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1. Introduction

Some would argue that the true heart of the Southern Flinders Ranges is the township of Wilmington – the gateway to Alligator Gorge and with a long history tied to Indigenous culture, early European explorers and bygone eras of pastoralism. The time is right for a new Vision for the township which celebrates the local history, identity and culture and which provides directions for the future physical, social and economic ingredients of the town and its community.

What is the purpose of Wilmington’s Framework for revitalisation?

This purpose of this Framework is to develop and guide ideas that will enhance the attractiveness of Wilmington as a town that is a special place where tourists wish to visit and stay, where workers wish to earn a living, where families and singles, young and old, wish to live, and where businesses wish to establish. A summary of these ideas is contained in Section 6, and described in detail in Section 7 and Section 8.

Some of the ideas in this Framework are particularly relevant to the District Council of Mount Remarkable who is responsible for providing and managing some aspects of physical infrastructure in Wilmington. Other ideas will not necessarily involve Council, but will involve others - tourism bodies, Wilmington residents, Wilmington businesses, the Wilmington school and recreation clubs.

The ideas relate to both physical aspects as well as social capital (community) aspects. Improved physical aspects of a town can provide a canvass from which to work, but it is actually participation in the day to day functions of a town by local residents, businesses and visitors that give a town a heart, vibrancy and spirit.

What are the physical and community elements of Wilmington that this Framework addresses?

The physical elements in Wilmington that help facilitate great places for people to live, shop, visit, recreate and run businesses (in Section 7):

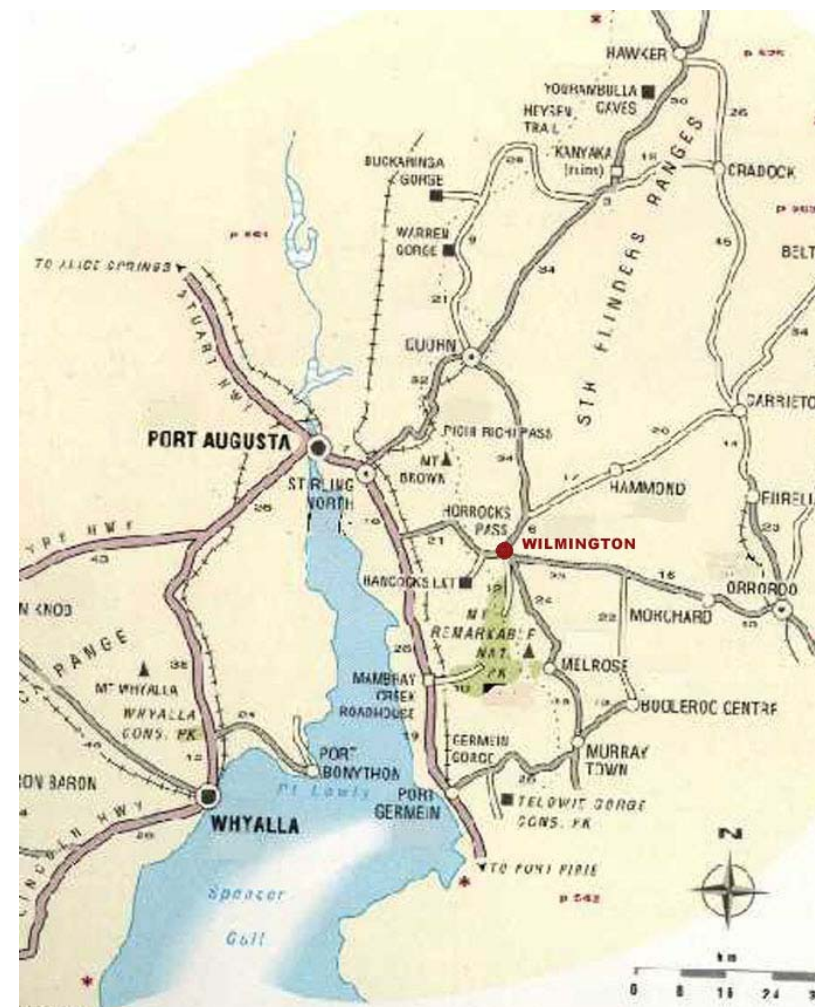
- Town entrances
- Core activity areas or "Action Areas" within the town
- Linkages to the school, the recreation areas and other places of activity
- Street art and sculptures
- Landscaping
- Drainage
- Streets and pavements
- Parking
- Signage

The social capital in Wilmington that helps maintain a thriving community (in Section 8):

- The town’s identity
- Community events
- Sense of pride
- Cultural heritage
- Vibrant economy

What area does the Wilmington Framework apply to?

The town of Wilmington is located at the foot of Mount Maria in the heart of the Southern Flinders Ranges, approximately 300 kilometres north of Adelaide. The town boasts convenient access via road to the regional centre of Port Augusta, and for this reason many residents of Wilmington frequent Port Augusta as a place to shop, learn, work and recreate. It is an attractive tourist destination – it is close to the well loved townships of Quorn, Melrose and Orroroo, and on a main route to Sydney. Whilst the town attracts a number of tourists and visitors throughout the year, Wilmington is predominantly a service town for the surrounding agricultural district.



The entrance to Wilmington from Port Augusta is a memorable one - a winding drive through Horrocks Pass, the site of the old sheep droving route. It is easy to see why Wilmington is also known as "beautiful valley", it is located on the valley floor, providing locals with stunning permanent views of the ranges to the north.

Most of the elements of this Framework relates to the centrally located Main Street of the township, bound by Angas Terrace and Melrose Street. The Framework also considers other parts of the town that are one or two streets back as they have impacts on the function and feel of the Main Street. And of course it relates to the whole of the community - people who work, visit and live in Wilmington - who may cover a much wider area.

How was this Framework developed?

The District Council of Mount Remarkable engaged Jensen Planning + Design to undertake this project in late 2011. The consultants worked closely with Council as well as the Wilmington Community Reference Group to develop ideas that have formed the basis of this plan. The consultants wish to thank Council and the community reference group for their enthusiasm and preparedness to "get their hands dirty and get involved" - this is always one of the prerequisites for a great and vibrant community! The team also wishes to thank the TAFE Surveying students and staff for volunteering to survey the town as part of their core studies, and providing us with base plans to work with.

The people involved

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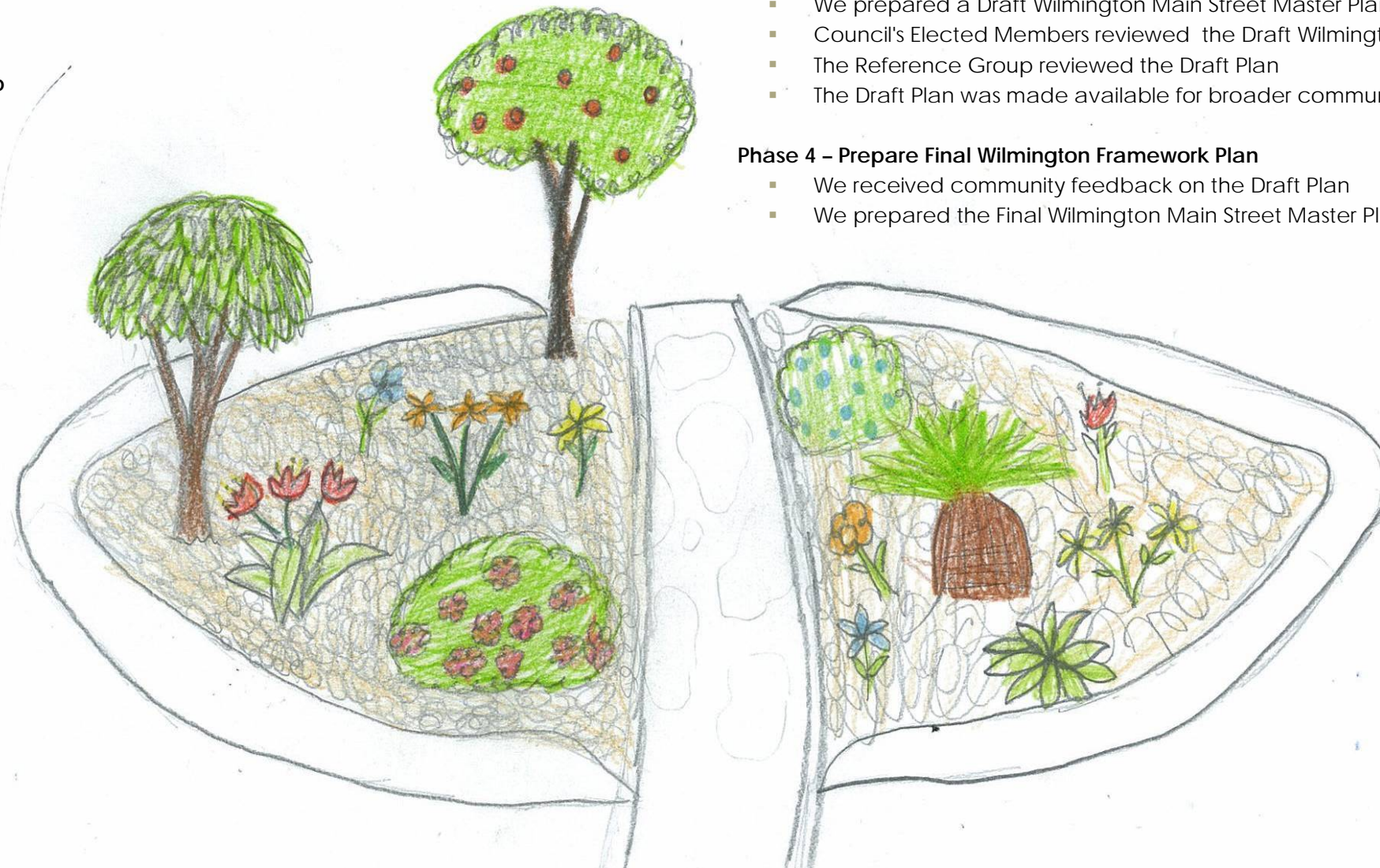
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Timeframe and process

The process of developing this plan has been a collaborative and interactive one, consisting of four main phases over 2012 and the first quarter of 2013. It involved site visits, engagement with the Wilmington community through open days, workshops and public meetings, draft report options, feedback and a Final Report.

Phase 1 – Project Start Up

- We held an inception meeting with the Community Reference Group and Council Staff
- We toured Wilmington for a familiarisation tour
- We undertook backgrounds studies

Phase 2 – Vision and Design Options

- We undertook research and investigations
- We held a 2 day open house/community design workshops

Phase 3 – Prepare Draft Wilmington Framework Plan

- We undertook further investigations
- We prepared a Draft Wilmington Main Street Master Plan for initial Council staff review
- Council's Elected Members reviewed the Draft Wilmington Main Street Master Plan
- The Reference Group reviewed the Draft Plan
- The Draft Plan was made available for broader community consultation

Phase 4 – Prepare Final Wilmington Framework Plan

- We received community feedback on the Draft Plan
- We prepared the Final Wilmington Main Street Master Plan

2. The Wilmington community - what are their ideas for the town?

Who comprises the Wilmington community?

The Wilmington community comprises approximately 220 residents and approximately fifteen local businesses. Local visitors and people that work in Wilmington may also be considered a part of the local community.

The most frequently occurring age of residents is 48 years, with a distribution of youth, middle aged and older residents that is typical of many regional towns – majority of people are aged between 35 – 54 years of age, and also a large number who are 65 years and older. The much greater proportion of older residents compared to young residents is challenging for the future health and well being of the town – it will mean there is a greater reliance upon services and aged needs, and many less people who will be earning an income and substantially contributing to Wilmington's economic health. There are about 98 houses in Wilmington generally located within walking distance of the Main Street, these are primarily single storey detached dwellings – one does not find flats or apartments or terrace housing in Wilmington.

Many residents who are employed travel to Port Augusta each day, and they have chosen to live in Wilmington because it is accessible to their place of work, is affordable, and offers a quiet rural lifestyle. However, the consequence of their commuter lifestyle is that their connection to the Wilmington community is different to those that work locally, those that are retired or those that attend the local primary school. It also has a significant economic impact on the current (and former) businesses in the town.

The annual Wilmington Rodeo, the school activities and sporting life are some of the ongoing social events that connect and nurture the spirit of the Wilmington community. There is also a well-recognised artistic hub within Wilmington, proud local historical and environmental knowledge and a growing interest in active pursuits – walking, cycling, hang-gliding and four wheel driving.

How did the community input into this Framework?

The Wilmington community's ideas have helped to shape and drive this plan. In developing initial ideas, the consultant team first visited Wilmington and spent two days with the Project Reference Committee.

During these two days the Project Reference Committee walked with the consultants around town and the precinct area. On 18th and 19th of March 2012, the consultant team again stayed in Wilmington and ran a two day community open house. On a warm and sunny day and with the beckoning smell of a sausage sizzle to generate creative ideas, over 50 local residents and business owners, parents, retirees, kids, teachers and families contributed to day long conversations. The community explored a plethora of current issues and potential opportunities. Ideas were recorded on butcher's paper, as well as drawn on plans. The enthusiasm and commitment by those that participated in these conversations was recorded on Southern Cross News Service and described in The Transcontinental and The Flinders News.



