

Central Coast Council

# Annual Report

2018-19



Central  
Coast  
Council



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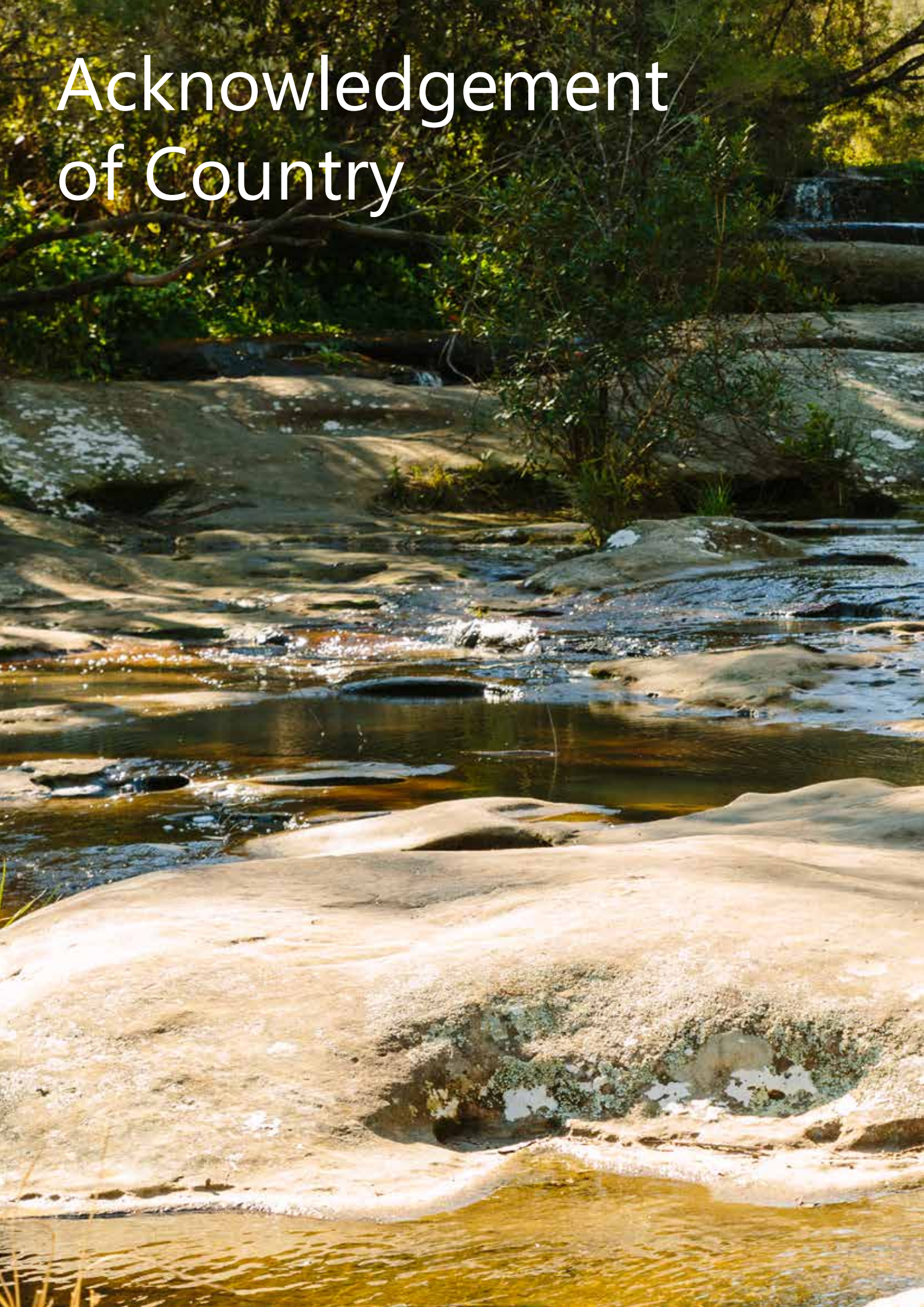
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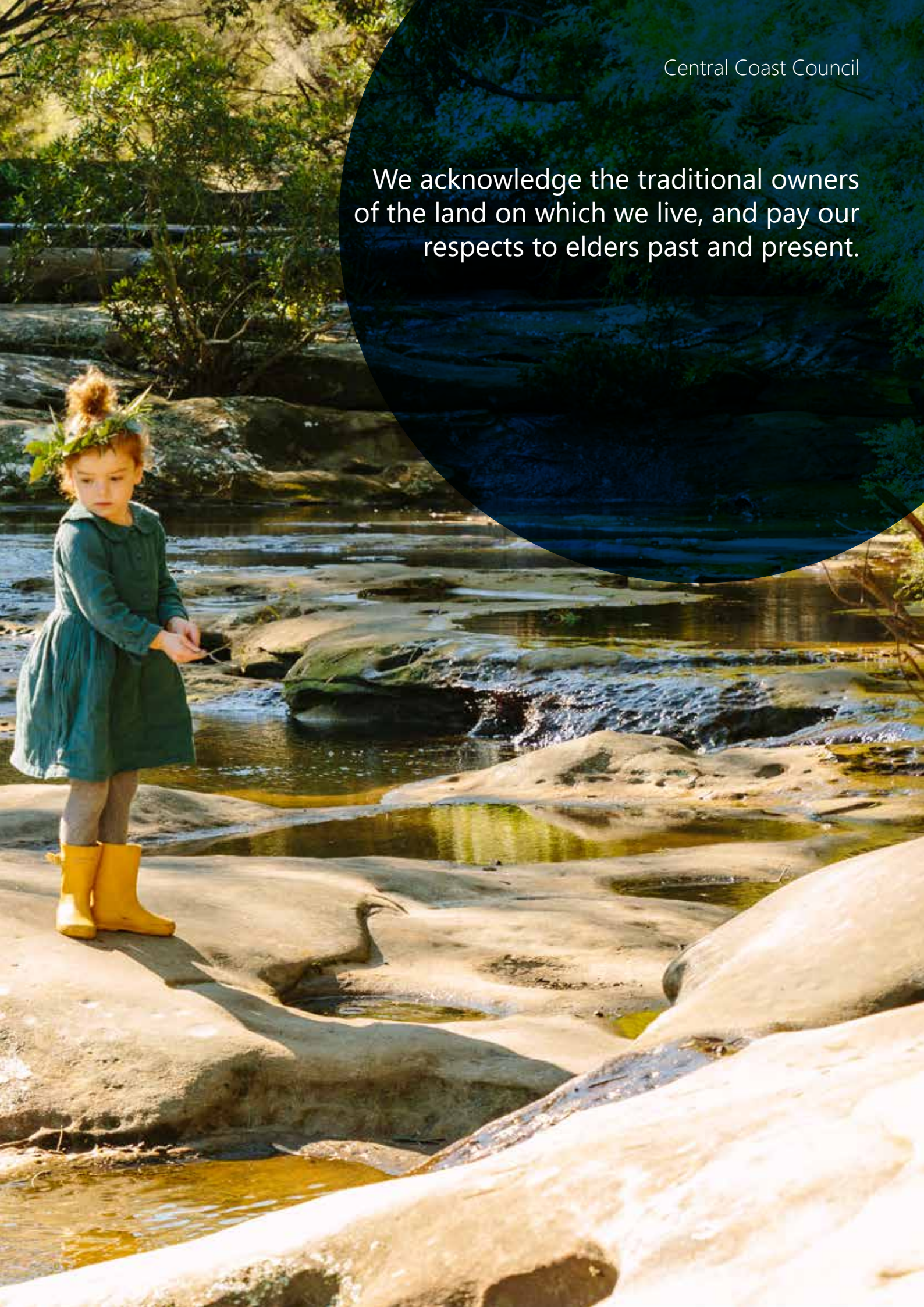
# Part 1: Introduction



# Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the traditional owners  
of the land on which we live, and pay our  
respects to elders past and present.



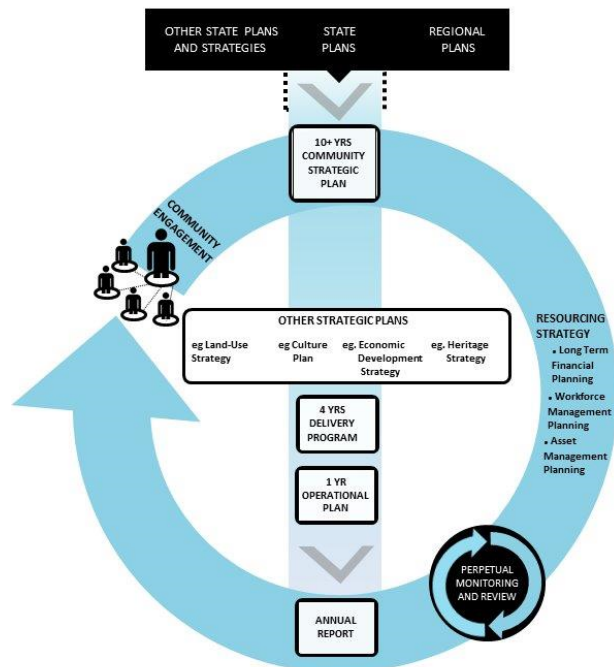
# About this Report

## Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) Framework promotes integration with community based objectives, informed by state-level plans and cascading down through to Council for implementation.

