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Towong Placemaking and Township Co-Design Project

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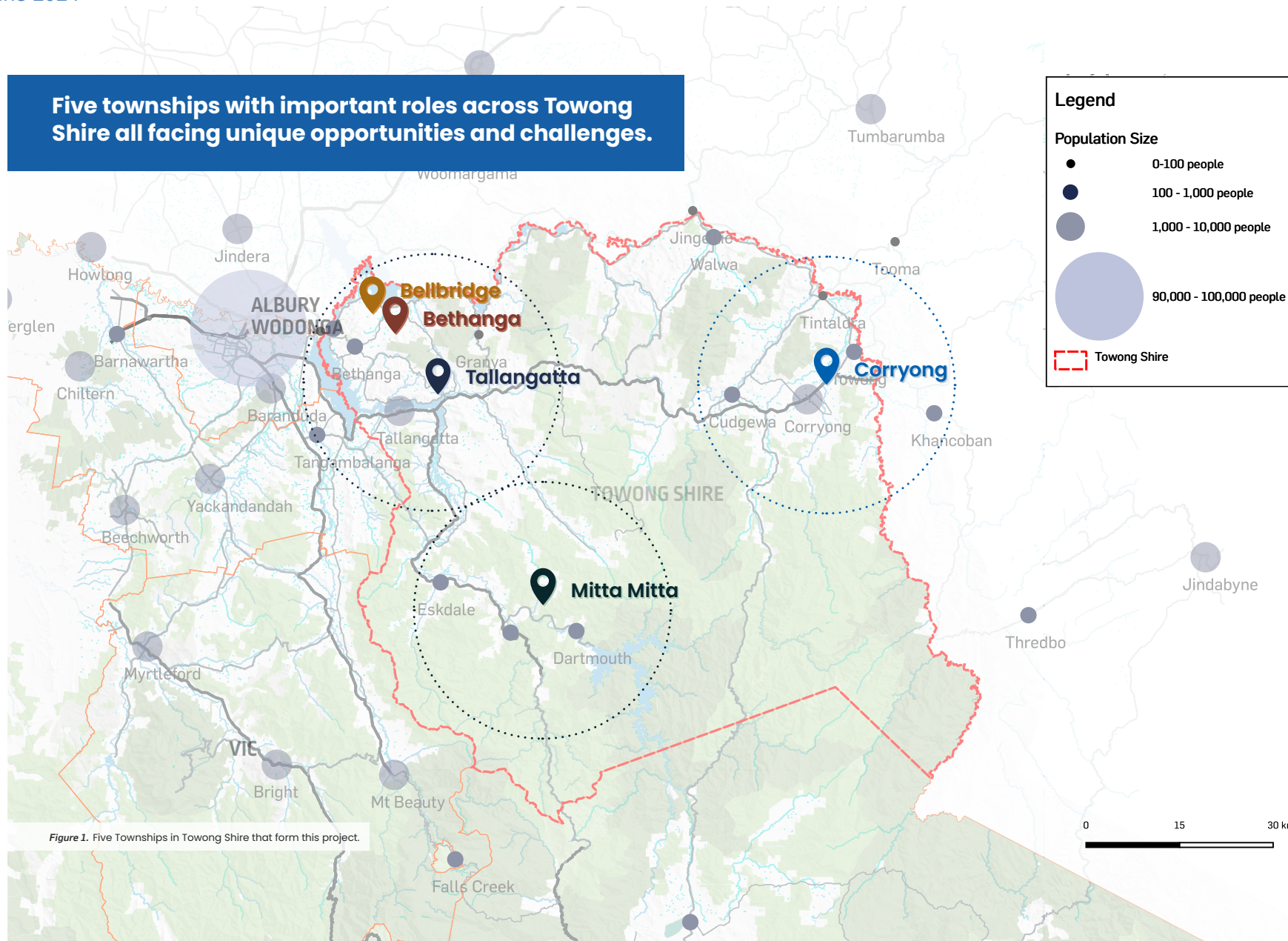
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Introduction

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1.1 Project overview

The Corryong Place Plan is a 10-year roadmap for Council, community and other stakeholders. The plan identifies community and other stakeholder priorities to guide the future shape and character of the township.

The Corryong Place Plan is part of Our Town Towards 2030, a Placemaking and Co-design Project (the project) initiated by Towong Shire Council for five townships across the Shire.

The project delivers town-based plans for Bellbridge, Bethanga, Corryong, Mitta Mitta and Tallangatta. The plans have provided an opportunity to re-imagine the way each township works and has allowed us to bring together the big ideas that drive growth while identifying the services, infrastructure and public spaces required to support the population. Each plan identifies a shared set of goals and initiatives that can be developed and delivered over the next 10 years and beyond.

While the place plans have a ten-year lifespan, each plan provides a good base level summary of what people said; captures what is important to the community; and provides direction beyond the ten-year period of the plan.

Place-based approach

Towong Shire has adopted a place-based approach to master planning exemplified in the Upper Murray 2030 Vision Plan. This plan places community interests at the core of decision-making. The Council Plan 2021-25 identifies community engagement as a key strategy to deliver Council's Strategic Objective 'Organisational Improvement'.

This strategy, places people at the centre of conversations about the future planning of the communities in which they live, work, study, visit and recreate. It is based on the belief that the people who are part of a community are best placed to understand and identify their needs.

Why do we need a Place Plan

Regional towns in Australia have experienced significant growth in recent years increasing pressure on services, housing, jobs, and infrastructure. The five towns – Bellbridge, Bethanga, Corryong, Mitta Mitta and Tallangatta – all face unique challenges, as well as opportunities, that have been further exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic and the bushfires of 2019-20.

Our Town Towards 2030 has looked at ways to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of the towns by helping each community to identify and prioritise its future needs, services and opportunities. The co-design project has enabled current communities' input into how growth and change can be carefully and positively managed.

Project purpose

The purpose of the project is to:

- + Develop a vision shared by the community and other stakeholders.
- + Identify community aspirations and opportunities to address the challenges facing the township.
- + Support the community to prioritise their future needs, services, and opportunities.
- + Align community and other stakeholder expectations including how growth and change can be carefully and positively managed.

How to read this document

This document is structured in four parts commencing with a project introduction, and understanding of the context and township as the first part.

The second part provides an overview of Engagement 1: Let's Chat and Engagement 2: Planning Ahead.

The third part is the Place Plan comprised of the Big Ideas, and the objectives, actions and outcomes that will bring the ideas to life.

The fourth part is the Implementation Plan comprised of objectives, priorities, timing, and key partners.

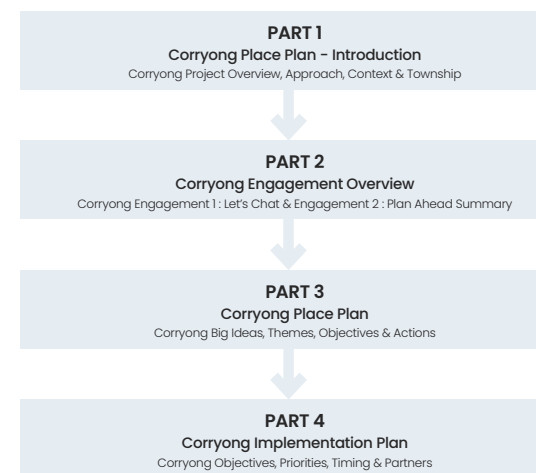


Figure 2. Format of this document, Corryong Place Plan.



Figure 3. Engagement 2 workshop, Corryong.

1.2 Creating a shared vision

Three engagement touchpoints were developed as part of a co-design process to inform the town vision and place plan. A broad spectrum of stakeholders, including residents, workers, visitors, students, and government authorities were included across all three engagement touchpoints.

Place-based approach & asset based engagement

The engagement process was highly inclusive and collaborative to co-design solutions with the community that build upon the strengths, assets, and opportunities for each town. This is called an asset-based approach. Asset based engagement recognises and builds upon the value and resources that exist within the community.

Engagement touchpoints

As the first of three touch points, Engagement 1 was an opportunity to introduce the Our Town Towards 2030 project to each of the five communities and have conversations with people to understand what they value about their town and what really matters to them.

Engagement 2 was an opportunity to present the Big Ideas, report back what we heard and how this could translate into future initiatives / projects, asking did we get it right?

Engagement 3 is the final engagement touchpoint. Feedback from Engagement 2 was collated and used to finalise the place plans during 'Delivering the Vision', keeping the community informed of the final project outcomes.

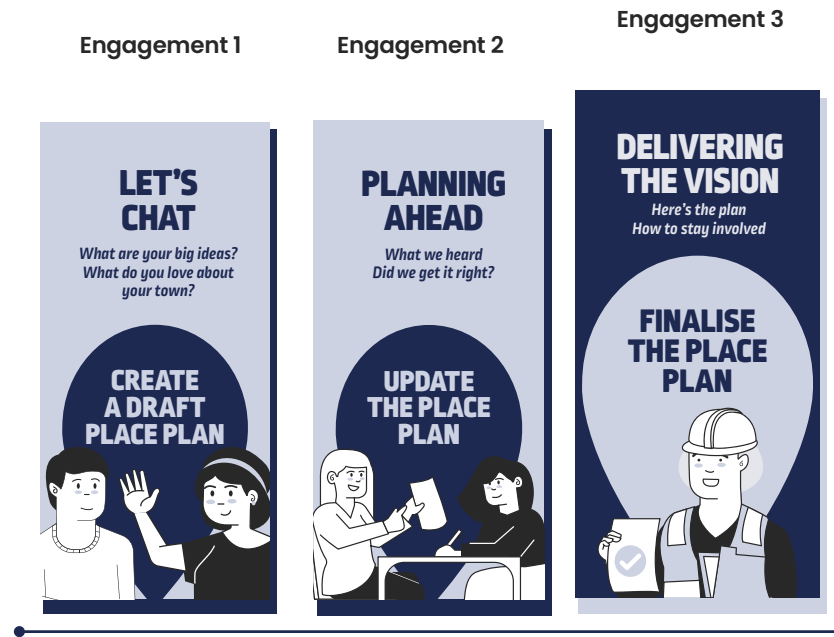


Figure 4. Three engagement touchpoints.



Figure 5. View of Corryong with Mount Mitta Mitta Regional Park in the background.

1.3 Understanding the context

Every project begins with an understanding of the people, location and physical characteristics that define the township. Understanding the township at different scales – from regional, township to town centre – helps to build a picture of the unique features and qualities that contribute to place identity.

Region

With a population base of 1,348 inhabitants, Corryong is one of the largest towns servicing the predominantly farming community, located in the Upper Murray region across the Victorian and NSW border and the Snowy Hydro project.

Located 10km west of the Murray River, the township is a gateway to the Australian Alps and ski fields in Mount Kosciuszko.

Corryong was established in the 1870s as a service centre for the region.

We understand that prior to European settlement the area was home to the Jaitmathang, Dhudoroa, Ngarigo and the Wolgal First Nations people.

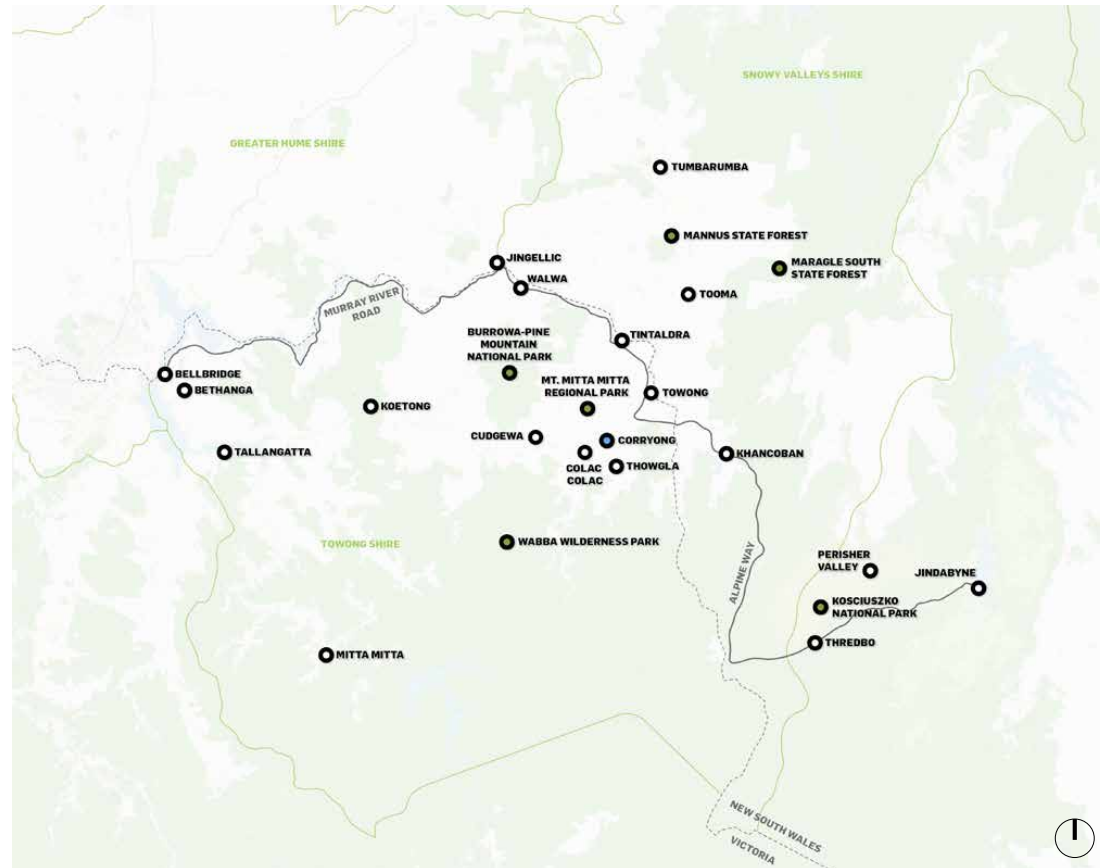


Figure 6. Regional context.

1.3 Understanding the context

Township

The township of Corryong covers an area of approximately 167 hectares of land gently sloping upwards towards the east and becoming steeper towards the south.

Located on the Murray Valley Highway through-route from Albury-Wodonga to Khancoban and the Alpine Way, the remote township is framed by regional and national parks to the north and south providing a scenic backdrop.

The compact township stretches east-west with housing to the north and south of the highway and key assets such as the airport located on the periphery of the township.

