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# STRATEGIC PLAN 2021

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The Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance is a partnership of 18 Councils across the Central West of New South Wales. The Alliance exists to improve environmental outcomes across the greater Central West region of New South Wales.

We are a membership based organisation who pride ourselves on our history, our current projects, as well as the future direction of the Alliance in our bid to improve the state of the environment within the regions that we live and work.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live, work and play, while recognising the extraordinary knowledge and history of land management that has continued across Australia for tens of thousands of years.

This Strategic Plan is our overarching document that guides the operations and decision making of the Environment & Waterways Alliance. Detailed operational information is located within within the annual Alliance Operational Plan. Our metric for success is the positive environmental trends in our annual State of the Environment reports.

# Mission Statement

*To be an active partnership of Councils across the Central West of NSW, engaging all tiers of Government and our Communities, contributing to the protection and enhancement of the environmental, social, economic and cultural condition of our part of the world.*





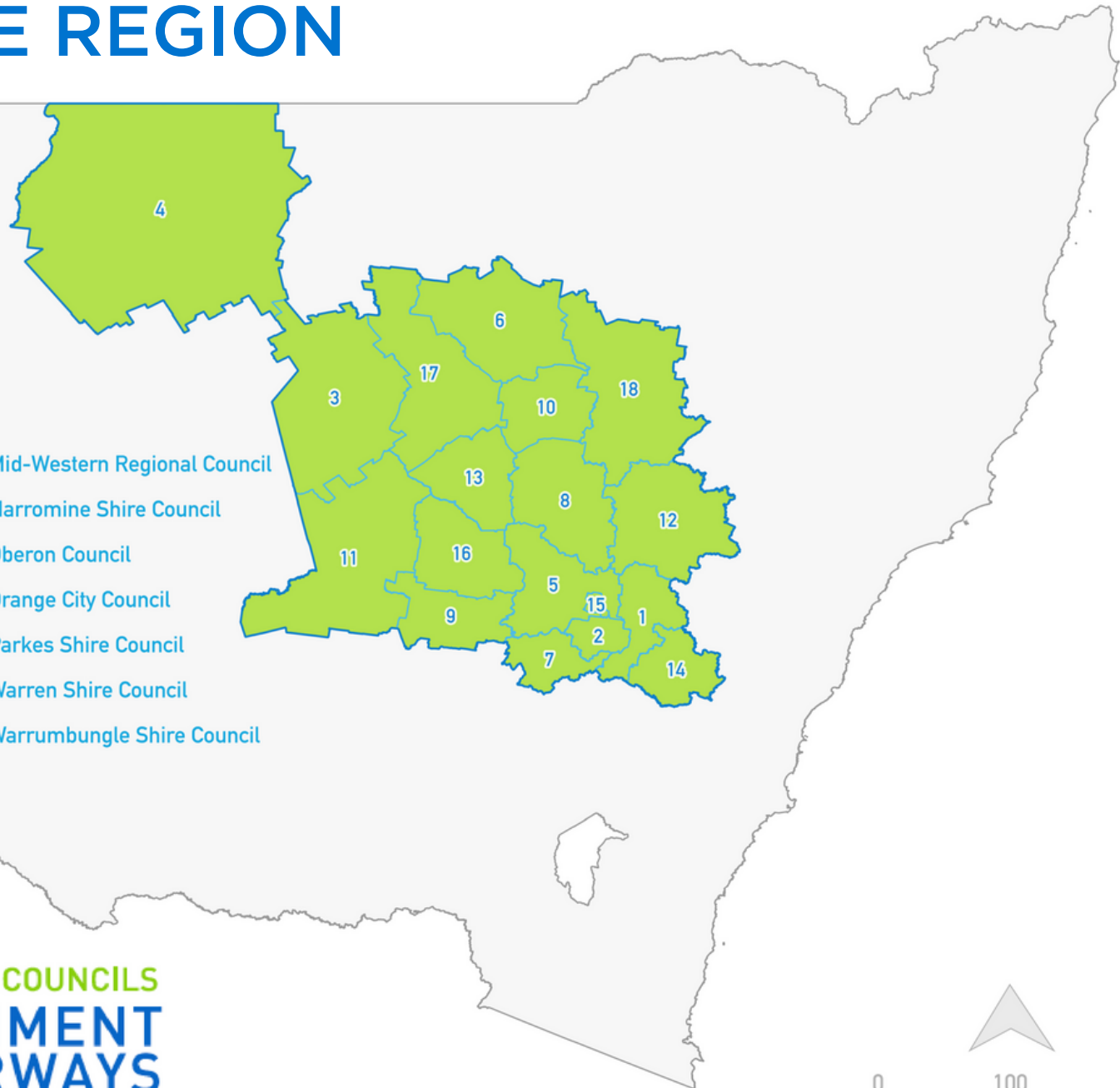
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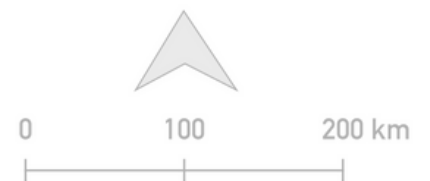
# ALLIANCE REGION

