sit in.			●
Public Domain 4	Investigate how to deal with the open drainage channels that meander through the western area of the CBD, e.g. investigate beautification of channel edges, opportunities for walking/cycle links, widening of sections to establish green open space, realignment of sections and/or culverts to enable improved connections and new links. (Links to KP3.1, 3.2, 3.3).			●
Public Domain 5	Improve surveillance of the public domain, e.g. by creating a more permeable access network, consolidating large areas of carparking into multi-level carparks (AM1), attracting more residents that live in the CBD and encouraging a night-time economy that attracts a wide range of people.			●
Public Domain 6	Provide high levels of lighting throughout the CBD, in particular along key pedestrian routes such as the laneways off Vincent Street.			●
Public Domain 7	Investigate the benefits of expanding the number of people living in and using the CBD and develop mechanisms for implementation.			●

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Public Domain 8	Develop a public art strategy, which links into the idea of an Arts Precinct in the CBD outlined in the Cessnock 2020 Community Plan and the Social and Cultural Plan 2009-2014. Identify key locations, e.g. the northern gateway, and commission artists, seek funding and consider temporary, interactive and light installations.			●
Public Domain 9	Develop a signage and interpretive strategy that aids way finding to enables visitors to discover the 'hidden' facilities of Cessnock including the shopping precincts and carparks. Integrate with the signage/branding strategy.			●
Public Domain 10	Continue a coordinated approach to street furniture and elements, creating a constancy of style and 'brand' of the CBD, while reducing visual clutter.			●
Urban Form & Aesthetics 1	Review the DCP to ensure that building facades located on terminating vistas are well designed. Maintain and frame important vistas along streets to buildings and places of heritage, architectural and/or landscape significance, i.e. long-distance views along east-west streets towards the rural surrounds.			●
Urban Form & Aesthetics 2	Review the DCP to maintain and reinforce a consistent height limit throughout the CBD of 2-3 levels. Consider heights that would not impact on the visual curtilage of heritage buildings.			●
Urban Form & Aesthetics 3	Develop a detailed brief/study for redevelopment of the Council Administration building into a 2-3 level Council Hub. Investigate the inclusion of a larger Cessnock City Library (2,000-2,500sqm) with 'active' frontages to Vincent and Cooper Streets and access to quality open space.			●

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Urban Form & Aesthetics 4	Investigate the opportunity to temporarily relocate some of Councils services during a potential redevelopment of the Council Chambers into under-utilised buildings (with a preference to preserve historic building stock) along Vincent Street to lift their value/ useability in the future.			●
Urban Form & Aesthetics 5	Develop a heritage colour and material palette for buildings along the main street which integrates with the street furniture and signage strategy (PD9, PD10).			●
Urban Form & Aesthetics 6	Develop a 'historic main street' place-making strategy with the aim to 'repair the walls' of Vincent Street (provision of high quality and distinctive shopfronts and signage) and make the CBD more attractive for tourists, e.g. by subsidising free paint to shop/property owners (consistent with the heritage palette).			●
Economic Opportunities 1	Provide incentives for existing businesses in the CBD to expand or reinvest, e.g. reduced Council rates for a set period of time for desirable businesses or businesses looking to contribute to training and apprentice programs for local residents.			●
Economic Opportunities 2	Focus on creating a stronger local character by retaining historic and 'character' buildings. Investigate incentives such as exemptions (eg from rates and utilities during construction) as well as appropriate planning controls as a means to either reduce the cost of maintenance or reduce the 'opportunity cost' of retaining a building (rather than demolishing and rebuilding).			●

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Economic Opportunities 3	Develop a comprehensive and integrated marketing strategy to attract new industries and entrepreneurs into the CBD with a focus on targeting artists/craftsmen, green/sustainable, knowledge, food & wine, tourism and creative industries, e.g. rental subsidies or grant systems for start-up businesses, sponsored benefits and/or through links with the TAFE.			●
Economic Opportunities 4	Encourage alternative types of retail, e.g. fresh food markets and wine bars.			●
Economic Opportunities 5	Identify and implement events within the CBD that reactivate the centre both at night and during the day, e.g. buskers, evening street markets, weekend food markets, concerts, swap markets, street fairs and art events.			●
Economic Opportunities 6	Investigate opportunities within the western CBD area to improve access and create rectangular shaped blocks that can be used more efficiently (linked to AM2, PD4, PD5 initiatives). Investigate opportunities for potential land-swaps and/or amalgamation to facilitate this and focus on identifying win-win solutions.			●
Economic Opportunities 7	Continue to work closely with local businesses, organisations and the community to foster integrated decision making and participation in shaping the future of the Cessnock CBD.			●
Economic Opportunities 8	Investigate the opportunity to expand the Cessnock Regional Art Gallery and consider to include a local heritage museum and a cafe/ restaurant. Combining/co-locating multiple uses in this 'cultural hub' or 'heritage centre' would create a stronger destination/attraction for tourist and increase revenue sources.			●