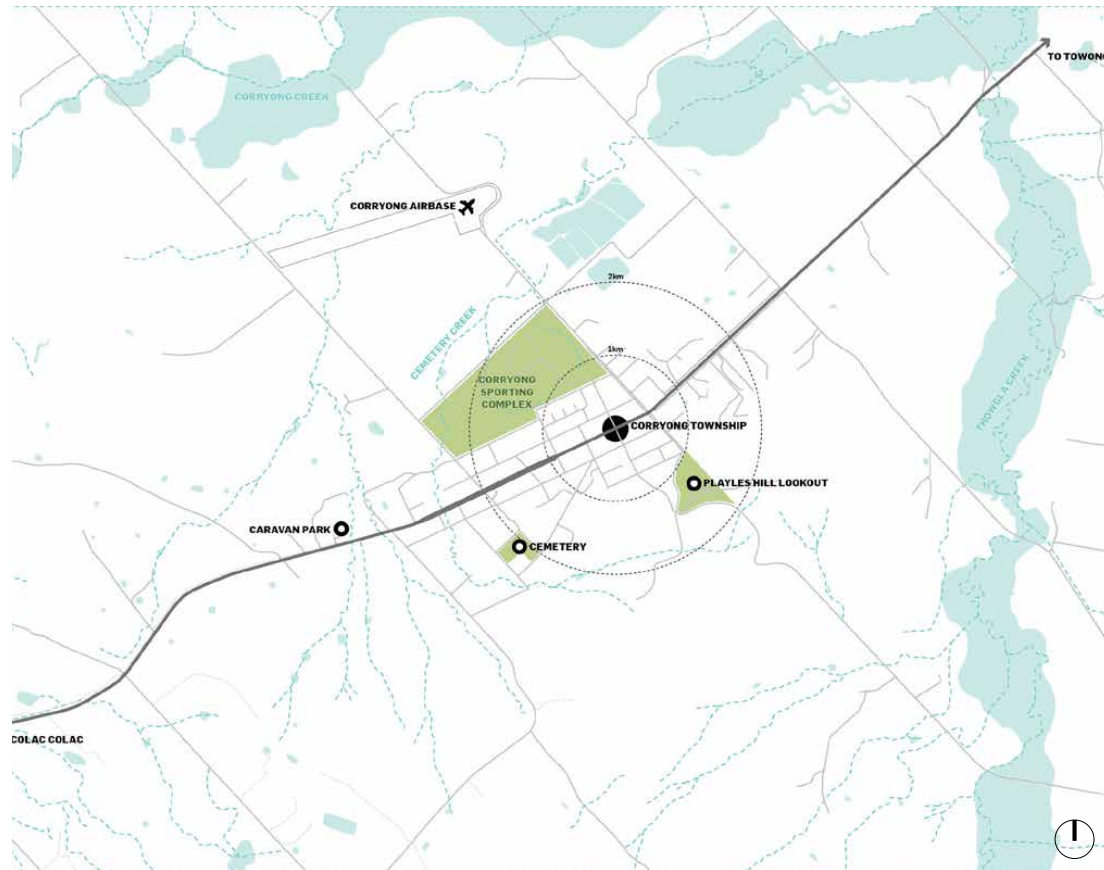


Figure 7. Township context.

Town Centre

The town centre Main street (Hanson Street), is located on the Highway with most commercial properties situated towards the eastern end of Hanson Street.

The Corryong Recreation Reserve is a large open space to the north including the Upper Murray Events Centre, home of sports facilities, the Golf Course and location for the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival.

Key assets include the Health Service, Library and Council Offices, Airport, Man From Snowy River Museum and Visitor Information Centre servicing the region.

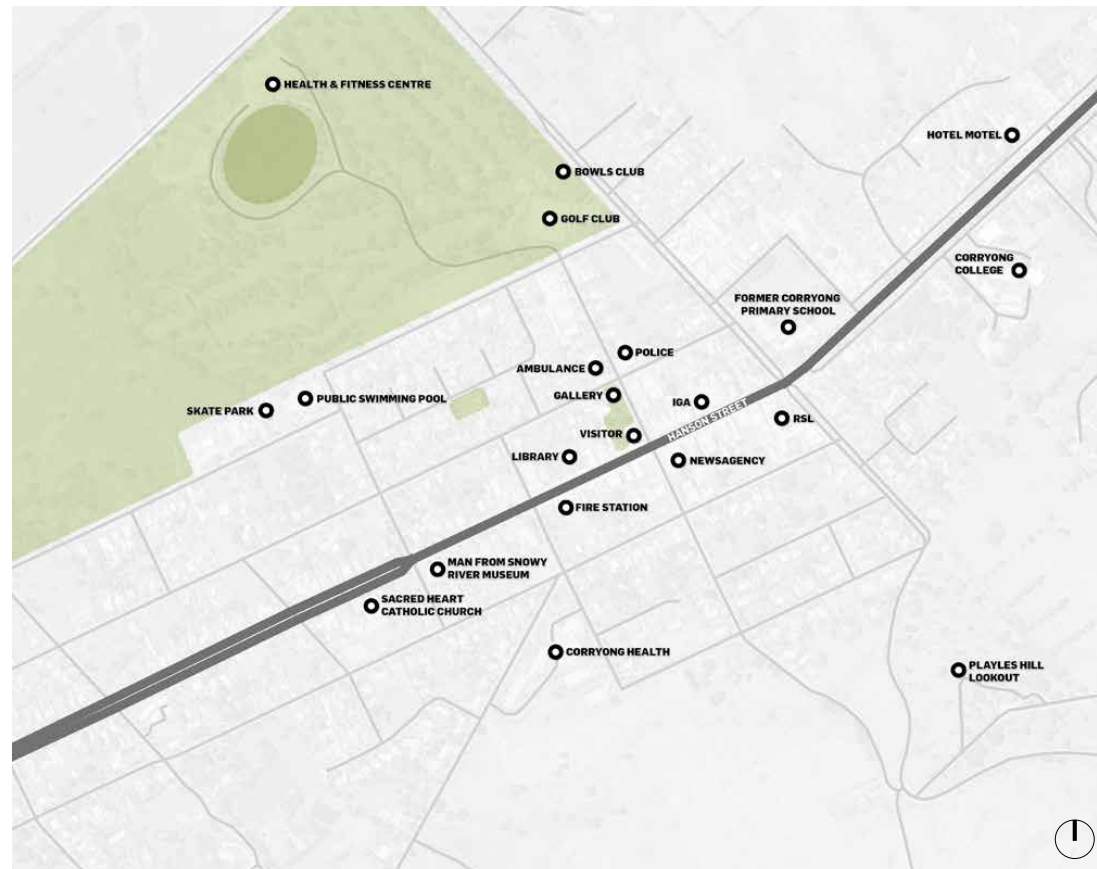


Figure 8. Town centre context.



Figure 9. View of Snowy Mountains.



Figure 10. Playles Hill Lookout.



Figure 11. Attree Park.



Figure 12. Corryong Neighbourhood Centre.



Figure 13. Mount Mitta Mitta / Mount Mittamatite Regional Park.



Figure 14. Upper Murray brand logo.



Figure 15. Cudgewa Bluff Falls.



Figure 16. Man From Snowy River Festival.

1.4 Township & surrounds character

Local Character

This plan shows Corryong’s character areas and heritage, highlighting the heritage planning overlays, the township area or town centre, residential areas, recreation area for parks, Playles Hill and the Corryong Recreation Reserve with Golf Course and Campground, conservation area for Cemetery Creek, public facilities such as schools, Health Service and Cemetery, public use areas for services infrastructure, industrial areas and farmland abutting the township.

Corryong includes Heritage Overlays on several buildings, the eastern portion of Hansen Street and the Cemetery. These and the character of the existing township buildings and landscape are important considerations for a discussion on how to re-imagine the future of the township.

Key facilities, features, qualities, and characteristics are captured in the adjacent images and following page.

Legend

- DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY
- HERITAGE OVERLAY
- RESIDENTIAL
- TOWNSHIP
- PUBLIC USE
- INDUSTRIAL
- RURAL LIVING
- CONSERVATION & RESOURCE
- FARMING
- RURAL ACTIVITY
- RECREATION & PUBLIC OPEN SPACE



Figure 17. Corryong planning zones, character and heritage.



Figure 18. Council offices and library.



Figure 19. Cafe Corryong.



Figure 20. Corryong Hotel Motel.



Figure 21. Corryong Bookstore.



Figure 22. Man From Snowy River Museum.



Figure 23. Jardine Lodge.



Figure 24. Corryong Courthouse Hotel.

1.5 Key features & places

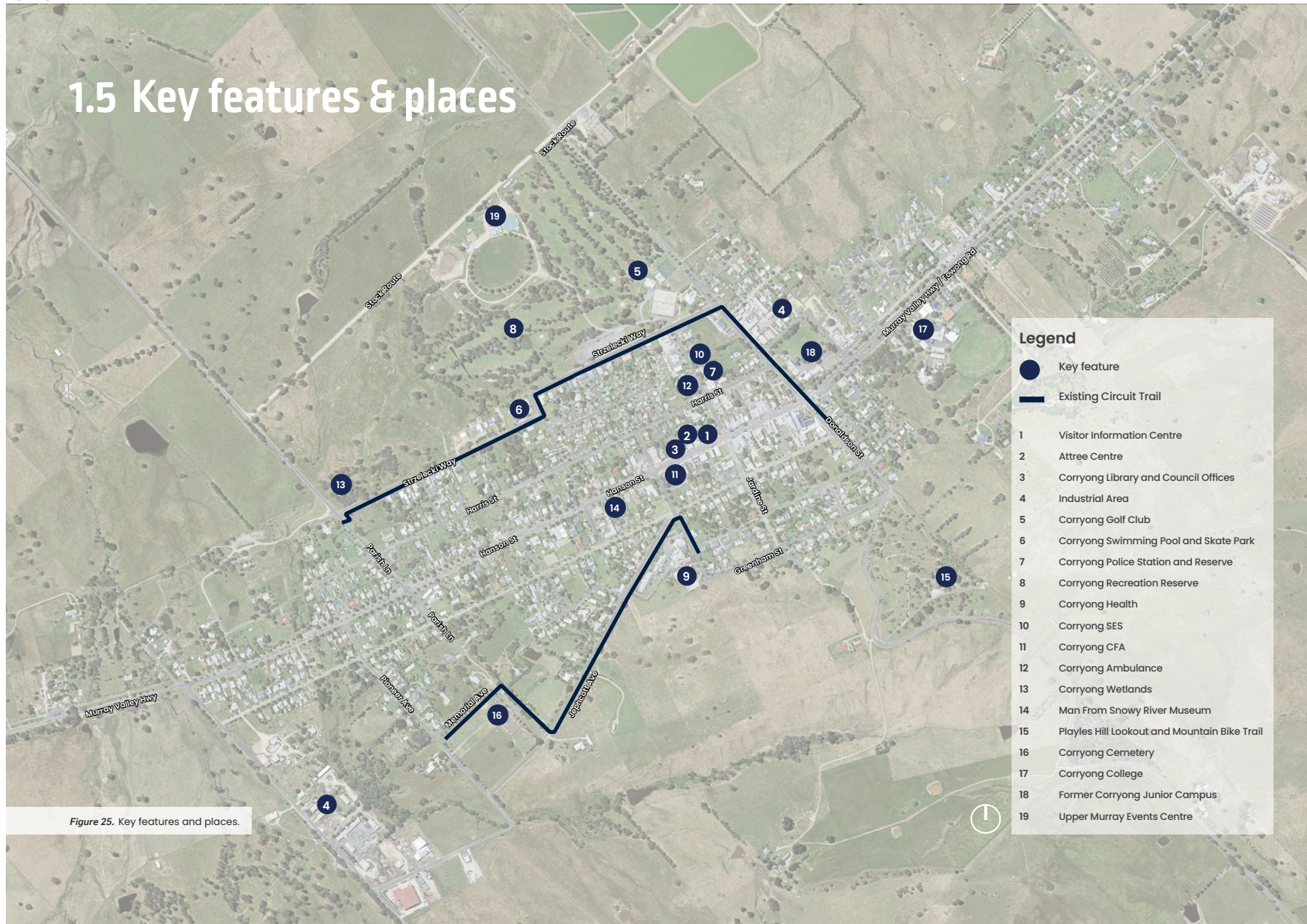


Figure 25. Key features and places.

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Engagement

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2.1 Engagement summary

Towong Shire Community Engagement Policy

Council's commitment to engagement is outlined in the Towong Shire Community Engagement Policy which "is committed to participatory democracy and providing community members with the opportunity to engage in decision making in relation to matters that affect them". This project has adopted key principles from Policy including:

- + Identifying key stakeholders and user groups impacted by the decisions.
- + Being respectful of and allowing space for a diversity of perspectives and views.
- + Embedding transparency and accountability by keeping participants informed and 'closing the loop'.

The Towong Shire Community Engagement Policy includes a public participation spectrum adapted from the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum with five levels of public participation: Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate and Empower. This project has incorporated levels 1-4 at different stages of the project with the aim of building consensus with participants.

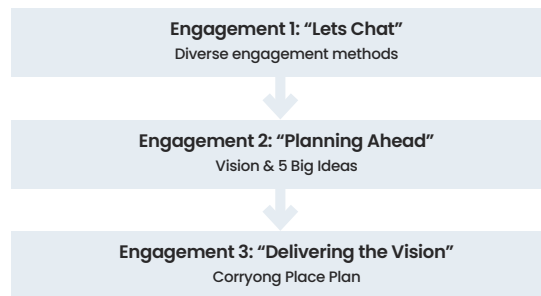


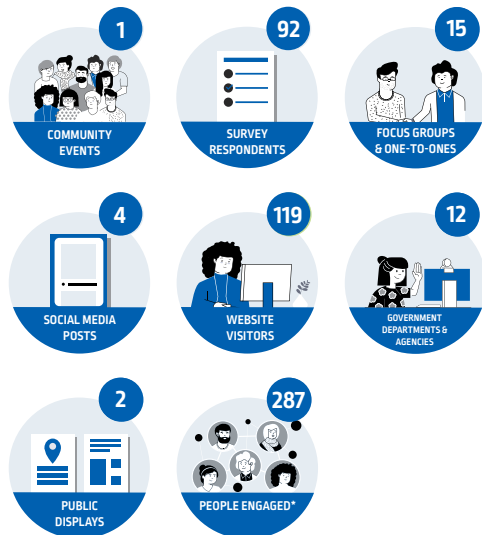
Figure 26. Engagement touchpoints.

“ The people- they make it unique. Anyone who lives here shares similar values in supporting one another and we ALWAYS give, time money and effort. Not to mention our beautiful scenery surrounding people everywhere you look and go. A hidden gem, and the real high country ”

Figure 27. Engagement collateral.

