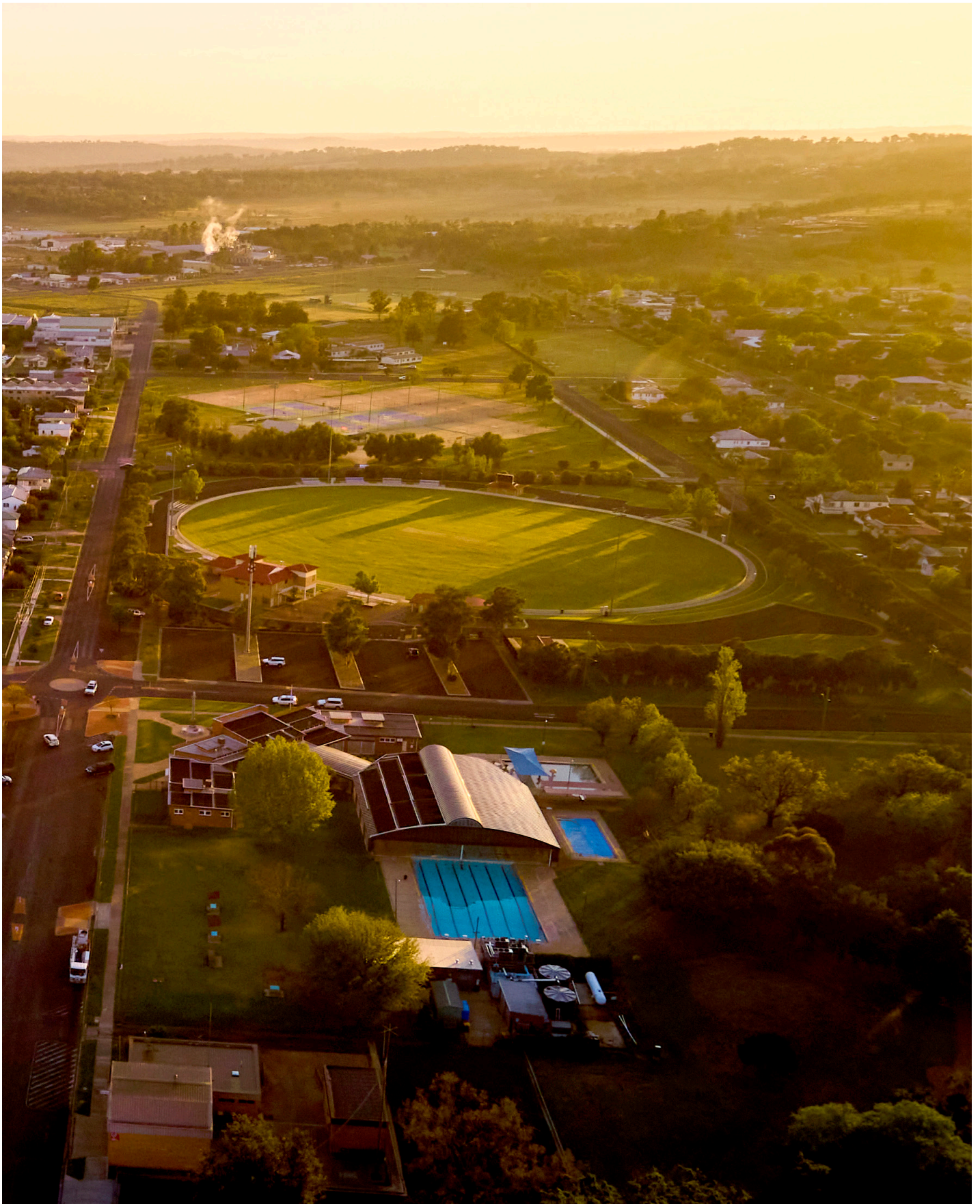


**‘WE WILL BE AN ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE COUNCIL THAT WILL BE INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY AND RESPONSIBLY MANAGE PUBLIC RESOURCES’**



## REQUIRED OUTCOME

The Shire is a progressive and inclusive community. The required level of civic leadership is brought to bear on community issues.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

One of Council's most important responsibilities is providing a clear direction for the community and providing the necessary services and infrastructure. To ensure this occurs, Council needs to know the matters that are having an impact on community life, develop an appropriate response and then provide the right people, the right skills and commitment to deliver this response.

## OUR DESTINATION

Inverell Shire is recognised as a community leader; that is respected and delivers an agreed response to the community needs.



### Objectives

*Where do we want to be?*



### Strategies

*How will we get there?*

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#### **1. COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE**

- 1.1** Partner, engage and communicate with our community to make informed decisions and deliver services, projects and initiatives.
- 1.2** Provide the community with responsible and accountable decision making when undertaking the civic duties of Council.
- 1.3** Advocate on behalf of the community for outcomes important to the community.

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#### **2. COUNCIL IS SUSTAINABLE AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

- 2.1** Provides clear long-term plans for the future.
- 2.2** Operates in a financially sustainable and responsible manner.
- 2.3** Council's long-term financial plan is based on sound asset management information and is affordable and responsible.

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#### **3. COUNCIL IS COGNIZANT OF CURRENT ISSUES**

- 3.1** Community networks are established to inform Council on community issues.
  - 3.2** Council has a strong working relationship with other levels of Government and an understanding of the community issues being addressed by the Government.
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## Partners who can help achieve our objectives

- ✓ Residents and local groups
- ✓ Federal and State Members of Parliament
- ✓ Office of Local Government
- ✓ Other relevant State Agencies
- ✓ Media
- ✓ Local Government NSW



### Outcomes - *How do we know we've arrived?*

| MEASURE  | BENCHMARK     |
|--|---------------|
| Decisions made by Council made in open session   | 90%           |
| Community consultations with local groups/community                                      | 6 per annum   |
| Council has unrestricted cash reserves to meet liquidity needs                           | \$1.5M - \$4M |
| Council complies with legislative strategic tasks and Integrated Planning and Reporting. | Achieved      |
| Council receives an unqualified Audit Report each year                                   | Achieved      |