What did the Wilmington community say they would like in their town?

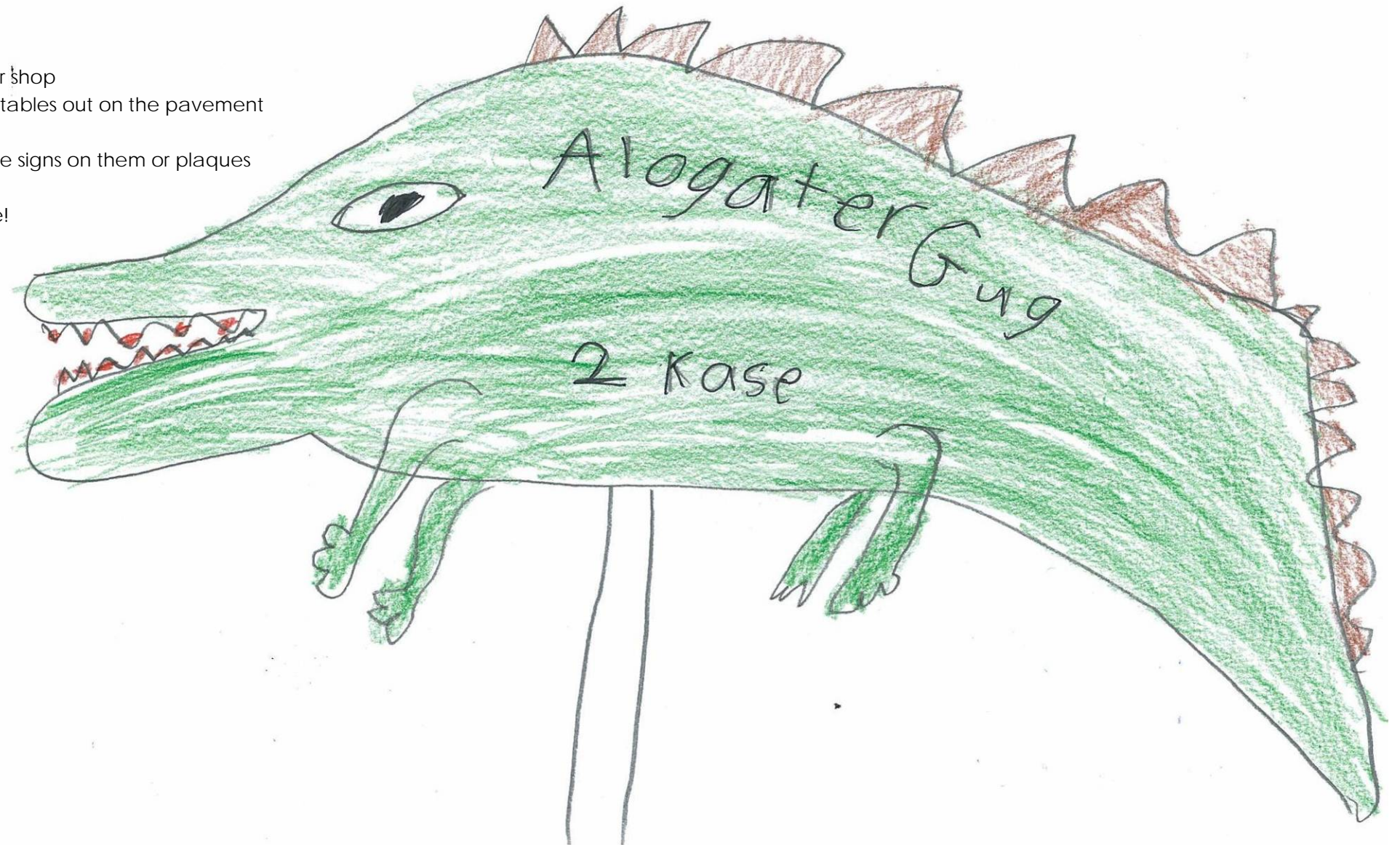
The ideas on the following pages (p. 4-6) highlight the range of enthusiastic ideas that were shared with the consultant team.

Note that they do not represent any formal recommendations of this Framework. They are not listed in particular order or priority and sometimes they conflict with each other - not everyone agrees with the same idea!

Kids' ideas

Local primary school students led the consultant team around town, talking about their ideas for their town to make it a great place for kids. Back at school the following week, the students individually drew their ideas and posted them to the consultant team. What beautiful and creative drawings! Their ideas included:

- More trees and colour
- A games room inside the billiards room or butcher shop
- A café and stuff for kids to do that has seats and tables out on the pavement
- McDonalds!
- Large rocks from around the area that could have signs on them or plaques
- More signs at the entrances with some sculpture
- An alligator sculpture to advertise Alligator Gorge!
- More flowers
- Better signs



Adult’s ideas

Wilmington's character and identity

- Dignan Strippers - they are part of Wilmington’s heritage
- More trees!
- Reflect the past pastoral era, the settlers story
- Indigenous stories
- Use our local artists to tell a story
- Must also be appealing to youth - environment, bike trails, walking trails

Infrastructure for residents and visitors

- Toilets need upgrading - See Orroroo’s toilets for a good example
- Caravan parks need shade
- Don’t need a special spot, just shade!
- Use the stormwater to recycle into town
- Water supply not a problem
- Culvert needs to be seen (lit?), it is very dangerous
- Footpaths need paving/smoothing
- Move toilets to playground
- Improve lighting
- Fence new parks for safety
- Culvert needs improving, it blocks access and is easy to fall into
- Improve the look of the concrete traffic management barriers, they look terrible (noting that these are a temporary trial)

Streetscape

- Like a median strip down the middle
- New trees? Many of the current ones are old, dying
- Like Crystal Brook
- Paving, trees (peppercorns), also like Derby
- Improve existing trees and planting beds
- Remove bitumen from around trees
- Use Endemic tree species
- Save what trees we can
- Need more Shade , make it more like a "beautiful valley"
- Kurrajongs in side street
- Lighting and feature tree up lighting
- Copper rocks to use as landscaping

Art

- More mural and sculpture to help tell Wilmington's story
- Use local materials
- Maybe involve the Primary School to make this

Facilities and places for local residents

- Town Hall not used much but could be used a lot more, it is a beautiful building
- It is not safe for kids
- Opposite Public toilets are residents who suffer from noise and dust
- Café should include indoor seating for winter
- Friendly service!
- Idea of co-op but reliant on volunteers – already stretched
- What about local produce markets etc to support families

Traffic management

- Need to recognise wide loads that go down the Main Street
- Consider example of Cowell Main Street
- Parking in the centre of the road would be good
- Impact of large trucks on the amenity
- Parking - caravans park under the trees
- Need designated areas for parking for trucks and caravans
- Cars just drive anywhere now because there is no line marking and the street is so wide
- Need a pedestrian crossing/slow point at main intersection
- Consider pushing the 50km/h out further (past fuel outlet) and warning signs
- Speed is an issue
- Truck parking needed, but where? E.g. at either end of the town (check out Wudinna)
- Trucks and vans pull into the café to get food
- Some traffic is now parking opposite the fuel outlet and general store
- Need to encourage traffic to stop in town rather than driving straight through

Tourism

- Why stop (there is not much to stop for)? We have to tell people what's great about Wilmington, encourage them to stop and hear stories about our past such as the Dignan Stripper
- Opportunity to harness some of the Sydney – Perth traffic
- Provide fresh vegies/meat
- Art gallery/café
- Tourism point upgrade/parking (“Wadlata”)
- Need brochures in the town
- Centennial Park and Rodeo gateway
- Vandal proof – pride in the town is needed
- Only puppet museum in Australia, it should be enhanced
- Toy museum has largest collection of toys in Australia
- Stop to stay and check out all the sites

" The Dignan stripper I purchased from you last November gave me every satisfaction. I may state that I have stripped considerably over 300 acres and the machine has not cost me a penny for repairs.."

W H Watson, Carnamah, Western Australia, March 13,1916

Tourism continued...

- Not signposted/promoted (lack of recognition in travel brochures)
- Council could improve discussion about Wilmington attractions on their phone message
- We should harness the potential that the entrance to Alligator Gorge offers by providing more information or signage or art
- "The town that time forgot" on Google - not a good way to promote Wilmington!
- Update website/material – great source for young people
- Fantastic trail opportunities - Walking Trail, Heysen Trail, needs promotion
- Bike trail needs investment in bridges and better signage/interpretation
- Document the history of the old school and tell the story
- Old Spring Creek mine walk
- "Heritage theme" not working, especially for young people
- Museums not working for young people

Ideas for gateways

- Northern end "the bucking bull"
- Stop and take a picture on top of the bull
- Heart of Beautiful Valley
- Crossroad to the Flinders/ Hub of the Flinders
- Gateway to Alligator Gorge, sign at Port Wakefield Road
- Gateway to Horrocks Pass
- Friendly/community/copper mine
- Wide street
- "the town where you could turn a bullock team around"
- What about a bullock team statue?
- Wild Western theme?
- Can't see Centennial Park
- Can it be opened up a bit?
- Location for signage at Centennial Park
- Best location on the other side of Stony Creek
- Welcome to "Wilmington in the Beautiful Valley"
- Agricultural machinery at showgrounds
- Dark Town Bridge for rodeo sculpture
- Improve views into the Rodeo Ground
- Flag poles?
- We should involve indigenous groups and celebrate their culture
- Australiana – western feel
- Solar panels / lit up
- "Country rustic"
- "Old Australiana"
- Confusion re caravan park vs. bush camp (two different types of tourist)
- Universal signs for international tourists
- Included in satellite TV ads (free)
- Advertising

- Walking and cycling trails

Children's activities

- Indoor playground in coffee shop and birthday parties
- central park for whole community
- More things for kids to do in recreation area around the oval
- Make more use of the hall for kids activities

Signage and wayfinding

- Signage for Mt. Maria, Public toilets, groceries, takeaway, caravan park
- Hancock's Lookout and Horrock's Pass
- Recreation Area
- School
- Golf
- Bike Trail
- Heysen/Mawson
- '10 Things to do in Wilmington' sign vandalised
- Ads about Wilmington
- Alligator Gorge signposted at 'Wilmington' on A1 Highway
- Local artists need supporting
- Suggest bituminising road to Stony Creek Bush Camp
- Catering for a range of types of tourists
- Already brown sign on entry from south
- 'Welcome to Wilmington in Beautiful Valley'
- Alligator Gorge image
- Wilmington Archives
- See the photos, possibly in Tourist Centre
- Story of trains etc. and Wilmington
- Information bay is easy to find
- Big wall/sign in Centennial Park
- Photos are important – especially for Alligator Gorge
- Signage needs to be protected from vandals, needs maintenance

Where can community information be found?

- Where does the community go for events/public meetings? The hall is good but could be improved
- Need a consistent noticeboard that the whole of the community uses, at the moment there are a few around town so no one central place that everyone uses
- Central signage area should be in the place where visitors mostly stop (i.e. the town heart)

3. How is this plan consistent with other Government plans?

The Wilmington Master Plan is consistent with key policy approaches influencing future development within regional South Australia, specifically:

South Australia's Strategic Plan

South Australia's Strategic Plan is a commitment to ensuring that the state becomes the best place that it can be. Prosperous, environmentally rich, culturally stimulating, and offering its citizens every opportunity to live well and succeed are the overriding aims. The Plan expresses the community's values, and its targets reflect the priorities of the broader community.

The Plan also incorporates a number of Objectives and Targets, some of which have relevance for the Wilmington Main Street Masterplan. The Strategic plan promotes the development of the tourism sector to 'enrich our community and economy'. The plan is guided by the vision of 'Keeping our communities strong and vibrant, protecting our rich environment and pursuing shared economic prosperity'.

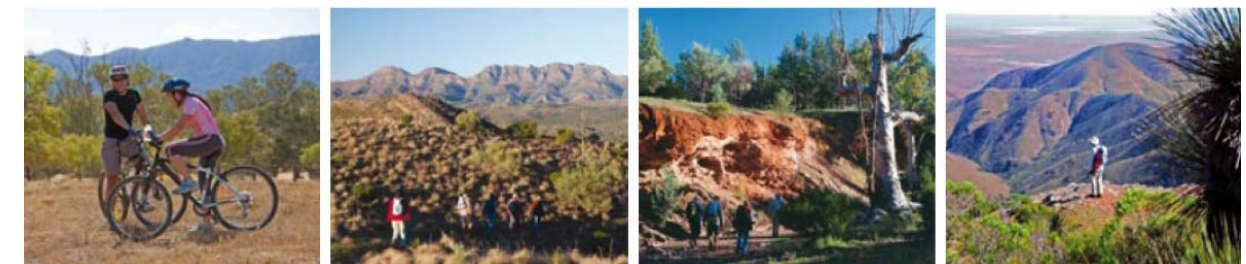
Flinders Ranges Experience Development Strategy

The Flinders Ranges Development Strategy aims to promote the Flinders Ranges region as an international 'experience' destination, strengthening the region's profile in key international markets.

