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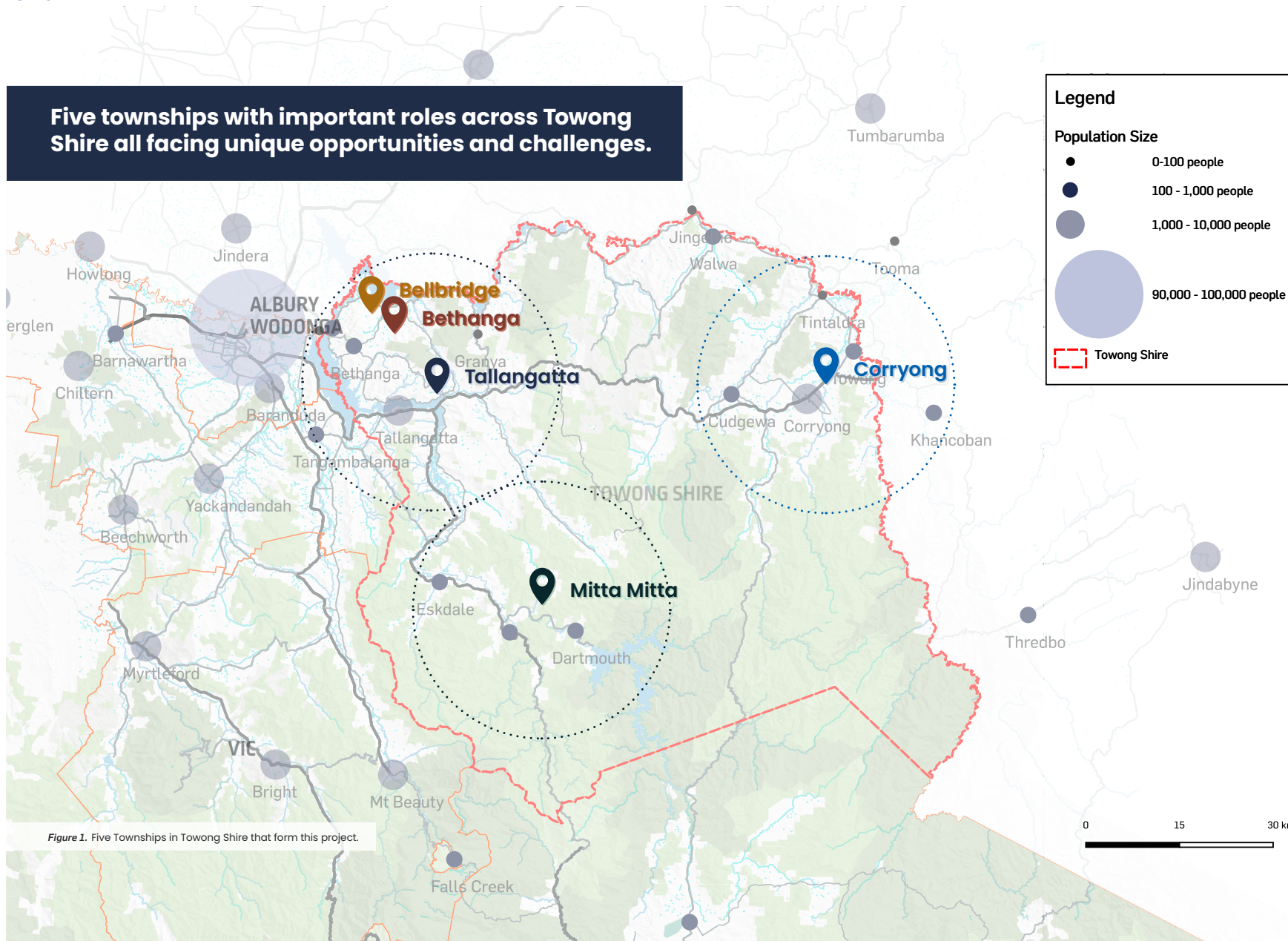
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Introduction

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1.1 Project overview

The Tallangatta 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 Tallangatta 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 Tallangatta Tomorrow Masterplan. 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.

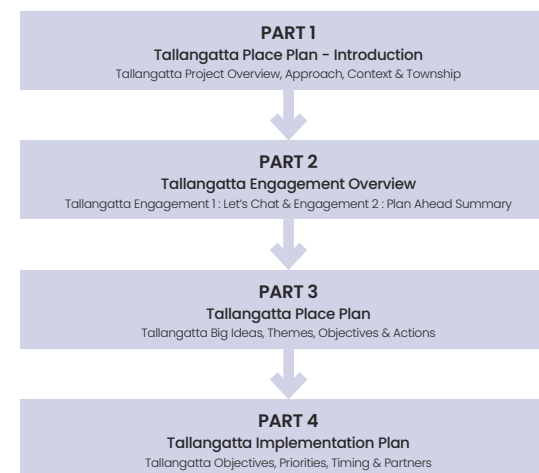


Figure 2. Format of this document, Tallangatta Place Plan.



Figure 3. Engagement 1 workshop, Tallangatta.

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. Tallangatta Township with Lake Hume 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 1,175 inhabitants, Tallangatta is a minor economic and cultural centre servicing the surrounding agricultural area with local health, education and professional services.

The township is located in a Declared Special Water Supply Catchment Area with protections placed on water quality and the environment.

Located on the southern banks of the Mitta Arm of Lake Hume, the township was established in the 1950's after it was moved to higher ground with the expansion of the Luke Hume Reservoir.

We understand that prior to European settlement the area was home to the Jaitmatang and Pallanganmiddang / Waywurru First Nations people.



Figure 6. Regional context.

1.3 Understanding the context

Township

The township of Tallangatta covers an area of approximately 146 hectares on land sloping towards the north with Memorial Park located on a high-point within the township.

One of the largest towns servicing Towong Shire, the township is located 38km east of Albury-Wodonga to the north of the Murray Valley Highway, the main route from Victoria to the NSW Snowy Mountains.

The compact township stretches east-west with the sports precinct and industrial zones buffering the town centre to the south, and Showgrounds, Golf Course and three schools to the west. Housing wraps around the town centre with the Health facilities located to the east.

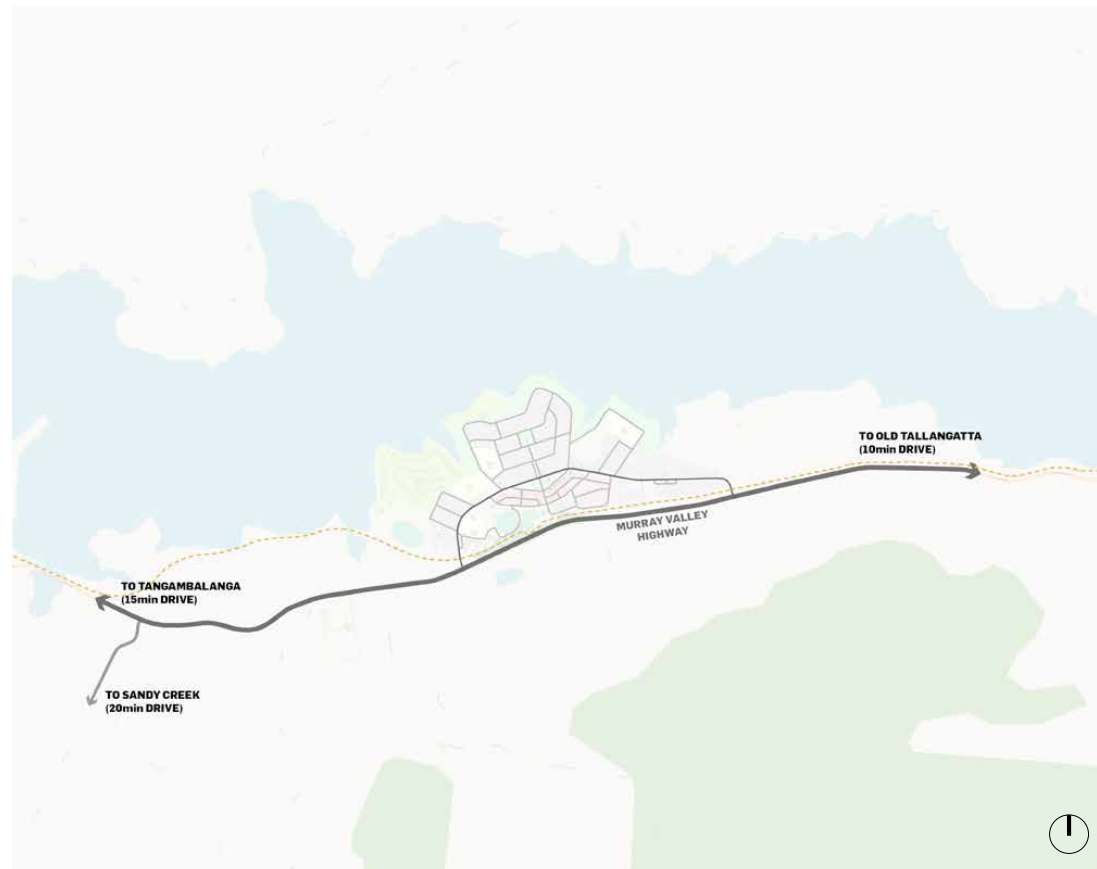


Figure 7. Township context.

Town Centre

The town centre is based on a flat v-shape with a central axis linking the two town parks – The Triangles and Memorial Park – and the commercial core. Retail and commercial properties face The Triangles, providing a pleasant outlook and amenity for the north facing main street.

The Rowen Park Recreation Reserve is the sports precinct for the township with nearby recreational facilities including the outdoor pool and lawn bowls.

Key assets in the township include the library, childcare and kindergarten at the Tallangatta Integrated Community Centre, two primary and one secondary schools, health service, Bolga Court Aged Care and Lakeview Nursing Home, Council Offices, and regional offices for state government departments and agencies.

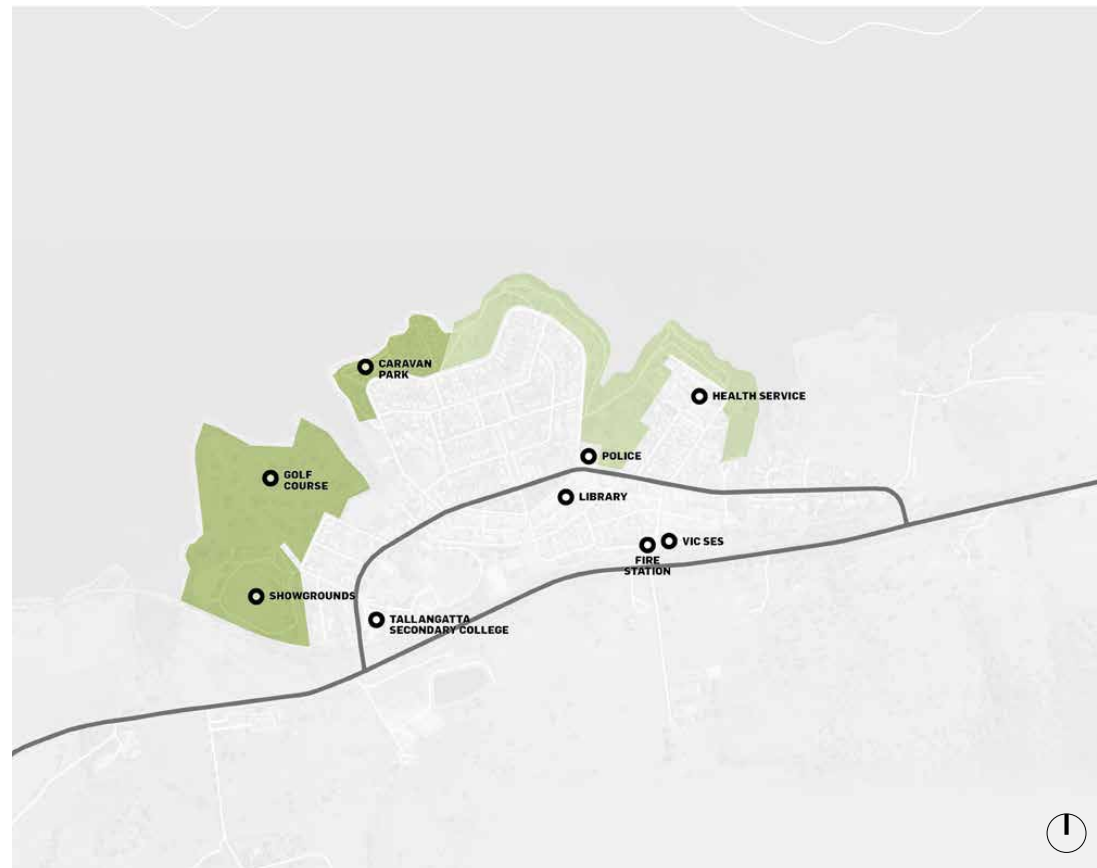


Figure 8. Town centre context.



Figure 9. Lake Hume.



Figure 10. Tallangatta Show.



Figure 11. Rowen Park Recreation Reserve.



Figure 12. Tallangatta Library.



Figure 13. Tallangatta RSL war memorial and The Triangles Park.



Figure 14. Lake Hume brand logo.



Figure 15. Town centre / main street.



Figure 16. Lake Hume foreshore.

1.4 Township & surrounds character

Local Character

Tallangatta's unique heritage and Notable Town status as 'The Town That Moved' is evident in this plan and a key part of re-imagining what Tallangatta can be in the next 10 years.

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

Legend

- EXTENT OF FOOTHILLS
- INDUSTRIAL AREA
- COMMERCIAL AREA
- CIVIC BUILDINGS
- HERITAGE OVERLAY
- PUBLIC USE ZONE
- GOLF CLUB & COURSE
- RECREATION
- FORESHORE, OPEN SPACE & VACANT LAND
- SCHOOL AREA
- KEY FEATURE



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Figure 17. Tallangatta planning zones, character and heritage.



Figure 18. Tallangatta lookout.



Figure 19. Lake Hume foreshore Golf Course.



Figure 20. Lakelands Caravan Park, Lake Hume foreshore.



Figure 23. Lake Hume lookout.



Figure 21. 'Sandy the War Horse' sculpture. Brett Garling.



Figure 22. Tallangatta Library, Tallangatta Integrated Community Centre.

