



ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

26 MAY 2021

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SOUTHERN DOWNS INNOVATION & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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1. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Southern Downs Innovation & Development Committee (SDIDC) needs to be read in conjunction with the Councillors Portfolios, Advisory Committees and Other Committees Policy (PL-EX021).

2. Background

As with all Australian local authorities, the Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) faces a rapidly changing environment. This presents a range of challenges - financial and otherwise - to do 'more with less', meeting existing and emerging demands. At the same time, such change presents new opportunities (potentially involving both the public and private sector) that need to be explored, developed and, as appropriate, applied.

The key overall objective of any local authority is to protect and improve the physical, social / community and economic wellbeing of the community, and to encourage development across the public and private sector that is fit for purpose and sustainable (in the widest sense of that word).

These are not simply matters for government itself but must include the attraction, holding and supporting of desirable and sustainable private investment.

Despite the pressing issues referred to above, radical change is not always the answer – noting too the statutory responsibilities and obligations that apply. It does mean however that, given such changing environments and demands, a simple 'business as usual' approach will not provide optimum outcomes into the future.

The experience of other authorities / senior individuals in addressing such challenges / opportunities may provide a guide for this region. Short term responses and longer term strategies may be required.

3. Purpose

Sponsored by and reporting to the Mayor, it is proposed that a Southern Downs Innovation & Development Committee be established to provide advice to the Mayor (and to others as he sees fit) to undertake the following roles:

On strategic and service/delivery ideas:

1. To assist, as required, in providing impartial, senior and expert advice / input on such challenges and opportunities as requested by the Mayor or his specific delegate.
2. To provide advice / suggestions to the Mayor, solicited or not, as to other threats and / or opportunities that, in the opinion of the SDIDC and /or a SDIDC Member, appear worthy of attention / further investigation.
3. As requested by the Mayor, to be further involved in advancing a response to any of the above matters, including the use of networks, imparting skills and related matters in a collegiate and supportive manner.
4. To provide general and specific advice / input in the support for innovation across all parts / aspects of the Southern Downs region – public and private sector, new and existing initiatives.

4. Tenure of the SDIDC

Committee membership would normally be for two years renewable, but membership can be terminated at any time and by either party on 30 days' notice. It would envisaged that, to

continually refresh the group, there would, over time, be a regular turnover of membership. On specific matters / projects particularly, the Mayor has the right to add additional new members for that task, probably for a limited duration.

5. Membership and Structure of Membership

The SDIDC will typically have six to eight members who bring senior strategic, corporate and operational experience, networks and other specialist skills likely to be of assistance. They will be appointed by the Mayor (in consultation as the Mayor considers necessary and appropriate).

Involvement in the SDIDC will be on an honorary basis, reflecting the interests of the individual members to support the region and SDRC. Costs in attending meetings or in associated activities will be met by SDRC, provided that prior approval is obtained from the Chief Executive and Officer and receipts for any claims are provided.

6. Appointment of Councillors to the SDIDC

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will represent SDRC and be appointed to the SDIDC by resolution at an Ordinary or Special Council Meeting.

7. Quorum

There will be no set quorum for the SDIDC.

8. Duties Entrusted to the SDIDC

All matters and suggestions presented by the Committee will be carefully considered by the Mayor and will be advanced / implemented, in whole or in part, in conjunction with SDRC consideration. It is recognized that this Committee has an advisory, not decision-making, function. For a range of reasons, not least of all, resourcing, corporate responsibility, risk and overall stated priorities of SDRC, some matters / suggestions simply will not proceed. It is incumbent upon the Committee (and with input from the Mayor) to set a balance between innovative ideas and suggestions and the practicalities of a Queensland local authority and its fundamental roles. With this in mind, the number of initiatives addressed should be reasonably limited to a manageable number.

The SDIDC will not, in the normal course of events, have any interface with the wider council, SDRC staff nor other, external third parties. However, over time and strictly as directed by the Mayor, such interfaces may emerge on specific initiatives / projects.

In undertaking these duties, SDIDC members will have due regard to s5.3.4 of SDRC's **"Councillor Portfolios, Advisory Committees or other Committee Policy"**, specifically 5.3.4 (b) *all members of an Advisory Committee must ensure that there is no conflict or possible conflict between the member's private interests and the honest performance of the member's role of advising or making a recommendation to Council.*

9. Administrative Support

SDRC will provide administrative support to the SDIDC by way of distributing the Notice of Meetings, Agendas, Minutes and writing relevant reports to SDRC which includes the minutes of SDIDC meetings. SDRC will provide appropriate advice and administrative support to assist the SDIDC to achieve its goals and aspirations.

10. Meetings

SDIDC will meet approximately every two months (with an initial meeting involving a half-day establishment workshop) and other meetings being either in person or via zoom. Those meetings will have an agenda that includes the Mayor's issues/matters/opportunities that he wishes to discuss with the group and an opportunity for more general discussions that the members of the group may wish to raise.

The meetings will be confidential and only agreed general notes will be taken and circulated to the group.

Such an initiative will only be successful if continuity is maintained and there would be an expectation on all members to attend meetings and to have some inter-meeting activities.

The initial meeting of the group will involve a half-day workshop which will:

1. Clarify role, protocols and activities;
2. Be provided with a confidential briefing from the Mayor on overall status of the region and where this group may best provide support;
3. Develop up a general work plan for following 6 months – 12 months; and
4. Set a program for further meetings of the group.

11. Presentations to Meetings

Guests or subject experts may be invited to attend, present to and contribute to the SDIDC meetings at the Mayor's discretion.

12. Agenda

Items for the agenda must be provided to SDRC a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

The agenda will be forwarded to members at least three (3) working days prior to the meeting.

13. Reporting to Council

The draft minutes of the SDIDC meetings shall be reviewed by the Mayor within 7 days of the meeting.

The SDIDC shall report regularly on its activities, provide SDRC with guidance and/or make recommendations to SDRC through the provision of the SDIDC meeting minutes to SDRC.

The minutes of each SDIDC meeting shall be attached to an agenda report to be dealt with accordingly at a Council Meeting, as appropriate, following each SDIDC meeting.



Grants to Community Policy

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1 Purpose

The Grants to Community Policy is designed to meet the *Local Government Regulation 2012* statutory requirement, noted below at item 3, and to outline Council's commitment to supporting communities in the region by providing financial assistance.

Council recognises the important contribution community organisations and community members make to the safety, health, equity, vibrancy and inclusiveness of their communities. Council's *Grants to Community* program will foster a community wide partnership approach to addressing social, cultural, environmental and economic objectives.

2 Scope

This policy applies primarily to the following *Grants to Community* Funding Streams and is to be read in conjunction with the Grants to Community Guidelines:

- a) *Grants to Community* – Community Grant

In addition, the following will be briefly addressed:

- b) Major Event Sponsorship;
- c) Annual Operational Funding Recipients;
- d) Regional Arts Development Fund ("RADF"); and
- e) Council as an Auspicing Organisation.

This policy does not apply to River Improvement Trusts.

3 Legislative Context

Local Government Regulation 2012, Part 5

Section 194 Grants to Community Organisations

A local government may give a grant to a community organisation only –

- (a) *If the local government is satisfied –*
 - (i.) *the grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and the community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local government's community grants policy.*

Section 195 Community Grants Policy

*A local government must prepare and adopt a policy about local government grants to community organisations (a **community grants policy**), which includes the criteria for a community organisation to be eligible for a grant from the local government.*

4 Policy Details

The purpose of *Grants to Community* is to offer financial assistance to community members and not-for-profit community organisations for their facilities and activities.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Grants to Community Guidelines.