The Strategy is guided by seven key principles: sustainability, quality, authenticity, enlightening, seamlessness, community benefit, and partnerships. Through these guiding principles, the Strategy seeks the enhancement of attractions, improvement in the quality of services and products, and the appropriate marketing of townships and the region as a whole.

Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North Strategic Plan 2010 - 2013

This Planning Strategy identifies and maps outcomes for key areas such as regional business growth, community, workforce and infrastructure development. Regional Development Australia supports opportunities for all members of the community to reach their full potential in relation to future social, economic and environmental growth. Assisting in the development and delivery of vibrant, inclusive and prosperous townships and regions.



District Council of Mount Remarkable Development Plan

The Development Plan details all of the policies that relate to future uses of land in all areas within Council. The land covered by the Wilmington Framework Plan is detailed in the Development Plan as located in the Country Township Zone.

Country Township Zone

The Country Township Zone seeks development which accommodates community facilities to serve the surrounding rural areas. It seeks the establishment of non-residential and urban development which does not impair the townscape features and is in keeping with the scale and intensity of the township.

Further, the Zone seeks the conservation and enhancement of buildings of heritage significance, as well as 'items which contribute to the townscape character of the towns'.

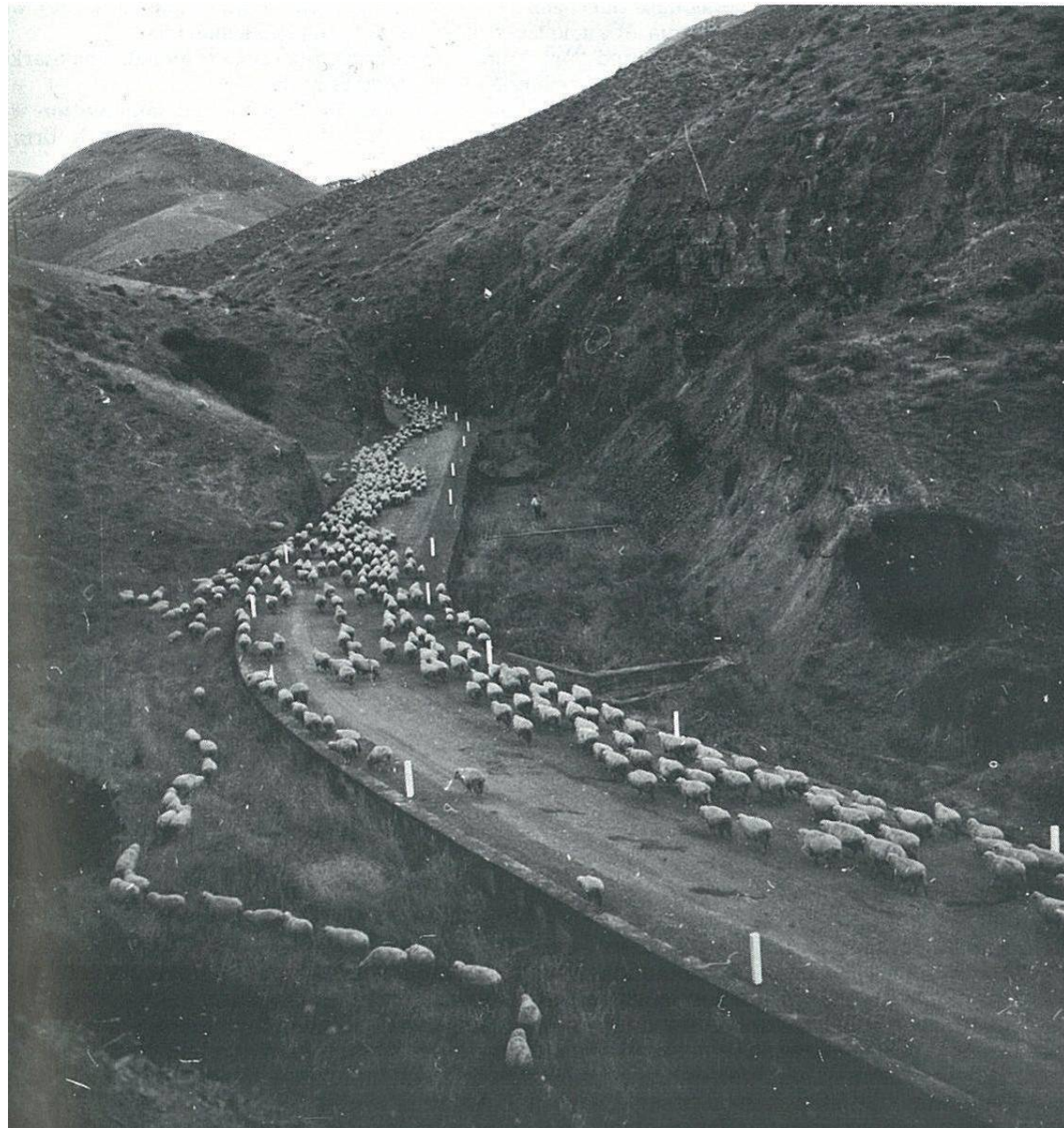
These provisions give a general indication that heritage is important in the town, and that the core function of the Main Street area is related to the provision of community facilities and other non residential development. These provisions are reasonably general in nature, thereby allowing a range of uses and design treatments to be considered as part of the development assessment process.

District Council of Mount Remarkable Strategic Management Plan 2008 - 2020

The Strategic Management Plan aims to deliver a vision of a 'Simply Remarkable' place. This will be achieved through guiding principles. This includes encouraging and facilitating tourism development and growth for the benefit of communities and fostering the involvement of community members in such initiatives. The Plan emphasises the importance of fostering a 'sense of ownership' over development through community progress groups with support from Council Staff and funding initiatives to create sustainable, deliverable actions and directions.

The Plan identifies that each community has a unique 'sense of place' that should be fostered and where innovation and creativity is encouraged. Council also acknowledges the importance of supporting certain demographic groups in the community such as encouraging youth to remain and to assist with connectivity for older residents. The Plan aims to improve the quality of life within its townships, including beautifying the streetscape and Public realm environments, promoting sport and recreation, improving infrastructure, supporting social clubs and organisations and promoting sustainability.





4. The current situation, issues and opportunities

This section of the Plan highlights the main issues facing Wilmington, and suggests a range of opportunities to potentially address those issues. It is based in part on the feedback during initial consultation with the Wilmington community. Some of the issues have also been raised during consultation with the Department of Transport, Planning and Infrastructure, Council staff, or through other research and site visits.

It is noted that this section of the report should not be read as formal recommendations, which are listed separately in Section 6.

"Every time I drive through Horrock's Pass I think of the early pastoral and droving days. What amazing potential we have here in Wilmington to tell this story to visitors"

Local resident as told to Kylie Fergusen

Wilmington's local retailers

Central to Wilmington's challenge is having a population big enough that can sustain a vibrant local economy. With a population of only 200 people, this is indeed a challenge. Local businesses must also compete with goods and services offered in Port Augusta, often at a cheaper price and offering a greater range. For these reasons, tourism is undeniably critical to the ongoing sustainability of Wilmington. A vibrant local business is one that will be appealing to both local residents and tourists, it will understand and supply daily resident needs as well as tourist wants – a pleasant and unique experience that reflects the character and identity of the town and its people.

With several iconic and unique local businesses as well as those businesses that cater to daily needs, many of which are located in the Main Street and within easy walking distance of most residents and tourists driving through town, Wilmington is well placed to enhance and improve its current offerings. These enhancements can be made through physical and social improvements that need not necessarily be resource intensive.

The Beautiful Valley Café

The Café sells fruit as well as take away and some daily goods, and has an outdoor seating area but no indoor seating. The Café is a destination for locals, tourists and truck drivers stopping for refreshments. It has the potential to be refurbished so that it can offer internal or fully sheltered seating, or extend alfresco café style onto the pavement. Consideration of the design elements of the shopfront and window features is important. The Café owners have identified the lack of clear and consistent car parking spaces as a significant issue, impacting trade.

Pub

The local (only) Pub and accommodation, provides a pleasant outdoor seating area overlooking the Main Street but has aging and unimproved interiors (accommodation and Pub space). The Pub booms during the rodeo weekend! There is opportunity to reinvigorate through internal and external works – has the potential feel of a real outback Pub, not unlike the Prairie Hotel at Parachilna which is well known for its meals and accommodation as well as hosting art exhibitions, film production, weddings and local produce and merchandise.

General Store (closed)

Sadly the only General Store closed in 2011. The Beautiful Valley Café and Wild's have picked up on the store's absence and now offer some of the daily goods once sold in the store. The building has a wonderful "General Store" feel and ambience with wide verandas and a highly visible corner position opposite the Pub. It is understood that the building is currently being refurbished for an alternative use.

Fuel Outlet and General Store (Wild's)

Wild's provides the general rural hardware needs for the area, provides fuel for travellers and locals, and now also supplies some of the daily goods previously offered by the General Store. It is adaptable to suit local business conditions, and offers a wide variety of products. It is located near the entrance to Wilmington, quite a walk away from the Main Street. The challenge is to continue to support this thriving and vibrant local business, whilst not also prejudicing retailing opportunities in the Main Street. This is important in order to continue to improve the vibrancy and economic viability of the core heart of the town.

Other businesses (not including tourist related businesses) include:

- hairdresser
- Gunyah Electrical
- Hitch Auto Repairs
- A variety of home based businesses



Tourism businesses

Toy Museum and Sansouci Puppet Museum

Both of these museums are well recognised and highly valued for their unique and somewhat whimsical collections. What a wonderful opportunity – two iconic museums with fantastic collections within a township that is looking for ways to attract more tourists! However neither building markets their offerings well – there is opportunity to improve their facades through painting, landscaping and signage. It is recognised that the resources or energy required to physically improve the building stock and the running of the museums so that they are more accessible to visitors may not be in the grasp of the Museum owners. Therefore, the challenge is to find ways to support the Museum collection for the mutual benefit of the Museum owners as well as the broader Wilmington community.

Beautiful Valley Caravan Park

Located on the main road at the southern entrance to the town and set within established native vegetation, this caravan park is well placed to serve travellers. It offers a product to travellers who do not want to go too far "off the beaten track". It should be one of the key places that promotes "what's on in the region", and encourages visitors to explore all that Wilmington offers.

Stony Creek Bush Camp

The Camp is located several kilometres out of town on an unsealed road. Some feedback has indicated that caravans/vans are less likely to travel along the road and that the road is more suitable to cars and 4WDs. This Camp offers accommodation and facilities with a bush feel and a variety of visitor activities including tennis. The Camp's Manager is highly active in promoting the virtues of the local region. Given the shortage of accommodation in Wilmington, it has been suggested that there is an opportunity to improve access to the Camp by sealing the road, and capitalise on this existing authentic bush accommodation experience.



Community services and facilities

One challenge for Wilmington is that it has limited community infrastructure to address the daily needs of residents – there is no permanent Chemist, Library, Bank, Doctor's Surgery, Dentist, Butcher, Fruit and Veg or Newsagency. Although the Beautiful Valley Café and Wild's supplies some of these needs, local residents are reliant upon transport to get to another town where these services are offered. With no frequent Public bus service, accessibility is a major challenge for older, younger or mobility challenged residents who do not drive. It also means that residents are spending money out of town to buy these goods and services – rather than boosting the local economy. Of course, like many regional towns, some of these services such as a doctor and a mobile library are available when they visit the town on a regular basis. This means that for those times during the week when they are visiting Wilmington, there is potential to use them as a "magnet" and increase activity and energy in the street and surrounding uses.

Wilmington Primary School

A wonderful local asset, home to about 60 primary school children who then progress to Booleroo Centre District School or elsewhere. It is vitally important that there remains a stable (and if possible growing) family population within Wilmington so that the demand and support for the school continues.

Some rural townships proactively market their local town and schools to other areas to encourage families to come and live in their town. In some instances communities even offer financial incentives for families to move there - this has occurred in a range of NSW townships including Cumnock, Errowanbang, Greenethorpe, Tullamore, Trundle and Wycheproof in Victoria (watch a documentary about this www.abc.net.au/tv/countrytownrescue/about).

It is well recognised that the loss of a local school can seriously jeopardise the ongoing sustainability of a township, and so integrating school activities into the broader Wilmington community is part of what makes a township such as Wilmington flourish.

Wilmington Kindergarten

With about 17 students (2010), and centrally located close to the primary school, the Wilmington Kindergarten is a wonderful facility for a small local community

Wilmington Post Office

With Australia Post taking on an increasing amount of services and provision of supplies such as gift items, stationery, novels, electronic devices, passports, banking and payment of bills, as well as the traditional postal functions, post offices are important "glues" to the fabric of small regional communities.

