



Kyogle
NSW AUSTRALIA



Visions of Village Life
MALLANGANEE
Village Master Plan



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ABOUT THIS PLAN

The *Mallanganee Village Master Plan* was created in consultation with the local community.

It sets out the community's vision, goals and priorities for Mallanganee so these can be used to guide Council's planning, project delivery and decision-making for Mallanganee now and into the future.

It also outlines the projects, actions and initiatives Council will deliver to support Mallanganee to achieve its vision.

LINKS TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

In 2016 Kyogle Council adopted the *Ready to Grow Community Strategic Plan 2016-2026*.

The strategies and actions in *Ready to Grow* address challenges and priorities that are shared across the wider local government area (LGA), including:

- Management of roads, bridges and other infrastructure
- Enhancing and expanding agricultural business opportunities
- Providing housing for older people and people with a disability
- Harnessing a sense of community and building community capacity
- Identifying and creating opportunities for economic development
- Addressing youth drift
- Attracting visitors to the area

Ready to Grow also identified the need to develop village master plans for Mallanganee and five other villages across the LGA with the specific purpose of addressing challenges and priorities that are specific to each village.



COMMUNITY VISION

Through an online survey and at two public workshops, the community shared their values, what they love about Mallanganee and their hopes for the future. Those thoughts were summarised to create this vision.

For Mallanganee to remain a beautiful, quiet, small village where people can enjoy nature, wildlife and the country town atmosphere

GOALS AND PRIORITIES

This vision is underpinned by a set of goals and priorities which provide more detail around what the community wants and needs.

These goals and priorities have driven the actions in this Plan and will continue to guide Council's planning for Mallanganee over the coming years.

GOAL	PRIORITIES
1 Enhance village appearance and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment in village infrastructure• Town sewerage system• Well-maintained village• Reliable telecommunications• Improved public safety• Improved road safety• More public transport options
2 Provide high quality experiences for visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing tourism businesses are well supported• Well-known reputation as a day trip destination
3 Build reputation as a nature-based tourism destination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mallanganee Lookout enhanced and better promoted• Access to nature reserves, national parks and state forests• Nature-based visitor experiences in the village
4 Improve facilities for seasonal workers and tourists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental impact of camping minimised• High quality accommodation options for tourists
5 Reactivate community spirit and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village events and community functions• Growing population and increased number of families in the village• Sport and recreation facilities

DRIVERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Small, aging population with low numbers of young families
- Interest in the village as a tree change location
- Potential lifestyle choice for people working in Casino, Kyogle and Lismore

ECONOMY AND TOURISM

- Strong local agribusinesses provide employment opportunities
- Few other local employment opportunities
- Increase in the number of seasonal workers camping in the village
- Pub, café and antiques and collectibles store enhance day trip appeal
- Remaining viable with low demand a challenge for local businesses
- Retail leakage to Casino

LOCATION

- Adjacent to the Bruxner Highway
- Proximity to Casino and its range of services
- Proximity to Murrumbidgee National Park, and Sugarloaf and Cherry Tree State Forests

ASSETS

- Local wetlands provide a habitat for birds and wildlife
- Murrumbidgee Lookout has potential to be a significant regional attraction
- Well maintained public hall with established Trust in place
- Village maintenance partnership with Progress Association

LIVEABILITY

- Limited recreational and community infrastructure and facilities with many in need of improvement
- Village not serviced by town water or sewerage system
- Unreliable telecommunications an issue for residents and businesses



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MACBETH
1952-1959

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SCRIPTURE
TEACHER 81-84

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TEACHER
1914-1988

ACTION PLAN

The community has identified a number of projects, actions and initiatives which would support Mallanganee to achieve its vision and goals. These actions have been endorsed and prioritised by the community and Council.




