

growing LACHLAN

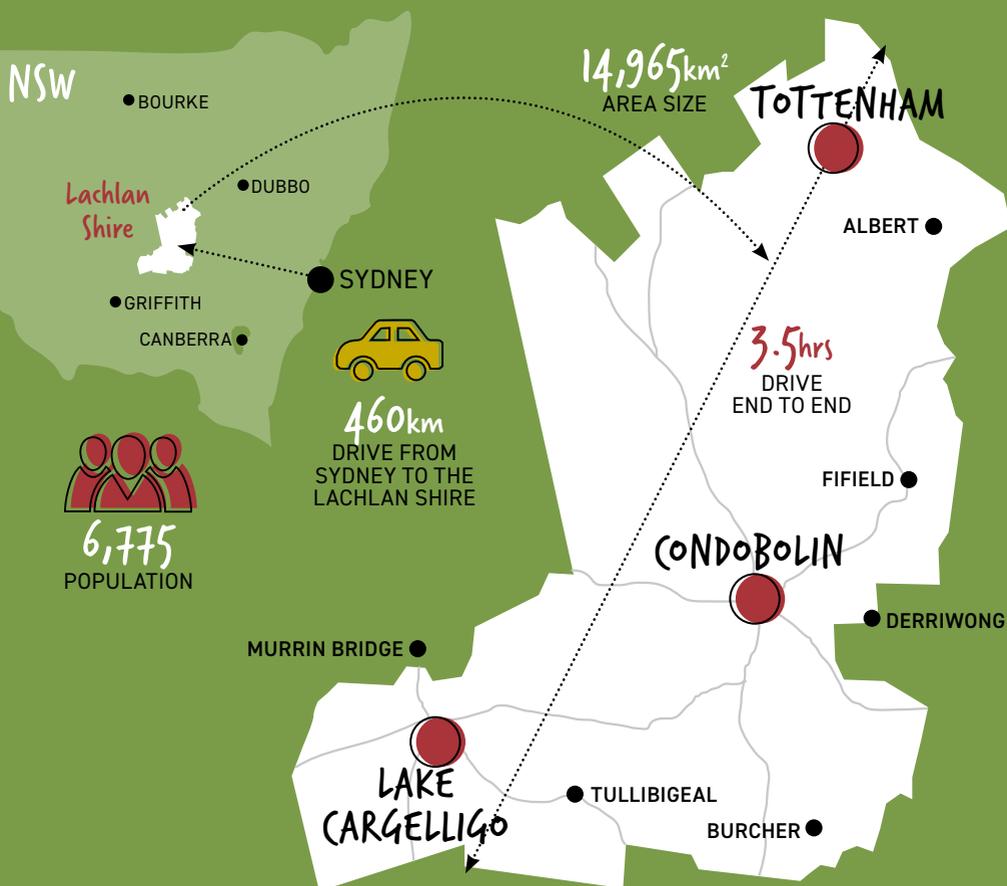
Building a strong and prosperous community for all



About LACHLAN SHIRE

Lachlan Shire is in the **heart of NSW, the Central West is in Wiradjuri country** home to the *Kalarie*, *Ngiyampaa* and *Paakintji* people who are part of the Wiradjuri Nation. It is classified as a rural/remote area.

Lachlan Shire hosts the towns of Condobolin, Lake Cargelligo and Tottenham and villages of Albert, Burcher, Tullibigeal, Fifield and Derriwong. Murrin Bridge is technically just outside the LGA but is an important part of the Lachlan community.



What is GROWING LACHLAN FOR?

Growing Lachlan measures the vitality of the Shire's communities in key areas, providing locals with information that can help set priorities and opportunities for action. It aims to:

- Provide an **accurate snapshot of how our community is doing** on key indicators
- Create an evidence base from which to **set goals and a benchmark** to track progress
- **Bring people together** for informed discussions about community needs and priorities

It also reflects community members opinions about **local needs and priorities** in Lachlan and their ideas about what is important for the future.

Key stats



16%

OF PEOPLE ARE ABORIGINAL
WITH 36% UNDER 15 YEARS



90%

OF THE LACHLAN
POPULATION LIVE IN OUR
LARGEST THREE TOWNS



1 in 5

PEOPLE ARE OVER
65 YEARS OLD



59%

OF BUSINESSES
IN THE REGION
ARE AGRICULTURAL



27%

OF CHILDREN ARE
DEVELOPMENTALLY
VULNERABLE



20%

OF PEOPLE ARE UNDER
15 YEARS OLD.
UNEMPLOYMENT IS HIGHEST
AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE



30%

OF PEOPLE OVER 15 YEARS
OLD VOLUNTEER



MEDIAN WEEKLY INCOME IS

2/3

OF THE NATIONAL AVERAGE
WITH 3 IN 5 PEOPLE IN THE
LABOUR FORCE



1 in 3

HOUSEHOLDS DON'T HAVE
ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

What's next FOR GROWING LACHLAN?