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Kurri Kurri District Strategy				
A.3.3.1	Through the Four Year Delivery Plan, monitor and regularly review housing and employment demands and the availability and capacity of zoned land.			●
A.3.3.2	Investigate policy measures to preserve the existing scale of development along major residential and commercial streetscapes.			●



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A.3.3.3	Continue to progressively renew and construct infrastructure and public facilities in the District in line with Council's adopted strategies.			●
A.3.3.4	Prepare a street tree planting program for the District.			●
A.3.4.1	In conjunction with the Kurri Kurri Business Chamber, promote the District to industries and services that are reliant on good connectivity, such as service industries, freight and logistics, emergency services and healthcare.			●
A.3.4.2	Implement the Cessnock Cycling Strategy and Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan.			●
A.3.4.3	Implement and promote key elements of the draft Traffic and Transport Strategy.			●
A.3.4.4	Through policy control and development incentives, encourage private development to incorporate improvements to the pedestrian environment and public domain.			●
A.3.4.5	Lobby State Government to upgrade the intersection of Hart Road and Government Road and the intersection of Orange Street and Cessnock Road.			●
A.3.4.6	Enhance the pedestrian and cyclist environment between Log of Knowledge Park and the Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre as a priority.			●
A.3.5.1	Reinforce the role of the commercial centres by encouraging, protecting and guiding commercial development within the District's established centres.			●
A.3.5.2	Implement the masterplans for the Kurri Kurri and Weston commercial centres.			●

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A.3.5.3	Redefine the extent of the B4 Mixed Use Zone at Weston			●
A.3.5.4	In conjunction with local stakeholders, explore opportunities to extend the Richmond Vale Rail Trail to connect with key tourist assets in the District.			●
A.3.5.5	Explore opportunities for additional directional signage from the Hunter Expressway and within the Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre.			●
A.3.5.6	Council to pursue and maintain 'RV Friendly Town' status for Kurri Kurri.			●
A.3.5.7	Lobby the Department of Health for incentives to attract general practitioners to the Kurri Kurri District.			●
A.3.5.8	Investigate appropriate planning provisions to regulate the siting and built form of commercial development in the District.			●
A.3.5.9	Continue to build on the District's strengths, including public art and local festivals, to help differentiate the District's centres from those nearby.			●
A.3.5.10	Coordinate the branding of the District's commercial centres with Council's Signage Strategy.			●
A.3.5.11	Implement provisions in the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan to manage the environmental constraints impacting development in the Kurri Kurri Industrial Precinct.			●
A.3.5.12	Review the IN2 Light Industrial Zone Land Use Table with a view of encouraging a wider range of industrial related land uses.		COMPLETED	
A.3.5.13	Engage with the owners of the Hunter Economic Zone to determine an appropriate outcome for the land.			●

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A.3.6.1	Investigate planning provisions that encourage greater diversity of residential accommodation in the District.		COMPLETED	
A.3.6.2	Market the strengths of Kurri Kurri and Weston to attract a greater proportion of the Region's future housing demand.			●
A.3.6.3	Encourage increased density in accessible and unconstrained areas of the District.		COMPLETED	
A.3.6.4	Encourage development of seniors' housing and residential care facilities in accessible and unconstrained locations near the District's commercial centres.			●
A.3.7.1	Implement the Cessnock Recreation and Open Space Strategic Plan.			●



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Kurri Kurri District Strategy – Commercial Centre Masterplan				
1.1 _ Green	Review the DCP to discourage ‘big box’ type commercial developments (large footprint shops, food and retail outlets) with off street car parking – particularly on Victoria Street, Mitchell Avenue and Lang Street – to maintain a rich, active streetscape and vibrant Commercial Centre.	●		
1.2	Review the DCP to encourage retail and food outlets to develop active street frontages and address and activate smaller laneways in particular.	●		
1.3	Review the DCP to ensure height controls (on Lang Street and Barton Street in particular) to retain streetscape and ‘country town’ character. Building heights should not impact on the visual curtilage of heritage buildings.	●		
1.4	Establish height controls on key sites to protect significant views to significant buildings. Ensure long distance views along streets are maintained and framed where possible.	●		
1.5	Review the DCP to encourage a continuous awning along Barton Street between Allworth and Hampden Street and Lang Street between Allworth and Mitchell Avenue to create a pedestrian scale.	●		
1.6	Retain larger lots sizes (4,000m ²) to provide separation between each Commercial Centre and retain the country town character.	●		
1.7	Ensure future development discourages off street car parking on Lang Street which creates car dominated streetscapes, increases large commercial signs and sterilises future infill retail / shops.	●		

