

# **TAMWORTH TOMORROW STRATEGY SUMMARY**

To guide our economic investment into the future, Council have developed the Tamworth Tomorrow Strategy (Other Plans and Strategies | Tamworth Regional Council (nsw.gov.au)) to ensure we are focussing on the highest priority challenges and opportunities for our region.

#### **Our Vision for the Tamworth Economy:**

Tamworth is a thriving regional hub, serving residents of the City and the region. Our economy is robust, productive, and laden with opportunities. It celebrates diversity, sustainability, and inclusivity. The region's economy is resilient and ready for a prosperous future.

#### **Economic Principles**

Whatever the future holds, the Strategy will be guided by six key overarching principles, reflecting the values and unique identity of our region.

Connected & Collaborative

- Inclusive Opportunities
- Diverse & Resilient
- Confident & Driven

Sustainable

- Liveable

## **Economic Priorities**

The Strategy, developed through consultation with the community, key stakeholders, and Council, identifies eight priorities to focus our economic policies and actions over the next four years. These priorities include:

- Water Security
- Housing Affordability & Availability
- Education, Skills, & Training
- Infrastructure & Transport Connection
- Technology & Digital Connectivity
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Economic Priorities
  - The Renewable Economy
  - Innovation & Future Industries

## Flagship Economic Development Actions – A Sample

To bring the Principles and Priorities to life, an Action Plan accompanies the Strategy, highlighting actions to be delivered by Council. Council will, for example:

- Examine and prioritise industries for attraction and investment in the Tamworth region, including Advanced protein processing; Manufacturing under Industry 4.0; Construction; and Future Agriculture
- Finalise the long-term Water Strategy
- Continue coordination of Tamworth Global Gateway Park, to deliver the intermodal freight facility
- Leverage the Tamworth Regional Housing Program to develop a Housing Action Plan
- Develop, through Co-design, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Development Strategy
- Continue community engagement and early planning of Tamworth Performing Arts & Cultural Precinct
- Investigate, in collaboration with industry, developing service and ancillary industries associated with the New England Renewable Energy Zone
- Review Digital Connectivity Across the region and identify gaps
- Partner with NSW NPWS to facilitate access to Country for Indigenous enterprises
- Host investment summit to communicate the opportunities of the Tamworth region to investors

#### **Investment Precincts**

Tamworth is strategically positioned to capitalise on various emerging trends. Accompanying the Tamworth Tomorrow Strategy, the Invest Tamworth Prospectus (Link) outlines just a snapshot of the opportunities for prospective investors, residents, and community members across our region. Currently, the region contains several investment precincts, at varying levels of development, including:

- Tamworth Regional Aviation
   Precinct
- Stratheden Housing Precinct
- North Tamworth Health Precinct
- Taminda Investment Precinct
- Tamworth Central Business
  District
- Tourism, Entertainment & Sporting Precinct
- Arcadia Housing Precinct
- University of Newcastle Education Precinct
- Glen Artney Investment Precinct
- University of New England
   Education Precinct

## **Flagship Investment Opportunities**

The Tamworth region's leading infrastructure and industrial strengths are key to driving a diverse range of jobs and investment opportunities. Investment in these areas will enhance local industry and improve the region's liveability and prosperity.

Development	Investment Opportunity	Value Proposition
Tamworth Global Gateway Park	<ul> <li>Businesses looking to expand their operations or access to markets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accessible by road, rail, &amp; air</li> <li>Access to global markets &amp; export opportunities</li> </ul>
Cultural Precinct	• Tamworth's latest community facility	<ul> <li>Prime location for small businesses with high footfall traffic</li> </ul>
Entertainment & Sporting Precincts	<ul> <li>Premier events facilities with social &amp; elite level use</li> </ul>	• Large-scale venues suitable for business events
Tamworth Recycling Facility	<ul> <li>Support growing industrial &amp; sustainability capabilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Immediate need for organic recycling due to landfill ban by 2030</li> </ul>
Tamworth Regional Airport	<ul> <li>Regional &amp; international freight capacity for local exporters</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strategically located besides Tamworth Global Gateway Park</li> </ul>
Manilla, Barraba, & Nundle	• Unique towns & villages across the Tamworth region	<ul> <li>Tamworth's regional communities support new and expanding by</li> </ul>

The *Tamworth Tomorrow Strategy, Action Plan*, and *Invest Tamworth Prospectus* chart the course for economic development and prosperity in our region. Get involved, or find more information at: (Other Plans and Strategies | Tamworth Regional Council (nsw.gov.au))