

Policy 2.01 Community Learning and Education

Department	Community Relations and Leisure
Responsible Officer	Community Culture and Information Manager

Scope

This policy and procedure manual encompasses the processes implemented to facilitate and encourage community learning and education across the Bega Valley Shire.

Purpose

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

Definitions

N/A

Legislative requirements

Library Act of NSW (1939)

Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will address issues of community learning and education through;

- The provision of modern, efficient and accessible library services to the residents of the Shire in Libraries that are centres of learning, technology, support and social interaction for the community.
- Developing partnerships with Universities, TAFE, Schools and other community and arts organisations that enhance the opportunities for lifelong learning.
- Improving access to education, training and employment pathways for young people in partnership with key stakeholders.
- Providing services in accordance with the *Library Act of NSW (1939)*, ensuring library membership and subsequent access to core library services is free of charge.
- Actively encouraging community members to maximise their use of the various library services and facilities.
- Broadening the range of services provided by the library by forming appropriate community partnerships that will strengthen the culture of learning communities across the Shire.
- Investigating the feasibility of providing scholarships to members of the public that are targeted to specific areas of vocational needs in the Shire.

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Department	Community, Relations and Leisure
Outcome Area	Employment and Learning Opportunities
Goal(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our economy is prosperous, diverse and supported by innovative and creative business. 2. We have meaningful employment and learning opportunities for people in all stages in life.
Responsible Officer	Manager Community, Culture and Information
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Related BVSC policies

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

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Policy 2.02 Live, work, invest

Directorate	Strategy and Business Services
Responsible Officer	Director

Scope

This policy outlines the Council's direction to generate opportunities for current and new populations to live, work and invest in the Bega Valley.

Purpose

- To position the Council and the local community to benefit from new and emerging industries and support growth of existing and traditional industry, enabling the region to be identified as one where business thrives and communities are empowered.

Definitions

Nil

Legislative requirements

Nil

Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will address the matter of 'Live, work, invest' in a systematic manner by:

- Supporting federal and state initiatives that encourage business growth in regional and rural areas.
- Supporting federal and state initiatives that reduce population and business churn.
- Branding the area as accepting to "sea and tree changers" and skilled immigrants.
- Working with a range of industries to raise the income levels of Shire residents.
- Nurture and support innovation and challenge existing businesses to embrace change.
- Supporting business growing locally or considering moving to the area.
- Facilitating business connections and networks.
- Facilitating business intelligence and research.
- Promoting the shire branded as one that supports investment and a net importer of talent.
- Actively lobbying and supporting improved infrastructure including ports, roads, airport and telecommunications and services including health, education, aged care, retail and housing.

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Policy title	Live, work, invest
Policy No.:	2.02
Department	Strategy and Business Services
Outcome Area	Employment and Learning Opportunities
Goal(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our economy is prosperous, diverse and supported by innovative and creative business. 2. We have meaningful employment and learning opportunities for people in all stages in life.
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Related BVSC policies

Policy No.:	Title
1.05	Film and Video
1.06	Festivals and Events
2.03	Digital Economy
2.04	Traditional Industries
6.23	Public Private Partnerships
6.24	Business Incentives

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Policy 2.03 Digital Economy

Directorate	Strategy and Business Services
Responsible Officer	Director

Scope

This policy sets the Council's direction in supporting the growth of the local economy through the support for existing and emerging businesses that are working in all aspects of the digital framework.

Purpose

- To transform the Bega Valley Shire into a competitive and enabling region where business thrives and communities are empowered through sourcing and applying technologies and opportunities emerging in the digital economy.

Definitions

Term	Definition
Digital economy	The 'digital economy' is a global network of economic and social activities that are enabled by platforms such as the internet, mobile and sensor networks

Legislative requirements

Nil

Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will assist transition to the 'Digital Economy' in a systematic manner by:

- Facilitating and engaging in development of digital communication networks or incubator.
- Implementing the Council's Digital Economy Strategy and developing a detailed action plan.
- Providing research and support to local businesses in this area and provide business intelligence.
- Fostering partnership between the education and business sector.
- Facilitating business connections and networks and supporting the local network to achieve positive outcomes for the community and businesses.
- Lobbying for improved digital infrastructure and services.

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Policy title	Digital Economy
Policy No.:	2.03
Directorate	Strategy and Business Services
Outcome Area	Employment and Learning Opportunities
Goal(s)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our economy is prosperous, diverse and supported by innovative and creative business. 2. We have meaningful employment and learning opportunities for people in all stage in life.
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Related BVSC policies

Policy No.:	Title
2.02	Live, work, invest
6.22	Public Private Partnerships
6.23	Business Incentives

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Policy 2.04 Traditional Industries

Directorate	Strategy and Business Services
Responsible Officer	Director

Scope

This policy prescribes the Council's direction in supporting opportunities for businesses in the areas traditional industries of fishing, farming and forestry adapt to and embrace new ways of operating.

Purpose

- To position the Council and the local community to benefit from new and emerging industries and support growth of existing traditional industry.

Definitions

The shire's traditional industries include agriculture, forestry, and fishing. Tourism relies in part on the natural landscapes that support those traditional industries.

Legislative requirements

Nil

Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will assist 'Traditional Industries' in a systematic manner by:

- Providing business intelligence to these industries about opportunities for sustainability and change.
- Fostering an environment where existing businesses have opportunities to grow through cluster development and information on value adding.
- Supporting reuse of urban waste and recycled product to reduce costs of inputs in the operating of the traditional industries.

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Policy title	Traditional Industries
Policy No.:	2.04
Directorate	Strategy and Business Services
Outcome Area	Employment and Learning Opportunities
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2.02	Live, work, invest
6.23	Public Private Partnerships
6.24	Business Incentives

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Policy 2.05 Tourism

Directorate	Strategy and Business Services
Responsible Officer	Director

Scope

This policy prescribes the development and implementation of all strategies used to sustain tourism in the Bega Valley Shire.

Purpose

- To provide or facilitate transport and recreational infrastructure, facilities, and amenities to support visitations and tourism operations and to develop tourism as an industry for the purpose of improving employment, economic, cultural, social and recreational opportunities in the community, whilst maintaining the lifestyle of residents and protecting the natural environment.

Definitions

Term	Definition
Tourist	An individual who is travelling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business or other purposes.
Tourism	Visitation for recreational, leisure or business purposes

Legislative requirements

Nil

Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will assist the sustainability of 'Tourism' by:

- Developing and strengthening strategic partnerships with regional tourism organisations, local businesses and community organisations through the implementation of long-term management plans.
- Continuing to seek funds from relevant Federal and State Governments to assist in the development and maintenance of tourism, transport and recreational infrastructure, facilities, and amenities.
- Supporting tourism through the provision, facilitation and maintenance of adequate amenities and services in accord with asset management plans.
- Promoting the Shire's natural and built assets using appropriate publications, on Council's website, and through various social media channels.
- Maintaining and developing natural and built assets under Council's care and control.
- Developing unique identities for each town or village, and touring drives in the Shire.
- Assisting the accessing, analysing and publication of tourism research.

- Improving community knowledge of and attitudes towards tourism in the Bega Valley Shire through information sharing and promotion of tourism activities.

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Policy title	Tourism
Policy No.:	2.05
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Related BVSC policies

Policy No.:	Title
1.05	Film and Video
1.06	Festivals and Events
2.02	Live, work, invest
6.11	Communications

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