## Alliance Member Councils

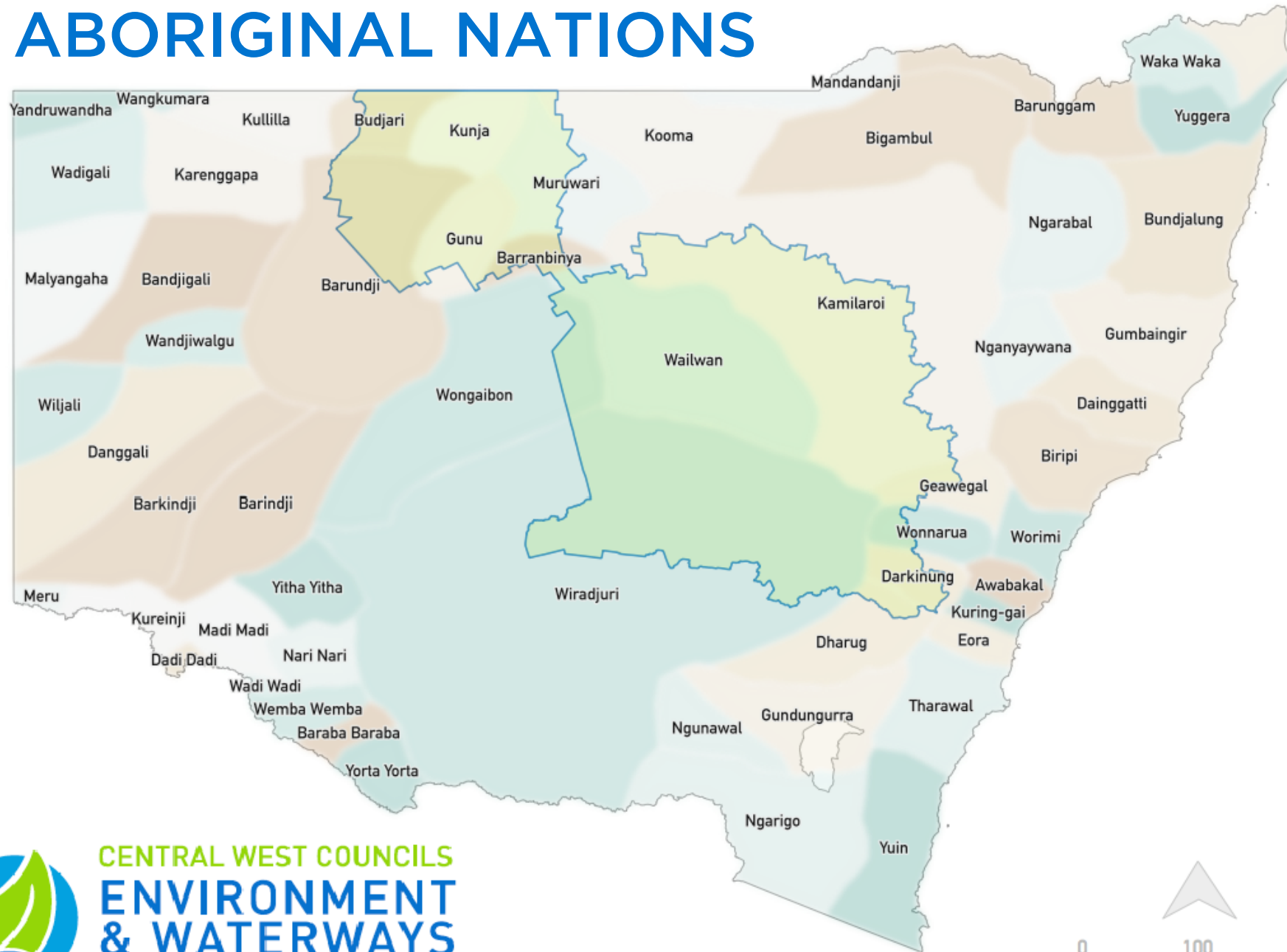
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| 1. Bathurst Regional Council |                                  |
| 2. Blayney Shire Council     |                                  |
| 3. Bogan Shire Council       |                                  |
| 4. Bourke Shire Council      |                                  |
| 5. Cabonne Council           |                                  |
| 6. Coonamble Shire Council   |                                  |
| 7. Cowra Council             | 12. Mid-Western Regional Council |
| 8. Dubbo Regional Council    | 13. Narromine Shire Council      |
| 9. Forbes Shire Council      | 14. Oberon Council               |
| 10. Gilgandra Shire Council  | 15. Orange City Council          |
| 11. Lachlan Shire Council    | 16. Parkes Shire Council         |
|                              | 17. Warren Shire Council         |
|                              | 18. Warrumbungle Shire Council   |



