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# **Central Coast Annual Monitoring Report**



Kayaking through Glenworth Valley  
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# Foreword

2018 has been a fantastic year of progress to a brighter, more prosperous future for the Central Coast and its people.

I was very proud on October 10 at Gosford Racecourse when I announced the final package of measures to pave the way for the revitalisation of Gosford as the vibrant and thriving capital of the Central Coast.

It's been a priority for me, as Planning Minister, to see this project developed, in close consultation with the community and stakeholders.

The NSW Government Architect's Urban Design Framework and suite of planning controls implementing the vision will drive further investment, attract new residents, business, tourists, cultural activity and jobs to Gosford. They will make it the regional capital it deserves to be.

Gosford has always had enormous potential and now we have the right plans and structures to realise that potential for the benefit of the entire region.

We're not starting from scratch and we're not alone in our vision. Gosford's growing reputation as 'Crane City' is on the mark with the city's skyline dominated by more than a dozen major developments already under construction.

The \$400 million Gosford Hospital redevelopment and the new Department of Finance Services and Innovation building, both due for completion in early

2019, are just two of those important developments. These projects alone will deliver vital services and hundreds of ongoing local jobs.

A flourishing economy with more jobs for Central Coast residents, jobs close to where they live, is a core goal of the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 (Regional Plan) – the Government's blueprint to shape the development of the region.

The Regional Plan also includes goals to protect and enhance the stunning natural environment and ensure well-connected communities on the Coast.

During the past 12 months we've made great progress together to bring all parts of this vision to life.

For example, we began the most far-reaching conservation planning exercise ever undertaken for the Central Coast and one of the largest undertaken in Australia.

The Strategic Conservation Planning Project for the Central Coast will ensure the region's precious natural environment is protected while long-term housing and employment needs are met.

Other key highlights of the year include:

- \$42 million of NSW Government funding for the much-needed upgrade of water and sewer infrastructure in Gosford City Centre

## Anthony Roberts MP

Minister for Planning



- \$10 million of NSW Government funding to upgrade Leagues Club Field, including the creation of a regional park and playground
- Delivery of the Housing and Employment Supply Snapshot to provide a stocktake of current housing and employment lands across the Central Coast
- Preparation of the Southern Growth Corridor Strategy ready for exhibition;
- Operation of the Interagency and Council Working Group to address land use needs west of the M1 Pacific Motorway
- Progression of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council planning proposals and the Darkinjung Delivery Framework
- Launch of the Central Coast Regional Plan Info Centre in late February, a space to engage and inform the public about the implementation program, that has (to date) had nearly 1,000 visitors

This report marks the second year of the Regional Plan since its release in October 2016.

The NSW Government's focus on regional NSW is unprecedented. It has been a year since the whole of NSW was covered by strategic land use plans. These plans provide the framework,

vision and direction for strategic planning and land use across NSW, planning for the regions' future needs for housing, jobs, infrastructure and the natural environment.

The Central Coast is a fast-growing region with beautiful and productive natural environments, a strong labour force, cost-effective housing and employment land, access to major markets, viable business locations, good transport infrastructure and a community that cares about its future.

By 2036 the Coast will be home to 75,500 more people. This means we need an additional 41,500 homes and 25,000 more jobs and supporting infrastructure in the next 18 years.

Implementation of the Regional Plan and monitoring intended outcomes is being driven by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and shared with regional stakeholders, including all levels of government, the private sector and the community.

This is an incredibly exciting time for the Central Coast.

Great progress has been made during the past year.

I'm passionate we keep the momentum going as we work towards a more prosperous Central Coast.



Brisbane Water, Hamilton Lund  
(courtesy of Destination NSW)

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# Introduction

**The NSW Government continues to focus on growing regional economies and communities, delivering catalyst projects to achieve these outcomes.**

## Purpose

The *Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 (Regional Plan)* was developed to guide planning for the future population's needs for housing, jobs, infrastructure and a healthy environment. The Regional Plan sets a clear vision and direction for how the region can leverage future opportunities to ensure the region's communities remain vibrant and dynamic.

The Regional Plan provides an overarching framework to coordinating a whole of government approach to land use planning decisions and priorities across the Central Coast. To achieve the vision, the Regional Plan is structured around a number of goals, directions and actions. The actions in the Regional Plan are identified as

either immediate actions (0-2 years), short term (3-5 years), medium term (5-10 years) or long term and are implemented as strategies or as initiatives. The NSW Government has identified a lead agency and relevant partners and priority for each action. The lead agency is responsible for project managing the various tasks required to ensure the success of each action.

