

# Strategic Transport Links

A well designed, integrated transport network to improve mobility, accessibility and connectivity



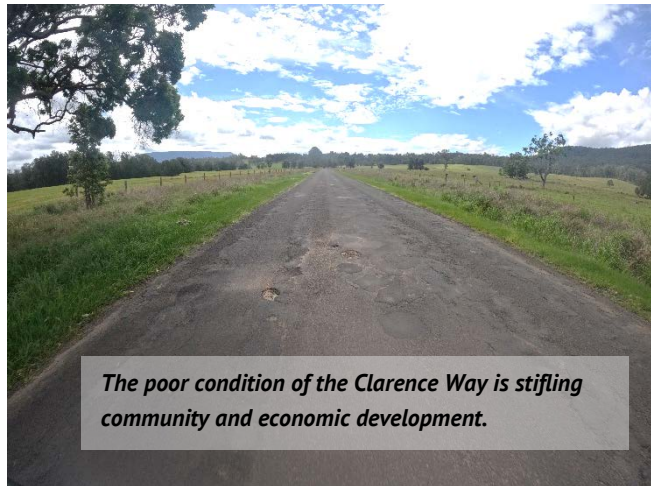
Council recognises the importance of a regional transport network to support government, private sector and community aspirations for the economic, social and environmental development of our communities.

A well designed, integrated transport network which improves mobility, accessibility and connectivity within the Kyogle LGA, between regional local government areas and between the North Coast region and bordering regions in NSW and Queensland, is critical to Council achieving our goals of a thriving local economy and flourishing communities.

Council has identified the following initiatives as key items to achieve these goals:

## Interregional

1. Undertake a road corridor study for, and deliver, the Mount Lindesay Deviation (Dairy Flat to Palen Creek) to provide better connectivity for passenger and freight transport between the Kyogle LGA and priority growth areas in South East Queensland.
2. Undertake link planning along the Bruxner Highway between Tabulam and Tenterfield to identify road and bridge widenings/improvements required to provide better connectivity for passenger and freight transport to the New England Highway and deliver the identified improvements.



## Intraregional

1. Undertake a transport behaviour study to understand inter-LGA travel behaviours, mobility and accessibility issues and develop a plan to improve mobility and accessibility across the regional transport network.
2. Develop a regional public transport network plan and deliver infrastructure and services to improve population mobility and accessibility. This should include infrastructure and services to connect more remote and lower socio-economic population centres with key employment and service nodes.
3. Undertake rail freight planning with the aim of better utilising the Sydney to Brisbane railway line as a key freight route for connecting local and regional markets with key freight distribution





*Flood repair works to Bentley Road. Council is proposing a flood planning study and necessary works to improve the resilience of this important connector road to minor flooding.*

nodes in South East Queensland such as the Bromelton State Development Area and Port of Brisbane. This should include identification of potential locations for an intermodal freight facility along the Sydney to Brisbane railway line.

4. Undertake a flood planning study for Bentley Road between Kyogle and Lismore and implement necessary works to improve the resilience of the road to minor flooding.
5. Upgrade Reynolds Bridge on the Summerland Way between Kyogle and Casino to improve the resilience of the road to minor flooding.
6. Undertake link planning along Kyogle Road between Kyogle and Murwillumbah to identify improvements required to provide better connectivity for passenger transport.
7. Seal the Clarence Way between Grafton and Sandilands.

### **Intra-LGA**

1. Provide funding for the remaining 13km of road improvements required to the Clarence Way between Bonalbo and Urbenville.
2. Provide funding to establish a formal east-west public road connection between Kyogle and Bonalbo via Peacock Creek Road and Sextonville or Iron Pot Creek roads.
3. Undertake a risk assessment of the Summerland Way between Kyogle and Wiangaree to identify where the road is susceptible to impacts of future flood events and develop a risk mitigation plan identifying works required to stabilise the Summerland Way.
4. Undertake a transport behaviour study to understand intra-LGA travel behaviours, mobility

and accessibility issues and develop a plan to improve mobility and accessibility across the local transport network.

5. Develop a road network plan to facilitate tourism drives throughout the LGA and provide funding for road improvements including:
  - i. Hootons Road and Paddys Flat Road
  - ii. Richmond Range Road and Cambridge Plateau Forest Drive
  - iii. Lions Road
  - iv. Lynches Creek Road to Williams Road.
6. Provide funding to provide active transport tourism infrastructure as identified in the Kyogle Multi-day Cycle Experience and Escarpment Activation Plan.
7. Provide funding for planning and delivery of a mountain bike trail connection between Kyogle and the Bentley section of the Northern Rivers Rail Trail.
8. Upgrade the railway bridges on Collins Creek Road, New Park, and Summerland Way, Kyogle.
9. Upgrade railway crossings or facilitate grade-separated railway crossings in Kyogle at Andrew Street/Yongurra Road.
10. Provide funding to seal valley spine roads across the LGA.
11. Provide funding to develop principal active transport network plans for Kyogle, Woodenbong, Bonalbo and Tabulam.
12. Undertake a landslip study for key sections of road network susceptible to landslide including around Cawongla, Boorabee Creek, Back Creek and Lions Road.