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# ABORIGINAL NATIONS



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# Priorities & Goals



*The Environment & Waterways Alliance has elected to focus on seven Priorities that align with our Regional State of the Environment Reporting in order to guide the direction of the group. Under each of these Priorities sits a Goal or big picture statement of what the Alliance plans to achieve for each Priority.*

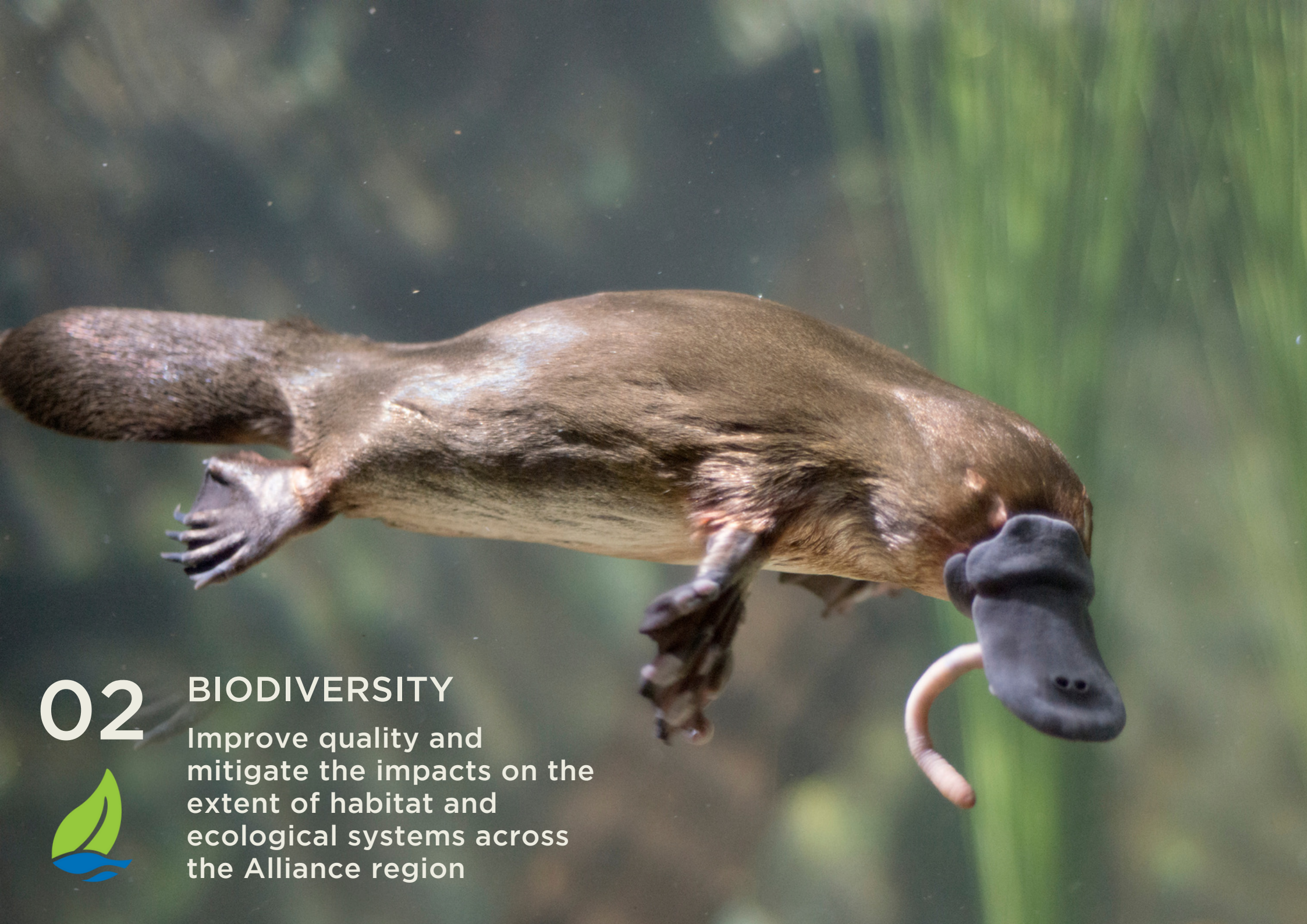
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## LAND

