## SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

Community input needed for the Wentworth Shire Council Economic Development Strategy 2024-2028



## Economic Development Strategies

2024-2028

Balranald Shire Council and Wentworth Shire Council are now researching to create the Economic Development Strategies of each Council for 2024-2028.

This research will identify the strengths, challenges and opportunities of each Council as they seek the best possible outcomes for their residents, for existing industry/business and for future investments.

As neighbours with similar opportunities and barriers to growth, overlapping goals and actions will also be identified. This will result in Economic Development Strategies for each Council and overlapping strategies to support joint advocacy and action.

The goal of sustainable economic development is to improve the economic and social well-being of communities. This can be done by attracting and retaining business/industry, creating/keeping employment, growing local workforce and enhancing the quality of life for all residents.

Economic Development should be strategic and community informed. It should improve life outcomes for all community members and support industry and population growth that enhances our communities and regions and protects our environments.

With funding from the Department of Regional NSW, Balranald Shire Council and Wentworth Shire Council have employed local (Balranald based) researcher Rachael Williams (Local Logic Place) to hear from stakeholders including; residents of communities, business, industry, government and supporting agencies such as education and employment services. Together these voices will inform the development of the Economic Development Strategies.

Rachael will commence hearing from stakeholders in December 2023 and continue this listening until March 2024. Opportunities to connect with Rachael and inform the research will be advertised through newsletters and social media, community social media groups, local newspapers and community notice boards in each shire.

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