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1.8	Investigate the feasibility of relocating the existing netball courts at Molly Worthington Park and redeveloping the site.	●		
1.9	Review the DCP to encourage two or three storey mixed use commercial / retail with residential above the former Workers Club site, 238 Lang Street (Goodyear Auto Care) and the	●		
1.10	Review the DCP to ensure development activates frontages and entries address the street.	●		
2.1 _ Apricot	Install footpaths and kerb ramps on all streets with 500m of the Commercial Centre Precinct to improve pedestrian safety and encourage pedestrian movements.		●	
2.2	Provide pedestrian crossing points on Lang Street and Barton Street to encourage safe pedestrian connections within the Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre.	●		
2.3	Provide a network of safe cycleways from the Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre to key destinations in the District, including schools, the TAFE and the Kurri Kurri Hospital.		●	
2.4	Provide amenities to encourage cycling into the Commercial Centre including: improved road surfaces and signage on bicycle routes, bicycle racks along Lang Street and an end of trip facility in Rotary Park.		●	
2.5	Implement a 40km per hour zone on Barton Streets between Allworth Street and Victoria Street to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.		●	
2.6	Implement recreation vehicle parking on Hampden Street near the Commercial Centre and Rotary Park.		●	

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2.7	Provide tourist Coach Parking on Hampden Street with good access to the amenities of Rotary Park.	●		
2.8	Retain Jones Lane between Bruncker and Lang Street to retain fine grain pedestrian and cyclist circulation patterns.			●
2.9	Develop a signage strategy for the Commercial Centre to assist in way finding and improve pedestrian movement.		●	
3.1 Purple	Provide a unified streetscape palette including paving, furniture and lighting, which reflects the country town character.			●
3.2	Provide street trees and low shrub planting in kerb extensions within the Commercial Centre to calm traffic, improve safety, visual amenity and 'green' the streetscape in accordance with a tree planting program for the District.			●
3.3	Prepare a Street Tree Masterplan and ongoing tree planting program for streets outside the Study Area to create a sense of arrival into the Commercial Centre.	●		
3.4	Upgrade nominated footpaths in the Kurri Kurri Commercial Centre with a consistent palette to improve visual amenity, provide a unified street, remove trip hazards and allow for outdoor dining.		●	
3.5	Undertake a lighting upgrade to provide pedestrian scale lighting throughout the Commercial Centre and parks to improve pedestrian safety and amenity.		●	
3.6	Investigate opportunities to illuminate key buildings and heritage facades to create a strong sense of character and provide night time amenity.	●		

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3.7	Establish a temporary mural / artwork & banner pole artwork program to encourage repeat visitation.	●		
3.8	Integrate and coordinate the installation of the LGA Wayfinding Signage Manual to align with the proposed Masterplan.	●		
3.9	Provide a unified streetscape palette including paving, furniture and lighting, which reflects the country town character.	●		
4.1 Blue	Undertake upgrades to Rotary Park to sympathetically consolidate existing elements and create a flexible 'Village Green' and Park for community events.		●	
4.2	Relocate and upgrade with public toilets at Rotary Park with toilet facilities, including accessibility amenities and baby change facilities.		●	
4.3	Limit the installation of additional embellishments in Rotary Park to ensure the space remains usable for local events.	●		
4.4	Investigate the opportunity to provide a playground with amenities in the western portion of the Molly Worthington Netball Courts Site.		●	

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Weston Commercial Centre Masterplan				
1.1	Review the DCP to discourage 'big box' type commercial developments (large footprint shops, food and retail outlets) with off street car parking, particularly on Station Street and Cessnock Road to maintain a vibrant Commercial Centre.	•		
1.2	Review the DCP to encourage retail and food outlets to develop active street frontages and address and activate smaller laneways (in particular the laneway between Cessnock Road and First Street).	•		
1.3	Review the DCP to ensure height controls (on Station Street in particular) to retain streetscape and Town character. Building heights should not impact on the visual curtilage of heritage buildings.	•		
1.4	Retain larger lots sizes (4,000m2) on the periphery of Town to provide separation between each Commercial Centre and retain the rural town character	•		
1.5	Review the DCP to restrict developments with double driveways in the Commercial Centre to prevent retail and commercial uses being sterilised.	•		
1.6	Review the DCP to ensure development activates frontages and entries address the street.	•		
2.1	Install footpaths and kerb ramps on all streets within 250m of the Commercial Centre to improve pedestrian safety and encourage pedestrian movement.		•	

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2.2	Relocate the existing bus stop on the Western side of Station Street so that it is adjacent to the Criterion Hotel to facilitate buses merging and turning right into First Street.	•		
2.3	Provide pedestrian crossing points on Station Street, between Cessnock Road and First Street, to encourage safe pedestrian connections in the Commercial Centre.		•	
2.4	Provide a network of safe cycle ways from the Commercial Centre to key destinations in the District, including schools, TAFE and the Kurri Kurri District Hospital.		•	
2.5	Provide amenities to encourage cycling into the Commercial Centre, including improved road surfaces, signage on bicycle routes and bicycle racks along Station Street.		•	
2.6	Establish a shared path along Swamp Creek from Chinaman Hollow to the Weston Primary School and beyond, including connections from First to Tenth Streets and Swanson Street.		•	
2.7	Investigate an improved cycle connection to Kurri Kurri via Embelton Street to the south of Weston.		•	
2.8	Investigate the opportunity to establish a shared path between Grover Street (Weston) to Boundary Street (Kurri Kurri).		•	
2.9	Implement a 40km per hour zone on Station Street between Third Street and Cessnock Road to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.		•	
2.10	Develop a signage strategy for the Commercial Centre to assist in way finding and pedestrian and cyclist movement.		•	

