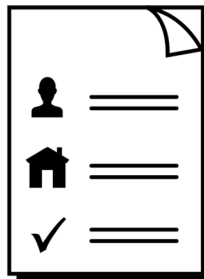




Community Strategic Plan



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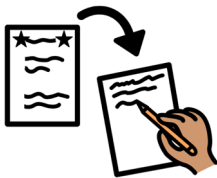
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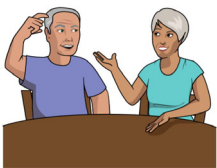
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We add a star before and after *hard words*. Then we explain what the words mean.



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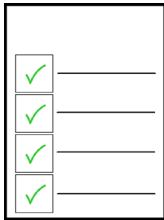
A message from the Mayor



The Mayor of Penrith is Tricia Hitchen.



Council worked with the community to make the *Community Strategic Plan*.



The Community Strategic Plan tells you what our goals and actions are. We will call it **the plan**.



We will use the plan to help make Penrith a better place for everyone to live and work. For example, more jobs and better transport.



We will keep working with people in the community to make our goals happen.

About our plan



We worked with our community to find out what people need in Penrith to make it a better place to live and work.



We made the plan to make sure we know what work needs to be done.



We will work with governments, businesses and the community to make the plan happen.



We will tell everyone in the community what we have done and if we have met our goals.

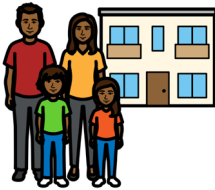
How we made the plan



We asked a lot of questions to help us know what the community wanted in the plan.

We asked different groups for their ideas.

For example



- people who live in our city



- people who work in our city



- service providers



- local businesses.

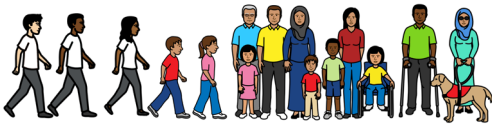


The ideas the community had helped us to make goals for the plan.

About the people in our city



There are already over 200 000 people who live in our city.



By 2036 we think there will be nearly 300 000 people who live in our city.



There are a lot of different people in our city.

For example

- people of different ages
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



- people with different backgrounds who speak languages other than English



- people with disability.



The plan will make sure everyone can live a good life in our city.

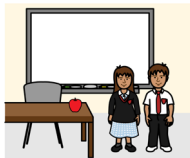
Issues and challenges for our city



There are issues and challenges that can happen when a lot more people choose to live and work in a city.



More people means there also needs to be more services and support for everyone.



For example

- schools
- houses
- public transport
- health services.

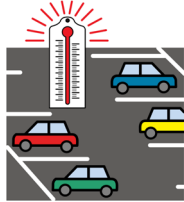


We will need governments and businesses to help us create more services and supports for everyone.

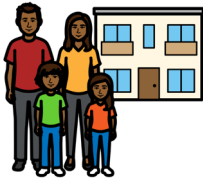


More people can also lead to problems with the *environment*.

The environment means the world we live in.



For example, in very hot weather, large areas with buildings, car parks and factories can make the environment even hotter.



More people means there also needs to be more places to live.



We need to make sure there are enough parks and open spaces for everyone, even when there are many more houses.

Our vision

We want our city to



- be *inclusive*
 - inclusive means everyone can be part of something



- have enough money to do the things we need to do

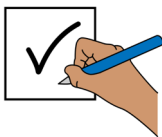


- be the best place for people to live

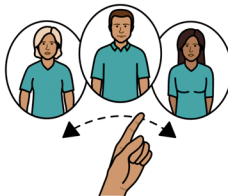


- do good things for the environment.

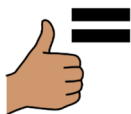
To make our vision happen we have some ideas and ways to



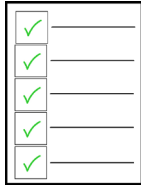
- make the plan happen



- help us make decisions



- make sure what we do is fair for everyone.



How we will make the plan happen

The plan has 5 *outcomes*.



Outcomes means things we want to happen.

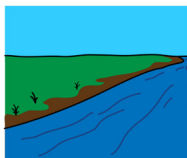
Outcome 1 - We protect the environment



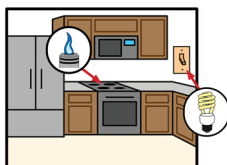
We will make sure our environment is cared for.



We will plant more trees and make more green public spaces.



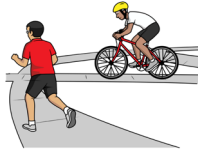
We will make sure water quality is good.



We will help people use less energy in their homes.
For example, less gas or electricity.



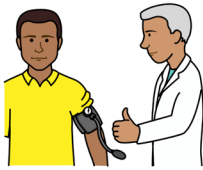
We will help people recycle more and throw out less *waste*. Waste means rubbish.



Outcome 2 - People in our city are healthy and feel part of something



We will make sure people in our city are happy.
For example, they feel safe and like living here.



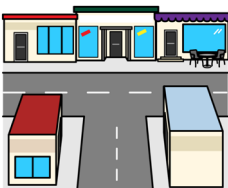
We will make sure people in our city are healthy.
For example, everyone can access health services.



We will make sure people in our city feel welcome.
For example, people from different cultures and backgrounds have the same opportunities.



We will make sure people in our city can be creative.
For example, there will be more community projects for people to be part of.



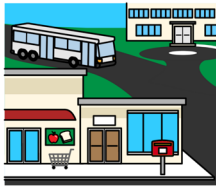
We will make sure people in our city feel connected to people and services.
For example, more shops and services across the whole city.



Outcome 3 - We make good plans for our city to grow



We will help to make more local jobs for people in our city.



We will make sure we do **not** have too many buildings and houses in one area.

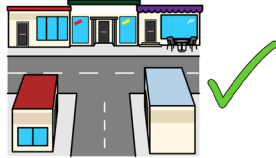


When we make plans for development we will think about what is best for the environment.



We will bring new businesses and
community partnerships to our city.

Community partnerships mean groups work together to make our city a good place to live.



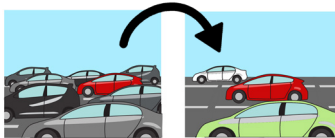
Outcome 4 - We make our buildings and public places better

We will make our community spaces better.

For example



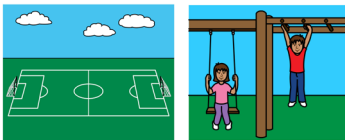
- wider footpaths



- less traffic



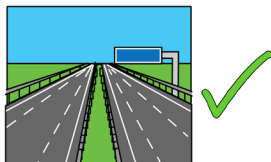
- more trees and plants.



We will make more sports grounds, parks and open spaces.



We will make more ways for people to use public transport or walk to help reduce traffic.



We will do work to have good roads.



Outcome 5 - We talk about our work and decisions.

When we tell people in the community about our work and decisions we will

- give good information
- give information in different ways
 - for example, emails and phone calls
- tell the truth.

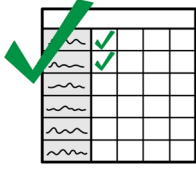


We will listen to ideas from community groups.



We will make good decisions that help everyone who lives and works in our city.

How we know the outcomes are happening



Each outcome has a list of things we will do to make it happen.



We will ask people and groups in the community about the work we are doing.



We will ask them to answer questions in surveys.



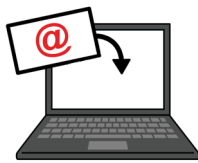
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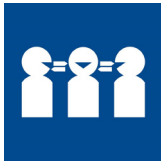
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Council values the unique status of Aboriginal people as the original owners and custodians of lands and waters, including the land and waters of Penrith City.

Council values the unique status of Torres Strait Islander people as the original owners and custodians of the Torres Strait Islands and surrounding waters.

We work together for a united Australia and City that respects this land of ours, that values the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage and provides justice and equality for all.

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