We are **committed to working with Lachlan community** members, businesses, service providers, supporters & government to address the priority areas outlined in this poster. We see these priorities as closely linked, together presenting a picture of how wellbeing can be improved in Lachlan Shire. We believe that if we **work together and focus our resources and efforts**, we can strengthen our collaboration, improve outcomes and effectively address these issues that we care about as a community.



OUR PARTNERS



The Growing Lachlan Alliance includes representatives of Lower Lachlan Community Services, Western Plains Regional Development, Community, Tottenham Welfare Council, Family and Community Services, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Lachlan Shire Council, Department of Primary Industries and Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation.

Get in touch

Let us know your ideas on how we **go forward** in our community.

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Cultural recognition, respect & participation



"Culture needs to be at the forefront of everything that we do – not an after thought."

The Shire has strong Aboriginal communities including many young people. Community members expressed the need to build cross-cultural awareness, to strengthen engagement between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and to combat racism.

We must also embrace, recognise, respect and support new community members for the future of the Shire.



NEWS

A Wiradjuri and Barngarla Language Dictionary App has been developed by Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation



CELEBRATE

A community NAIDOC celebration this year was co-hosted by the Lachlan Shire Council and Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation



IMPROVE

- Use our wonderful cultural assets
- Display artworks with pride
- Widespread Welcome to Country

Community Renewal



Let's renew and rejuvenate towns across the Shire to rebuild a sense of pride.

Our sense of belonging in Lachlan is strong with many families living and thriving in the area for generations. The Shire has a proud culture and history of volunteering. Some see local pride declining and would like to boost community spirit with events and projects to bring people together and encourage participation.

Improving the look and feel of Shire towns is an opportunity to trigger economic development, tourism and recreational facilities, which would in turn assist in retaining young people.



NEWS

New line markings, seating, banners, lighting and bins in the Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin are a step towards town pride and renewal



CELEBRATE

- Strong sense of belonging in Lachlan
- Community members are looking for ways to contribute



IMPROVE

- Introduction of street murals around the towns
- Develop the Lake Cargelligo Foreshore
- Fill empty stores with community information

Economic Development



Economic development is integral to community renewal.

Attracting new residents, business and industry is top of mind in Lachlan. New business growth is being offset by business closures and most young people who leave to pursue education and employment outside Lachlan are not returning due to the lack of opportunity.

Boost economic development by supporting local businesses, rebuilding towns to attract new shops with improved internet, mobile access and other key infrastructure. Tourism is an emerging industry and community members see this as a potential growth area for the Shire.



NEWS

All ABN holders can join the Condobolin Chamber of Commerce which meets on the second Wednesday of each month



CELEBRATE

- Lachlan Shire Council's Economic Development Strategy
- Newly formed Chamber of Commerce



IMPROVE

- Retail offering (like Target)
- Conduct a skills audit
- Invest in tourism

Community Safety



Safety and incidence of crime have a significant effect on the Lachlan community.

Vandalism and burglary are of concern to Lachlan people, and local statistics reflect the high incidence of these, as well as domestic violence assaults and alcohol related violence. Some believe that crime is related to the lack of constructive activities for young people and to drug and alcohol use in the community.

Early intervention, role modelling and more positive activities for young people are seen as high potential crime diversion and deterrence strategies.



NEWS

A confronting documentary relating to domestic violence called 'Little Towns, Big Voices' has been produced in Condobolin launched by Peter Garrett



CELEBRATE

- Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) Committee
- Aboriginal Strategic Direction Strategy reviewed to improve school attendance and reduce crime



IMPROVE

- Constructive activities for young people
- Increased Police presence and improved facilities
- Youth justice intervention and diversion

Caring for older & younger generations



Younger and older people represent a high proportion of the population and supporting them to thrive is a high priority in Lachlan.

We have terrific pre-school attendance across the Shire but the high level of vulnerability among our children is alarming. Unemployment is highest among our young people. The population is projected to continue ageing and recent reviews indicate the needs of older community members are not being met.

Improving education and employment opportunities, strengthening youth services, addressing mental health, drug and alcohol abuse and strengthening the provision of aged care services are priorities we need to improve.



NEWS

19 Aboriginal students graduated from Year 12 in 2014. Of those students, 2 have now completed their tertiary education with a further 6 to complete their university degrees in 2017



CELEBRATE

- Most aged residents have lived and contributed to Lachlan all their lives
- Shire-wide youth services



IMPROVE

- Community transport
- Health and local aged care services
- Early intervention and transition to school