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3.1	Provide a unified street scape palette, including paving, furniture and lighting, which reflects the rural town character.			●
3.2	Provide street trees and low shrub planting in kerb extensions within the Commercial Centre to calm traffic, improve safety, visual amenity and 'green' the streetscape in accordance with a tree planting program for the District.			●
3.3	Prepare a Street Tree Masterplan and ongoing tree planting program for streets outside of the Study Area to create a sense of arrival into the Commercial Centre.	●		
3.4	Upgrade nominated footpaths in the Weston Commercial Centre with a consistent palette to improve visual amenity, provide a unified street, remove trip hazards and allow for outdoor dining.		●	
3.5	Undertake a lighting upgrade to provide pedestrian scale lighting throughout the Commercial Centre and parks to improve pedestrian safety and amenity.		●	
3.6	Investigate opportunities to illuminate heritage buildings facades and railway water tank to create a strong sense of character and provide night time amenity.		●	
3.7	Investigate the opportunity to establish a regular 'everyday' food growers market in Weston.		●	
4.1	Undertake upgrades to Memorial Park to sympathetically consolidate existing elements and create a flexible space for passive recreation.			●

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4.2	Undertake minor upgrades to Bluey Frame park including the provision of a swing to address the gap in the network of playgrounds in Weston to ensure residents live within 500 meters of a playground.		●	



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Climate Change Resilience Plan				
W1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Sustainable Events guideline for event managers, including Council, and stallholders to improve sustainability of events including waste minimisation. Guideline would form part of conditions for Local Government Act and Development Application approvals. 		●	
W2	Implementation of food organics and garden organics (FOGO) waste collection program across the LGA. The FOGO waste collection program will be accompanied by extensive educational program to divert organic waste from landfill.		●	
W3	Undertake a review of resource/material use across Council operations to identify opportunities for increased uptake of recyclable/alternative materials in line with current and emerging technologies.		●	
W4	Advocate for State and Federal Government leadership and financing for development of alternative waste treatment processes and facilities			●
W5	Investigate carbon offsetting opportunities to balance emissions from Council's waste facility		●	
W6	Construct and extend the methane capture system at Council's existing waste facility. Investigate the potential for the methane capture system to facilitate waste to energy generation and use.		●	
W7	Investigate alternative and innovative treatments/measures to stabilise waste materials prior to placement in landfill.			●

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W8	Ensure partnerships are established and secured/ continued to progress the circular economy within the Hunter Region.			●
W9	Advocate to the Australian Federla and NSW State Governments for changes in packaging/ product standards to facilitate more sustainable or recyclable packaging materials and extension of product stewardship schemes.			●
FP1	Review Council fleet policy to support and incentivise uptake of hybrid and plug-in hybrid vehicles and promote higher efficiency standards where dual-fuel alternatives are not available.	●		
FP2	Develop and implement business case for electric vehicle trial within passenger pool fleet and installation of EV charging infrastructure for large scale fleet transition by 2030.	●		
FP3	Undertake a Council fleet transition plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing and proportion of fleet targets for transition to zero emission or electric vehicles Incentives for uptake of staff electric vehicles Options for passenger, light and heavy vehicle transition 		●	
FP4	Establish electric vehicle charging points at Council Administration building and depot to facilitate uptake of electric vehicles.		●	
FP5	Investigate the transition of Council operational plant and equipment to electric and battery powered options or other low/zero emission alternatives such as hydrogen fuel cells.		●	

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IF1	Undertake innovative trials to assess sustainable options for road and maintenance activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling of old road pavement in-situ Exploring materials requiring minimisation of excavation Recycling of excavated materials Working with suppliers to increase appropriate use of recycled materials 			●
IF2	Support Council facility managers to understand and implement sustainability practices, such as reduced energy, water use and waste.			●
IF3	New and replacement sporting field lighting installations will utilise LED fittings or similar low-energy fittings			●
IF4	Progressively transition Council facilities from gas energy supply as opportunities arise			●
IF5	Develop a sustainable buildings/infrastructure guideline for Council facilities including new facilities and upgrade projects.		●	
IF6	Continue implementation of the LED bulk replacement program for streetlights			●
IF7	Update flood studies in accordance with latest version of Australia Rainfall and Runoff assuming a warmer (0.5-1.5oc increase) baseline scenario			●
IF8	Identify opportunities in open space areas to incorporate latest research and best practice to ensure urban landscapes can adapt to future climate. New open space projects will be designed to incorporate best practice and latest research in adaptive design.			●