1.5 Key features & 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.

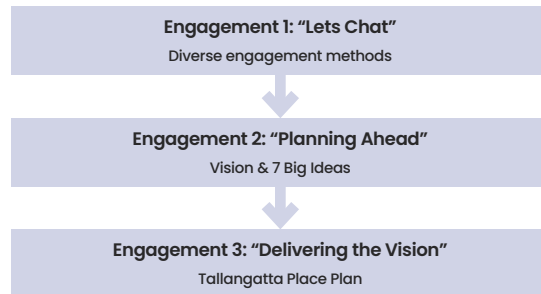


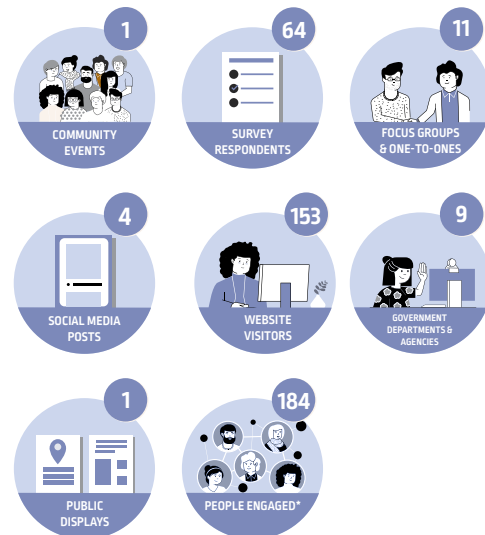
Figure 25. Engagement touchpoints.

“ Tallangatta is an amazing little town because of its natural beauty and environmental attractions. Being a short drive from Wodonga it brings tourists here all year round. The history is unique and the lake is a fantastic drawcard for locals and visitors alike.”

Figure 26. 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 drops and advertising. A summary of engagement types / methods including the number of people engaged is captured below.

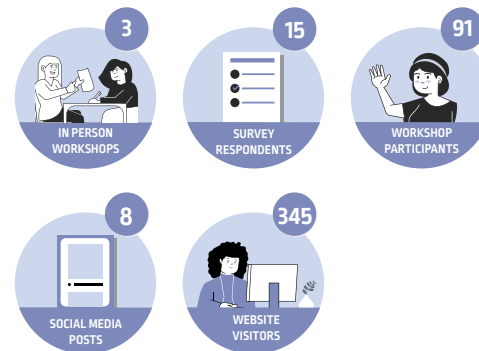


Figure 27. Engagement 2 workshop, Tallangatta.

“Love the town, would love to see it flourish and become not only an awesome place to live and work. But also visit.”

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 and poster.

"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 included 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 seven Big Ideas with potential initiatives / projects.

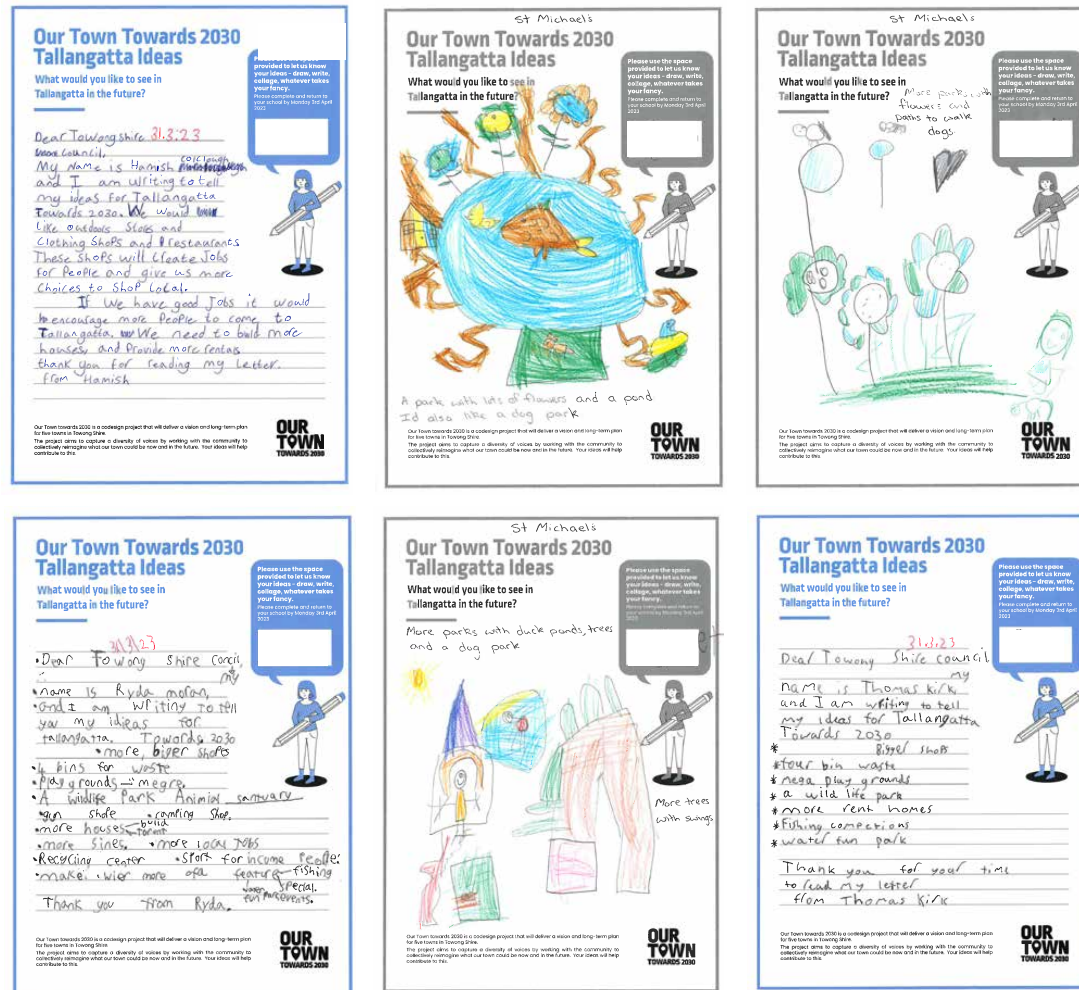


Figure 28. 1. Responses to the Question: How can Tallangatta be a better place for their future. Tallangatta College students, Years P-12.

*“Everything is in walking distance.
Water and walking tracks is something you don’t get everywhere.”*

Strengths, Assets & Challenges

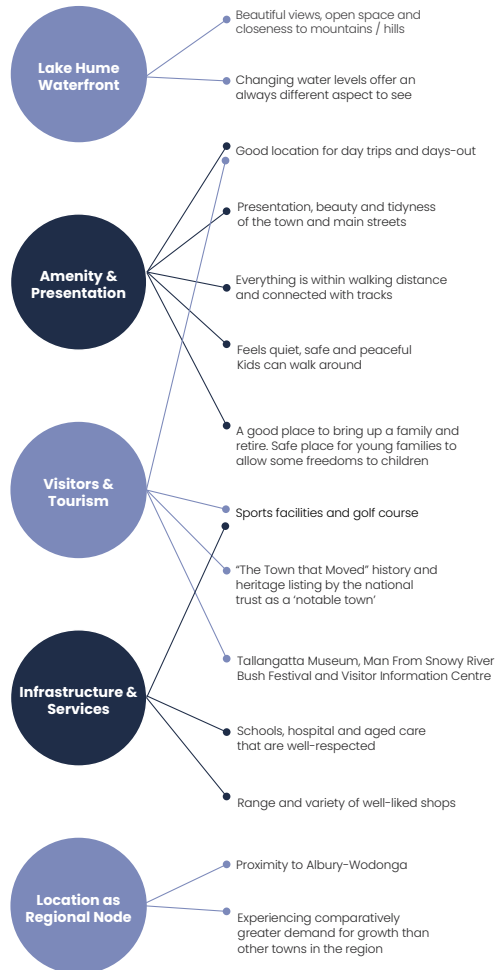
An analysis of responses to the questions ‘What makes your town special?’ and ‘What do you love and value?’ are summarised in the following strengths and assets, with responses to the question ‘What challenges does your town face?’ summarised in the following challenges. These have informed the vision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

Big Ideas

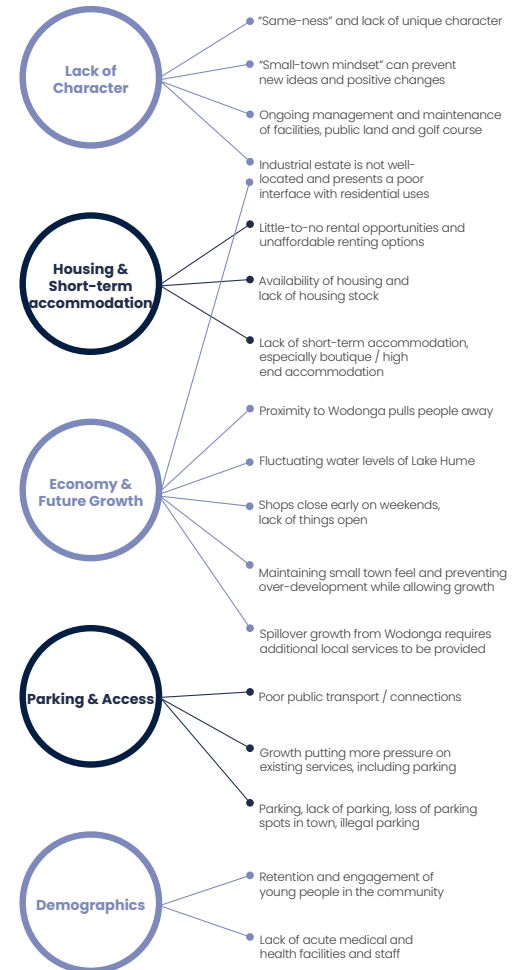
The seven Big Ideas for Tallangatta broadly capitalise on:

- + Tallangatta’s tourism potential from its location on Lake Hume.
- + Recreational activities and heritage qualities.
- + Bolstering the local economy with a focus on the town centre.
- + Improvements to the liveability and sustainability of the township.

Strengths & Assets



Challenges



2.3 Engagement 2: Planning ahead

The second engagement, Planning Ahead took place between November 2023-January 2024 and included residents, workers, visitors, students 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.

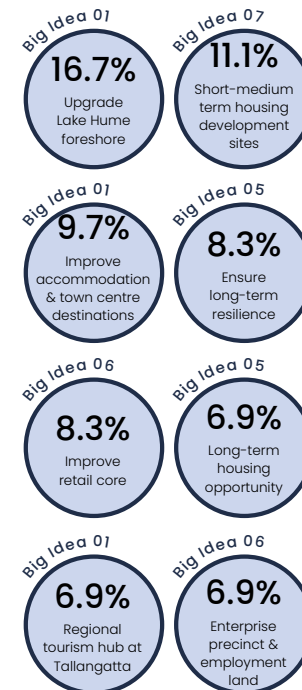
The seven Big Ideas for Tallangatta were presented to participants, followed by two prioritisation exercises. The first exercise was focused on the themes, with participants requested to select their top three. The second exercise was based on the initiatives / projects under each theme. Participants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

Results from the prioritisation exercise are captured in the diagram to the right. While Big Ideas 01, 07, 05 and 06 included the highest priority themes, across the seven ideas, 'Welcoming & visitor friendly destination' and 'Sustainable housing to support future growth' were the highest rated big ideas.

Big Idea	Theme
 01 Welcoming & visitor friendly destination	1.1 Regional tourism hub at Tallangatta 1.2 Connect to surrounding trails and lookouts 1.3 Improve accommodation and town centre destinations 1.4 Upgrade Lake Hume foreshore
 02 Strengthen Tallangatta's strong & diverse community	2.1 New and upgraded community assets 2.2 Expand community facilities / services & events
 03 Celebrate Tallangatta's proud & unique heritage	3.1 Strengthen historic town
 04 Inviting & walkable streets for all ages & abilities	4.1 Improve streets / public spaces 4.2 Pop-up cycle paths
 05 Resilient, green & clean energy town	5.1 Ensure long-term resilience 5.2 Increase nature areas and urban ecology
 06 Thriving retail core & enterprise precinct	6.1 Improve retail core 6.2 Enterprise precinct and employment land
 07 Sustainable housing to support future growth	7.1 Short-medium term housing development sites 7.2 Long-term housing opportunity

Theme Priorities

The highest rated themes are captured below.



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Tallangatta's idyllic and picturesque location on the Lake Hume foreshore will be enhanced with sustainable modern assets and infrastructure to create a year-round seasonal destination for family-friendly recreation and nature lovers.

Known for its vibrant city centre with high quality services and amenities, Tallangatta's well-maintained and accessible parks and picturesque foreshore spaces, ephemeral and ecologically diverse landscape abundant with wildlife and native species enhances the overall experience for residents and visitors alike.

Tallangatta's welcoming and inclusive community creates a casual, friendly, and safe atmosphere, making it an attractive place for families, workers and retirees. Embodying the best of old and new, the township continues to celebrate its unique heritage while looking firmly towards the future reflecting the town's forward thinking community.

Tallangatta Town Vision

3.1 Big ideas summary








Seven 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 'Welcoming & visitor friendly destination' receiving the most support, followed by 'Sustainable housing to support future growth', 'Thriving retail core & enterprise precinct', 'Resilient, green & clean energy town', 'Strengthen Tallangatta's strong & diverse community', 'Inviting & walkable streets for all ages & abilities, and 'Celebrate Tallangatta's proud & unique heritage'.

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 projects or initiatives.



Figure 30. Format of the Big Ideas.

Big Idea	Theme
 01 Welcoming & visitor friendly destination	1.1 Upgrade Lake Hume foreshore 1.2 Improve accommodation and town centre destinations 1.3 Regional tourism hub at Tallangatta 1.4 Connect to surrounding trails and lookouts
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 06 Inviting & walkable streets for all ages & abilities	6.1 Improve streets / public spaces 6.2 Pop-up cycle paths
 07 Celebrate Tallangatta's proud & unique heritage	7.1 Strengthen historic town

3.2 Big Idea

01

Welcoming & visitor friendly destination



Theme 1.1: Upgrade Lake Hume Foreshore

What we heard

Increasing access to Lake Hume including further upgrades to existing facilities was the highest rated suggestion to the question 'what would make Tallangatta an even better place to live, work, learn or visit' during Engagement 1. Further comments show a significant interest in providing more family friendly spaces and activities including a destination playground and improvements to the Tallangatta Showgrounds and Golf Club / Course.

