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VILLAGE ACTION PLAN 2020



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In presenting the draft Village Action Plan to the wider community, Cowra Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri People as the traditional custodians of this land and pays respect to their elders both past, present, and future.

This plan acknowledges a strong belief amongst First Nation people that if we care for country, it will care for us. This is supported by the knowledge that the health of a people and their community is reliant on strong physical and emotional connection to place.

Conserving cultural heritage and respecting the First Nation People and their communities right to determine how it is identified and managed will preserve some of the world's longest standing spiritual, historical, social and educational values.

The Wiradjuri People are important partners in the economic, social and environmental future of the Cowra Shire and we will continue to work together and increase collaboration.



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INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAN

In March 2018, amendments to the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (the Act) introduced new requirements for Councils to prepare and make Local Strategic Planning Statements (LSPS).

An LSPS sets out the long-term vision for land use planning in the Cowra Council area in response to broader priorities identified in the Central West and Orana Regional Plan 2036. The LSPS also identifies the special character and values of the area to be preserved; and how change will be managed into the future.

The LSPS provides the basis for strategic planning across the whole Shire and includes some broader level planning priorities for the Shire's villages. However, the LSPS is not an appropriate planning tool for the Council to identify and respond to specific or localised issues that may be relevant to the Shire's eight villages. For this reason, Council has taken the opportunity to prepare a Village Action Plan, in parallel to the LSPS.

The Village Action Plan plays an important role in supporting local residents to identify priorities and to plan and shape activities, projects and programmes to promote a sustainable village renewal, a vibrant and cohesive community, and to deliver long-term benefits and investment to the whole community.

This Village Action Plan is a working document that will help local communities work with Council and other service providers to respond to local needs and priorities as well as identifying potential funding opportunities.

VILLAGE CONSULTATIONS

Consultation with individual villages was an essential component of the preparation of this Action Plan. The consultation was two-stage process prior to formal endorsement of the draft Plan by Council for public exhibition.

Stage One consultations involved a series of community workshops to inform residents of the study and to engage in discussions about issues of interest/concern to residents. The first 9 village consultations were held from 24 June 2019 through to 4 July 2019.

Stage Two consultations were also a series of workshops to present the feedback and outcomes of the first workshops and further discuss implementation of the draft Action Plan. These workshops were held during November 2019.

This Plan includes a number of actions that have emerged from engagement with the local community and other key stakeholders.

In addition to the workshops, Council has met with village residents annually over recent years and these findings have also formed the development of the Village Action Plan.

In accordance with the requirements of the Cowra Community Participation Plan, the draft Village Action Plan was placed on public exhibition from 1 June 2020 to 29 June 2020. The feedback received by Council from the community (and relevant government sector stakeholders) has been considered as part of the finalisation of the Village Action Plan.

THE APPROACH

The actions listed for each of the villages in the following sections are grouped into a number of 'themes', being:

- Open space, recreation and the environment
- Social and community
- Infrastructure and services
- Planning and development

Each of the matters raised by the community during the workshops has been included and, where relevant, a recommended planning response provided with indicative timeframes identified for follow up action by Council.

The timeframes for the actions in the plan are based on the following:

ONGOING	These actions will require attention on an on-going or day-to-day basis.
SHORT	These actions are intended to be completed by Council within 5 years.
MEDIUM	These actions are intended to be completed by Council within 5-10 years.
LONG	These actions are intended to be completed by Council within 10-20 years.
NO ACTION	No action is required by Council at this stage.

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WOODSTOCK ACTION PLAN

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Street trees	1.1 Maintaining the pepper trees within the street verges has been a major issue in the village. It was generally agreed that the existing pepper trees are not the most appropriate street tree species, however, they do make a significant contribution to the amenity and character of the village. Widespread removal may not be a desirable outcome.	1.1 The installation / replacement of new street trees within the village should not occur without further investigation by Council. Key issues to consider are location, on-going maintenance and cost. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	1.1 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2	Parks and open space	2.1 The Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park is an important recreation asset for the community with significant opportunities. The land is a Crown Reserve under the care and control of the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park Trust. The Trust has prepared a quality Masterplan for the Park and its on-going implementation will be of significant benefit to Woodstock residents and visitors.	2.1 Council should continue to support the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park Trust where requested in terms of implementation of the Masterplan. Council should also continue to assist the Trust in seeking grant funding for key projects in the Masterplan and continue to provide advice under the Heritage Advisory program.	2.1 Ongoing
		2.2 The Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park, Lions Park, Jenny Kerr Park, Bowling Club, Swimming Pool and the Showground together provide a valuable recreation network across the village. However, the range of amenities at each of the facilities need to be enhanced or upgraded (i.e. BBQs, seating, shade covers (especially at Lions Park), toilet block upgrades, lighting).	2.2 Whilst it is acknowledged that this group of recreation and open space land is valuable, it does not represent good value to the community to have replica equipment and services for all of these parks. The improvement to public recreation facilities and amenities within the Woodstock recreation network is a medium / long term priority of Council. Any significant improvements or additions to existing facilities are subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community. Lighting upgrades and the erection of all-weather protection over the pit area and start line at the Woodstock Speedway will be grant funded (\$329,534) under Round 2 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. The Construction of walking paths, installation of seating and tables and the completion of the Memorial Entrance at the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park will be grant funded (\$39,472) under Round 1 of the Drought Communities Programme Fund. The construction of a disabled / ambulant compliant amenities block at the Park will also be grant funded (\$77,273) under Round 2 of the Drought Communities Programme Fund. An upgrade of the existing kitchen facilities in the Bill Whitney Memorial luncheon room and the installation of two additional external remote power boards will be grant funded (\$31,305) under Round 1 of the Drought Communities Programme Fund. A grant of \$1000 has also been made to the Woodstock Swimming Pool to assist the purchase of a defibrillator and support equipment / materials. An application for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 has been lodged for an upgrade to Lions Park which includes: o Consolidate tables and seating near play equipment	2.2 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.

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OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Free up area west of 'Noyeau Hollow' drain o Get rid of misshapen Eucalypt trees <p>Value - \$5000</p> <p>Council will seek to lodge an application for grant funding under the Everyone Can Play Grant Program for the installation of fencing around Lions Park.</p>	
		2.3 Jenny Kerr amenities block is considered dangerous – known for anti-social behaviour – the village is of the opinion that the park isn't used as much as it should be because of its condition.	2.3 A review of the park's safety should be programmed as a short-term project. An application for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 has been lodged for an upgrade to Jenny Kerr Park which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reposition basketball hoop on new slab near play equipment o Install new BBQ on original basketball court slab o Tidy up play equipment o Tidy up toilets <p>Value - \$10,000</p>	2.2 Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
3	Footpath connections	3.1 While there are a number of different areas available for public recreation, the footpath connections to these spaces could be improved.	3.1 Council recognises the importance of improving footpath connections between key areas of public open space and community facilities within the village. Key links within the village have been identified in the LSPS and a number of footpath construction projects are contained within the Cowra Pedestrian and Cycling Plan 2014. <p>Footpath improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.</p>	3.1 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.

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WOODSTOCK ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Out of town connections	1.1	There are existing NSW TrainLink Bus services, however, the direct connection to Cowra could offer more flexible timetables.	1.1 Council's primary role with regards to the provision of public transport services to the village is to advocate to relevant government agency service providers on behalf of the village community. Council should continue to advocate on behalf of the villages to Transport for NSW and NSW TrainLink.	1.1 Ongoing
2	Commercial activity	2.1	Parkes Street was once a thriving commercial hub for the Village. Over time though many businesses have closed, leaving residents to rely on nearby Cowra for key services, facilities and employment. Residents feel there is scope to increase the level of business activity within the village, although a potential barrier may be the unavailability of useable / leasable commercial property.	2.1 Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applicable to the commercial precinct in Woodstock. The existing controls in the RU5 Village zone are adequate and provide for a full range of commercial uses that could potentially service the village. Council has a Business Support Officer who can assist small business start-ups.	2.1 No action required at this stage.
		2.2	There are a number of very motivated and active community groups within the village, as well as other social activities for residents. Some residents were not aware of them or how to take part in various activities or join up with community groups.	2.2 Council should work with village stakeholders to prepare a community guide (brochure or similar) containing relevant information including contact details for local community groups and a calendar of planned social events and activities. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	2.2 Short term (0-5 years).
3	Signage	3.1	Commercial activities within the village would benefit from more signage at the highway to attract visitors. The existing village entry signs need updating (e.g. population etc), together with the village information board. Any upgrading of village signs should achieve a level of consistency with the same format and style for direction signs used throughout the shire.	3.1 Council will develop a program, in consultation with community stakeholders, for the replacement of existing village entry signs with newer, more modern and relevant entry signage. Council will develop an improvement plan for way-finding and directional signage to key attractions within the village. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	3.1 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
4	Housing	4.1	Residents generally feel that owner-occupied dwellings better reflect the character of the village and contribute to local community groups. Any planning policy for additional housing should focus on owner-occupier housing rather than short-term rental housing.	4.1 The LSPS has adequately identified long-term options for local housing within the village, including in-fill and small holding developments on fringe areas. Council does not have the ability to influence how local housing stock is occupied.	3.1 No action required at this stage.