TARGET OUTCOMES	ACTIONS	FOCUS AREAS	PRIORITY
Improvements to Memorial Park	Deliver a program of improvements to Memorial Park to enhance visitor stopping appeal	New accessible toilet block Replace/remove fencing Revitalisation of existing picnic facilities Additional play equipment Visitor information bay to identify local walks and nature based attractions in the area	High map ref 1
Improvements to Mallanganee Campground	Enhance facilities at Mallanganee Campground to increase appeal and usage by tourists	Refurbish or upgrade amenities including accessible toilets, showers and multi-function kitchen Seal entry and internal road, restore archway and provide loop road through to Pine Street to enable vehicle and van access Upgrade water supply and promote water conservation and restricted use to reduce waste Refurbish existing sports facilities, remove depot fencing and allow expanded camping area Improve pathways and connectivity	High map ref 2
Village beautification	Plant an avenue of distinctive trees along Sandilands Street and up Bonalbo Street to Mallanganee Memorial Hall	Selection of appropriate, community-supported tree species	High
Improved village entries	Replace existing village entry signage with new signs that reflect LGA-wide branding	At or near location of existing signage	High map ref 3
	Create an attractive village entry zone on Council road reserve land at intersection of Bruxner Highway and Sandilands Street	Directional and local business advertising signage Additional tree plantings to increase appeal	
Provide town sewerage system	Undertake project to provide reticulated sewerage system for Mallanganee	Move project from feasibility to detailed design and actively seek funding to allow for construction of the system as early as possible	High
Enhance Everson Park	Enhance appearance and facilities at Everson Park for continued use as a community passive recreation area	Installation of electric BBQ Provide additional lighting Revitalisation of existing built infrastructure and landscaping	Medium - High map ref 4

