

Hunter JO Delivery Program 2025-2029

Hunter JO's Delivery Program 2025-29 is our plan for achieving the objectives outlined in the Hunter JO Strategic Plan 2035.

It identifies the projects and advocacy priorities that the Hunter JO will deliver between 2025 and 2029 based on available resources. The Delivery Program will be reviewed and adopted by the Hunter JO Board each year.

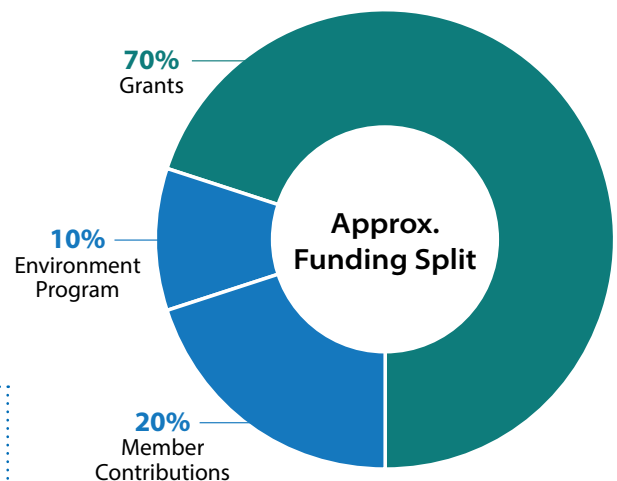
How we deliver

Capacity Building

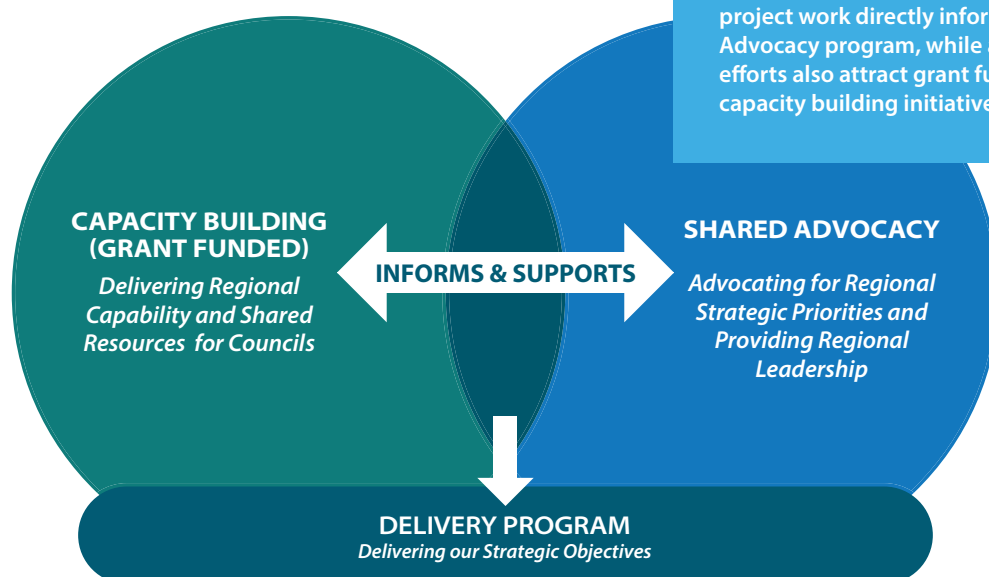
Hunter JO's Capacity Building program (including the Environment Program) delivers policy and program development, collaboration and capacity building activities for Member Councils to directly achieve the objectives of the Hunter JO Strategic Plan 2035. Hunter JO seeks out State and Federal Government grants to fund our Capacity Building program.

Advocacy

Hunter JO's Advocacy program is predominately funded through Member Council contributions and is supported by the Capacity Building program. Each year, the Hunter JO Board prioritises the advocacy focus areas within the resources that are available.



The Advocacy and Capacity Building programs support and inform each other. Council insights, findings and recommendations from grant-funded project work directly inform the Advocacy program, while advocacy efforts also attract grant funding for capacity building initiatives.