Engagement 1: Let's Chat

People were informed and encouraged to participate in a variety of ways including the 'Town-hall' style meetings, face-to-face and online meetings, surveys, targeted social media posts, e-newsletter, poster and advertising. A summary of engagement types / methods including the number of people engaged is captured below.



*Number of people engaged is approximate and does not account for market stalls.

Engagement 2: Planning Ahead

Similar methods were used for Engagement 2 including 'Town-hall' style workshops, face-to-face and online workshops, online survey, targeted social media posts, e-newsletter, letterbox drop and advertising. A summary of engagement types / methods including the number of people engaged is captured below.

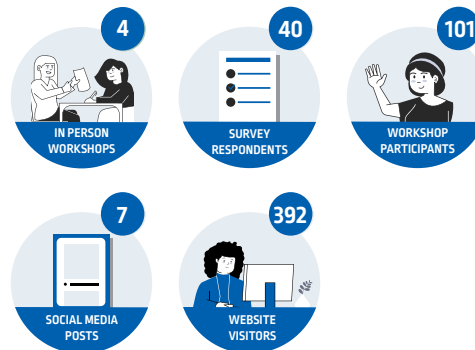


Figure 28. Engagement 1 community event, Corryong.

“Good country town with many of the services needed for sustainable day to day life.”

“It’s proximity to mountains, trails, snow, rivers etc. It’s ability to grow / farm produce.”

2.2 Engagement 1: Let's chat

The first engagement, Let's Chat took place between March–April 2023 and included a broad spectrum of stakeholders – residents, workers, visitors, students, government departments and agencies.

Let's Chat included a number of methods including 'Town-hall' style meetings and events, face-to-face and online focus groups and 1:1 meetings, online and hardcopy survey, targeted social media posts, e-newsletters, poster and advertising.

"Let's Chat" reflects the broad and wide-ranging challenges and opportunities affecting each community. It also helps us to identify and leverage key strengths and assets in the development of the vision and place plans.

Four questions were asked, with more detailed conversations held with individuals or small groups. These were:

- + What makes your town special? What do you love and value?
- + What challenges does your town face?
- + What are the opportunities over the next 10 years?
- + What would make your town more environmentally sustainable and resilient?

The results of Let's Chat were compiled into a Draft Place Plan which includes a project introduction, overview of Engagement 1: Let's Chat; vision exercise for the workshops and survey; and a summary of 'what we heard' captured in five Big Ideas with potential initiatives / projects.

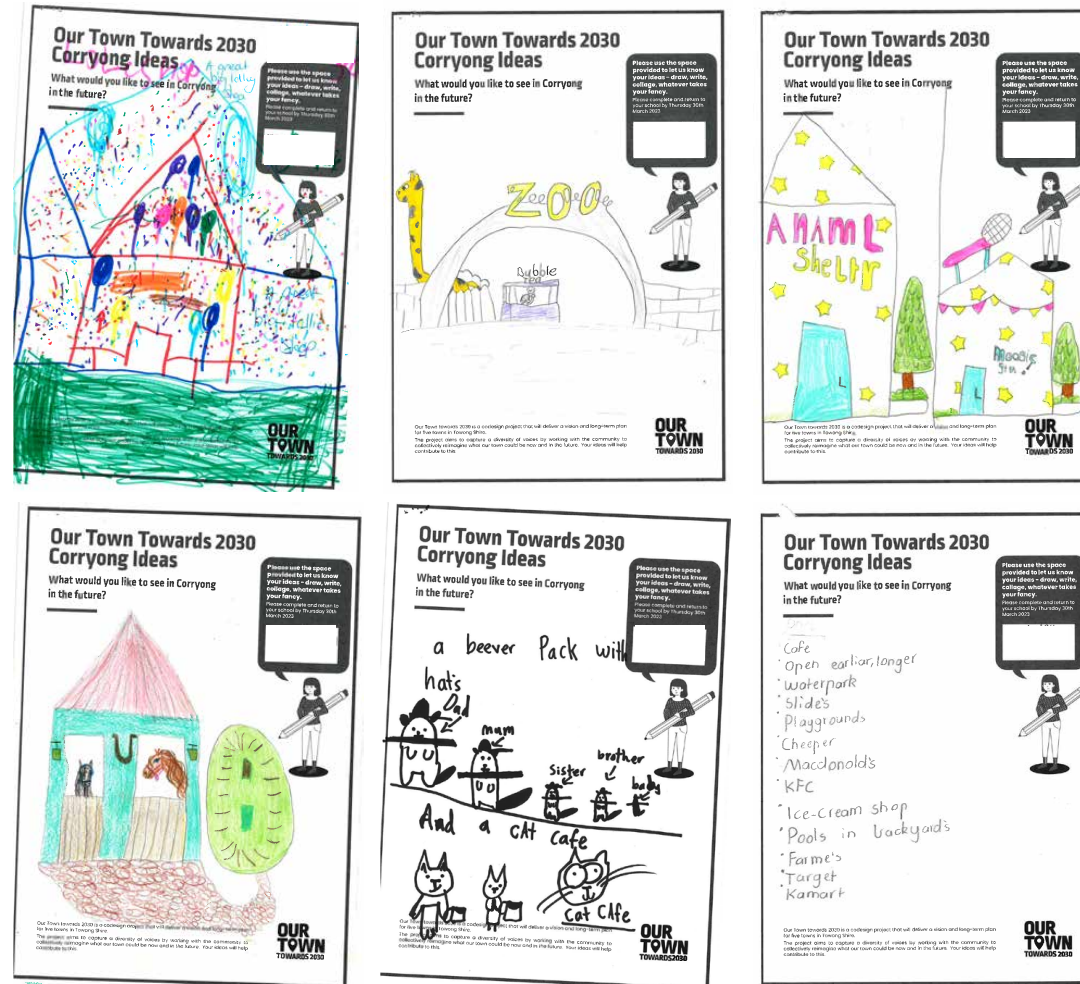


Figure 29. Responses to the Question: How can Corryong be a better place for their future. Corryong College Students, Years P-12.

“A quiet peaceful and friendly country town which is family orientated with schools, sport and family events and a close-knit community”

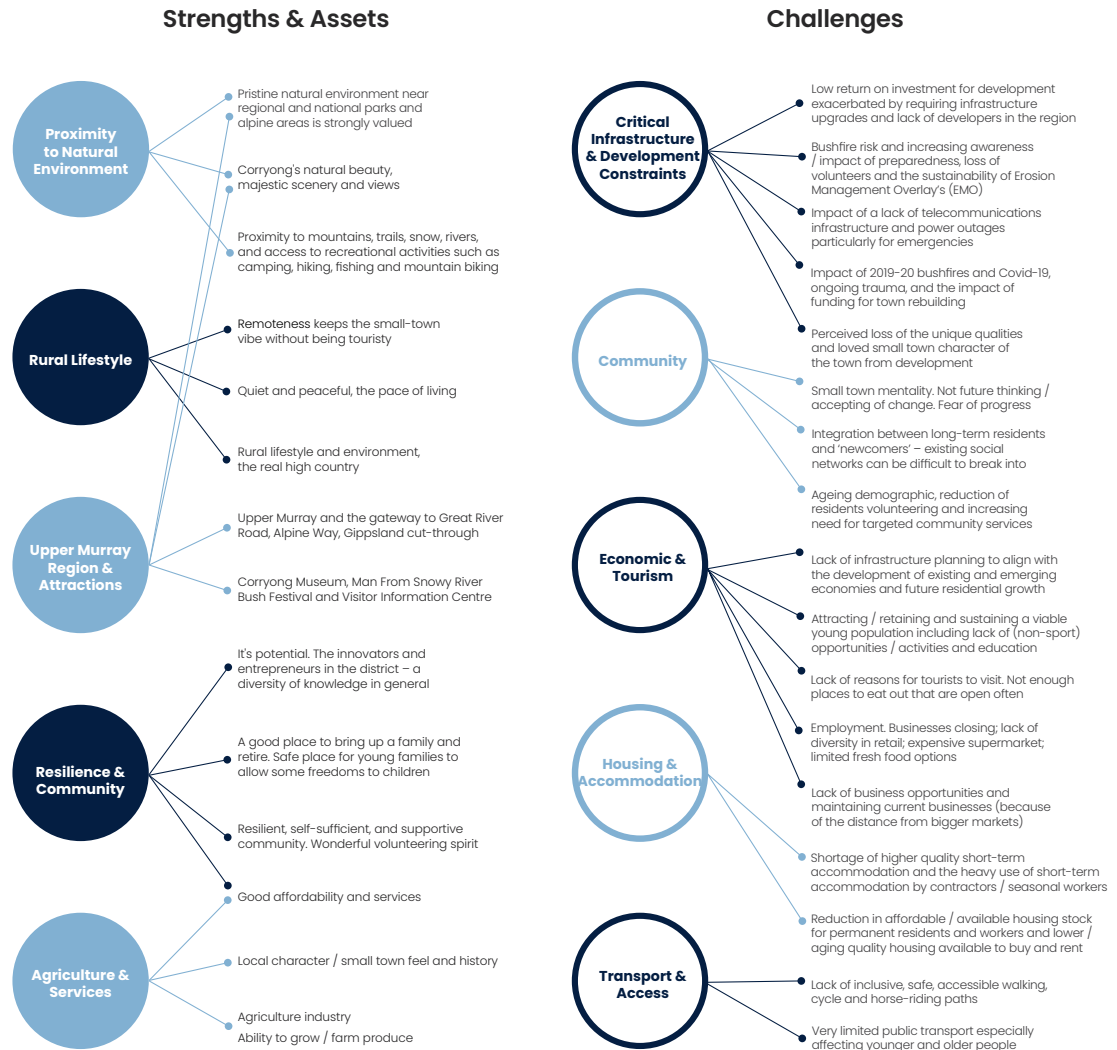
Strengths, Assets & Challenges

An analysis of responses to the questions ‘What makes your town special?’ and ‘What do you love and value?’ are summarised in the following strengths and assets, with responses to the question ‘What challenges does your town face?’ summarised in the following challenges. These have informed the vision and big ideas for the place plan.

Big Ideas

The five Big Ideas for Corryong broadly capitalise on:

- + The towns role as a major urban centre servicing the Upper Murray region to strengthen the local economy with a focus on the town centre.
- + Corryong’s tourism potential as a gateway to the Snowy’s including recreational activities and potential in adventure tourism.
- + A focus on improvements to the liveability and sustainability of the township.








2.3 Engagement 2: Planning ahead

The second engagement, Planning Ahead took place between November 2023-January 2024 and included residents, workers, visitors, and government authorities. Planning Ahead was comprised of in-person workshops and an online survey replicating the face-to-face workshops. The workshop and survey were based on the Draft Place Plan which captured the key directions and outcomes to emerge from 'what we heard' during Engagement 1: Let's Chat.

Engagement 2 was an opportunity to provide feedback on the Engagement 1 findings. A vision exercise was held with participants during the workshop to prioritise key words for the overarching direction for the place plan. These words were used to create the town vision.

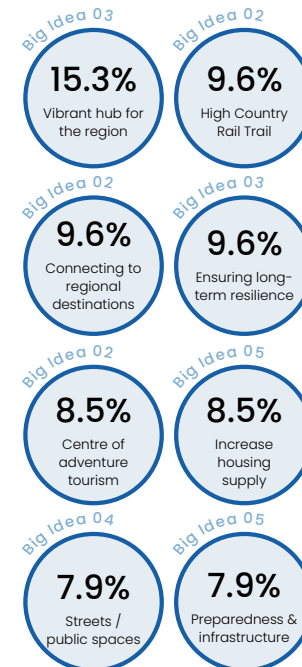
The five Big Ideas for Corryong were presented to participants, followed by two prioritisation exercises. The first exercise was focused on themes, with participants requested to select their top three. The second exercise was based on the initiatives / projects under each theme. Participants were requested to select their top ten initiatives / projects.

Results from the prioritisation exercise are captured in the diagram to the right. While Big Idea 02, 03, 04 and 05 included the highest priority themes, across the four ideas, 'Major service centre for the region', 'Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure tourism' and 'Sustainable housing for a resilient community' were the highest rated big ideas.

Big Idea	Theme
 01 Revitalise main street, strengthen heritage & small town character	1.1 Welcoming arrival and main street character 1.2 Main street and employment opportunities
 02 Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure tourism	2.1 Centre of adventure tourism 2.2 High Country Rail Trail 2.3 Connecting to regional destinations / attractions
 03 Major service centre for the region	3.1 Vibrant hub for the region 3.2 Ensuring long-term resilience
 04 Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces	4.1 Streets / public spaces 4.2 Cycle paths 4.3 Nature areas and vegetation
 05 Sustainable housing for a resilient community	5.1 Increase land supply 5.2 Increase housing supply 5.3 Preparedness and infrastructure

Theme Priorities

The highest rated themes across all Big Ideas are captured below.



Initiative & Project Priorities

During Engagement 2 stakeholders were requested to prioritise the most important initiatives / projects listed under each theme. The following six initiatives / projects were rated as the top priorities for the community. Some initiatives / projects received equal rating and are grouped together. For example, 'New Aquatic & Indoor Sports Centre' and 'Disaster / resilience planning & emergency preparedness' received equal support at 5.3%.

TABLE OF HIGHEST RATED SURVEY RESULTS				
Priority	Big Idea	Theme	Percentage	Project
#1	02	2.1	7.0%	Complete the High Country Rail Trail.
#2	01	1.1	6.3%	Upgrade Former Corryong Junior Campus as a civic hub.
#3	02	2.2	5.5%	Connecting to new regional destinations (new roads).
#4	01	1.1	5.3%	New Aquatic and Indoor Sports Centre.
		1.2	5.3%	Disaster / resilience planning and emergency preparedness
#5	02	2.3	4.6%	Centre of adventure tourism.

*“Natural beauty.
High country history.
Ease of access to natural bush.
High country huts / heritage”*

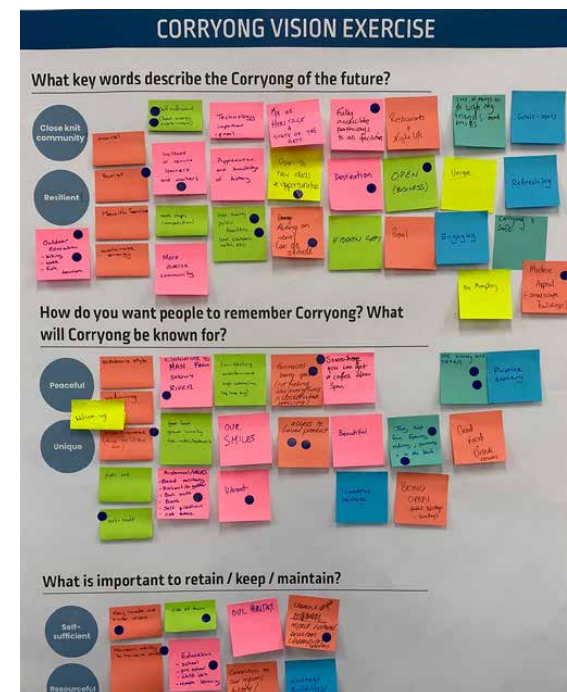


Figure 30. Engagement 2 vision exercise, Corryong.



