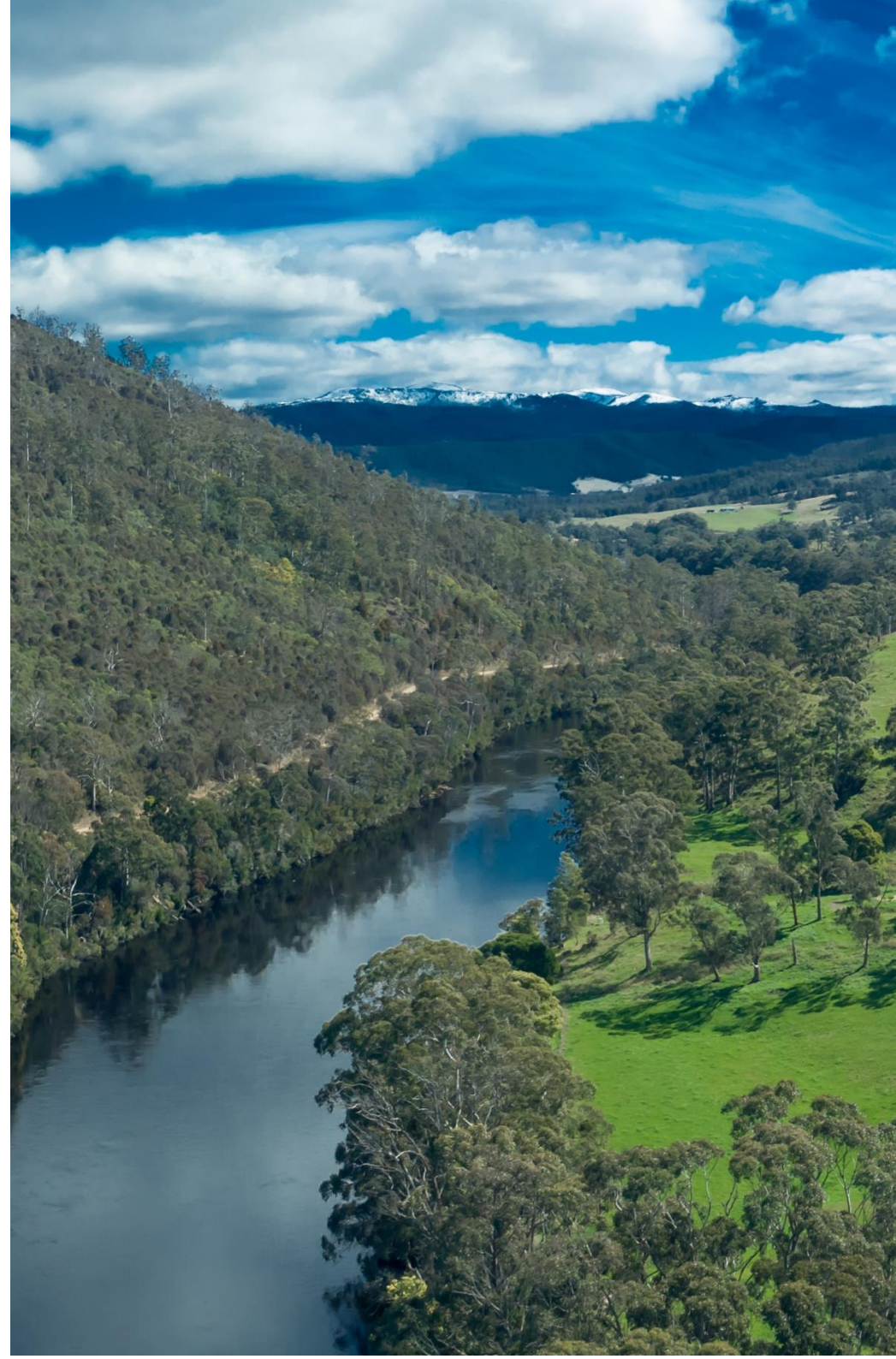


Huon Valley Community Vision



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the South East Nation, the Melukerdee people of the Huon River and the Lyluequonny people of the Far South. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Why we are creating a Community Vision

The “Community Vision” is a document that outlines the community’s aspirations, needs and desires for the Huon Valley over the next 10 years. The document is owned by the community and helps to define a common set of goals, encouraging collaboration between community groups, service providers and businesses, Council, and other levels of government. It will become the leading community and Council document, supporting and guiding activities into the future.

In creating a Community Vision, Council has engaged extensively with the community. This includes across the different locations within the municipality, various age groups, and community groups. Engagement ranged from surveys, school visits, community conversations, and town hall sessions. All of this feedback has helped shape the Vision.