Reporting our progress

Our progress on delivering the Hunter JO Strategic Plan and Delivery Program will be reported through:

- Annual audited financial reports • Annual Performance Statement
- Six-monthly Performance Statement

Strategic Objective (How will we get there?)	Project	Funding Source	Housing & Population Growth	Economic Transformation & Jobs	Infrastructure & Connectivity	Environmental Sustainability & Resilience	Financial Sustainability & Funding Reform	Community Liveability & Wellbeing	Project Objective (What will we do to get there?)	Funding Status				
										<div><div></div>Funded</div>	<div><div></div>Likely to be funded</div>	<div><div></div>Seeking funding</div>		
										2025 / 2026	2026 / 2027	2027 / 2028	2028 / 2029	
HOUSING & POPULATION GROWTH														
ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION & JOBS														
2.1	Activate the reuse of mining related lands	Regional Post Mining Land Use in the Hunter	Regional Development Trust		<div><div></div></div>					Deliver the preliminary components of the regional post mining land use proposal. Activities would focus on assessing region-wide mining lands and assets and developing a regional action plan for the repurposing of sites.	<div><div></div></div>			
2.3	Evolution towards renewable energy, circular economy and future industries	Hunter Circular Knowledge Hub	NSW EPA		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>		To create a digital circular knowledge hub for council staff and community to address the information accessibility and knowledge barriers that prevail and frustrate uptake of circular services and recovery pathways in the region.	<div><div></div></div>			
		Circular Economy Procurement Project	NSW EPA		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>				To support Member Councils to prioritise recycled materials and circular economy services in their procurement systems and processes.	<div><div></div></div>			
		Regional Economic Evolution Project	Hunter JO	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>				To create a clear place-based, whole of government approach to create a clear vision and plan for the region's economic evolution.	<div><div></div></div>			
INFRASTRUCTURE & CONNECTIVITY														
3.2	Integrated cross-agency infrastructure planning	Regional Priority Infrastructure List	Hunter JO	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>				To progress implementation of a methodology and process for determining regional infrastructure priorities to build a stronger advocacy case for investment in our region.	<div><div></div></div>			
		Regional transition funding	Hunter JO	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		To gain alignment and commitment across all levels of government on an infrastructure plan for the region to unlock economic evolution.	<div><div></div></div>			
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE														
4.1	Climate change mitigation, adaptation and disaster resilience	Disaster Risk Reduction	NEMA			<div><div></div></div>				Develop regional Disaster Adaptation Plans in collaboration with all councils and NSW Reconstruction Authority	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			
		Net Zero Acceleration	NSW Office of Energy & Climate Change		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>				To support Member Councils reduce their carbon emissions to achieve their part in the State's Net Zero target of 50% reduction by 2030 and Net Zero by 2050.	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			
4.2	Circular materials and waste management	Regional Waste Coordination	NSW EPA		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>				To build circular economy knowledge through education, data sharing and capacity building opportunities for Hunter JO Member Councils and Central Coast Council.	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			
		Community Recycling Centres	NSW EPA		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>		To deliver a regionally coordinated approach to promoting community awareness of Community Recycling Centres (CRC).	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			
		Regional Illegal Dumping Program	NSW EPA		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>		To support Member Councils manage and reduce the impacts of illegal dumping on local communities and the environment.	<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>			
		Hospitality Circularity Network	NSW EPA		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>		To engage hospitality SMEs across the region, to build their capacity to evaluate and adopt circular solutions for their business operations and supply chains, focusing on organics and single use items.	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			
		Hunter Circular Value Chains	NSW EPA		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>		<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	To tackle waste management issues by building on previous circular economy projects through a coordination of efforts, including value chain analysis and updating the Circular Economy Ecosystem.	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			
4.3	Water security and waterway health	Regional Water Efficiency program	NSW DCCEEW	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	Seek funding to implement a regional water efficiency program to deliver cost savings and water efficiencies for the region.	<div><div></div><div></div></div>			
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY & FUNDING REFORM														
COMMUNITY LIVEABILITY & WELLBEING														

