



ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

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Work Health & Safety Policy

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Work Health and Safety Policy

Southern Downs Regional Council is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for its employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors to the workplace so far as is reasonably practicable.

Council's work health and safety obligations will be achieved by adopting and promoting the provisions of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* and its associated regulations, codes and standards, together with significant importance placed in the areas of hazard and risk management and injury prevention strategies.

Council understands that creating and maintaining a safe and healthy working environment is a major part of its overall responsibilities, and that all employees must ensure the health and safety of themselves, their fellow employees and visitors in their respective work areas.

In support of this Policy, Council is committed to the provision of work health and safety information to people working at or visiting its workplaces as well as ensuring effective employee and contractor consultation on health and safety matters.

To ensure continuous improvement, Council will establish and monitor measurable work health and safety objectives and targets. Council is also committed to the successful implementation and continual improvement of its safety management system.

Council expects all employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors to its workplaces to follow safe work practices as prescribed by legislation and Council's safety management system and that every effort is made to reduce the risk of injury to themselves and others.

Southern Downs Regional Council regards its work health and safety responsibilities with the utmost importance and as such, appropriate training and resources will be made available to allow Council to comply with relevant legislation and implementation of its safety management system.

To achieve a safe and healthy work environment, commitment and co-operation from all Council employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors is essential.

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TOURISM STRATEGY 2017 – 2020

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SUMMARY

Tourism plays a vital role in the regional economy of the Southern Downs and Granite Belt. The Region's mosaic of unique communities, scenic rural landscapes, adventure activities, National Parks, vineyards and wineries, and its rich tapestry of heritage and culture and diverse range of events, together provide a strong basis to build a vibrant tourism industry.

Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) identifies the significant effect tourism has in creating jobs, sustaining communities, attracting investment and increasing its resident base. The visitor economy (whether it be recreational tourism, visiting friends and relative (VFR) or business travellers) is 'new money' contributed to the local economy which supports jobs, educational and recreational infrastructure services, real estate value and the provision of services, facilities and activities in the community.

To support higher levels of visitation and repeat visitation to the Southern Downs and Granite Belt Region it is important for all those stakeholders involved in the tourism industry to collaborate, as well as encourage higher levels of service within the sector. It is the responsibility of all those involved in the sector to:

- Develop and consistently promote a unique market positioning and brand for the Southern Downs and Granite Belt region
- Develop product and experiences to match visitor demand and improve seasonal dispersal
- Commit to ongoing skills development and training

- Support new and existing events to revitalise the visitor experience
- Develop a visitor service excellence culture
- Determine and promote the value of the visitor economy to the community
- Support the development and assessment of new tourism proposals and applications where possible

To ensure that the Southern Downs and Granite Belt Region grows its share of the tourism and visitor market there needs to be a strong focus on encouraging and attracting visitors through effective marketing and positioning of the Region and its attractions, product development, signature events, and investment in tourism infrastructure throughout the Region.

The Region needs to support the promotion and implementation of priorities of Southern Queensland Country Tourism, as well as actively contribute to the broader objectives of Tourism and Events Queensland. It is important that the Southern Downs Regional Council, in undertaking activities associated with the visitor economy, develop and consistently promote a unique market positioning and brand for the Southern Downs and Granite Belt.

Additionally there is the necessity to develop product and experiences to match visitor demand and improve seasonal dispersal of visitors. This renewal may come through greater engagement with operators and through the review of existing events and the attraction of new events. It is vital that the different stakeholders in the sector work together to investigate the attraction of new major events worthy of further development, including sporting, cultural, food and agricultural events and conferences. Additionally, support needs to be provided to existing events to ensure that the reputation of the Region as an owner of major events is maintained.

There is always the opportunity for the Region to better utilise its existing infrastructure to attract and retain visitors to increase localised expenditure. Ongoing support for the development and maintenance of recreational, arts and cultural facilities, essential for supporting and promoting the liveability and attractiveness of the Region to visitors, is an important commitment of Council.

For example, it is envisaged that upgrades to streetscapes in Stanthorpe, Killarney and Allora will facilitate a more pleasant visitor experience, whilst the provision of water and sewer to Morgan Park will allow the motorsport and horse related clubs to accommodate more people at events that offer a higher quality of service and amenities. It is important that infrastructure is maximised to ensure the highest possible yield from visitors.

In the future it will be important that consideration is given to the development and implementation of a visitor service excellence culture. As the Region attracts more visitors from a diversity of locations in the future, it will be important to ensure that customer service is of the highest level and exceeds visitors' expectations.

This Strategy demonstrates Southern Downs Regional Council's commitment to capitalise on the significant benefits of the tourism industry in enhancing liveability, attracting investment, increasing our skilled workforce and welcoming more visitors to the region.

OUR TARGETS

Growth in population, visitor numbers, average nights and job numbers and investment across the tourism sector are the key priorities of this Strategy. The following targets are measurable goals that the Strategic Priorities identified in the document aim to achieve.

