



Kyogle
NSW AUSTRALIA

Visions of Village Life
WIANGAREE
Village Master Plan

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ABOUT THIS PLAN

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

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

It also outlines the projects, actions and initiatives Council will deliver to support Wiangaree 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 Wiangaree 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 Wiangaree and their hopes for the future. Those thoughts were summarised to create this vision.

For Wiangaree to be a family and visitor friendly village that celebrates and shares its diverse culture, knowledge and history

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.

GOAL	PRIORITIES
1 Regenerate, enhance and protect our lagoon and river	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy, beautiful lagoon environment• Improved visitor facilities at Wiangaree Lagoon• Healthy, stable Richmond River
2 Enhance our village by improving infrastructure and appearance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment in village infrastructure• Town sewerage system• Maintenance of a peaceful atmosphere• Beautified and well-maintained village
3 Make it attractive for people to stop at or visit our village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming village entry points• Walking trails and picnic areas• Facilities for visitors and tourists
4 Build the family-friendliness of our village through community building and a focus on safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved road safety around Summerland Way• Safe activities for children and families• Festivities and entertainment for the community
5 Make our village a hub for showcasing and sharing rural knowledge, skills and lifestyle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expanded, upgraded Rodeo and Sports Grounds• More events and clinics at the Rodeo and Sports Grounds• Centre for agricultural and rural skills training
6 Honour and share our diverse heritage and history	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing of information about village and rural history• Celebration of Aboriginal history and contribution

DRIVERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ASSETS

- Existing local businesses and visitor stopping facilities
- Well utilised truck stopping bay on Summerland Way
- Large natural lagoon adjacent to village
- Large areas of Crown land adjacent to village
- Well utilised Rodeo and Sports Ground hosting campdraft events and rural education clinics
- Wiangaree Public School is a valuable asset and enrolment levels are critical to village future
- Well utilised public hall with established Trust in place

DEMOGRAPHICS

- Community interest in attracting more young families to the village
- New residents bringing new perspectives and capability to the village

LOCATION

- Proximity to Kyogle, Casino and Lismore enhances day trip potential
- Summerland Way and North Coast Railway pass through the village
- Western gateway to the Border Ranges National Park
- Located on the banks of the Richmond River

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE

- Flood prone village area
- Village not serviced by town water or sewerage
- No existing village maintenance agreement in place



ACTION PLAN

The community has identified a number of projects, actions and initiatives that could be implemented over time to help Wiangaree achieve its vision and goals. These actions have been endorsed and prioritised by the community and Council.



TARGET OUTCOMES	ACTIONS	FOCUS AREAS	PRIORITY
Expand and enhance Rodeo and Sports Ground	Partner with the Wiangaree Rodeo and Sports Committee to upgrade infrastructure and facilities to support expanded use for events and rural education	Improvements to arena, yards, entry roads, signage and parking New training centre Additional amenities	High map ref 1
Improvements to Aboody Park play area	Deliver improvements to play area at Aboody Park to enhance safety and amenity	Fencing of playground and seating area for child safety Installation of shade structure over playground and/or shade tree planting	High map ref 2
Establish public campground	Establish public campground and associated Richmond River recreation area on Crown land (R140778) adjacent to Wiangaree Rodeo and Sports Ground	Aligned with expansion of Rodeo and Sports Ground with access to shared facilities and amenities Potential walking link to Aboriginal cultural site across the river Balance environmental and recreational outcomes	High map ref 3
Provide reticulated sewerage system	Undertake project to provide reticulated sewerage system for Wiangaree	Consultation with the community regarding proposed options	High
Enhance Wiangaree Lagoon as a passive recreation area	Develop recreation plan for Wiangaree Lagoon and surrounds which balances use of the area for passive recreation with environmental protection objectives	Appropriately located, sealed access road Picnic shelters and day use facilities Interpretive signage Weed management, maintenance and planting of appropriate species	High map ref 4
Improved drainage	Develop and implement a program of work to improve drainage across the village and address drainage trouble spots	Summerland Way	High
New village entry signage	Replace existing village entry signage with new signs that reflect LGA-wide branding	At or near the location of existing signage	High map ref 5
Enhanced visitor stopping precinct	Implement improvements to the precinct around Wiangaree General Store and Aboody Park to enhance the visitor stopping experience and promote local recreation opportunities	Improve water supply and sewerage capacity at existing public toilet (High) Upgrade existing visitor information bay with new content and provide new visitor information signage close to park and toilets Additional picnic shelters	Medium - High map ref 6