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Corryong will thrive as a tight-knit community where people actively engage in volunteering and fostering togetherness. Outdoor adventure activities will be enhanced, including opportunities for biking, walking, fishing, and tourism that showcase the town's pristine scenery and nature.

The township will become increasingly self-sufficient, producing its own food and energy while offering high-quality facilities and services to enable the community to prosper. Known for its rich history, great food and hospitality, the 'hidden gem' of the Upper Murray provides a safe and family-friendly environment for locals and visitors.

Businesses will flourish, ensuring that visitors experience a vibrant town where everything feels open and welcoming, with easy access to local products and the warmth of community spirit permeating life in Corryong.

Corryong Town Vision

3.1 Big ideas summary

Five Big Ideas emerged from an analysis of responses from Engagement 1. These were tested with community during Engagement 2. All of the big ideas received support, however, it was clear through the analysis that followed, that there are clear priorities across the community. These priorities are reflected in the numbering of each big idea with 'Major service centre for the region' receiving the most support, followed by 'Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure tourism', 'Sustainable housing for a resilient community', 'Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces' and 'Revitalise main street, strengthen heritage & small town character'.

Format of the Big Ideas

Each Big Idea is comprised of themes that describe the outcomes we are seeking to achieve. Each theme includes a series of objectives outlining the different components that make up each theme. Each objective lists actions required to implement the objective. The actions can be initiatives or projects.



Figure 31. Format of the Big Ideas.

Big Idea	Theme
 01 Major service centre for the region	1.1 Vibrant hub for the region 1.2 Ensuring long-term resilience
 02 Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure tourism	2.1 High Country Rail Trail 2.2 Connecting to regional destinations / attractions 2.3 Centre of adventure tourism
 03 Sustainable housing for a resilient community	3.1 Increase housing supply 3.2 Preparedness and infrastructure 3.3 Increase land supply
 04 Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces	4.1 Streets / public spaces 4.2 Nature areas and vegetation 4.3 Cycle paths
 05 Revitalise main street, strengthen heritage & small town character	5.1 Main street and employment opportunities 5.2 Welcoming arrival and main street character

3.2 Big Idea

01

Major centre servicing the region



Theme 1.1: Vibrant Hub for the Region

What we heard

As a remote township in the far north-east of the state, Corryong is strongly connected to the Upper Murray region, with half of the region located in NSW. The township is one of the largest urban centres in the Upper Murray and provides facilities and services for the township and broader area. Engagement 1 findings indicated a need to increase the number of health and education services, improve existing facilities and provide new facilities to support an ageing population, families, younger people wanting to stay in the area, people looking for a tree change and new employees.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

The highest to lowest rated initiatives and projects for this theme are as follows. The themes and initiatives / projects have been incorporated into objectives and actions.

- + 1 - Upgrade Former Corryong Junior Campus as a Civic Hub
- + 2 - New Aquatic and Indoor Sports Centre
- + 3 - Create Centre of training for agriculture / emerging industries
- + 4 - Upgrade Corryong Recreation Reserve.

What is proposed

This Big Idea proposes to strengthen Corryong's role as a community hub and service centre offering the services and facilities to ensure the sustainability and liveability, not only of the town but also the broader region. Key opportunities to strengthen Corryong's role include:

- + Creating a vibrant new civic hub
- + Improving the swimming pool
- + Supporting the arts and culture community
- + Creating a centre for training and education.

Objective 1: Strengthen community facilities and services within the town centre

Action 01: Create a civic precinct at the Former Corryong Junior Campus to strengthen the township's social heart.

Action 02: Investigate the opportunity to create a hub for arts and culture at the Former Corryong Junior Campus.

Action 03: Explore the opportunity to reuse the kindergarten and maternal child health buildings in Attree Park for artists workshop spaces, and Davis Cottage as a cafe in the park, if the spaces become available as a result of the creation of a civic precinct at the Former Corryong Junior Campus.

Action 04: Explore the opportunity to develop a retirement village at the Library and Council offices site, if the spaces become available as a result of the creation of a civic precinct at the Former Corryong Junior Campus.



Figure 32. Create a vibrant civic hub at the Former Corryong Junior Campus.



3.2 Big Idea 01 Major centre servicing the region

Objective 2: Investigate options to create an Aquatic and Indoor Sports Centre

Action 01: Investigate the feasibility of expanding the existing pool to include an Aquatic and Indoor Sports Centre with indoor pool(s), theropod for older people, hydrotherapy pool, indoor netball court and basketball court.

Action 02: Consider how to better integrate the pool site with the Corryong Recreation Reserve and improve walking and cycling links including car parking for an expanded facility.

Objective 3: Create a Centre of Training for Agriculture and Emerging Industries

Action 01: Investigate the opportunity to create an Agriculture School for the region to support the diversification of the industry including potential sites to partner with regional education providers.

Action 02: Investigate opportunities to provide vocational training facilities for existing and emerging industries – hospitality, energy, Landcare and Snowy Hydro employees. Consider the Former Corryong Junior Campus as a potential location.



Figure 33. New skate park at the Former Corryong Junior Campus.



Figure 34. New library at the Former Corryong Junior Campus incorporating heritage buildings.



Figure 35. New amphitheater at the Former Corryong Junior Campus.



Objective 4: Develop a master plan for the Corryong Recreation Reserve

Action 01: Develop a master plan for the Corryong Recreation Reserve in partnership with key stakeholders to better utilise the existing site including:

- + Upgrade / expansion of areas used for the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival
- + Indoor riding arena
- + Day-to-day recreational use such as seating, shade and picnic areas.

Action 02: Investigate the need to improve existing gym facilities at the Corryong Recreation Reserve.

Action 03: Consider including the pool site and potential Aquatic and Indoor Sports Centre within the project area for the Corryong Recreation Reserve master plan to improve connections between the two facilities.



Figure 36. New day-to-day facilities at the Corryong Recreation Reserve.



Figure 37. New Aquatic and Indoor Sports Centre. Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre, Traralgon.

3.2 Big Idea 01 Major centre servicing the region



Theme 1.2: Ensuring Long-Term Resilience

What we heard

There are plans to install a microgrid for energy generation and storage in Corryong aimed at providing continuous energy supply during emergencies. Essential infrastructure is highlighted on this plan, including the location of proposed community batteries at the Recreation Reserve and Corryong Health. To our knowledge, SES has not been identified as essential infrastructure.

Engagement 1 findings show that renewable energies, water reuse / recycling and waste minimisation / recycling followed by bushfire preparedness, were regarded as the highest priorities to make Corryong more environmentally sustainable and resilient.

Agencies involved in emergency preparedness include Victoria Police, CFA, SES, Ambulance Victoria and DEECA. Consultation with Landcare members and emergency services organisation provided guidance on future proofing the township in the face of future hazards and disasters.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

The highest to lowest rated initiatives and projects for this theme are as follows with equal weighting as indicated below. The themes and initiatives / projects have been incorporated into objectives and actions.

- + 1 - Disaster and resilience planning and emergency preparedness
- + 2 - Improve transport and health services
- + 2 - Renewable energy, water / green waste reuse and recycling.

What is proposed

This Big Idea supports the resilience of the town centre and by extension the Upper Murray region, by ensuring it can continue to function during events such as the bushfires of 2019-20, and continue to be resilient in the future.

In addition, increasing health and transport services and environmental measures such as recycling / reusing waste and water, and clean energy generation are seen as an important contributions to improving the township's resilience.

Objective 1: Undertake and implement disaster and resilience planning to guide the future development of the township

Action 01: Undertake a Bushfire Risk Assessment to guide the future growth of the township.






Action 02: Incorporate disaster and resilience planning to reduce the impact of man-made and natural hazards and disasters.

Action 03: Ensure that hazard resilience is incorporated into the future planning for buildings, infrastructure and vegetation, including an increase in capacity for stormwater drainage and run-off, infrastructure that can cope with floods and storms, and vegetation that can reduce the risk of fire and wind damage.



Figure 38. Example of community battery with artwork.

Legend

-  ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
-  RELIEF CENTRE
-  PLACE OF LAST RESORT
-  COMMUNITY SCALE BATTERY
-  PROPOSED ADDITION TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: MICRO-GRID NETWORK



SCALE 1:10,000 @ A3
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3.2 Big Idea 01 Major centre servicing the region

Objective 2: Improve emergency preparedness by supporting emergency services and organisations

Action 01: Support emergency services organisations to stem the loss of volunteers including developing a succession strategy to recruit younger volunteers and exploring potential options such as a web-based community app.

Action 02: Investigate options to facilitate and support volunteers including increasing representation of minority groups.

Action 03: Plan for future upgrade and potential needs of existing emergency services and infrastructure as the population increases including consultation with emergency services organisations for projects such as adventure tourism which can impact existing commitments.

Objective 3: Expand and support the provision of reliable power during emergencies

Action 01: Investigate opportunities to include SES in the implementation of the microgrid.

Action 02: Strengthen the implementation of the microgrid with the upgrade of low voltage power lines.

Action 03: Improve public space outcomes by incorporating screens with artwork to community battery infrastructure in highly visible public areas.



Figure 39. Example of services infrastructure with artwork.

Objective 4: Improve health and transport services to increase equitable access for all ages and abilities

Action 01: Undertake a service review to determine the additional health / care and social services required.

Action 02: Increase access to services at Corryong Health and investigate the need for potential refurbishment of the facility.

Action 03: Investigate alternate health care models i.e. 'hospital in the home' to support community to remain within the local community.

Action 04: Provide education about the local services available to community members and investigate how to support people to take-up preventative treatment.

Action 05: Investigate the feasibility and potential options for creating a 24/7 'virtual emergency department' at the Health Service.

Action 06: Investigate options for improving public transport options including a car sharing system and community buses with designated pick-up / drop-off locations for health services and the tourism opportunities.



Objective 5: Investigate options to increase renewable energy generation, green waste collection / recycling and water reuse / recycling

Action 01: Investigate options to increase renewable energy generation for water, solar and wind to create a self-sufficient and isolated energy supply for each community.

Action 02: Provide training and education opportunities for renewable technologies to increase knowledge and uptake on private property.

Action 03: Increase learning in schools on climate change.

Action 04: Maintain use of gas until alternatives can provide reliable energy supply.

Action 05: Improve recycling and green waste collection and management including initiatives such as regular opportunities for chip pruning and garden timber for mulch.

Action 06: Provide opportunities for education and capacity building in recycling and up-cycling.

Action 07: Investigate options to provide a waste recycling facility.

Action 08: Identify barriers and investigate options to reduce water use, increase reuse for buildings and community facilities including on-site water storage.

Action 09: Investigate the opportunity to introduce a sustainability scoreboard to measure / communicate water usage or water levels for the township.



Figure 40. Alternative power sources. Yackandandah town battery.

3.3 Big Idea

02

Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure tourism



Theme 2.1: Centre of Adventure Tourism

What we heard

The Upper Murray Community Recovery Committee identified adventure tourism as a priority for community recovery after the 2019–20 bushfires to develop tourism opportunities and tourist attractions. As the last main service centre before Mount Kosciuszko National Park with a manned Visitor Information Centre, Corryong is already a popular stopover for tourists.

Survey findings from Engagement 1 indicated that people feel Corryong would benefit from having more reasons to stay or visit the township. Comments were also made about the difficulty of accessing information about the region before arriving in the town, and that access to this information would encourage visitors passing through to spend a night or two en-route to the Snowy Mountains.

The popularity of the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival was also identified as an opportunity for the township to develop more events.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

The highest to lowest rated initiatives and projects for this theme are as follows. The themes and initiatives / projects have been incorporated into objectives and actions.

- + 1 - Centre of adventure tourism (tourist destination)
- + 2 - Gateway to the Snowy Mountains (marketing and tourist information)
- + 3 - Short-term accommodation and agritourism
- + 4 - Leveraging the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival (increase events).

What is proposed

This Big Idea capitalises on the opportunity to develop Corryong as a tourist destination through:

- + Adventure tourism opportunities
- + Trails and shared paths for walking, cycling, running and horse riding
- + Events and marketing
- + Improved visitor services and accommodation
- + Other tourism opportunities related to agriculture.

Objective 1: Promote Corryong as the centre of adventure tourism

Action 01: Investigate potential adventure tourism opportunities that capitalise on the natural environment and build upon initiatives underway such as the Playles Hill Mountain Bike, and hang-gliding at Mt Elliot including but not limited to niche markets in extreme sports events and cycling.

Action 02: Investigate opportunities for improving trails, outdoor activities and camping at Mount Elliot, Mount Mitta Mitta / Mount Mittamatite, Mount Burrowa–Pine Mountain National Park, Cherry Tree Lane and Thowgla Valley / Falls.

Action 03: Investigate the development of the LifeCycle Upper Murray High Country Rail Trail Extension – Gravel Trail around Mittamatite.

Action 04: Investigate the opportunity to create a loop trail connecting Colac Colac with Cudgewa Township and Cudgewa Cemetery.

