



Kyogle
NSW AUSTRALIA

Visions of Village Life
WOODENBONG
Village Master Plan



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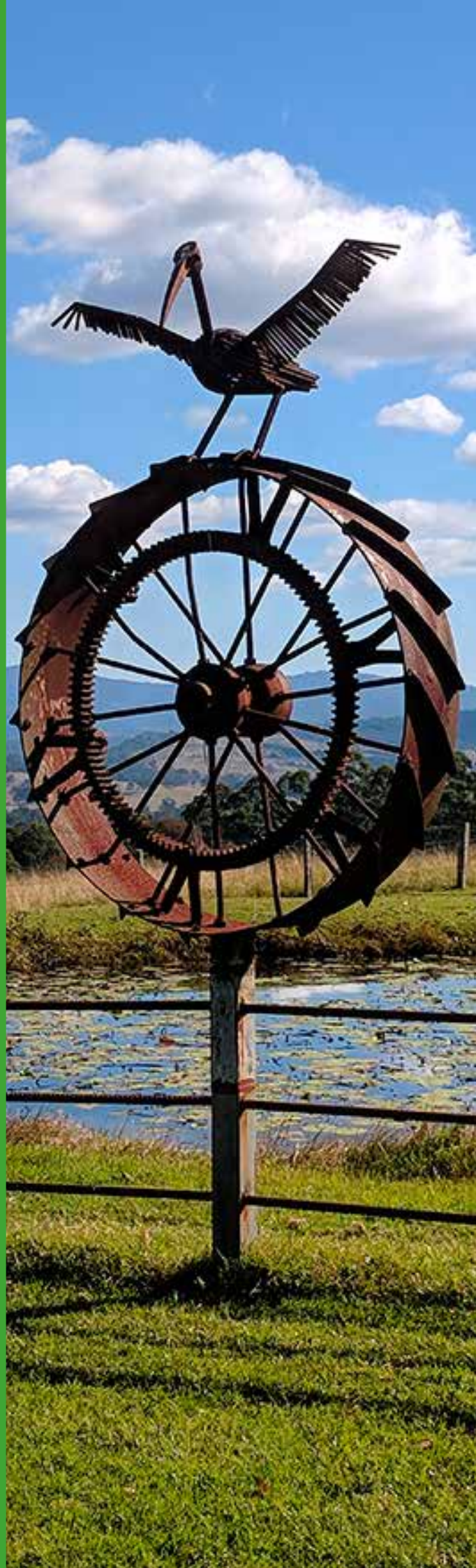
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ABOUT THIS PLAN

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

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

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

For Woodenbong to be a prosperous, harmonious village where people of all ages can live well and contribute to the community

GOALS AND PRIORITIES

The 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 Woodenbong over the coming years.

GOAL	PRIORITIES
1 Enable people of all ages to live and thrive in our village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased availability of land and housing• Independent and supported aged accommodation options• More local employment opportunities for people of all ages, particularly young people• A growing population• Healthy activities for residents of all ages and capabilities
2 Create the conditions for successful, viable and sustainable local businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing businesses retained, well-supported and viable• New businesses established• Reliable energy supply
3 Maintain a clean, beautiful and accessible village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment in village infrastructure• Village beautification• Improved transport options
4 Improve the tourist experience so visitors stop and spend, stay and return	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhanced stopping facilities for passers-by• Unique tourism experiences• A variety of tourist accommodation options
5 Develop and deliver community activities to drive social engagement, community spirit and participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More people volunteering and participating in community activities• All residents are supported and included in village life• Young people remain in the village

DRIVERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

ECONOMY

- Surrounding agribusinesses and forestry products industry and associated employment opportunities
- Large number of local shops and hospitality venues
- Community desire to support socio-economically disadvantaged residents and address associated social issues

LOCATION

- Proximity to South East Queensland bringing increasing numbers of people to the village
- Situated on the confluence of the Clarence Way and Mount Lindesay Roads and in close proximity to the Summerland Way
- Close proximity to the nearby village of Urbenville and the community of Muli Muli

HOUSING

- Unmet demand for land and housing
- Lack of accommodation options for older residents

ASSETS

- Woodenbong Central School and Woodenbong Preschool are valuable assets and student enrolment levels are critical to village future
- Good standard of existing recreational and community infrastructure and facilities
- Woodenbong Camping Ground well-known and used by tourists
- Village serviced by town water supply and sewerage systems with capacity for growth
- Well maintained public hall with active Trust in place
- Village maintenance partnership with Progress Association
- Trail bike events attract visitors to the village
- Large areas of Crown land adjacent to and within the village area