St Alexis Catholic Church and the Anglican Church

Located in the Main Street and with a consistent congregation on Sundays, the churches are an important part of the Wilmington community.

Country Fire Service

With the recent fire fresh in people's memory, local management of bushfires and other road emergencies are part of life in regional areas. A supported and well functioning fire service is a critical component to the health and well being of Wilmington.

Town Hall

The historic Wilmington Town Hall hosts a range of events such as community meetings about the recent fires, and ANZAC Day ceremony. It is acknowledged by many residents that the Hall, and stories to tell of bygone eras, has the potential to host more events. Some modernisation to update facilities may be required.

Country Women's Association

The South Australian Country Women's Association is comprised of volunteers who work to promote the welcome and conditions of life for women and children in Wilmington. The CWA are often the "behind the scenes" support for many town events, and also are home to visiting services such as the GP clinic. There is currently no active CWA in Wilmington and this facility is owned and maintained by Council.



Trails, recreation and open space

There may be a perception of "Beautiful Valley" as a lush well vegetated valley with a meandering watercourse and mature eucalypts. However Wilmington is not generally a town that offers comfortable and easily accessible green, park like spaces for locals or visitors to enjoy, so it does not really live up to this reputation. There are however many opportunities to improve the existing spaces with increased attention to landscaping, signage, linkages and promotion.

Centenary Park

Upon entering Wilmington from the Southern end, visitors can stop at Centenary Park to take a rest, discharge their van's effluent, and find out more about the town's history through reading the display material. It is the space where Wilmington proudly describes its Dignan Stripper. Although this space has been purposefully "greened" through plantings with indigenous vegetation, the vegetation has screened the park from the road so visitors may not know it is there. There is an opportunity to improve the visitor information and overall "experience" of the park and improve sight lines into the space. The existence of the discharge facility is also an opportunity, increased promotion of its location amongst the caravanning community would certainly be beneficial.

Heysen Trail, Mawson Trail, Rail Trail, Heritage Trail, Mount Maria Walking Trail

These trails connect and meander through Wilmington environs at different locations - their presence is a wonderful opportunity as it is not common to have so many wonderful trails connecting in one town. They are well known trails to some walking and cycling enthusiasts, but possibly their existence in Wilmington is not well known more broadly, and they are not well signposted or easily found. The Rail Trail from Melrose stops short of entering into Wilmington, and there is an opportunity to improve and promote the location and links so that a clear and easily navigable journey can be made by foot or bike around town and the Valley.

Alligator Gorge

Located near the entrance to Wilmington, Alligator Gorge is one of Flinders Ranges most spectacular Gorges. Well known and loved, Wilmington has not capitalised on the accessibility to the Gorge from the town - there is a significant opportunity to improve signage and marketing of the Gorge so that a visit to the Wilmington township is a natural and logical component of a visit to Alligator Gorge and vice versa. Alligator Gorge could become a cornerstone of marketing and branding - it can be linked to bike races, walking races, 4WD events, caching, rock climbing and so on.

Oval, bowling club, clubrooms, women's gym, playground, golf and tennis club

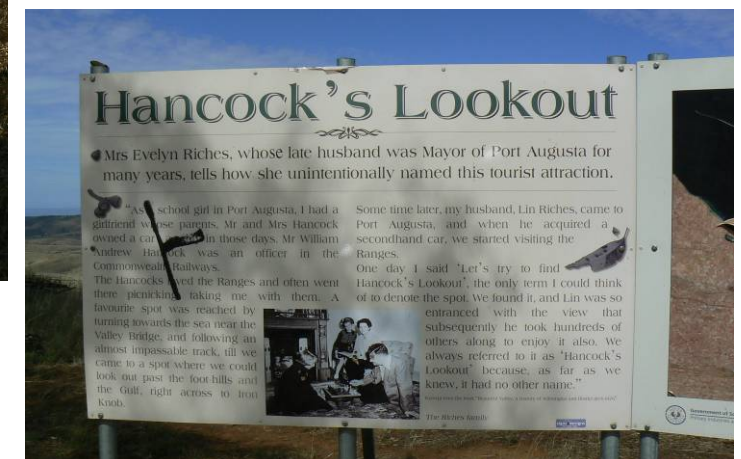
The majority of these facilities are located near to and clustered around the Wilmington oval, located at the northern entrance way to town. There are opportunities to enhance the attractiveness and function of the space through improved linkages and connections, signage, vegetation and gateway treatments. Sporting clubs and activities in regional towns are vital to community life and spirit, creating a sense of connectedness and social activity - any improvements to sporting facilities to promote such vibrancy should be prioritised.

Hancock's Lookout

The turnoff to Hancock's Lookout is approximately 4.5 km from Wilmington, on the Port Augusta Road. Hancock's Lookout rewards with incredible views over the surrounding area. Not particularly well known, the Lookout has a wonderful story about its creation - well told by the signage at the site.

Wilmington Rodeo Ground

Site of the annual Wilmington Rodeo, the grounds are alive and full of fun and activity at rodeo time which also spills out onto the Main Street and into the Pub during this event. At other times of the year the site is not so energetically used. There are opportunities to capitalise on the success of this event and others through branding and promotion, and also through landscaping and signage improvements to the area around the Rodeo Grounds.



Movement and infrastructure

Wilmington is located on Horrocks Highway, a frequently used local route between Port Augusta, Quorn, Melrose and Adelaide and the main through route to the Flinders Ranges and Sydney by a variety of vehicle types.

Horrocks Highway

The roadway is 6m wide with one lane in each direction. Originally it was designed to accommodate bullock trains, so there is an additional 8.5m on either side of the bituminised roadway giving the impression of an extremely wide area for vehicles to drive (not including parking). This allows for a beautiful vista to the surrounding landscape for people driving through the town and adds to the character and 'outback' feeling when in the Main Street, this should be maintained and enhanced. However, this broad expanse of hard road surface facilitates cars and trucks to speed through without stopping and there is a perception that it is unsafe for pedestrians to cross the road. The excessive width needs to be managed through techniques such as tree planting, tree pits and protuberances at the intersections, however an 'urban' response needs to be avoided at all costs. Natural materials, local to the area should be used and installed in a carefully considered design that is suitable to the location. The existing protuberances that have been installed obstruct pedestrian movement and stormwater flows, these traffic calming and directional devices have been reconsidered as a part of this Framework (refer to Schematic Town Heart Action Area Plan).

The speed limit within the town is 50km/h, this should be extended further past the edges of town in either direction to give vehicles adequate warning to slow down before reaching the more active space in the Main Street.

Initial feedback from DPTI is supportive and encouraging of the proposal to install new tree and verge planting either side of Horrocks Highway to break up the expanse of bitumen. Eventually when the road surface is to be upgraded DPTI would like to increase the road width by 1m (0.5m added to each lane) however this does not impact the recommendations made in this Framework and will be easy to accommodate in the future.

Parking in the Main Street

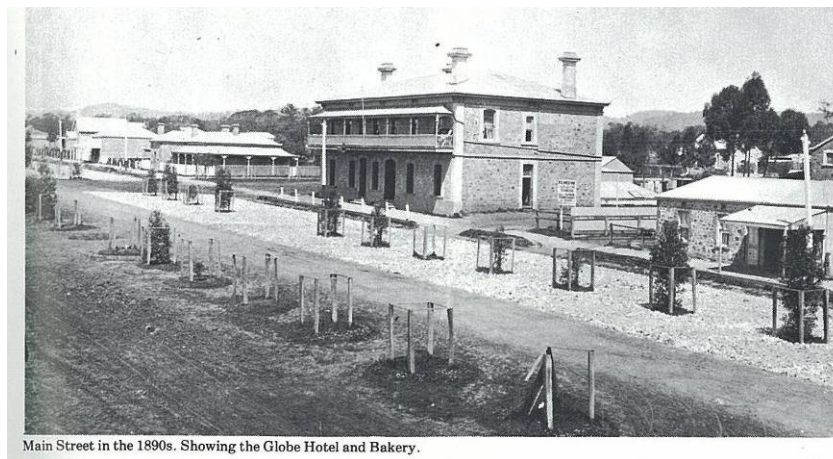
The added width of Horrocks Highway combined with the extensive amount of angled parking available allows for the easy movement of caravans and larger vehicles. This is beneficial as it provides access and parking opportunities for all the businesses along the Main Street but is far in excess of what is realistically required. It is relatively easy for drivers of four wheel drives, large cars and caravans to ignore road rules and pull in parallel to the kerb (instead of parking at a 45 degree angle) and then drive along the verge space before turning onto Horrocks Highway. B Double trucks also pull over in the centre of town, particularly around the café. Whilst this brings business to the café, it is rare that trucks are encouraged to park in the middle of a Main Street due to safety issues. In the long term, the vision for Wilmington is a vibrant, active rural town with more visitors stopping to explore the town and environs. In the long term therefore, truck parking in the centre of town is not encouraged.

Parking for cars should be defined in the centre of town through new line marking. There should also be dedicated shady spaces that are easy to pull into and out of and that are located within easy walking distance of the shop and Pub for larger vehicles and caravans.

Whilst trucks should not be stopping in the 'heart' of the town, it is recognised that truck stops should still be within close walking distance of the centre and Public toilets.

Trees in the Main Street

There are a few remaining street trees that were planted in the late 1800's (refer to image), they are beautiful, tall Eucalypts that have unfortunately been over pruned to have an unattractive canopy shape. New smaller trees have been planted in some locations that do not suit the character of the tall, broad avenue planting that was originally intended for the Main Street. New, mature tree planting should be considered to strengthen the avenue and define the different parking and roadway spaces in the corridor, provide shade and biodiversity. The added verticality and uniformity would assist in slowing traffic and allow views to the surrounding escarpment.



Walking and Cycling in the Main Street

Currently Horrocks Highway runs through the centre of town. As previously stated, the width of the road discourages people from wanting to cross and makes the space feel unsafe and unpredictable. There are not enough pram ramps and disabled access points along the footpath and crossing the street. This is made even more problematic due to the extremely high kerb heights installed to prevent flooding. It is noted that many of the footpaths are in poor condition. Any footpath upgrades considered should provide for logical, safe and equitable paths of travel for people with movement and visual impairments.

There are no bike lanes in the Main Street but this is typical of a rural town. There is plenty of space and opportunity for cyclists to travel informally along the side of the road, verge or footpath safely and without disturbing pedestrian and vehicular movement.



Kerbing and protuberances

The Wilmington community have previously raised concerns about unsafe traffic movement and excessive speed in the Main Street of Wilmington. Council has responded to these concerns by implementing a short term trial aimed to test the effectiveness of a new protuberance (road narrowing) approach for improved traffic management.

The temporary kerbed protuberances have been installed by Council as a trial measure and therefore currently have no line marking, landscaping or other infill treatment.

The feedback on the success of the trial kerbing from the community was mixed. However some generally agreed points are that:

- It resulted in positive improvements to traffic management
- The harsh, concrete look of the kerbing is not aesthetically pleasing
- As it is unfilled, it is potentially unsafe for pedestrians, in particular those who may be movement or visually impaired

This Framework has assessed the current trial protuberance approach, and makes a series of recommendations about how to further improve the kerbing. This is described in section 7.

Drainage

The occasional flooding and normal stormwater runoff impacting on the Main Street is managed through a system of open and closed drains. The open drains are problematic due to:

- Restrictions to accessibility into some properties
- Compromises to safety for pedestrians and animals
- Unattractive physical appearance
- Poor condition due to infrastructure age causing cracking and ponding in the street

Any drainage upgrade will be a costly exercise and require significant engineering analysis.

This Framework has assessed the current drainage and makes some recommendations about short term and long term drainage management. This is described in section 7.

5. The principles behind a Framework for Wilmington's revitalisation

It is important that any future development is guided by sound design principles.

The following principles can be applied to guide all that happens in and around the Main Street and to support the communities that visit, shop in, work in or travel through the town.

Real and tangible character

Wilmington should have a clear and individualised identity and character that is meaningful to the local community and tells a story to visitors

A high quality Public realm

Wilmington should be attractive, with well used outdoor spaces that the Public use, feel safe in and are comfortable with

Moving around easily

Wilmington should be safe and easy for all people to get to and move around, places should be well connected and the experience of moving from one place to another should be enjoyable

Finding places

It should be easy to find places that are commonly visited - tourist sites, Public toilets, community services, walking and cycling trails

Times change - be adaptable

Buildings, businesses and management should be able to adapt easily to meet new or changing community or visitor needs and wants

Diversity in people, places and buildings

Wilmington should be a place that offers a variety and choice for things to see and do, and options for places to live and work

Slow the people flow and encourage people to stop and linger

Wilmington should have "linger nodes" that slow people down and encourage them to stay. A big mistake is to try to spread places and experiences too thin - the lingering nodes should be well connected and be focused within the Main Street.

Traffic should not be discouraged (traffic brings people!) but it should go at a speed that does not detract or jeopardise the activities that are taking place in and around a street.