1. **Increase population by 10% by 2020** – Currently at 35,854 with an aim of 39,500
2. **Increase total visitors by 10% by 2020 or by 25% by 2027** – Currently at 787,000 with an aim of 866,000 by 2020 and 984,000 by 2027
3. **Increase average nights by 50% by 2027** – Currently at 1,081,000 with an aim of 1,621,500 by 2027
4. **Increase job numbers in the sector by 10% by 2027** – Currently 910 with an aim of 1,001 by 2027
5. **Increase investment in the sector** – Currently there are 430 businesses identifying as part of the tourism sector. Through actions in this Strategy, SDRC aims to attract more investment in both increasing the capacity of existing businesses or in attracting new businesses.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. FACILITATE AND DEVELOP QUALITY PRODUCTS, EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES

The Southern Downs and Granite Belt offers a solid variety of tourism products, events and experiences across four primary product sectors: events, nature-based active, wine and local flavours and heritage and culture. Growth in visitor numbers and expenditure in the Region is dependent on ensuring the Region's tourism product continues to mature. Attention needs to focus on those niche product sectors that are true to the inherent attributes and strengths of the Region and have the potential to drive new demand.

DEVELOP HIGH QUALITY, INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS, EVENTS AND EXPERIENCES

- Facilitate the development of attractions, events and experiences that will strengthen or complement the four primary sectors
- Promote events as an integral part of the visitor experience
- Attract new events in niche markets - eg: conferences and business meetings, weddings, vintage car clubs, mountain biking, cycling, paddock to plate etc
- Support the industry by offering access to Council funding programs
- Work with industry to encourage targeted investment to strengthen event infrastructure

IMPROVE CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICE CULTURE

- Work with businesses to provide assistance and encourage participation in Seven Day Trading in Warwick and Stanthorpe
- Work with operators to offer programs and workshops to improve customer experiences
- Encourage the development of food and beverage providers' quality, opening hours and variety

2. INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE

At the junction of three major national highways, the Southern Downs and Granite Belt Region is easily accessible to visitors. Ensuring the transport and community infrastructure in the region is modern and high quality is vital in strengthening visitor access, investment and genuine tourism growth.

IMPROVE TRANSPORT AND TRAVEL TO AND THROUGH THE REGION

- Advocate for improved access to the region by working with State and Commonwealth Government to continually improve highway networks and rail access
- Strengthen existing strategic partnership with Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport
- Encourage movement through the region by promoting Tourist Drives
- Prioritise investment in regional roads and access

STRENGTHEN SENSE OF PLACE & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

- Develop a region wide signage strategy and rollout
- Protect the integrity of the region's natural assets through developing appropriate land-use planning and local laws
- Invest in community infrastructure and maintain existing facilities, with a focus on improving event facilities
- Deliver major streetscape beautification projects in Allora, Killarney and Stanthorpe
- Deliver a WIFI project in Warwick and Stanthorpe CBDs and rollout

3. ENHANCE REGIONAL PROMOTION

Promoting the Southern Downs and Granite Belt requires an integrated approach that highlights the unique identities of local areas while creating a greater level of awareness of the Region. It is essential for SDRC to work closely with the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO), Southern Queensland Country, to position and promote the brand in an effective manner to the wider domestic market.

STRENGTHEN TRIP PLANNING TOOLS

- Develop consolidated marketing materials for the entire region including an annual visitor guide, website, information sheets and visitor maps
- Develop a unified destination message that all operators can utilise and embrace

DELIVER MARKETING ACTIVITIES

- Participate in RTO marketing activities and leverage thematic marketing campaigns relating to the wider RTO region
- Work with the RTO and local industry organisations to develop Southern Downs and Granite Belt marketing campaigns to target specific market segments, ensuring the activities implemented by each organisation reinforce each other
- Increase online presence of Southern Downs and Granite Belt brand

DELIVER VISITOR SERVICES

- Operate two accredited Visitor Information Services
- Seek to install or link product or experiences to the Visitor Information Centre

4. BUILD A SKILLED WORKFORCE

SDRC aims to strengthen the skills and experience of its tourism workforce and increase the business capabilities of operators to ensure the industry can meet the growing demands of visitors.

BUILD THE CAPABILITIES OF TOURISM BUSINESSES

- Facilitate access to a programme of appropriate training and professional development, through SDRC, Southern Queensland Country Tourism, Tourism and Events Queensland or other training programs offered by State and Commonwealth Government
- Facilitate access to funding programs offered by State and Commonwealth Government
- Increase the digital capabilities of tourism businesses

STRENGTHEN INDUSTRY PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS & NEW WORKERS

- Strengthen partnership with Queensland College of Wine Tourism (QCWT) and TAFE Queensland South West and support their current and expanded programs
- Work with job placement agencies to develop workforce
- Work with industry on addressing workforce skills gaps
- Seek to attract new resident workers

5. BUILD EFFECTIVE INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

SDRC aims to build effective leadership by continuing to develop meaningful partnerships with local stakeholders and the wider tourism sector while ensuring its commitment to strategic planning remains central to its operations.

DEVELOP A COMMITMENT TO STRATEGIC PLANNING

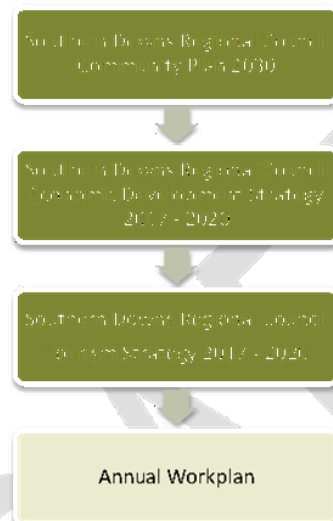
- Develop a commitment to strategic planning and review, ensuring the Strategy is reviewed annually and the related Work Plan is reviewed quarterly by the Tourism Advisory Committee
- Develop intelligence systems that will ensure the industry has a current understanding of industry performance, market trends and funding opportunities
- Continue to access the expertise and counsel of the Tourism Advisory Committee

WORK ALONGSIDE INDUSTRY

- Develop a networking and communications strategy for the local tourism industry
- Develop strong working relationships with Southern Queensland Country Tourism
- Encourage the participation in local tourism action groups, support existing groups and create mechanisms to enhance collaboration
- Investigate potential funding options and organisational structures
- Communicate the value of the visitor economy to the Southern Downs and Granite Belt community

PLANNING AND POLICY

This Strategy will be implemented by the Economic Development and Tourism Unit and is underpinned by an annual workplan.





Wallangarra Urban Design Framework

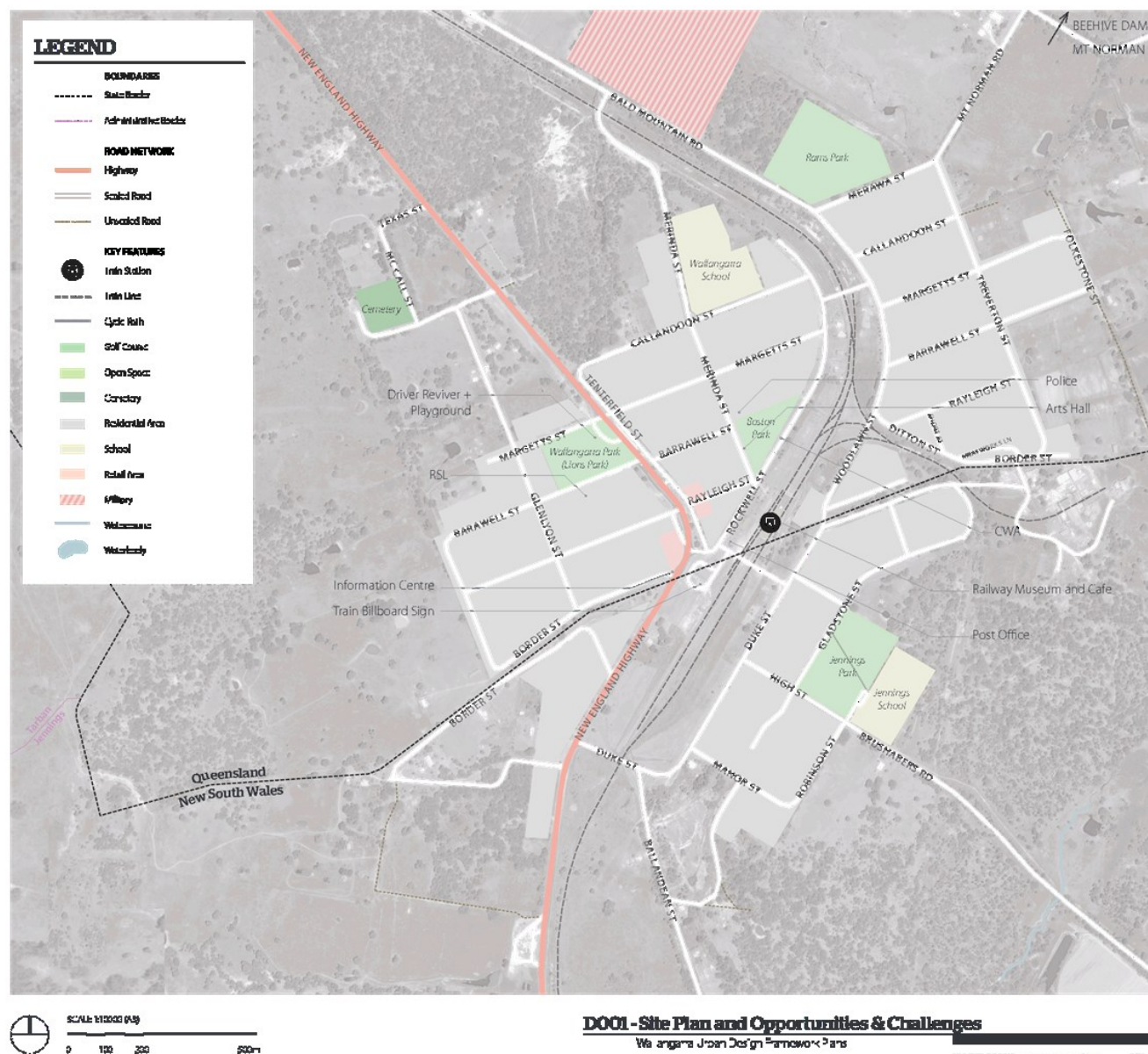


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Opportunities

Gateways

- Gateway to Queensland
- Gateway to Southern Downs and Granite Belt
- A gateway to Glarween National Park

Tourism

- New England Highway frequented by tourists – Wallangarra can become a place to stop
- Train, Army, Agricultural Heritage
- Although it is gateway to Girraween National Park, this is not well known

Infrastructure

- Good local parks with existing community facilities such as Town Hall, Driver Reviver, Small playground, and football fields
- Some local shops, post office and information centre

Community Support

- Following consultation with the community there was a strong community passion and spirit displayed that could be harnessed

Challenges

Barriers

- Physical barriers Highway and Rail line.
- Governmental (State and Local) barrier – Queensland/NSW and Southern Downs Regional Council/Tenterfield Shire Council border
- Both a “Gateway” and also one half of a community of Wallangarra-Jennings

Employment and Growth

- Wallangarra was once an employment hub – but some major industrial employers have shut down and other large employers (such as the Army) have reduced staff
- Little projected population growth
- Wallangarra pub has closed down (loss of accommodation)

Place Identity

- Sense of placelessness and lack of identity
- Other towns claim to be the gateway to Queensland

LEGEND

Expanded descriptions of projects is on D005.

