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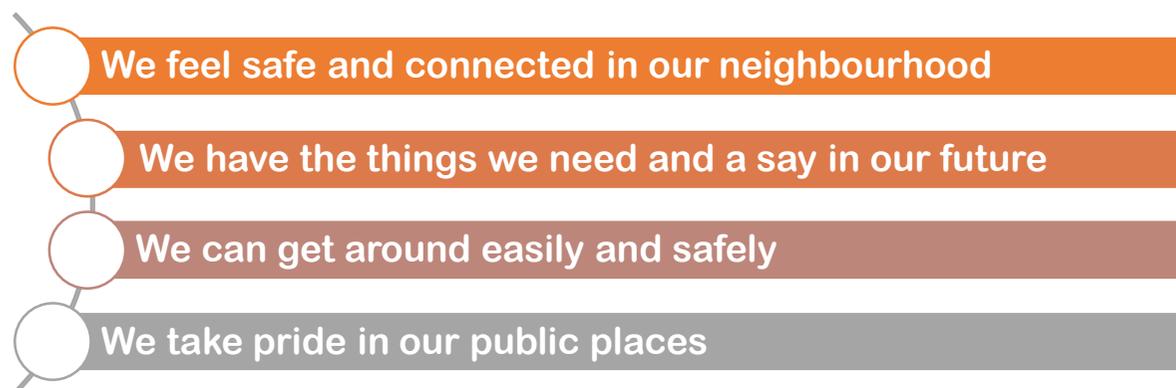
The *Kingswood Place Plan (2018-22)* provides Council with a community vision for Kingswood. It contains a series of actions that respond to priorities and aspirations shared by people living, working and studying in the neighbourhood. Over a 6 month period, local people were engaged through a project called *Capture Kingswood*, led by Council's Neighbourhood Renewal Program in 2017-18. The project asked people in Kingswood to share what matters in their neighbourhood. Kingswood is currently experiencing rapid change and growth and the intention is for the *Kingswood Place Plan* to respond to the priorities identified by local people and address the needs of a changing community.

KINGSWOOD PLACE PLAN - COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENTS

The *Capture Kingswood* community engagement project reached over 2,000 people in Kingswood and identified a range of local concerns and priorities. The following vision statements were developed in response to the key themes shared by local people. The comments shared by local people highlighted the following themes:

- **Community Safety**
Around 23% of comments specifically referred to feeling unsafe, the majority of these comments were made by women.
- **Community Connection**
Close to 30% of comments related to the importance of feeling connected in the local community.
- **Public Space and Amenity**
Close to 50% of all comments were about the importance of public space, local amenity, and ease of access in the area.

The following vision statements reflect the priorities and aspirations shared by local people and set out the basis for action by Council. The actions included within the Kingswood Place Plan include short term (2018-19) and medium-long term (2019-22) responses.



We feel safe and connected in our neighbourhood

What we heard

Perceptions of safety in the area were generally negative
 Many people reported feeling unsafe after dark (particularly women)
 Opportunities for community connection were limited
 Trust between local people was generally low
 Many residents wanted to meet more people in the area.

"We love the area, but don't leave the house after dark as it changes and doesn't feel safe." - Mother, 40s

Short Term Actions

Objective	Action	Lead
To improve perceptions of safety in the area.	Resources containing community safety information will be developed and distributed in Kingswood.	Place Management (Community Safety)
	Council will undertake a community safety audit in conjunction with local residents.	Place Management (Community Safety)
	Council will work with partners to deliver a series of evening place activations to improve perceptions of the area after dark.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal) Library Services Children's Services (Mobile Playvan) Community Partners
To increase opportunities for community connection.	Council will seek funding for a community arts project in Kingswood.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal)
	Council will deliver The Village Café in Kingswood.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal) Community Cultural Development Key Partner Working Group

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Medium – Long Term Actions

Objective	Action	Lead
To improve perceptions of safety in the area.	Council will liaise with Penrith Local Area Command to identify local crime issues.	Place Management (Community Safety)
	Council will seek funding to deliver a Community Safety project in response to local perceptions of safety.	Place Management (Community Safety)
	Council will investigate the opportunity for activating building sites through the use of public artworks on construction site hoardings.	Place Management (City Renewal)
	Council will work with the local traders to activate the area, and support local business owners to promote a safer community.	Place Management (City Renewal)
To increase opportunities for community connection.	Council will host a sustainability workshop in Kingswood.	Sustainability
	Council will deliver the Good Neighbour project in Kingswood.	Place Management (Community Safety, Neighbourhood Renewal)

We have the things we need and a say in our future

What we heard

There is a lack of affordable fresh produce and groceries in Kingswood
 Many people are unaware of community services when they are in need
 Kingswood is changing and people want a say in the future of the neighbourhood

"It can be hard to do our shopping, we have to travel to Penrith or Mount Druitt which can take a long time". -Older resident, retired