IP&R necessitates a 'whole-of-council' approach to long, medium and short term planning and is comprised of the following key elements:

- Community Strategic Plan;
- Delivery Program;
- Resourcing Strategy;
- Operational Plan;
- Quarterly Progress Reports;
- Annual Report; and
- End of Term Report.



## Purpose of this Report

The Annual Report is the key method for Council to maintain accountability and transparency with the community and is prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Local Government Regulation 2005*.

This Annual Report provides a comprehensive account of Central Coast Council's performance from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 and details the progress made against the Operational Plan for 2018-19.

The audited financial statements for the 2018-19 reporting period are required to be included in this Annual Report. Council has sought and been granted an extension by the NSW Office of Local Government to 30 November 2018. As this Annual Report will be adopted in line with the legislated date of 30 November 2018, the audited financial statements for 2018-19 will subsequently form as an addendum to this Report once they are adopted by Council.

It should be noted that all financial information, disclosed in this Annual Report are drawn from draft, unaudited results and is subject to review and adjustment as part of the audit process.

## Report Structure

This Annual Report includes information on the region, the organisation and Councillors, as well as specific information required under legislation including the audited financial statements. It is comprised of five parts:

- Part 1: Introduction;
- Part 2: About Council;
- Part 3 About the Organisation;
- Part 4: Achievements; and
- Part 5 Statutory Reporting.

Details on performance against the Operational Plan for 2018-19 is structured around the Community Strategic Plan Themes of Belonging, Smart, Green, Responsible and Liveable.





# Lakes Festival



NSW

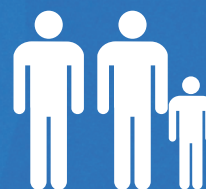
Newcastle

# CENTRAL COAST



342,047

Population (ERP June 2017)



2.49

Average household size



47.6%

Hold qualifications



3.1%

Attend university



414,615

Projected residents by 2036  
(forecast.id)



126,459



22,480

Local Businesses  
(ABS June 2017)



\$1,256

Median weekly household income (NSW \$1481)  
(Greater Sydney \$1745)

Sydney

# Central Coast Snapshot



1680kms<sup>2</sup>



2016

Central Coast Council  
was formed



2,985

Registered Aboriginal sites  
(Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council)



10

State Forests  
and National Parks



23.2C

Average  
Temperature



1,105mm

Average rainfall



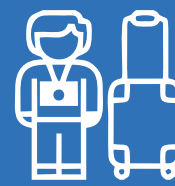
6.4%

Persons with a  
disability



9%

Take public  
transport to work



4.6M

Tourist a year



31%

Commute outside  
region to work

## Council is part of your everyday life:



2,176kms

Roads



2,248kms

Water Mains



737kms

Shared Pathways



78

Community  
Facilities



11

Libraries



73

Sporting  
Fields



54

Boat Ramps



58

Off Leash  
Areas



24

Skate Parks



15

Patrolled Beaches



242

Play Spaces



4

BMX Tracks



8

Childcare Centres

## Live Well

Live well was held on World Health Day at the Gosford Waterfront its a celebration of healthy living, nutrition, food, wellness and happiness.

# Community Strategic Plan

## Phase one

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP), One – Central Coast, is the culmination of extensive community engagement that was conducted in two phases.

Phase One included a range of activities both face to face and online to understand:

- What people value about their local area and the Central Coast;
- Aspirations for the future;
- Local challenges, opportunities and priorities; and
- Ideas for what would improve life in their local area and the Central Coast.

Phase Two provided greater analysis of Phase One and included:

- A large scale telephone survey to assess the key areas of focus coming out of Phase One and to identify drivers of quality of life; and
- Community workshops, designed and delivered by Council staff in partnership with a Community Reference Group, were held to explore these findings further and shape community objectives.

Overall, 7,400 people participated in community engagement activities, with over 3,100 people in face-to-face engagement activities and over 3,300 hard copy, online and telephone surveys completed. There were 6,100 visits to the Help Shape the Future of the Coast page on Your Voice our Coast. In total over 36,000 ideas and comments were collected during the CSP engagement.