These findings were reinforced during Engagement 2, with 'Upgrade the Lake Hume foreshore' the highest rated theme across the Big Ideas. In addition, 'Dam the narrows' was the highest rated initiative / project across the Big Ideas, indicating strong support for a permanent water source in Lake Hume. While this project remains a priority for the community, recent studies to determine the projects viability have shown that the high cost of creating a permanent water source have led to the de-prioritisation of the project. Community opinion also revealed interest in, and the beauty of the temporal nature of the foreshore resulting from the fluctuating water levels in the Lake, and the opportunity to rehabilitate and restore the ecology and biodiversity of the expanded foreshore area to leverage the foreshore's potential as a year-round destination.

GMW is responsible for the management and upkeep of the Lake Hume foreshore and Lakelands Caravan Park. Ongoing works are underway to improve access to the foreshore, upgrade facilities, accommodation and access for larger RV vehicles, with a master plan for the Caravan Park under development.

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 - Dam the Narrows to create a permanent water source / frontage
- + 2 - Upgrade the Golf Course and Tallangatta Showgrounds
- + 3 - Improve the foreshore including activities / facilities, and the Lakelands Caravan Park.

What is proposed

This Big Idea builds upon the improvements to the foreshore underway to include a nature playground or splash park, with potential to relocate the swimming pool to this location, include a pop-up cafe pavilion / location for food trucks with power and water.

A chain of destinations is proposed, providing a focal point for each 'finger' of the foreshore that can be staged to coincide with the development of the foreshore over time.







Objective 1: Dam the Narrows to create a permanent water source and frontage

Action 01: Investigate the opportunity to apply for funding if / when financial sources become available to create a permanent water source and frontage with a new dam at the Lake Hume foreshore.



Figure 31. Old Tallangatta lookout.

Legend

-  FORESHORE TRAIL
-  HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL
-  INTEGRATE HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL WITH TOWN CENTRE
-  EV CHARGING STATION FOR VEHICLES & BICYCLES
-  FORESHORE (SHOWGROUNDS & GOLF COURSE, CARAVAN PARK & PLAYGROUND)
-  CHAIN OF FORESHORE DESTINATIONS



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3.2 Big Idea 01 Welcoming & visitor friendly destination



Figure 32. Tallangatta Show.



Figure 33. Upgrade Tallangatta Golf Course, Mount Lawley (WA).



Figure 34. High quality short-term accommodation, Phillip Island.

Objective 2: Upgrade the Golf Course and Tallangatta Showgrounds

Action 01: Prepare a master plan for the Tallangatta Showgrounds and Golf Club to improve and expand the offer for the town and broader region. This would include discussions with the multiple user groups and requires agreement between GMW and DEECA.

The scope for the Showgrounds element of the master plan would consider a mix of general upgrades and specific projects including:

- + New Indoor Arena with a stadium capacity of 100 people to be used during wet weather for cattle running, stud stock and cattle sales and other events such as music festivals and expos
- + General upgrades to the Agricultural Show workshop as a multi-purpose space, horse ramps, toilets, water and power infrastructure
- + Camp Draft Arena shade cloth
- + Upgrade the caravan facilities for larger caravans and RV-vehicles
- + Opportunity to provide training facilities for the CFA.

The scope for the Golf Club element of the master plan would consider a mix of general upgrades and specific projects including:

- + Retaining / reconfiguring the 9 hole golf course
- + New Golf Clubhouse with conference facilities for events with potential to share facilities with tShowgrounds Arena.

Action 02: Investigate options for on-site short-term high quality accommodation in and around the Showgrounds and Golf Course.

Action 03: Expand the events calendar for the Showgrounds and Golf Club to cater for a more diverse demographic.



Figure 35. Pelican Park, Tallangatta foreshore.

Objective 3: Improve the foreshore activities, facilities and Lakelands Caravan Park

Action 01: Provide public facilities for active and passive recreation to encourage activity for all age groups and abilities including residents and visitors. Potential improvements include:

- + Destination playground such as nature play / splash park
- + Amenities (furniture and lighting)
- + Shade at Pelican Park
- + Pop-up café or site for food / coffee van with water and power
- + Amphitheatre and stage area for performances and outdoor cinema
- + Outdoor fitness stations on the walking circuit / trails
- + Investigate with GMW the opportunity to relocate the swimming pool to the foreshore
- + Boardwalk and bird hides dotted along the foreshore
- + Facilities for water sports and recreation including wharfs and pontoons (fishing, swimming, paddle boarding etc.)
- + Review current vehicle access to the foreshore to determine preferred locations for boat access and parking.

Action 02: Investigate the opportunity to integrate the GMW master plan with the Golf Course and Showgrounds master plan and destination park to ensure integration across the primary foreshore.

Action 03: Create a 'chain of foreshore destinations', to provide a focal point for each 'finger' with staged delivery as the township grows / expands, which may include:

- + Astronomer's lookout
- + Destination park for all abilities
- + Future lookout
- + Provide new pedestrian bridges between the Golf Course and Caravan Park and to the east of the Health Service.



Figure 36. Bird hides along the Lake Hume foreshore, CoedGwern Bird Hide.

3.2 Big Idea 01 Welcoming & visitor friendly destination

Theme 1.2: Improve Accommodation and Town Centre Destinations

What we heard

Improving and expanding tourism including events, services, facilities, accommodation and arts and cultural facilities / activities were in the second highest grouping of suggestions to the question 'what would make Tallangatta an even better place to live, work, learn or visit' during Engagement 1. Further survey comments show significant interest in supporting tourism with a wider range of opportunities to attract more visitors to the township, attract residents and provide more diverse activities for younger people. This theme was the third highest ranked across the Big Ideas, with support for short-term accommodation high on the list of initiatives / projects, including ambitious projects such as the redevelopment of the Butter Factory into an arts and culture attraction.

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 - Create an arts and culture attraction at the Butter Factory
- + 2 - Increase short-term accommodation choice
- + 3 - Courthouse reuse
- + 4 - Events calendar / marketing campaign for tourist destination
- + 5 - Improve the arrival experience with beautification / signage, Towong Street Boulevard and EV charging
- + 5 - Upgrade Lord's Hut Reserve.

What is proposed

This Big Idea seeks to improve the visitor economy and the liveability of the township by:

- + Improving visitor services and information
- + Diversifying the offer for food and beverage, accommodation, activities and key destinations
- + Providing new facilities such as EV charging stations and upgrading existing parking signage
- + Improving the arrival experience with gateway and wayfinding signage including Towong Street boulevard
- + Strengthening the history of the township
- + Increasing the number and type of events and a tourism marketing campaign.

Objective 1: Create an arts and culture attraction at the Butter Factory

Action 01: Prepare a long-term plan to activate the Old Butter Factory for permanent and temporary exhibition spaces within the new enterprise zone, including:

- + Provision for entrepreneurial and makers spaces and artists in residence program
- + Strong integration with the High Country Rail Trail Hub.

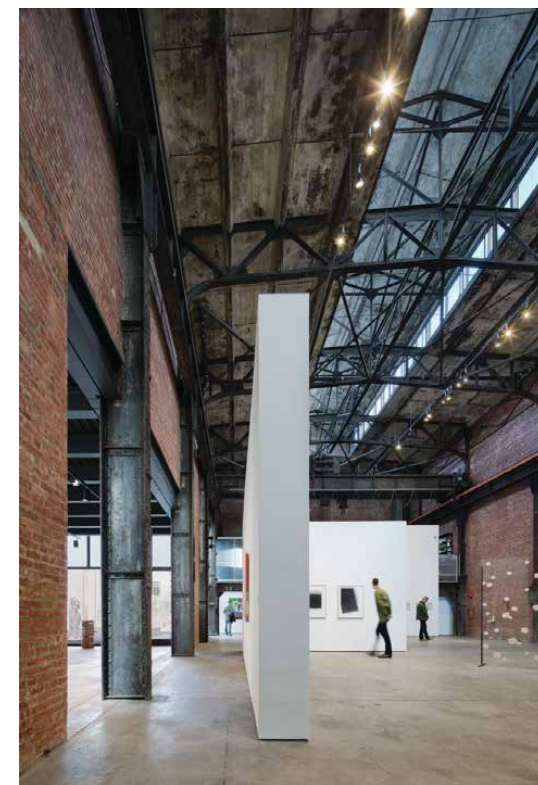


Figure 37. Cultural attraction at the Butter Factory, Sculpture Centre, NYC.

Legend

- - - FORESHORE TRAIL
- TOWONG STREET BOULEVARD
- HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL
- - - INTEGRATE HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL WITH TOWN CENTRE
- ✱ VEHICLE GATEWAY ENTRY
- ✱ PEDESTRIAN/CYCLIST GATEWAY ENTRY
- EV EV CHARGING STATION FOR VEHICLES & BICYCLES
- INVESTIGATION AREA FOR HIGH-END SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION ON FORESHORE
- ✱ INVESTIGATION AREA FOR HIGH-END SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION OUTSIDE TOWNSHIP



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3.2 Big Idea 01 Welcoming & visitor friendly destination

Objective 2: Increase short-term accommodation choice

Action 01: Provide accommodation targeted to a diverse market including:

- + High quality short-term accommodation with water views
- + Accommodation for cyclists offering services such as pick-up / drop-off and secure bicycle storage facilities.

Action 02: Investigate accommodation sites including the foreshore at the Golf Course and to the west and south of the township with views overlooking Lake Hume.

Objective 3: Develop short-long term uses for the Courthouse site

Action 01: Investigate the short-term use of the Courthouse buildings for new uses such as:

- + Café, coffee roasting house and micro-brewery
- + Exhibition space and history exhibition
- + Artist or makers spaces which may attract artists by offering subsidised rents / work space.



Figure 38. Diversify short-term accommodation. Farm Stays, Victoria.



Objective 4: Develop an events calendar and marketing campaign for Tallangatta as a tourist destination

Action 01: Develop a marketing campaign for Tallangatta as a tourist destination to attract visitors throughout the year. Broaden the visitor target market to include day trippers, grey nomads, cycling tourists and visitors stopping between Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. Key initiatives include:

- + Seasonal calendar of events with diverse activities
- + Increasing community activities such as water-based, cycling, equestrian, park runs, music festival in The Triangles with food trucks, Saturday market in the park, book fair or forgotten trades fair
- + Investigating the opportunity to become a centre for cycling events
- + Celebrating the town's history with historic walks, permanent exhibition and beautification of the town centre.

Objective 5: Improve the arrival experience

Action 01: Create a sense of arrival at entry locations with gateway and wayfinding signage at decision points, public art and beautification. Gateway locations include:

- + Vehicular entry points at Towong Street East and West from the Murray Valley Highway
- + Bicycle entry points on the High Country Rail Trail at Womaatong Street.

Action 02: Create a continuous tree-lined boulevard along the length of Towong Street.

Action 03: Capitalise on the EV market and install EV charging stations for bicycles and vehicles at Lord's Hut Reserve and Tallangatta Showgrounds.

Action 04: Provide directional signage for long vehicle parking at the following locations:

- + St Michael's Church
- + Police Station:

Objective 6: Upgrade Lord's Hut Reserve

Action 01: Create a master plan for the upgrade of Lord's Hut Reserve, including:

- + Improved landscaping
- + Removal of bus parking from the area around the toilet block. Investigate options to relocate bus parking to the southern side of the Murray Valley Highway
- + EV charging station for bicycles and vehicles
- + Review of the area to determine capacity for long-vehicle parking
- + Refurbish toilet block to provide fully accessible toilets, shower facilities and water station for visitors / High Country Rail Trail users
- + Provide RV / long vehicle parking in Womaatong Street and Lord's Hut Reserve with signs directing people to parking areas
- + Consider the potential relocation of Lord's Hut as part of the development of the site.



Figure 39. EV charging station at Lord's Hut Reserve and Tallangatta Showgrounds.

3.2 Big Idea 01 Welcoming & visitor friendly destination

Theme 1.3: Regional Tourism Hub at Tallangatta

What we heard

Tallangatta's appeal as a tourist destination has expanded from the water-based recreation of Lake Hume – due to unreliable water levels – to include cycling, notably with the introduction of the High Country Rail Trail. Engagement 1 and 2 findings indicate strong support to strengthen Tallangatta's offer as a tourist destination, by broadening the visitor offer and catering for seasonal visitation across the year. The current Visitor Information Centre provides some information to service visitors, however, more could be done to cater for targeted audiences. This includes opportunities around the Rail Trail and cycling more broadly, Tallangatta's heritage and recreation, with the addition of a destination playground for day-trippers to attract audiences from the growing region of Albury-Wodonga.

Tallangatta is well-placed as a hub for tourism serving the township and broader region due to its location, connectivity with surrounding regional towns, and as the last main service centre east of Albury-Wodonga. However, it requires investment in tourism services and visitor accommodation to realise this potential.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

In this instance, the Regional Tourism Hub at Tallangatta was singled out as a theme and initiative / project. In both categories, the theme received moderate support with low-moderate support for the initiative / project

While tourism was strongly supported across the Big Ideas, other initiatives / projects received more support, in particular projects associated with the Lake and foreshore.

What is proposed

This Big Idea capitalises on the High Country Rail Trail and regional touring routes to propose tourism opportunities at multiple scales, from the micro scale of the tourism hub in the town centre, to the macro scale as a service centre for the broader region. At a regional scale, this includes smaller townships such as Granya and Mount Granya State Park to the north-east, Mitta Mitta, Dartmouth and Eskdale to the south.

A recent study called Activating Lake Hume proposes a trail around Lake Hume connecting Tallangatta with Tallangatta East, Bellbridge, Lake Hume and Bonegilla. There is an opportunity to expand the proposed trail to include another loop at Bethanga, to extend the trail network and capitalise on the tourism potential of the small township.

Objective 1: Expand regional tourism opportunities with a tourism hub at Tallangatta









Action 01: Investigate the opportunity to establish a tourism hub in Tallangatta to service the region.

Action 02: Investigate the opportunity to provide a staffed Visitor Information Centre (VIC) with tourism information and services for the region. The VIC is to be combined with a permanent exhibition of the history of Tallangatta. Consider the opportunity for the VIC to be delivered as part of a potential redevelopment of the Council Offices.



