

# Towards 2042! Discussion Guide

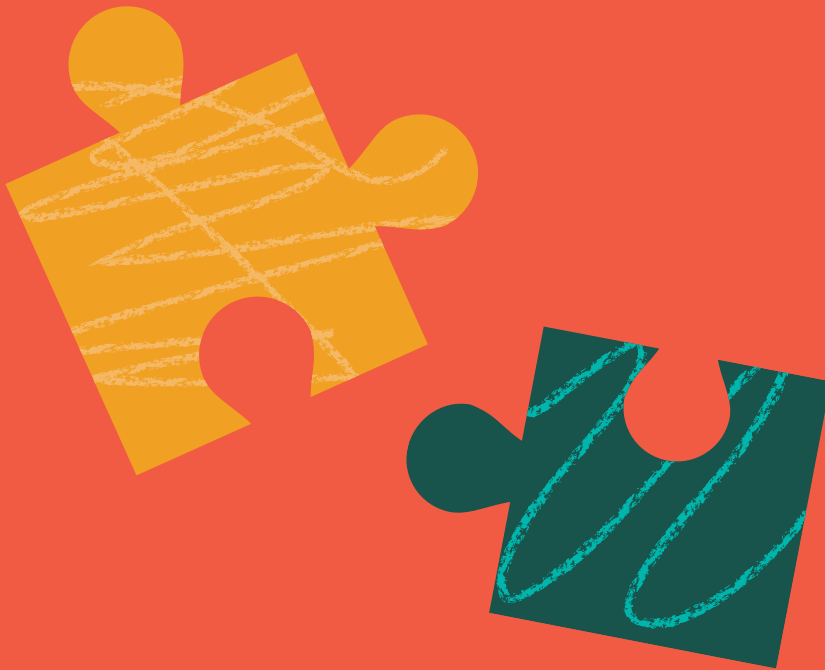


**HAVE YOUR SAY!**  
Together, let's shape  
our community's  
future.



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# About

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## Towards 2042 Discussion Guide

Snowy Monaro Regional Council is reviewing the Community Strategic Plan and would like to hear from you about your ideas and priorities for our future.

The questions in this Discussion Guide are aligned with the online survey. The survey, and responses to this Discussion Guide will be open from 1 February to 15 March 2024.

We will use the information you provide us to review our Community Strategic Plan and make sure that it is an accurate representation of our vision.

There will be further opportunities to have your say when the Draft Community Strategic Plan is made available.

### WHO IS THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR?

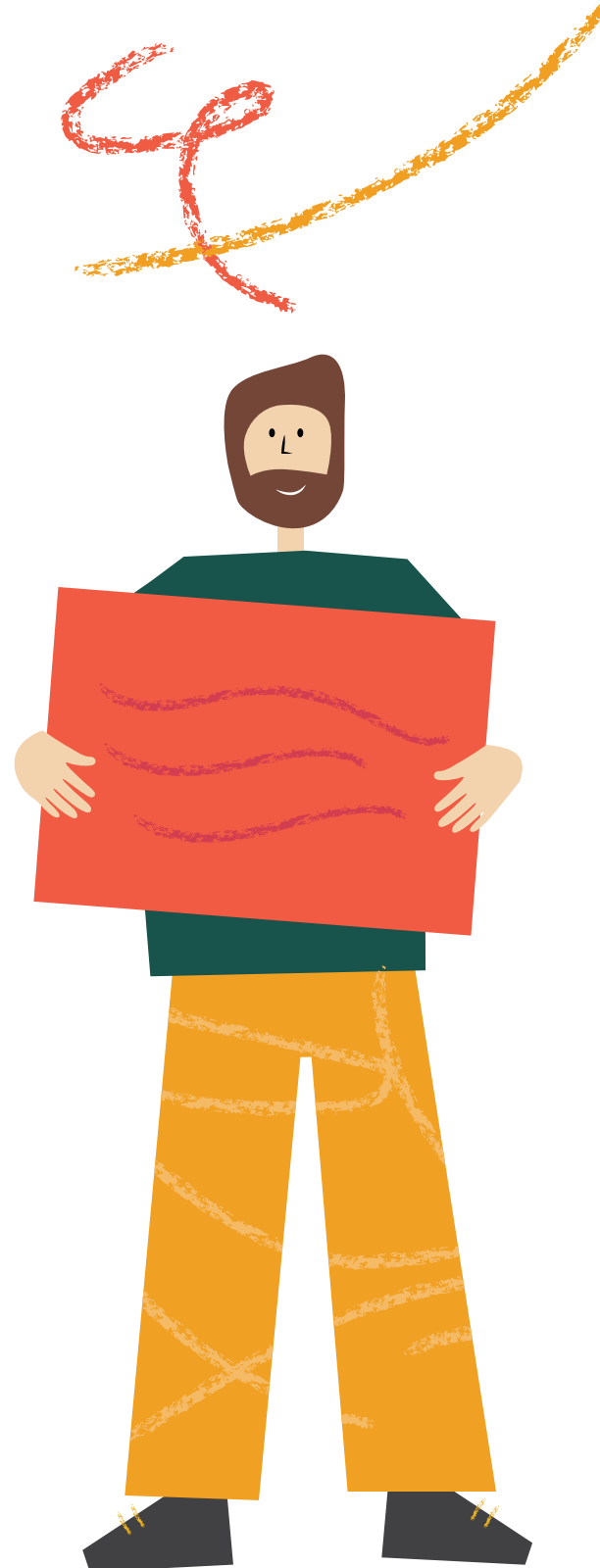
This Discussion Guide is for community groups or committees that would like to provide group feedback to this project. Groups are integral to the success of our community, so we're keen to hear thoughts via your collective voice.