TARGET OUTCOMES	ACTIONS	FOCUS AREAS	PRIORITY
Provide public access to Richmond River for recreation	Retain Crown land between Worendo Street and the Richmond River (Parish Reserve PT R755753) for passive recreation and access for river swimming	Fencing to exclude stock and ensure public safety Retain and enhance as a natural environment	<div>Medium - High</div> <div>map ref</div> <div>7</div>
	Provide public access to the Richmond River on Crown land (R93390) near Lynches Creek and provide facilities for passive recreation and water-based leisure activities	Vehicle access via Ferndale Road Launch area for watercraft Flood proof, safe and accessible riverside walking trail with interpretive signage	
Improved wayfinding signage	Review existing directional signage and supplement with new signs to promote and provide directions to village facilities, services and attractions	Rodeo, Sports Ground and campground Wiangaree Lagoon and Richmond River recreation areas and walking trails	<div>Medium - High</div>
Enhance functionality and utilisation of existing community hall	Partner with the Wiangaree Public Hall Trust to implement infrastructure improvements as required to support increased functionality and utilisation of the Wiangaree Public Hall	Potable water supply Guttering and roofing work Upgrade power and wiring to accommodate event music and lighting	<div>Medium - High</div> <div>map ref</div> <div>8</div>
Improve footpath network	Construction of new footpaths to connect important places and improve accessibility for residents	Summerland Way from Wiangaree Hall to Rodeo and Sports Ground with crossing to Wiangaree Lagoon Complete Kunghur Street footpath from railway underpass to Wiangaree Public School	<div>Medium</div>
Tree plantings	Develop a tree planting plan to provide shade, visual and noise barriers, and improve village appeal	Avenue of distinctive trees at town entry points Plantings between rail corridor and residential areas to provide noise and visual barrier	<div>Medium - Low</div>
Create community open space	Dedicate Short Street Road Reserve as public open space and align future development with community-identified priorities for use	Community garden, allotments or bush tucker garden Wiangaree Public School use for art and education Potential link to Rodeo and Sports ground via Worrendo Street walking trail	<div>Low</div> <div>map ref</div> <div>9</div>

WIANGAREE VILLAGE MAP

PLACE-BASED ACTIONS

- 1 Expand and enhance Rodeo and Sports Ground
- 2 Improvements to Aboody Park
- 3 Establish public campground
- 4 Enhance Wiangaree Lagoon
- 5 New village entry signage
- 6 Enhanced visitor stopping precinct
- 7 Public access to Richmond River
- 8 Enhance functionality and utilisation of community hall
- 9 Create community open space

-  Existing footpaths
-  Proposed pathways





ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

Some of the community's priorities for Wiangaree 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.



ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Protect and regenerate Richmond River riparian zones	Advocate for and support community and/or landowner-led riparian restoration projects along the Richmond River with a focus on weed removal, re-vegetation and erosion control
Healthy and stable Wiangaree Lagoon environment	Advocate for and support community-led projects aimed at restoring, enhancing and protecting Wiangaree Lagoon with a focus on weed and pest animal removal, water quality improvements and planting of appropriate species

ROAD SAFETY

Summerland Way road safety improvements	Advocate for ongoing Summerland Way road safety improvements including safety signage, traffic calming devices, safe pedestrian crossings and speed limit monitoring and enforcement
Highway bypass	Advocate for construction of a bypass to divert Summerland Way traffic away from Wiangaree village

SERVICES

Improved public transport	Advocate for additional public transport options with a focus on connections to Casino and Kyogle for access to employment and training
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COMMUNITY

Wiangaree Public Hall to become a hub for community and visitor events and festivities	Support community efforts to establish a program of art, music, dance, family-focused and educational events to be hosted in Wiangaree Public Hall
Celebrating and sharing history	Support community efforts to identify, celebrate and share information about village and rural history as well as local Aboriginal history and contribution

CROWN LAND

In the course of developing this Village Master Plan for Wiangaree, Council gathered feedback from the community about parcels of Crown land in and around the village. Community views on possible future uses for Crown reserves will inform development of a Crown Land Plan of Management for Wiangaree.