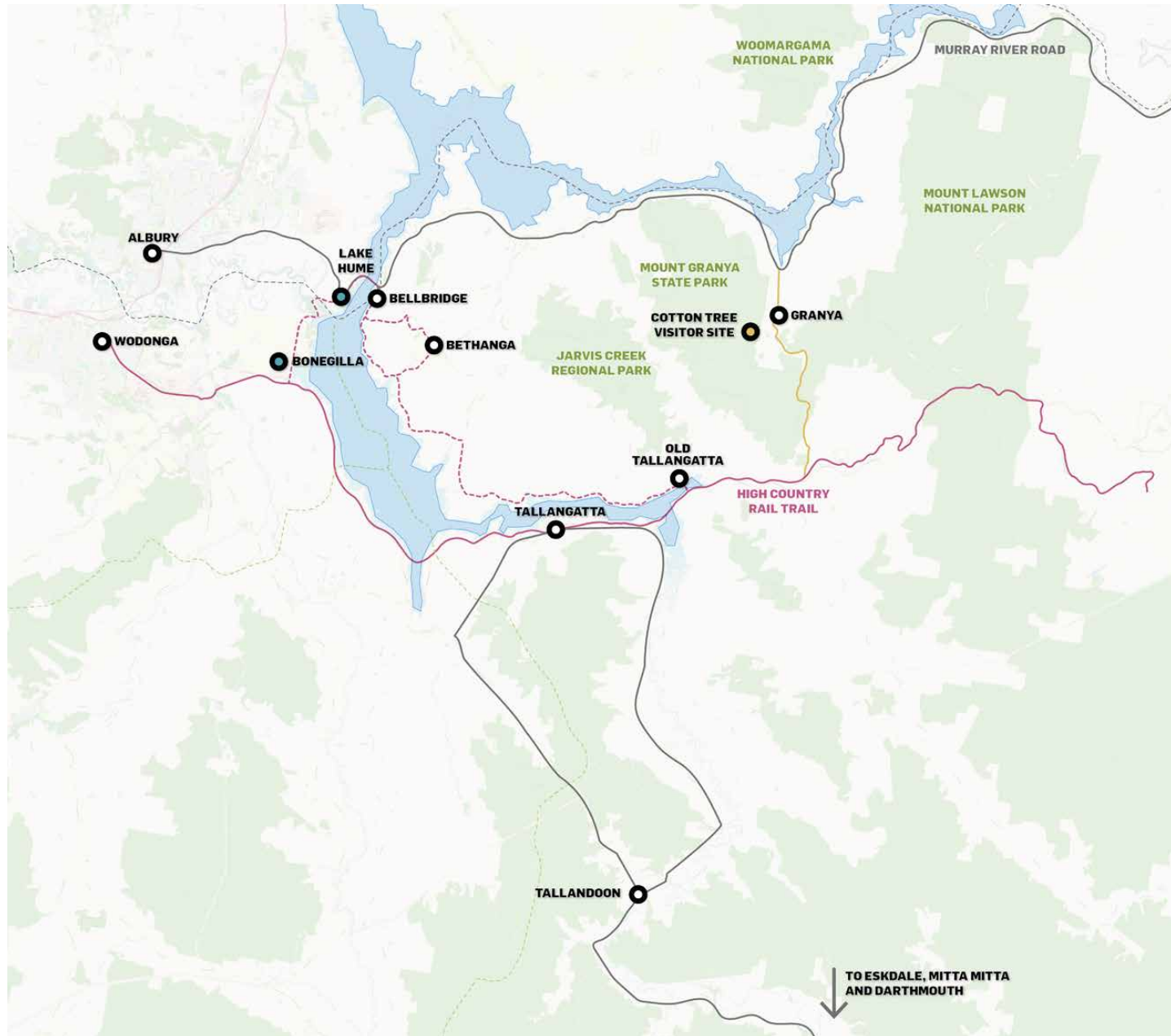
Figure 40. Capitalising on the High Country Rail.

Legend

-  EXISTING LOCATION WITH TOURISM SERVICES
-  TOWNSHIP/REGIONAL CENTRE
-  COTTONTREE CREEK VISITOR SITE AT MOUNT GRANYA STATE PARK
-  ACCESS TO MOUNT GRANYA HIKING TRAILS, 4-WHEEL DRIVE & MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS
-  PROPOSED CYCLING TRAIL
-  EXISTING HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL
-  GREAT RIVER ROAD AND UPGRADED SITES BY PARKS VICTORIA INCLUDING LINK TO ALBURY-WODONGA
-  LAKE HUME



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3.2 Big Idea 01 Welcoming & visitor friendly destination



Theme 1.4: Connect to Surrounding Trails and Lookouts

What we heard

Plans to extend the High Country Rail Trail along the existing rail corridor through the HVP site to Corryong will capitalise on the success of the Rail Trail and fulfill the Rail Trail's potential as one of the most spectacular in Victoria. With increasing interest in on-road and off-road cycling, there is potential to strengthen Tallangatta's role as a tourism hub by creating / connecting a network of trails and touring routes while also encouraging healthier modes of transport for locals, including elderly participation for people on mobility scooters.

Tallangatta is the last main service town before Corryong on the High Country Rail Trail. A continuous foreshore trail connected to the Rail Trail would provide a scenic route, encourage more visitors into the town centre and encourage cycling as a means of transport. Engagement 2 findings support integration of the High Country Rail Trail with the Lake Hume foreshore. Careful consideration needs to be given to the integration of the Rail Trail and foreshore, to ensure that visitors are encouraged into the town centre for the township's businesses to benefit from tourism.

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 - Continuous foreshore trail connects Rail Trail and town centre
- + 1 - High Country Rail Trail Hub at Womaatong Street linked to Towong Street
- + 2 - General road improvements.

What is proposed

A continuous foreshore trail is proposed with multiple connections between the foreshore and High Country Rail Trail to improve access to the foreshore / Rail Trail and integration with the town centre.

The aim of this Big Idea is to support tourism and active transport by improving regional connectivity for cyclists and to bring cyclists into the heart of Tallangatta.

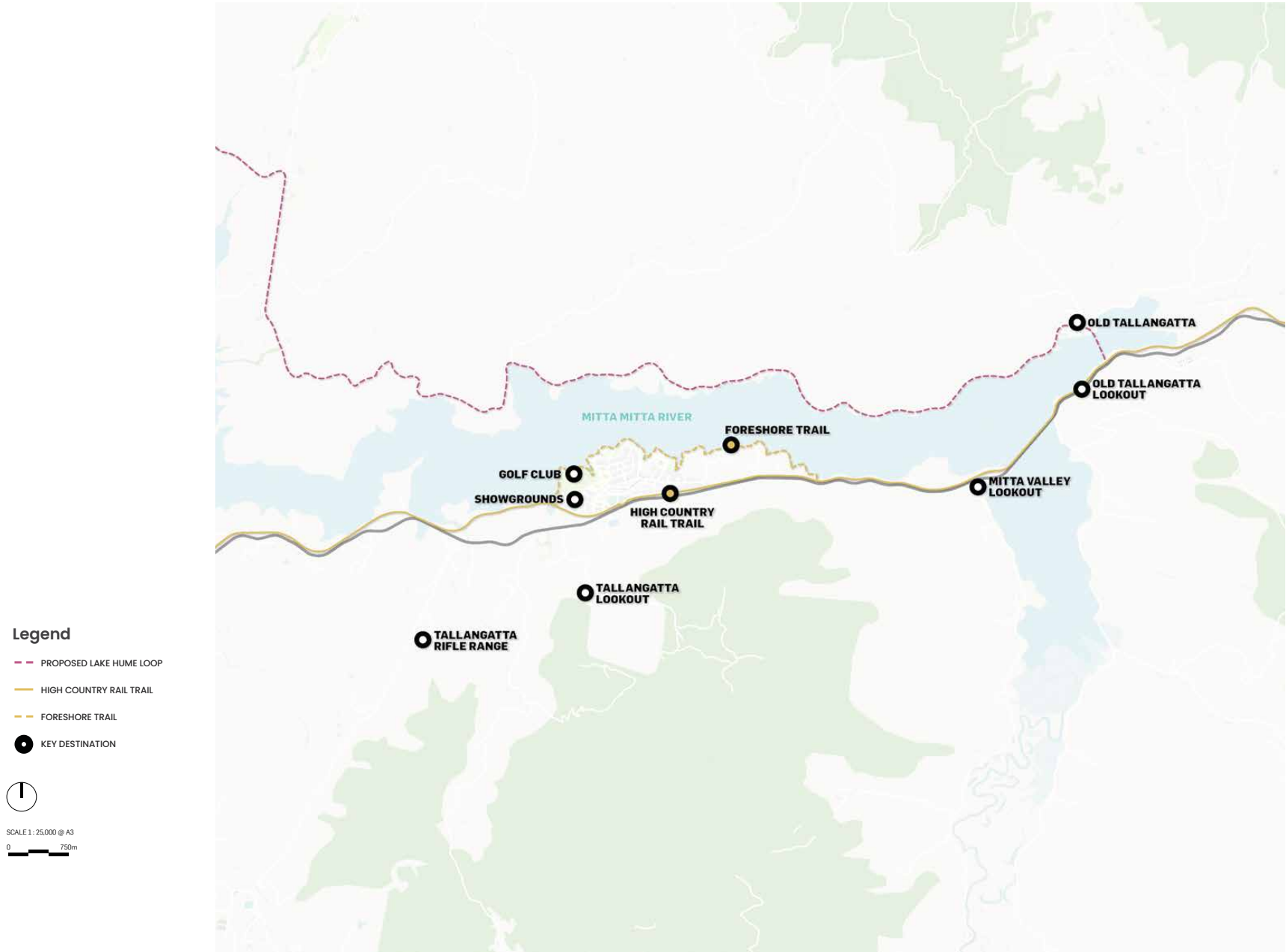
Objective 1: Create a continuous foreshore trail that connects to the Rail Trail and town centre

Action 01: Provide a shared path and wayfinding signage along the foreshore, which:

- + Connects to the High Country Rail Trail
- + Connects to historic walks and destinations
- + Connects to the town centre
- + Includes wayfinding signage at decision points and interpretive signage.



Figure 41. Tallangatta High Country Rail Trail signage.



3.2 Big Idea **01** Welcoming & visitor friendly destination

Objective 2: Create a High Country Rail Trail Hub at Womaatong Street

Action 01: Improve facilities at the entry of the Rail Trail at Womaatong Street with upgraded facilities including:

- + Trail information and wayfinding signage
- + Shaded seating / shelters
- + Toilets and water drinking fountain
- + Pump / repair station and secure storage / cycle hoops
- + Electric bicycle charging station
- + Cafe.

Action 02: Improve the connection between the Rail Trail and town centre through the provision of:

- + Continuous tree planting
- + Dedicated cycle path and footpath on Banool Road and Womaatong Street (north-south).

Objective 3: Upgrade and maintain existing roads

Action 01: Advocate for road upgrades and an increase in the number of overtaking lanes on the Murray Valley Highway.



Figure 42. Tallangatta Rail Trail cycling hub.



Figure 43. Sandy Creek Bridge, High Country Rail Trail.

3.3 Big Idea

02

Sustainable housing to support future growth



Theme 2.1: Short-Medium Term Housing Development Sites

What we heard

Engagement 1 findings indicate a lack of new housing to attract residents and workers, rentals and housing choice to reflect the needs of an ageing population and changing market expectations. A lack of housing supply was identified in the 2012 Masterplan Tallangatta Tomorrow and reiterated in a recent 2019 Land Use Assessment, highlighting the barriers to delivering more housing including a shortage of available land, and the cost of services and infrastructure provision.

Engagement 2 findings reveal strong support to increase housing supply, with the theme 'Short-medium term housing development sites' one of the highest rated across the Big Ideas, with the JMP site the highest ranked initiative / project across the housing themes. While increasing housing supply is not supported by all residents in fear of a loss of character to the township, it was acknowledged that an increase does create opportunities and strengthens Tallangatta's role in the region.

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 - JMP Site development
- + 2 - Horse Paddocks site development
- + 3 - Infill housing in the town centre and small sites
- + 3 - Increase housing choice
- + 4 - Infill housing in the enterprise zone.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to support the long-term growth and sustainability of the township through short-long term measures that ensure a steady pipeline of housing delivered with the necessary infrastructure upgrades. This includes housing development that retains and complements the character and local heritage value of the township.

Short-medium term opportunities to support the town's schools, sporting clubs and businesses include:

- + Identifying infill sites within the township not constrained by a lack of services infrastructure
- + Increasing housing choice with more diverse product including medium density housing in proximity to the town centre
- + Development of the JMP site for a new subdivision development.

Objective 1: Develop the JMP site to provide more housing

Action 01: Work with relevant authorities to facilitate the appropriate development of the JMP site for residential use.

Action 02: Ensure residential development offers outlook and amenity to Lake Hume, direct access to the foreshore, open space and family-friendly spaces.

Action 03: Extend critical infrastructure (water, sewerage, power, roads and drainage) that would be required to service development.



Figure 44. Future homes, State Government of Victoria.

Legend

- PROPOSED INFILL SITES IN GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE
- PROPOSED INFILL IN MIXED USE & ENTERPRISE PRECINCT WITH MEDIUM DENSITY/TOWNHOUSES
- DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY
- FUTURE RESIDENTIAL WITHIN EXISTING TOWNSHIP (JMP SITE)



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3.3 Big Idea 02 Sustainable housing to support future growth



Figure 45. Semi-rural residential housing development.



Figure 46. Co-living residential development, Copenhagen.



Figure 47. Semi-rural residential development, Golden Mede Housing Waddeson.

Objective 2: Investigate the development of the Horse Paddocks site

Action 01: Work with relevant authorities to facilitate the appropriate development of the Horse Paddocks site for residential use.

Action 02: Investigate opportunity to acquire the horse paddocks site from GMW to facilitate residential development.

Action 03: Ensure any development of the site offers outlook and amenity with access to existing critical infrastructure.

Action 04: Explore the potential for the development to include medium density / townhouses or smaller lots and retirement living, given the site's proximity to the town centre and health services.

Objective 3: Provide housing on infill sites in the town centre and mixed-use zones

Action 01: Work with relevant authorities to facilitate the appropriate development of the following underutilised sites for residential use:

- + Mixed-Use Zone
- + St Michael's School
- + Yamba Street

Action 03: Ensure any development of the site offers outlook and amenity with access to existing critical infrastructure.

Action 04: Explore the potential for development to include medium density / townhouses, given the site's proximity to the town centre and streetscape upgrades and potential cut-through links.



Figure 48. Shop-top housing, Oklahoma City.

Objective 4: Increase housing choice

Action 01: Facilitate the development of more diverse housing typologies to increase housing choice in order to:

- + Cater and encourage a more diverse demographic to live in Tallangatta
- + Better support an ageing population to age in-place
- + Increase key sector worker and seasonal worker accommodation
- + Investigate medium density residential development with open space and family friendly spaces.