Make people feel at home

Creating a great space is like creating a great home - it starts with the house, but it is the home makers personality, character, identity and attention to detail that creates a home. Great towns are often less about the amount of money spent on the town, and more about the "sense" of the place and the experience of the visit.

"People are the life-blood of a place. You can spend all the money you like on building a house, but until people inhabit it, it does not become a home"

The Art of Placemaking, David Enwright



6. Summary of recommended actions and priorities

Physical design elements (see Section 7 for more detail)

| Action | Priority | Key Responsibility |
|--|------------|---------------------|
| Town Heart Action Area - Redesign protuberance geometry, kerb height/profile and material | Short term | Council |
| Town Heart Action Area - Infill protuberances with hard surface material or planting | Short term | Council |
| Town Heart Action Area – Rationalise existing traffic and tourism signage | Short term | Council |
| Town Heart Action Area - Provide for outdoor dining by increasing carefully designed protuberances outside businesses and providing hard surfaces such as paving, suitable for the placement of tables and chairs | Long term | Council |
| Town Heart Action Area – Install fencing / bollards | Long term | Council |
| Town Heart Action Area - Provide shade trees / umbrellas / awnings | Short term | Community |
| Town Heart Action Area – Renovate building next to the Pub | Long term | Council |
| Centenary Park Gateway Action Area – Shrub removal and improvement of sightlines | Short term | Council / Community |
| Centenary Park Gateway Action Area – Gateway sculpture | Long term | Council / Community |
| Centenary Park Gateway Action Area – Signage markers / community – driven signage project | Short term | Council / Community |
| Centenary Park Gateway Action Area – Truck pull over space | Long term | Council / Community |
| Centenary Park Gateway Action Area – Revegetate creek area and improve pathway access / linkages to other trails | Short term | Council |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – Tourist Info point at Rodeo Grounds | Long term | Council / Community |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – Gateway sculpture / community – driven sculpture / signage Project | Short term | Council / Community |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – Signage markers / community – driven signage project | Short term | Council / Community |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – Develop bike and walking track | Short term | Council |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – Adult fitness trail | Long term | Council |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – | Short term | Community |

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| Men's Shed | | |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – Skate Park linking to BMX track | Long term | Council |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – Develop Town Hall for more catering / activity | Short term | Community |
| Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area – Improve linkages into area and around playspace from the Main Street and Town Hall | Short term | Council |
| Alligator Gorge Gateway sculpture | Long term | Council / Community |
| Revegetate creeks and drainage lines heading into town from both directions and consider recreation opportunities around these areas once they are safer and more attractive | Short term | Council / Community |
| Collect local materials / artefacts for potential use as art / sculpture at focal points throughout township and in key Action Area improvement projects. Encourage local community members /schools to become involved in the artistic interpretation of their township and landscape | Short term | Community |
| Audit of existing mature street trees | Short Term | Council |
| Install protuberances to remainder Main Street | Long term | Council |
| Informal pull in areas for large trucks (ensuring stopping overnight is not allowed within the town due to noise) | Long term | Council |
| Engage a multidisciplinary team (engineering, and designers) to undertake a detailed study around the design of stormwater management options | Short term | Council |
| Stormwater/Drainage Upgrade | Staged | Council |
| Provide street furniture (particularly around town heart Action Area) | Long term | Council |
| General pedestrian level lighting upgrade | Long term | Council |
| Feature flood lighting to avenue trees | Long term | Council |
| New avenue tree planting in tree pits and remove existing small/unhealthy trees | Staged | Council |
| New, attractive shrub and groundcover planting in tree pits and protuberances | Staged | Council |
| Line mark parking spaces | Short term | Council |
| Extend length of 50km zone outside town (in all directions) | Short term | Council |
| Provision of advice regarding colours, treatments, awnings and design theme in the Main Street | Short term | Council |
| Pull in parking areas for caravans | Long term | Council |
| Improve / modernise existing public toilet facilities | Short term | Council |

Social capital elements (see Section 8 for more detail)

| Action | Priority | Key Responsibility |
|--|------------|---------------------|
| Visitor Information - Visitor Information and community centre in Billiards Hall / Café / Butcher's building / community space | Short term | Council / Community |
| Visitor Information - Provide links throughout town from Visitor Information Centre/Shopfront | Short term | Council / Community |
| Visitor Information - Update information available | Short term | Council / Community |
| Visitor Information – Establish / update information about Wilmington available on the internet and a mailing list of interested visitors | Short term | Council / Community |
| Community Events – Develop events program and advertise | Long term | Council / Community |
| Community Events – Engage 'Place Manager' | Long term | Council |
| Community Events – Encourage / facilitate fairs and markets | Short term | Community |
| Community Events – Encourage / facilitate community celebrations | Short term | Community |
| Community Events – Encourage / facilitate festivals and events | Short term | Community |
| Community Events – Encourage / facilitate trails and recreation | Short term | Community |
| Community Events – Develop accommodation options | Long term | Community |
| Economic Vibrancy – Shop front improvement scheme | Short term | Council / Community |
| Economic Vibrancy – Lease vacant shops | Long term | Community |
| Economic Vibrancy – No empty shop windows | Short term | Community |
| Economic Vibrancy – Encourage young entrepreneurs | Ongoing | Council / Community |
| Economic Vibrancy – Develop a Bakery site and business | Long term | Community |
| Economic Vibrancy – Develop a Community Art Gallery | Short term | Community |

7. Recommended physical design elements

In this section, the recommended broad schemes for each of the main physical components of Wilmington are shown in plans and described in accompanying text.

A description of each of the schemes outlines the issues and the opportunities relating specifically to that concept.

All schemes have been developed considering the ideas and input from the Wilmington community, from Council, from state government, and also influenced by best practice - what has worked well in other towns. As these schemes are conceptual only, they will require further detailed design before they are implemented or built.

The schemes describe:

Wilmington's Core Areas or "Action Areas"

Traffic Conditions

Locations for Parking and Parking Plan

Drainage Management

Kerbing and Protuberances

Town Entrance

Landscaping Ideas

Art Sculpture and Signage



Linger longer!

For a Main Street to be a vibrant and economically active one, it needs to appeal to a range of groups and encourage them to initially stop and stay. Importantly, it must provide:

- For people visiting with the intention of purchasing goods or services
- For people who visit for social or recreational reasons - people who want to be around others, and partake in the daily life of the space
- For tourists
- For people passing through the space to go somewhere else.



WILMINGTON'S CORE AREAS OR "ACTION AREAS"

Catering for different groups means that there needs to be diversity in what the Main Street offers. The clue to achieving this is to build upon what the street already offers - and finding natural "nodes" of activities which attract people. One common problem is that a town tries to be all things to all people, and another is that it spreads its main attractions and activities too thin. For a town challenged by the need to encourage visitors to stay a while and linger, it is important that it focuses energies and quality improvements on a few core areas or Action Areas that are easily accessible and have a strong connection with the Main Street.

The Centenary Park Gateway Action Area

This area gives visitors their first impression of Wilmington when entering from Melrose, and its design and functionality is therefore critical. It is also an area frequented by locals because it provides hardware and daily goods to the local and regional population, and is a hub of local knowledge and conversations. Trucks, cars and caravans need to be able to easily pull over. The offerings of Centenary Park should be able to be seen from the Main Street. One of the key outcomes of community consultation was that people felt that drivers should slow down before they get to this area. The 50kmph speed limit zone should be extended so that it is in place before drivers reach Wild's activity area. The area should give a driver a strong sense of entering the town - activity, signage and people. This will further encourage them to slow down to an appropriate speed limit.

Opportunities:

- Improve sight lines into Centenary Park (potential removal and replanting of lower indigenous plantings)
- Short term transit hub accommodating a truck pull over space (but not allowing overnight truck parking within the town)
- New tourist signage and gateway sculpture in keeping with Wilmington's character which replaces existing over proliferation of standard signs
- Improve visibility in and around the "Dignan Stripper" display area. Allow some natural light penetration into the space through use of a different style of shelter
- Revegetate the area around the bridge and creek and improve the quality and connections with the walking trail to other walking destinations and linking this trail to the Wilmington to Melrose Rail Trail

The "Town Heart" - Pub/General Store/Former Butcher Shop Action Area

This area is the core "heart" of Wilmington. With building facades and architecture that speak of a past era, wide verandas, and fading signage highlighting Wilmington's heritage, the potential charm of the town's core node is undeniable. However, the reasons for people stopping and staying in the area is not well defined at the moment - the Pub is one reason, but the General Store has closed, the butcher has closed, the Billiard Room/community space store is not overly inviting, and the wide expanse of the main road does not encourage pedestrians to cross from one to the other. The area is a logical place to enhance the offerings of Wilmington, to encourage people to stay for a while, to read about things to see and do, to add vibrancy and energy to the Main Street.

Opportunities:

- Enhance the visual connection between the west and east side of the Main Street through design treatments
- Consider extending the Butcher's Store outdoor space through paving or more natural looking construction materials with a compacted gravel infill surface to complement the outdoor dining space in front of the Pub
- Use similar design treatments for fencing and kerb protuberances in front of the Pub.
- These areas can be used for outside alfresco dining, to host market stalls or passive seating and meeting places
- Provide shade on the outside through tree planting or removable umbrellas or awnings, continue shade tree planting down side streets
- Renovate the heritage building next to the Pub, recognising that this will require private investment
- Facilitate the establishment of a community centre within the existing Billiards Room to promote community participation and enthusiasm for Wilmington's future

Many of these ideas can be implemented by landowners and do not necessarily require resourcing from Council. However in order to achieve a consistent design them and support the Wilmington community, guidelines could be developed that give overall advice about materials to use, café furniture and awnings styles, colour themes etc that owners and tenants of buildings can use to extend their operation out into the street.



The Oval Gateway and Community Playspace Action Area

All towns need safe, spacious and shady areas for kids, adults and the elderly to be physically active. Wilmington's oval/recreation grounds and clubrooms fulfil some of this need, but their offerings do not suit the diversity of needs for a population of all ages to be healthy and active. The activities and spaces could be increased and diversified such that they provide more opportunities for other children, teenagers and adults to be more active, that they are better linked to other parts of town, and assist in bringing more activity to the Town Hall and playground area.

Opportunities:

- Bike track and walking around the oval,
- Adult fitness trail around the oval, connecting through to the Town Hall and the playground, and linking up to a trail that connects to the parklands, golf course and Centenary Park
- Men's Shed
- Skate Park linking to the BMX track
- Better connections around the playground that provide visual and safer connection to the Town Hall and out onto the Main Street
- Improve / modernise the existing public toilet facility and improve links between the playspace area and the toilets. Consider establishing new toilets adjacent to the playspace
- Increasing the offerings of the hall so that it is better used by people of all ages. For example, if the mobile library stopped next to the play equipment, and the hall hosted a regular visit by a travelling kindergym or kindermusic or provided morning and afternoon tea, this area may become much more frequented at particular times.



WILMINGTON'S ACTION AREAS



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- Revegetate the area around the bridge and creek and improve the quality and connections with the walking trail to other walking destinations. Link this trail to the Wilmington to Melrose Rail Trail
- Extend 50 kph speed limit zone to before the drivers reach Wild's activity area