This Annual Monitoring Report details the work undertaken by NSW State Government, Council and other stakeholders to implement the Regional Plan. The report outlines the key achievements around delivering on the goals, directions and actions of the Regional Plan with a particular focus on the priorities that have been agreed with the *Central Coast Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee*.

## Governance

The *Central Coast Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee*, including the Coordinator General for the Central Coast and the Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation, have been established to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the Regional Plan and to bring together agencies and organisations responsible for delivering the majority of the outcomes. The *Central Coast Delivery, Coordination and Monitoring Committee* meet regularly, establishing terms of reference and work collaboratively to identify priorities for implementation.

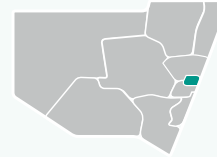
The Committee is operations focused and membership includes delegates from the Department of Planning and

Environment, Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Resources & Geoscience, Tafe NSW, Department of Premier and Cabinet, NSW Health, Department of Industry, Transport for NSW, Roads and Maritime Services and Council. The Committee is also supported by outcome specific groups that bring together appropriate representatives from government, industry and community to provide advice on particular issues or projects.



# Highlights

Central Coast



## Revitalisation of Gosford City Centre

The NSW Government delivered the:

- Gosford City Centre Urban Design Framework
- Gosford City Centre State Environmental Planning Policy 2018
- Gosford City Centre Special Contributions Plan 2018
- Gosford City Centre Development Control Plan 2018.

- 600+ residents surveyed on their views about Gosford's revitalisation

- 83% of the people surveyed as part of the Go Gosford Campaign thought the revitalisation of Gosford was important.

- 90% of people surveyed as part of the Go Gosford Campaign thought the revitalisation of Gosford was good for the broader Central Coast.

- 194 submissions received on the Gosford City Centre Consultation Paper and Proposed Delivery Mechanisms.

- Hunter Central Coast Development Corporation announced to facilitate development outcomes in Gosford City Centre.

- Launch and first meeting of the City of Gosford Design Advisory Panel to ensure design excellence in Gosford.

- \$42 million of NSW Government funding allocated for much-needed upgrades to water and sewer infrastructure in Gosford City Centre.

- \$10 million of NSW Government funding to upgrade Leagues Club Field.



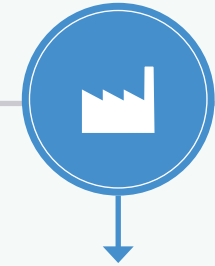
## Darkinjung Delivery Framework

Launch of the Darkinjung Delivery Framework for public exhibition, a suite of 8 planning measures to assist Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council to better plan, manage and develop over 3700 hectares of land.



## Southern Growth Corridor Strategy

Southern Growth Corridor Strategy was endorsed by Central Coast Council for public exhibition.



## Employment Lands Development Monitor

1996 hectares of employment land available for jobs in the region as identified in the updated Employment Lands Development Monitor.

- 467 hectares of potential future employment land in the region as identified in the updated Employment Lands Development Monitor.



### Housing Supply Snapshot

NSW Government improved the quality of the Central Coast LGA completions data with new modelling to estimate dwelling completions.

- 1985 dwelling approvals in the Central Coast region as identified in the Housing Supply Snapshot.

- 1128 dwelling completions in the Central Coast region as identified in the Housing Supply Snapshot.

- 60% of dwelling completions are detached while 40% are multi-unit dwellings in the Central Coast.



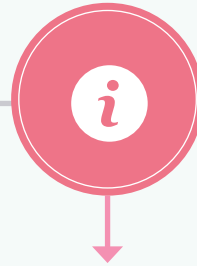
### Strategic Conservation Planning

Biodiversity Scoping Report completed to inform the program of Strategic Conservation Planning.

- 918 land owners contacted to gain land access for the ecological survey effort across 3527 hectares of land.

- 192 land owners granted access for ecological survey effort across approximately 2000 hectares.

- Approximately 1200 hectares of land has been surveyed for the winter and spring period.



### Information Centre

Launch of the Central Coast Regional Plan Information Centre that has to date had nearly 1000 visitors. The Information Centre is a space to engage and inform the public about the work of the Coordination General in driving the implementation of the Regional Plan.



