

# Have your say Our Future in Focus

## Round one



## Engagement summary

During January and February 2017, we consulted with our community and key stakeholders to prepare a draft long-term community plan (known as a Community Strategic Plan).

### Who participated?

Overall, more than 1,800 actively participated in the first round of consultation, including:

- Local residents and businesses
- Lake Macquarie City Councillors
- Council committees including the Youth Advisory Council, Ageing and Disability Advisory Panel, Sustainable Neighbourhood Alliance Board, Lake Macquarie Interagency, Business Chambers Consultative Committee
- Community groups and peak bodies
- Council staff
- State government agencies

### How did they participate?

Through a range of channels, we asked people to review the draft long-term community goals to make sure they align with local needs and aspirations.

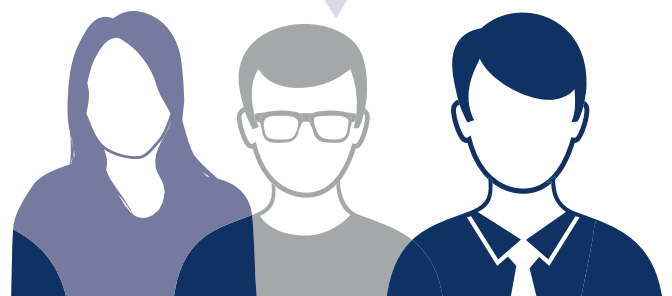
-  1,200 Just One Question responses at Council facilities
-  More than 1,000 visitors to the project webpage
-  377 online surveys
-  190 Facebook survey polls
-  130 staff feedback
-  20 SMS survey polls
-  22,600 people reached via social media
-  Various meetings and workshops with Councillors, community groups, service providers, Council staff.

### What we heard

Overall, community feedback was positive with many people telling us they feel comfortable and inspired by the future direction of the City.

You want a City that cherishes our natural environment, provides inclusive and accessible community facilities, is easy and safe to get around, is a popular destination offering many experiences, has public spaces to connect with others and strives to be innovative.

Feedback has resulted in the re-prioritisation of several draft goals, and identified shorter-term actions for consideration.



### Next steps

We are now reviewing all community input to prepare the draft Community Strategic Plan and supporting documents. The draft Plan will be available for public comment in mid-2017, following Council recommendation.