

## Policy 2.01 Community Learning, Libraries and Education

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## 1.1 Introduction

### 1.1.1 Scope

This policy encompasses the processes implemented to facilitate and encourage community learning, library services and education across the Bega Valley Shire.

### 1.1.2 Purpose

To enhance opportunities for life-long learning through the provision of services and the development of key partnerships with educational institutions.

## 1.2 Definitions

Nil.

## 1.3 Legislation

*Library Act of NSW (1939)*

## 1.4 Implementation

### 1.4.1 Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will support community learning and education by:

- developing and implementing a Library Service Strategic Plan which guides the provision of modern, efficient and accessible library services that are centres of learning, technology, culture and social interaction for the community
- using inclusive practices in design, delivery and evaluation of library programs, collections, services and facilities providing library services which are responsive to community demand
- improving access to education, training and employment pathways for young people in partnership with key stakeholders
- offering programs and services that expand opportunities for learning
- partnering and collaborating with providers to strengthen education, training and employment pathways
- utilising culturally informed approaches to collection management in accordance with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Library and Information Resource Network (ATSILIRN) Protocols for Libraries, Archives and Information Services
- supporting initiatives that promote access to formal and informal training
- developing partnerships with universities, vocational education providers, community colleges, primary schools, high schools and non-government organisations to enhance the opportunities for lifelong learning and education across the shire
- advocating to other levels of government for appropriate access to quality education, training and employment pathways for people of all ages and abilities.

## 1.5 Supporting documents

### 1.5.1 BVSC procedures that relate to this policy

Procedure No.:	Procedure Name	External or Internal Procedure
2.01.01	Library Services	External
2.01.02	Overdue materials	External

### 1.5.2 BVSC policies that relate to this policy

Policy No.:	Policy Name
1.01	Community Wellbeing
1.02	Inclusive communities
1.03	Arts and Culture
1.04	Volunteering
6.10	Communication

### 1.5.3 Other related documents

- Bega Valley Shire Council Disability and Inclusion Action Plan
- Library Strategic Plan 2020-2025
- University of Wollongong Library Services Agreement 2021- 2024
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Bega Valley Shire Council and the Mumbulla Foundation 2021-2025

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