Strategic Objective (How will we get there?)		Advocacy Priority	Housing & Population Growth	Economic Transformation & Jobs	Infrastructure & Connectivity	Environmental Sustainability & Resilience	Financial Sustainability & Funding Reform	Community Liveability & Wellbeing	Advocacy Objective	State or Federal	Resourcing 2025 / 2026			
											Opportunistic	Tier 3	Tier 2	Tier 1
HOUSING & POPULATION GROWTH														
1.1	Housing affordability, density, diversity and availability	Housing	●	●	●				Increasing viability of housing in Transport Oriented Development (TOD) and Low and Mid-Rise areas, and opportunities to reduce construction cost by increasing feasibility and quality of modular homes.	State	<div></div>			
1.2	Integrated planning and enabling infrastructure to support housing development in priority growth areas		●		●				Funding for enabling infrastructure, State Government integrated planning, and improved biodiversity mapping.	State	<div></div>			
1.3	Supporting population growth and demographic shifts	Regional population projections	●	●	●				An agreed population vision as a foundation to support advocacy for State and Federal Government service planning.	State	<div></div>			
ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION & JOBS														
2.1	Activate the reuse of mining related lands	Mining land reuse / redevelopment		●					Investment to pilot the reactivation and repurposing of current and former mining lands and infrastructure, and to de-risk industry investment and strategically inform and accelerate industry attraction, skills development and job creation.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
2.2	Leveraging regional and global industries	Airfreight precinct		●				●	Delivery of a cargo precinct at Newcastle Airport to unlock air freight value chain.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
		Hunter Global Tourism Marketing Strategy		●				●	Leverage the investment in the Newcastle Airport to increase international tourism through business training and mentoring, implementing a Hunter regional identity, and international trade representation.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
		Port of Newcastle		●	●				Improve road and rail infrastructure to activate diversification, i.e. container terminal, clean energy precinct, and support establishment of the Renewable Energy Zones (REZ).	State & Federal	<div></div>			
2.3	Evolution towards renewable energy, circular economy and future industries	Circular Economy Futures Hub		●		●			Alignment and commitment across all levels of government on a Circular Economy Futures Hub to accelerate the region towards a circular economy.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
		Energy transition	●	●	●	●			Whole of government strategic plan and vision for the future industries of the Hunter, skilled worker housing, Renewable Energy Zone challenges and opportunities, and energy supply for future industries.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
INFRASTRUCTURE & CONNECTIVITY														
3.1	Safe and efficient road networks	Road funding reform			●			●	Commitment from the Federal and State Governments to collaboratively develop and apply a more equitable model for allocating roads funding across metropolitan and regional local government areas that equalises per kilometre funding.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
3.2	Integrated cross-agency infrastructure planning	Transport planning			●				Delivery of the Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan (SRITP).	State	<div></div>			
		Water infrastructure	●		●	●		●	Investment into infrastructure to ensure a reliable, safe and secure water supply for the Hunter and MidCoast Region.	State	<div></div>			
3.3	Multimodal, low-emission transport connectivity	Transport improvement			●	●		●	Improved low-emissions transport solutions for the region, including electric vehicle infrastructure, park and ride, and active transport.	State	<div></div>			
		Shiraz to Shore		●	●			●	Delivery of the Shiraz to Shore cycle trail from the Hunter Valley to Newcastle and Lake Macquarie.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
3.4	Digital connectivity improvements	Digital connectivity			●			●	Investment in infrastructure to improve digital connectivity.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE														
4.1	Climate change mitigation, adaptation and disaster resilience	Disaster resilience				●	●		Sustainable and strategic place-based planning and resourcing of local and regional disaster resilience and recovery activities.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
4.2	Circular materials and waste management	Waste levy		●		●	●		Return of waste levy funds to implement local and regional circular economy and waste management initiatives.	State	<div></div>			
4.3	Water security and waterway health	Regional waterway management				●			Establish a regional waterway management authority with responsibility for waterway and catchment health.	State	<div></div>			
FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY & FUNDING REFORM														
5.1	Ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of councils	Financial sustainability of Local Government					●		Long-term financial sustainability of Local Government.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
5.3	Reforming grant funding processes to secure sustainable funding models	Grant funding reform					●		Strategic block funding of grants aligned to IP&R Framework provided to Local Government from both State and Federal Governments to allow effective planning and delivery of community interests.	State & Federal	<div></div>			
COMMUNITY LIVEABILITY & WELLBEING														