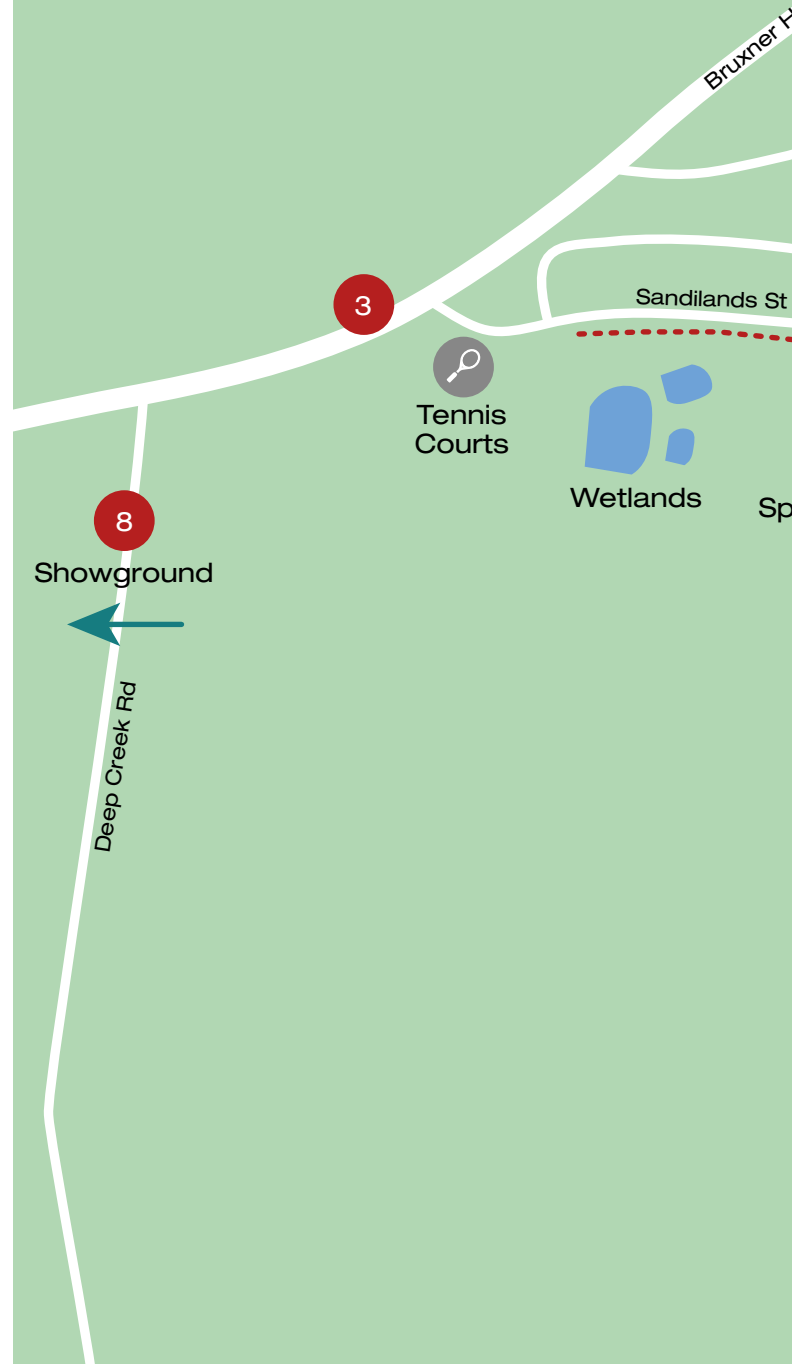
TARGET OUTCOMES	ACTIONS	FOCUS AREAS	PRIORITY
Maximise potential of Mallanganee Lookout as a tourist attraction	Develop and implement a precinct plan for Mallanganee Lookout to improve safety and amenity and enhance potential as a significant tourist attraction	<p>Improve access road and parking by considering alignment and sealing road surface</p> <p>Provide accessible, vandal-proof and secure public toilet facilities</p> <p>Provide well located, modernised lookout facilities</p> <p>Visitor information bay promoting local attractions and visit to Mallanganee</p> <p>New interpretive signage</p> <p>Investigate feasibility of installing a viewing platform and/or skywalk for viewing rainforest</p>	<p>Medium - High</p> <p>map ref</p> <p>5</p>
Provide nature-based experiences for visitors	Plan, construct and maintain a bird-watching walking loop from Memorial Park to the tennis courts via campground, oval perimeter and Sandilands Street	<p>Native planting to attract birdlife</p> <p>Bird hides and seating with views into wetland area</p> <p>Wayfinding and interpretive signage</p>	Medium
	Plan and signpost a wildlife watching walk through the village	Wayfinding and interpretive signage identifying heritage buildings and wildlife watching locations	
Enhance functionality and utilisation of existing community hall	Partner with the Mallanganee Public Hall Trust to implement infrastructure improvements as required to support increased functionality and utilisation of Mallanganee Public Hall	<p>Exterior painting</p> <p>Building renovation and repair</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>map ref</p> <p>6</p>
Align improvements to facilities at sportsground with community priorities and use	Retain Mallanganee Memorial Oval for community use and align future development and upgrades with community priorities and utilisation	<p>Renovation of buildings</p> <p>Replace fencing and picnic tables</p> <p>Refurbish cricket nets</p> <p>Provide recreational options for young people as required</p> <p>Provide basketball and netball options using the existing concrete and grass tennis court areas</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>map ref</p> <p>7</p>
Improve camping facilities at the Showgrounds	Investigate feasibility of upgrading facilities at the Mallanganee Showground to provide a secondary camping and caravan area	Provision of additional amenities	<p>Medium</p> <p>map ref</p> <p>8</p>
Partner with Jubullum Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC)	Partner with LALC to identify appropriate land use opportunities	The 1.5Ha block between Willock Street and the Bruxner Highway behind the old school site	Medium
Improved pedestrian access	Repair and extend existing footpaths on Sandilands Street providing access to local businesses	<p>Mallanganee Hotel</p> <p>Wild West Store, antiques and café</p> <p>Connection to tennis courts and camping grounds</p>	Low