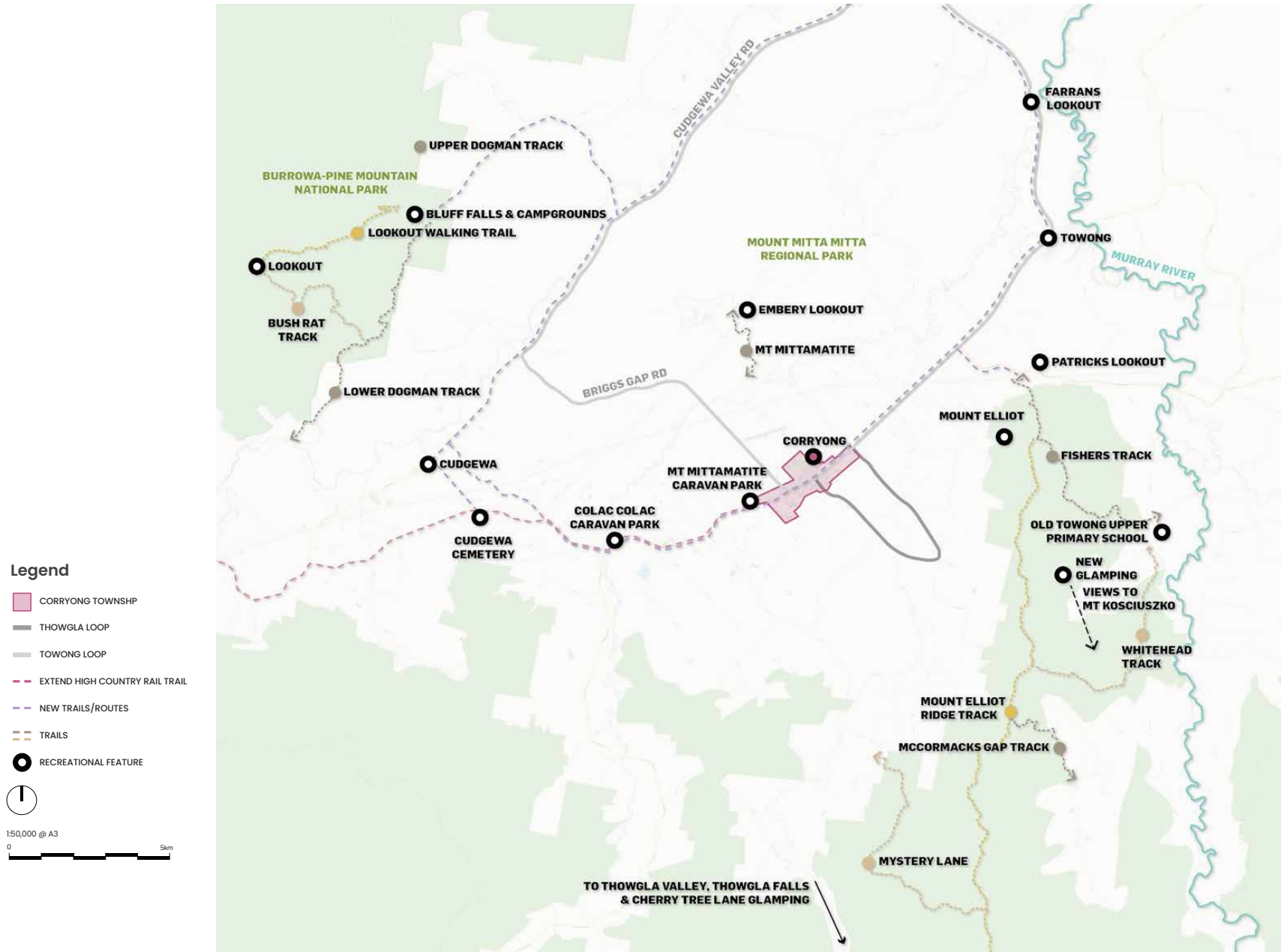
Action 05: Investigate the opportunity for a tree-top walk.



Figure 41. Opportunities for pump track.



Figure 42. Opportunities for adventure tourism.



3.3 Big Idea **02** Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure

Objective 2: Market Corryong as the Gateway to the Snowy Mountains

Action 01: Develop a marketing campaign to strengthen Corryong's role as the Gateway to the Snowy Mountains and Alpine National Park and a destination for adventure tourism and extreme sports.

Action 02: Improve online access to information on the township, region, destinations and attractions to support the development of the visitor economy.

Objective 3: Support the increase of short-term accommodation and agritourism

Action 01: Provide a range of short-stay accommodation and cabins including accommodation catering for the premium end of the market, tiny homes / cabins in landscape settings, eco-resort / lodge with high quality accommodation and farm stay accommodation.

Action 02: Explore agritourism opportunities that capitalise on the local industries including farmgate experiences with learning opportunities and workshops.



Figure 43. New eco-lodge accommodation.



Figure 44. Marketing campaign as the gateway to the Snowy Mountains and Alpine National Park.



Objective 4: Leverage the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival by expanding the events calendar

Action 01: Expand the events calendar for community and visitors in conjunction with a marketing campaign to promote Corryong and the Upper Murray region.

The following areas have been identified for consideration:

- + Food offering with farmgate, farm-to-plate, and hospitality activities
- + Music, arts / dance and cultural activities
- + Towong Race Course and equestrian events
- + Sports and recreation activities
- + Agribusiness and learning
- + Touring and running itineraries
- + Landcare and environmental activities.

Action 02: Develop a program to utilise the airport for niche products and tourism services including holiday packages.



Figure 45. Cycling routes through the Snowy Mountains, L'Étape Australia 2016, Snowy Mountains.



Figure 46. Leveraging the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival with an increasing number of events.

3.3 Big Idea 02 Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure



Theme 2.2: High Country Rail Trail

What we heard

The High Country Rail Trail has been identified by business owners – among other stakeholder – as an important driver of local economic development for the township, by strengthening Corryong as a tourist destination. With an increase in cycling tourism in the north-east and a projected forecast expected to double the number of cycle tourists over the next 10 years, Corryong is well-placed to capitalise on this growing market.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

In this instance, the High Country Rail Trail was singled out as a theme and initiative / project. In both categories, the 'High Country Rail Trail' rated very highly, sharing the second highest theme ranking with 'Connecting regional destinations / attractions' and 'Enduring long-term resilience'.

The initiative / project of the same name was ranked as the highest priority across the spread of initiatives and projects indicating a high level of support in the survey results.

What is proposed

This Big Idea is to complete the Rail Trail from Shelley and address any gaps or maintenance requirements. Current works include:

- + Replacement of three bushfire-damaged footbridges
- + Detour at Needles Picnic Area.

Other areas to capitalise on the potential of this market include accommodation, cycle hubs and services, food and beverage operators and tour operators.

Objective 1: Plan for and deliver the remaining sections of the High Country Rail Trail

Action 01: Replace existing damaged footbridges.

Action 02: Construct a detour at the Needles Picnic Area.

Action 03: Ensure the Rail Trail is fully accessible.



Figure 47. Extending the High Country Rail Trail to Corryong.

Legend

— EXISTING HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL

- - - NEW HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL

● REPLACE BUSHFIRE
DAMAGED FOOTBRIDGE

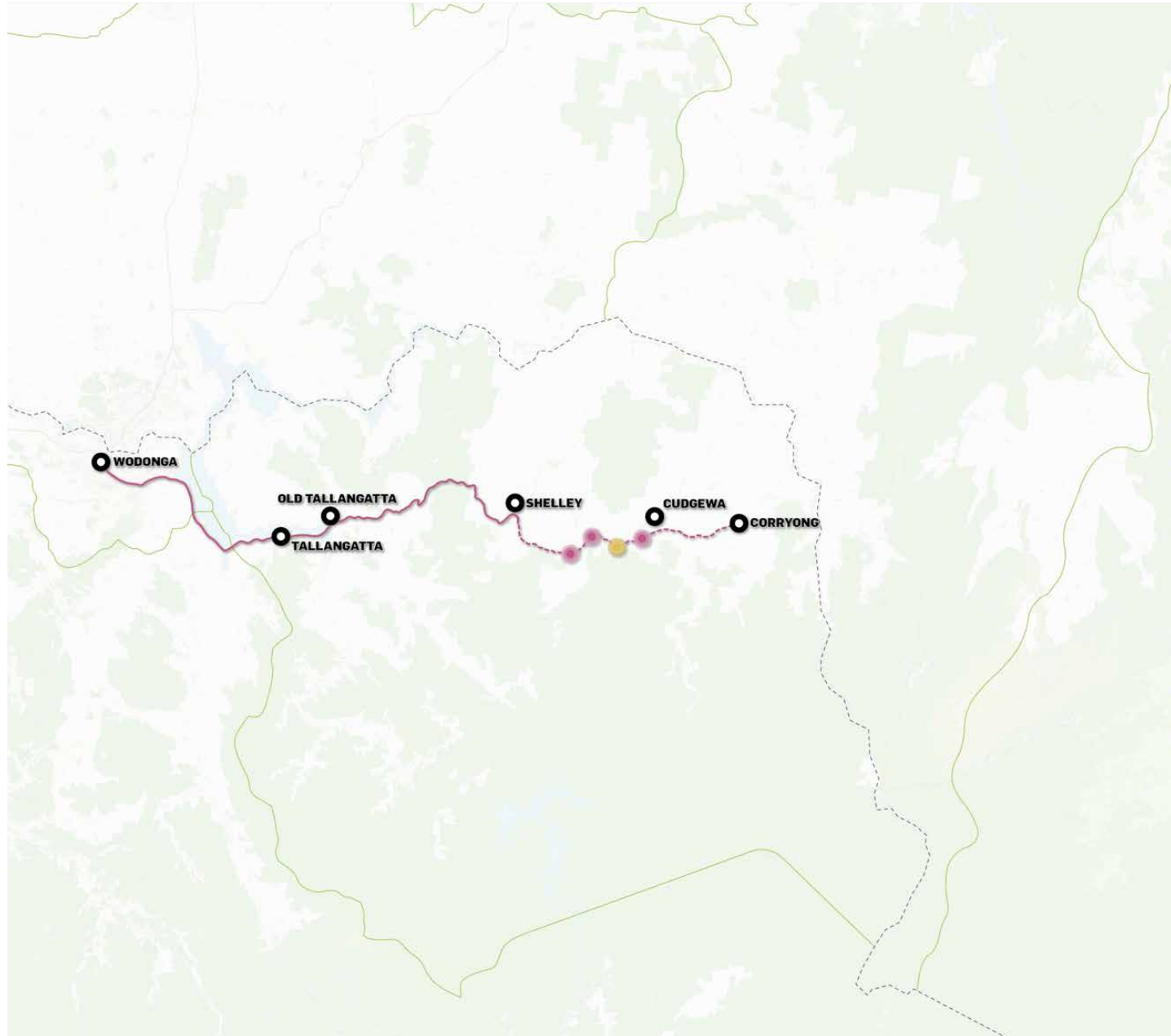
● CONSTRUCT A DETOUR AT
NEEDLES PICNIC AREA

● TOWNSHIP



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0 7.5km



3.3 Big Idea 02 Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure



Theme 2.3: Connecting to Regional Destinations / Attractions

What we heard

As a remote township in the far north-east of the state, Corryong is strongly linked to townships to the east and north, with fewer connections to the south.

Road transport is the primary form of transport in the region with very limited public transport available for those unable to drive a car. It is also critical for emergency services, transporting goods and services and ensuring that the township can continue to function.

Road maintenance was identified as a key area of concern with damaged roads and bridges significantly increasing the distance required to travel. This became a critical factor during the 2019-20 bushfires when bridges across the Murray River were not accessible.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

In this instance, connecting to regional destinations / attractions was singled out as a theme and initiative / project. In both categories, 'Connecting to regional destinations / attractions' rated very highly, sharing the second highest theme spot with 'High Country Rail Trail' and 'Enduring long-term resilience'.

The initiative / project of the same name was ranked as the highest priority across the spread of initiatives and projects indicating a high level of support in the survey results.

What is proposed

This Big Idea proposes to increase connectivity across the region by improving roads and providing safe routes to key destinations and attractions. This includes increasing access to nearby attractions to support the visitor economy while also supporting key services and economic development for the township and Upper Murray region. New connections including a potential route to Gippsland would open up access to another catchment / market to the Upper Murray region.

Objective 1: Upgrade and maintain existing roads and plan for new routes to improve connectivity across the Upper Murray region

Action 01: Investigate potential routes to improve road connections to Corryong to support emergency services and the townships role as a service hub for the Upper Murray region.



Figure 48. Increasing connectivity with new / improved roads.

Legend

--- POTENTIAL ROUTE OMEO GIPPSLAND

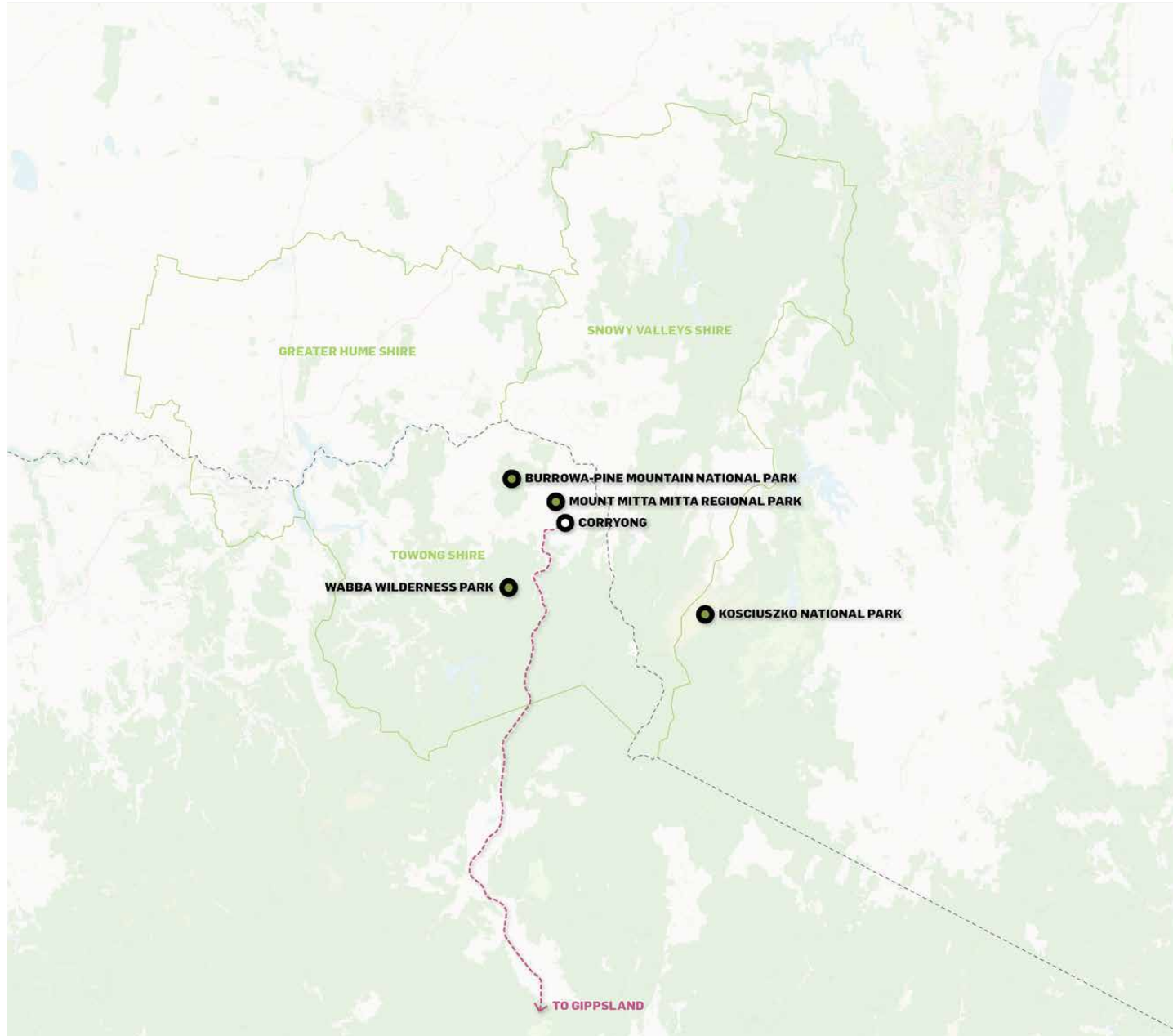
● REGIONAL PARK

● TOWNSHIP



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3.4 Big Idea

03

Sustainable housing for a resilient community



Theme 3.1: Increase Housing Supply

What we heard

Engagement 1 findings indicated that a lack of housing supply and choice for residents and workers including rentals is a key issue in the township, with job vacancies unable to be filled without housing. This includes short-term accommodation being used by contractors. While there are a significant number of vacant lots within the township, there are key barriers to development including the cost of construction and services, the provision of infrastructure and a lack of builders / trades people.