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IF9	Review and update Council Asset Management Plans to incorporate current best practice climate adaptation actions including sustainable procurement measures.		●	
E1	Establish a Council energy and emissions data system. The data system will assist in decision-making and help track progress towards Council's target of net zero emissions		●	
E2	Continue to install behind the meter solar PV where feasible			●
E3	Undertake continuing energy audits across Council facilities to provide options for further emission reduction investment.			●
E4	Establish an innovative public reporting platform for Council's Greenhouse gas emissions, energy use and supply (renewable and grid).		●	
E5	Continue membership of the Cities Power Partnership			●
E6	Continue participation in the State Government's Cities and Communities Program including mentoring to upskill Council's workforce			●
E7	Secure and implement a renewable Power Purchase Agreement for Council operations.		●	
E8	Investigate potential options for establishment of renewable energy generation facility(s) on Council owned or managed land.		●	
CPPI	Update the Local Emergency Management Plan to incorporate potential climate change impacts and prepare community for effects of climate change.	●		

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CPP2	Prepare a waste emergency management subplan to assess risk to waste management infrastructure and outline operational capabilities during anticipated increased frequency of emergency events. Ensure the subplan is formally recognised in the emergency management framework.	•		
CPP3	Review emergency management plans to ensure they adequately respond to new climate change data as it becomes available		•	
CPP4	Investigate the use of additional early warning networks to increase community preparedness for natural disasters and impacts of climate change.		•	
CPP5	Review the Hunter and Central Coast Enabling Regional Adaptation Report for application to Council internal processes and asset management		•	
CPP6	Establish a Council climate change steering committee with representation across all departments of Council to assist in implementation of climate change actions.	•		
CPP7	Initiate organisational review of Council policies, processes and operational practices to ensure alignment with net zero emissions target.	•	•	
CPP8	Review the Cessnock Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaptation Plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predicted cost of climate change to Council service delivery and public infrastructure assets • Risk and resilience pathway planning • Risk reduction and mitigation options 		•	
CPP9	Establish climate change planning objectives/ assessment into Council's project management framework and implement in project planning and delivery.		•	

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CPP10	Strengthen the environmental and sustainability considerations, including emission and waste reduction, in Council's Procurement Policy and application in procurement documentation	•		
CPP11	Continue to fund emissions reduction activities via the Revolving Energy Fund	•		
CPP12	Increase seed funding to the Revolving Energy Fund to facilitate further innovative actions and projects while existing mitigation projects pay back initial capital investment.	•		
DP1	Undertake a review of Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) to promote the uptake of green infrastructure such as green roofs and walls.		•	
DP2	Review the requirements of Council's DCP to promote resilient development through innovative building, infrastructure and landscape design to facilitate adaptation to a changing climate.		•	
DP3	Investigate the potential for inclusion of provisions within the Council's DCP for installation of community batteries within new subdivisions and major developments		•	
DP4	Investigate inclusion of an ecologically sustainable development chapter to the existing Development Control Plan (DCP) including objectives relating to greenhouse gas emissions, waste minimisation and water efficiency above the current NSW Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) and National Construction Code requirements.		•	
DP5	Investigate changes to planning instruments such as the Local Environment Plan to encourage increased dwelling density in appropriate parts of the LGA.		•	

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DP6	Investigate changes to the Development Control Plan (DCP) to facilitate uptake of electric vehicles in residential areas, such as requiring charging points in new development.		●	
CR1	Develop an on-going emissions profile for the Cessnock Local Government Area and establish a community information platform to illustrate community emission reduction progress.		●	
CR2	Establish a range of community sustainability and environmental awards to incentivise communitydriven change		●	
CR3	Investigate potential environmental upgrade finance programs for local businesses. Partner with appropriate funders to support local businesses to uptake sustainable building upgrades including solar photovoltaic systems and batteries and water efficiency installations		●	
CR4	Investigate and promote collaborative bulk-buy programs for solar panels or other cost-effective programs that increase adoption of renewable energy across the community		●	
CR5	Undertake a promotion program for the 'share and repair' economy within the community to reduce waste to landfill		●	
CR6	Investigate opportunities for community renewable energy projects such as neighbourhood batteries	●		
CR7	Implement programs and activities designed to increase householder preparedness for natural disasters and climate change		●	

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CR8	Pursue funding for installation of public electric vehicle charging stations at a number of accessible locations across the LGA. Charging stations should be powered by on-site renewables where possible. Charging stations may be considered in association with supporting partners.		●	
CR9	Advocate for improved public transport infrastructure in proximity to urban areas/ towns			●
CR10	Design and deliver a sustainability and environmental education plan to expand existing programs and focus on community capacity to take sustainable practical actions.			●
CR11	Promote NSW State Government energy efficiency programs to local businesses and manufacturers to increase uptake of efficiency practices			●
CR12	Pursue partnerships with local business representatives or associations to educate and adopt sustainable practices such as circular economy, energy and waste reduction while promoting environmental and financial outcomes.			●
CR13	Implement a series of initiatives which assist with community connection before, during and after natural disasters (including bushfires) and facilitate greater community resilience.			●
CR14	Advocate to the NSW State Government for improvement to legislated sustainability performance requirements e.g. BASIX			●
CR15	Advocate for State and Federal Government support for businesses and the community to accelerate the transition to a net zero emissions economy.			●

