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During the Financial Year 2023-2024, Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast worked with stakeholders across the region to produce a Regional Plan 2023-2026. This plan is available [here](#).

As part of our consultation, we were asked to provide clear visibility into our plans and our activities. This summary aims to fulfil that request.

Priority 4: Leadership and Collaboration



The annual action plans are contained in the Regional Strategic Plan. We update and publish our projects and advocacy areas for each financial year to ensure that the document is relevant and can be used to achieve accountability and transparency with our stakeholders.

RDA Charter – Regional Investment Framework

The RDA network has a Charter to operate within the Regional Investment Framework (RIF). The focus of the RIF is **People, Places, Services and Industries**.

The following briefing summarises the activities we have undertaken in accordance with the Charter and our Mid North Coast Regional Plan 2023-2026.

Norfolk Island Highlights

Our work with Norfolk Island over the past financial year has been focused on understanding the unique needs of the region and working on opportunities.

We have been focused on the opportunities in the following areas:

- Reviving the cattle industry with new genetics for cattle and other small ruminants
- Food Systems Mapping and logistics
- Improving access to higher education and skills
- Supporting the business sector
- Developing the first Regional Plan for Norfolk Island to structure the direction of our efforts

Federal Government Priority Areas

Our Charter and funding agreement provides us with an outcome framework we are to work towards. These outcomes are in the following areas:

- Skills and Leadership
- Infrastructure
- Industry Growth
- First Nations
- Decarbonisation
- Connectivity

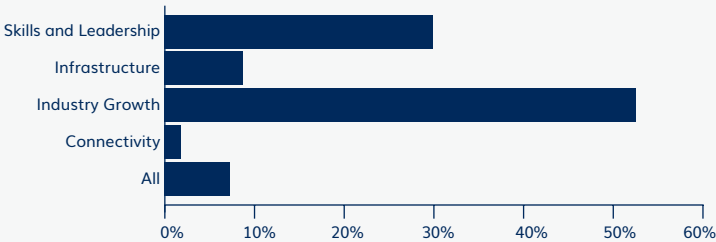
RDAMNC have collected data on our activity within the Coffs Harbour LGA delivered over 2023-2024. This data relates to meetings, project support, forums held in the area, investment support and other activities.

Summary Statistics – Norfolk Island

Engagements by Priority Area

Total	218
All	16
Connectivity	4
Industry Growth	114
Infrastructure	19
Skills and Leadership	65

Table 1: Norfolk Island engagement by priority area



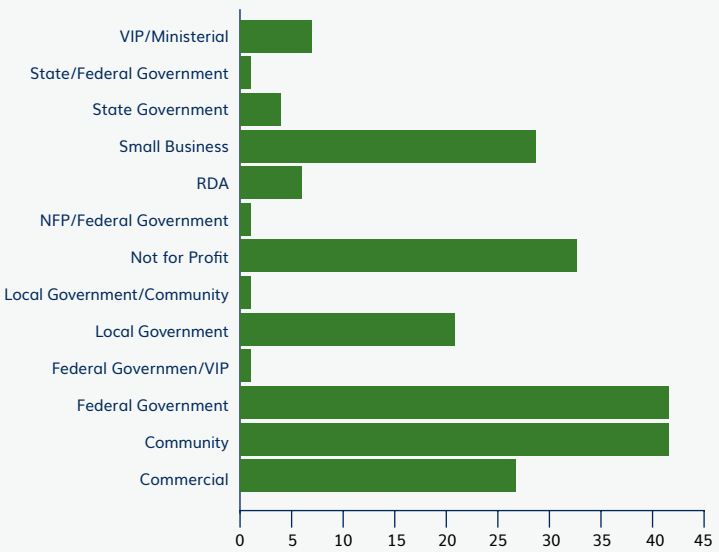
Our efforts in Norfolk Island have been focused on:

- Revival of the cattle industry and support of an assisted reproduction program
- Supporting the community to have greater access to post-secondary education with the Regional University Study Hubs program and the new Country University Centre Prospective Board
- Assisting with understanding the food system and other vulnerabilities for the Island.
- Infrastructure – understanding the Council and industry’s needs and supporting efforts to secure funding from available grant pools.
- Creating a unique identity for the Norfolk Island RDA with its own website.