Corryong has an ageing population with the highest number of people in the 55+ age group. Engagement 1 and 2 revealed a need for more options to cater for a range of needs including farmers wanting to downsize and live in the town close to services and amenities. In addition, people with particular needs who require in-home support are living in the Retirement Village due to lack of any alternative options.

Current services available for the elderly include Mittamatite Lodge Residential Aged Care, Upper Murray Retirement Village and support services such as Home Care, community transport, Meals On Wheels, Day Activity Centre and Palliative Care, with access to medical and mental health services. While the available services are an asset to the township, comments from community members reflect a need to provide additional accommodation options that cater for diverse needs including dementia and supported accommodation.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

The highest to lowest rated initiatives and projects for this theme are as follows. The themes and initiatives / projects have been incorporated into objectives and actions.

- + 1 - Prioritised housing for key communities
- + 2 - Increase housing within the township boundary (infill lots / shop-top housing)
- + 3 - Increase housing choice
- + 4 - Investigation area and rural activity zone for land rezoning.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to support the long-term growth and sustainability of the township through a series of proposals including:

- + Infill housing on small and larger lots within the township
- + Increasing housing choice with more diverse product including medium density housing in proximity to the town centre (flats / townhouses / shop-top housing)
- + Additional accommodation options for an ageing population and people with particular needs
- + Potential partnerships with state government for affordable / social housing
- + Opportunity to provide housing for seasonal workers / contractors to free up short-term accommodation for visitors.



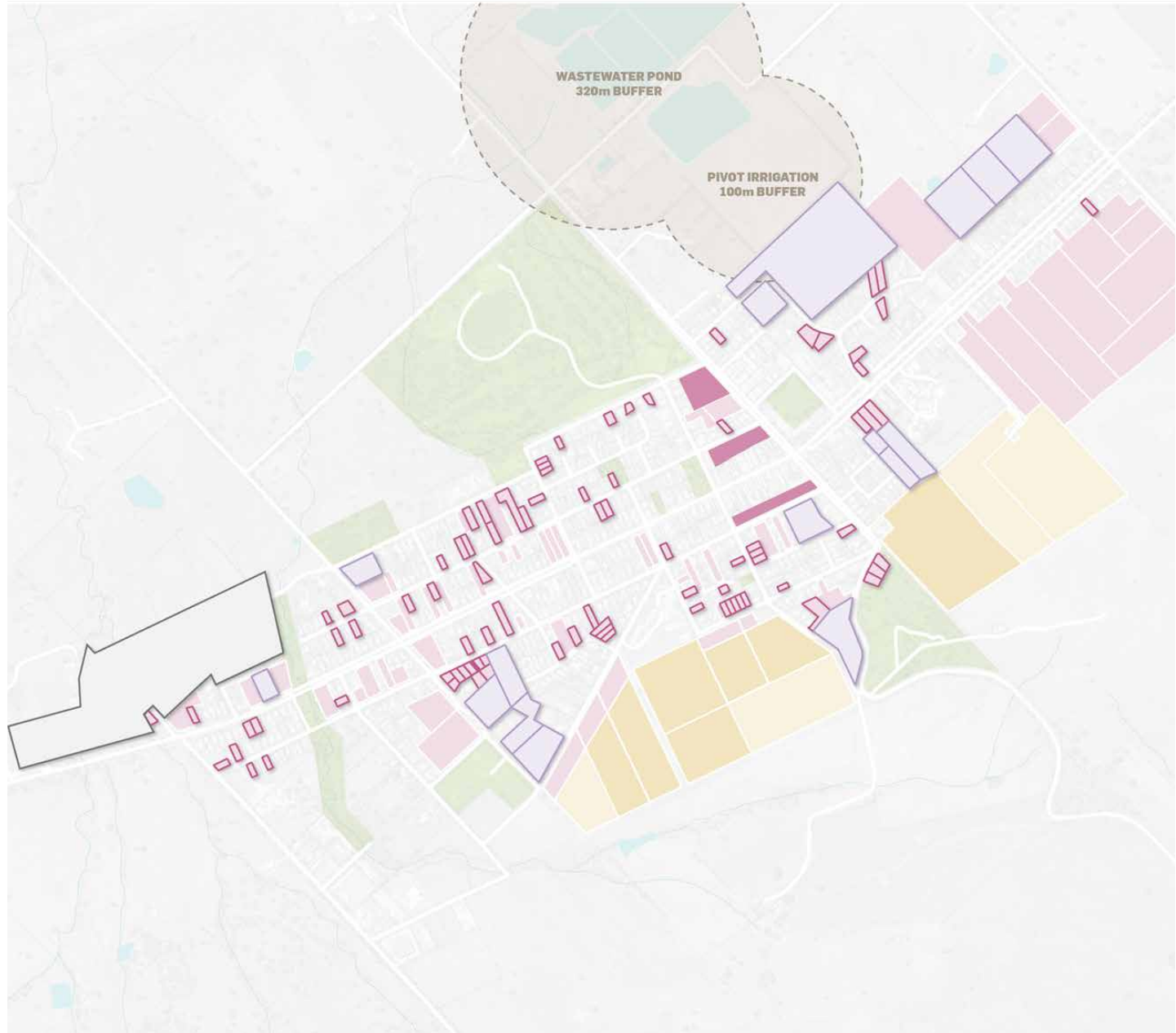
Figure 49. Explore diverse housing models with shared facilities.

Legend

-  UNDERDEVELOPED PARCELS IN GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (FROM SMALL GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE ALLOTMENTS)
-  VACANT PARCELS IN LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE
-  UNDERDEVELOPED PARCELS IN LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONE
-  INFILL DEVELOPMENT ON LARGE SITES IN GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE
-  INFILL DEVELOPMENT ON SMALL SITES IN GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE
-  HIGHER DENSITY HOUSING IN MIXED USE ZONES
-  INVESTIGATION AREAS FOR REZONING TO RURAL LIVING ZONE
-  WATER & WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE
-  WATERWAY



SCALE 1:10,000 @ A3
0 300m



3.4 Big Idea 03 Sustainable housing for a resilient community

Objective 1: Increase the supply of housing prioritised for key communities

Action 01: Investigate pathways with government to reduce housing used for short-term accommodation.

Action 02: Investigate opportunities to partner with state and local government to deliver social and affordable housing.

Action 03: Investigate opportunities to provide:

- + Supported accommodation in the community, for people with a disability
- + Aged care homes for older people who can no longer live independently at home
- + Supported independent living
- + Dementia Village.

Action 04: Investigate options to increase the number of rental properties.

Action 05: Provide a greater range of housing typologies to increase housing choice and accommodate a variety of household types and changing demographic needs including for ageing in place, younger families, key sector workers and seasonal worker accommodation.

Action 06: Investigate options for developing the Uniting Church site for additional Retirement Living accommodation.

Objective 2: Investigate opportunities to increase housing within the township

Action 01: Explore opportunities to provide infill housing on small and large vacant / undeveloped land within the township with access to existing critical infrastructure (water, sewerage, telecommunications).

Action 02: Investigate the opportunity to provide residential dwellings above new commercial / retail development at ground level in Mixed-Use Zones.

Action 03: Consider appropriate residential densities such as medium density dwellings including townhouses / flats in proximity to the retail core and town centre amenity.

Action 04: Investigate potential large sites in the General Residential Zone to develop affordable housing in partnership with Council and State Government

Objective 3: Consider potential rezoning of land to increase housing supply

Action 01: Investigate options to increase residential density on existing Rural Activity Zones on the edge of the township and provide a differentiated residential product to the market subject to the recommendations of a Bushfire Risk Assessment.

Action 02: Investigate rezoning existing farmland to Rural Living Zone, to provide an alternative residential product to conventional housing typically delivered through the General Residential Zone, subject to the recommendations of a Bushfire Risk Assessment.

Action 03: Engage with DTP to explore reforms to zones / overlays that limit the number of houses / lot or the minimum lot size area on farmland.



Figure 50. Retirement living.



Figure 51. Increasing housing density with townhouses.



Figure 52. Diversifying housing types to suit different needs. Carpe Diem Dementia Village Donski Norway.

3.4 Big Idea 03 Sustainable housing for a resilient community

Theme 3.2: Preparedness and Infrastructure

What we heard

The 2019-20 bushfires had a significant impact on the township and surrounding areas that continues to be felt by the local community. The Corryong Recovery Committee an initiative of the State Government, was established in response to the bushfires to engage local people in the bushfire recovery program. Many community members were involved – and continue to volunteer their time – to developing and implementing key directions identified across the community for the allocation of recovery funding.

Bushfire risk and preparedness will continue to be an important consideration for the community and the future development of the township. In addition, while there is investment underway in the upgrade of critical infrastructure (and in particular water and waste treatment), it is imperative that upgrades support the future direction and growth of the township.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

The highest to lowest rated initiatives and projects for this theme are as follows. The themes and initiatives / projects have been incorporated into objectives and actions.

- + 1 - Bushfire preparedness
- + 2 - Critical infrastructure upgrades
- + 3 - Energy efficient buildings.

What is proposed

This Big Idea proposes to prioritise bushfire preparedness, ensuring that new and existing development incorporate measures to minimise the impact of bushfires and better prepare the community for future events.

Other priorities include:

- + Ensuring that critical infrastructure (water, sewerage and telecommunications) supports people's livelihood and the future growth of the township
- + Provide access to information on cost-effective measures to prepare for future events and retrofitting existing buildings for energy efficiency.

Objective 1: Embed bushfire preparedness into long-term planning for the township

Action 01: Ensure that all residential development is subject to the recommendations of a Bushfire Risk Assessment.

Action 02: Upgrade existing buildings, manage vegetation and ensure new buildings comply with requirements and guidelines to mitigate the impact of bushfires.

Action 03: Develop cost-effective methods to retrofit existing buildings for bushfire preparedness.

Objective 2: Plan and advocate for critical infrastructure upgrades to support the future development of the township

Action 01: Implement NEW plans to build storage within the town currently 3.5km away.

Action 02: Advocate for further upgrades required for water quality and buffers (noise, chlorine and gas).

Action 03: Ensure there are no future land use conflicts with the existing pivot irrigation system and future sensitive residential land uses on the General Residential Zone land to the south.

Action 04: Advocate for NEW to align upgrades to existing water and sewerage systems with long-term growth projections including for emerging industries which require high water usage.

Objective 3: Develop initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of buildings

Action 01: Develop cost-effective measures to retrofit existing buildings for energy efficiency.



Figure 53. View from Playles Hill lookout.

3.5 Big Idea

04

Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces



Theme 4.1: Improve Streets and Public Spaces

What we heard

Corryong is a walkable town, with many services and features accessible within walking distance. Engagement 1 findings show that the community has identified open space and footpath / street drainage improvements, increasing tree canopy shade for urban heat island and native vegetation as key opportunities. Not surprisingly considering the ageing population, comments were made about the poor condition of footpaths for mobility aids, particularly near the Health Service. With an ageing population, and a clear desire for older people to live within the township and walk to the shops and facilities, providing mobility friendly infrastructure will become increasingly important.

Engagement 1 findings also indicated a very ambitious goal to create the first township to achieve 50% shade to all footpaths and roads, coupled with suggestions to improve the physical appearance of the township with trees.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

In this instance, the two initiatives / projects under the theme 'Improve streets and public spaces' were ranked in equal first position across the three themes in this Big Idea - 'Improve streets and public spaces', 'Connected and safe cycle paths' and 'Increase nature areas and vegetation'. The initiatives / projects in equal first position are:

- + 1 - Footpaths, public spaces improvements and maintenance
- + 1 - Increase tree canopy cover.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to strengthen the walkability of the township, to encourage a healthier and active lifestyle and improve the tree canopy cover. A focus for Corryong is to provide shaded, age-friendly footpaths to encourage walking to key destinations / community facilities. Other opportunities include improvements to the street environment and open spaces.

Key opportunities include:

- + Setting an ambitious target for tree canopy cover across the township
- + Providing accessible footpaths and crossings for an ageing population
- + Improving public spaces for all ages and abilities.

Objective 1: Increase tree canopy cover throughout the township






Action 01: Develop a plan to increase tree canopy cover throughout the township to improve streets and cool the urban environment by:

- + Setting a standard of 50% shade to all footpaths and roads at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on a mid-summer's day.
- + Promoting the ambitious target for the township to become the first town in Australia to achieve this standard and outcome.