### Strategic Planning Toolkit

Launch of the Strategic Planning Toolkit on the Department's website, a hub for guidelines and resources to support local councils and planning professionals in plan making.



### Land Use West of the M1

The NSW Government prepared draft Agricultural Land Capability Mapping for the region which is at 1:25,000 scale and is to be combined with industry profiles analysing production, value and export trends for Central Coast.

- 3 industry workshops held in Mangrove Mountain and Ourimbah to gain knowledge of the important agricultural land and industries in Central Coast.



# Priority Actions

The Minister appointed the Coordinator General for the Central Coast, Lee Shearer, in April 2017 to drive the implementation of the Regional Plan and coordinate accountability cross Government for the delivery of the Regional Plan priorities.

The *Central Coast Delivery Coordination and Monitoring Committee* is responsible for reporting on the implementation of the priorities of the Regional Plan through seven focus areas. These focus areas best articulate the immediate priorities of the Regional Plan and the project work being undertaken by the team.

The Central Coast Monitoring Report (Annual Monitoring Report) was published in November 2017. It highlights the key achievements of the first year of implementation for the Regional Plan relating to the focus areas. A copy of the report is available at the NSW Planning and Environment website.

This report provides an update on progress towards implementing the Regional Plan priorities and reflects on the key achievements in the last 12 months of implementation.

## Focus Area 1: Northern and Southern Growth Corridor

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Northern Growth Corridor Strategy.	✓					Quarter 4 2019
Southern Growth Corridor Strategy.	✓	✓	✓			Quarter 1 2019

## Focus Area 2: Land Use Needs West of the M1 Pacific Motorway

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Inter-Agency and Council Working Group.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	On-going working group
Primary Production and Rural Development State Environmental Planning Policy Review.	✓	✓	✓	✓		Quarter 4 2018
Important Agricultural Lands Mapping and Report.	✓	✓	✓	✓		Quarter 4 2018
Inter-Agency and Council Action Plan.	✓	✓				Quarter 1 2019



### Focus Area 3: Housing and Employment Land Supply Acceleration

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Housing and Employment Supply Snapshot.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Planning Proposals Audit.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Residential Land Supply Audit.	✓	✓				Quarter 2 2019
Region wide Special Infrastructure Contributions Plan.	✓					Date pending
Central Coast Network Plan.	✓	✓				Quarter 2 2019
Employment Lands Development Monitor.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Annual Review Complete

### Focus Area 4: Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council Strategic Assessment

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Darkinjung delivery framework.	✓	✓	✓			Quarter 1 2019
Implement the Darkinjung delivery framework.	✓					Quarter 4 2019
Progression of existing Planning Proposal.	✓	✓	✓			Quarter 2 2020
Aboriginal Land Agreement.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Quarter 4 2019

## Focus Area 5: Revitalisation of Gosford City Centre

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Gosford City Centre Urban Design Framework.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Gosford City Centre State Environmental Planning Policy 2018.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Gosford City Centre Special Infrastructure Contributions Plan 2018.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Gosford City Centre Development Control Plan 2018.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
City of Gosford Design Advisory Panel.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed

## Focus Area 6: Build capacity of Central Coast Council to deliver the Regional Plan

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Urban Design Guide for Regional NSW.	✓	✓	✓			Quarter 1 2019
Central Coast digital mapping Environmental Planning Instrument mapping pilot project.	✓	✓	✓			Quarter 3 2019
Strategic Planning Toolkit.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed

## Focus Area 7: Strategic Biodiversity

Update on the Priority Actions	Establishment	Preparation	Consultation	Review	Finalised	Expected Finalisation
Strategic Conservation Planning Scoping Report.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Completed
Ecological Survey	✓	✓				Quarter 3 2019
Planning Audit	✓	✓	✓			Quarter 4 2018



# Our Work Plan

## to implement the Central Coast Regional Plan

The *Central Coast Implementation Plan 2018-2020* was launched in November 2018. It is the second two-year implementation plan to ensure accountability to realise the vision of the Regional Plan. The *Central Coast Implementation Plan 2018-2020* sets the agenda of activities for the next two years to ensure Regional Plan outcomes are achieved. While the priorities for 2018-2020 have been adjusted towards the next phase of planning for the region's growth and change to 2036, these are activities from 2016-2018 implementation period that will continue. Below is a summary of those activities:



