

21.01 MUNICIPAL PROFILE

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21.01-1 Snapshot of Strathbogie Shire

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Strathbogie Shire Council is in the Goulburn Valley sub-region of the Hume region of Victoria. The Shire is located amidst the picturesque Strathbogie Plateau, which extends to the fertile plains of the Goulburn River and beyond.

Currently home to approximately 10,000 people, Strathbogie Shire is situated midway between Melbourne and Albury and is well located to the Hume and Goulburn Valley Freeways. The Municipality includes the four major towns of Euroa, Nagambie, Avenel and Violet Town with smaller townships located throughout the Municipality such as Longwood, Ruffy and Strathbogie.

21.01-2 Key Influences

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Sustainability

The Strathbogie Shire strives to continue to improve sustainability in all elements of the community including; settlement patterns, the natural and built environment, community services and facilities; economic development and growth, infrastructure and asset provision. To define the meaning of sustainability, we say that the general dictionary meaning applies, depending on the terms of reference i.e. environmental, economic etc. *'The ability to sustain itself'*.

Settlement

In the coming years, the Shire is likely to build on 'tree change' growth in towns such as Nagambie and Avenel, due to their close proximity and access to Melbourne and the water features of Nagambie. Due to the picturesque nature of much of the area, the Shire is often faced with many land use conflicts, commonly between lifestyle properties and rural industries.

Environment

The natural environment is under increasing pressures from development, agricultural practices and the emerging threat of climate change. Through the protection of water, native vegetation and fauna and the encouragement of investment in renewable energy, the Shire will continue to assist in the protection and enhancement of the natural environment into the future.

Community

As the residents of the Shire are dispersed throughout the municipal area, it is important to have a variety of services and social infrastructure available. Community hubs and shared facilities are encouraged in the major settlements.

Economic Growth

Development and growth is important, and within the Strathbogie Shire there are many opportunities for growth in the food, wine and equine industries and value-adding to the existing primary production, industries and retail enterprises/sectors.

Infrastructure

Strathbogie Shire covers 3,500 square kilometres which includes a variety of landscapes and a high density of infrastructure. Much of the infrastructure is ageing and its renewal will be a focus into the future.

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Vision - Strategic Framework

The Shire of Strathbogie Council Plan (2009 - 2013) establishes the corporate direction for the Shire and provides a framework for improving the social, physical, environmental and economic well being of the community over the next three years.

The Council Plan expresses the vision for the municipality as:

“A vibrant diverse and caring community, building a sustainable future with enhanced liveability in a secure and stimulating environment”.

The Council mission is to:

“To deliver the Vision for Strathbogie Shire in partnership with our community and to strive for excellence in planning, delivering and managing community services and facilities”.

The Council Plan and Municipal Strategic Statement share a common vision, encompassed by the following objectives:

- Quality strategic planning for our community’s future
- Enhancing our lifestyle and strengthening our community
- Engaging our community to develop a shared vision for the future
- Driving our economic development
- Planning and delivering our infrastructure services
- Planning for long term sustainability
- Striving for excellence in our organisation

21.01-4 Strategic Framework Plan

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