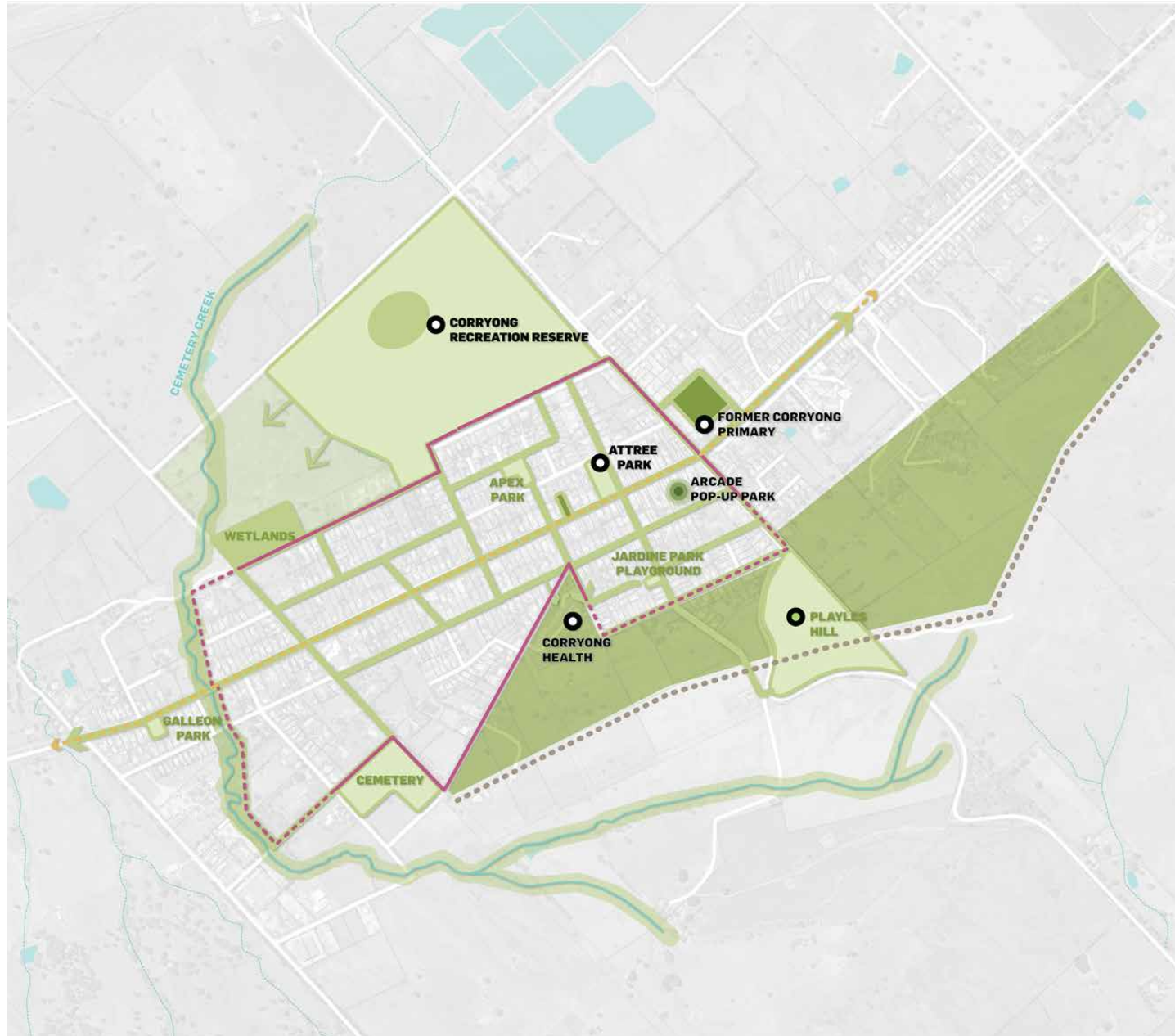
Figure 54. Increase shady streets and create a welcoming arrival. Continuous tree canopy, Yackandandah.

Legend

-  EXISTING CIRCUIT TRAIL
-  PROPOSED CIRCUIT TRAIL
-  PROPOSED CYCLE PATH
-  TREE-LINED STREETS
-  KEY NODE
-  OPEN SPACE UPGRADES
-  OPEN SPACE
-  WATERWAY
-  CEMETERY CREEK



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3.5 Big Idea 04 Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces

Objective 2: Provide age-friendly and well-maintained footpaths and drainage

Action 01: Ensure footpaths and crossings are fully accessible and built to minimum accessible gradients such as for wheelchairs, scooters, wheelie walkers and prams.

Action 02: Provide wayfinding and interpretive signage at key decision points.

Action 03: Investigate the benefits of providing a range of soft and multi-surface walking and cycling tracks for health and rehabilitation.

Action 04: Add new footpath circuits to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

Action 05: Identify roads requiring new / improvements to drainage and the installation of curb and gutters.

Action 06: Improve the maintenance of footpath curb and gutters.

Action 07: Implement water-sensitive urban design principles such as swales, raingardens and permeable pavement to slow and improve water run-off quality.



Figure 55. Fully accessible footpaths.



Objective 3: Improve the quality and diversity of public spaces within the township

Action 01: Investigate opportunities to improve existing open spaces – Apex Park, Galleon Park, Jardine Park Playground, Attree Park and the Arcade – to accommodate a diversity of uses including:

- + Water fountains, picnic areas, BBQ's, seating / tables, shelter, bins, public art, lighting and wayfinding signage
- + Locations for pop-up events, food and coffee vans including power and water
- + Open spaces suited for all ages including adults / older people
- + Fully accessible public spaces.

Action 02: Investigate the opportunity to improve the Corryong Recreation Reserve for more day-to-day recreation such as seating, shade and picnic areas.

Action 03: Investigate the opportunity to provide a dog park.

Action 04: Investigate the opportunity to provide new open space at the Former Corryong Junior Campus.

Action 05: Investigate opportunities to increase open space in the west of the township, where there is a current lack of open space.



Figure 56. Pop-up activities in public spaces.

3.5 Big Idea 04 Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces

Theme 4.2: Connected and Safe Cycle Paths

What we heard

As a compact township, cycling within Corryong is an important mode of transport, particularly for younger people unable to drive. Consultation with students from Corryong College during Engagement 1 identified the need for separated and safe cycle paths within the township and to popular nearby destinations or along recreational routes. The key reason given for separated cycle paths was to increase the uptake of cycling through improved safety measures.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

In this instance, 'Connected and safe cycle paths' was singled out as a theme and initiative / project. In both categories, 'Connected and safe cycle paths' rated equal second with 'Increase nature areas and vegetation', behind 'Footpaths, public space improvements and maintenance' and 'Increase tree canopy cover' in equal first place.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to encourage an increase in cycling all round as a viable mode of transport, to encourage a healthier and active lifestyle and to reduce fuel emissions into the environment.

A focus for Corryong is to provide a network of protected, connected and safe cycle paths to key destinations, community facilities and recreational routes.

Key opportunities include:

- + Leveraging the existing cycle paths
- + New pop-up cycling paths
- + Wayfinding signage and bicycle repair stations.

Objective 1: Provide a network of protected, connected and safe network of cycle paths

Action 01: Introduce safe and separated cycle paths with crossings along key routes. Review existing road widths to determine the most appropriate roads for cycle paths.

Action 02: Complete and upgrade the cycle path from Colac Colac to Hansen Street including:

- + New cycle path from Lebner Street
- + Widening the existing cycle path to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians
- + Addressing uneven levels and water run-off
- + Replacing gravel with a sealed surface
- + Repairing damaged culverts / waterway crossings
- + Incorporating regular maintenance of the trail.

Action 03: Provide a shared path along Cemetery Creek.

Action 04: Investigate the opportunity to provide EV charging stations for bicycles at camp grounds.



Theme 4.3: Increase Nature Areas and Vegetation

What we heard

Corryong is surrounded by majestic scenery and a pristine natural environment with nature areas and bushland the most highly rated strength and asset identified by community. However, the township is noticeable for a lack of trees and vegetation within the urban environment. Engagement 1 findings revealed a community initiative to restore wetlands to the west of the Corryong Recreation Reserve to improve habitat for local species and to encourage visitors to the area.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

In this instance, 'Increase nature areas and vegetation' was singled out as a theme and initiative / project. In both categories, 'Increase nature areas and vegetation' rated equal second with 'Connected and safe cycle paths', after 'Footpaths, public space improvements and maintenance' and 'Increase tree canopy cover' in equal first place.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to increase and improve the quality of the natural environment within the township by:

- + Restoring and improving the amenity of Cemetery Creek
- + Increasing vegetation areas to support biodiversity and restore natural habitats for local species.

Objective 1: Restore and increase nature areas and vegetation within the township

Action 01: Develop a plan in consultation with First Nations community to restore Cemetery Creek to improve amenity for the township by:

- + Increasing biodiversity with planting and protecting native vegetation
- + Restoring riparian zones
- + Increasing recreational opportunities
- + Providing a shared path connecting the main street / township to the wetlands.

Action 02: Investigate options to create biodiversity corridors connecting nature areas.

Action 03: Develop a plant palette with a focus on native trees and plants indigenous to the region.

Action 04: Develop a weed control crew in Towong Shire Council to tackle noxious weeds in parks, bushland and town gardens.

Action 05: Introduce measures to prevent domestic cats from killing birds.



Figure 57. Restore the Cemetery Creek riparian zone.

3.6 Big Idea

05

Revitalise main street, strengthen heritage & small town character



Theme 5.1: Welcoming Arrival and Main Street Character

What we heard

Improving the presentation of the township particularly the main street was a significant focus area in the Engagement 1 survey findings. This includes providing safe and accessible places for community to gather. Engagement 1 findings indicated that the community strongly identifies with the history of the township, notably the Man From Snowy River and High Country history. Retaining and complementing the character and local heritage value of the township was another area with significant support, while some comments specifically refer to improving the buildings and making the heritage qualities more of a feature. Upgrading the town centre, particularly main street, was seen as a way to also support the visitor economy.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

The highest to lowest rated initiatives and projects for this theme are as follows with equal weighting as indicated below. The themes and initiatives / projects have been incorporated into objectives and actions.

- + 1 - General streetscape upgrades
- + 2 - Town centre upgrades (Design Guidelines)
- + 2 - Historic destination
- + 3 - Corryong College and Health Service parking
- + 4 - Increase awareness of First Nations cultural heritage.

What is proposed

This Big Idea focuses on the town centre, improving the arrival experience and celebrating the unique history and connection to place through:

- + Town Centre Design Guidelines to improve the main street shop facades and ensure future development complements the existing small town character
- + Streetscape upgrades including improvements at Corryong College and Health Service
- + Historic town walks with interpretive signage
- + Exploration of First Nations cultural heritage to broaden our understanding of place.

Objective 1: Undertake streetscape upgrades

Action 01: Create a new gateway / wayfinding signage to acknowledge arrival into Towong Shire and Corryong with trees, public art and beautification.

Action 02: Provide wayfinding and historic interpretive signage at rest stops.

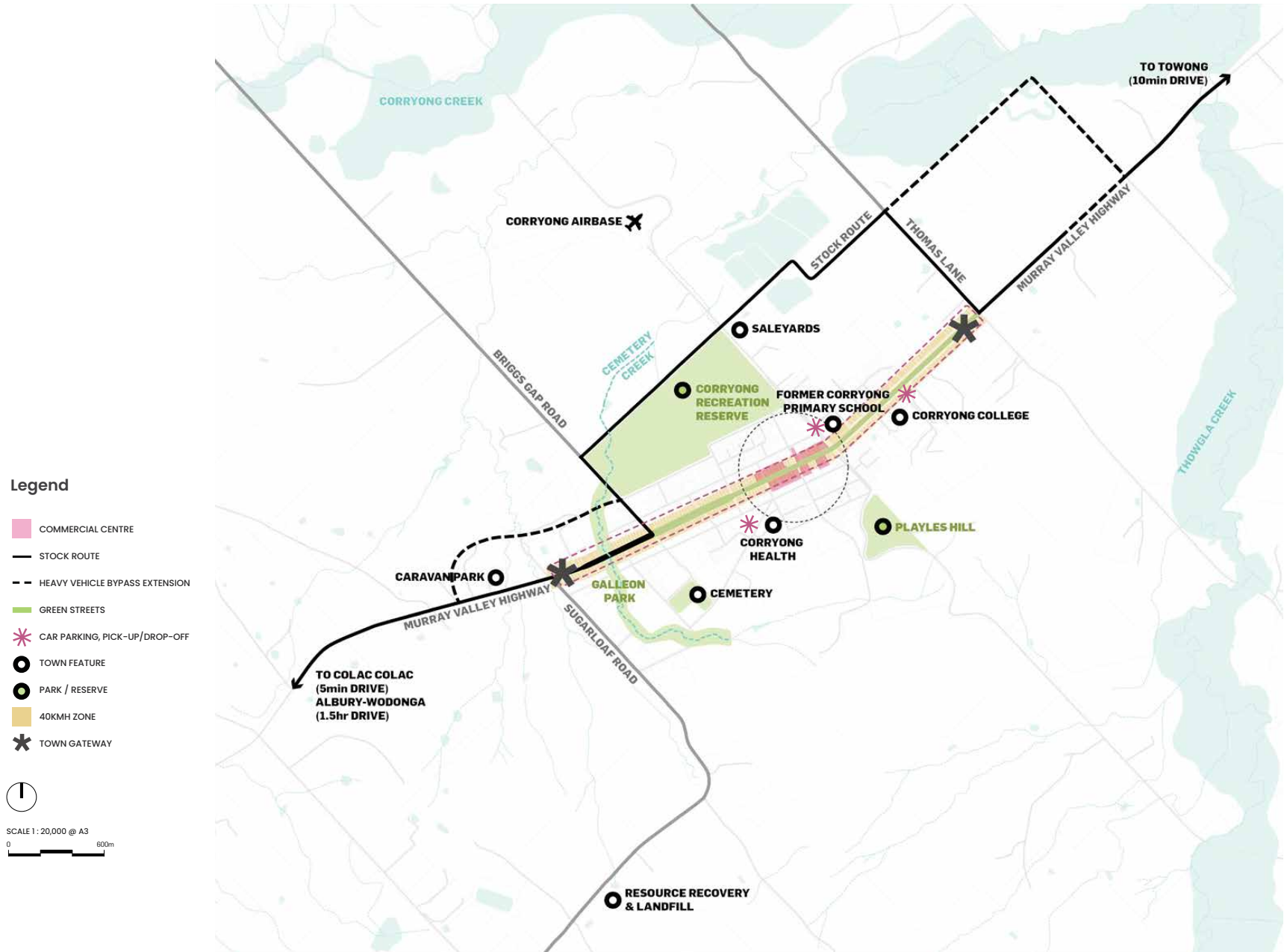
Action 03: Review the town centre streetscape to identify improvements to the street environment including seating, outdoor dining, lighting, public art and drinking water stations.

Action 04: Investigate solutions to improve car parking with additional on-street spaces in Donaldson Street; accessible spaces; safe access to on-street car parking at Corryong College for pick-up and drop-off and Corryong Health.

Action 05: Investigate options to extend the heavy vehicle bypass and improve services (fuel, food and toilets).



Figure 58. Streetscape upgrades with outdoor seating and lawn areas.



3.6 Big Idea 05 Revitalise main street, strengthen heritage & small town character

Objective 2: Develop Town Centre Upgrade Design Guidelines

Action 01: Improve the main street character with guidance on the beautification of the retail core to maximise amenity for the community and the visitor economy.