TRANSPORT

- Poor quality sections of the main transport routes into and out of Woodenbong
- Desire for increased public transport options



ACTION PLAN

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

TARGET OUTCOMES	ACTIONS	FOCUS AREAS	PRIORITY
Improved footpath network	Construct new footpaths to connect important places and improve accessibility for residents	Lindsay Street from Woodenbong Central School to Woodenbong Preschool (High) Dalmorton Street from Roseberry Street to Macpherson Street (Medium) MacPherson Street from Glennie Street to Parish Reserve (Low)	High
	Repair and/or replace existing footpaths	Unumgar Street from Police Station to Woodenbong Camping Grounds	High
New walking and bicycle riding trails	Plan, construct and maintain a range of walking and/or bicycle trails for use by residents, visitors and tourists for leisure, exercise and to access important places of recreation. Trails to be enhanced through effective wayfinding and historical, cultural and nature-based information delivered via in-situ interpretive signage	Woodenbong Pool to Woodenbong Golf Club along Tooloom Creek Woodenbong Camping Grounds to Woodenbong Showground via Crown reserve R81156 and bridge over gully (alternate route via Roseberry Street and Mt Lindesay Road if unable to secure tenure over Crown reserve)	High
Improved facilities at the recreation grounds	Redevelop the skate park precinct to improve amenity and functionality as a recreational facility for residents of all ages	Improve functionality of the skating area and BMX track Refurbish the basketball court Provide recreational option/s for young children Landscaping, drainage, shade, parking bollards and additional seating Improved pathways and accessibility to public toilet facilities Additional shelter on raised area with power for sports ground activities	High map ref 1
Upgraded pool facilities	Upgrade work at Woodenbong Pool to improve accessibility, safety and appearance	Refurbish or replace grandstand seating (High) Install new starting blocks (Medium) Safety rail on pool sides (Low) Investigate feasibility of installing solar powered heating	High map ref 2
Enhanced business district	Develop and implement a precinct plan for the Macpherson Street/ Unumgar Street business area to improve accessibility for residents and make it attractive and easy for visitors to stop and spend in Woodenbong	Review of existing parking and provision of additional parking Repair of existing footpaths and construction of new footpaths Enhancement of existing pedestrian crossings and establishment of new crossing Beautification	High map ref 3

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Expanded and improved camping and caravan facilities	Invest in improvements to the Woodenbong Camping Grounds	Upgrade existing amenities block Seal internal roads	High map ref 4
	Partner with Woodenbong Showground Trust to improve facilities as required to support overflow camping at the Woodenbong Showground	Improve and expand amenities	High map ref 5
Enhance functionality and utilisation of community hall	Partner with the Woodenbong Public Hall Trust to implement infrastructure improvements as required to support increased functionality and utilisation of Woodenbong Public Hall	Air conditioning (High) Refurbish exterior public toilets and provide accessible facilities (High) Kitchen upgrade (Medium) Internet upgrade (Low)	Medium/High map ref 6
Improved road safety	Installation of appropriate road safety infrastructure at key locations	Intersection of Unumgar and Macpherson Street Unumgar Street crossing near school	Medium/High
New village entry signage	Replace existing village entry signage with new signs that reflect LGA-wide branding	At or near the location of the existing signage	Medium/High map ref 7
Improved provision of tourist information	Develop and implement an integrated approach to visitor information bays to ensure up to date information about local attractions, experiences, heritage and culture is delivered at key visitor stopping locations	Improve content at the existing information bay outside Woodenbong Public Hall Establish secondary information bays/stopping points at Summerland Way turnoff and Woodenbong Camping Grounds picnic area	Medium/High
New play equipment	Install additional play equipment suitable for children under five years old	Install within existing playground at park near Woodenbong Public Hall	Medium map ref 8
Rationalised and improved signage for amenity, safety and wayfinding	Develop and implement a comprehensive, integrated wayfinding strategy with a focus on improving the accuracy and effectiveness of wayfinding signage within and around the village	Directional signage promoting businesses and attractions at the intersection of Mt Lindesay Road and Summerland Way, Woodenbong Camping Grounds and strategic locations throughout the village	Medium
History-based experiences for tourists	Develop and signpost a heritage walking trail in and around Woodenbong for self-guided walks or walking tours	Interpretive signage on sites of original buildings Objects of interest on display at local businesses and community buildings	Medium/Low
Improved drainage	Develop and implement a program of work to address drainage trouble spots	Woodenbong Public Hall precinct Dalmorton Street	Low

