

NENW Future Directions Workshop

Program

July 1st, 2021

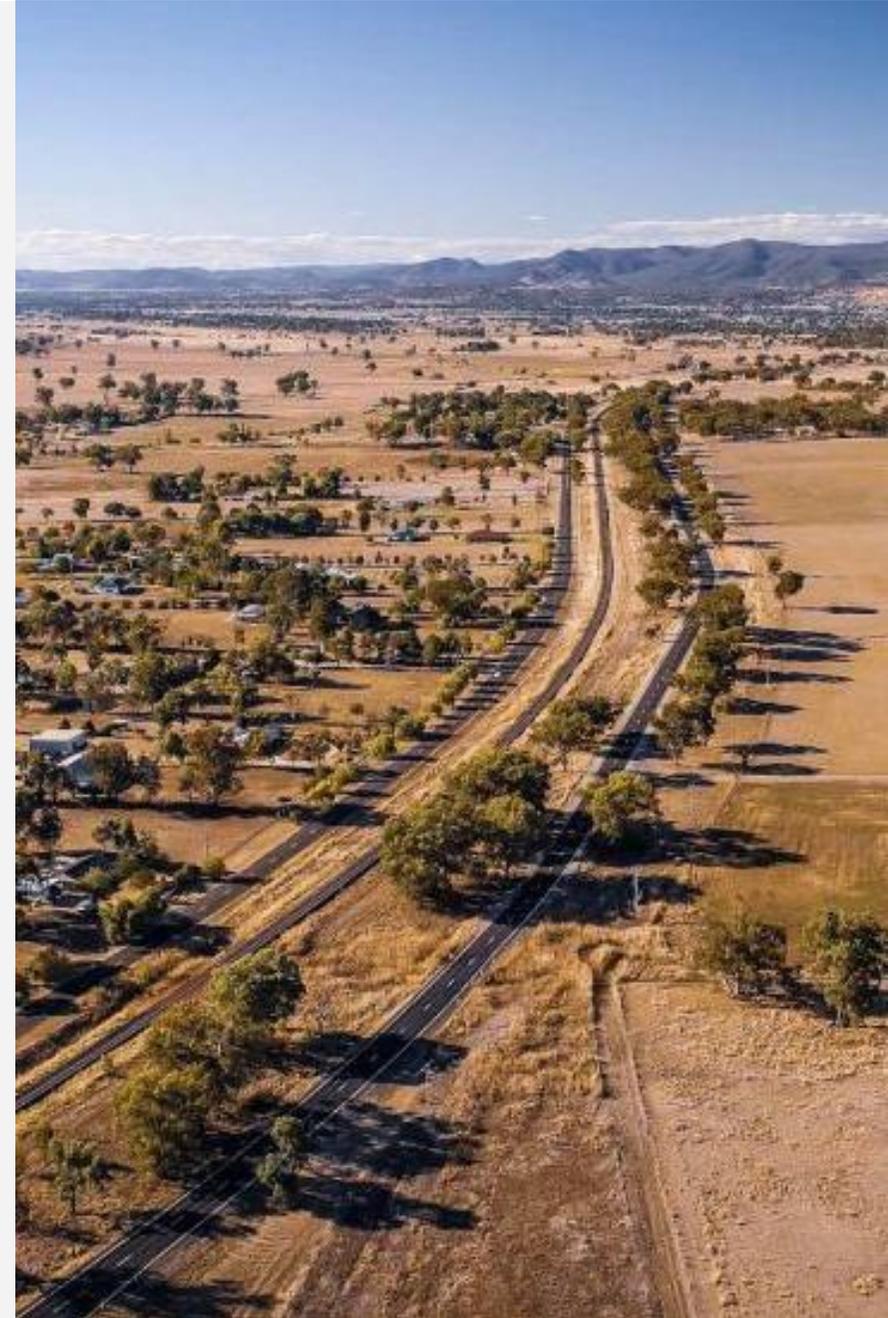


Overview of the NENW Future Directions Workshop

The New England Northwest (NENW) has been an anchor for NSW growth and prosperity through agriculture production and mining. However, technology has changed the agriculture employment landscape requiring less jobs to support production. This reduced need for jobs in agriculture has resulted in much of the regional domestic product being exported outside of the region. On the flip side mining has created many skilled and unskilled job opportunities but has a finite life span. The challenge for the NENW is to create a platform that builds on its successes to provide sustainable economic, environmental and cultural development to realise future prosperity.