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CRI6	Provide opportunities to support local food production and consumption through farmers markets, community gardens and community supported agriculture programs to ensure food security in a changing climate			•
CRI7	Promote circular economy, energy efficiency and waste reduction initiatives that benefit the business community.			•



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Flying Fox Management				
1.1	Provision of car/clothes-line/swimming pool covers or high pressure cleaners based upon selection criteria during times of high flying-fox population occupancy		•	
1.2	Air conditioner and clothes dryer subsidies based upon selection criteria		•	
1.3	Assistance with costs for tree removal – waiving of Council Tree Removal Application Fee – based on proximity to camp		•	
1.4	Financial assistance with s91 licence fees – based on proximity to camp and safety requirements		•	
1.5	Waiving DA application fees for carports and garages – based upon selection criteria		•	
2.1	Advice on backyard vegetation management including removal to discourage flying-foxes or fragrant species to mask odour		•	
2.2	Develop consistent regional information regarding health concerns from flying-foxes		COMPLETED	
2.3	Develop consistent regional information regarding flying-fox nomadic behavior		COMPLETED	
2.4	Develop a community education kit to assist residents to understand flying-fox movement patterns and reduce conflicts with camps		COMPLETED	
2.5	Information on who to call when sick, injured or dead flying-foxes are seen			•
3.1	Assessment of vegetation condition improvement in core of camp site, to make boundary less attractive for roosting		•	
3.2	Removal of damaged vegetation and establishment of replacement vegetation		•	

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		Short (0-2yrs)	Med (3-5yrs)	Ongoing/ Long (5+yrs)
3.3	Strategically plant endemic foraging habitat trees away from residential areas along southern side of reserve		●	
4.1	Installation of interpretative signage		COMPLETED	
4.2	Management of footpath due to persons walking on the road due to flying-fox proximity		●	
5.1	Wildlife carer response when reports of injured or dead flying-foxes			●
5.2	Notification of residents and carers of any events that will impact on camp site or flying-fox population			●
5.3	Follow DPE heat stress guidelines about when intervention is allowable		COMPLETED	
6.1	Control of weeds throughout camp area-targeting exotic tree species known to act as potential roosting and foraging habitat. Weeding should only be undertaken when camp is empty		COMPLETED	
6.2	Fire hazard reduction planning and maintenance		●	
6.3	Assessment for potentially dangerous trees		●	
6.4	Asset Protection Zone maintenance as part of bushfire risk		●	
6.5	Routine mowing in and around camp and school			●
6.6	Use of high pressure cleaners to remove faecal matter from school grounds		●	
7.1	Quarterly flying-fox animal counts to assist with determining likely national population			●

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		Short (0-2yrs)	Med (3-5yrs)	Ongoing/ Long (5+yrs)
7.2	Collection and provision of count information, and other data collected when responding to calls			●
7.3	Collection and dissemination of data related to flying-foxes and vegetation that may impact on local or regional flying-fox populations		●	
8.1	Review land use planning provisions that impact on the camp site		●	
8.2	Review of camp management plan		●	
8.3	Protocol development: Fire		●	
8.3	Protocol development: Heat stress		COMPLETED	
8.3	Protocol development: Community response to dead/injured animals		COMPLETED	
8.3	Protocol development: School		●	
8.3	Protocol development: Hospital		●	
8.3	Protocol development: Equine		●	
8.3	Protocol development: Viticulture		●	

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Actions	Timeframe		
	Short (0-2yrs)	Med (3-5yrs)	Ongoing/ Long (5+yrs)
Cessnock Commercial Precinct Project – Implementation Plan			
• Town Square – North	•		
• Cooper Street Shared Zone	•		
• Keene Street Carpark	•		
• Keene Street Extension	•		
• Wollombi Road Upgrade		•	
• Maitland Road Upgrade		•	
• Vincent Street Upgrade – allowance		•	
• Cumberland Street Upgrade		•	
• Charlton Street Extension			•
• Wade Street			•
• Ferguson Street			•
• Sperry Street			•
• Allandale Road			•
• Westcott Street			•
• Milfield Street			•

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Actions	Timeframe		
	Short (0-2yrs)	Med (3-5yrs)	Ongoing/ Long (5+yrs)
• Edward Street			•
• Laneways (two)			•
• Darwin Street			•
• Charlton Street (Hall St to Snape St)	•		
• Snape Street (Vincent St to South Ave)	•		
• Town Square – South		•	
• Charlton Street Public Carpark		•	
• Civic Park Upgrade		•	
• Cumberland Street (Snape St to Cooper St)		•	
• Vincent Street (Hall St to Snape St) – allowance		•	
• Charlton Street (Town Sq to Hall St)		•	
• Laneways (four)		•	
• Market Street			•
• North Avenue			•
• Darwin Street (North St to South St)			•
• Hall Street			•