Action 02: Investigate opportunities to increase the number of rental properties in Tallangatta with medium density housing.

Objective 5: Consider incorporating housing in the enterprise zone

Action 01: Investigate the opportunity to provide medium density / townhouses within the new Enterprise Precinct to increase housing diversity.

Action 02: Ensure any future housing in the Enterprise Precinct is within the township boundary and has access to existing critical infrastructure.

Action 03: Ensure any sensitive interfaces are addressed with future enterprise uses that protect the amenity of residential dwellings and support businesses to function and operate efficiently.



Figure 49. Co Living Forest Garden, Korea.

3.3 Big Idea 02 Sustainable housing to support future growth



Theme 2.2: Long Term Housing Opportunity

What we heard

Tallangatta's location on Lake Hume, provision of shops and services and proximity to Albury-Wodonga make it very attractive to new residents and workers looking for a tree change or a relaxed lifestyle. With increasing residential growth in Albury-Wodonga, Tallangatta's point of difference includes access to more affordable larger residential lots, and a rural living lifestyle on a small acreage, all within proximity to good schools, shops and services.

Engagement 2 findings indicate that this theme was the sixth highest ranked across the Big Ideas with 'Short-medium term housing development sites' the second highest ranked theme, indicating that overall, increasing housing supply is important to the long-term sustainability of the township.

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 - Land for general residential lots
- + 1 - Land for rural living lots
- + 2 - Upgrade buildings / sites for bushfire preparedness.

What is proposed

The focus of long term housing provision is to plan for future sustainable growth in a timely manner. This includes undertaking a Bushfire Risk Assessment to guide decision-making on future housing locations and the timely provision of critical infrastructure (water, sewerage, energy, internet and telecommunications).

Long term opportunities include:

- + Identifying vacant land parcels suitable for future residential growth
- + Investigating vacant lots in proximity to the township suited to a differentiated rural living product
- + Upgrading existing dwellings and building new dwellings for bushfire preparedness.

Objective 1: Increase land zoned for general residential lots

Action 01: Investigate rezoning the Eastern Development Site to general residential with the relevant authorities.

Action 02: Ensure residential development offers outlook and amenity to Lake Hume and direct access to the foreshore and High Country Rail Trail.

Action 03: Consider offering larger lots to diversify the residential product.

Action 04: Extend critical infrastructure (water, sewerage, power, roads and drainage) that would be required to service development.

Note: The site includes a designated waterway / drainage corridor, sloping site, Significant Landscape Overlay and areas of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity.



Figure 50. Smaller scale residential development with shared facilities. Co Living, Danish Summer House.

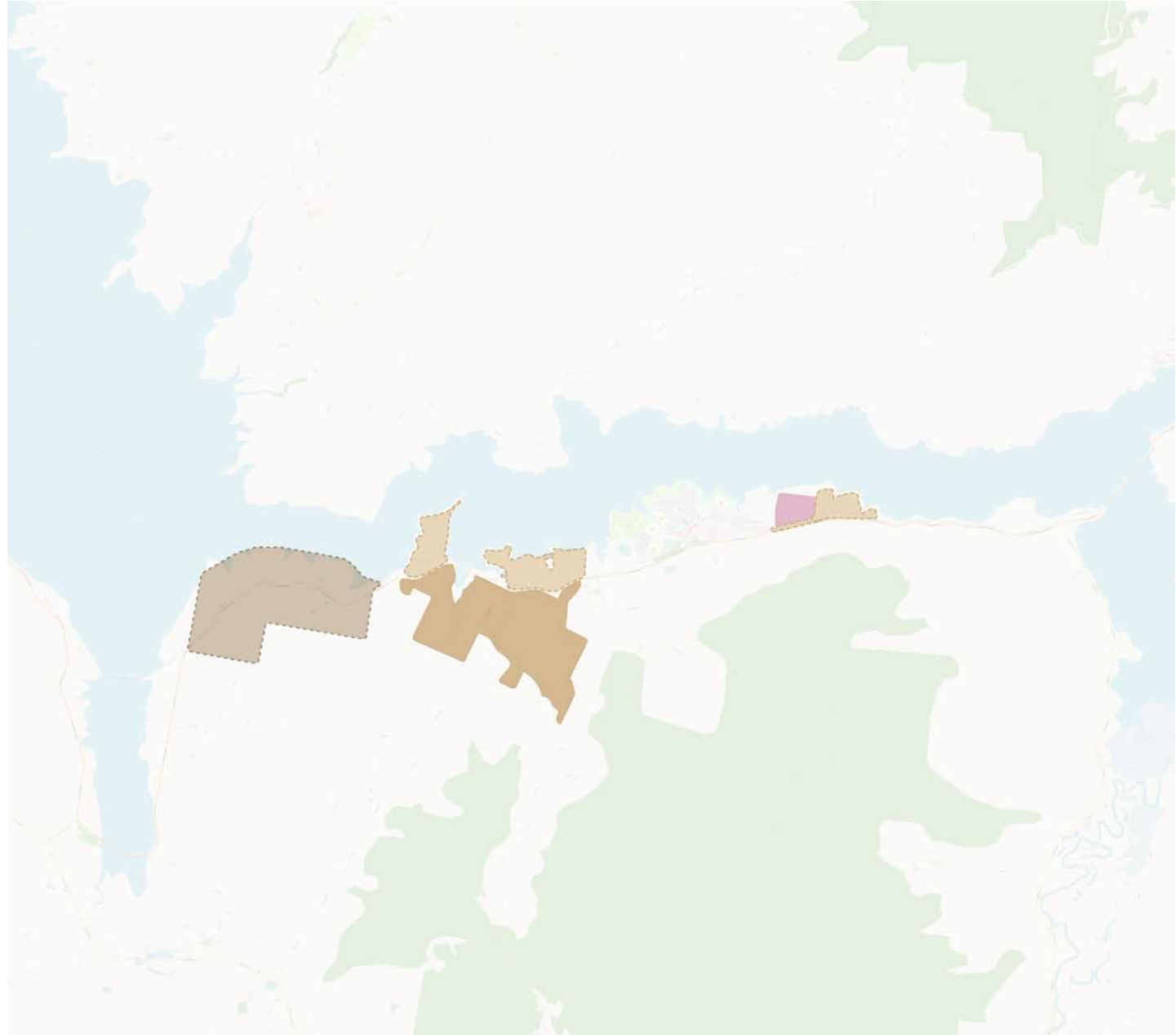
Legend

-  PROPOSED REZONING FOR GENERAL RESIDENTIAL (EASTERN DEVELOPMENT SITE)
-  EXISTING RURAL LIVING ZONE
-  PROPOSED RURAL LIVING ZONE INVESTIGATION AREA
-  PROPOSED FUTURE LONG TERM INVESTIGATION AREA



SCALE 1 : 50,000 @ A3

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3.3 Big Idea **02** Sustainable housing to support future growth

Objective 2: Increase land for rural living lots

Action 01: Explore the potential with relevant authorities to rezone land east and west of the township to Rural Living Zone to maximise proximity to the township and Lake Hume.

Action 02: Ensure the potential future Rural Living Zone includes provisions that encourage a different / unique residential product to more conventional housing that is typically delivered through the General Residential Zone.

Action 03: Extend critical infrastructure (water, sewerage, power, roads and drainage) that would be required to service development.

Action 04: Explore the potential with relevant authorities of future long-term investigation area to the west of the township currently zoned Rural Activity Zone.

Action 04: Ensure any future rezoning is subject to Bushfire Risk Assessment and consultation with the CFA.



Figure 51. Rural housing, PAD studio.



Figure 52. Rural housing, Tasmania.



Objective 3: Upgrade existing buildings and sites for bushfire preparedness

Action 01: Upgrade existing buildings, manage vegetation and ensure new buildings comply with requirements and guidelines to mitigate the impact of bushfires.



Figure 53. Designing for bushfire risk, House at Flat Rock.

3.4 Big Idea

03

Thriving retail core & enterprise precinct



Theme 3.1: Improve Retail Core

What we heard

Engagement findings indicate that the town centre is a core focus area for improvement aimed at supporting the local economy and improving amenity. During Engagement 1, we heard that two of the highest ranked suggestions to improve Tallangatta are the 'development of the main street with more diverse shops, and commercial / office space', and 'retain and complement the character and local heritage value of the township', while 'improve presentation and experience of the town with safe and accessible places for community to gather' was in the second grouping of preferred improvements. Engagement 2 findings reinforced support for improvements to the retail core, with this theme one of the highest ranked, and 'Parking improvements' one of the highest ranked initiatives / projects.

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 - Parking improvements
- + 2 - Broaden the retail offer and address vacant shops
- + 3 - Upgrade town parks (Memorial Park and The Triangles)
- + 4 - Potential Council Office Redevelopment and new Visitor Information Centre
- + 5 - Retail core revitalisation (street frontages / awnings / signage / lighting)
- + 5 - Improve safety of Akuna Avenue and Alleyway, links to Towong Street.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to continue the improvements to the town centre through a combination of:

- + Attracting more diverse businesses to the town centre
- + Introducing short-term leases for vacant shops
- + Encouraging businesses to trade over weekends and to strengthen the night-time economy
- + Strengthening the heritage character of the buildings, parks and streetscapes
- + Improving streetscapes with pedestrian links and crossings, traffic movements and parking.

Objective 1: Parking improvements

Action 01: Improve parking signs including for long / RV vehicles in the Tallangatta town centre.


Action 02: Introduce short-stay parking in Towong Street to limit town centre workers filling up spaces for long periods of time.

Action 03: Encourage town centre workers to 'park and walk' with walk time information.



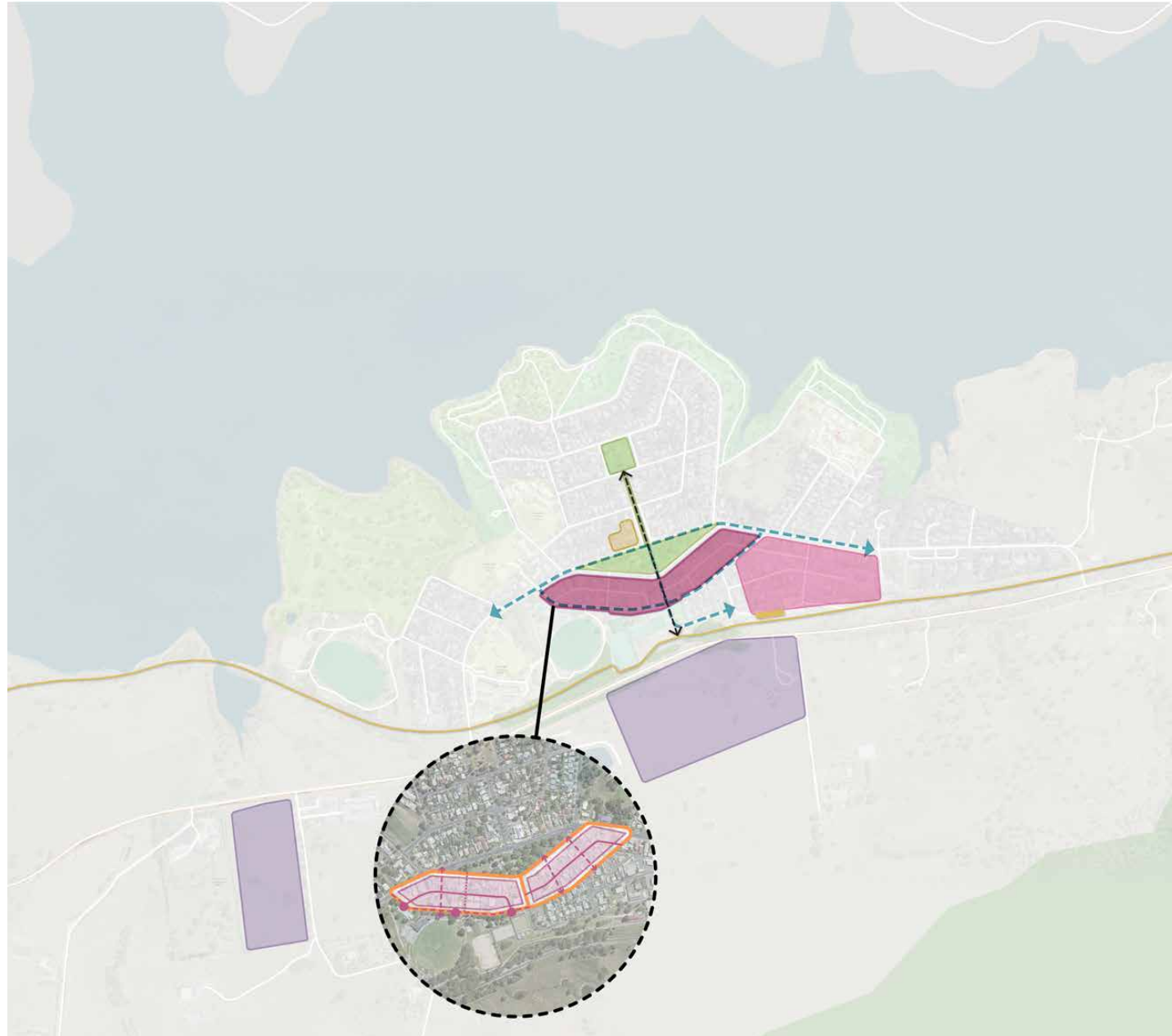
Figure 54. Increase parking in the town centre.

Legend

-  IMPROVE TOWN CENTRE STREETScape
-  IMPROVE FORMAL BOULEVARD TO STRENGTHEN CENTRAL TOWN AXIS
-  STREETScape UPGRADES (BANOOL RD, WOMAATONG ST, AKUNA AVE, TOWONG ST)
-  1-WAY ALLEYWAY
-  CONTINUOUS MOBILITY FRIENDLY FOOTPATHS & CROSSINGS
-  TOWN PARK UPGRADES (MEMORIAL PARK & TRIANGLES)
-  RETAIL CORE REVITALISATION
-  FUTURE ENTERPRISE PRECINCT & MIXED USE AREA
-  FUTURE EMPLOYMENT LAND USE TO BE INVESTIGATED
-  LONG-TERM POTENTIAL COUNCIL OFFICE REDEVELOPMENT (VIC, NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & OFFICE ACCOMMODATION)
-  HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL HUB



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3.4 Big Idea **03** Thriving retail core & enterprise precinct



Figure 55. Diverse uses, Shelter Brewery, Brusselton.