### HOW TO USE THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE

This Discussion Guide will help you lead conversations within your community group, association or committee.

#### It includes:

1. Advice on leading your own conversation.
2. An overview of our region.
3. A suggested agenda.
4. Survey questions for you to respond to.
5. How to return the Towards 2042 Discussion Guide:
  - If you were emailed by a Council contact, check the email for a link to complete the Discussion Guide online.
  - Visit Council's website and complete the **Towards 2042 Survey**. Be sure to choose "group response" when completing.  
OR
  - Complete a printed copy of the Discussion Guide and return it to Council's Customer Service Centre.



# Hosting your own discussion

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## Use this Guide to document the discussions in your community

### Provided in this Guide is:

- An overview of our community.
- Instructions on how to host and facilitate your own discussion.
- The questions to ask your community group.
- Instructions on how to return your completed Discussion Guide.

### SUGGESTED AGENDA (40 MINUTES)

- 1. Welcome everyone**
- 2. Acknowledgment of Country**
- 3. Information about Towards 2042 project (5 mins)**
  - Thank you for having your say about the future of our community as we think Towards 2042.
  - Through the Towards 2042 consultation, Council will guide the community through important discussions on our local government area's main ideas and priorities and document these in a Community Strategic Plan.
  - Council has a custodial role in initiating and preparing the Community Strategic Plan, but it is a community plan. Many partners, such as state agencies and community groups, will be responsible for its implementation. The Community Strategic Plan ensures the whole community is working towards a shared vision for a better future.
  - The purpose of today's discussion is to understand as a group why our community is special to us and what we'd like our community to look like in the future.
- 4. About our region and our community (5 mins)**  
**Share snapshot on pages 6 and 7 with the group to provide a starting point and prepare your group for the conversations**
- 5. Take some individual thinking time (5 mins)**  
**Before getting into the survey questions, take a few minutes to think about:**
  - What led you to live in our community. Why is it special to you? What do you value most about this place and its community?
  - Imagine our community in 10 years from now. What does our lifestyle offer? What will people value most?
- 6. Complete the survey (20 mins)**

Ways to submit your groups responses are highlighted on the previous page.
- 7. Thank-you**



# Your details

On this page, we ask some questions about your group.

We ask these questions so that we can compare aspirations and priorities across different groups. For instance, we can compare how responses from groups from different geographic areas differ.

## GENERAL

What is the name of your group/committee? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

About your group \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is the purpose of your group? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How many people are in your group? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people contributed to this discussion? \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you meeting (town/suburb/village/area)? \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUP CONTACT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



# About our community

The Snowy Monaro Regional Council is located in south-eastern NSW, about 100 kilometres south of the Canberra CBD, and about 400 kilometres south-west of the Sydney CBD.

The Snowy Monaro Regional Council area is a resilient community with strong agriculture, industry investment and employment opportunities. It has a strong volunteer base and is committed to rebuilding its natural assets and attractions.

## WHAT WE MEAN BY 'OUR COMMUNITY'

Our community describes the entire municipality. It includes our business centres, towns, villages and rural areas. Our towns include Adaminaby, Berridale, Bombala, Cooma, Jindabyne, and Nimmitabel. Our region also includes more than 100 localities.



## Key stats

**21,791**  
population

**24,020**  
forecast 2036  
population

**43 years**  
median age

**147**  
total births

**84.5 years**  
life expectancy

**\$1,593**  
median weekly  
household income

**11,968**  
number of dwellings

**\$1,500/month**  
median mortgage  
repayment

**\$300/week**  
median rent

**2.4**  
average  
household size

**2,849**  
number of businesses

**11,383**  
total labour force

### TOP INDUSTRIES OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Accommodation and Food Services
2. Construction
3. Retail Trade
4. Public Administration and Safety
5. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

**1,020**  
SEIFA Index

If Snowy Monaro region consisted of 100 people, there would be:

**3**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

**14**

born overseas

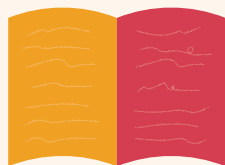
**6**

speaking languages other than English at home



**20**

with an individual income less than \$400 per week

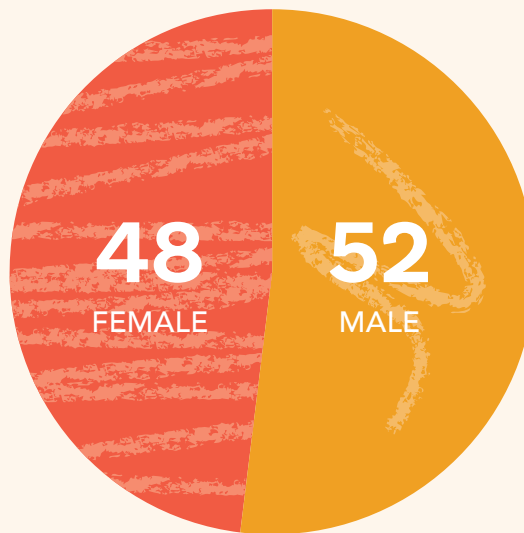


**53**

that completed higher education

**42**

that did not complete year 12



**22:** 0 – 19 years **51:** 20 –64 years  
**27:** 65+ years



**34**

living by themselves

**66**

living in families



**11**

care for someone with a disability

**5**

have a disability



**71**

who own or mortgage a house

**24**

who rent



**2**

unemployed and looking for work

**21**

who volunteer



**66**

who drove to work

**6**

who walked to work

# Have your say

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## Questions

### ARE WE ON TRACK?

Every four years Council documents the community's vision in a Community Strategic Plan. In this section, we ask you questions to understand if the current vision is still valid, whether you think we're on track for achieving our vision, and what needs to change.

#### 6. How do you feel about the vision in the adopted Snowy Monaro Community Strategic Plan 2042?

**The vision is:** The Snowy Monaro Region is a welcoming diverse and inclusive community where everyone can belong, participate, and work together. Our natural environment and heritage is preserved and enhanced for future generations. The region offers a fulfilling quality lifestyle and is a place of opportunity, with education, training and economic opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds.



Very happy



Happy



Neutral



Unhappy



Very unhappy

#### 7. What else would you like to tell us?

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#### 8. Have you read the Snowy Monaro Community Strategic Plan 2042?

Yes - go to Q9.    No - go to Q12.

#### 9. Within the plan there are 5 high-level themes. The themes are:

- Our community
- Our economy
- Our environment
- Our infrastructure
- Our civic leadership

#### Do you agree with these themes?

Yes, all    Yes, some    No    Unsure





**10. Do you think we're on track with delivering the 5 high-level themes?**

Our community

Yes  Partly  No  Unsure  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Our economy

Yes  Partly  No  Unsure  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Our environment

Yes  Partly  No  Unsure  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Our infrastructure

Yes  Partly  No  Unsure  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Our civic leadership

Yes  Partly  No  Unsure  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THERE ANYTHING MISSING?**

**11. Is there anything missing in the Snowy Monaro Community Strategic Plan 2042?**

Strategic themes	What is missing?
Our community	
Our economy	
Our environment	
Our infrastructure	
Our civic leadership	
Other (please specify)	

## WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Things change over time and quite often we are faced with issues that we hadn't even considered (global pandemic). In this section, we ask you questions about the strengths and challenges we face as a community right now.

### 12. What makes your community a great place to live? Please list your top 5 options.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

### 13. What do you think are the main challenges facing our community? Please list your top 5 options.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE IN 10 YEARS TIME?

The questions in this section require you to think towards 2042. Spend some time thinking about how you would like your community to be in ten or more years.

### 14. What have you seen in another area/shire that you think would work well in your community? This might be a facility, attraction, service or event that you think is missing in your area.

Yes - please share your top five

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

No

### 15. What is one thing you would like to see achieved in your community in the next ten years?

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**16. What services or projects do you think Snowy Monaro Regional Council should be prioritising, or lobbying other levels of government for? (please choose your top 5)**

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Our towns and places.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Early childhood and childrens services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and playgrounds.              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aged and disability services.             | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health and wellbeing.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal services.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Education and training.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation reserves.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic facilities.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation planning and management. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and cultural services.               | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental stewardship.              | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asset management.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Event attraction.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads and parking.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business support.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Event management.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety.                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bushfire/flood recovery.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Families.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewerage.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and industry attraction.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial sustainability.               | <input type="checkbox"/> Signage.                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Character and amenity.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Future resilience                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports facilities.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change and adaption.              | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardens, trees and landscaping.         | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic planning.                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications – IT, Internet and Mobile. | <input type="checkbox"/> Governance.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism and visitors.               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community buildings and facilities.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Health services.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport.                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community development.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> History and heritage.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste management.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community engagement.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing availability and affordability. | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterways.                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community service delivery.               | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed control.                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COVID-19 recovery.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Land use and planning.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Women.                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Customer service.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Library services.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth services and support.         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle, shared pathways and footpaths.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____        |
|                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Maternal and child health.              |                                                              |



**HOW TO RETURN YOUR SURVEY**

Once you have completed the survey, please return to Council's Customer Service Centre by 15 March 2024.