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Actions	Timeframe		
	Short (0-2yrs)	Med (3-5yrs)	Ongoing/ Long (5+yrs)
• South Avenue			•
• Bridge Street			•
• Castlemaine Street			•
• Vincent Street (Snape St to Gordon Ave) - allowance		•	
• Southern Bypass/Enterprise Road			•
• Charlton Street (South of Snape St)			•
• Cessnock Street			•
• Railway Street			•
• Edgeworth Street			•
• Gordon Avenue			•



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Actions	Timeframe		
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Heddon Greta – Cliftleigh Corridor Structure Plan			
Undertake additional planting of vegetation to increase canopy cover in existing District Level Parks.		•	
Seek opportunities for the embellishment of Cliftleigh Meadows Park to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets / Amenities • BBQs • Bicycle parking infrastructure • Practice Hoops • Additional shade structures • Fencing • Additional lighting • Passive and active surveillance • Skate Park • Off leash dog area 	•		
If opportunity arises, investigate the purchase of land in/around Forbes Crescent for a future local park.			•
Provide in principle support for the negotiation of a local level park within are new subdivision which occurs within the Heddon Greta URA.		•	
Seek opportunities for the embellishment of Hedleigh Park to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets / Amenities • Bicycle parking infrastructure • Practice Hoops • Shade structures • Fencing • Additional lighting • Passive and active surveillance 		•	
Undertake additional planting of vegetation to increase canopy cover in Hill Top Park and Hedleigh Park.		•	
Creation of nature/walking trails along riparian corridors and the Wallis Creek floodplain.		•	

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Actions	Timeframe		
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Investigate opportunities to provide seating and tree plantings within stormwater detention/retention areas to provide opportunities for passive recreation (e.g. Forbes Crescent, Cliftleigh and Averys Village URAs) and improve stormwater management.			•
Undertake discussions with emergency service agencies (e.g. Fire and Rescue, SES, Ambulance NSW etc.) to identify the need for location of such services within the Corridor	•		
Develop concepts and plans for the delivery of the multi-purpose community facility within the Hydro development.		•	
Through revisions to the Traffic & Transport Strategy, investigate opportunities to provide for improved internal pedestrian / cycleway connectivity within the existing (original) urban areas of Heddon Greta through the strategic location of pedestrian/shared pathways on local roads.		•	
Investigate opportunities to reactive the main South Maitland Railway line for passenger services to connect to Maitland Station.			•
Investigate opportunities for the creation of a shared pathway along the Glen Ayr / Ayrfield Spur line, with extension to connect to Maitland Station and to the Richmond Vale Trail head at Pelaw Main.			•
Investigate an additional Park and Ride Commuter hub on McLeod Road			•
Provision of bicycle parking facilities at the proposed Commuter Car Park, and in localities close to businesses within the Corridor			•
Through the comprehensive review of residential zonings and provisions of CLEP 2011, seek to ensure that any future subdivision within Heddon Greta appropriately responds to natural features of the land and existing character of adjoining development by providing for lot sizes comparable with the existing character of development in which they are located.		•	
Establishment of natural features and additional planting along the corridor to soften hard infrastructure, including vegetation which provides canopy cover			•
Alternative pavement treatments to shared pathways and/or footpaths, particularly in areas proximate to local businesses	•		

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Utilise the proposed intersection treatments identified in this plan to inform further discussions with TfNSW through the MRI95 Working Group.	•		
Consider introducing laneways or service roads for access to private dwellings along MRI95, supported by an urban design plan.	•		
Ensure there are multiple safe pedestrian crossing opportunities of MR 195 at accessible locations within the Corridor.		•	
Investigate options (such as additional speed signage and traffic calming devices and pedestrian crossings) to improve road safety within the local roads within the Corridor.		•	
Investigate the suitability of connection of Clift Street to Stanford Road		•	
Design an investigation program (with potential for expansion across the LGA) to assess current local road and drainage infrastructure and identify and prioritise upgrades to improve existing conditions.			•
Through the review of CDCP 2010, review design standards for local roads, including carriageway and pavement widths, and kerb types.		•	
Undertake discussions with Hunter Water to determine the capability/ feasibility of connecting existing large lot residential areas to the reticulated sewerage network.	•		
Main Road North - During the next review of the UGMP, identify the Main Road North Investigation Area described by this plan as a URA for immediate investigation.		•	
Main Road East - Through the comprehensive review of residential zonings and provisions of CLEP 2011, consideration be given to rezoning the area to a more suitable urban / conservation zone, reflective of the existing residential character.		•	
Stanford Road South - Consider opportunities to permit small scale food and drink premises (cafes) on the corner of Stanford Road and MRI95 in consultation with landowners and TfNSW. This should be considered with opportunities to improve public domain (such as paving, pedestrian crossings, plantings etc.).		•	

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Averys Lane South Extension – Subject to progression of the Averys Lane South Planning Proposal, and in consultation with landowners, consider a rezoning to enable a residential zone.		•	
Kurri TAFE & Surrounds – Through the comprehensive review of CLEP 2011 and in consultation with Kurri Kurri TAFE, consideration be given to rezoning the area to a more suitable zone, reflective of the existing land uses.		•	
Kurri Golf Course – Provide in principle support for the investigation of future ancillary land use opportunities for Kurri Kurri Golf Course by nominating it as an investigation area within the UGMP.		•	



