We’re committed to…

- Attracting investment in our region by expanding our successful Investment Prospectus to include renewal of existing assets along with new social and cultural infrastructure projects and bushfire recovery
- Enhancing our natural environment by delivering a range of environmental education programs including Greenshoots and Love our Lakes
- Preserving our Aboriginal cultural heritage through the delivery of ‘Back in the Day’ – the digitisation of stories and photos of the people of the Yuin Nation
- Supporting a strong and resilient community with an ongoing program of bushfire recovery outreach
- Building a sustainable future through the implementation of key actions from the Climate Resilience Strategy and Clean Energy Plan
- Ensuring the safety and enjoyment of our open spaces for all by delivering a community education program that encourages responsible companion animal ownership
- Supporting the business community to stabilise and grow through accessing specialist business advice and support

Visit Council’s website or your local library to view the adopted Operational Plan with more detail about projects happening in 2020-21.

We have plans in place to…

- Meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our community through an Affordable Housing Strategy
- Restore natural areas under Council management that were destroyed in the 2020 Bega Valley Bushfires by introducing environmental restoration projects
- Strengthen connections with local Aboriginal people through a revised Memorandum of Understanding
- Bolster our economic development response to bushfires and COVID-19 by advocating and supporting business innovation and activity in the Shire
- Cement our position as a regional leader in arts and culture with a strategic plan for the Bega Valley Regional Gallery
- Understand the community vision for Bermagui by connecting with the community to develop a revised CBD Masterplan

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Need DA support?

Our DA Hub is committed to prompt responses for both bushfire affected property owners and general development requests.

Call Council on 02 6499 2222 or email DevelopmentHub@begavalley.nsw.gov.au and our DA Team will be there to help you.

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Your Council at work across the Bega Valley
It’s been a difficult year for our Shire. Pain and loss combined with wonderful examples of compassion, community, kindness, love and resilience. Since our summer of bushfires, and now with COVID-19, Council has been there to walk with and support the community; always on the lookout to help where we can.

**Bushfire Recovery Support**

Our community expects Council to play a key role in any emergency. It looks to us for help and we take that responsibility seriously. During the bushfires our role wasn’t formalised or regulated. With many agencies playing a part, we knew that it fell to us to support and steer.

We built on experience from the 2018 Tathra & District and Yankees Gap fires; quickly putting in place an emergency response and recovery framework. Our learnings from those dark days almost two years before meant we mobilised efficiently in early January 2020.

Despite limited resources, our staff make themselves available time and again. Our local knowledge helps lead a course to outcomes the community expects.

Our confidential and free Bushfire Recovery Support Service offers case management and support for those impacted by our summer of bushfires. Call 02 64992345 or email recovery@begavalley.nsw.gov.au

**Ratepayer Support**

We advocated to the State Government to waive rates for the first two quarters of 2020 for bushfire impacted people with lost or uninhabitable properties. That waiver has been extended to cover all of 2020.

We also committed to waive more than $300,000 in Council fees and charges; introducing disaster hardship measures to reduce the burden felt across the community. This is the toughest of years and we’ll work with you to support reasonable options. Please get in touch by phone or email.

We have a big year ahead of us as we strive to deliver our core services while moving forward with our bushfire and COVID-19 recovery program. We’re investing in planning, building and renewal of infrastructure across the Valley, continuing to make our community a fabulous place to live, work and do business.