4.1 Governance

The governance of *Grants to Community* is undertaken by Council staff in accordance with the Grants to Community Policy and Grants to Community Guidelines.

4.2 Funding Streams

Council offers the following Grants to Community Funding Streams subject to budgetary allocation each financial year:

- a) *Grants to Community* - Community Grant

4.3 Grants to Community Philosophy

The *Grants to Community* is developed with a philosophy of partnership, whereby Council provides a range of grants to encourage, engage and support groups in the community to make a positive and ongoing contribution to the region's environmental sustainability, community wellbeing, economic prosperity and cultural and sporting life. *Grants to Community* will be via a competitive process, with ongoing funding not guaranteed.

4.4 Grants to Community Guidelines

Council's grant programs are administered in accordance with the guidelines. The guidelines set out the philosophy, objectives, eligibility, application and assessment criteria, acquittal process and the terms and conditions. Guidelines are approved by Council in conjunction with the Grants to Community Policy and are reviewed annually.

4.5 Grants to Community Funding

The allocation of funds for *Grants to Community* will be in accordance with Council's budget priorities and the objectives of Council's Shaping Southern Downs (or other visionary document), Corporate and Strategic Plans. The amount of funding made available each year will be determined by Council in its annual budget process.

4.6 Grants to Community Criteria for Eligibility

- The applicant organisation, or its auspicing organisation, need to be a legal incorporated not-for-profit ("NFP") entity and will be required to attach evidence of its legal structure to the grant application.

The four (4) common legal structures that are used to incorporate a not-for-profit organisation based in Queensland are:

- Incorporated Association ("IA")
- Company Limited by Guarantee ("CLG")
- Cooperative ("Co-Op")
- Indigenous Corporation ("IC")

The Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission ("ACNC") registers NFP charitable organisations that generally use one of the above four legal structures ("Charity").

- The applicant organisation, or its auspicing organisation, needs to have an Australian Business Number ("ABN") and attach evidence to the application form.
- The applicant organisation must operate within the Southern Downs Regional Council area.
- The applicant organisation, or its auspicing organisation, needs to confirm that it has fully acquitted any previous funding received from Council.
- The applicant needs to advise if it has any debt to Council which includes, outstanding lease fees, capital loan repayments, rates, debts or scheduled payment arrangements.
- The applicant organisation, or its auspicing organisation, needs to demonstrate it has current and appropriate insurance cover for the project and attach evidence to the application form.
- The applicant organisation needs to confirm if it has a Lease with Council and, if it does, needs to insert the Lease Number in the application form.

4.7 Grants to Community Assessment

Grants to Community – Community Grant

Assessment of the pre-eligibility criteria for the *Grants to Community* – Community Grant applications will be undertaken by a delegated Council officer.

The Assessment & Moderation Panel members will be provided with all applications which meet pre-eligibility criteria.

The Assessment & Moderation Panel are responsible for individually assessing the Application Assessment Criteria for each Community Grant application and will attend the Moderation Meeting to compile the recommended short-listed applicants to be presented to a General Council Meeting for adoption.

The Assessment & Moderation Panel shall consist of the following members:

- Two (2) Councillors - nominated by the Council;
- Two (2) Council officers from the Community Services section of Council ; and
- One (1) Council officer from another department.

4.8 Size of Grants

The maximum grant available for each Funding Stream is noted below however, the average grant awarded may be less. Council is not able to be the sole funder for every project and has the discretion to offer applicants partial funding.

Applicants may receive only one Community Grant per financial year.

Grants to Community Funding Streams are subject to budgetary allocation each financial year.

Funding Stream	Maximum Grant Available
Grants to Community – Community Grant	Capped at \$5,000

4.9 Type of Grant

The *Grants to Community* – Community Grant will be offered as a continuing program to not-for-profit organisations of the Southern Downs region either once or twice each financial year, through Round One (1) and Round Two (2).

4.10 Promotion

The *Grants to Community* will be promoted using a combination of one or more of the following approaches:

- Online via the Southern Downs Regional Council's website;
- Media releases & advertisements in local newspapers;
- Community Information Sessions;
- Direct email;
- Telephone 'on-hold' message;
- Facebook;
- MY SDRC App;
- Southern Downs eNews; and
- Customer Service Centres.

4.11 Policy Outcomes

The outcomes of this policy include:

- Achieving the Visions, Goals and Direction of Council's Shaping Southern Downs (as amended) or other visionary document.
- Providing not-for-profit community organisations and community members with financial support to meet identified community need and providing benefit to the broader Southern Downs region.
- Developing vibrant, engaged and more resilient communities.
- Providing a standard approach and framework to establish community partnerships.
- Distributing funds in an equitable, transparent and sustainable manner.

4.12 Dealing with Performance Issues

Grant recipients may fail to deliver on aspects of their Funding Offer & Agreement for a range of reasons. In such instances following interventions may occur:

- Request the funding be returned; or
- Place the applicant on the not-acquitted list and, until the full acquittal is received, the applicant remains on the list indefinitely.

4.13 Record Keeping

The Grants to Community records are managed by the Community and Cultural Services department. All records are electronically filed into Council's ECM Records Management System. All documents relevant to Grants to Community need to be stored by Council for at least seven (7) years.

Accurate record keeping tracks the interactions between Council and each unique grant applicant throughout the entire grant process.

4.14 Grants to Community Reporting

All financial assistance awarded through *Grants to Community* will be reported in Council's Annual Report.

4.15 Grants to Community Acknowledgement

The manner in which Council's support is to be acknowledged will be specified in the Funding Offer & Agreement entered into with successful grant recipients.

4.16 Grants to Community Review

An annual review of the *Grants to Community* should occur and be based on *What worked? What didn't work? What would we do differently next time?* After the review, all *Grants to Community* governing documents should be updated to reflect the lessons learned in an endeavour to continuously improve Council's Grants to Community.

Achievements and implementation will be evaluated as follows:

- Council staff will be responsible for reviewing the *Grants to Community* lessons learned

and implementing any improvements approved by Council's senior management.

- Should Policy amendments be required a Report will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting for consideration, and adoption.
- It is envisaged that whilst reporting, monitoring and assessment data will be used, the review may also seek information from key stakeholders.

4.17 Major Event Sponsorship

Council supports a number of Major Events and Festivals in the Region. This support falls outside the remit of this policy. The Major Events and Festivals are supported by the Southern Downs Regional Council under strict contractual conditions and have a proven and significant impact on the regional economy.

Organisations that are supported by Council through the Major Event Sponsorship are not eligible to apply for Council's Grants to Community.

4.18 Operational Funding Recipients

Organisations that receive annual operational funding from Council are not eligible to apply for Grants to Community.

4.19 Regional Arts Development Fund

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between State and Local Governments which invests in quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland based on locally determined priorities.

Organisations that are supported by Council through the Major Event Sponsorship are eligible to apply for RADF funding.

Organisations that receive annual operational funding from Council are eligible to apply for RADF funding.

Organisations that receive *Grants to Community* – Community Grant funding from Council are eligible to apply for RADF funding.

4.20 Council as an Auspicing Organisation

In the event Council is approached by an individual or organisation to be their Auspicing Organisation for a purpose outside of Council's *Grants to Community*, they are to be directed to Council's Corporate Services Department.