Figure 56. Streetscape improvements, Yackandandah.



Figure 57. Outdoor movie nights, Clarke Park.

Objective 2: Broaden the retail offer and address vacant shops

Action 01: Improve the appearance of the town centre core by refurbishing the street frontage of retail / commercial buildings to accentuate the 1950's architecture (refer Town Centre Guidelines) including improvements to awnings, signage and lighting.

Action 02: Encourage and support businesses to extend trading hours particularly on Saturday and Sundays.

Action 03: Improve the street environment at Banool Road, Womaatong Street, Akuna Avenue, Towong Street through the provision of new:

- + Plants and trees
- + Seating and outdoor dining
- + Bicycle infrastructure
- + Artwork and lighting
- + Drinking water stations
- + Mobile phone chargers.

Action 04: Together with landowners, develop a program to activate vacant shops with short-term leases.

Action 05: Diversify the retail offer and services with health services, gym, outdoor and cycling related businesses.

Action 06: Support businesses that create a night-time economy such as micro-brewery / wine bar.



Figure 58. Informal gathering spaces, Memphis' River Garden.



Figure 59. Tallangatta Visitor Information Centre and public toilets.

Objective 3: Upgrade Memorial Park and The Triangles town parks

Action 01: Improve Memorial Park as the formal town garden for ceremonies and events with:

- + Power and water infrastructure
- + Informal meeting spaces including Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper strategies.

Action 02: Improve The Triangles Park with informal spaces and events with:

- + Power and water infrastructure
- + Upgraded playground with interactive and nature based play, protection from roads with native screening garden and shade cloth
- + Upgraded toilets in The Triangles to make them fully accessible and for special needs
- + Informal meeting spaces including Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper strategies.

Action 03: Introduce a boulevard of trees to link Memorial Park and The Triangles together to strengthen the central axis of the town plan.

Objective 4: Potential Council Office Redevelopment

Action 01: Utilise the redevelopment of the Council Offices as an opportunity to create a Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and redevelop the adjacent Courthouse site.

Objective 5: Improve Akuna Avenue, Alleyway and create new pedestrian links

Action 01: Incorporate future cut-throughs in future development from the main street to Akuna Ave parking

Action 02: Improve pedestrian amenity in existing cut-through (western retail block)

Action 03: Work with the bus company to relocate bus parking from Akuna Avenue.

Action 04: Provide pedestrian crossings at key locations.

Action 05: Restrict car parking at the vehicular entry to the football oval during events.

Action 06: Ensure large vehicles servicing retail / commercial use Akuna Avenue and Alleyway.

Action 07: Promote all day parking for town centre workers to free up car spaces in Towong Street.

Action 08: Investigate introducing a 1-way lane in the western retail block alleyway (entered from the west) with parking bays and designated bin areas.

3.4 Big Idea 03 Thriving retail core & enterprise precinct

Theme 3.2: Enterprise Precinct and Employment Land

What we heard

The 1950's urban plan for Tallangatta is an example of mid-century planning with distinct zoning of uses including the location of employment land and recreation reserves to the south of the town centre core, town parks, civic and commercial buildings.

Employment land is located adjacent to residential buildings resulting in sensitive interface issues, with housing increasingly encroaching into the predominantly light industrial uses. The employment land zoned industrial use is quite constrained by surrounding commercial and residential uses and the Murray Valley Highway, and does not allow for future expansion.

Engagement 2 findings indicate that the theme 'Enterprise Precinct and Employment Land' has moderate support from community, with the 'Relocation of industrial land', the highest ranked initiative / project in the theme. The relocation of industrial land increases flexibility within the town centre to plan for any expansion to retail / commercial and residential uses.

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 - Relocate industrial land
- + 2 - Create new enterprise zone.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to continue the improvements to the town centre through a combination of:

- + Relocating industrial land outside of the township
- + Creating an Enterprise Precinct with light industrial warehouses and makers spaces.

Objective 1: Relocate industrial land

Action 01: Investigate with the relevant authorities the potential to relocate existing industrial land outside the township to the south side of the Murray Valley Highway to increase land supply for future employment use.



Figure 60. Enterprise Precinct, Morris Moor Precinct.



Objective 2: Create new enterprise zone

Action 01: Investigate the relocation of uses on currently zoned Industrial, Mixed Use and Public Use land within the township further afield, to free up land within the town centre for an Enterprise Precinct.

Action 02: Create a new Enterprise Precinct that provides a vibrant mix of uses including but not limited to:

- + Adaptive reuse of light industrial warehouses
- + Distillery, winery or cellar door
- + Construction companies
- + Bakery, cheesemaking or other food businesses
- + Entrepreneurial makers spaces / co-working spaces.



Figure 61. Casual alfresco dining spaces, Prague Food Market.

3.5 Big Idea

04

Resilient, green & clean energy town



Theme 4.1: Ensure Long-Term Resilience

What we heard

Engagement findings indicate that improving critical infrastructure, waste and water collection and recycling, renewable energy generation and community battery solutions are priorities for the community.

The 2nd highest rated suggestion to improve the township during Engagement 1 was the 'upgrade of critical infrastructure (energy, internet and telecommunications). While the four top priorities suggested as ways to make Tallangatta more environmentally sustainable and resilient are: renewable energies, waste minimisation / recycling, water reuse / recycling and bushfire preparedness. Engagement 2 reinforced these findings, with changes to priorities reflected in the ordering of the objectives, with 'Renewable energy, water / green waste reuse and recycling' one of the highest rated initiatives / projects across the Big Ideas.

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 - Renewable energy, water / green waste reuse and recycling
- + 2 - Micro-grid and community battery for essential infrastructure
- + 3 - Critical infrastructure (water and sewage) upgrades
- + 4 - Plan for natural and man made hazards and emergency services / infrastructure.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to adopt an integrated approach to strengthening resilience through:

- + Ensuring timely and reliable delivery of critical infrastructure
- + Investigating green waste and water reuse / recycling and renewable energy generation
- + Short-long term planning for natural hazards and disasters
- + Addressing a decrease in volunteers for community services.

Objective 1: Investigate options to increase renewable energy generation, green waste collection / recycling and water reuse / recycling

Action 01: Investigate options for carbon neutral power generation (water, solar, wind).

Action 02: Improve recycling and green waste collection and management, through initiatives such as:








- + Making mulch available
- + Removing plastic liners out of the recycling bins in public places
- + Soft plastics collection.

Action 03: Identify barriers and investigate options to reduce water use, increase reuse for buildings and community facilities including on-site water storage.



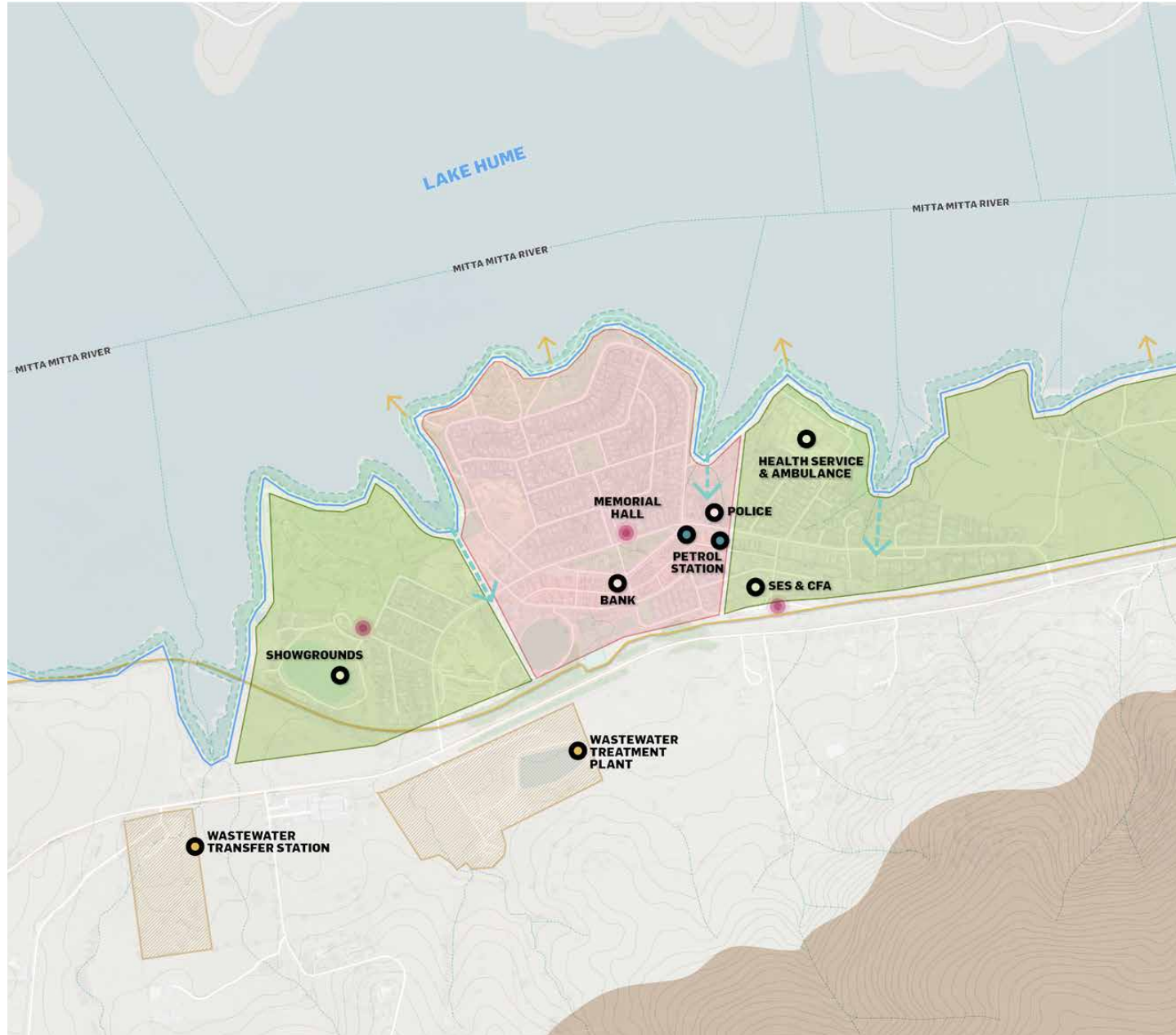
Figure 62. Green waste collection.

Legend

-  POTENTIAL COMMUNITY BATTERY
-  EXISTING VEHICULAR ACCESS
-  BIODIVERSITY CORRIDORS
LINK TO TOWN CENTRE
-  BUSHFIRE OVERLAY
-  RESTORE LAKE HUME VEGETATION
(PLAINS WOODLAND FOREST
FORESHORE TO WEST
AND EAST FINGER)
-  LOWER SLOPES OR HILLS WOODLAND
-  DRY FOREST



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3.5 Big Idea **04** Resilient, green & clean energy town



Figure 63. Yackandandah town battery.



Figure 64. Yackandandah town battery.



Figure 65. Micro grid.

Objective 2: Investigate the opportunity for a micro-grid and community battery for essential infrastructure

Action 01: Investigate options to install community batteries and a microgrid for essential infrastructure to ensure continuous energy supply to critical infrastructure during emergencies.

Based on a similar example currently being implemented in Corryong, essential infrastructure is comprised of: SES, CFA, Police Station, Health and Ambulance Service, Petrol Stations, Banks and Evacuation Centres.

NOTE: The Showgrounds and Memorial Hall have been included as they played a key role during the 2019-20 bushfires.



Figure 66. Yarra Energy Foundation battery installation.

Objective 3: Plan for critical infrastructure upgrades

Action 01: Advocate for NEW to provide timely upgrades to existing water and sewerage infrastructure to ensure sufficient capacity for future residential and industrial growth for short-long term growth scenarios.

Objective 4: Undertake and implement disaster and resilience planning to guide the future development of the township

Action 01: Implement the recommendations of the 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.

Action 04: 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.

Action 05: 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 06: Consult the State Emergency Services to determine how Council can provide assistance in response to hazards on Shire land.

3.5 Big Idea 04 Resilient, green & clean energy town

Theme 4.2: Increase Nature Areas and Urban Ecology

What we heard

Engagement findings indicate the township's natural beauty and environmental attractions most noticeably Lake Hume, are what people love about the township. Protection – and where required rehabilitation – of the environment, are identified as key priorities to maintain the aesthetic and recreational amenity for residents and to support the visitor economy.

These views were reinforced during Engagement 2 with 'Restore the Lake Hume foreshore and wetlands' one of the higher rated initiatives / projects, aligning with strong support for the Lake Hume foreshore improvements in Big Idea 01.

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 - Restore the Lake Hume foreshore and wetlands
- + 2 - Improve urban ecology in open / public spaces and streets.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to adopt an integrated approach to strengthening resilience through:

- + Increased greening of the township
- + Improving the foreshore riparian zone.

Objective 1: Restore the Lake Hume foreshore and wetlands

Action 01: Reduce bank erosion and restore riparian zones.

Action 02: Reduce the impact of agricultural land management.

Action 03: Review current access to Lake Hume foreshore to determine preferred locations for vehicular and boat access and parking.

Action 04: Support GMW to manage the foreshore through measures such as a Friend's group subject to discussion with GMW.



Figure 67. Creek restoration.



Figure 68. Interpretive signage, Winton wetlands.



Objective 2: Improve urban ecology in open space, public spaces and streets

Action 01: Allocate nature areas and biodiversity corridors.

Action 02: Protect existing trees and increase biodiversity and planting of native vegetation.

Action 03: Maintain and protect habitats of threatened species.

Action 04: Address pests and invasive species through existing programs.

Action 05: Create a weed control crew to remove noxious weeds in parks and bushland.

Action 06: Educate residents on noxious weeds.

Action 07: Continue to support research into biological control including the potential impact of changing weather and climate patterns to tried and tested methods.

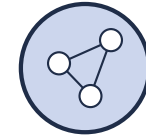


Figure 69. Tallangatta wetlands, JMP Tallagatta Estate.

3.6 Big Idea

05

Strengthen Tallangatta's strong & diverse community



Theme 5.1: New and Upgraded Community Assets

What we heard

Tallangatta's community has benefited from the delivery of key community infrastructure and services including the Integrated Community Centre and upgrades to the Rowen Park Recreation Reserve. Engagement 1 findings indicate that while the township is considered to be well-serviced with sports, health and education facilities and services, demographic changes including an ageing population, an increase in the number of people from diverse backgrounds and a growing number of families and school-age children require an increase in existing and additional services to cater for increasing demand.