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WOODSTOCK ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Roads and traffic	1.1 It is generally accepted that traffic through the village centre (especially quarry trucks) travels at a pace that may be within legal limits, but is too fast to promote a feeling of safety for pedestrians. Traffic calming measures are needed for the main street. Consideration should also be given to the extension of the existing school zone to the Woodstock Pub.	1.1 The issue of speeding vehicles is common for all of the Shire's villages. Council has limited ability to influence the behaviour of drivers and this is primarily a police issue. However, Council should review the locations of existing speed signage in an attempt to improve traffic safety. The issue should also be discussed with Council's Traffic Committee for further advice.	1.1 Short term (0-5 years).
		1.2 Parts of the local road network servicing the village and surrounding areas are not suitable for B-Double vehicles, which presents a barrier to the normal agricultural use of many properties in the area.	1.2 The Restricted Access Vehicle map identifies the majority of Cowra as a heavy vehicle route; except for Clements Road and Reg Hailstone Way. This map was developed by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and Council.	1.2 No action required at this stage.
		1.3 Residents expressed concern that future construction works at Wyangala Dam could lead to additional trucks travelling through the village.	1.3 Council should ensure that any Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for works addresses cumulative traffic effects at the regional level.	1.3 Short term (0-5 years) and when opportunity arises to include in the planning process.
2	Pedestrian facilities	2.1 The railway crossing located on Parkes Street, between the Woodstock Pub and the Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park creates a potential hazard / barrier for the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists.	2.1 The need for this crossing to be reviewed and potentially upgraded to improve pedestrian / cyclist safety has been identified in the LSPS. The footpath that extends from the Woodstock Hotel to Lions Park across the railway line is contained within the Cowra Pedestrian and Cycling Plan 2014. Crossing improvement works are subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	2.1 Long term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
3	General	3.1 Some of the streets within the village have inadequate drainage infrastructure to cope with large rainfall events. The provision of kerb and guttering within the village would help improve local conditions.	3.1 A review of existing stormwater infrastructure within the village is required. Any works identified by this review should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review. Any improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	3.1 Short term (0-5 years).
		3.2 Dwellings within the village rely on the management of effluent through Septic tanks. Many of the existing tanks are quite old and there is some risk that these tanks may fail causing local pollution and health hazards.	3.2 Council is the authorised regulatory authority for the approval and inspection of septic tanks. Any concerns about failing or non-compliant systems should be reported directly to Council's Environmental Services Department for immediate inspection and follow up action.	3.2 Ongoing
		3.3 There is a general feeling amongst village residents that Council should give consideration to the closure and rehabilitation of the Woodstock rubbish tip.	3.3 Council has grant funds to replace the current Woodstock tip with a waste transfer station this will be under the direction of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). This project is currently underway.	3.3 Short term (0-5 years).
4	Telecommunications	4.1 The community would benefit from on-going improvements to the telecommunications network servicing the Woodstock area and surrounding areas.	4.1 Council's primary role with regards to the provision of public telecommunication services to the village is to advocate to relevant government agency service providers on behalf of the village community. Council should continue to advocate on behalf the villages.	4.1 Ongoing

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WOODSTOCK ACTION PLAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	General	1.1 The spaces between dwellings together with large backyards and side setbacks were a positive contributor to the character and feel of the village. Further infill development was not desirable. Some new dwellings on existing large lots is encouraged but not at a higher density.	1.1 Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. The LSPS has identified key areas within the village where opportunities may exist for in-fill housing (on existing lots), however the take-up rate of development is not expected to be exponential. In addition, the lot size standards for new subdivisions (2000m2) will continue to ensure that the character of the village is not lost to inappropriate (or higher density) forms of development. This position should be revisited as part of the next review of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012.	1.1 No action required at this stage.
		1.2 There are opportunities to attract visitors, particularly for overnight stays which would have a positive flow-on effect to local businesses. The Woodstock Soldiers Memorial Park and the Woodstock Showground are potentially suitable locations for caravan parking and primitive camping.	1.2 Council is supportive of the community's aspirations for caravan parking / primitive camping at key recreation areas within the village. As the first step, detailed planning advice should be prepared by Council and provided to the relevant Trusts. This should also be given consideration as part of any master planning exercise completed for these areas, or as part of the preparation of a Plan of Management (as required under the Crown Lands legislation).	1.2 Short term (0-5 years).
		1.3 The heritage listed Woodstock Railway Station and associated yards present an opportunity for adaptive re-use. However, residents perceive that the manager of the land, John Holland Rail, make it difficult to use the railway site for anything.	1.3 Council should facilitate a meeting between John Holland Rail (as the owner of the infrastructure) and key community stakeholders and interest groups to determine potential pathways for re-use of the building.	1.3 Short term (0-5 years).
		1.4 The showground is an important community asset contributing to the range of recreation facilities for the village. However, the existing amenities building needs upgrading	1.4 Cowra Council, a Trustee for the Woodstock Showground, is required to prepare a Plan of Management in accordance with Crown Lands legislation. The need to upgrade / improve the standard of amenities / facilities at the Showground should be properly assessed as part of the preparation of the Plan of Management. Any works identified by this review should be included for consideration in the 2021 (or beyond) Operational Plan review. Any improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	1.4 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2	Addressing	2.1 The village suffers from an incomplete or inconsistent system of urban and rural addressing. The implementation of a comprehensive addressing system would assist residents, service providers and emergency service organisations alike.	2.1 The issue of consistent and accurate rural and urban addressing is a complex issue that involves many stakeholders including emergency service organisations, postal services, utility service providers and individual landowners. Council is primarily responsible for addressing issues and should actively engage with relevant stakeholders to audit the village addressing system and rectify as necessary. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	2.1 Ongoing

2.1 GOOLOONG ACTION PLAN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME			
1	Public spaces	1.1	The village wins many Tidy Towns Awards due, in part, to the efforts of a local resident who is responsible for a high level of maintenance of public spaces. There is concern about potential loss of landscape amenity and maintenance of public areas once the current arrangement stops.	1.1	Council is currently seeking quotations from interested persons / groups to assist with the maintenance of key areas within the village, including the Caravan Park and Memorial Park. There may be scope to include other key areas of public domain. An application for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 has been lodged for an upgrade to Memorial Park which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Renovate soft-fall surrounding play equipment and reinstate full border o Install second Barbeque o General tidy up o Repair/replace deteriorated signage o Repair path leading to memorial 	1.1	Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		1.2	The Council owned and maintained caravan park is a valuable asset for the Gooloong community, attracting large numbers of tourists and travelling motorists. The community is currently investigating options to improve the amenities within the park and this project should feature highly within any improvement plans for the area. Other projects worthy of consideration include a heritage walk to the Lachlan River, a small scale water playground / swimming pool or a fun park.	1.2	Cowra Council, a Trustee for the Caravan Park, is required to prepare a Plan of Management in accordance with Crown Lands legislation. The need to upgrade / improve the standard of amenities / facilities at the Caravan Park and Memorial Park should be properly assessed as part of the preparation of the Plan of Management. Any works identified by this review should be included for consideration in the 2021 (or beyond) Operational Plan review. Any improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation / and planning considerations and will be progressed in consultation with the local community. Council should support the communities initiative to create a heritage walk which links the caravan park and the Lachlan River. The project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review. The delivery of this project is also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	1.2	Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		1.3	The existing Recreational grounds south of the Country Club could be used for other uses to benefit the community. The Gooloong Show used to be held annually and brought a lot of people to the village but insurance issues meant that ongoing shows proved too difficult.	1.3	The Gooloong Racecourse is managed by the Gooloong Public Recreation & Racecourse Trust. Council is generally supportive of increased use and enjoyment of this space, however any future projects at this location need to be driven largely by the Trust.	1.3	No action at this stage.
2	Street trees	2.1	A unique characteristic of the village is the wide road reserves and street environment in general. Other villages have identified the replacement / installation of street trees as a worthwhile project for the medium / long term, and Gooloong could also benefit from a similar project.	2.1	The installation of new street trees within the village should not occur without further investigation by Council. Key issues to consider are location, on-going maintenance and cost. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	2.1	Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
3	Signage	3.1	The Conimbla National Park is located within close proximity to the village and is a popular place of recreation for locals and tourists alike. There may be merit in improving linkages	3.1	Council will develop a program, in consultation with community stakeholders, for the replacement of existing village entry signs with	3.1	Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant

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GOOLOONGONG ACTION PLAN

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
		and / or way-finding signage to this area from the village.	newer, more modern and relevant entry signage. Council will develop an improvement plan for way-finding and directional signage to key attractions within the village. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	funding becomes available.