5 Definitions

The Grants to Community Guidelines includes a Glossary of Terms.

6 Related Documents

- Grants to Community – Guidelines
- SDRC Shaping Southern Downs or other visionary document

7 References

- *Local Government Act 2009*
- *Local Government Regulation 2012*

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DALVEEN URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK



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The information contained in this document is for submission to the Department of Sustainable Development, Southern Downs Regional Council. The client shall make its own enquiries, analysis and calculations and form its own views in relation to the use or development of the subject area including the application of local government and statutory controls. It is assumed that the client will rely on its own expertise in considering the information.

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

Dalveen is a charming country village, loved by residents for its tight-knit community and laid-back country lifestyle.

Introduction

The Dalveen Town Centre Urban Design Framework (the 'UDF'), aims to:

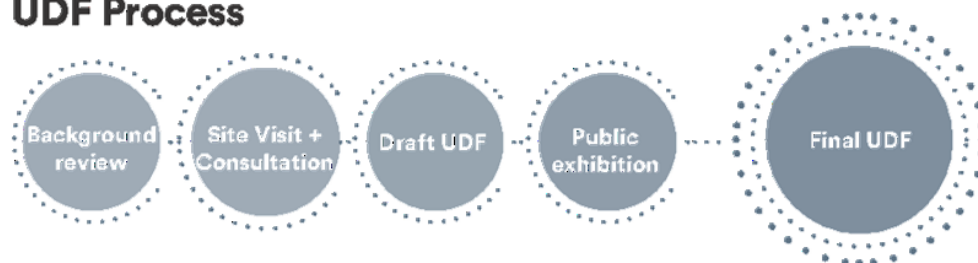
- Identify design measures that will benefit the lifestyle of residents;
- Enhance the experience of visitors;
- Provide a basis for investing in public works and guidance for how the town should look and feel within priority areas; and
- Set the scene for ongoing community and economic development initiatives.

The study area for the project includes the whole Dalveen township, but the focus of the UDF is on the village centre.

This plan identifies short and medium term and ongoing actions to enhance local liveability and character.

It has been informed by community consultation and will provide the basis for funding applications, capital expenditure and collaboration between Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC), community and other key stakeholders.

UDF Process



This UDF is based on the review of background information, site analysis and most importantly consultation with the community and key stakeholders.



Figure 1 – Post Office, Dalveen

ABOUT DALVEEN

Dalveen is located on the south eastern edge of the Southern Downs and is the gateway to the Granite Belt.



Dalveen is located 40km south of Warwick and 20km north of Stanthorpe. The New England Highway is located along the western boundary of the town centre and the Southern Railway Line divides the village. The town centre is quite small, comprising a business, houses and community facilities. The village centre is surrounded by larger rural properties which support hobby farms and other agricultural uses.

The village contains a primary school, Anglican Church, Rural Fire Brigade, Action Graphics print shop, free camp area/rest stop and an antique shop/ craft store attached to the post office. Residents generally travel to Stanthorpe or Warwick to access higher level services and facilities.

Dalveen has a number of important places and meeting points, many of which are also local heritage listed places. The Dalveen Hall is the "community heart" and host to community organisations like the Country Women's Association (CWA) and the Dalveen Sports Club Inc. It hosts regular social events and fundraisers, and with an active management committee there are plans to expand the range of activities to attract people from across the region.

Dalveen has established itself as an important place for the Queensland and NSW Rural Fire Services (RFS). Its location near the border, coupled with its active and organised volunteer base have meant that the village has great facilities, and is a base for regional communication and training. Although the Dalveen Hall is recognised as a neighbourhood safer place, it was unable to function as such during the 2019 Stanthorpe bushfires due to the absence of a power supply, meaning people had to be relocated during this event.

