A2040
Liveable. Green. Connected.

Our plan to thrive 2020–2024

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Liveable Alexandrina is defined by distinctive townships, places, spaces and transport networks that support active lifestyles, vibrant cultures and productive enterprise.

Green Alexandrina is climate-ready, a place where nature is valued and resources are managed sustainably and creatively to support a new economy.

Connected Alexandrina is created for, with and by the community. We are safe, healthy and all enjoy accessible infrastructure and services.

What we call Alexandrina is a great deal more than the sum of its parts. Every town, every pocket of the region is unique. Every place and every person has a story to tell.

A2040 is our plan to thrive for the next 20 years. Across this period, the community's vision is addressed in plans with long-term strategic and resourcing requirements.

This document sets out the five action areas: Climate Response; Appropriate Growth; Community Inclusion; Transport Connections; and Environmental innovation. Each of these action areas has five supporting activities and measures for the community's aspirations to be more Liveable, Green and Connected.

We have great ambition as a community. Together with our partners, almost anything is possible by 2040. It will take determination, creativity, energy and resilience.
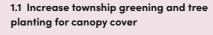
The A2040 suite of plans

Every year	Business plans and budgets Village conversations
Every 4 years	Service plans Capital works
10–20 years	Asset Management Plan Long Term Financial Plan

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Climate Response
Climate change is the issue of greatest concern to the people of Alexandrina. Increasingly frequent adverse events, the fragility of our ecosystems and the security of our water supplies led to our 2019 Climate Emergency declaration.

Appropriate Growth
Well managed development relies on the best available social and physical infrastructure and services. Appropriate growth supports residents, farmers, businesses, community organisations and the many visitors central to job creation and our economic destiny.

Community Inclusion
Bringing generations and communities together, welcoming visitors into our region and embracing diversity will support our growing population, stimulate spending and attract investment.

Transport Connections
Our community needs a high-quality road, water, rail and trail network that is safe, well maintained, supportive of healthy lifestyles, and is environmentally sustainable.

Environmental Innovation
It is clear that we can go well beyond the management of waste, water and energy and extend to circular resource systems, regenerative farming, aquaculture and nature-based recreation and ecotourism.

1.1 Increase township greening and tree planting for canopy cover

All village innovation plans (VIPs) to include performance targets for urban greening and tree canopy enhancements

1.2 Attract and retain younger residents to live, work and play in Alexandrina

Facilitate and advocate accessible health, emergency and community services, activations, arts and culture, open spaces, sport, recreation, education and employment pathways that lead to a sustainable lifestyle for families

1.3 Design and locate community infrastructure to ensure safe, inclusive and convenient access for communities and individuals

Deliver our Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) in 2021 and monitor progress through annual village conversations for each township

1.4 Advocate for a rethink of transport planning to focus on needs identification for improving accessibility, social inclusion and wellbeing

Conduct a community transport audit by 2022 to better inform VICs and ideas for change with the community

1.5 Commit to purchasing recycled materials and products in our public spaces

Design and implement an open space strategy with guidelines for recycled materials and products

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2.1 Reduce Council greenhouse gas emissions and advocate for the uptake of renewable energy

Formalise Council's role within a distributed energy strategy by 2022

2.2 Work with industry partners to identify and embed nature-based tourism experiences to secure funding to protect, conserve and enjoy our natural environment

In line with the Economic Development Strategy, facilitate opportunities that deliver new nature-tourism ventures and investment

2.3 Encourage community participation and partnerships with key stakeholders for greater involvement in sustainability issues and promote the adoption of a sustainable lifestyle

Establish indicators and monitoring processes to raise awareness of the benefits of sustainability for community wellbeing. Strategically promote performance of greater sustainability within Council and the community through sustainable design in the built environment

2.4 Explore opportunities to integrate eco-friendly and sustainable materials into the procurement process and practices to road management

Refine and implement procurement policies, contract management and asset management to better incorporate 'green' criteria

2.5 Contribute to the development of a long-term approach to waste management on the Fleurieu Peninsula

In partnership with FWRA increase the diversion of all Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) from landfill by 75%

3.1 Support prosperity and wellbeing in Alexandrina by building the resilience of our communities, the economy and the environment to a variable and changing climate

Develop a comprehensive community education and behaviour change program to advance climate change adaption and resilience

3.2 Partner on community-led Village Innovation Plans (VIPs) to identify and enhance sustainable social, economic and environmental outcomes for Alexandrina

Complete Village Innovation Plans (VIPs) by 2024 and ensure that key informing strategies are developed to advocate for change and drive sustainable outcomes

3.3 Leverage Business Alexandrina to increase opportunities to co-design innovative solutions for industry

Develop and deliver an annual community innovation program for Alexandrina

3.4 Advocate for multiple modes of public transport that connect communities to Adelaide and across our region

Enact an advocacy plan for improved transport safety, connectivity, infrastructure and network efficiency by 2023

3.5 Support local industry to connect, explore and pilot new initiatives.

Through Business Alexandrina engage leading experts to strengthen business and community networks in the region to maximise innovation uptake and return on investment

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