WOODENBONG VILLAGE MAP

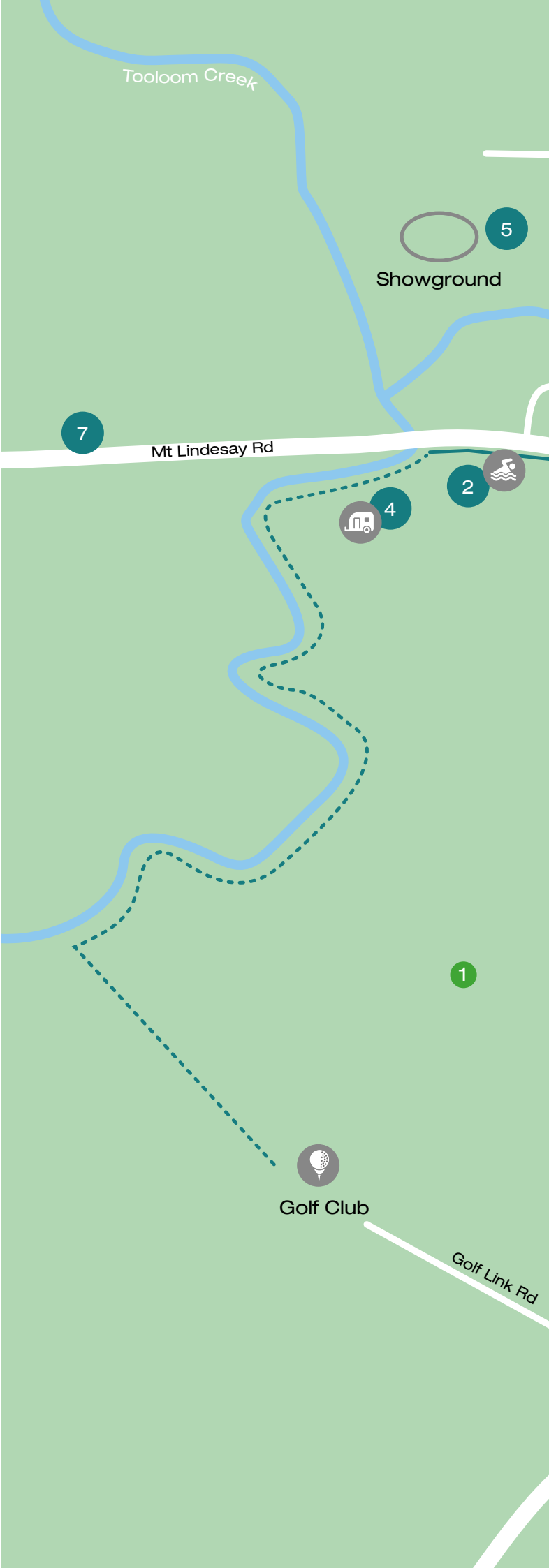
PLACE-BASED ACTIONS

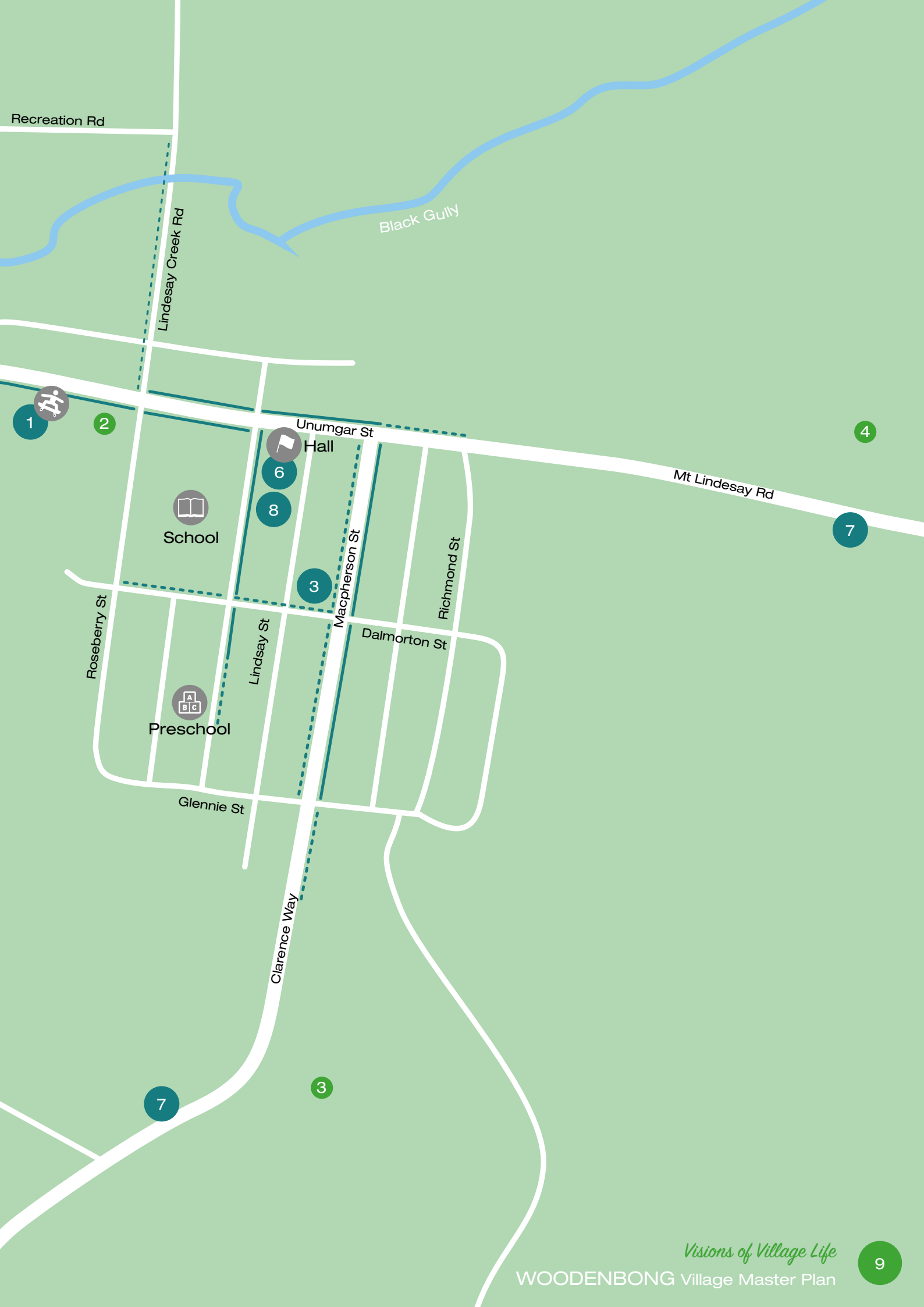
- 1 Redevelop skate park precinct
- 2 Upgraded pool facilities
- 3 Enhanced business district
- 4 Expanded and improved caravan park
- 5 Overflow camping at the showground
- 6 Enhance functionality and utilisation of community hall
- 7 New village entry signage
- 8 New play equipment outside hall

INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1 Sewerage treatment works
- 2 Sewerage pump station
- 3 Water supply reservoir
- 4 Waste transfer station

- Existing footpaths
- Proposed pathways







ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

Some of the community's priorities for Woodenbong relate to outcomes or activities that don't 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 the delivery of community-driven projects.



ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

HOUSING

Accommodation and care choices for older people and people living with a disability	Advocate and facilitate development of aged care and appropriate housing for older persons and persons living with a disability, with a particular focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent, medium density housing • In-home care services • Reclassification of Crown reserve/s to allow use for housing for these groups
Increased availability of residential land and housing	Advocate for and facilitate appropriate private development of residential land and housing in Woodenbong including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural residential lots • Village lots • 5-10 acre lots

ECONOMY AND TOURISM

Local business support program	Support community efforts to establish a buy local campaign
Improved provision of tourist information	Support existing arrangements for provision of face-to-face visitor information in Woodenbong
History-based experiences for tourists	Support the community to identify people and places in Woodenbong where cultural and historical practices are being kept alive, or where history is visible, so these can be used as the basis for tourism experiences
	Support community efforts to establish a museum in Woodenbong
Establish a unique tourist attraction	Support community efforts to establish a unique tourist attraction in Woodenbong
Access to local bush walking and mountain bike trails	Advocate for improved access to and promotion of existing bush walks and mountain biking trails in National Parks and State Forests around Woodenbong

COMMUNITY

Establish a youth centre	Support community efforts to establish a youth centre in Woodenbong
Community activation	Support community efforts to develop and deliver activities that drive social engagement, community spirit and participation
Additional public transport options	Advocate for additional public transport options to provide links to Urbenville, Kyogle, Brisbane, Lismore and other centres

CROWN LAND

In the course of developing this Village Master Plan for Woodenbong, 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 Woodenbong.