Priority Projects

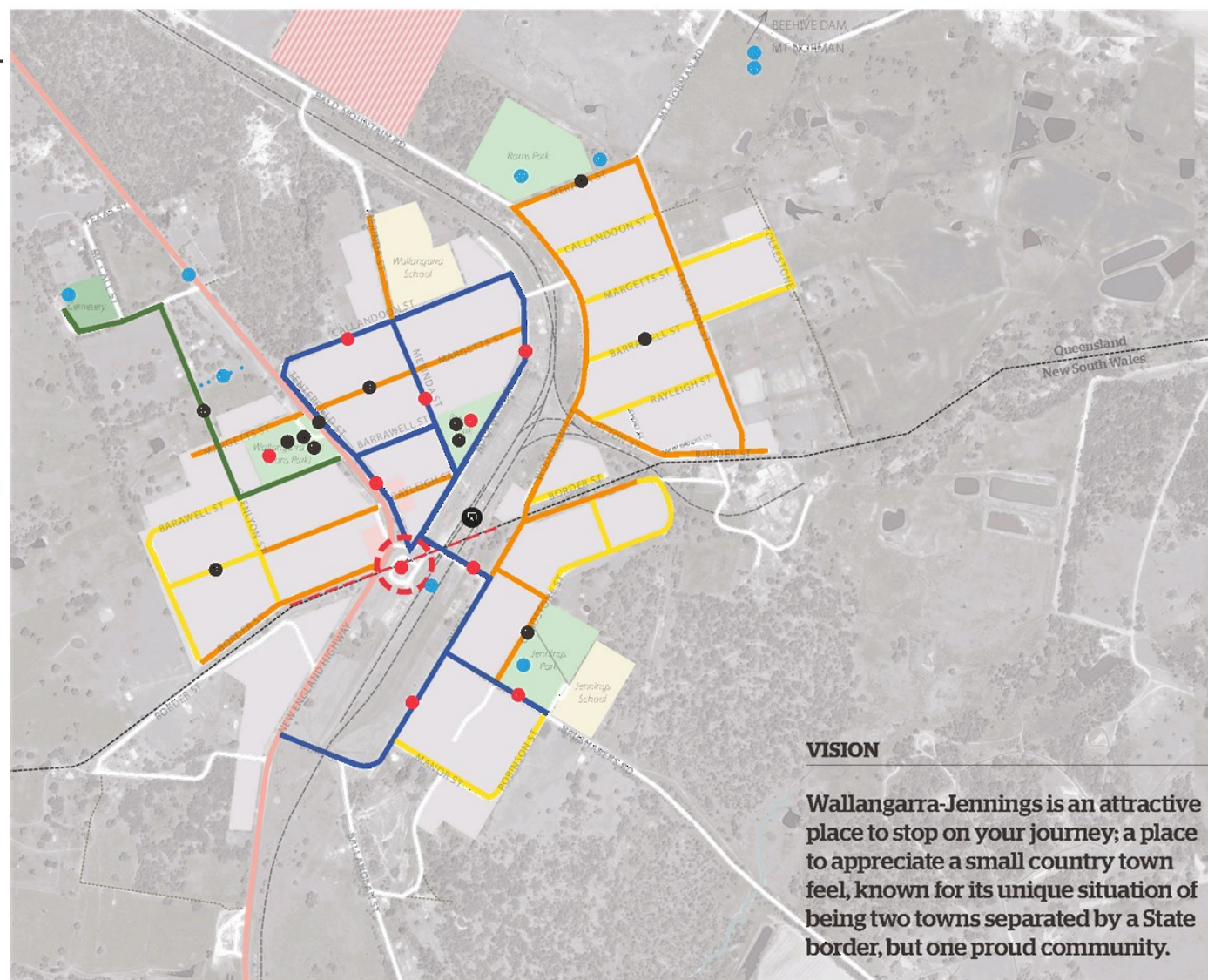
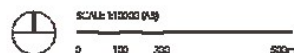
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- 4. Primary Streets - Streetscape Improvement

Projects

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- 7. Boston Park Improvements:
 - a. Playground
 - b. Learn to ride facility
 - c. Large shelters
 - d. Amphitheatre / Stage
 - e. Men's Shed
- 8. Secondary and Tertiary Streetscape Improvements
 - a. Pathways with street trees for shade
 - b. Pedestrian refuge (to be coordinated with State Government)
- 9. Display of old Military place/s (not shown on plan)
- 10. Wallangarra-Jennings tourist walk (not shown on plan)
- 11. Wallangarra Park Improvements Including:
 - a. Replace broken and removed seating and tables
 - b. Bollards to restrict drivers
 - c. Upgrade playground and add shade
 - d. Upgrade of Driver Reviver building
 - e. Move Information Centre
- 12. Memorial walk
- 13. Digital Community Sign

Long Term Projects

- 14. Skate Park (Jennings)
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- 17. Town Entry Beautification
- 18. Border Highlands Junction Eco-Park
- 19. Cemetery Map
- 20. BMX Track
- 21. Environmental Corridor
- 22. Little Athletics Facilities
- 23. Improve Beehive Dam Facilities



VISION

Wallangarra-Jennings is an attractive place to stop on your journey; a place to appreciate a small country town feel, known for its unique situation of being two towns separated by a State border, but one proud community.