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS



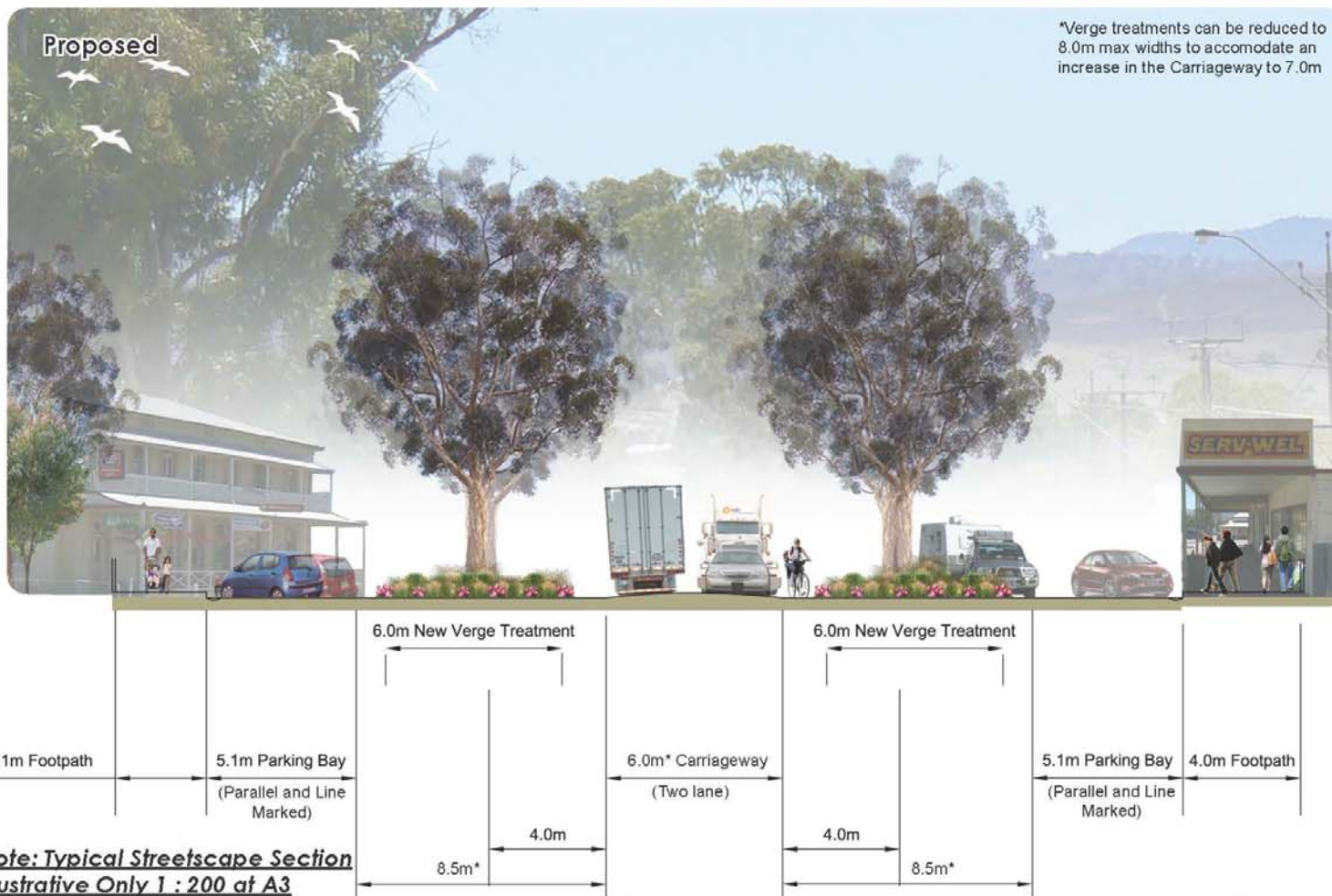
Proposed Mainstreet Streetscape

- Wilmington main street gives a wonderful impression of space and linearity
- The proposed section uses design elements and tree planting to enhance this
- Makes the main street safer and more attractive
- New tree planting and landscaping around the trees defines the road, parking and pedestrian areas
- This also assists in slowing vehicles (vehicles go slower when the streetscape has more visual objects in it)

Current

The streetscape section comprises of:

- A 6m wide carriageway
- A 13.6m wide bitumenised area either side for parking and turning movements
- Excessive, unsafe and appears to give priority to vehicles rather than to people in what should be an active local community hub
- Existing trees frame the streetscape but they are sparsely planted and some are unhealthy
- Existing trees give a sense of what was once a 'beautiful valley'



Proposed

- New landscaped verge treatments around the trees installed as a part of the improvements to the main street
- Existing tree planting to be supplemented with new trees equally spaced
- New trees will help frame the streetscape
- Potential for tree pits to include landscaping or compacted quarry rubble to blend with the proposed corner protuberance materials (this depends on how much maintenance the community wants to put in)
- Angled car parking with new painted line marking delineated in the town centre
- Caravan & 4WD parallel parking delineated by new tree planting
- New verge treatments and tree planting to calm traffic without obstructing views to the surrounding hills face, or interfering with the rural theme and character of the town
- Upgraded surface treatment to reduce and soften the existing expansive bitumenised surface
- Angled car parks in the centre of the town would be better defined (but still plentiful to cater for existing and future businesses)
- Movement into and out of the spaces would be clear and logical
- Street lighting could be upgraded as a part of the streetscape upgrade works
- A more cost efficient and "instant impact" approach could be the installation of floodlights or up lights to the base of the eucalypts
- This would provide ambience and activity at dusk/night time and encourage businesses to remain open for longer

LOCATIONS FOR PARKING



① Showground

- Large truck pull-in area (mainly for checking loads)
- Long term option which would only be considered when the main street becomes more active and busier, and trucks can no longer safely pull into the Rodeo Ground Parking area

② Rodeo Grounds

- Short term option which would work whilst the town is not very busy
- Large informal truck pull in area - not overly designed but a safe space

③ Public Toilets Area

- Parallel parking for cars, caravans and 4WD's
- Opposite public toilets and close proximity to recreation area and playground
- Shady for vans and cars
- Trees spaced less frequently than the rest of the mainstreet to provide room to easily pull in and out

④ Post Office Area

- Easy to pull in and out
- Vegetation to help define parking area and also capture stormwater run off from road
- Trees spaced less frequently than the rest of the mainstreet to provide room to easily pull in and out
- Shady

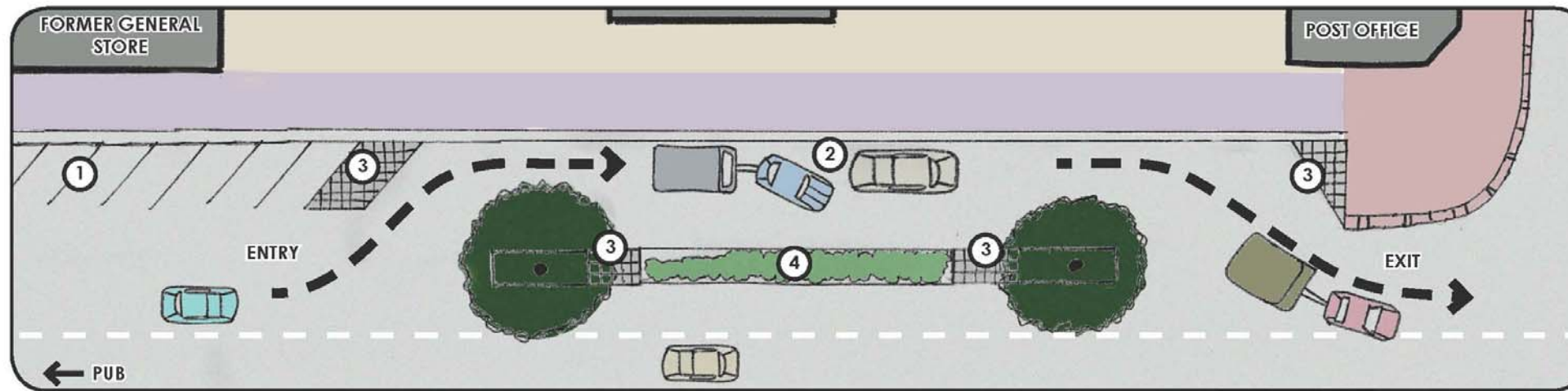
⑤ Fuel Depot / Centenary Park

- Large truck and caravan pull-in area
- Not overly designed but a safe space

⑥ Centre of Town

- Angled parking improved through new line marking
- Parking for 4WD and cars but not caravans or trucks

PARKING PLAN



Note: plan not to scale
and illustrative only



① New angled parking lines in the centre of town



② Defined pull-in area for parallel caravan & truck parking



③ Permeable paving (optional instead of landscaping)



④ Landscaping

Defined Parallel Pull-In Area for Caravans and 4WD's

- Allows for flexibility of use - it should not be too tightly delineated
- Easy turning movements in and out for caravans and larger vehicles
- Potential to be marked or sign posted "Caravan & Truck Parking" so that it is clear that this is a designated parking space for them
- Provides for shady parallel parking
- In front of Post Office and in front of public toilets

Landscaping

- New planting bed of native grasses to define pull-in parking area
- Could be planted and designed without a straight edge to capture storm water run off from the road, otherwise a formal pit with compacted quarry rubble to suit the rest of the street
- Could also be permeable paving which allows stormwater to penetrate through and help manage excess water
- Options depend on whether the community wishes to manage the landscaping, or whether a functional, but still attractive, low management option is still desired
- Regular spacing between trees
- Spaces between each tree will be larger than the spaces between those along the rest of the main street to facilitate caravan and 4WD pull in areas

Permeable Paving

- Captures stormwater to help with excess run-off
- Helps to delineate the caravan and truck parking area

Existing Trees

- Existing large Eucalypt trees to be retained
- If mature Eucalypt trees require removal due to the health of the trees replace with new stock to maintain the street character

DRAINAGE MANAGEMENT

Current

The occasional flooding and normal run off is managed through a system of open and closed drains. The open drains are problematic for several reasons:

- They cut through several driveways and leaves little room for drivers to access their homes with the potential of driving off the driveway into the drain
- Unsafe for pedestrians, children, animals
- Unattractive, a blight on Wilmington's Main Street
- Poor accessibility and warning mechanisms for movement and visually impaired members of the community

Major improvement of drainage infrastructure is resource intensive. Council needs to also consider less resource intensive improvements that will address some of the key issues and that they can implement over time.

Potential

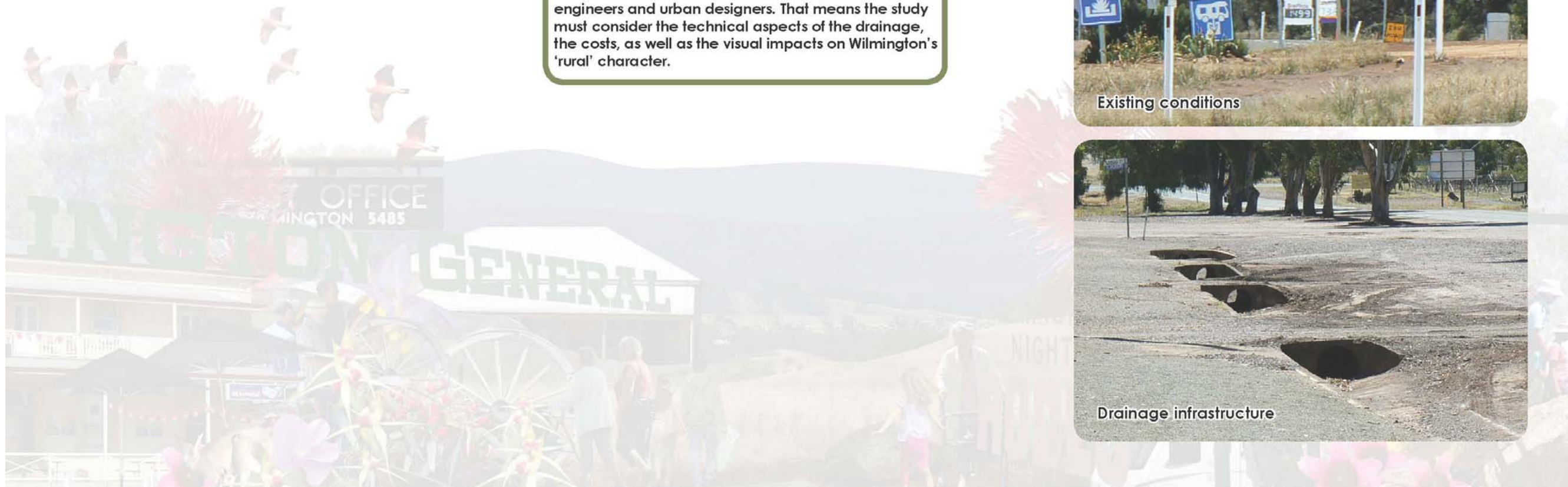
Low Cost, Long Term Solution:

- Undergrounding drains where they are within the vicinity of property access points
- Smaller diameter pipe could be used that provides for a more frequently occurring low flow
- In the case of less frequently occurring high flows, the water could flow overland within the road carriageway
- This solution is one that caters for more typical flow events and is therefore less resource intensive and a practical way of improving the access and safety in the street.
- Undergrounding drains in this way the first priority

High Cost, Long Term Solution:

- This may involve significant drainage works to address both low flow and high flow (flood event) scenarios.

Prior to any further work (either low cost or high cost solutions), there is a need for an integrated, detailed study that involves a collaborative approach between engineers and urban designers. That means the study must consider the technical aspects of the drainage, the costs, as well as the visual impacts on Wilmington's 'rural' character.