Huon Valley Council has a continued role in facilitating and delivering on the community vision. This includes:

- **Engagement** with community on an ongoing basis to ensure the Vision is in alignment with future community needs.
- **Provision of resources** and support for the implementation of the Community Vision.
- **Monitoring** the progress of implementation against what is set out in the Community Vision.
- **Partnering** with other organisations and community groups to support the implementation of the Community Vision.

Implementing the Vision

The Vision is a community plan; therefore, implementation will be delivered via community groups, private and not-for-profit providers within the Huon Valley, local and state government.

Council will deliver on the Vision through the Council Strategic Plan and budgets. The Vision will guide the direction of Council actions, advocacy, and partnerships.

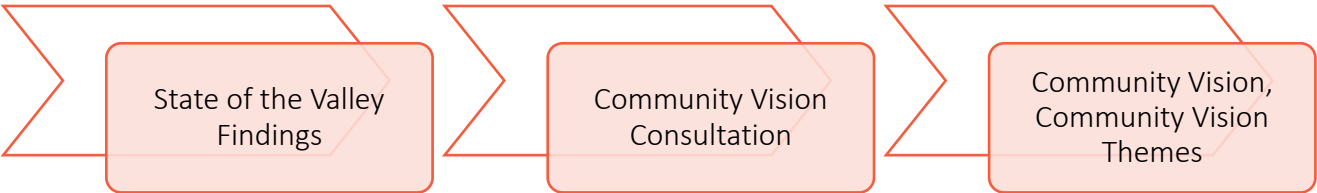
Structure of the document

The document is set out in three parts:

1. Developing the Vision	A discussion on the engagement process to form the Huon Valley Community Vision.
2. Community Vision Statement	A single statement encompassing the overarching vision for Huon Valley.
3. Community Vision Themes	Themes within the Community Vision that are important to the people of Huon Valley.

1. Developing the Vision

Huon Valley Council developed the Vision by consulting with the community over a period from November 2022 to March 2023. This included:



Surveys: 720+ responses, statistically robust results	Community conversations
One-on-one meetings with key stakeholders	Staff workshops
School visits	Township workshops and feedback

For a complete list of activities and their findings, please refer to the Engagement Report.

2. Community Vision Statement

We are a diverse, productive and welcoming community with strong connections to the environment.

We will continue to protect and promote the unique opportunities the Huon Valley provides including local produce, creativity, and access to the Huon River.

As the community grows, we will continue to strengthen connectivity, employment, and education, while balancing the opportunities for a rural lifestyle.

3. Community Vision Themes

Getting around	Food production and security	Diverse and inclusive community	Environment	A home for everyone
<p>The townships within the Huon Valley are well connected through improved active transport, public transport links, and quality local and state roads.</p>	<p>The Huon Valley is seen as a leader in sustainable farming and commercial agriculture and aquaculture, providing access to local produces, employment, and economic benefits.</p>	<p>An inclusive community, where everyone is respected.</p> <p>A community that adapts, responds, and supports a changing population including the aged and the young.</p> <p>Respect, understand, value, and recognise Aboriginal culture, history, knowledge, and rights.</p>	<p>The natural environment and ecosystems within the Huon Valley are celebrated and protected.</p> <p>The community, infrastructure and local businesses are resilient to the impacts of climate change, delivering leading practices across sustainability and the circular economy.</p>	<p>The Huon Valley provides affordable, quality homes that meet the needs of an ageing population, young people, and families.</p> <p>An approach to planning and land that allows and encourages innovative housing solutions while respecting lifestyle, nature, culture, heritage, and neighbourhood character.</p>

Health and wellbeing	Decision making	Strong economy	Creativity and Culture	Learning and development
<p>The Huon Valley has fair and equitable access to all government services, including access to affordable health services.</p> <p>Health and wellbeing are enabled through access to local recreation infrastructure, paths and trails, programs, and nature.</p>	<p>Council decision making processes are collaborative, transparent, and well communicated. Council continues to actively seek feedback from the community to inform decisions.</p>	<p>Economic development is strengthened across the Huon Valley through supporting local businesses and growing local employment opportunities.</p> <p>Industries and local businesses are encouraged to embrace digital transformation and leading sustainable practices.</p> <p>Tourism continues to play an important role within the local economy, while balancing the needs of the local community.</p>	<p>The Huon Valley community value and celebrate creativity and culture in all its forms.</p> <p>It provides an opportunity for all community members to participate, regardless of age and ability, to connect and express themselves.</p>	<p>Huon Valley has access to a wide range of learning and educational opportunities across early years, youth, and older adults.</p> <p>Through strong educational links, the local community have the skills and capabilities required to access local employment opportunities.</p>