D002 - Vision and Urban Design Framework

Wallangarra Urban Design Framework

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Priority Projects

1. Improvements to Entry to Queensland

A key priority that would have the greatest benefit to Wallangarra is improving the 'Entry to Queensland'. The aim of this improvement would be to encourage tourists to stop and to have a unique experience, celebrate what is different about Wallangarra and showcase some of the town's history. The project has flow on economic benefits in supporting more tourism in the town, and encouraging people to stop and buy items at the local shops.

Several projects are proposed to achieve these aims.

- Giant "QUEENSLANDER" letters located near the Train sign. Local Billy Moore, rugby league player (born in Tenterfield) coined the phrase "Queenslander" and so it's appropriate to use it at the entry.
- Addition of shelters, picnic tables and BBQs near the Train sign to further encourage people to stop on their journey.
- Artistic interpretations along the border line – these could be the creation of the line in concrete similar to what has been done on at the station.
- Celebration of the marker trees along the border line, and improving the general amenity and access.
- Car and RV pull in spaces for temporary parking so that people can take photographs of the new interventions.
- Improve entry to Train Station.
- Creation of a Queenslander pack which would include samples, discounts and information when entering the state.



Inspiration - Brisbane letters

2. Community Garden

During the community consultation undertaken in July 2017, the community strongly supported the idea of a Community Garden. It is proposed that garden beds, irrigation, and a garden shed be added to Boston Park. The aim of this improvement is to galvanise community spirit. A proud community will encourage more people to live in Wallangarra, which can have flow-on effects of an increase in population and more people shopping locally.

3. Caravan / RV

A short stay caravan and/or RV facility is proposed in Wallangarra

Park. This prominent town location is off the New England Highway, and would be behind the Driver Reviver facility. The aim of this caravan/RV facility would be to encourage visitors to Wallangarra who would shop in town and enjoy the place. It could even be promoted as the "first in Queensland" as it would physically be the first driving into the State.

There are opportunities to partner with CMCA (Caravan and Motorhome Club of Australia) or to become an RV friendly town. A challenge will be the installation of a 'dump site' as the town's septic system may not be compatible.

4. Primary Streets - Streetscape Improvement

Improvements to primary streets are proposed. These streets form a network connecting key attractions and important part of town such as Wallangarra School, Wallangarra Park, Barracott Street, Boston Park, Railway Station, and Queensland Entry. If Tenterfield Shire Council also participate this street network could connect Jennings Park and Jennings School.

This improved streetscape would include footpaths, street trees for shade (local species such as Wallangarra Gum and Wattle could be considered), and kerb and channelling.

The aim of this project is to improve walkability for residents and visitors. This will have flow on economic benefits by creating a more desirable place for people to work, live and recreate.

Projects

5. Wallangarra-Jennings Town Tourist Sign

Map showing main attractions in town, historic information, community group information, and information about historic walks (requires Tenterfield Shire Council partnership)

6. Fitness Stations

In both Boston Park (for community) and Lions Park (as another driver reviver technique)

7. Boston Park Improvements Including:

- a. Playground – a focus on an older age group (eg. climbing and rope structures) with shade
- b. Learn to ride facility
- c. Large shelters with picnic tables, BBQs, lighting (appropriate for family gatherings, birthdays etc.)
- d. Amphitheatre / Stage
- e. Men's Shed

8. Secondary and Tertiary Streetscape Improvements

(extends into Jennings and would require Tenterfield Shire Council partnership)

- a. Pathways with street trees for shade
- b. Pedestrian refuge (to be coordinated with State Government)

9. Display of old Military place/s

(not shown on plan - sites to be determined based on pieces selected)

10. Wallangarra-Jennings tourist walk

Plaques through town at key information spots with further information given out at the Driver Reviver and displayed online (could also consider an app and future augmented reality curated works) (not shown on plan - sites to be determined during consultation with the community and after research)

11. Lions Park Improvements Including:

- a. Replace broken and removed seating and tables
- b. Bollards to restrict drivers
- c. Upgrade playground and add shade
- d. Upgrade of Driver Reviver building
- e. Move Information Centre

12. Memorial walk

Tree lined walk (each tree representing a fallen soldier) from RSL to cemetery

13. Digital Community Sign

Displaying community group information and what is on in town

Long Term Projects

14. Skate Park in Jennings

(by Tenterfield Shire Council)

15. Happy Valley Road Playground

Younger children's place space along Happy Valley Road

16. New England Highway Signage review

To be more consistent with signage (to be coordinated with State Government)

17. Town Entry Beautification

(to be coordinated with State Government)

18. Border Highlands Junction Eco-Park

(as per 1999 plans by John Blake Architect) (by Tenterfield Shire Council)

19. Cemetery Map

with information about who is buried where, with the ability to be easily updated

20. BMX Track

21. Environmental Corridor

Addition of Dry Creek rocks, environmental interpretative signage

22. Little Athletics Facilities

23. Improve Beehive Dam Facilities

Add toilets, picnic facilities, canoe/kayak launch point etc. (note private land may need to be purchased to create public entry)