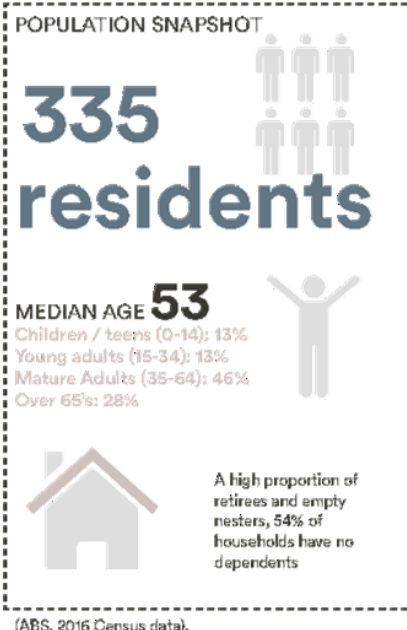


Figure 2 – Photo of a house in Dalveen

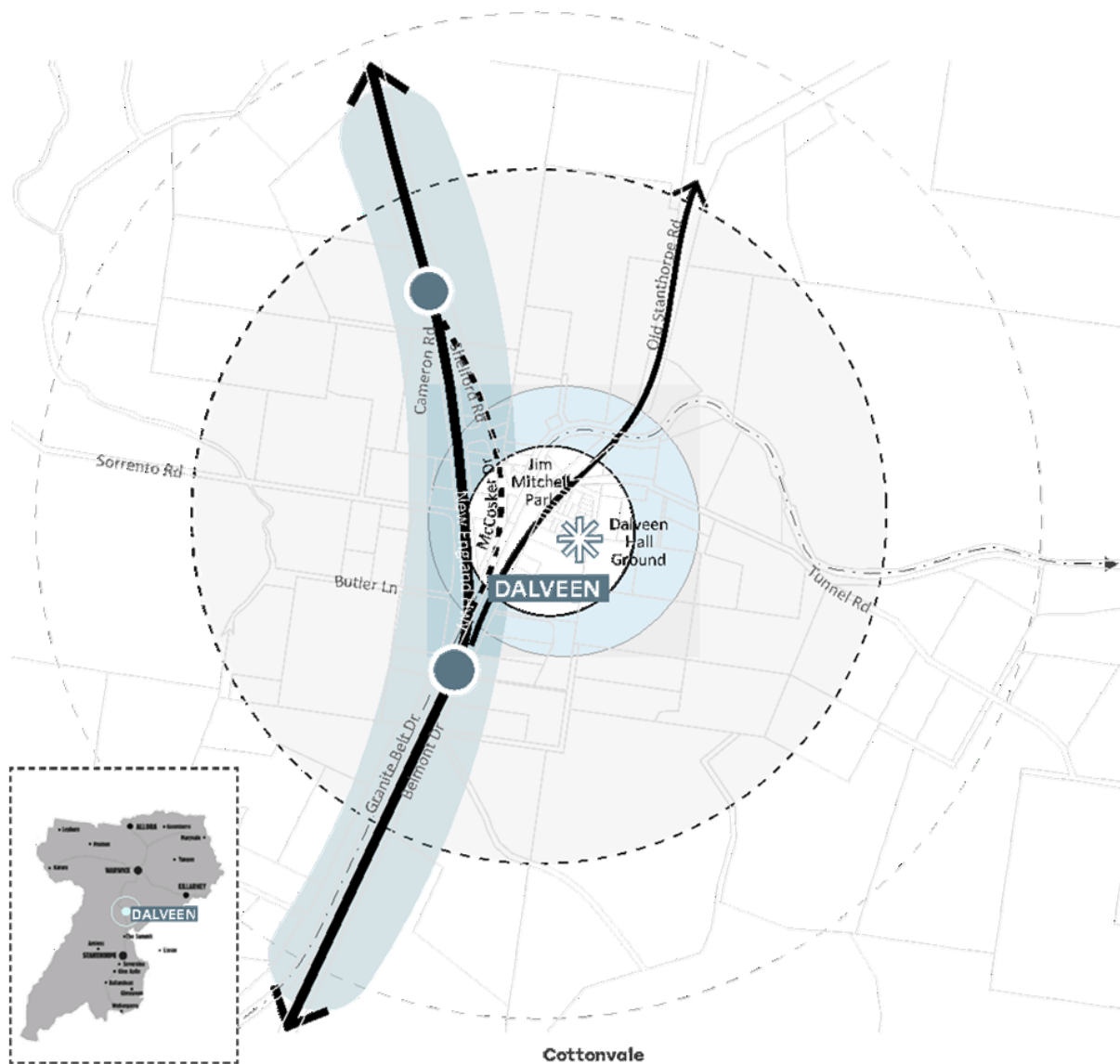


Figure 3 – Map of Dalveen and surrounds

POLICY CONTEXT

The following summarises key policy directions which provide the strategic context for this UDF.



SHAPING SOUTHERN DOWNS (2018)

Dalveen is the Gateway to the Granite Belt. The character statement for this area is:

"The Granite Belt has a mix of breathtaking natural landscapes, world class wineries and close knit communities with the flourishing town of Stanthorpe providing essential services. Surrounding areas are characterised by orchards, vineyards and rocky outcrops, all supporting a strong agriculture and tourism industry."

Specific actions supporting this statement include:

- Improve signage to encourage travellers to leave the highways and stop in the towns
- Develop plans to enhance the smaller villages of Yangan and Dalveen
- Encourage outdoor activities through the expansion of cycleways and pathways

This project aligns with and supports these actions.



SOUTHERN DOWNS PLANNING SCHEME

Key strategic directions for the township contained within the Planning Scheme are as follows:

- The particular character significance of Dalveen as a community, recreation and service centre for the surrounding rural area is reflected in the land uses, location and built form of new development.
- Any commercial and service development is encouraged adjacent to the existing commercial development in Dalveen.
- The existing tourist rest area is protected from incompatible uses that may compromise its continued use as an overnight rest area for tourists with caravans and similar mobile accommodation.
- Development retains the low density, open character of the area and maintains views of the surrounding countryside.
- The Township zone is to provide for small to medium size urban settlements located within a rural area. Facilities such as tourist attractions and short-term accommodation may be appropriate.
- Protection of natural features such as creeks, gullies, waterways, wetlands, habitats and vegetation.





Figure 4 – A house in Dalveen Village Centre

02

UNDERSTANDING DALVEEN

Dalveen's geographic features, built form and community assets contribute to its unique and valued character.



Figure 5 – Dalveen State School

Key Values

Dalveen has a distinctive rural character, underpinned by four (4) key values. This UDF acknowledges these character values as specific to Dalveen and provide a foundation on which to further enhance the village. The values reflect and are informed by the discussions with SDRC, observations of the local area and feedback from the local community.



HERITAGE

01

THE VILLAGE HAS A RICH HISTORY WITH MANY HERITAGE BUILDINGS AND PLACES.



Figure 6 – Old local lockup, Dalveen



RELAXED RURAL SETTING

02

THE VILLAGE HAS A GREAT RELAXED VIBE WITH ROADS WITHOUT KERBS AND LUSH VEGETATION AROUND.



Figure 7 – Belmont Drive, Dalveen



GREEN AND SCRUBBY

03

CAMPGROUNDS, RAIL RESERVE AREA, PRIVATE AND STREET VEGETATION CREATE A GREEN SETTING.



Figure 8 – Travellers at campgrounds, Dalveen



PROUD AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

04

DALVEEN SERVICES A LARGE RURAL CATCHMENT. IT IS HOME TO AN ACTIVE AND PROUD COMMUNITY.



Figure 9 – RFS facilities

WHAT WE HEARD

Community consultation has provided vital input into the development of this UDF.

Consultation was undertaken with the Dalveen community in December 2020 to understand local values, aspirations and priorities for the village. Consultation included:

- A 'walk-shop' through the village conducted by the project team, with members of the community and SDRC representatives.
- A community drop in session hosted at the Dalveen Community Hall. Approximately 26 community members participated in the event. They shared what they love about Dalveen, what they would like to see improved and their vision for the village.
- Consultation activities were advertised by flyers posted at key locations of the village and notifications on SDRC's website and via a media release.

Key community messages summary:



A SUSTAINABLE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY

The community recognise that attracting younger families to the village is critical to its future. It is also important that current residents can safely age in place.



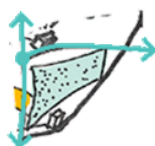
PROMOTE DALVEEN AS A TOURIST DESTINATION

The community would love to see Dalveen become the official entrance to the Granite Belt and provide more signage and other promotional activities to attract tourists.



BETTER STREETS

Residents would like to see some roads upgraded to provide safer access for motorists. They would also like to beautify some streets with more trees, shrubs and landscaping.