Planning and management of land leads to appropriate land use to minimise impacts on the environment & enhance natural resources





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## BIODIVERSITY

Improve quality and mitigate the impacts on the extent of habitat and ecological systems across the Alliance region





03



## WATER & WATERWAYS

Healthy and resilient  
waterways dominated by  
native vegetation



# 04

## PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES



Creating pathways between Alliance Councils and their communities for positive and practical natural resource management outcomes

# 05

## TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY



Decisions made and actions taken that are in the interests of protecting our natural environment so that it maintains the capability to support current and future regional populations





# 06

## COUNCIL CAPACITY

Deliver the Alliance Vision, Mission and Priorities via access to capacity - both internal and shared





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## Respecting Country and First Nations Knowledge



At all times acknowledge and respect the land on which we meet and work, recognising the extensive history of traditional land management



# Our Values

The Central West Councils Environment and Waterways Alliance understand that managing environmental issues is often complex and multifactorial requiring a thorough understanding of legislation, policies and procedures; best management practices, technology and scientific advances; ecological processes, hydrology and geology; as well as range of other factors.

We recognise that the management of environmental issues cannot be done in isolation. We also seek to be at the forefront of environmental policy and practice and proudly celebrate our achievements. This knowledge underpins our values:

- Ensuring a culture where all participants feel welcome, respected and valued
- Generous sharing of knowledge, concepts and materials to ensure improved environmental outcomes across our region and beyond
- Supporting continual growth of our Members through formal & informal training, knowledge sharing, and personal relationships
- Respectful and professional relationships with other groups, agencies and organisations working for the betterment of the environment
- Embracing new knowledge, skills, techniques and methods for improving environmental practices across our region
- Respect and appreciation of the environment within which we live, work and play, which is demonstrated in our lives on a daily basis

# Strategic Objectives

The Alliance Strategic Objectives have been developed as medium to long term focus areas that will contribute to being able to deliver on our Priorities and Goals. These objectives have been developed to ensure the continued growth, success and sustainability of the Environment & Waterways Alliance.

These Strategic Objectives are focus areas for delivery over the period of this Strategic Plan and will be achieved through the delivery of component tasks to be outlined in the Annual Alliance Operational Plans. Our Strategic Objectives are:

- Ensure the long-term viability of the Environment & Waterways Alliance by thoroughly reviewing the financial status of the group, membership base and membership agreements prior to new Terms of Reference and Membership Agreements being issued to Member Councils
- Delivery of all grant funded projects to a high standard in order to improve environmental outcomes across the region, and to increase the chances of success during future grant funding rounds
- Pursue grant funding for major Alliance projects through various sources including the NSW Environmental Trust, while supporting smaller Member Council led projects through assistance with grant applications and project development
- Maintain and enhance existing partnerships with other environmental groups, agencies and organisations, and further seek new partnerships where environmental benefits can be delivered
- Actively work to ensure that Alliance communications are timely, professional and factually based