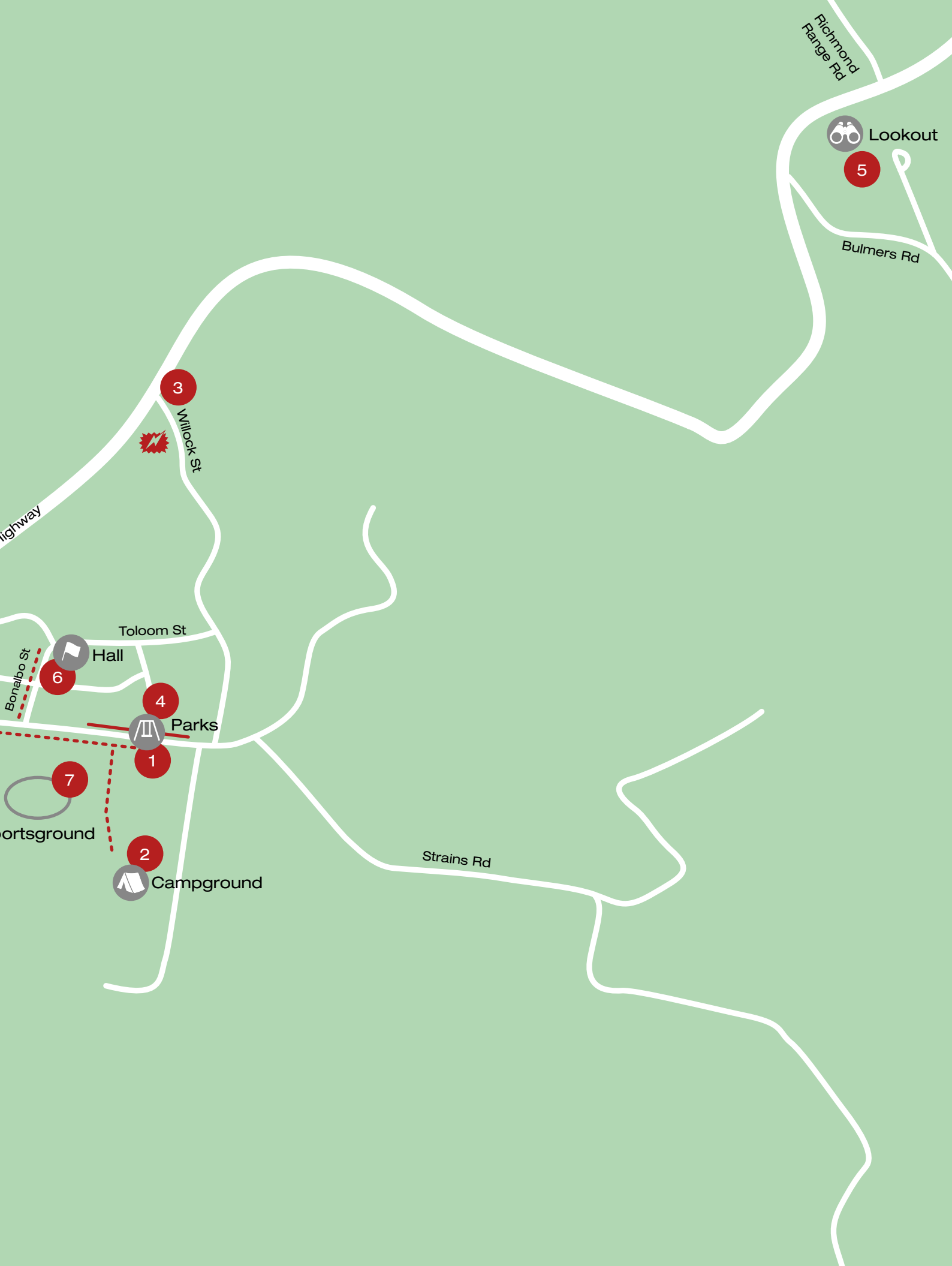
MALLANGANEE VILLAGE MAP

PLACE-BASED ACTIONS

- 1 Improvements to Memorial Park
- 2 Improvements to Mallanganee Campground
- 3 Improved village entries
- 4 Enhance Everson Park
- 5 Maximise potential of Mallanganee Lookout
- 6 Enhance functionality and utilisation of community hall
- 7 Align improvements to sportsground with community priorities
- 8 Improve camping at the Showgrounds

-  Existing footpaths
-  Proposed pathways
-  Electrical substation





ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

Some of the community’s priorities for Mallanganeë relate to outcomes or activities that do not fall under Council’s direct sphere of control. In these cases Council will advocate for the community’s interests in its dealings with government, private and not-for-profit organisations, and support delivery of community-driven projects.



VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION

Beautification of private property

Support community efforts to establish a ‘Make Mallanganeë Beautiful’ program encouraging private property and land owners to clean up unused land including removal of unused equipment and mowing, slashing and weed removal

TOURISM

Improve access to and promotion of local bush walks

Advocate for identification, promotion and improved access to existing bush walks in National Parks and State Forests

Improved provision of tourist information

Support existing arrangements for provision of face-to-face tourist information in Mallanganeë

ROAD SAFETY

Improved road safety at highway intersections

Advocate for upgrades to deliver road safety improvements at key intersections with the Bruxner Highway including:

- Sandilands Street
- Willock Street
- Bulmers Road

COMMUNITY AND VISITOR EVENTS

Establish activities and events that will attract visitors to Mallanganeë

Support community efforts to establish activities and events that will attract visitors to Mallanganeë including:

- Farmer’s market
- Gemstone fossicking event
- Sporting events
- Birdwatching

More festive events for community building

Support community efforts to establish a calendar of community celebrations around key holidays including:

- Christmas
- Easter
- Australia Day

IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

The *Mallangane Village Master Plan* is a long-term Plan. Council's ability to implement the actions identified in this Plan will depend on funding becoming available through Council revenue, state and federal government grant funding, private investment, and community partnerships.