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GOOLOONG ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Safety	1.1 Some residents within the village feel there should be an increased police presence within the village.	1.1 Council has limited capacity to address this issue, other than to advocate on behalf of the village community to the NSW Police Force for an increased police presence.	1.1 On-going
		1.2 There needs to be a defibrillator somewhere in the town accessible to residents – preferably in the hotel or adjacent to the Log Cabin Hall	1.2 Council should work with the Log Cabin Committee to secure funding for a defibrillator.	1.2 Short term (0-5 years).
2	Travel	2.1 Public transport options for the village are limited and this creates challenges for residents needing to access higher order services and facilities in Cowra and other nearby centres. Whilst there is a bus that services the village, the timetable could be more flexible and accommodating of resident needs.	2.1 Council has limited capacity to address this issue, other than to advocate on behalf of the village community to public transport providers.	2.1 On-going
3	Services	3.1 The village community benefits from a number of different health and community-based services including a school dentist, weekly pharmaceutical deliveries, and weekly community nurse visits as well as a mobile pre-school. These services are well utilised by residents from within the village and wider farming districts and all efforts should be given to retaining these services and / or increasing the availability of other services within the village.	3.1 Council is in support of this initiative and encourages the community to liaise directly with the relevant service providers. Council can assist in advocating on the communities behalf if necessary.	3.1 On-going
4	SES	4.1 Some residents were not clear on the designated landing area for the emergency helicopter and felt a specific Helipad was needed. There was some consideration as to whether the school grounds or the country club was the designated location.	4.1 It is understood that there is a dedicated helicopter landing area however the dedication of an area for emergency services vehicles (including helicopters) does not require a specific planning response from Council. If required, Council can request clarification on current arrangements from relevant authorities. New SES facilities have received grant funding for Gooloogong and are underway.	4.1 No action required at this stage.

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GOOLOONGONG ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE		ACTION TIMEFRAME	
1	Waste	1.1	Village residents do not have access to a waste disposal service catering for bulky goods. A kerbside collection service was raised as a potential strategy worth consideration by Council.	1.1	There is a current waste management facility servicing the village. There is no proposal at this stage to collect bulky waste from kerbside locations within any of the Shire's villages, or within the Cowra Township.	1.1	No action required at this stage.
2	Sewerage	2.1	Some residents feel that a reticulated sewerage scheme would be beneficial to the village due to potential pollution from existing septic tanks. However, there was concern that this may lead to increased infill and higher density of new development.	2.1	This has not been identified in the Operational Plan to date.	2.1	No action required at this stage.
3	Telecommunications	3.1	The village would benefit from improvements to the capacity of the telecommunications network that services the village. Telstra mobile phone reception, in particular, is received poorly by village residents.	3.1	Council's primary role with regards to the provision of public telecommunication services to the village is to advocate to relevant government agency service providers on behalf of the village community. Council should continue to advocate on behalf of the villages.	3.1	On-going
4	Parking	4.1	The Gooloogong Log Cabin Hall, located on Main Street, requires the provision of parking for disabled and mobility impaired persons and would benefit from improvements to the footpath environment, including better drainage.	4.1	<p>Improving parking and accessibility options for the Gooloogong Log Cabin Hall are key priorities for the village community and also for Council. This is identified in the LSPS and has already been identified as a key project in the Cowra Pedestrian and Cycling Plan 2014. The project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review. The project is also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.</p> <p>Restoration and renovation works to the community owned and operated Log Cabin Hall will be grant funded (\$334,500) under Round 1 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund. The replacement of existing exterior door locks, hanging of new stage door, and placement of locks on new doors installed as part of recent renovations will be grant funded (\$2000) under Round 1 of the Cowra Community Grants 2019/2021. An application for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 has been lodged for an upgrade to the footpath in front of the Log Cabin Hall under the PCP which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Install footpath along Main Street frontage of Log Cabin Hall (link to existing entrances on either side of the building) o Extend Main Street footpath west to Warraderry Way intersection. o Continue footpath along Warraderry Way north to link to existing pathways leading to Lachlan River bridge o Extend existing footpath along the eastern side of King Street from Forbes Street to Cowra Street to provide a continuous link from local shops and recreation area to the Gooloogong Public School. 	4.1	Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.

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GOOLOONG ACTION PLAN

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	General	1.1 Village residents support the proposal for a small-scale Retirement Village or some independent living units to accommodate their ageing population. This project has gathered momentum within the community and investigations into appropriate sites are currently being undertaken.	1.1 Council is very supportive of the communities requirements for a retirement village. The project is seen to be an appropriate response to the village's aging demographic. The LSPS has identified land that is worthy of further investigation for this purpose and the existing planning framework (zoning) is not prohibitive to the concept. Council should support the project where possible, however the nature of the project means that it will need to be driven largely by involvement from local community organisations / interest groups and private sector investment.	1.1 On-going
		1.2 The Caravan Park is a valued recreation asset for the village and is extremely popular with travelling nomads (caravaners). The Park is often full and there are opportunities to expand the camping area, which would bring further economic benefits to the village.	1.2 Cowra Council, a Trustee for the Caravan Park, is required to prepare a Plan of Management in accordance with Crown Lands legislation. The need to upgrade / improve the standard of amenities / facilities at the Caravan Park should be properly assessed as part of the preparation of the Plan of Management. Any works identified by this review should be included for consideration in the 2021 (or beyond) Operational Plan review. Any improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation / and planning considerations and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	1.2 Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		1.3 Some residents are concerned with recent trends involving the disposal (by private sale) of some of the village's older church buildings.	1.3 No planning response required from Council. However, if they are heritage listed buildings Council can assist in their restoration and revitalisation.	1.3 No action required at this stage.
		1.4 There is a divided opinion within the community about the prospect of growth within the village. Some residents are concerned that an increase in new development could increase housing density and impact on village character. Other residents have positive views about growth and the need to capitalise on the economic influence that Moxey Farms is having on the village.	1.4 Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. The LSPS has identified key areas within the village where opportunities may exist for in-fill housing (on existing lots), however the take-up rate of development is not expected to be significant. In addition, the lot size standards for new subdivisions (2000m2) will continue to ensure that the character of the village is not lost to inappropriate forms of development. This should be revisited as part of the next review of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012.	1.4 No action required at this stage.
		1.5 There is a perceived demand for rural small holding development to be provided in locations that are accessible to the village. The ideal holding size would be between 5-10 acres.	1.5 Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. There is capacity for small holding development on the fringe of the village, between Binda Street and the Gooloogong Racecourse. Constraints posed by flooding limit opportunities for similar types of development in other areas. There is no proposal to identify land for rezoning as part of this planning process.	1.5 No action required at this stage.
2	Health	2.1 The amenity of the village is being adversely affected as a result of some vacant lots	2.1 Council is the authorised regulatory authority for matters relating to untidiness and unmaintained properties. Any concerns about	2.1 No action required at this stage.