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Housing Strategy Management			
Add a fee waiver category of 'Registered Community Housing Providers' and waive fees for planning proposals and development applications where the proposal includes social or community housing.	•		
Lobby the NSW State Government to change the land-use term, 'boarding houses' and 'new generation boarding houses' to reflect the modern approach to the construction and management of this type of accommodation such as 'co-living housing'.			•
Support community housing providers to help educate the community about co-living housing.			•
Review its development controls for co-living housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to incorporate best design and management practice; to describe for the purposes of clause 30A of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009 what the 'character of the local area' means for our area. 	•		
Review its contributions framework to support registered Community Housing Providers who provide social and community housing.	•		
Investigate opportunities to participate in the provision of social, community and affordable housing through joint venture or other initiatives.			•
Comprehensively review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan, to encourage housing diversity.	•		
Comprehensively review the Cessnock Development Control Plan	•		
Provide a submission to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on the SEPP (Housing Diversity) Explanation of Intend Effects.	•		
Continue to operate in accordance with the NSW Government Protocol for Homeless People in Public Places.			•

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Continue to be a member of the Big Ideas on Homelessness Network and work towards developing a regional strategy for homelessness and a 'Common Ground' facility in Newcastle' to serve the wider regional community.			•
Continue to advocate for Community Housing Providers and their work in our community.			•
Continue to advocate for access to specialist housing services for our community.			•
Advocate for the establishment of co-located specialist services for our community.			•
Advocate for the use of enhanced technology in the provision of specialist disability services.			•
Consult with Development Industry representatives to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand why there have been very few seniors' living developments built in our area Identify any barriers that may exist to providing seniors' housing development. 	•		
Remove any reasonable barriers to seniors' living development.			•
Add a fee waiver category of 'Registered Community Housing Providers' and waive fees for planning proposals and development applications where the proposal includes housing for homeless people.			•
Maintain timeframes and improve regulatory efficiencies where possible.			•
Continue to lead on Local Government e-planning initiatives.			•
Undertake a comprehensive review of the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review residential and business land-use zones and the residential uses therein Review the extent and location of the R3 Medium Density zone 	•		
Work collaboratively with representatives of the housing industry to review the development controls in the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan and Cessnock Development Control Plan.	•		

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Prepare an Urban Growth Management Plan.	•		
Prepare a Greener Places, Urban Forest Policy and Street Tree Policy.			•
Continue to implement town centre public domain plans for Cessnock, Branxton, Kurri Kurri and Weston.			•
Continue to implement Council's Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan.			•
Lobby the NSW State Government to review the timing of section 7.11/7.12 contributions to reduce the financial burden on the development and housing industries			•
Prepare a town centre place-making strategy.			•
Review review minimum lot size and subdivision controls in the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan to promote higher density around urban centres, key transport nodes and along major road corridors.			•
Continue to implement Council's adopted plan for access and mobility, recreation and open space, traffic and transport and community.			•
Consider additional greenfield land when the land supply falls within a 10-15 year threshold in accordance with the Urban Growth Management Plan.			•
Prepare an Annual Monitoring Report.			•
Review its contributions framework to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that it is transparent and accountable Ensure that infrastructure is identified in the contribution frameworks, appropriately funded and development is sequenced in a manner that funds these items 			•
Lobby the State Government to consolidate the number of residential uses in the Standard Instrument.			•
Advocate for the ongoing reform of the NSW Planning System.			•

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Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 to:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that residential uses are consistent with the objectives of the zone Review to extent of the R3 Medium Density Zone around each of the town centres include Cessnock, Kurri Kurri, Branxton and Weston Consider additional permitted uses (APUs) for medium-density developments R2 Low Density Residential zones where: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The lots/adjoins an existing R3 Medium Density; or The APU and development application is determined concurrently. The lot is within 400m of the Bellbird to Maitland Growth Corridor or the Maitland Corridor along the New England Highway; and Engagement with the adjoining affected residents is undertaken and their feedback is considered in the design of the development. 			•
Encourage infill development and promote that Council's s7.11 contributions are significantly less in existing, established urban areas.			•
Review the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce, where practical the number of local provisions and zones. To ensure that the types of development that are permitted in each zone are consistent with the zone objectives To ensure that the aims of the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan and zone objectives provide a robust, decision-making framework 			•
Review the Cessnock Development Control Plan:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To remove redundant controls and supporting information. To update the format and language and improve the overall usability of the document. To include guidance on merit-based, decision making. To ensure that the aims of the Cessnock Development Control Plan and development control objectives provide a robust, decision-making framework. To ensure that controls relating to medium-density development are effective and reasonable and produce feasible development outcomes. 			•

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Maintain application tracker and be responsive to technological improvements to improve interactivity with the community.			•
Provide information to the property development sector about the demand for greater housing diversity.	•		
Undertake feasibility analyses of medium density development typologies in areas where council would like to encourage higherdensity development and share this information with the development and housing industries.		•	





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