RESERVE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	CURRENT USE	COMMUNITY INTEREST
R42886	Woodenbong Showground	Woodenbong Showground	Support existing Trust to improve facilities and continue use of the site
R540077	Woodenbong Public Hall	Woodenbong Public Hall	Support existing Trust to improve facilities to support increased functionality and utilisation of the hall
R74787	War Memorial	RSL Hall Woodenbong	Support existing Trust to improve facilities to support increased functionality and utilisation of the building and surrounds
R74791	Public reserve next to Preschool	Vacant and unused. Devolved to Council and mowed by the Progress Association	Potential site for medium density accommodation for older residents
R81500	Sportsground	Public recreation, pool, skate park, outdoor gym, campgrounds, sports field and public amenities. Also surplus area used by Woodenbong Central School for ag farm and effluent reuse dam and pipework	Continue to develop the site to improve facilities for the whole community
R47729	Vacant land at the end of Roseberry Street reserved for public buildings	Under private lease to adjoining land owner from the Crown and used to run stock	Large block suitable for connection to road, water and sewerage system. Potential site for housing development and/or aged care facility
R87885 (incl R54554)	Old tick office site on Glennie Street. Quarantine reserve	Tick control site with inactive buildings	Retain for current operational use as quarantine reserve
R86491	Old quarry	Disused quarry	No potential development identified, could be incorporated into adjacent reserve and made available for passive recreation
PT R751059 (1)	Parish reserve for future public requirements	Heavily wooded and undeveloped area, contains access road to Hill View Road and public cemetery	Potential for development to provide a combination of passive recreation facilities, a tourist attraction and residential development on higher ground
R6712	Police Station	Operational Police Station	Retain for Police purposes

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PT R751059 (2)	Parish reserve for future public requirements	Land to the east of the Council Depot behind Watsons and the Church, currently private lease from the Crown	No future use currently identified other than to incorporate into adjoining Common. Includes significant waterway
PT R751059 (3)	Parish reserve for future public requirements	Land to the east of Richmond Street and the unconstructed Bonalbo Street, currently private lease from Crown	No future use currently identified other than to incorporate into adjoining Common. Includes significant waterway
R87570	Travelling Stock Route adjacent to Tooloom Creek	Travelling Stock Route and use by Woodenbong Central School. Includes golf club car park and part of golf course	Retain golf course and club infrastructure and allow for walking trail from Woodenbong Camping Grounds to golf club to pass through here
R91460	Old dip yard north of Unumgar Street	Quarantine reserve	No current community interest identified
R84382	Block at corner of Roseberry and Dalmorton Streets. Teacher Housing Authority	Teacher housing	Maintain current use
R81156	School ag block	Woodenbong Central School agricultural studies and facilities	Maintain current use, allow for walkway through from Unumgar Street to Showgrounds with pedestrian bridge over gully (note alternate route via Roseberry Street and Lindsay Creek Road if tenure cannot be secured)
R69040	Road reserve, north of Unumgar Street between Roseberry and MacPherson Streets including Council Depot	Contains constructed laneway between Roseberry and Lindsay Streets and unconstructed laneway between Lindsay and MacPherson Streets	Convert from Crown reserve to public road reserve
R540109	Woodenbong Common	Stock grazing, dirt bike weekends, camping, passive recreation	Enhance passive recreation potential through walking and push bike riding trails and identify and provide access to heritage sites. Retaining existing use for dirt bike events and associated camping and riding activities
R54676	Quarantine reserve between golf course and Tooloom Creek	Contains effluent reuse dam that supplies the golf course and pump shed and pipework	Retain existing use for effluent storage and reuse and ancillary to golf course

WOODENBONG CROWN RESERVES MAP



IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

The *Woodenbong 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 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, private and not-for-profit organisations

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the *Kyogle Council Community Engagement Strategy*, Council will continue to communicate and engage with the Woodenbong 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 achieving proposed actions in the *Woodenbong Village Master Plan* will be reviewed on a regular basis as part of Council's integrated planning and reporting processes.





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