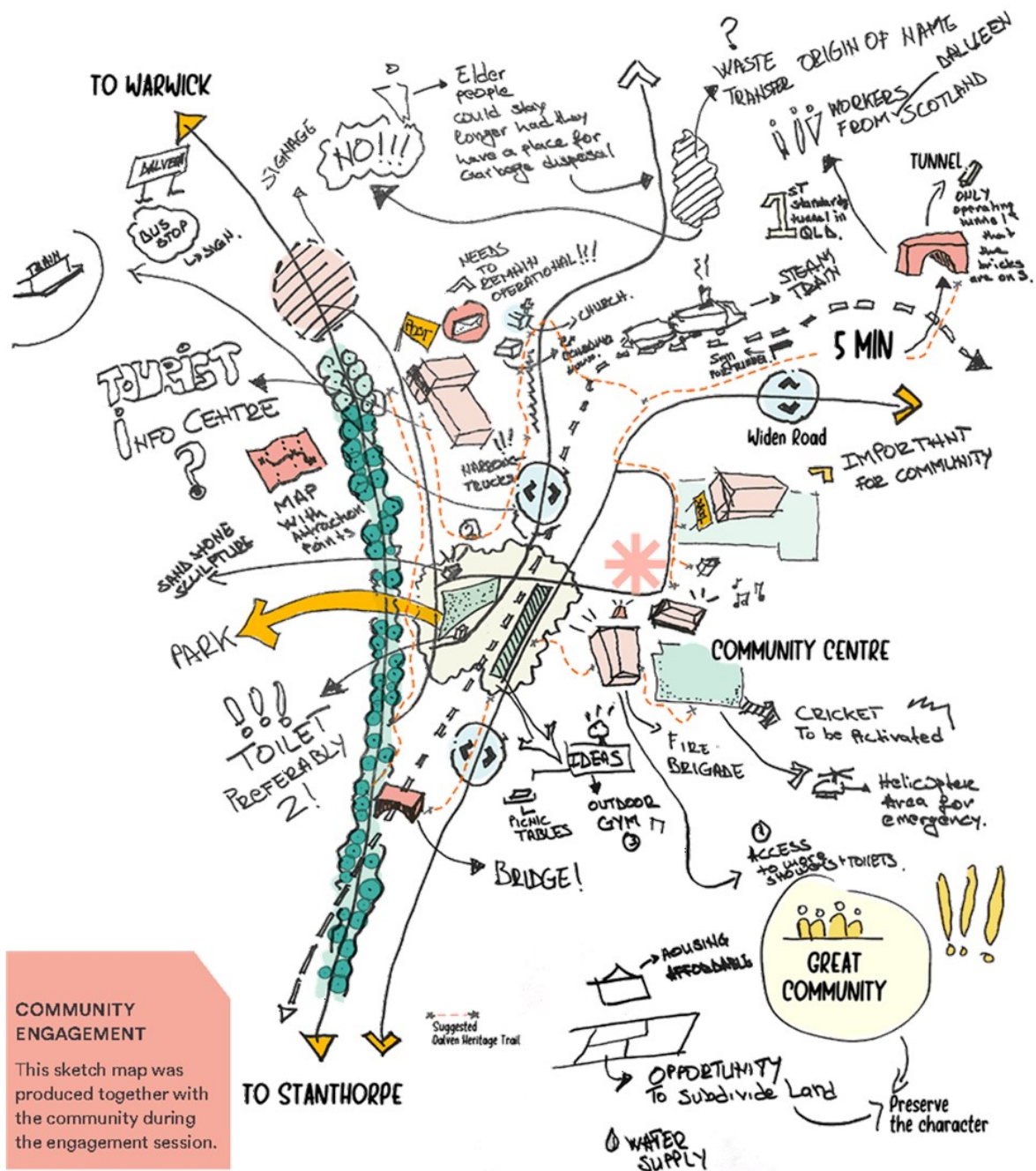
IMPROVE PARKS

Upgrade facilities in the towns parks and make them more inviting, usable spaces, particularly for tourists.



UPGRADES TO IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETING SPACES

Continue to improve and upgrade community meeting spaces and support local community groups.



03 VISION FOR DALVEEN

DALVEEN, GATEWAY TO THE GRANITE BELT
SUPPORTS A TIGHT-KNIT AND STABLE
COMMUNITY OF A RANGE OF AGES WHO ENJOY
A RELAXED RURAL LIFESTYLE.

THE VILLAGE PROVIDES LOCAL CONVENIENCES,
SAFE REFUGE AND PLACES TO GATHER.

AS THE GATEWAY TO THE GRANITE BELT, DALVEEN
HAS A STEADY STREAM OF TOURISTS WHO ENJOY
THE VILLAGE'S NATURAL BEAUTY AND FRIENDLY
HOSPITALITY.

OBJECTIVES

01

EXPLORE POTENTIAL FOR
MODEST POPULATION
GROWTH

02

CELEBRATE AND REINFORCE
LOCAL HERITAGE

03

ENHANCE THE ROLE OF
DALVEEN VILLAGE CENTRE

04

AN ACTIVE AND ENGAGED
COMMUNITY

05

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS
AND UPGRADES



Objectives

01

EXPLORE POTENTIAL FOR MODEST POPULATION GROWTH



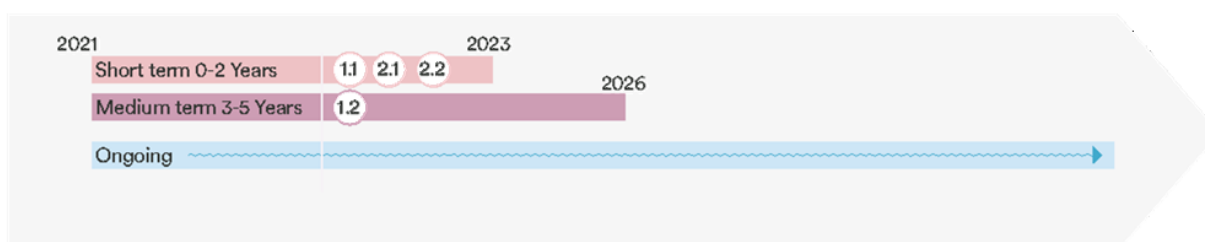
Explore the potential for population growth in Dalveen to support the long-term sustainability of the village.

02

CELEBRATE AND REINFORCE LOCAL HERITAGE



Celebrate and reinforce the history of Dalveen by upgrading and promoting local places and capturing local's stories.



Actions

- 1.1 As part of the new Planning Scheme review the minimum lot size of properties in the Rural zone, surrounding Dalveen, to explore the potential for additional rural residential development and population growth.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 1.2 Investigate the potential to deliver additional community units in the town centre as part of the new Planning Scheme, to support local residents to age in place.

INDICATIVE LEAD: Housing partner

- 2.1 Develop a trail which links local heritage sites. Results from community consultation indicated the local heritage trail could include: Jim Mitchell Park, post office, sand sculpture, rail tunnel, railway bridge, church, Dalveen State School, Dalveen Hall and former lockhouse.

This could include physical signage and/or a digital resource (with QR code and app). Work with local community members to deliver this action.