Action 02: Celebrate the heritage value of the buildings to strengthen place identity and the local vernacular.

Action 03: Provide age-friendly public spaces and streets and 'bumping spaces' to support social interaction.

Action 04: Ensure consistent planting and increase tree canopy cover and shade to reduce heatwave conditions.

Action 05: Provide grants to support businesses / landowners to upgrade building facades and improve access into shops.

Action 06: Develop a plan to ensure upkeep and presentation of the retail core / building facades.



Figure 59. Main street upgrades, Kerang.

Objective 3: Strengthen Corryong as a historic destination

Action 01: Develop a historic walk of significant places and buildings to increase visibility of the town's history with interpretive signage and a walking map of key landmarks.

Action 02: Identify any sites of significant First Nations cultural heritage in / surrounding Corryong with traditional custodians.

Action 03: Consult First Nations people on the opportunities for new / upgraded open / public spaces along Cemetery Creek.

Action 04: Develop an Aboriginal place name strategy with traditional custodians to incorporate First Nations culture and heritage through acknowledgement, place names, truth-telling and stories.



Figure 60. Main street upgrades, Kerang.



Figure 61. Hansen Street, Corryong.

3.6 Big Idea 05 Revitalise main street, strengthen heritage & small town character



Theme 5.2: Main Street and Employment Opportunities

What we heard

'Diversification of employment industries and job opportunities' and 'development of the main street with more diverse shops, and commercial / office space' were the first and second most highly rated suggestions for how to improve Corryong in Engagement 1. Many suggestions were made on the type of retail the community would like to have in Corryong, with Albury-Wodonga the closest urban centre providing the variety in demand. Engagement 1 findings indicated support for expanding and diversifying the food and beverage offer to cater for tourism.

Engagement 2 also revealed a need to consider incentivising business investment with support for businesses in the form of start-up grants to maximise tourism opportunities.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

The highest to lowest rated initiatives and projects for this theme are as follows. The themes and initiatives / projects have been incorporated into objectives and actions.

- + 1 - Food and beverage and general business opportunities
- + 2 - Commercial expansion (land and businesses).

What is proposed

This Big Idea focuses on opportunities to strengthen the existing history and character of the township, support local economic development and improve amenity for residents and tourists by:

- + Expanding and improving the retail and commercial offer
- + Investigating opportunities to develop commercial / retail in Mixed Use Zones including shop-top housing.

Objective 1: Improve food and beverage opportunities in the township

Action 01: Provide more affordable and accessible food / groceries.

Action 02: Promote and increase access to 'farm-to-plate' opportunities in local cafés / restaurants.

Action 03: Increase diverse food and beverage opportunities catering to a broader audience such as wine bar and more upmarket dining experiences.

Action 04: Investigate capitalising on the airport for 'farm-to-plate' local produce for national and international markets.

Action 05: Increase the number of serviced locations (power and water) for temporary / pop-up events.



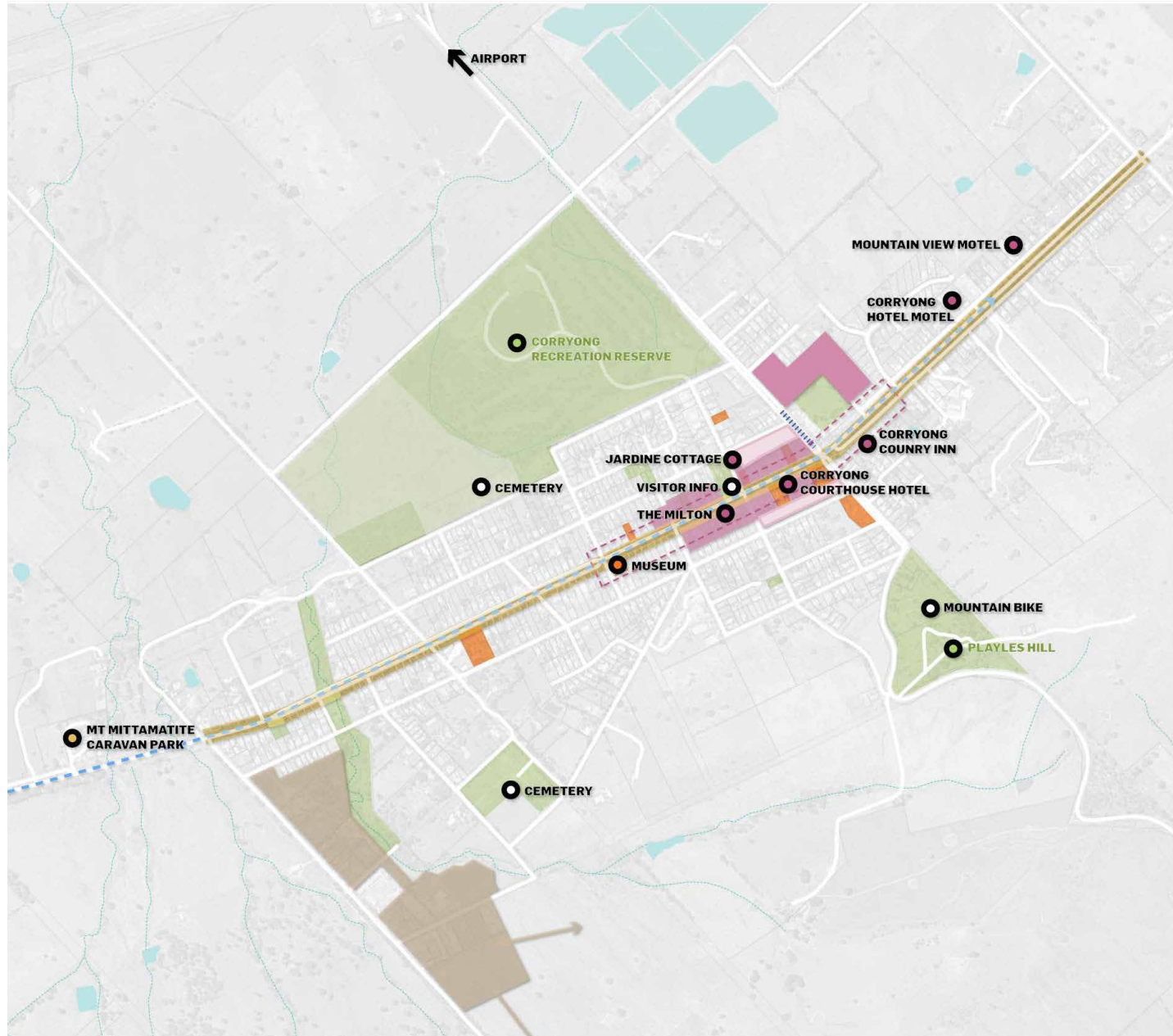
Figure 62. Increase alfresco dining in the town centre.

Legend

- MIXED-USE ZONES
- HERITAGE OVERLAY
- BIKE ROUTE
- ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING
- COMMERCIAL FEATURE
- TOWN FEATURE
- TOWN CENTRE DESIGN GUIDELINES
- PARK / RESERVE
- 40KMH ZONE
- COMMERCIAL CENTRE



SCALE 1:10,000 @ A3
0 300m



3.6 Big Idea **05** Revitalise main street, strengthen heritage & small town character

Objective 2: Future proof the township for commercial expansion

Action 01: Investigate opportunities to diversify the retail and commercial offer on the main street including office space and supermarket / large format retail (Woolworths, Kmart and Coles).

Action 02: Consider rezoning industrial land adjacent the Former Corryong Junior Campus site to commercial use to take advantage of the site's proximity to the town centre.

Action 03: Investigate opportunities to intensify commercial uses in Mixed Use Zones.

Action 04: Consider the need for a commercial and industrial land use needs assessment and strategy.

Action 05: Investigate opportunities to support business development and incentivise investment into new start-ups or the expansion of existing businesses to cater for tourism markets.



Figure 63. Develop the existing industrial land adjacent the Former Corryong Junior Campus with larger format retail and commercial opportunities such as office accommodation.



Objective 3: Investigate and promote suitable business opportunities for the township and surrounds

Action 01: Explore the following business opportunities:

- + Connecting with nature: Wilderness and environmental tourism opportunities such as learning about the environment and protecting ecosystems
- + Equestrian: Horse boarding services, riding lessons and retail
- + School camps: Consider potential sites for facilities
- + Adventure tourism: Outdoor recreation businesses – rafting, kayaking, fishing, 4-wheel driving, trail running, cycle and motorcycle touring (gravel and road)
- + Health and wellness: Market the Upper Murray as a health and wellbeing destination
- + Arts and culture: Ceramic studio, workshop and gallery
- + Share economy: Women’s shed; Uber local to support local cafes / restaurants; remote worker accommodation hosting in private residences.
- + Emerging / growing industries in education, health, aviation, construction and energy.



Figure 64. Develop a calendar of events to attract more visitors to the region.

4.0



Implementation Plan

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4.1 Making it happen

Overview of making it happen

The Corryong Place Plan establishes a vision and framework for achieving the vision.

This part of the place plan sets out how the objectives may be achieved. Each objective is examined in terms of its:

- **Priority** (low-medium-high) – the priority ranking is informed by outcomes from community engagement and input from authorities
- **Timing** – a realistic ordering of which objectives can be feasibly achieved in the short, medium, or longer term
- **Partners** – authorities who have elected to work on the objectives listed.

Some objectives may require further work and studies, including changes to planning instruments in the future, in the form of structure plans, reference documents or other planning studies which should be undertaken separately to these place plans where necessary.

It is recommended that the place plan is reviewed regularly, and that regular catch-ups between Council and community are undertaken to monitor and check the progress of the place plan implementation.

Government authorities' workshop

On the 7 March 2024, the Draft Place Plans were presented as part of Engagement 2 to a group of state and local government authorities who have varying levels of involvement in the towns / region. This workshop was a follow-up to focus groups and 1:1 workshops undertaken during Engagement 1 to identify priority areas and opportunities for each authority.


The workshop was attended by representatives from a range of authorities as outlined in Table 1. Representatives from local and state government planning departments, emergency services and water management authorities were present, however it is acknowledged that there may be other relevant authorities that were not in attendance. These authorities should be engaged at a later date in the delivery of objectives as needed.

The aim of the workshop was to present the Draft Place Plans and objectives, raise any potential issues or priorities that authorities may have with relation to the Draft Place Plans, and identify partnerships to deliver the objectives in the future.


The following implementation tables set out where government authorities elected to work as partners to deliver particular elements or objectives of the place plan.


Future work should be undertaken to identify additional partners and begin to create connections between agencies to deliver the place plan.


Organisations represented
Towong Shire Council
Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) – Hume RPS
Country Fire Authority (CFA)
Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) Upper Murray
Victoria SES Tallangatta
North-East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA)
Department Families Fairness and Housing (DFFH)
North-East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA)
Ambulance Victoria
Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW)

 Big Idea 01: Major centre servicing the region				
THEME 1.1: Vibrant Hub for the Region				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Strengthen community facilities and services within the town centre.	High	Medium-term	
Objective 2	Investigate options to create an Aquatic and Indoor Sports Centre.	High	Medium-term	
Objective 3	Create a Centre of Training for Agriculture and Emerging Industries.	High	Long-term	
Objective 4	Develop a Masterplan for the Corryong Recreation Reserve.	Low	Medium-term	
THEME 1.2: Ensuring Long-Term Resilience				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Undertake and implement disaster and resilience planning to guide the future development of the township.	High	Long-term	CFA
Objective 2	Improve emergency preparedness by supporting emergency services and organisation.	High	Short-term	CFA
Objective 3	Expand and support the provision of reliable power during emergencies.	High	Medium-term	
Objective 4	Improve health and transport services to increase equitable access for all ages and abilities.	High	Medium-term	Ambulance Victoria, DTP – Transport
Objective 5	Investigate options to increase renewable energy generation, green waste collection and recycling and water reuse and recycling.	High	Short-term	

 Big Idea 02: Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure tourism				
THEME 2.1: Centre of Adventure Tourism				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Promote Corryong as the centre of adventure tourism.	High	Short-term	
Objective 2	Market Corryong as the Gateway to the Snowy Mountains.	Medium	Short-term	
Objective 3	Support the increase of short-term accommodation and agritourism.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 4	Leverage the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival by expanding the events calendar.	Medium	Short-term	
THEME 2.2: High Country Rail Trail				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Plan for and deliver the remaining sections of the High Country Rail Trail.	High	Short-term	CFA, DTP – Transport
THEME 2.3: Connecting to Regional Destinations / Attractions				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Upgrade and maintain existing roads and plan for new routes to improve connectivity across the Upper Murray region.	High	Long-term	

 Big Idea 03: Sustainable housing for a resilient community				
THEME 3.1: Increase Housing Supply				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Increase the supply of housing prioritised for key communities.	Medium	Medium-term	DFFH
Objective 2	Investigate opportunities to increase housing within the township.	Medium	Medium-term	CFA
Objective 3	Consider potential rezoning of land to increase housing supply.	Medium	Long-term	CFA
THEME 3.2: Preparedness and Infrastructure				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Embed bushfire preparedness into long-term planning for the township.	High	Short-term	CFA
Objective 2	Plan and advocate for critical infrastructure upgrades to support the future development of the township.	High	Long-term	CFA
Objective 3	Develop initiatives to improve the energy efficiency of buildings.	High	Short-term	

 Big Idea 04: Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces				
THEME 4.1: Improve Streets and Public Spaces				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Increase tree canopy cover throughout the township.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 2	Provide age-friendly and well-maintained footpaths and drainage.	Medium	Medium-term	DTP – Transport
Objective 3	Improve the quality and diversity of public spaces within the township.	Medium	Medium-term	
THEME 4.2: Connected and Safe Cycle Paths				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Provide a network of protected, connected and safe network of cycle paths.	Low	Short-term	DTP – Transport
THEME 4.3: Increase Nature Areas and Vegetation				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Restore and increase nature areas and vegetation within the township.	Low	Medium-term	CFA

 Big Idea 05: Revitalise main street, strengthen heritage & small town character				
THEME 5.1: Welcoming Arrival and Main Street Character				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Undertake streetscape upgrades.	Medium	Short-term	DTP – Transport
Objective 2	Develop Town Centre Upgrade Design Guidelines.	Low	Short-term	DTP – Planning DTP – Transport
Objective 3	Strengthen Corryong as a historic destination.	Low	Medium-term	
THEME 5.2: Main Street and Employment Opportunities				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Improve food and beverage opportunities in the township.	High	Medium-term	
Objective 2	Future proof the township for commercial expansion.	Low	Medium-term	DTP – Planning
Objective 3	Investigate and promote suitable business opportunities for the township and surrounds.	High	Medium-term	



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