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GOOLOONG ACTION PLAN

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
		being left in unmaintained conditions.	specific properties should be reported directly to Council's Environmental Services Department for immediate inspection and follow up action.	
3	Addressing	3.1 The village suffers from an incomplete or inconsistent system of urban and rural addressing. The implementation of a comprehensive addressing system would assist residents, service providers and emergency service organisations alike.	3.1 The issue of consistent and accurate rural and urban addressing is a complex issue that involves many stakeholders including emergency service organisations, postal services, utility service providers and individual landowners. Council is primarily responsible for addressing issues and should actively engage with relevant stakeholders to audit the village addressing system and rectify as necessary. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	3.1 Ongoing

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WYANGALA ACTION PLAN

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME			
1	Dam Wall	1.1	The picnic area at the bottom of the dam wall is valued by the community and should be a significant part of the future planning for the Wyangala Village.	1.1	Dissipater Park has been appropriately identified on the 20 year Framework Plan for Wyangala in the LSPS. A review of the signage in Wyangala village will assist with the visitation of this park.	1.1	Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		1.2	There is some uncertainty within the local community (and amongst visitors to the area) about whether pedestrian access across the Dam Wall is still available. There is a strong feeling amongst residents that pedestrian access, as a minimum should be permitted, given the tourist potential of the site and historical value of the site.	1.2	The State and Federal Governments have recently announced a significant infrastructure project relating to the Wyangala Dam Wall. The proposal is to increase the height of the wall in order to increase the capacity of the dam. It is anticipated that the issue of pedestrian access across the wall will need to be addressed as part of any Environmental Impact Study (EIS) carried out in relation to this project. The REF dated 2011 indicates that pedestrian access must be available on the dam wall, additional signage is required.	1.2	No action required at this stage.
		1.3	Some visitors to the village experience difficulties navigating efficiently to the picnic area at the bottom of the Dam Wall because of a lack of way-finding signage.	1.3	Council will develop a program, in consultation with community stakeholders, for the replacement of existing village entry signs with newer, more modern and relevant entry signage. Council will develop an improvement plan for way-finding and directional signage to key attractions within the village. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	1.3	Short term (0- 5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		1.4	Tourists to the area would benefit from greater promotion of suitable vantage points to view the Dam Wall, which is a major attraction to the area.	1.4	Council should work with village stakeholders to prepare a community guide (brochure or similar) containing relevant information for visitors to the area. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review. Cowra Tourism have expressed interest in collaborating with Council on this project.	1.4	Short term (0- 5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2	Public spaces	2.1	The Country Club oval is well-used for a number of recreation activities (including cricket, bowls and special events) and is currently subject to improvement plans (i.e. amenities) that are subject to grant funding applications.	2.1	The oval is owned and maintained by the Wyangala Country Club. Council should continue to support the Club where requested in terms of progressing improvements to amenities and facilities. The preparation of a masterplan for the area could assist with the leveraging of grant funding for future projects. This project could be assisted by Council and should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	2.1	Short term (0- 5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		2.2	The Country Club has limited capacity to maintain the oval. If greater assistance was received from Council, there may be a greater capacity for this asset to be used for recreational activities.	2.2	Council is currently seeking quotations from interested persons / groups to assist with the maintenance of key areas within Gooloogong, and there may be scope to expand this concept to other villages including Wyangala.	2.2	Short term (0- 5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		2.3	The pedestrian link from the Wyangala Public School to the Country Club Oval is a barrier to greater use of this asset by school children.	2.3	Council recognises the importance of improving footpath connections between key areas of public open space and community facilities within the village. Key links within the village have been identified in the LSPS and are also identified in the Cowra Pedestrian and Cycling Plan. Footpath improvement works are subject to appropriate grant	2.3	Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.

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OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
			funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	
2.4		Residents feel there is an opportunity to use the oval for primitive camping and accommodate many of the caravans and tourists who may not want to enter the Reflections Holiday Park, but still want to access local village facilities including the Country Club	2.4 Council is supportive of the communities aspirations for caravan parking / primitive camping at key recreation areas within the Village. As the first step, detailed planning advice should be prepared by Council and provided to the relevant Trusts. This should also be given consideration as part of any master planning exercise completed for these areas.	2.4 Short term (0- 5 years)
2.5		The community would generally like to see a renewed use of the former Water Slides facility. A suggested use is Toboggans.	2.5 Council has limited capacity to influence this project, other than to advocate on behalf of the village community to Reflections Holiday Park.	2.5 No action required at this stage.
2.6		The entries to the Village are currently overgrown and poorly maintained. Beautification of these entries is an important project for Village residents.	2.6 Council will develop a program, in consultation with community stakeholders, for the replacement of existing village entry signs with newer, more modern and relevant entry signage. Council will develop an improvement plan for way-finding and directional signage to key attractions within the village. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	2.6 Short term (0- 5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2.7		The Village would benefit generally from a program of tidying and beautifying all public and open space areas.	2.7 Council is currently seeking quotations from interested persons / groups to assist with the maintenance of key areas within Gooloogong, and there may be scope to expand this concept to other villages including Wyangala.	2.7 Short term (0- 5 years)
2.8		Greens Creek is generally in poor environmental health and would benefit from a program of weed eradication.	2.8 This creek is within property owned by the Wyangala Country Club. However, there is opportunity to partner with Council and the Natural Resource Management Committee and Local Land services to seek grant funding to get the area near the intersection of Trout Farm Road and the bridge cleaned up as an environmental project.	2.8 Long term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available

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WYANGALA ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Social	1.1 The Wyangala Country Club has a courtesy bus that is available for general use by the Village community when private or public transport is not available. It appears that the availability of this important community service is not widely known by village residents.	1.1 Council should work with village stakeholders to prepare a community guide (brochure or similar) containing relevant information for visitors to the area. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	1.1 Short term (0- 5 years).
		1.2 Village residents feel the un-used Conference Centre (owned by Water NSW) offers excellent potential for other community uses including short- term accommodation for at-risk families.	1.2 Council is supportive of the communities aspirations for more beneficial use of the Conference Centre owned by Water NSW. The LSPS has identified the site as being worthy of further investigation and the existing planning framework (zoning) is not prohibitive to the concept. Council should support the project where possible, however the nature of the project means that it will need to be driven largely by involvement from local community organisations / interest groups and private sector investment	1.2 No action required at this stage.
2	Tourism	2.1 Wyangala Dam is a significant tourist attraction and drawcard for visitors to the region. Along with the Reflections Holiday Park, the village is a popular destination for visitors whose presence is highly valued by local residents.	2.1 Council should work with village stakeholders to prepare a community guide (brochure or similar) containing relevant information for visitors to the area. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review. Cowra Tourism have expressed interest in collaborating with Council on this project.	2.1 Short term (0- 5 years).
3	Reflections Holiday Park	3.1 Residents generally feel that there is scope to improve the synergy between the village and Reflections Holiday Park, including working together to better promote Wyangala.	3.1 Council has limited capacity to assist with this particular concern. Any change in this regard needs to be driven by concerned residents / community groups. However, Council can advocate on the communities behalf.	3.1 No action required at this stage.
4	Demographics	4.1 There is a divided opinion within the community about the prospect of growth within the village. Some residents are concerned that an increase in new development could increase housing density and impact on village character. Other residents have positive views about growth and the need to attract people to the village. The target demographic should be young seniors as they are usually valuable contributors and participants in community events.	4.1 Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. The LSPS has identified key areas within the village where opportunities may exist for residential expansion within the village. The recent upgrade of the Wyangala Sewage Treatment Plant has the capacity to accommodate any growth, which is not expected to be exponential. The construction of the dam wall upgrade may create some impetus for growth particularly in terms of accommodating workers temporarily during construction works. The current lot size standards for new subdivision development within village limits could enable up to 60 new lots to be created (conservative estimates). A further review of existing planning provisions is not considered necessary until the next review of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012 in 5 years time.	4.1 No action required at this stage.

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WYANGALA ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Roads	1.1 The public road in front of the Wyangala Public School is generally in poor condition and there is a need to improve opportunities for parking during school pick-up and drop-off times.	1.1 Improving parking options for the School is identified in the LSPS and is worthy of a more detailed investigation to determine what changes to the road / roadside environment could be made to improve local conditions. The project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review. The project is also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	1.1 Long term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available
		1.2 A number of roads leading to the Village, and within the Village, are burdened by overhanging trees and limbs, and residents feel this is a safety issue.	1.2 A review of the safety of the roadside environment within village limits should be undertaken as a short-term project. Where it is possible to improve traffic safety with routine maintenance activity, these works should be programmed and undertaken by Council as soon as possible.	1.2 Short term (0- 5 years).
		1.3 Safe pedestrian access was promised to local residents in the Review of Environmental Factors completed as part of the closure of the road over the Dam Wall and construction of the new road access into the Village. This has not been delivered.	1.3 The REF dated 2011 does state that, 'Pedestrian access across the river is currently available on the dam wall using the roadway. This pedestrian access would be maintained' (pg. 57). Council will investigate this with Water NSW to clarify this position and check signage.	1.3 Short term (0- 5 years).
		1.4 Road cyclists regularly stop at Wyangala. There is a need to better promote the Village as a key stop-over destination to regional cycling enthusiasts.	1.4 Council will work with village stakeholders to prepare a community guide (brochure or similar) containing relevant information for visitors to the area. This could be combined with any social media posts from the Wyangala Country Club and possibly Cowra Visitor Information Centre. Assistance from Council should be considered for inclusion in the 2021 Operational Plan review. Cowra Tourism have expressed interest in collaborating with Council on this project.	1.4 Short term (0- 5 years).
2	Footpaths	2.1 There is generally a lack of footpaths servicing the Village. School children walking to and from school are forced to use the road environment, which presents a potential safety issue.	2.1 Council recognises the importance of improving footpath connections between key areas of public open space and community facilities within the village. Key links within the village have been identified in the LSPS and in the Cowra Pedestrian and Cycling Plan 2014. Footpath improvement works are subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community. An application for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 has been lodged for an upgrade to the footpath on First Avenue under the PCMP which includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Construct pathway on western side First Avenue, continue around corner to opposite Wyangala Country Club o Seal First Avenue kerb to kerb and cut in drain. o Restore garden beds in the centre of First Avenue. o Reinstall pedestrian bridge at end of First Avenue and link to Trout Farm Road (site of bridge leased by Country Club). 	2.1 Short term (0- 5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available