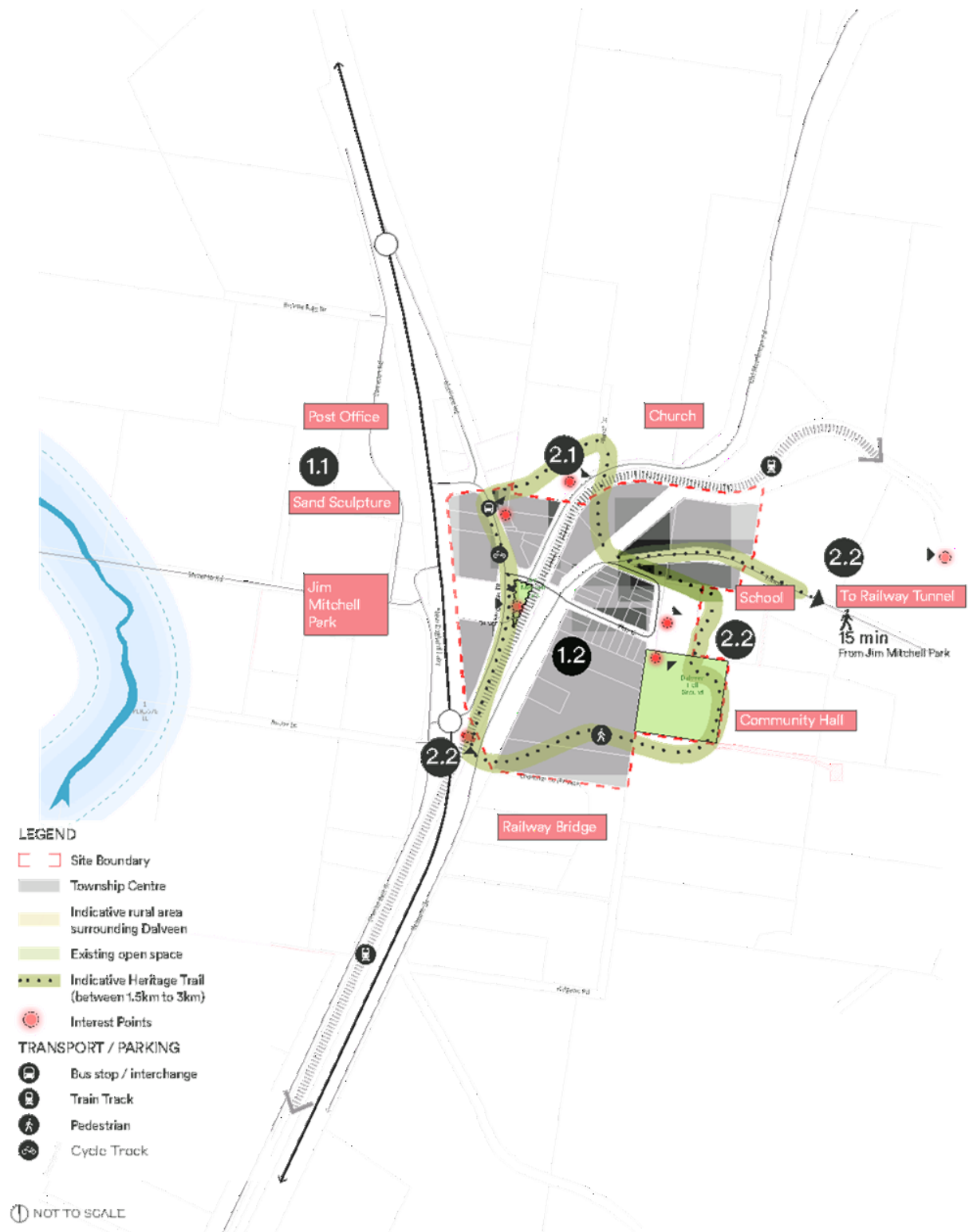
INDICATIVE LEAD: Community/SDRC

- 2.2 The Dalveen Jail/lock-up (owned by SDRC) located adjacent the Dalveen Hall should be painted and repaired to protect it from further decay. Council should consider relocating and repurposing the structure for better utilisation (currently used as a store, it could be better utilised as part of the visitor information centre or similar).

Improve and reinstate key heritage locations within Dalveen.

These locations should be included in the heritage walk and have accompanying signage.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC



Objectives

03

ENHANCE THE ROLE OF DALVEEN VILLAGE CENTRE



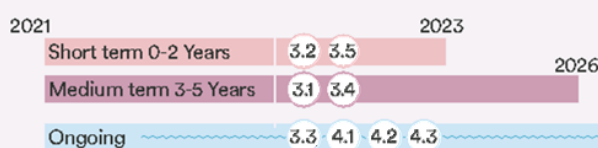
Promote Dalveen as the Gateway to the Granite Belt. New development should reinforce Pine Crescent as the community and civic heart of the village, and Granite Belt Drive as a commercial and tourist route.

04

AN ACTIVE AND ENGAGED COMMUNITY



Continue to support community facilities and groups, to promote social connections, safety and sense of belonging.



Actions

- 3.1 Reinforce the role of Dalveen as the "Gateway to the Granite Belt" through the installation of signage promoting Dalveen and nearby attractions (Refer to action 2.1 for the list of attractions) on the New England Highway and establish a tourist drive commencing at Dalveen village. Liaise with DTMR to explore potential options.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC/DTMR

- 3.2 Support the establishment of a tourist information centre and map advertising key local attractions and tourist drive at the Post Office and/or Jim Mitchell Park.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC/Community

- 3.3 Reinforce the role of 'Pine Crescent' as the local community heart through continued support for the Dalveen State School, community hall, rural fire brigade and oval.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 3.4 Encourage the concentration of commercial uses along Granite Belt Drive to reinforce its role as a local business node. Encourage active street frontages where possible between Post Office and Jim Mitchell Park. (Refer to Action 5.7 for a description of active frontages)

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 3.5 Update the Southern Downs Regional Tourism Marketing Strategy to re-brand Dalveen as the 'Gateway to the Granite Belt', to support local visitation and the surrounding tourism, food and wine offerings.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC/GBWT

- 4.1 Continue to support the Dalveen Hall by advertising local events through Southern Downs Regional Council platforms, building maintenance and upgrades.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

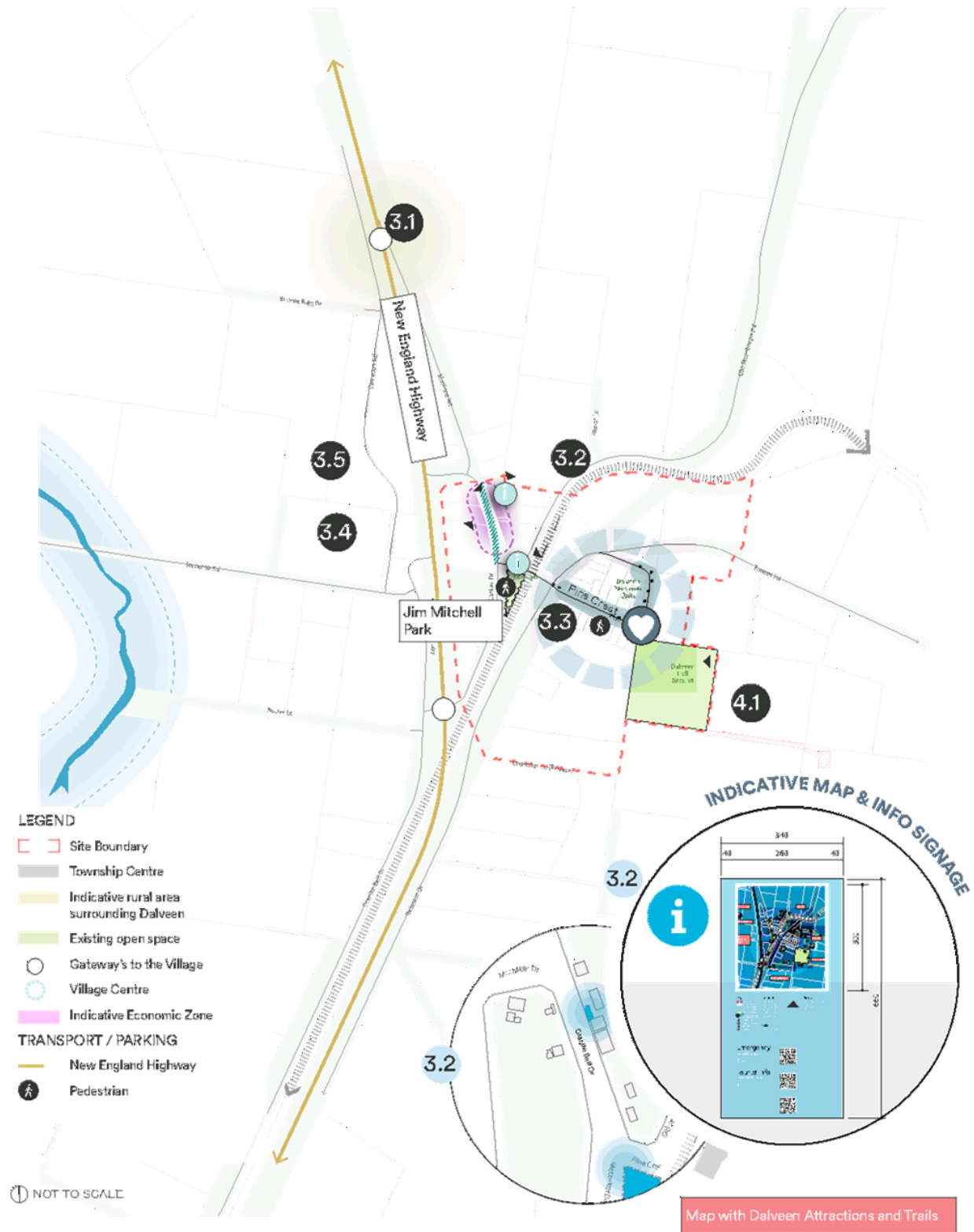
- 4.2 Continue to support local community groups through regular engagement, assistance with preparing applications for grants, social event planning and advertising.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 4.3 Continue to support and recognise the role of Dalveen as a Neighbourhood Safer Place and RV Friendly Camping Area by:

- Facilitating the Dalveen Sports Club and Dalveen Rural Fire Brigade to secure funding for the installation of reticulated power and water and Medivac landing lights to the Dalveen Sports Club oval.
- Facilitating the Dalveen Sports Club to secure adequate funding to build an amenity block adjacent to the Dalveen Hall/Dalveen Rural Fire Brigade Incident Control Centre (ICC) to support this initiative.