KERBING & PROTRUBERANCES

Current Trial Protruberance

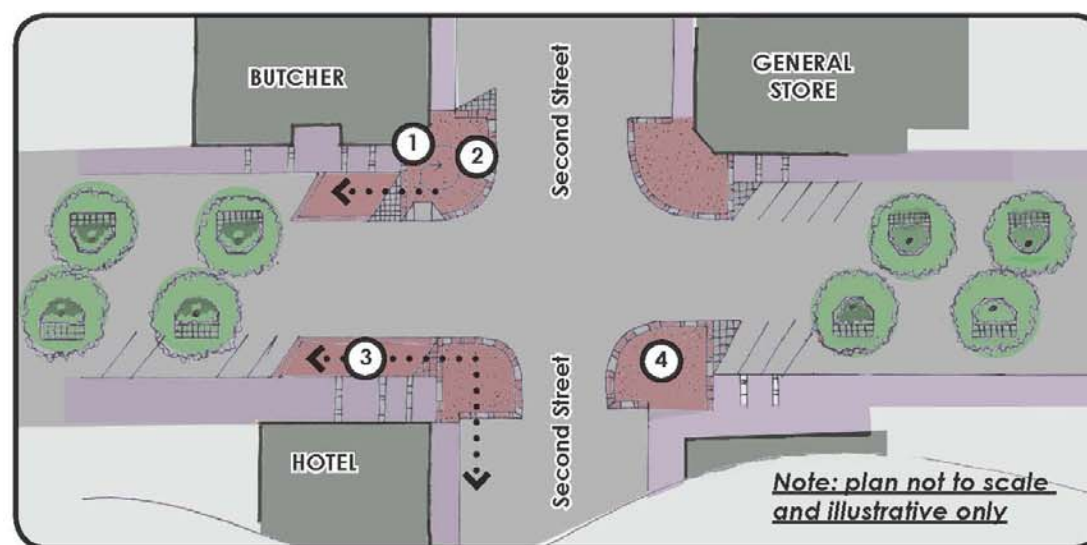
A trial approach has been constructed to provide a short term trial solution for traffic management issues that have been previously raised by the Wilmington community. It has been difficult for the community to appropriately review and respond to because it does not yet contain any landscaping and is therefore relatively unattractive.

Intent of protruberance trialling:

- To see if the trial protruberance improves driver behaviour
- Responds to traffic safety issues as raised by the community
- Minimal use of resources during process
- Potential for improvement of driver behaviour

Findings of protruberance trialling:

- Concern over the visual impact on the town and streetscape
- Considered out of character with Wilmington and look very 'urban' as oppose to the 'rural' or 'country'
- Kerb height deemed excessive, leaving a large space to be in filled or planted
- The shape meets turning circle requirements but does not reflect Wilmington's street grid pattern or 'rural' aesthetic
- Infilling the space with planting could potentially require significant excavation and landscape management
- Community consideration of landscape maintenance requirements in the protruberance infill area



1 Informal Gathering / Entrance Space

- Allows for flexibility of use
- Protruberance can be extended (resulting in loss of a couple of car parks) if the building is developed in the future

2 Redesigned protruberance shape and kerb profile

- Replaces existing concrete kerb that is currently not filled in
- Instead, use a more 'natural' aesthetic created by the potential use of coloured concrete or locally-sourced material in lower, less visually obtrusive kerb heights
- Potential use of a permeable paving material, compacted cement-stabilised quarry rubble or planting with small areas of hardstand paving or concrete

- Redesigned protruberance geometry to appear more balanced and symmetrical

3 Flexible Area

- Protruberances can be expanded where there is more activity allowing more space for pedestrian movements and seating

4 Planting and treatment to be carefully considered

- Planting in the protruberances to be selected so as not to detract from the uniformity of any new design work, limit any future use or require excessive excavation and maintenance work
- Treatment to cater for any overland stormwater flows expected

Potential

Perimeter edge:

- Replace concrete with locally sourced natural-looking material or coloured concrete products to maintain the town aesthetic
- Redesign the geometry of the protruberance kerbing so that it is aligned 90 degrees to the footpath (not curved), and is more symmetrical and uniform in scale. This will improve the overall aesthetic of the Main Street, and minimise the current propensity to have one's vision automatically drawn to a large, out of character, concrete protruberance

Infill:

- For areas closest to the town centre, around the pub, butchers and shops, infill with low ground cover plantings and/or paving to provide a hard steady surface
- For areas further away from the town centre, infill with a cement stabilised, compacted gravel material to form a hard surface that is partially permeable (in certain precinct areas this could be combined with some paving, concrete or hard – stand surface for the location of furniture and café seating). This will provide a contrast to the predominantly bitumen feel of the Main Street.

Tree Planting inside the Infill:

- New trees are not recommended for infill planting except possibly in the town centre such as around the pub where people are more likely to congregate. This is because:
- The focus of new tree planting should instead be on mature linear indigenous tree plantings along either side of the Main Street
- For significant tree planting to really flourish, substantial excavation, drainage and preparation works will be required (due to the compacted nature of the carriageway and surrounding bitumen surface)

Maintenance:

- Maintenance of any plantings will be onerous to either Council or the Wilmington community and therefore the location of new landscapes should be where it brings the most visual benefit (i.e. to the town centre)
- Any future tree planting in the central area of the town directly adjacent the footpath or drains should be designed in consideration of the stormwater management plan and in collaboration with the engaged stormwater/civil engineer



1 Potential Informal Gathering Space



2 Potential protruberance Redesign



3 Flexible Area



4 Review locations for treatments

TOWN ENTRANCE



Large sculptures at the turn off to Alligator Gorge and in front of the Showground

Sculptures, revegetation / new bridges and Visitor Information at Centenary Park and the Rodeo Ground

Markers along the Road as you enter Wilmington from the north and south
(Refer to Framework Plan for Locations)

A series of features are proposed for installation at the entrances to the town of Wilmington and the main street. These could comprise of sculptural elements, signs and markers. When designed in an integrated way, all elements will work together to form gateways. These gateways will welcome people to the town, inform them of "what's on" and "what's fun to do and see" and introduce them to new features they may not have considered exploring in the area.

Three large sculptures are proposed, one at the southern entrance and two at the northern entrance (one large sculpture near the Showground and one in front of the Rodeo Ground). These could be fun and whimsical, providing a great "photo opportunity" for families and tourists. Such sculptures are memorable and will begin to be associated in peoples' minds as *unique features to be seen only in Wilmington.*

Signage could be incorporated with these sculptural elements or within the space around them to replace the over-proliferation of existing signage on entry into Wilmington. Tourists could pull the car over, take a photo and read some information on the township. The wide verges provide a good opportunity for the location of art and signage as it can be located far enough back from the travel lanes to maintain adequate sight lines (to be further investigated, including discussions with DPTI).

A series of markers along the road as you enter Wilmington is another method of more subtly informing people about the attractions in the area. These could potentially be designed using recycled timber posts with artist designed objects/words mounted on top.

It is suggested that in all instances where new gateway features are being installed that the landscape surrounding is also considered. There are great opportunities to revegetate the drainage lines/creek lines on entry to the town and replace the old/damaged bridge structures with simple decking products from a public infrastructure supplier. This would introduce visitors to the local flora and opportunities for trail riding and walking.

LANDSCAPING IDEAS



Existing Trees

- Audit of existing tree health to be undertaken prior to streetscape upgrade works to determine health and lifespan
- Potential reuse of suitable tree limbs in local nature reserves either as seating or habitats
- Programmed planting of new street trees to take place over time

New Trees

- New tree planting to reinforce the existing main street avenue of Eucalyptus
- Create a long linear avenue of trees either side of the road carriageway
- Species could potentially include *Eucalyptus leucoxylon* 'Rosea' (this variety provides some colour in the landscape due to its beautiful red gum blossoms)
- Broad canopy species selection to provide additional cooling shade on the main street
- The trees could also be illuminated at night with DPTI approval (this would promote night time activity and potentially stimulate business in later hours)
- Trees located in new tree pits containing a combination of permeable paving, planting and timber edge treatments (simple and cost effective)
- Materials are repeated throughout the street and spaces providing continuity

Landscaping

- Potential to break up hard surfaces within kerb protruberances and plant with hardy drought tolerant ground cover species such as *Carpobrotus rossii* and *Eremophila glabra*
- Potential for communities and local businesses to contribute from local planting stock to help vegetate in designated areas on the main street

ART, SCULPTURE + SIGNAGE



Creating talking points and things that are memorable about Wilmington

Celebrating the culture and people of the town

Encouraging the staging of seasonal events

Art and sculpture has the unique ability to enliven and rejuvenate public spaces. Wilmington is rich with references that can be translated into beautiful and unique pieces of art for the enjoyment of the local community and interest of visitors. It is suggested that sculptural pieces are developed for use at the entries to the town that depict the landscape features and highlights to be found in and around Wilmington. As well as incorporating stand alone pieces, by integrating art into the wayfinding throughout the space, signs and markers can change from being purely information based to public realm elements that are interesting and capture your attention. There should be a logical rhythm and theme to art, sculpture and signage that reflects the unique identity of the town and the land form.

Use of local materials and artefacts could potentially assist in portraying the past and present character of Wilmington and its residents. Through site analysis we believe the use of natural materials such as salvaged timber and stone and corrugated iron and steel with the patina of age are appropriate selections for use in a rural/outback environment. There are multiple sources from where such items could be located including businesses, residents and scavenged from the surrounding landscape. There are also willing contributors amongst the community who are excited by the prospect of artistic interpretation of their town.

The work that is developed does not necessarily need to be a static piece, frameworks and programs can be developed that reflect seasonal changes and current festivals, contributing to an ephemeral art landscape. Place management should be considered if a program of seasonal events is to be properly integrated with exhibitions, festivals and activities. This would help establish an event "calendar" for the region.

8. Recommended social capital elements

In this section, a series of recommended actions that will enhance Wilmington's social capital are detailed. What is social capital? The social capital of Wilmington could be described as the complex web of cooperative relationships between people who work, live and visit the town that help to facilitate resolution of collective actions and problems.

"A great place is something that can only be delivered by engaged and committed people and communities."

"Every time Councils try to solve issues through regulations, physical infrastructure, laws and policing, they de-skill and de-motivate the community in the art of civility"

Adapted from David Engwicht, Creative Communities

The following social capital elements are described in this section:

Wilmington's Vision

Visitor information

Community events

Facilitating an economically vibrant township

There are many sources of funding available that address these ideas. Funding sources are particularly important for regional Council's with fewer resources at their disposal, however it is also often community groups that write proposals to access funding and grants. Some suggested funding sources are described in Section 9.



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WILMINGTON'S VISION



Experience Wilmington in the heart of Beautiful Valley, at the crossroads to the Flinders Ranges

A **vibrant** country community that celebrates and nurtures its history and **embraces its future** - from its early indigenous history, pastoralist days and the Dignan stripper through to its rodeo achievements, its art talents, its antique stores and quirky museums.

Evidence of rustic bush icons abound.

Always **welcoming** with plenty to see and do, it is a town that is shady, pleasant and a great base to explore by foot, cycle, horse or 4WD the beauty of the surrounding Alligator Gorge, Horrocks Pass, Hancock's Lookout and magnificent Southern Flinders Ranges scenery.



Alligator Gorge

VISITOR INFORMATION

There are a range of information sources outlining things to do and see in Wilmington.

The Main Street Information Bay, located close to the Pub, is a relatively new and charming display focusing on the heritage and cultural aspects of the town. There is potential to better link it through landscaping, paving, lighting or other design features to other natural "drawcards" within the town – the Pub, the Café, the General Store Action Area, the walking trails.

An information bay should be part of a hub of activity, drawing a visitor into town, encouraging them to explore further. And of course information bays are static - they do not replace the one to one conversations that can be had in a visitor information centre or individual business that may enthuse visitors to stay longer and explore further. There are no other information bays at either end of the entrances to town, this has been recognised as another potential opportunity.

The current "Billiards" building is used as a 'defacto' gathering space for craft activities and occasional billiards. Its location next to the charming "Butcher" store, across from the Pub and the General Store means it is firmly located right in the middle of the "Town Heart Action Area". It is an ideal building in which to have a designated Tourist Information Shop or community centre. The General Store would also suit this purpose however its current refurbishment and closure by its owners minimises this opportunity, alternatively the Butcher's Store, with its corner veranda and logical outdoor café area may also be suitable. There are many successful models for Information Stores that are largely run by volunteers and supported by Council or tourism bodies. Generally they offer a diverse choice of products that are locally based, serve snacks and coffee, provide information about the local area and exude local cheer!