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WYANGALA ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
3	Stormwater	3.1	Residents are concerned with the lack of maintenance being carried out in relation to a number of stormwater pits within the Village. Some of these pits are currently blocked, which is causing erosion and sedimentation issues are likely to cause future damage to private property or cause an accident.	3.1 A review of existing stormwater infrastructure within the village is required. Any works identified by this review should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review. Any improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	3.1 Short term (0- 5 years).
4	Water	4.1	Residents are generally dissatisfied with the quality of water provided to the Village and expressed frustration at having raised this issue with Council many times.	4.1 The Wyangala water supply was declared non potable in 2017 and Council is researching options for the village. Council notes that the Wyangala Country Club has potable water.	4.1 No action required at this stage.
5	Signage	5.1	Residents feel that there is a general lack of adequate way-finding signage leading into and throughout the Village, which could better direct tourists to key facilities and attractions in the area.	5.1 Council will develop a program, in consultation with community stakeholders, for the replacement of existing village entry signs with newer, more modern and relevant entry signage. Council will develop an improvement plan for way-finding and directional signage to key attractions within the village. These projects should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	5.1 Short term (0- 5 years).

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WYANGALA ACTION PLAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUE RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Zoning	1.1 The land surrounding the Wyangala Village is generally characterised by farming land that has limited agricultural production capacity. Some residents feel there is merit in allowing small lot subdivision on Village edges as a way of encouraging new growth in the area	1.1 Beyond the village boundary, the current planning framework does not allow the subdivision of land (within an agricultural zoning) into new allotments with areas less than 100 hectares. Planning controls in the Cowra Shire no longer provide for development scenarios similar to the nearby Blue Mantle Road subdivision. The LSPS has identified vacant holdings within the existing village boundary that could accommodate new housing growth on lots of varying sizes, should there be demand in the short to medium term. Outside of these areas, there does not appear to be any compelling planning reason for rezoning additional areas on the fringe of the village for small holding development. This position should be revisited with the next review of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012, scheduled for 2023.	1.1 No action required at this stage.
		1.2 There are a number of key sites within the Village that could be further explored as potential redevelopment opportunities. The key sites include land generally behind the Wyangala Country Club, and the land located on the North-Eastern fringe of the Village bound by Wyangala Road, Wirong Road and Darbys Falls Road (Dam Wall Road).	1.2 Response as per 1.1	1.2 No action required at this stage.
2	General	2.1 Water NSW own multiple (up to 7) properties within the Village that are currently underutilised. Some of these properties would be attractive to renters and home buyers.	2.1 Council has limited capacity to assist with this particular concern.	2.1 No action required at this stage.
3	Addressing	3.1 The village suffers from an incomplete or inconsistent system of urban and rural addressing. The implementation of a comprehensive addressing system would assist residents, service providers and emergency service organisations alike. For example, some maps show the Wyangala Village as being located near Elliot's Lookout.	3.1 The issue of consistent and accurate rural and urban addressing is a complex issue that involves many stakeholders including emergency service organisations, postal services, utility service providers and individual landowners. Council is primarily responsible for addressing issues and should actively engage with relevant stakeholders to audit the village addressing system and rectify as necessary. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	3.1 Ongoing

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DARBYS FALLS ACTION PLAN

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Lynne Sawyers Park	1.1	Lynne Sawyers Park is valued by the community and ongoing park improvements, particularly measures to improve safety (with regard to proximity of playground equipment to roadside) should be an important part of future planning for the village	<p>1.1 This park is Crown Land and managed by the Darbys Falls Recreation Ground Trust. This area has been appropriately identified on the 20 year Framework Plan for Darbys Falls in the LSPS. Council can assist in seeking grant funding by the Trust or can apply on behalf of the Trust in consultation with the community.</p> <p>An application for grant funding under the Everyone Can Play Grant Program – Round 2 will be lodged (in consultation with the Trust) for the installation of fencing around Lynne Sawyers Park.</p>	1.1 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2	Path network	2.1	The village lacks paths for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly along the main street. In addition, a path that linked the cemetery in the north to the riverside in the south through the village would be an asset.	<p>2.1 Council recognises the importance of improving footpath connections between key areas of public open space and all areas of the village, including the cemetery. Key links within the village have been identified in the LSPS and further consideration to priority projects should be included in the next review of the Cowra Pedestrian and Cycling Plan (CPCP) 2014. In the CPCP it is identified that there are some obstacles in providing and promoting cycling to Darbys Falls including the Bridge over the Waugoola Creek where the timber decking may prove a hazard to cyclists.</p> <p>Footpath improvement works are subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.</p>	2.1 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
3	Riverside Park	3.1	The parkland area adjacent to the river provides an alternative casual recreation for residents and visitors. However, the facilities are very basic and need upgrading, particularly the toilets.	<p>3.1 The river precinct does offer potential value for resident and tourist / visitor recreation. Flooding is a constraint requiring proper consideration as part of any project in this location.</p> <p>Similar to other villages, the improvement to public recreation facilities and amenities within the park is a medium term priority of Council. Any significant improvements or additions to existing facilities are subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.</p>	3.1 Long term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
4.	Environmental	4.1	The health of Dalys Springs Creek is quite poor. Upstream damming/water extraction together with the drought has reduced flows and resulted in stagnant areas adjacent to houses, together with blackberries and other weeds.	<p>4.1 Dalys Springs Creek is on private property and as such no works or rehabilitation works can be undertaken without the owner's consent. However, there is opportunity for the owner and the community to partner with Council and the Natural Resource Management Committee and Local Land services to seek grant funding to undertake some rehabilitation works as an environmental project.</p>	4.1 Long term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.

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DARBYS FALLS ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE		ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Social well-being	1.1	The excellent community spirit in the village is founded on the motivated volunteers in the Progress Association who arrange local activities. The Darbys Falls Progress Association is happy to take on additional community activities, including ongoing maintenance of the riverside park area, if Council implement an improvement program	1.1 Council should continue to support the on-going efforts of the various community groups / organisations and volunteers within the village community. Council is currently seeking quotations from interested persons / groups to assist with the maintenance of key areas within Gooloogong, and there may be scope to expand this concept to other villages including Darbys Falls.	1.1	Ongoing
2	Cemetery	2.1	The ongoing improvements at the cemetery have been a community project for some time. The next improvement proposed is the construction of a new memorial wall to hold ashes of cremated persons.	2.1 The construction of a 'remembrance wall' and path at the Darbys Falls Cemetery will be grant funded (\$2000) under the Cowra Community Grants Program for 2019/2021 financial year.	2.1	Short term (0- 5 years).

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DARBYS FALLS ACTION PLAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Commercial opportunities	1.1 Most residents are keen to see some increased diversity in activity at the village, although this need not necessarily be achieved through increased housing. Some support for small scale dwelling growth could be accommodated, but there are also opportunities for part-time commercial uses such as selling of locally grown produce and goods (art work), home industries such as an art gallery/coffee shop or simply roadside stalls that cater to passing tourist trade (honey, jams, firewood).	1.1 Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. The existing zoning applying to the village allows 'home occupations' and 'home industries' as permissible uses. There are no changes to the existing planning framework required so that village residents can investigate potential small-scale business opportunities.	1.1 No action required at this stage.

