



## How do you merge two separate local government Councils, while continuing to deliver essential services?

## O1 THE CHALLENGE

Central Coast Council needed to integrate systems and processes for customer experience, human resources, finance and procurement from two separate councils, while simultaneously implementing an Office 365 rollout...

## **O2** THE SOLUTION

- We mapped the supporting Organisational Design and implementation to combine both organisations into one.
- We implemented a Change Management strategy and mapped target business processes.
- We implemented centralised support service functions for IT, Procurement, HR and Finance.
- We designed and implemented a comprehensive training and communication program to support all layers of the combined business.
- We engaged all levels of IT management, business managers and technical experts, including new and existing vendors to manage concerns, people risks, and issues.
- Developed with productivity metrics with the CEO, business sponsor and executive teams.

## O3 THE RESULT

As a result of our change strategy and implementation approach for the council merger the client achieved:

- \$1.7 Million in operational cost saving whilst maintaining customer services.
- Customer service levels and were maintained throughout the merger. Made improvements to the culture whereby the staff of the two councils had ownerships of the merger and its outcomes.