Engagements by Sector

When viewed by sector, the engagement data demonstrates that our main focus area has been working with local government as the key stakeholder in the Shire for the priorities we’ve pursued.

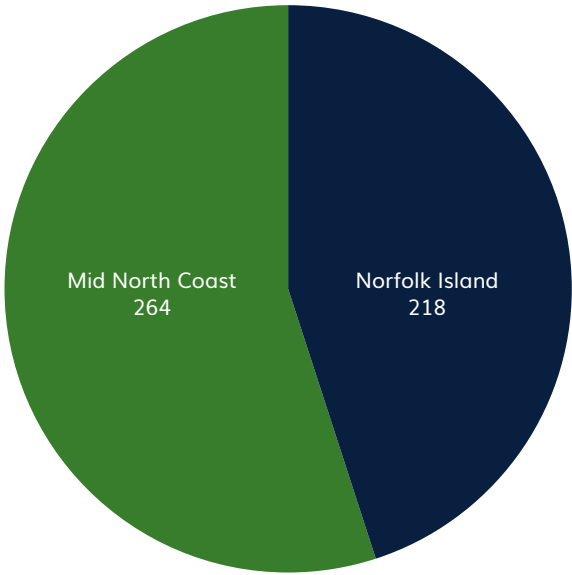
Table 2: Norfolk Island engagement by sector



Organisational Performance – All regions combined

We serve the Mid North Coast of NSW and Norfolk Island. Our engagement activity is as follows, which results in a 55%/45% ratio of engagement.

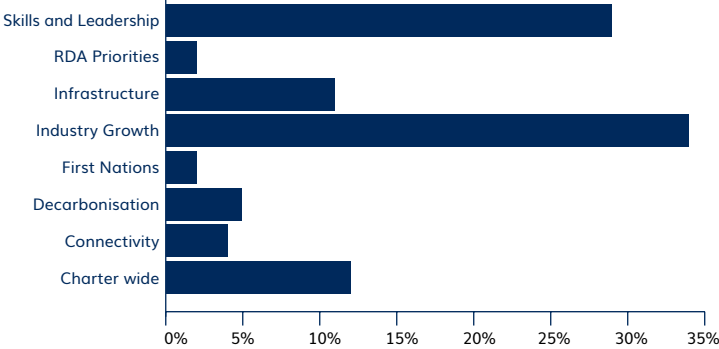
Graph 1: Region specific engagement - actual



Engagements by Priority Area 2023-2024

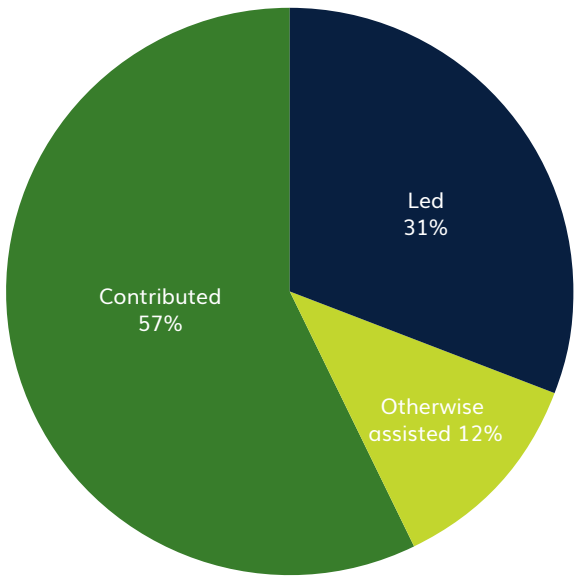
RDA Mid North Coast	Grand Total	Percentage
Charter wide	65	13%
Connectivity	21	4%
Decarbonisation	25	5%
First Nations	9	2%
Industry Growth	176	34%
Infrastructure	60	12%
RDA Priorities	10	2%
Skills and Leadership	149	29%
Grand Total	515	100%


Table 4: Engagement by initiative - All regions



Regional Development Australia committees are also required to report on their role in the region. RDA Mid North Coast has been pleased to lead on a number of initiatives and is a collaborative partner with the region’s stakeholders.

Graph 1: RDAMNC Role in region





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