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DARBYS FALLS ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Traffic	1.1 The main road through the village is constantly subject to speeding traffic, particularly trucks. This concern would worsen if there was increased traffic from construction vehicles as a result of possible future works to raise the wall at Wyangala Dam.	1.1 The issue of speeding vehicles is common for all of the Shire's villages. Council has limited ability to influence the behaviour of drivers and this is primarily a police issue. However, Council should review the locations of existing speed signage in an attempt to improve traffic safety. The issue should also be discussed with Council's Traffic Committee for further advice. Council should also ensure that any Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Wyangala Dam Wall upgrade project, adequately addresses the cumulative traffic effects for Darbys Falls.	1.1 Short term (0-5 years) and when opportunity arises to participate in planning process.
		1.2 The increasing numbers of kangaroos along roadsides present a danger to traffic.	1.2 Council has limited capacity to assist with this particular concern.	1.2 No action required at this stage.
		1.3 The existing kerb and gutter along Main Street does not cover the full extent of houses in the village fronting this road.	1.3 A review of existing stormwater infrastructure within the village is required. Any works identified by this review should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review. Any improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	1.3 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		1.4 There has been some planting adjacent to the edge of the road, to the south of the village, within private land. The amenity of the village would be enhanced if a street tree and entry corridor planting scheme was undertaken.	1.4 The installation / replacement of new street trees within the village should not occur without further investigation by Council. Key issues to consider are location, on-going maintenance and cost. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	1.4 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2	Signage	2.1 There are no visitor information boards in the village. A notice board to explain the history of the village would be helpful.	2.1 Council will develop a program, in consultation with community stakeholders, for the replacement of existing village entry signs with newer, more modern and relevant entry signage. Council will develop an improvement plan for way-finding and directional signage to key attractions within the village. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	2.1 Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
3	Water supply	3.1 The water supply is based on an old system. Some of the pipes are very old and there is poor drinking water quality in some areas of the village.	3.1 Darbys Falls Village has a new water treatment plant and the majority of the water mains have been replaced recently. A maintenance response such as mains flushing will be provided to ensure water quality guidelines are met.	3.1 No action required at this stage.

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WATTAMONDARA ACTION PLAN

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Recreation	1.1	Aside from E.J. Walker Park on Waddell Street, there are no recreation opportunities for older children or teenagers who live in the village. A multipurpose facility would ideally serve this purpose. Other facilities desired by village residents include outdoor exercise equipment, a skate park or a BMX track. A possible location for these facilities is the "Travelling Stock Reserve" located centrally within the village, next to the Wattamondara Recreation Ground.	<p>1.1 The park and the Travelling Stock Reserve (TSR) have both been appropriately identified on the 20 year Framework Plan for Wattamondara in the LSPS. Similar to other villages, the improvement to public recreation facilities and amenities within the park is a medium term priority of Council. Any significant improvements or additions to existing facilities are subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.</p> <p>The preparation of a masterplan for the area could assist with the leveraging of grant funding for future projects. This project could be assisted by Council and should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.</p> <p>An application for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 has been lodged for an upgrade to the EJ Walker Park which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o General tidy-up o Install irrigation system o Plant lawn to soften and green-up area to make it more appealing to locals and visitors o Install 2 x back-to-back exercise stations at eastern end of park <p>Value - \$20,000</p>	1.1 Medium term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2	Maintenance	2.1	Showground Lane has falling trees (or branches) impacting private property. Large farm machinery and livestock trucks hit overhanging branches which presents difficulties when accessing the showground. Problematic trees need pruning.	2.1 A review of the safety of the roadside environment within the village limits should be undertaken as a short-term project. Where it is possible to improve traffic safety with routine maintenance activity, these works should be programmed and undertaken by Council as soon as possible.	2.1 Short term (0-5 years).

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WATTAMONDARA ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Social well-being	1.1	The existing community hall used by village residents consists of a basic steel shed structure located at the Wattamondara Recreation Ground. There is a strong desire within the community for a new hall to be funded and constructed within the Wattamondara Recreation Ground. The Wattamondara Recreation Ground Trust is primarily responsible for driving new projects within this important recreation precinct for the village, and have a vision of building a multi-purpose hall facility that is capable of attracting (and accommodating) a range of services to the village including health + well-being programs as-well as mobile child care.	<p>1.1 Council should continue to support the Wattamondara Recreation Ground Trust where requested. The preparation of a masterplan for the area could assist with the leveraging of grant funding for future projects. This project could be assisted by Council and should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.</p> <p>The construction of a community hall will be grant funded (\$350,000) under the Drought Communities Programme Fund.</p>	1.1 Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2	Cemetery	2.1	The NSW Train Link bus service passes the village each day with two services heading north of Cowra and two services heading south. There is an opportunity to capitalise on this public transport by providing an adequate bus stop facility at a safe and practical roadside location on the Olympic Way (Young Road).	2.1 The provision of an adequate bus stop facility for Wattamondara is identified in the LSPS and is worthy of a more detailed investigation to determine an appropriate location and the cost and requirements of NSW Trainlink. Council will advocate on the communities behalf.	2.1 Short term (0-5 years).

5.3

WATTAMONDARA ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Telecommunications	1.1	The community would benefit from on-going improvements to the telecommunications network servicing the Wattamondara area and surrounding areas.	1.1 Council's primary role with regards to the provision of public telecommunication services to the village is to advocate to relevant government agency service providers on behalf of the village community. Council should continue to advocate.	1.1 Ongoing.
2	Water pressure	2.1	A common issue experienced by many residents within the village is low pressure coming out of the reticulated water main system. There is some concern that with every new connection in the area, the mains pressure to existing dwellings decreases. This has on-going amenity and financial impacts to residents.	1.2 The pressure and flow of the water supply for Wattamondara will be comprehensively considered as part of the preparation of an Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan for Cowra LGA, which is currently being developed by Council. There will be opportunities for Wattamondara residents to participate in the consultation process for this project.	1.2 Short term (0-5 years).
3	Traffic	3.1	The Olympic Way (Young Road) serves as the main road access to the village from both directions (north and south). The speed limit for this road does not alter from 100km/h. The village community feels that motorists and pedestrian safety could be increased by reducing the speed from 100km/h to 80km/h for the section of the main road within the village limits, and investigating the possibility of introducing slip lanes for turning traffic.	1.3 The issue of speeding vehicles is common for all of the Shire's villages. Council has limited ability to influence the behaviour of drivers and this is primarily a police issue. The Olympic Way is also a state-owned road and falls within the responsibility of NSW Roads and Maritime Services. The matter of speed zone reduction and / or intersection enhancements for this stretch of main road should be discussed with Council's Traffic Committee for further advice.	1.3 Short term (0-5 years).
4	Footpaths	4.1	While there are a number of different areas available for public recreation within the village, the footpath connections to these spaces could be improved. Parents with prams are currently forced to walk on the road environment.	1.4 Council recognises the importance of improving footpath connections between key areas of public open space within the village. Key links within the village have been identified in the LSPPS and further consideration to priority projects should be included in the next review of the Cowra Pedestrian and Cycling Plan 2014. Footpath improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	1.4 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.

5.4

WATTAMONDARA ACTION PLAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Commercial opportunities	1.1 There is a divided opinion within the community about the prospect of growth within the village. Some residents are concerned that an increase in new development could increase housing density and impact on village character. Other residents have positive views about growth and the need to increase the population base within the village.	Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. The LSPS has identified key areas within the village where opportunities may exist for in-fill housing (on existing lots), however the take-up rate of development is not expected to be significant. In addition, the lot size standards for new subdivisions (2000m ²) will continue to ensure that the character of the village is not lost to inappropriate forms of development. This should be revisited as part of the next review of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012.	No action required at this stage.

6.1

BILLIMARI ACTION PLAN

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Park area and surrounds	<p>1.1 With some improvement, the Pioneer Park on Sloan Street could become a key focus for public recreation within the Village, this park is owned by State Rail Authority. Community aspirations for this park include the provision of public toilets, outdoor sports equipment, a community garden, improved landscaping and a bubbler for children. Rejuvenation of the former tennis court facility is also worthy of further investigation.</p>	<p>1.1 Similar to other villages, the completion of significant improvements or enhancements to public recreation facilities and amenities within Billimari is a medium term priority of Council. Any significant improvements or additions to existing facilities are subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.</p> <p>A review of the condition of existing playground equipment at Pioneer Park should be undertaken as a short-term project. Where it is possible improvements to the usability / enjoyment of the park with simple undertakings should be programmed and undertaken by Council as soon as possible.</p> <p>An application for grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund – Round 3 has been lodged for an upgrade to Pioneer Park which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Complete Landscape Design o Check if light over play equipment works o Remove concrete seat, shelter shed and associated seat x 2 from the southern end of the park and reposition adjacent to play equipment at the northern end of the park o Replace soft-fall and Install cover over play equipment o Install BBQ in repositioned shelter shed. 	<p>1.1 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.</p>
		<p>1.2 The existing silos are a significant landmark for the village. Whilst some residents are doubtful of any potential economic benefit, there is some support for the site to be considered for an Arts Out West silo painting project.</p>	<p>1.2 The LSPS has identified land that is worthy of further investigation for a potential project. Council should support the project where possible, however it is likely that any momentum will need to be driven by involvement from local community groups and private sector investment. It should also be noted that the silos are currently held in private ownership which could present a potential barrier for the project.</p>	<p>1.2 Long term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.</p>
		<p>1.3 Residents and visitors to the Billimari area frequent the Merriganowry Bridge, which is located 6km from the village towards Gooloogong. This location offers ideal recreation opportunities including fishing and river access for boating and canoeing; however traffic safety, poor lighting and lack of amenities are potential barriers to increased use.</p>	<p>1.3 The river precinct at Merriganowry Bridge is Crown Land and is not under the care and control of Cowra Council. Embellishing this area with improved facilities ranks as a lower priority project when compared to the potential benefits of investing in the heart of the village of Billimari.</p>	<p>1.3 Long term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.</p>

