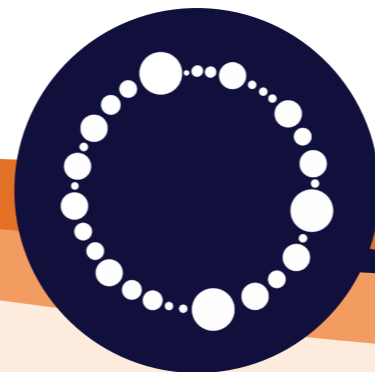


# Degrees Closer

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Strategic Plan 2024 – 2027



## Our Vision

### A vibrant place of learning

Where people of the Southern Shoalhaven access tertiary education to enable lifelong learning that expands knowledge, changes lives, and builds community.

## Our Purpose

### Bringing degrees closer

Empowering local people and communities to succeed in education and realise their dreams.

## Our Goals

### The four goals we will pursue:

Belong, Illuminate, Connect, Grow.

# Belong

*'reaching out and inviting in'*

**We will build a thriving, inclusive place of learning embedded in the community. People come here to study, learn, and help each other grow.**

### Outcome:

Our CUC is an inspiring place of study that is well utilised by those extending their education through university pathways.

### Actions

- Build an event capability focusing on connecting our students and our community.
- Develop sponsored scholarships & supported internships connecting with business.
- Widening Participation: develop program, recruit Widening Participation Officer, implement program, evaluate.
- Explore the development of supported childcare options.



# Illuminate

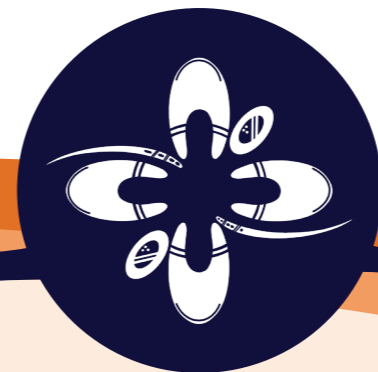
**We will assist community members, no matter their circumstances, to engage with knowledge and ideas, becoming successful students able to achieve their dreams.**

## **Outcome:**

There is a diverse, connected body of students and alumni, working together exchanging ideas, learning from each other, thinking creatively and contributing to the community of the Southern Shoalhaven.

## **Actions**

- Engage 4 priority industry/sector partners
- Alumni community development former students, staff, & board members
- Community Engagement Coordinator appointment and development of role and function.



# Connect *'learning integrated in the community'*

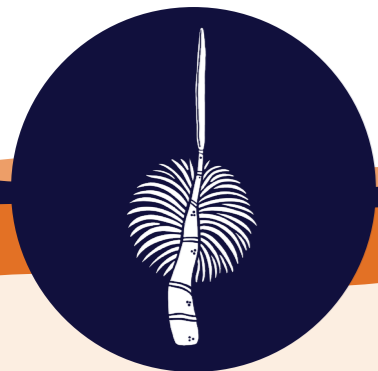
**We will build connections and partnerships with and between our many stakeholders.**

## **Outcome:**

Our Centre is a community asset. Our community drives its creation and champions its success. Learning is integrated within our community.

## **Actions**

- Workforce development and engagement
- Expand industry/business engagement through events
- Collaborate with businesses to explore student employment and Internship opportunities
- Analyse & define Centre thresholds and expansion opportunities
- Implement Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)
- Delivery of student services



# Grow

**We will be a successful, creative and sustainable organisation that achieves positive impacts in the life of our local community.**

## Outcome:

We are a workplace of integrity, with high standards of excellence for ourselves and our community. We are sustainable and constantly improving.

## Actions

- Develop and implement operations plan
- Develop financial sustainability roadmap
- Board will aim to deliver 2 Major Sponsors per annum
- Develop a DGR application

# Our way of working

The following ideals are at the very heart of who we are, uniting us in how we work and what we do.

## Equity

We are deeply committed to assisting every person and group in our community to get the individual supports, opportunities, and resources they need to succeed in higher education. We ensure that we support every possibility of participation no matter what economic, social or educational disadvantage people have encountered.

## Student focused

Students are the core of what we do and the focus of our energy. We assist each individual where they are at with supports that help them to achieve their dreams.

## Courage

We are not afraid to try and fail, taking risks to be the best Regional University Study Hub that we can be.

## Service

We work in service of our regional community and to the people who use, or potentially could use our Regional University Study Hub.



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