The COVID pandemic has put local manufacturing back on the agenda as the vulnerabilities of global supply chains have been exposed. This shift along with advances in technology, changing consumer preferences for food and how food is produced and the rise of the Internet enabled workforce have created an opportunity to create a platform for NENW economic, environmental and cultural development with industries in the downstream processing of agriculture commodities and services sector. The platform would be underpinned by existing and new industries adapting to the new opportunities. Coupled to this is the comprehensive transport links that include road, rail and air freight, along with the establishment of a Special Activation Precinct (SAP) in Moree, a potential second SAP in Narrabri, the establishment of a Regional Jobs Precinct across the Namoi, the establishment of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis and a significant expansion of the Tamworth meat processing sector.

This workshop will bring together, Industry, local government and other stakeholders to explore opportunities and issues in order to begin the creation of a cohesive regional plan for the establishment of the NENW sustainable economic, environmental and cultural development platform. The NENW planning workshop needs your voice as we value your local experience, your view on opportunities and your enthusiasm to help us develop the vision and pathway for our regions sustainability and growth.



NENW Future Directions Workshop Agenda

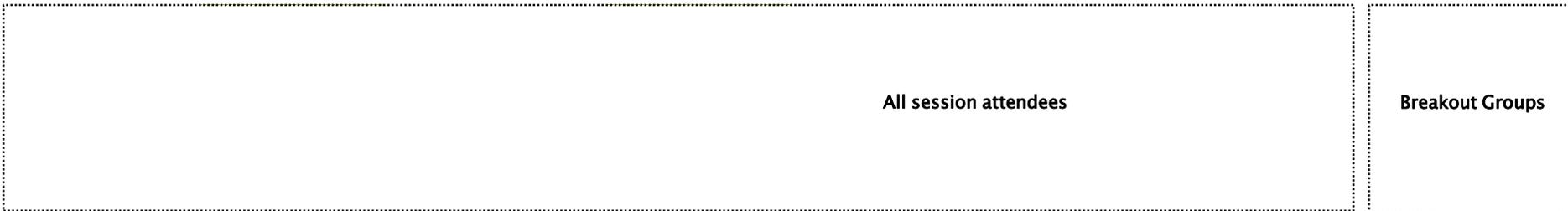
Thursday 1st July – Morning session

9:30am for a 10am start – 12:30pm

Gunnedah Town Hall, Gunnedah



9:30am- 10:00am (30 mins)	10am – 10:30am (30 mins)	10:30 – 10:50pm (20 mins)	10:50am- 11:10am (20 mins)	11:10am – 11:25am (15 mins)	11:25am – 11:40am (15 mins)	11:40am – 11:55am (15 mins)	11:55am- 12:30pm (35 mins)	Lunch Break 12:30pm-1pm
Coffee and Registration	Acknowledgement of Country and Introduction (10 minutes)	NENW Economic Overview	Special Activation Precinct Overview	Morning Tea Break	Presentation on the projects and priorities of the New England Joint Organisation	Presentation on the projects and priorities of the Naomi Unlimited	Visioning Group Session	
	Opening – Fiona Simson, Regional Resident, President National Farmers Federation, Chairperson of the Future Food Systems CRC (10 minutes)	Guest Speaker Nathan Axelsson, Executive Officer, Regional Development Northern Inland	Guest Speaker Craig Jenkins Director NENW at Department of Regional NSW.		Guest Speakers Mayor Cr. Mick Pearce, Chair	Guest Speakers Mayor Cr. Jamie Chaffey Chair		
	Session outline and introduction to first speaker (10 minutes)							



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Thursday 1st July – Afternoon session

1pm – 3pm

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1pm – 1:45pm
(45 mins)

1:45–2pm
(15 mins)

2pm – 2:30pm
(30 mins)

2:30pm – 2:45pm
(15 mins)

2:45pm – 3pm
(15 minutes)

**Session 1:
Issues and
Opportunities**

**Feedback session:
Reporting back in
groups**

**Session 2:
What is the action
going forward? Do
we need a plan?**
Group Session

**Feedback session.
Reporting back in
groups**

Wrap up and close

Group Session

Breakout Groups

All session attendees

Breakout Groups

All session attendees

All session attendees