6.2

BILLIMARI ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	General	1.1	The Billimari Hall is an important community facility that is highly valued by residents within the village and from the surrounding farming district. The Billimari Public Hall Trust is responsible for on-going maintenance and improvements to the facility and is actively seeking grant funding for much needed works. Despite recent success under Council's Local Heritage Places Grant Program, the Trust has experienced disappointment in recent times with more significant grant funding opportunities. Maintaining and improving the facility is a key priority for both the Trust and for Council.	1.1 Council should continue to support the Billimari Public Hall Trust where requested, to support the Trust with advice under Council's Heritage Advisors Program, and assist the Trust in seeking and applying for grant funding. The refurbishment of the Billimari Public Hall will be grant funded (\$93,658) under the Drought Communities Programme Fund.	1.1 Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
2	Safety	2.1	There have been some anti-social behaviour and inappropriate use of village roads. The lack of police patrols through the village meant there was no deterrent.	2.1 Council has limited capacity to address this issue, other than to advocate on behalf of the village community to the NSW Police Force for an increased police presence.	2.1 Ongoing
3	Social activities	3.1	The community has aspirations to increase the level of social activity within the village. A number of ideas were suggested including 'swap meets', 'pop up markets', a Cowra to Billimari road cycling race, a 'bridge to bridge kayaking race' and / or a 'community book swap'.	3.1 Council should support any initiative of the Billimari community to raise the profile of the village and increase the social well-being of its resident base. Council should assist with the marketing and promotion of any new events or activities.	3.1 No action required at this stage.

6.3

BILLIMARI ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Water supply	1.1 Residents are extremely dissatisfied with the quality of water provided to the Village and expressed frustration of having raised this issue with Council many times. The water supply to the village is not potable. Residents have encouraged Council to explore interim measures to improve resident amenity and health such as subsidising rain water collection tanks.	1.1 The supply to Billimari is non-potable and has always been non-potable. Upgrading the supply to a potable supply would impose significant costs on the community. On 4th November 2019, Council programmed a mains flushing exercise and will continue to complete this work in an effort to improve the quality of the water supply. Cowra Council does not run any rebate schemes at this time and it appears there are no NSW Government programs either. Council will continue to research rebates or subsidy schemes for water tanks or similar approaches to improve water quality for Billimari residents and will notify the community if and when they are on offer. The water supply situation for Billimari will be comprehensively considered as part of the preparation of an Integrated Water Cycle Management Plan for Cowra LGA, which is currently being developed by Council. There will be opportunities for Billimari residents to participate in the consultation process for this project.	1.1 Short term (0-5 years).
2	Roads and footpaths	2.1 The local road network connecting to the village is frequently used by larger vehicles associated with agricultural activities in the surrounding district. The road network is considered too narrow in some places and pedestrians / motorists are often forced into the roadside environment. Centre line-marking of roads and improving roadside conditions (for example, slashing) would improve local conditions.	2.1 A review of the safety of the roadside environment within village limits (and along Merriganowry and North Logan Roads) should be undertaken as a short-term project. Where it is possible, Improvements to traffic safety with slashing and / or line marking, should be programmed and undertaken by Council as soon as possible.	2.1 Short term (0-5 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
		2.2 An upgraded local park together with the existing Hall would increase pedestrian movement between the two, resulting in a longer term need for a footpath linking the park and hall.	2.2 Council recognises the importance of improving footpath connections between key areas of public open space and community facilities within the village. Key links within the village have been identified in the LSPS and further consideration to priority projects should be included in the next review of the Cowra Pedestrian and Cycling Plan 2014. Footpath improvement works are also subject to appropriate grant funding / budget allocation and will be progressed in consultation with the local community.	2.2 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.
3	Telecommunications	3.1 The community would benefit from on-going improvements to the telecommunications network servicing the Billimari village and surrounding areas.	3.1 Council's primary role with regards to the provision of public telecommunication services to the village is to advocate to relevant government agency service providers on behalf of the village community. Council should continue to advocate on behalf the villages.	3.1 Ongoing
4	Electricity	4.1 Village residents experience power surges on a common basis. Improving the village's energy efficiency through large scale solar projects has been raised as a potential	4.1 Council's primary role with regards to the provision of electricity services to the village is to advocate to relevant government agency	4.1 Ongoing

6.3

BILLIMARI ACTION PLAN
INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
		project for the community	<p>service providers on behalf of the village community. Council should continue to advocate on behalf the villages.</p> <p>Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village and surrounding areas with the view of determining the permissibility of large-scale solar projects. Solar projects are controlled under State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure 2007) and are permissible on land with the consent of Council. Council can provide detailed planning advice regarding potential projects on request.</p>	

6.4

BILLIMARI ACTION PLAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Village planning	1.1 There is divided opinion within the community about the prospect of growth within the village. Some residents are concerned that an increase in new development could increase housing density and impact on village character. Other residents have positive views about growth and the need to attract people to the village.	1.1 Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. The LSPS has identified key areas within the village where opportunities may exist for residential expansion within the village, or where rural small holding expansions could be considered at a later stage subject to market demand. Changes to the existing zoning provisions in the village are not necessary at this stage. A further review of existing planning provisions is not necessary until the next review of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012 in 5 years time.	1.1 No action required at this stage.

7.1 MORONGLA ACTION PLAN OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Public open space	1.1 The Morongla Showground, managed by the Morongla Showground Trust, provides the village with the principal place for public recreation. Village residents are satisfied with the level of provision of open space and appreciate the work of the Trust in terms of maintaining and improving this key area. The celebration of the 100th year of the Morongla Show was a key milestone for the Village in 2019.	1.1 Council should continue to support the Morongla Showground Trust where requested in terms of improving this area for the benefit of village residents. Council should also continue to assist the Trust in seeking grant funding for key projects. Repairs and improvements to the Morongla Hall and Morongla Showground will be grant funded (\$63,300) under the Drought Communities Programme Fund. Hall repairs, including septic tank replacement and general maintenance and repairs to the canteen shed, and installation of a mobile phone repeater will be grant funded (\$36,801) as Stage 2 works under the Drought Communities Programme Fund. Improvements to the canteen facility will be grant funded (\$2000) under the Cowra Community Grants Program for the 2019/2020 financial year.	1.1 On-going.

7.2

MORONGLA ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Public Hall	1.1 The Mechanics Institute (Morongla Hall) is an important community facility that is highly valued by residents within the village and from the surrounding farming district. The Hall Trust is responsible for on-going maintenance and improvements to the facility and is actively seeking grant funding for works that arise. Maintaining and improving the facility is a key priority for both the Trust and for Council.	1.1 Council should continue to support the Hall Trust where requested, to support the Trust with advice under Council's Heritage Advisors Program and continue to assist the Trust in seeking and applying for grant funding.	1.1 On-going.