Engagement 2 findings reinforce the need to complete existing plans such as the upgrades to the Memorial Hall and Rowen Park Recreation Reserve. Additional improvements to the swimming pool have been included to encourage year-round use, with an upgrade to the Bowls Club identified during Engagement 2.

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 - Memorial Hall upgrade
- + 2 - New purpose built Tallangatta Neighbourhood House
- + 2 - Rowen Park Recreation Reserve Stage 2.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to:

- + Expand sport facilities with Stage 2 works for the Rowen Park Recreation Reserve
- + Strengthen community with a fit-for-purpose Neighbourhood House and targeted programs to support engagement with diverse communities
- + Better equip the Memorial Hall with planned upgrades for emergency preparedness

Objective 1: Undertake upgrades to the Memorial Hall







Action 01: Complete Memorial Hall upgrades for bushfire preparedness including:

- + ACC shower
- + Safe area for children
- + Generator.



Figure 70. Tallangatta Memorial Hall.

Legend

-  ROWEN PARK RECREATION RESERVE MASTERPLAN STAGE 2
-  INVESTIGATION AREA FOR ROWEN PARK RECREATION RESERVE 2ND OVAL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TALLANGATTA SECONDARY COLLEGE
-  UPGRADED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
-  COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
-  PUBLIC BUS SERVICE & STOP
-  PUBLIC SHUTTLE SERVICE & STOP



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Figure 71. Shared kitchen facilities, Co Living, Community Kitchen.



Figure 72. Flexible working spaces.



Figure 73. Outdoor play spaces, Adelaide Zoo.

Objective 2: Provide a new purpose built Tallangatta Neighbourhood House

Action 01: Investigate the options to create a community centre catering for a diverse demographic providing a 'home away from home' including:

- + New purpose-built or refurbishment of the existing premises
- + Separate entry / access and front of house
- + Spaces for the younger generation including playgroup, mental health support and safe places for those feeling unsafe
- + Multi-purpose, adaptable / reconfigurable space for diverse activities
- + Commercial kitchen for food preparation / workshops for events
- + Sheltered outdoor space with play, garden and seated area
- + Small study space with computer facilities
- + Investigate the inclusion of additional services similar to Yackandandah (op shop), Beechworth (bookshop) and Corryong (bakery and garage).



Figure 74. Covered swimming pool, Garfield Centre, San Francisco.

Objective 3: Undertake Stage 2 of Rowen Park Recreation Reserve upgrades

Action 01: Update the Rowen Park Recreation Reserve Master Plan to include the following scope of works:

- + Provide lighting for night events
- + New 2nd oval in partnership with Tallangatta Secondary College
- + Improve overland drainage to existing oval
- + Improve playground areas and netball shelters
- + Restrict car parking at the vehicular entry on Akuna Avenue to the football oval during events
- + Improve and expand car parking at the cricket nets
- + Upgrade hockey court for future use including improving access
- + Investigate opportunities to provide volleyball and rugby facilities
- + Upgrade swimming pool including children's area, roof cover and solar heating to encourage year-round use. Consider potential relocation of the swimming pool to the foreshore.

Objective 4: Bowls Club upgrade

Action 01: Investigate the opportunity to upgrade the Tallangatta Bowls Club facility.



Figure 75. Upgrade lighting at Rowen Park Recreation Reserve, Farran Oval.

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Theme 5.2: Expand Community Facilities, Services and Events

What we heard

There is growing demand for community services in health, childcare, kindergarten and public transport with a need to develop more targeted programs for a younger demographic. Engagement 1 findings indicate that demand for childcare and kindergarten services from Albury-Wodonga residents has placed pressure on the Tallangatta service. In addition, there has been an increase in demand for the provision of high-quality, state of the art health facilities and staff, including acute medical facilities for an ageing population.

Projects currently underway to expand the Health Service include the indigo 4Ms tool, an aged care program focused on medications, mobility and mental health and a master plan to expand and improve the Health Service.

The expansion of the Health Service, childcare and kindergarten create an opportunity to increase employment pathways, attract families and encourage ageing residents to remain in the township.

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 - Health Service Upgrade
- + 2 - Expand childcare and kindergarten services and facility
- + 2 - Provide public bus services
- + 2 - Create an events calendar and activities for a younger audience.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to:

- + Increase and expand existing health, childcare and kindergarten services
- + Address the lack of transport services with public transport and a local shuttle.
- + Develop programs for a younger audience
- + Provide a women's refuge for domestic violence.

Objective 1: Support the Health Service Upgrade

Action 01: Improve health services and facilities to cater for the needs of the community by:

- + Providing services for a diverse demographic with a focus on an ageing population
- + Identifying health services that could be located within the town centre
- + Investigate the opportunity to provide health services to the wider area.



Figure 76. Tallangatta Health Service.



Objective 2: Expand childcare and kindergarten services

Action 01: Expand the childcare and kindergarten services and facility to meet growing demand.

Action 02: Provide more family friendly spaces for activities suited to the infants of the town including access to care, community groups and spaces that are safe and inclusive.

Action 03: Consider the need to increase parking access.

Objective 3: Provide a public bus service

Action 01: Advocate for increasing the public bus service to and from Albury-Wodonga and for a new public bus service to Corryong and Mitta Mitta.

Action 02: Investigate the opportunity to provide a community shuttle to health services and other key locations in the township.

Objective 4: Create an events calendar and activities for a younger audience

Action 01: Develop programs targeted to younger members of the community including alternative sports and non-competitive pursuits.

Action 02: Expand the community events calendar to increase activities for the local community including running and cycling events, markets, Australia Day and watersports.

Action 03: Introduce programs to increase awareness of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.

Objective 5: Provide a women's refuge

Action 01: Investigate options to provide a women's refuge for people experiencing domestic violence.



Figure 77. Kindergarten, Xian County Sunshine.

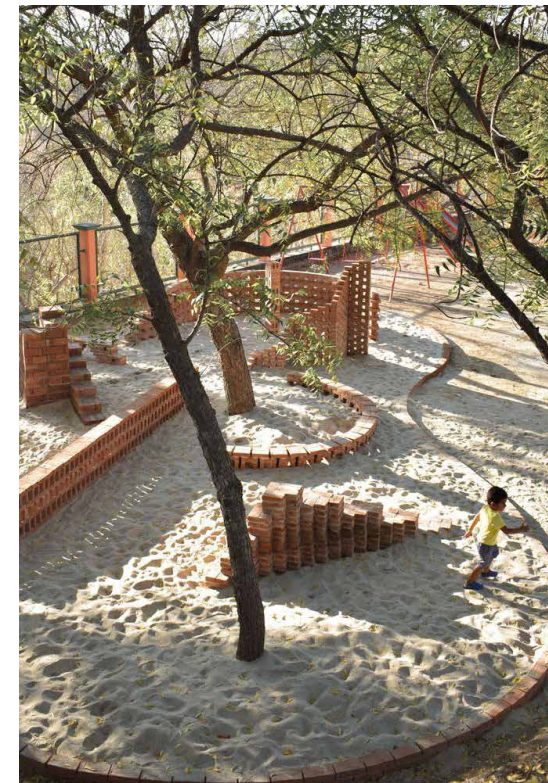


Figure 78. Play space, Jardín Agua Zarca.

3.7 Big Idea

06

Inviting & walkable streets for all ages & abilities



Theme 6.1: Improve Streets and Public Spaces

What we heard

Two of the highest ranked opportunities in the Engagement 1 survey were the provision of accessible walking / cycling trails and routes, and increasing access to Lake Hume. Comments from engagement also highlight the lack of continuous footpaths, including paths that are not accessible for mobility scooters, prams and wheelchairs. In addition, feedback indicates poor maintenance of street pavements, gutters, footpaths and trees.

Engagement 2 findings reinforced the need to improve footpaths particularly to cater for an ageing population, prams and mobility aids. A clear priority to emerge during Engagement 2 was the support to increase tree canopy cover in the township, with the initiative one of the highest ranked across the Big Ideas.

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 - Increase tree canopy cover
- + 2 - Improve footpaths, drainage, signage and public spaces
- + 2 - Improve footpaths, crossings, pick-up / drop-off Schools and Health Service.

What is proposed

Tallangatta is a walkable town, with many services and features accessible within walking distance. The aim of this Big Idea is to provide a network of age friendly and safe shaded footpaths and cycle paths that encourage people of all abilities to walk or increase their mobility. Key opportunities include:

- + Increase tree canopy cover
- + Continuous foreshore trail connected to the Rail Trail, town centre and biodiversity corridors
- + Improved footpaths connecting the Health Service to town centre and foreshore
- + Improvements to the pick-up / drop-off area at both Primary Schools
- + Improvements to paths to the secondary school
- + Safety improvements to Akuna Avenue with pedestrian crossings.












Objective 1: Increase tree canopy cover

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



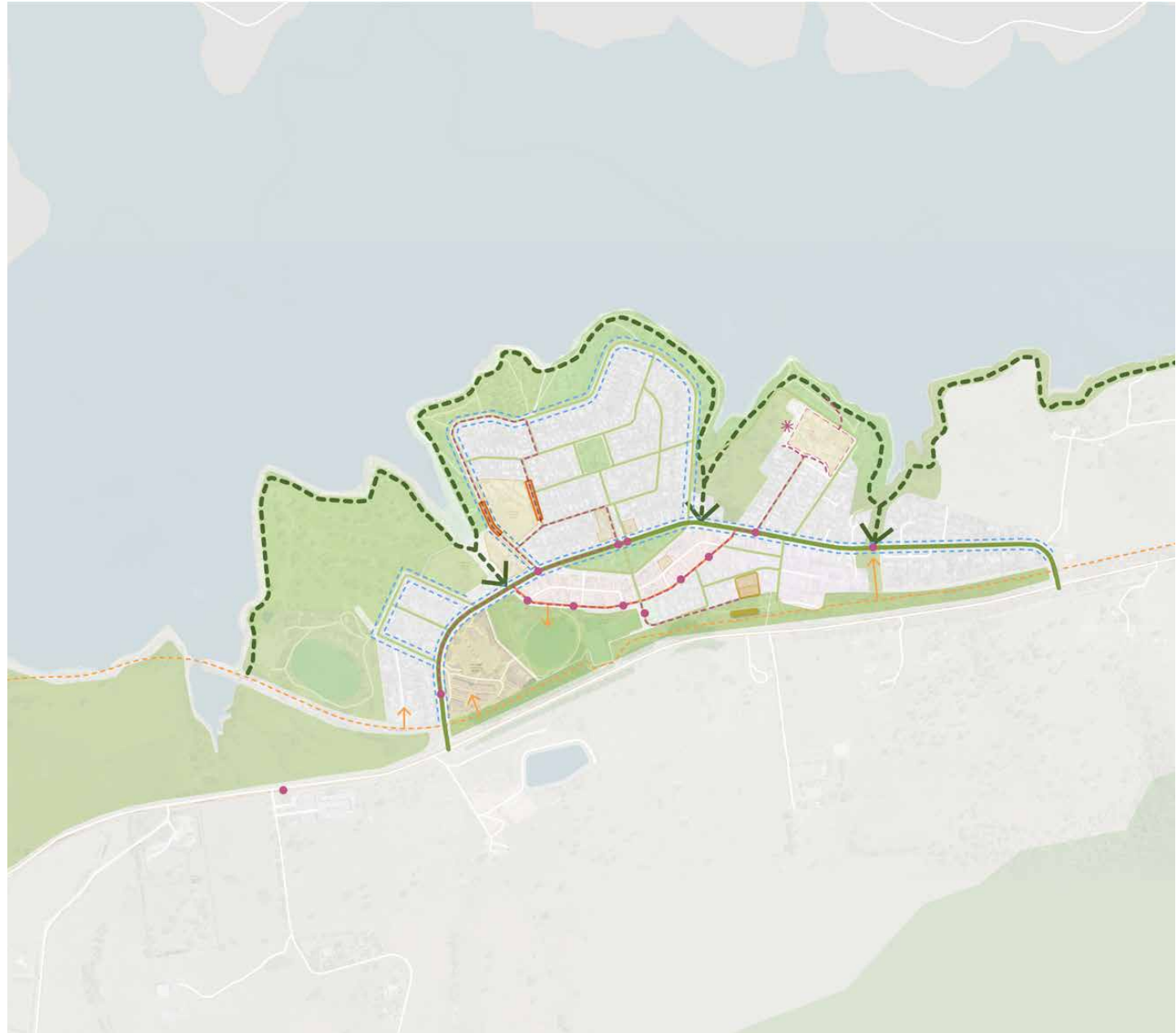
Figure 79. Tree canopy, The Triangles Park.

Legend

-  CONTINUOUS FORESHORE TRAIL CONNECTED TO TOWN CENTRE
-  HEALTH SERVICE INTEGRATION
-  CAR PARK LIGHTING & SIGNAGE UPGRADES AT BOLGA COURT
-  GREEN & WELCOMING STREETS
-  CONTINUOUS MOBILITY FRIENDLY FOOTPATHS & CROSSINGS
-  POP-UP CYCLING LANES
-  PRIMARY SCHOOL PICK-UP/DROP-OFF
-  COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
-  OPEN SPACE
-  HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL
-  HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL HUB
-  NEW LINK/IMPROVED ACCESS TO RAIL TRAIL



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Figure 80. Public space improvements with footpath network, Civic Park Warragul.



Objective 2: Improve footpaths, pedestrian crossings, drainage and signage

Action 01: Provide fully accessible and continuous walking paths for diverse needs.

Action 02: Provide wayfinding signage at key decision points for pedestrian and cyclists.

Action 03: Provide crossings at key locations to integrate the schools and open spaces with the town centre and High Country Rail Trail.

Action 04: Improve stormwater drainage at street curb and gutters.

Action 05: Implement water-sensitive urban design to improve water quality with swales to filter stormwater before it enters the water supply.

Action 06: Reduce hard surfaces and increase permeable paving / surfaces to decrease water run-off.

Action 07: Provide a new pedestrian crossing at Tallangatta Lookout Road on the Murray Valley Highway.

Objective 3: Integrate schools and the Health Service with the footpath network

Action 01: Improve footpaths links between schools with the town centre and recreational facilities.

Action 02: Create a shared bus drop-off / pick-up zone in Queen Elizabeth Drive.