INDICATIVE LEAD: RFS/Community



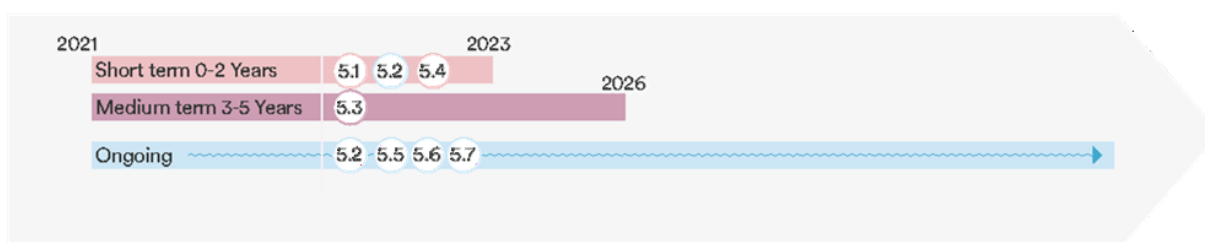
Objectives

05

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES



Create safe, functional and engaging spaces which reinforce local character and resident and visitor amenity.



Actions

- 5.1 Upgrade the existing single toilet block in Jim Mitchell Park to a multiple unit unisex facility that caters to drivers on the New England Highway.

Explore opportunity to install coin operated BBQs with the proceeds contributing toward park maintenance and other Council projects within the village.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 5.2 Maintain and add street landscape along Pine Crescent. Any new landscaping should use drought resistant species appropriate to the local landscape. Any landscaping work should be planted to allow for natural surveillance in accordance with crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 5.3 Investigate potential upgrades to the Dalveen Rest Area/rail reserve. This could include additional overnight camping, if appropriate in the context of the wider supply of tourism infrastructure in the region and/or the outcomes of a future Tourism Strategy.

Other possible improvements include the provision of additional picnic table(s) and/or outdoor exercise equipment.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 5.4 Install a footpath between Jim Mitchell Park and the Post Office.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 5.5 Advocate for the continued operation of Dalveen State School.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 5.6 Explore the potential widening of Belmont Drive and Old Stanthorpe Road (corner near Filmer Lane) to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety.

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

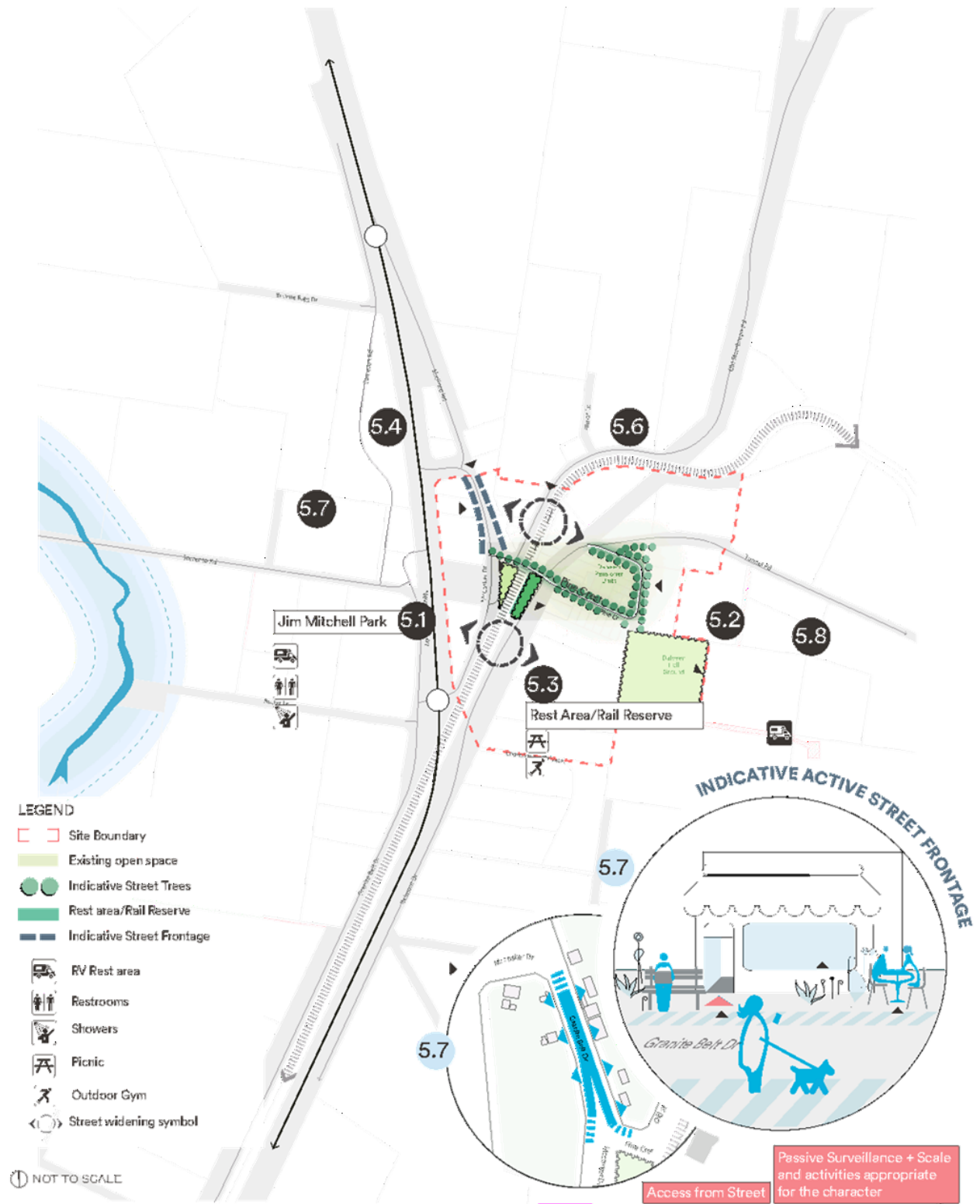
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- Orientating buildings to the street
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- Allowing on-street activity (e.g. tables and chairs).

