

OVERVIEW

Cities and communities today compete for business, residents, visitors, and private and public spending, and in so doing face enormous challenges. Working smarter within our communities will make AlburyWodonga an even better place to live, work, play and invest.

Smart Communities work together with local governments to make better decisions about designing and delivering services to build a stronger community, develop a new digital economy and improve social prosperity.

Albury and Wodonga's Smart Community Framework, created in collaboration with a broad range of community stakeholders, provides a blueprint that will guide the planning and delivery of smart and connected community services across our region.

The Smart Community Framework identifies a range of innovative concepts, solutions and services which will be pursued jointly by council and the community for the benefit of the entire region.

It's not just about new technology, it's about working smarter. The focus of the Framework is to enhance quality of life and wellbeing, stimulate and drive economic development, enhance sustainability and craft social engagement into the fabric of our community.

BENEFITS OF A SMART COMMUNITY

With the right planning and investment, Albury Wodonga's leaders can make our community more liveable, more workable and more sustainable. These are the ultimate goals on which our Smart Community journey must focus. Our people must be able to feel they are part of a place where things happen, where opportunities exist, where they are shareholders.



Lifestyle and Wellbeing - a better quality of life for residents

Enhanced liveability means a better quality of life for our residents. In the Smart Albury Wodonga community, people have access to a comfortable, clean, engaged, safe and healthy lifestyle. Some of the most highly valued aspects include lower energy costs, convenient transport, good schools, faster emergency responses, clean water and air, low crime, and access to diverse entertainment and cultural options.



Economic Growth and New Investment - creation of employment opportunities and increased gross domestic product

Enhanced workability means accelerated economic development. Put another way, it means more jobs and better jobs, and increased local gross domestic product. In the Smart Albury Wodonga community, people have access to the foundations of prosperity – the fundamental infrastructure services that let them compete in the digital economy.



Environmental Sustainability - maintain and manage ecological and resource balance

Enhanced sustainability means giving our people access to the resources they need without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. The Smart Albury Wodonga community enables the efficient use of natural, human and economic resources.

COMPONENTS OF THE FRAMEWORK

The Smart Community Framework identifies 18 Smart Community Services on which we can focus. Through these focus areas, we can develop a stronger and better AlburyWodonga community, build and support the local economy, and improve services to residents, businesses and visitors.



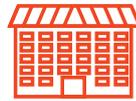
Smart Health



Smart Education



Smart Fleet



Smart Building



Smart Lab & Innovation Hub



Smart ways of working



Smart Water



Smart power



Smart parking



Smart transport



Smart signage



Smart Pole/Station



Smart Lighting



Smart Wi-Fi



Smart Public Safety



Smart Waste



Smart Citizen Services



Smart Environment

OUR NEXT STEPS

The Councils will progress our Smart Community journey by undertaking the following key activities.

- ◆ Consult with our communities about the Smart Community Framework
 - ◆ Which of the 18 Community Services are most important to you?
 - ◆ How ready are you for 'smart-solutions'?
- ◆ Based on the results of the community engagement, the Councils can then:
 - ◆ Establish a cross-border working group with representatives from AlburyCity and Wodonga Council
 - ◆ Provide and secure funding to support implementation; and,
 - ◆ Establish a roadmap and timeline for the initial wave of smart services.
- ◆ Identify key technology providers and other partners to help us deliver on our Smart Community goals and research and select priority smart solutions.
- ◆ Keep the community informed of the councils' progress