Big Ideas

- Aged Care Facility
- Mountain Bike Trail in hilly area nearby
- Establishment of a Special Entertainment precinct in town
- Performance Art Centre
- District Rugby Union Team
- Information Centre leading to Girraween National Park
- Solar grid – community owned and operated
- Refugee resettlement centre
- Health advocacy centre
- Diesel passenger train from Toowoomba to Wallangarra running once a week

Community Event Suggestions

- Recycled Art Festival
- Markets
- Music event (using new stage)
- New musicians festival
- Town Faery celebration, community hanging Cloughies and creation of wishing tree – lead by local enthusiasts
- Garden Festival and Trail (through Wallangarra and Jennings)
- Tug-o-War – Queensland vs. NSW

DOO3 - Project Descriptions

Wallangarra Urban Design Framework

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Track

WALLANGARRA URBAN FRAMEWORK

Community Consultation Notes 2017

Information about Wallangarra

- POW Camp 1942 – Army
- Train Station building is listed as one of 7 Arch icons of Australia
- RSL – food night - \$10 – 2 courses
- Hall = hub – ANZAC + school
- Meat works – couldn't keep up with comp.
- Meat works – lots out of work!
- Abattoir sold. Fruit tinning plant
- Note - Jennings pub + Jennings camping
- Disparagingly called “Wally World” by Stanthorpe and known as “End of the Earth”
- Steam train once a month
- Local artist creates pieces for Cracker Night at Tenterfield and some are in his garden
- Little Train used to run (by Brian Jennings)
- Two towns, one community
- Wallangarra Wattle + Gum (endemic)
- Jennings do car boot market
- Markets 1st Sunday of month – w. railway
- 1890 deed to town
- “Country Feel” – keep small country town
- 100 yr old Church Union – needs TLC
- Stone Houses (Mt Norman Road)
- Used to be employment hub – lived in Stanthorpe or T. – employment
- Troops came in WWII (train)
- Quarantine Camp for Spanish Flu 1918 Border
- Beehive Dam. Lovely but littered
- Boarder marker existing
- Local researchers – cemetery – local soldiers – interpretive
- Hard to navigate
- ANZAC Day
- Outdoor films + Christmas (existing)
- Used to do Passport Info Centre
- Good community feel
- Lovely area
- Happy Valley

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- Arrow Rock – true north
- 1870s Cairn Survey Point 9 km
- Route to Mt Norman 4WD
- Walk possible between Mt Norman to Girraween

Project Suggestions

- Map – walk numbered
- Footpaths! Corner Rockwell St to school
- Historical walk
- Community Garden – school gets one garden bed, different organstaions each get a garden bed etc.
- Trees, tables, tree sculpture, both sides of border
- Skate park in Lions Park. Must be visual and lit
- Welcome to Qld sign - remove!
- Shaded picnic tables
- Seats behind Driver Reviver missing – need to be replaced
- Posts to stop parking in/around Lions park
- Amenities with solar + battery back up to RV / caravan
- Fitness
- Outdoor area – for older children at Boston Park
- Tidy up park, focus on maintenance, fruit trees (apple), Wallangarra Gum
- Area to decorate at Christmas – amphitheatre
- Coming into town – beautification into town (not using same designers into town). Tentafield + Stanthorpe too similar.
- Needs to happen in conjunction w. Tentafield Shire Council (Jennings) – cohesion
- Caravan park “First In Qld”
- Where could the Main Street be? More people shopping
- Amphitheatre for community get-togethers made from granite. Xmas faery celebrations
- (CMCA) Campervan + motorhome Australia (manned camps) – willing to lease land
- “Learn to ride a bike (cycle)” for park little ones. Possibly at Boston Park next to the police station.
- Big gazebo w. BBQ + picnic tables + toilets
- More emphasis on the border. Ornate arch
- Pedestrian Refuge across Main Rd.
- More away from highway
- Several km of pathways

- Make people want to stop – nice meandering footpaths – series of walkways + cycleways
- Have a 'skate bowl' incorporated into a 'family friendly' precinct
- Garden trail through Wallangarra + Jennings
- District Rugby Union team
- Beautification – gateway to Granite Belt. This is where it starts. Gateway to Girraween
- Fairy tree suggested – attract kids
- Sign trail museum more clearly (freel) maintain museum
- Historical trail meandering through Wallangarra + Jennings plaques
- Something done at the cut out of the train. Maybe table because at present it's really nothing
- Historic trail
- CMCA (Caravan + Motoring Association)
- Remove train billboard – replace with better art (high quality)
- Trees from RSL to cemetery representing fallen soldiers can be part of historical work
- Dry creek bed with plants – signs with local plants
- Bus shelter on highway – bus spot for all buses
- Old signs need to be removed
- Maps of where graves are
- Historical market more prominent – tourist attraction
- Adopt a tree – footpaths
- Dump site – caravan (max 6 days) decent amount of time
- Parking – Lions Park. "Mini park" on streetscape – feeling friendly + inviting through town
- mountain bike trail (like Darby, TAS)
- Mtn Bike park Derby Tas. Need 400m downhill rare + sort after
- Railway trolleys + other railway heritage items around station + undercover. Enhance railway station
- Digital sign – promoting local business + events (one community member currently pays for this)
- Showcase of Queensland
- Information site for Girraween Entry
- Other users for the Recreation Ground? Little Athletics? Jnr Soccer?
- NZ – cars tourist (4-6 people – uses existing rail line), rail tours
- Large picnic table shelters to be inspired by Railway building Architecture – QLD and NSW side