RESERVE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT USE	COMMUNITY INTEREST
R57843	Wiangaree Reserve	Wiangaree Rodeo and Sports Ground public recreation reserve. Managed by the Gateway to the Rainforest Reserve Trust and leased to the Wiangaree Rodeo and Sports Committee.	Support existing lessees to expand and upgrade facilities to increase utilisation and make the venue a centre for rural events and training
R54330	Wiangaree Literary Institute	Wiangaree Public Hall	Support existing Trust to improve facilities and support increased functionality/utilisation of the hall
R140053	Old tick site	Contains yards and used in association with Rodeo and Sports Ground	Continue current use
R140078	Riverside vacant land also fronting Worendo Street between Gleeson and Queebun Streets	Reserved for future public requirements. Privately leased (Lot 74 DP755753 and Lot 124 DP726548). Contains vehicle access to Lot 100 DP755753	Expansion of Rodeo and Sports Ground, campground and public access to the river for recreation. Resolve access to freehold Lot 100 DP755753 which is currently landlocked by this reserve, may require boundary adjustment
PT R755751	Vacant lands next to Lynches Creek Road	Privately leased (Lot 1 DP1135961, Lot 7308 DP1150035). Closed Road adjoining Lot 12 DP 755751	No current community interest identified
PT R755753 (several parcels of vacant land)	Between Worendo Street and the river	Reserved for future public requirements. Privately leased (Lot 105 DP755753)	Community recreation and access to river swimming hole. Maintain open rural views. Weed management and riparian plantings
	At the western end of River Street between Richmond Terrace and the river	Reserved for future public requirements. Privately leased (Lot 97 DP755753)	No current community interest identified
	North of Lynches Creek Road on eastern side of railway line	Reserved for future public requirements, currently privately leased (Lot 127 DP823614)	No current community interest identified
	South of Lynches Creek Road	Reserved for future public requirements. Privately leased (Lot 96 DP755753 and Lot 106 DP755753)	Potential for rural/residential housing expansion. Potential bypass route
	Between the Summerland Way and the railway line north of Lynches Creek Road	Reserved for future public requirements, vacant (Lot 5 DP1057760)	Could be added to maintained (mown) community open space

RESERVE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT USE	COMMUNITY INTEREST
PT R755753 (several parcels of vacant land) <i>continued</i>	Between the Summerland Way and the railway line south of Lynches Creek Road	Reserved for future public requirements, vacant (Lot 5 DP1057760)	Currently maintained (mown) community open space
R140079	Between Worendo Street and the river	Leased for horse agistment	Maintain open rural views. Weed management and riparian plantings
R94551	Small parcel of vacant riverside land on western side of Richmond River	Reserved for Access (Lot 103 DP42323)	No current community interest identified
R93391	Between Summerland Way and rail corridor	Privately leased (Lot 14 DP1035323 and Lot 15 DP1035323)	No current community interest identified
R96629	Around Wiangaree Public School	Reserved for future public requirements	May be required for expansion of school. Potential for rural/ residential housing expansion. Potential bypass route
R93384	Vacant land next to rail corridor	Reserved for future public requirements. Privately leased (Lot 21 DP1035323, Lot 6 DP1057760 and Lots 128-129 DP755751)	No current community interest identified
R93388	Between the Summerland Way and the railway south of Lynches Creek Road and north of Kunghur Street	Reserved for future public requirements (Lot 3 DP1057760)	Currently maintained (mown) community open space
R472	Large parcel north of village next to rail corridor, adjacent to the Richmond River and crossing Ferndale Road	Reserved for camping but unused (Lot 7004 DP1108012, Lot 7003 DP1107999 and part Ferndale Road)	Potential for primitive camping area and access to Richmond River and Lynchs Creek (see R93390)
R59087	Wiangaree Cemetery	Reserved for cemetery, never used as cemetery, devolved to Council, no current use or lease	No current community interest identified, could be sold to help fund other improvements on Crown lands
R61927	Across the Summerland Way westbound of the intersection with Ferndale and Wiangaree Back Roads	Reserved for sanitary purposes, contains a section of the Summerland Way. Privately Leased (Lot 88 DP755756)	Roads and Maritime Services and Department of Industry need to resolve encroachment of Summerland Way and create road reserve, otherwise no current community interest identified
R93390	Land between Richmond River and road reserve west off Ferndale Road	Reserved for future public requirements (Lot 108 DP72773)	Potential Richmond River passive recreation and water-based leisure activities (see R472)
R95891	Western bank of the Richmond River from Showground for approximately 1.5km south	Reserved for access. Riparian zone. (Lot 105 DP43833)	No current community interest identified

WIANGAREE CROWN RESERVES MAP



IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

The *Wiangaree 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 Wiangaree 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 *Wiangaree Village Master Plan* will be reviewed on a regular basis as part of Council's integrated planning and reporting processes.





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