INDICATIVE LEAD: SDRC

- 5.8 Support Dalveen Sports Club and the Dalveen Rural Fire Brigade to install and operate electrical kiosks around the oval. These kiosks will be used in the event of:

- The Dalveen Hall, Dalveen Rural Fire Station and Dalveen Rural Fire Brigade Incident Control Centre (ICC) are required to assist either Queensland or NSW Fire and Emergency Services as an ICC.
- Dalveen Hall is used as a neighbourhood safer place during a period of natural disaster; the kiosks can be used for tent or caravan/camper accommodation for displaced residents.
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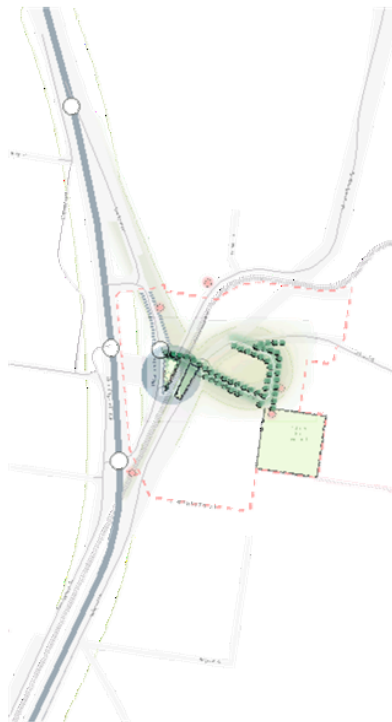
DALVEEN URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK PLAN

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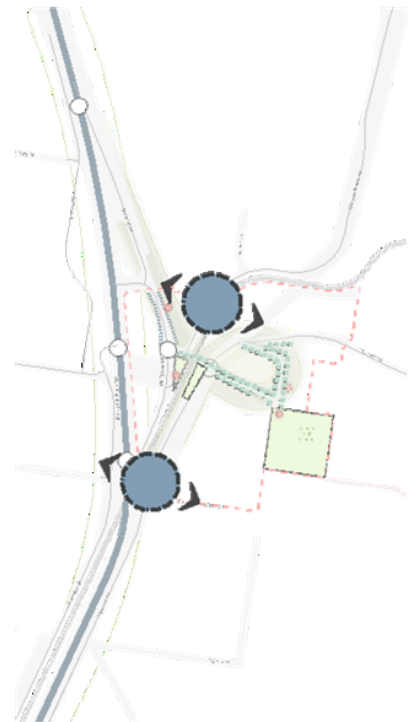
Historic Sites

Build on the value of heritage assets of Dalveen. Explore a potential heritage trail to connect village's historic places and features.



Parks, street trees

Upgrade parks and provide more street tree plantings. Upgrade toilets and provide showers in Jim Mitchell Park, access to showers and install picnic tables, public art, etc.



Road upgrades

Widening and upgrade of some roads.



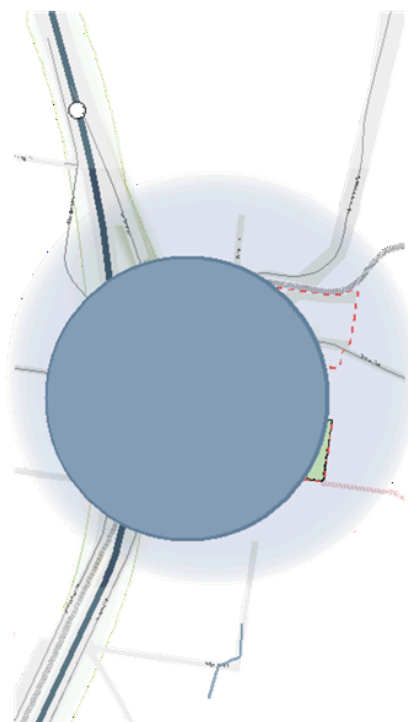
Signage

Installation of Gateway to the Granite Belt signage, tourist information and possible visitor information centre to support tourism.



Community centre

The community hall, school, rural fire brigade, post office form the civic and community heart of the village.

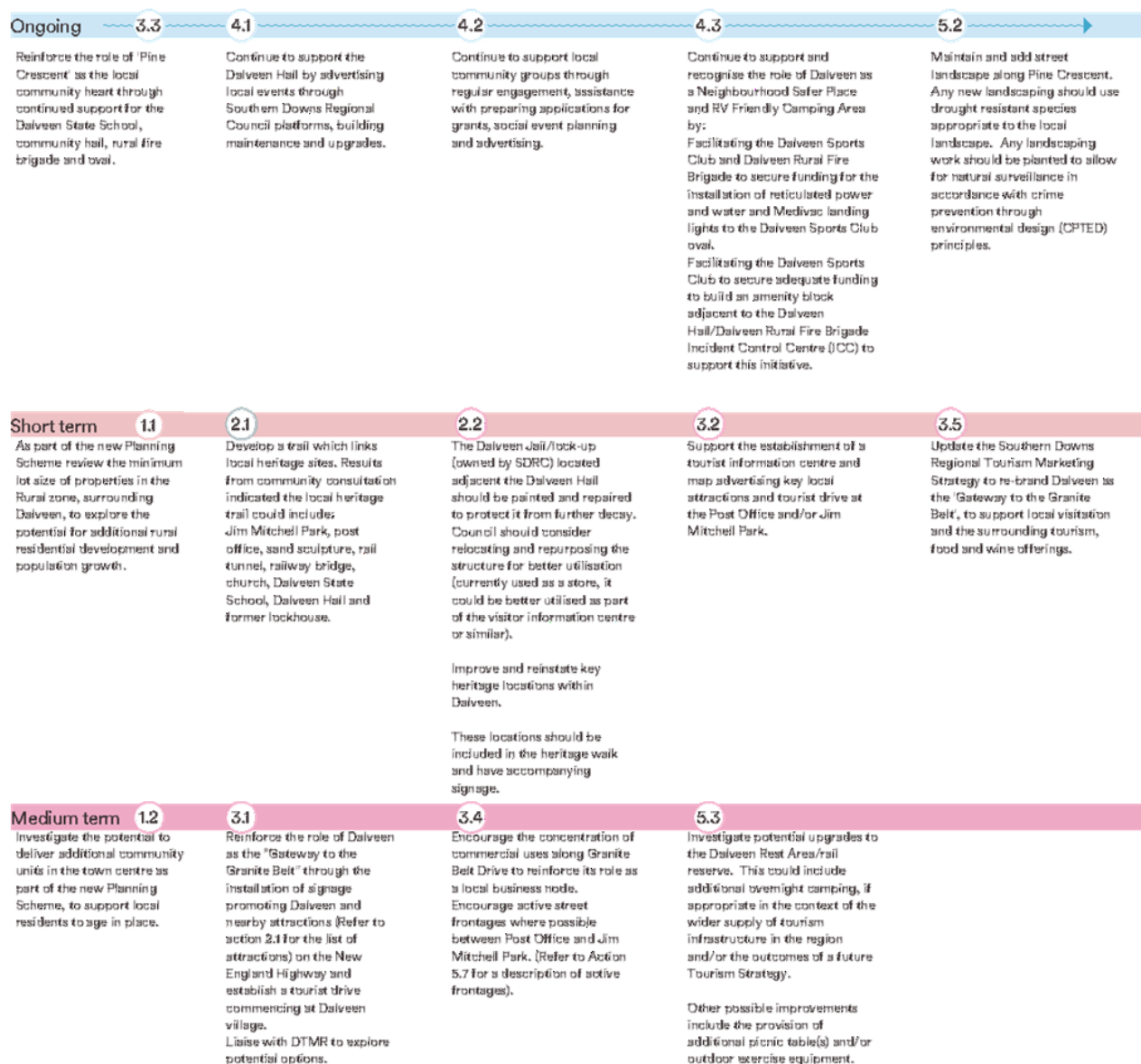


Population

Investigate the potential for additional rural residential development to encourage young families and modest population in the area.

TIMELINE

Summary of the actions and their timeline to implement this Urban Design Framework.





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