Event Suggestions

- Four Winds Festival (see for stage)
- Jumpers in July (Warwick)
- Arts / music / drama
- Faery tree
- Recycled art festival – use tip
- New musician festival – New musician Incubator
- Garden Trail (festival)
- Wishing tree –cloths / ribbons
 - Can be found in many countries, representing many different beliefs + religions
 - Why Wallanagara / Jennings? Doorways, archways, crossroads act as portals to the Faery World!
 - Vision: plant trees apple fruit trees associated with faery, Silky Oaks. Create a garden with Tree Sculpture as focal point. Plant 3 sapling trees on each side
 - Include the whole town in the culture of the wishing / faery / blessing tree
 - Encourage all community members to hang Cloughties Ribbons on their own trees in their gardens
 - Plan annual festival around Wishing Tree traditions. Spring time or harvest time of year
 - Glen Innes have Celtic Festival connected to “Standing Stones”. Family friendly entertainment
 - Community gardens encouraged to include wishing trees in garden.
- Glenirís Celtic Festival
 - German
 - Irish Immigrants
- NSW / QLD inbetween space
 - Portal between fairy space
 - Tree sculpture
 - Plantings
- Find Wally Festival

Big Ideas

- Aged care facility
- Performance Arts Centre
- Section 264 – Special Ent Precinct
- Sustainable power/water sources - Regional towns need to be more self-sufficient
- Become a Green Solar Town!
- Solar grid – community owned + operated (w. batteries to store)
- Artist showcase space
- Small Bunnings
- Aged care – brings jobs; sustainable farm; army grants(?), JOBS
- Nuclear dump point on Commonwealth land
- Refugee resettlement immigration centre
- Aged care
- Health professional coming in – advocacy for mental health, etc. – clinic, social + health –
- Tom Burns Foundation, Jillian Maron
- Passenger train diesel – 3 coaches to Toowoomba to Wallangarra 1 day a week
- Prison Work Farm

Other notes

- On the holidays – bins need to be removed more
- Toilets need to be cleaned more – tourism
- Old post office needs to be something else
- Excessive F4s at Driver Reviver
- If specialist advise about fitness stations is needed – previous resident Chris is happy to be contacted (Council have been given his contact details)
- For contact about music in town the following people could be contacted – Mrs Holstrum (brass bands); Michael + Theresa (Post Office) – Classical
- Cairns – Indigenous art festival – use rubbish to create art on the beach
- Council rates too high – not attractive
- NSW white Gov. sign wrong way
- Needs to be more vibrant



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

Nepal – Fellowship Project

18 July 2017

LG Professionals Australia is launching a fellowship program with Nepal to support Nepal's decentralisation process. The fellowship aims to build the capacity of local government professionals and elected representatives in Nepal by creating a bridge between the local government sectors of Australia and Nepal, allowing participants to share experiences and expertise.

Over a three-year period, fifteen Nepalese fellows will visit Australia annually for two weeks, and seven Australian local government professionals with suitable expertise will visit Nepal for one week each year. As part of their visit to Australia the Nepalese fellows will be hosted by Australian councils to experience day-to-day operations and share learnings on-site.

LG Professionals Australia is calling for expressions of interest from potential host councils. We will select three to five councils from across the country to host the fellows for up to one week in September 2017.

Interested councils must be members of LG Professionals Australia, or its state offices, and need to nominate one point of contact for the fellows, taking responsibility for the placement and ensuring the fellows have a productive and effective experience of Australian councils' functions.

Host Australian councils will be invited to nominate one representative to visit Nepal for a week, to provide specialist local government expertise and guidance to the Nepalese local government sector and to experience how the local government sector works in Nepal.

LG Professionals Australia will cover all travel expenses; including airfares, accommodation and per diem.

Please contact our International Programs and Policy Manager, M Mizanur Rahman, at: programs@lgprofessionalsaustralia.org.au by 4 August, 2017 to register your interest or for more information.



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24th July, 2017

To:
David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer
Southern Downs Regional Council

Dear Mr Keenan,

The Queensland Road Team Series came to Warwick on the 1st and 2nd of July 2017 and brought 160 riders across male and female race categories to the region.

We just wanted to reach out and thank you for your support of this great event, local businesses and residents were very welcoming and we're really looking forward to coming back to Warwick and bringing more cycle events to the region again in the near future.

It is rare to find regions that support cycling with such enthusiasm, so on behalf of Cycling Queensland, the Event Organisers and the Rider that took part, thank you for your hospitality and support of cycling.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Muir".

Sean Muir
Chief Executive Officer
Cycling Queensland



Sunday 23rd July 2017

Meeting with Councillor Vic Pennisi

It is absolutely clear the SDMB Club Inc Meeting on the 4th July 2017 – on the basis of Community Consultation – was in fact, an abuse of the consultative process.

The SDRC Manager for Economic Development – took control of the Meeting less than a quarter of the way through proceedings – from the Meeting Chair, SDMBC Inc President Michael Foresto (also a SDRC Employee). In doing so, this Manager was able to control the meeting process, who could speak and for how long.

As can be seen from the SDMBC Inc Facebook Page dated 16th June 2017 – the Community Audience was seeded with the MB Club supporters – prepared with so called MB Statistics and false information. This allowed the SDRC Manager to select these people to speak and present their support over and above any proper community concerns. The prolonged support to the Girraween Park Ranger, Jo McClaren (?) to speak at length was a case in point.