Short Term Actions

Objective	Action	Lead
To increase access to essential goods [e.g. fresh produce], jobs, and community services.	Fresh produce will be distributed at The Village Café – Kingswood to respond a lack of access to fresh fruit and vegetables in the area.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal)
	Community and health services will be delivered at The Village Café in response to local needs.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal)
To improve communication with residents about changes in the neighbourhood and increase opportunities for resident to have a say in decisions that impact them.	Council will develop a communications strategy for Kingswood with a focus on providing information about the changes in the area, and how people can have their say and access Council's services.	Communications and Marketing
	Council will deliver Community Action Training to share the ways in which residents can have their say, and support residents to undertake community events and projects.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal)

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To increase access to essential goods [e.g. fresh produce], jobs, and community services.	Council will investigate opportunities to advocate for a supermarket in Kingswood within the existing planning frameworks.	Economic Initiatives
	Council's Community Assistance Program will be promoted within Kingswood.	Community Cultural Development
	Council will investigate an audit of community services active in Kingswood to identify service gaps and advocate for service delivery according to community needs.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal) Community Cultural Development
	Council will provide support the delivery of The Quarter Action Plan, including the ecosystem mapping project aimed at navigating job opportunities from secondary education to workplace placement.	Economic Initiatives
To improve communication with residents about changes in the neighbourhood and increase opportunities for residents to have a say in decisions that impact them.	Kingswood residents are engaged in setting the future direction for managing Penrith's growth, including the review of planning controls.	City Planning
	Council will support the delivery of The Quarter Action Plan, including sharing information about the partnership with the local community, and developing partnerships to promote the area's lifestyle and culture.	Economic Initiatives
	New boarding house developments will be monitored to understand potential impacts.	City Planning Community and Cultural Development

We can get around easily and safely

What we heard

Walkability was a priority for local residents, workers, and students
 Speeding is of concern in certain streets
 Local parking is congested making it difficult to navigate local roads

"I struggle to get out of my driveway on Orth St because so many people are parking along the street". – Student, 20s

Short Term Actions

Objective	Action	Lead
To improve walkability and pedestrian safety in Kingswood.	Council will conduct a pedestrian lighting audit and review of current lighting standards within priority areas of Kingswood.	Place Management (Community Safety) (City Renewal)
	Council will investigate local speeding and traffic safety hotspots, including on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peppermint Cres • Calgaroo Crescent • Corner Hargrave and Second Ave 	Engineering Services
	Council will investigate installing way-finding signage in Kingswood.	Design and Projects
	Council will investigate a pedestrian refuge across O'Connell Street south of Algie Crescent near the TAFE.	Engineering Services
To reduce the impact of congestion on local roads.	Council's Rangers will conduct a series of blitzes to enforce local parking restrictions on Great Western Highway and surrounding hospital precinct.	Environmental Health and Compliance

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Medium – Long Term Actions

Objective	Action	Lead
To improve walkability and pedestrian safety in Kingswood.	Council will seek funding to install new pedestrian lighting within priority areas of Kingswood.	Place Management (Community Safety)
	Council will continue to distribute pedestrian safety and safe driving materials in hotspots across Kingswood, including licensed premises.	Engineering Services
To reduce the impact of congestion on local roads.	Council will monitor the compliance of new developments in Kingswood.	Environmental Health and Compliance
	Council will provide information to residents in terms of how to report illegal parking.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal) Communications and Marketing
	Council will investigate opportunities to install new bus shelter in Kingswood on Second Ave.	Engineering Services
	Council will investigate local parking concerns, including on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orth St • Hargrave St • Rogers St 	Engineering Services
	Council will undertake works on Bringelly Road and O'Connell Street as part of the Road Resurfacing/Re-sheeting program.	City Assets Engineering Services

We take pride in our public places

What we heard

Public places are highly valued
 Recreation spaces need to meet the needs of the changing population
 Local amenity is important

"I love the playground at Chapman Gardens, it's great taking the grandkids there". -Grandfather, 65, working full time.

Short Term Actions

Objective	Action	Lead
To improve amenity in public places.	Council will seek funding to make improvements to Wainwright Park and Chapman Gardens Playground.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal) Design and Projects
	Council will install an additional litter bin on Manning St.	City Presentation Waste Services
	Waste Rangers will undertake a series of 'blitzes' in Kingswood to combat illegal dumping.	Environmental Health and Compliance Waste Services
	Council will review maintenance schedules in hotspots around Kingswood.	City Presentation
	Council will regularly distribute information to residents and businesses about how to report issues such as illegal dumping.	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal) Communications and Marketing

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Objective	Action	Lead
To improve amenity in public places.	Council will undertake works to improve sports facilities at Chapman Gardens.	Recreation City Assets
	Council will support the Kingswood High School proposal to embellish their existing sports field for shared community use.	Recreation
	Council will investigate opportunities to improve local public amenity in Kingswood, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local streetscapes (Great Western Highway and Bringelly Road); • Tree planting in public spaces. 	Place Management (Neighbourhood Renewal, City Renewal) City Assets City Presentation Design and Projects Sustainability
	Council will review the Public Domain Manual for Kingswood and implement its delivery.	Place Management (City Renewal) Development services