7.3

MORONGLA ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Traffic	1.1 The main road through the village is constantly subject to speeding traffic, particularly trucks. The village is located on the Lachlan Valley Way, and whilst traffic speeds are slowed to 80km/h within village limits, residents feel there is merit in starting the reduced speed zone further out from village entries. This would increase traffic safety for residents entering and exiting driveways onto the main road.	1.1 The issue of speeding vehicles is common for all of the Shire's villages. Council has limited ability to influence the behaviour of drivers and this is primarily a police issue. However, Council should review the locations of existing speed signage in an attempt to improve traffic safety. This a potential project identified on the 20 year framework plan in the LSPS and the issue should also be discussed with Council's Traffic Committee for further advice.	1.1 Short term (0-5 years)
		1.2 Residents have noticed increasing amounts of heavy vehicle traffic movements between Morongla and Wattamondara, including vehicles associated with the nearby Glenella Quarry. Widening of the road would improve traffic safety. Residents also feel that an upgrade to the intersection of the Lachlan Valley Way and Morongla Road is a necessity.	1.2 The upgrade to this intersection is part of the conditions of consent for the quarry and as such should be provided. Advice has been provided by the RMS as to the design and Council is seeking clarity from the quarry as to the timing of this.	1.2 No further action required at this stage.
		1.3 There are a number of old bridges in the general area that may need load limits or replacement.	1.3 Wooden bridges will be managed under Council's Transport Asset Management Plan. Wooden bridges will be inspected from time to time and road limits will be adjusted accordingly in consultation with the community.	1.3 No further action required at this stage.
2	Water supply	2.1 The provision of a reticulated water supply was raised by residents as being desirable, but there is also an understanding within the community that the nearest existing reticulated water system (servicing Wattamondara) does not have the capacity to service Morongla.	2.1 There is no proposal by Council in the short to medium term for the provision of a reticulated water supply to the village of Morongla.	2.1 No further action required at this stage.
3	Waste management	3.1 The village is provided with a recycling station and this is well used by residents from within the village and also the surrounding farming district. The station would benefit from an increased maintenance schedule and residents feel the facility should be expanded to include at least a skip bin for the disposal of larger items of general / household waste.	3.1 Maintenance on this area will be monitored however if the residents consider this area as untidy then please report to Council officers immediately. This is a recycling station only and no skip will be provided at this time.	3.1 No further action required at this stage.
4	Telecommunications	4.1 The community would benefit from on-going improvements to the telecommunications network servicing the Morongla village and surrounding areas.	4.1 Council's primary role with regards to the provision of public telecommunication services to the village is to advocate to relevant government agency service providers on behalf of the village community. Council should continue to advocate on behalf the villages.	4.1 Ongoing.

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MORONGLA ACTION PLAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE		ACTION TIMEFRAME	
1	Village planning	1.1	Village residents were quite strong in their view that the current level of development in the village was the desired outcome and that no further development (i.e. no village expansion) should occur.	1.1	The current planning framework for Morongla is meeting the needs and aspirations of village residents and no major changes are proposed.	1.1	No further action required at this stage.
2	Addressing	2.1	The village suffers from an incomplete, inconsistent and sometimes confusing system of urban and rural addressing. The implementation of a comprehensive addressing system would assist residents, service providers and emergency service organisations alike.	2.1	The issue of consistent and accurate rural and urban addressing is a complex issue that involves many stakeholders including emergency service organisations, postal services, utility service providers and individual landowners. Council is primarily responsible for addressing issues and should actively engage with relevant stakeholders to audit the village addressing system and rectify as necessary. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	2.1	Ongoing

8.1

NOONBINNA ACTION PLAN

OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Public open space	1.1 The village is located within a short distance of the Cowra Township and relies on this centre for public recreation. There are no opportunities within village limits for active public recreation (playgrounds etc). Residents are keen to explore possible opportunities through alternate uses of the railway corridor or a more practical and safe use of the TSR separating the main road and the village.	1.1 Noonbinna is one of the Shire's smaller villages, which creates a challenge for the provision of active public recreation, even on a lower order scale. There is a pocket of Crown Land located within Village limits and whilst the site is currently under lease arrangement, it represents one of the only possible locations for the provision of a playground facility or similar. This project is considered worthy of further investigation by Council and should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	1.1 Medium term (5-10 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.

8.2

NOONBINNA ACTION PLAN

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY

#	THEME		SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE		ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	School	1.1	The is a strong view within the village community that the former Noonbinna School building (located on Crown Land) should be restored and not sold. The restoration of the building would be a significant task, however it could provide some value to the village in terms of accommodating the needs for a public meeting space. The surrounding grounds could be utilised for other purposes including BBQ's, pop up markets, caravan parking and primitive camping.	1.1 This building and the surrounding land is owned by the Crown and the Council is the land manager. Council is required to prepare a Plan of Management for this area which will consider all of these options.	1.1	Short term (0-5 years)
2	Services	2.1	There is a feeling of disconnect between the village residents and their ability to access vital public transport services, particularly Taxis. For people with a disability, at least 24 hours notice is required before a Taxi service can be dispatched to the village.	2.1 Council's primary role with regards to the provision of public transport services to the village is to advocate to relevant government agency / service providers on behalf of the village community. Council should continue to advocate on behalf of the villages.	2.1	Ongoing

8.3

NOONBINNA ACTION PLAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICING

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Traffic	1.1 Traffic safety at the village could be improved with the installation of turning lanes at the two intersections on the Olympic Highway (Young Road), or as a minimum, with the painting of double unbroken lines along the main road within village limits.	1.1 These projects have been identified on the 20 year framework plan for Noonbinna as priority actions for the village community. Because the Olympic Way is part of the state-owned and controlled main road network, any improvements are subject to the approval and / or requirements of the NSW Roads and Maritime Services. The concerns of the community have been raised with the RMS on a number of occasions and the RMS has advised that at this time this is not a priority in terms of traffic safety.	1.1 No action required at this stage.
		1.2 There should be a 3 tonne load limit on Bernie Heilman Street as trucks from Chiverton Road go straight across Olympic Highway into the village as a 'shortcut' to Morongla and Lachlan Valley Way.	1.2 This truck movement is currently allowed as this route is identified as a B-Double route under the Restricted Access Vehicle map by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.	1.2 No action required at this stage.
2	Trees	2.1 Trees in road reserves, particularly along Bernie Heilman Street and Noonbinna East Road (part of old school ground) block sight lines of traffic.	2.1 A review of the safety of the roadside environment within village limits should be undertaken as a short-term project. Where it is possible to improve traffic safety with routine maintenance activity, these works should be programmed and undertaken by Council as soon as possible.	2.1 Short term (0-5 years)
		2.2 Council needs to be more active in lawn mowing and slashing around the village and along road corridors. In particular, the laneway at the rear of houses needs slashing, or preferably opening up as a useable lane.	2.2 A review of the safety of the roadside environment within village limits should be undertaken as a short-term project. Where it is possible to improve traffic safety or roadside conditions with routine maintenance activity, these works should be programmed and undertaken by Council as soon as possible.	2.2 Short term (0-5 years)
3	Water	3.1 A common issue experienced by many residents within the village is low pressure coming out of the reticulated water main system.	3.1 Pressure and flow modelling of this reticulated water supply system is planned to be undertaken.	3.1 Short term (0-5 years)
4	Lighting	4.1 The village has no streetlights which is a safety issue for residents. Council should advocate for Noonbinna to be included as part of the village street light program.	41 This project has been identified on the 20 year framework plan for Noonbinna in the LSPS as a priority action for the village community. The project is worthy of further investigation to determine the feasibility of connecting to the street light system and ascertaining the requirements of the relevant service provider. This project should be included for consideration in the 2021 Operational Plan review.	41 Long term (10-20 years) and / or as grant funding becomes available.

8.4

NOONBINNA ACTION PLAN

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#	THEME	SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED AT CONSULTATION	PLANNING RESPONSE	ACTION TIMEFRAME
1	Housing	The community is relatively united in the view that strategies should be implemented by Council to help increase the population base of Noonbinna. Without growth, there is a view that the village may struggle to sustain existing levels of service and infrastructure provision. Planning for village expansion should focus on the area north of the existing village and between the railway (for in-fill housing) and the area between the village and Anderson Lane for rural small holdings growth.	Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. The LSPS has identified key areas within the village where opportunities may exist for residential expansion within the village, or where rural small holdings expansion could be considered at a later stage subject to market demand. Changes to the existing zoning provisions in the village are not necessary at this stage. A further review of existing planning provisions is not necessary until the next review of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012 in 5 years time.	No action required at this stage.
2	Density	A potential strategy for encouraging new development within the village is to enable the subdivision of existing properties into 2 or more lots. Some residents suggested that one option is for the density of existing development to be increased (through further subdivision of existing lots). As the local area has access to water and could accommodate a variety of lot sizes. Many disagreed with this approach.	Council has completed a review of the existing planning framework applying to the village. The current minimum lot size applying to new subdivision in the village is 2000m ² . The average holding size for land within the village is approximately 4,000m ² which means that some properties have sufficient land area to be considered for subdivision. The subdivision of land should not occur without proper consideration being given to the need of connecting to utility services, to the provision of access and to the planning of on-site waste disposal. Changes to the existing zoning provisions in the village are not necessary at this stage. A further review of existing planning provisions is not necessary until the next review of Cowra Local Environmental Plan 2012 in 5 years time.	No action required at this stage.
3	Street names	It was unclear among residents whether the current street names (Graham St, Bernie Heilman St) are 'official' names	3.1 The names are recorded in Council's property information system as being official.	3.1 No action required at this stage.



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