Action 03: Investigate options to improve the children pick-up / drop-off zone in Wonga Grove.

Action 04: Create a walkway from the bus zone to the Primary School entry.



Figure 81. Connect the footpath network to trails.



Figure 82. Fully accessible footpaths and trails.

3.7 Big Idea 06 Inviting & walkable streets for all ages & abilities

Theme 6.2: Pop-Up Cycle Paths

What we heard

While two of the highest ranked opportunities in the Engagement 1 survey include provision of accessible walking / cycling trails and routes, Engagement 2 findings indicate the priority is on improving footpaths rather than cycling routes.

Outcomes of Engagement 2

In this instance, cycling paths was singled out as a theme and initiative / project. 'Pop-up cycle paths' was one of the lower priorities as a theme, however rated a bit more highly as an initiative / project indicating some support for the project.

- + 1 - Provide connected and safe cycle paths and crossings.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to provide a network of connected cycle paths that encourage people to participate in active transport and provide an alternative to car use. Key opportunities include:

- + Providing safe cycle paths for school age children
- + Connecting the cycle network to the High Country Rail Trail and continuous foreshore trail.

Objective 1: Provide connected and safe cycle paths and crossings

Action 01: Introduce pop-up cycling lanes between the High Country Rail Trail, schools, town centre and foreshore.



Figure 83. Pop-up shared paths, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.



Figure B4. Off-road cycle paths for the High Country Rail Trail.

3.8 Big Idea

07

Celebrate Tallangatta's proud & unique heritage



Theme 7.1: Strengthen Historic Town

What we heard

Tallangatta has been recognised by the National Trust as the second notable town in Victoria.

Tallangatta is architecturally significant as a remarkably intact collection of civic and residential buildings constructed in the 1950s to a modern plan, mixed with more than 100 late Victorian structures relocated from the old town.

- Trust Advocate

Buildings recognised for their significance were built between 1955-56 and include: Post Office, Shire Offices, Catholic Church, Anglican Church, Presbyterian Church, 35 shops, Tallangatta Hotel, Memorial Hall, Court House and Hospital.

Engagement 1 findings indicate that the community identifies with the history of the township including the original European settlement now called Tallangatta East, and the current modernist town. However, Engagement 2 findings suggest that history is less of a priority with the theme and initiatives / projects some of the lowest ranked across the Big Ideas.

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 - Explore Aboriginal cultural heritage
- + 2 - Permanent exhibition (Notable Town status / modernist history)
- + 3 - Heritage upgrades and create historic walks.

What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to celebrate the unique heritage of the township including the story of relocation with a series of proposals which include:

- + An exhibition developed in partnership with the local schools and an architecture and planning school
- + Town centre guidelines that accentuate the modernist qualities of the central area and recognised buildings
- + Exploration of First Nations cultural heritage to broaden our understanding of place.

Objective 1: Explore Aboriginal cultural heritage

Action 01: Identify any sites of significant First Nations cultural heritage in / surrounding Tallangatta with traditional custodians.






Action 02: Develop an Aboriginal place name strategy with traditional custodians to incorporate First Nation's culture and heritage through acknowledgment, place names, truth-telling and stories.

Action 03: Consult First nations people on the opportunities for new / upgraded open / public spaces along the Tallangatta foreshore and waterways.



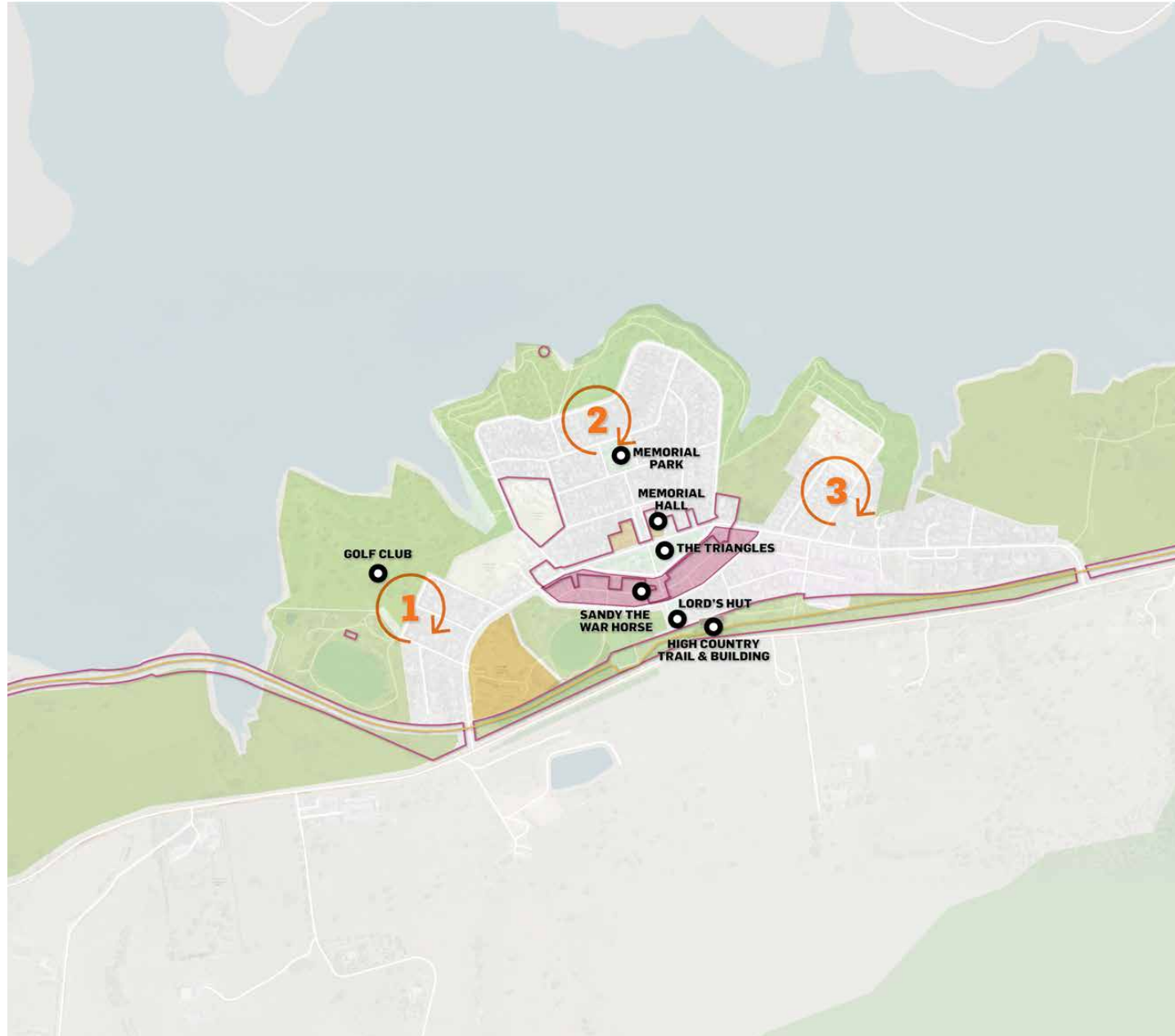
Figure 85. Indigenous planting in public spaces, Bingara Country Club.

Legend

-  3 X TOWN WALKING LOOPS
-  EXHIBITION AT THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
-  LAKE HUME FORESHORE & OPEN SPACE
-  PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE DESIGN GUIDELINES
-  HERITAGE OVERLAY



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3.8 Big Idea **07** Celebrate Tallangatta's proud & unique heritage



Figure 86. Layout of present day Tallangatta with careful mid-century planning and zoning of uses.



Objective 2: Create a permanent exhibition of Tallangatta's history

Action 01: Develop a permanent exhibition in joint partnership with the local school and an architecture and planning school on the history of the township including:

- + Information on the Notable Town heritage status as the Town That Moved
- + Modernist architecture and town planning
- + Reason to relocate the township
- + Establishment of the original town
- + High Country Rail Trail and Station Building
- + First Nations culture and history.

Objective 3: Create historic town walks

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

Action 02: Create a 3-loop town walk, a loop for each 'finger' of the original Tallangatta Township Plan with interpretive signage about the history and changes over time, including the expansion of Lake Hume.

Objective 4: Create Town Centre Design Guidelines

Action 01: Undertake Town Centre Guidelines to celebrate the heritage value of 1950's planning and architecture and to strengthen place identity and the local vernacular.

The Guidelines are to provide guidance on:

- + Beautification of the retail core to maximise amenity for the community and the visitor economy
- + Provide age-friendly public spaces and streets and bumping spaces
- + Ensure consistent planting, increase native vegetation and tree canopy cover to create more shade and reduce heatwave conditions.

Action 02: Provide grants to support businesses / landowners to upgrade building facades and improve access into shops.

Action 03: Develop a maintenance plan to ensure upkeep and presentation of the retail core.



Figure 87. Tallangatta retail core.

4.0

Implementation Plan

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4.1 Making it happen

Overview of making it happen

The Tallangatta 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: Welcoming & visitor friendly destination				
THEME 1.1: Upgrade Lake Hume Foreshore				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Dam the Narrows to create a permanent water source and frontage.	Low	Long-term	
Objective 2	Upgrade the Golf Course and Tallangatta Showgrounds.	High	Medium-term	GMW
Objective 3	Improve the foreshore activities, facilities and Lakelands Caravan Park.	High	Medium-term	GMW
THEME 1.2: Improve Accommodation and Town Centre Destinations				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Create an arts and culture attraction at the Butter Factory.	High	Long-term	
Objective 2	Increase short-term accommodation choice.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 3	Develop short-long term uses for the Courthouse site.	Low	Medium-term	
Objective 4	Develop an events calendar and marketing campaign for Tallangatta as a tourist destination.	Low	Short-term	
Objective 5	Improve the arrival experience.	Low	Short-term	
Objective 6	Upgrade Lord's Hut Reserve.	Low	Medium-term	
THEME 1.3: Regional Tourism Hub at Tallangatta				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Expand regional tourism opportunities with a tourism hub at Tallangatta.	Medium	Medium-term	
THEME 1.4: Connect to Surrounding Trails and Lookouts				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Create a continuous foreshore trail that connects to the Rail Trail and town centre.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 2	Create a High Country Rail Trail Hub at Womaatong Street.	Medium	Medium-term	DTP – Transport
Objective 3	Upgrade and maintain existing roads.	Medium	Long-term	DTP – Transport


 Big Idea 02: Sustainable housing to support future growth				
THEME 2.1: Short-Medium Term Housing Development Sites				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Develop the JMP site to provide more housing.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 2	Investigate the development of the Horse Paddocks site.	Medium	Long-term	
Objective 3	Provide housing on infill sites in the town centre and mixed-use zones.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 4	Increase housing choice.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 5	Consider incorporating housing in the enterprise zone.	Low	Medium-term	CFA, DTP – Planning
THEME 2.2: Long-Term Housing Opportunity				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Increase land zoned for general residential lots.	Medium	Medium-term	CFA, DTP – Planning
Objective 2	Increase land for rural living lots.	Medium	Long-term	CFA, DTP – Planning
Objective 3	Upgrade existing buildings and sites for bushfire preparedness.	Low	Long-term	CFA

 Big Idea 03: Thriving retail core & enterprise precinct				
THEME 3.1: Improve Retail Core				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Parking improvements.	High	Short-term	
Objective 2	Broaden the retail offer and address vacant shops.	Medium	Short-term	
Objective 3	Upgrade Memorial Park and The Triangles town parks.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 4	Potential Council Office Redevelopment.	Low	Long-term	
Objective 5	Improve Akuna Avenue, Alleyway and create new pedestrian links.	Low	Medium-term	
THEME 3.2: Enterprise Precinct and Employment Land				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Relocate industrial land.	Medium	Long-term	CFA, DTP – Planning
Objective 2	Create new enterprise zone.	Low	Long-term	CFA, DTP – Planning

 Big Idea 04: Resilient, green & clean energy town				
THEME 4.1: Ensure Long-Term Resilience				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Investigate options to increase renewable energy generation, green waste collection / recycling and water reuse / recycling.	High	Short-term	
Objective 2	Investigate the opportunity for a micro-grid and community battery for essential infrastructure.	High	Medium-term	
Objective 3	Plan for critical infrastructure upgrades.	Low	Long-term	CFA
Objective 4	Undertake and implement disaster and resilience planning to guide the future development of the township.	Low	Long-term	
THEME 4.2: Increase Nature Areas and Urban Ecology				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Restore the Lake Hume foreshore and wetlands .	High	Medium-term	GMW
Objective 2	Improve urban ecology in open / public spaces and streets.	Low	Medium-term	

 Big Idea 05: Strengthen Tallangatta’s strong & diverse community				
THEME 5.1: New and Upgraded Community Assets				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Undertake upgrades to the Memorial Hall.	Medium	Short-term	
Objective 2	Provide a new purpose built Tallangatta Neighbourhood House.	Low	Long-term	DFFH
Objective 3	Undertake Stage 2 of Rowen Park Recreation Reserve upgrades.	Low	Medium-term	
Objective 4	Bowls Club upgrade.	Low	Medium-term	
THEME 5.2: Expand Community Facilities, Services and Events				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Support the Health Service Upgrade.	High	Short-term	Ambulance Victoria
Objective 2	Expand childcare and kindergarten services.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 3	Provide a public bus service.	Medium	Long-term	
Objective 4	Create an events calendar and activities for a younger audience.	Medium	Short-term	
Objective 5	Provide a women’s refuge.	Low	Medium-term	

 Big Idea 06: Inviting & walkable streets for all ages & abilities				
THEME 6.1: Improve Streets and Public Spaces				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Increase tree canopy cover.	High	Medium-term	
Objective 2	Improve footpaths, pedestrian crossings, drainage and signage.	Low	Medium-term	DTP – Transport
Objective 3	Integrate schools and the Health Service with the footpath network.	Low	Short-term	
THEME 6.2: Pop-Up Cycle Paths				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Provide connected and safe cycle paths and crossings.	Low	Medium-term	

 Big Idea 07: Celebrate Tallangatta's proud & unique heritage				
THEME 7.1: Strengthen Historic Town				
OBJECTIVES		PRIORITY	TIMING	PARTNERS
Objective 1	Explore Aboriginal cultural heritage.	Medium	Medium-term	
Objective 2	Create a permanent exhibition of Tallangatta's history.	Low	Medium-term	
Objective 3	Create historic town walks.	Low	Short-term	
Objective 4	Create Town Centre Design Guidelines.	Low	Short-term	



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