It is absolutely clear, that both Managers from SDRC (Mgr CS & MP and Mgr EC) had stepped out of their private capacity attendance, to influence and control the Meeting, as SDRC Representatives – given that no Councillors were in attendance.

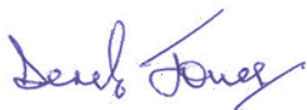
Reported in the Border Post 18th July 2017 – the proposed MB Tracks on Mount Marlay had been approved in Principle by SDRC.

I ask Cr. Vic Pennisi to table concerns to SDRC, that Stanthorpe Community has – on the very clear methods SDRC Staff have made to facilitate this proposal. Without correct community consultation.

I also ask this major development to change the Recreational Use of Mount Marlay and the methods used to gain approval – are presented to the Queensland Government Environmental and Heritage Minister.

In addition, in the Communities Interest. I believe this development should be stopped, immediately, until correct process with the Heritage Factors to MM are properly established and the environmental issues are professionally addressed.

Thank you



Derek Jones
A Concerned Citizen of Stanthorpe Community



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Mr David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer
Southern Downs Regional Council
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24th July 2017

Dear David

RE: Rezoning 22 and 22A South Street and 20 Herbert Street Allora

We wish to join with Denny's Engineering and Welding Pty Ltd (Dennys) in requesting Council to proceed with rezoning various parcels of land at 22 and 22a South Street and 20 Herbert St in Allora from Low density residential to Industry as was envisaged earlier this year.

We would see it as entirely inappropriate if 22 and 22a South Street was rezoned without the same decision being made for 20 Herbert Street.

We are aware of correspondence to Council from Dennys where they have sought to set out why their land (and by association, our land) should indeed be rezoned as Industry given the obvious industrial use of both properties stretching back over many decades and indeed prior to the existence of a lawful Town Plan.

It is true that both businesses are located in close proximity to residential dwellings however, the industrial usage of both properties predates many residences and industrial usage of these properties has never ceased.

The underlying zoning of the properties as low density residential never made sense and we have long argued it was a mistake given its obvious historical usage.

Whilst it is possible to expand both businesses into additional locations as Dennys have sought to do, the fact remains that both properties have significant permanent improvements thus preventing any wholesale shift of each business to a new location and therefore allowing the land to be utilized in any reasonable way as a low density residential site.

We realise that there have been objections from affected residents. However, the zoning categorisation itself does not change the fact that activities carried out on both properties are obviously reflective of an Industry Zoning. Both businesses are lawfully operating on these properties and have done so for decades. As far as I am aware, both businesses can continue to do so into the future regardless of what the Zoning states.

Objections arguing the existence of suitable alternative Industry zoned land is not relevant in this particular case. The issue relates solely to the fact that both properties were erroneously zoned Low density residential in the initial town plan some years ago.

We concur with Dennys arguments that it is a nonsense to have such an anomaly regarding the zoning which in turn creates numerous issues for both businesses in defending to owners and stakeholders the logic of operating a full scale Industrial business on low density residential zoned land that has little chance of ever being utilized as such.

We would respectfully ask that Council sees fit to proceed with its proposal to rezone both properties to their correct and most logical zoning category.

Yours sincerely

Chris Hood
Director

2017-18 W4Q list of projects			
Project title	Project category	Project description	W4Q project budget (GST Excl.) \$
Recreation Area, Queens Park, Quart Pot Creek, Connolly Dam & Washpool Reserve and small villages (BBQ's and covered seats)	Cultural & recreational	This project provides facilities for recreational users at these locations.	\$ 150,000
Dungaree Memorial	Cultural & recreational	Dungaree commemorative memorial space	\$ 135,000
Killarney Multipurpose Facility	Cultural & recreational	Complete refurbishment of existing Scout Building into a multi purpose facility.	\$ 275,000
Multi Purpose Vehicle fitout - Disaster Centre/Library	Disaster mitigation	Enhanced internal fitout of new mobile library, tailored to requirements for use as a mobile disaster coordination centre	\$ 75,000
RV friendly parks	Cultural & recreational	Wallangarra RV rest area	\$ 50,000
Willi Street relocation	Cultural & recreational	Relocation of Rainbow FM, Men's Shed, Warwick Wood Crafters & Warwick Artist Group to a suitable location.	\$ 420,000
Burial Wall at Warwick cemetery	Cemeteries	Construct a burial wall at Warwick cemetery	\$ 180,000
Regions Art Gallery upgrade	Cultural & recreational	Regions art gallery upgrades	\$ 150,000
Killarney Streetscape stage 2	Roads & bridges	Killarney Streetscape stage 2	\$ 50,000
Wallangarra Urban Design	Economic development	Infrastructure project	\$ 100,000
Industrial Land Development	Economic development	Extending and developing the Stanthorpe Industrial area	\$ 700,000
Warwick CBD Footpath Improvements	Economic development	Warwick footpaths improvements - Fitzroy to Victoria Street (on Palmerin Street) & Palmerin to Guy Street (on Fitzroy Street)	\$ 250,000
Condamine River, Walk/Cycle path	Cultural & recreational	Condamine River Walking and Cycle path extension from Weir	\$ 115,000
Fitzroy Street, Rehabilitation	Economic development	Fitzroy Street rehabilitation and stabilisation	\$ 250,000
		Total	\$ 2,900,000