Detailed reports on community consultation undertaken to inform the development of the CSP have been prepared and publicly available at <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/help-shape-the-future-of-the-coast>

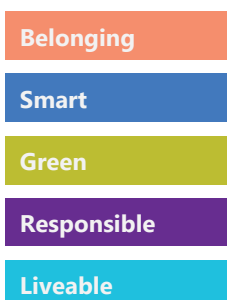
## One – Central Coast

Following Phase One and Two and analysis of the data, a Vision Statement and five themes were developed encapsulating the voice and values of the Central Coast community.

The community Vision states:

*We are one Central Coast. A smart, green and liveable region with a shared sense of belonging and responsibility.*

The five themes of the CSP are:



Together we can build on our strong community spirit, connections to each other and our local identity, fostering a sense of **Belonging** within the community.

*One – Central Coast* emphasises the importance of growing the coast to become a **Smart** and competitive region with a range of opportunities for people to study and work.

**Green** underlines the strong desire to protect and preserve the natural beauty, bushland and waterways that surround us on the Central Coast, and to secure our environmental resources for future generations.

*One – Central Coast* highlights the importance of good governance, great partnerships and the delivery of essential infrastructure and a balanced, sustainable approach to growth and development in an open and **Responsible** manner.

**Liveable** articulates how the community will live on the Central Coast through reliable public transport, healthy lifestyle options and accessible and well-maintained facilities.

Each Theme includes Focus Areas and Objectives that respond to the ideas and values that the Central Coast community identified with and are linked to the actions and projects detailed in this Delivery Program and Operational Plan for 2018-19. The implementation and delivery of the CSP will involve shared decision making and effective working partnerships with government agencies, non-government organisations, businesses and the local community.

# COMMUNITY VISION

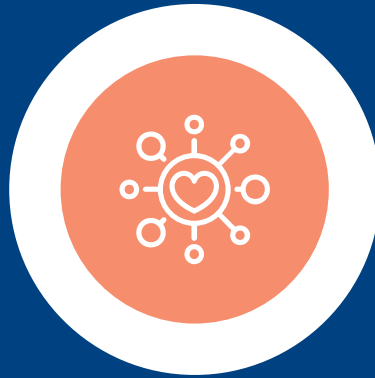
We are one Central Coast. A smart, green and liveable region with a shared sense of belonging and responsibility.

The five themes of the CSP are:

## BELONGING



**OUR COMMUNITY  
SPIRIT IS OUR  
STRENGTH**



**CREATIVITY,  
CONNECTION AND  
LOCAL IDENTITY**

## RESPONSIBLE



**GOOD GOVERNANCE  
AND GREAT  
PARTNERSHIPS**



**DELIVERING  
ESSENTIAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE**



**BALANCED AND  
SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

# SMART



**A GROWING AND  
COMPETITIVE  
REGION**



**A PLACE OF  
OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PEOPLE**

# GREEN



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESOURCES FOR  
THE FUTURE**



**CHERISHED AND  
PROTECTED  
NATURAL BEAUTY**

# LIVEABLE



**RELIABLE PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT AND  
CONNECTIONS**



**OUT AND ABOUT IN  
THE FRESH AIR**



**HEALTHY LIFESTYLES  
FOR A GROWING  
COMMUNITY**

# Calendar of Events

Blues and Jazz Festival  
NAIDOC Week  
National Tree Day  
Events  
Winter in the Park  
National Animal  
Desexing Month

Grandma Moses Art  
Competition and  
Exhibition  
SportsFest  
Bike Week  
Spike Milligan  
Community Day

Lakes Festival  
Paddock to the Lake  
Launch of Reusable  
National Recycling  
Week  
White Ribbon  
Community Awareness

July

August

September

October

November

December

Country Music  
Festival  
Book Week  
Banjo Skate Park  
Opening

Chromesfest  
Bazaar by the Sea  
Indigenous Business  
Week  
Sister City Yujo-no-hi  
Friendship Day

Christmas Tree  
Lighting in Kibble  
Park and at The  
Entrance  
Discovered Vocal  
Competition





Australia Day Awards  
Annual Lifeguard  
Challenge  
Chalk the Walk

Clean Up Australia  
Day  
Tuggerah Lakes Eco  
Tours  
Flavours by the Sea  
Harmony Day  
Indigenous Surf Camp

Fatality Free Friday  
Maliga Arts and  
Cultural Showcase  
Auslan Sign Language  
Workshops

January

February

March

April

May

June

Seniors Festival  
Bus Safety Week  
Household Chemical  
Cleanout  
Love Lanes Festival

National Youth Week  
Anzac Day  
Live Well Festival

Harvest Festival  
Battle of the Bands  
Exposure  
Photographic  
Program  
Ultimate Gamer  
Competition