In implementing the actions in the plan Council will:

- Look for opportunities to partner with the community and other organisations to deliver projects
- Where appropriate, enhance and revitalise existing infrastructure rather than building new infrastructure
- Design for improved disability inclusion and accessibility
- Consider and minimise ongoing maintenance requirements
- Deliver value for money when allocating public funds
- Advocate for community interests in dealings with other government and private organisations

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

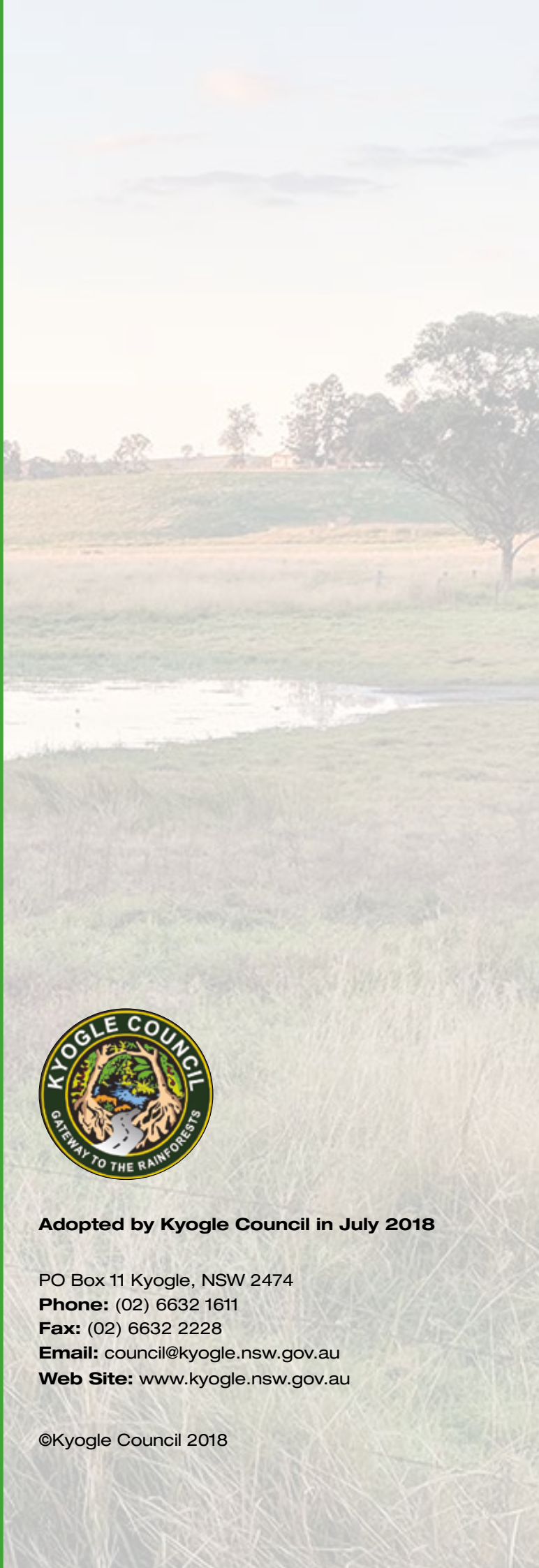
In accordance with the *Kyogle Council Community Engagement Strategy*, Council will continue to communicate and engage with the Mallangane community as it plans and delivers the actions in this Plan.

Depending on the nature of each action, the level of engagement will range from informing the community of proposed and planned works to collaborating with key stakeholders and community members and empowering them to co-design and deliver strategic actions in partnership with Council.

REVIEWING PROGRESS

Progress towards implementing actions and achieving outcomes detailed in the *Mallangane Village Master Plan* will be reviewed on a regular basis as part of Council's integrated planning and reporting processes.





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