Opportunities:

- Facilitate a vibrant "Town Heart Action Area" through the provision of a locally run visitor information service in the Billiards Hall building (or alternative in the "Town Heart")
- Facilitate the establishment of a community centre with the visitor information service so tourists have the opportunity to meet members of the local Wilmington community
- Council and tourism bodies to explore successful models of locally run tourist information services
- Council and tourism bodies to provide staff support to the initial establishment and long term management of the facility
- Ensure that the information service offers diverse products and information that showcase locally offerings

- Improve linkages through landscaping, paving lighting or other design features to better link the existing visitor information bay with other "Town Heart" activities
- Ensure that all visitor information is up to date and offers information about a diverse range of activities such as cycling, walking, trails, rock climbing, heritage, culture, events. After all, the nature of visitors is diverse!
- Facilitate the development and maintenance of an eye-catching "What's On at Wilmington" Web site / web page and establish a mailing list of interested visitors to advertise upcoming events etc.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

With many well recognized successful events under Wilmington's hat, it is imperative that the Wilmington community remain "event friendly". A strong community events program that celebrates and builds upon Wilmington's unique identity and cultural heritage has many benefits:

- It encourages and supports local creativity and innovation
- Enriches lives of residents by helping to establish or affirm friendships and networks, create a sense of belonging and encourages fun!
- Helps to brand the region
- Helps to attract new investment

Actions that will assist in achieving this may involve Council, tourism bodies, economic development bodies or community resources. Resources may be financial assistance, or alternatively be in kind support such as access to in house resources, knowledge, networks or training. There are many possibilities, the list below provides some ideas:

Planning for community events

- Develop a balanced event program that nominates timeframes, actions, resources and responsibilities well in advance
- Consider a variety of events so that a diverse audience is attracted to Wilmington at different times of the year
- Where appropriate, consult with representatives from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the planning of events
- Facilitate the development of community networks to enable the sharing of knowledge and resources; and
- Link event organisers with potential partnership, other event organizers in the region and funding opportunities

Fairs and markets

- Encourage an antiques and collectibles fair with a Regional Australia theme
- Monthly market in the heart of the Main Street (the Pub/Butcher's Shop/General Store Action Area)
- A toy fair building upon the existing collection of old or antique toys, potential to invite a guest speaker involved in valuing old toys



Community celebrations

- ANZAC Day
- Australia Day
- Remembrance Day
- Celebration of community milestones that acknowledge local area achievements (such as young art talents or student vegetable growing talents!)
- Carols by candlelight

Festivals and events

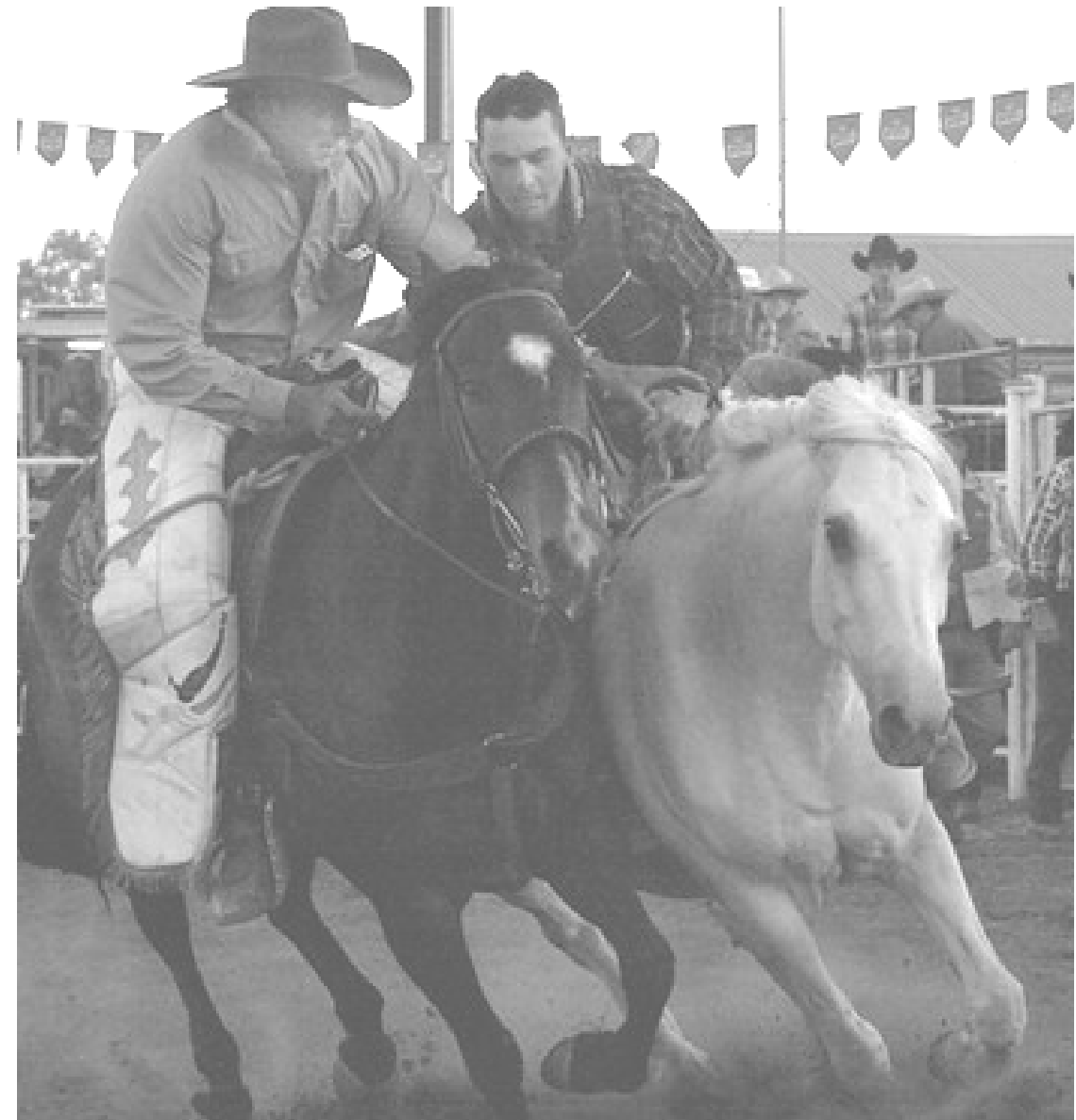
- Annual rodeo
- Puppet workshops - hosted by a puppeteering company and building upon the iconic puppet museum, designed for kids in the school holidays
- A torchlight bush detectives night discovery walk - following parts of the Heysen Trail, Heritage trail and Mount Maria trail, highlighting stories about Wilmington's natural and cultural environment
- Re-creation of a bullock team being driven through the Main Street (celebration of the width of the Main Street which was designed around being able to turn a bullock team around!)
- Participating in the farm gate festival <http://www.countryarts.org.au/news/farmgate-opens-the-door>

Trails and recreation

- Annual walking / cycling tour following the Southern Flinders Trail (Wilmington to Melrose) and beyond
- Cycling following the path of the sheep drive through Horrocks Pass/Heysen Trail/Mawson Trail/Mount Maria Walking trail (see pp 54 - 56 of the Southern Flinders Ranges Cycle Tourism Master plan <http://www.southernflindersranges.com.au/content/docs/MASTERPLANFINAL.pdf>).
- Hang-gliding from Mount Brown
- Geo-caching (this can be as simple and cheap as locals planting geo-caches around the town and surrounding area in creative ways and spots, and then logging them online!)
- Extended, multi-day hiking (Heysen Trail and the National Park)
- Fixed wing and helicopter scenic flights
- Abseiling
- Rock climbing
- Via ferrata

Accommodation

- Increase offerings of pastoral/farm stays/Bed and Breakfasts with cabin and spare house style accommodation
- Environmentally sustainable accommodation
- Improve the experience of the Wilmington Pub accommodation
- Further support caravan and camping – style sites and amenities



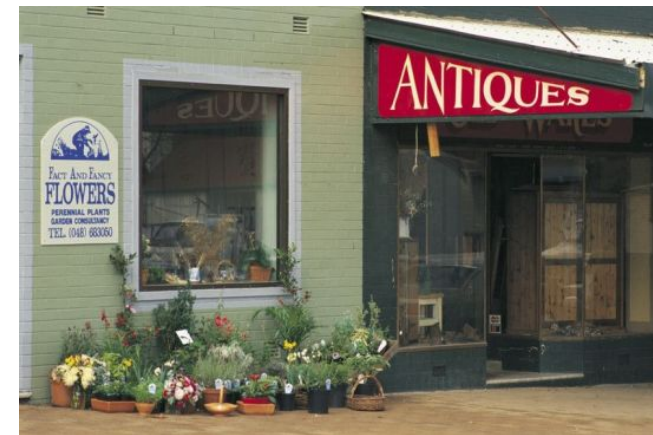
AN ECONOMICALLY VIBRANT TOWN

For Wilmington to attract more visitors, residents and businesses, it needs to offer products and services that people need or want. It has a head start in this because of its magnificent location, but there is significant opportunity to improve the local offerings through a range of measures that do not necessarily have to be resource intensive.

Opportunities:

- Explore a shop front improvement scheme with traders and provide advice and recommendations to improve their visual merchandising e.g. cosmetic renewal of shop fronts
- Investigate resourcing through grants to fund a temporary or permanent "place manager" whose role is to assist and work collaboratively with communities to translate ideas into reality
- Vacant shops send the wrong message. Investigate the foundation (and support) of short to medium term leasing of vacant shops (possibly rent free in return for the increased attention it is bringing to the building and place) for artists, cultural projects, pop-up retail and community groups
- It is important to ensure that shop windows are never vacant - always keep them looking busy with colour, information, lighting, mirrors or products.
- Support local, young entrepreneurs and small businesses with the skills, training and opportunities they require to set up a new business in Wilmington and create a point of difference for the Main Street retail mix
- A bakery is a significant drawcard in many regional towns - it can generate visitors in its own right. Proactively explore ways of attracting a bakery to the Main Street through rent holidays and funding start up schemes. This may be targeted also at providing employment for youth in the town
- Support local artists and sculptors by establishing a community art gallery that would become an iconic stopping point for tourists. Ensure regular exhibitions are held so that the artworks are always changing – this would then provide new and fresh visitor experiences throughout the year.
- Operating within a landscaping, design and character palette described in this Framework, prioritise the upgrades and rejuvenation of the butcher's store, the General Store, the Toy Museum, the Puppet Museum and the Pub. Collectively, these businesses will serve to enhance the core heart of the town, attract more visitors and increase local turnover. Again, a proactive 'Place Manager' will assist community to

prioritise and resource these activities through funding applications, working bees, working schedules and training. Local tradespeople should be considered in the implementation of actions (if appropriately skilled) to promote sustainability, economic vitality and the sense of community ownership over town improvement projects.



9. Funding opportunities for council, individuals and community groups

There are multiple funding opportunities available from the State Government, Federal Government and the Private Sector that could potentially assist in realising the objectives of this Framework. These grants can be sought by Local Government or as a collaboration with community groups, by the community independently or by individuals.

The following list of grants and programs have been selected from a range of categories including the environment, arts, community and sport and recreation but would result in broad social and economic benefits.

Places for People Funding - The Wilmington Masterplan and other projects have already been partially funded by Places for People and Council has a good relationship with the funding organisation (DPTI). Places for People assist councils and their communities to:

- add to their area's vitality
- enhance Public places in terms of use ability, safety and visual appeal
- develop a 'sense of place' and identity that reflects local culture, heritage and character
- improve the efficiency and economic performance of urban and rural centre's and other
- strategic places and
- improve the relationship between Public and private areas

http://sa.gov.au/upload/franchise/Housing,%20property%20and%20land/PLG/Places_for_people_Guidelines.pdf

Country Arts SA - Country Arts SA supports artists and arts organisations in rural, regional and remote areas of South Australia. This is achieved by developing and strengthening networks between artists and arts organisations, promoting opportunities to build skills or develop projects while advocating for regional South Australian artists at a State and Federal level. Funding opportunities include:

- Country Arts SA Art Development Programme
- Regional Arts Fund
- Shows on the Road Programme
- Quick Response Grant

http://www.arts.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Arts_SA_2012_Funding_Handbook_A4.pdf

Small Grants for Small Communities Program - This program provides grants to projects and activities that offer clear Public benefit for communities, with populations of 10,000 or less, living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.

Regional Development Australia Fund (RDAF) - This program aims to support Australia's regions and enhance the economic development and liveability of their communities. It aims to support localism, and to leverage and better coordinate state, Commonwealth, local

government and private (including not-for-profit) investments for the long term benefit of communities.

Myer Community Grant Program - This program aims to support events and activities coordinated by local organisations that play a valuable role in making the community a safe, active and healthy place to live.

Community Benefit SA (CBSA) - This program provides one-off project funding to incorporated, non-government, non-profit, charitable and social welfare organisations to develop and strengthen communities across the metropolitan, rural and remote regions of South Australia.

Australia Council: Community Partnerships (Program) - This program provides funding for significant community arts and cultural development programs consisting of a range of projects, targeting a variety of different groups and engaging a number of cross-sectoral partners.

Diversity and Social Cohesion Program - This program is for community organisations to run and develop their own projects to help build stronger community relations.

NRMA Insurance: Community Grants Program - This program aims to support local community organisations that are making a difference in the communities by working in the areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response, and the environment.

Volunteer Support Fund - This program is offered to community organisations to assist in building stronger volunteer programs and initiatives.

Festivals Australia - This National program provides funding for Australian regional and community festivals to present quality cultural projects.

Multicultural Grants Scheme: Community Development - This State program seeks initiatives that respond to the needs and circumstances of culturally and linguistically diverse young people and also those who reside in rural and regional communities of South Australia.

Public Art and Design: Major Commission Funding - This program supports to commission significant new work by leading South Australian artists, to be presented in high profile, publicly accessible environments in South Australia.

Community Heritage Arts Program - This program aims to preserve and provide access to locally held and nationally significant cultural heritage collections across Australia.

Public Art and Design: Project Seed Funding - This program provides funding towards fees for South Australian artists participating in the concept development stage of a project.

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Arts Facilities and Equipment Grants - This program supports the establishment and improvement of arts and cultural heritage facilities.

South Australian History Fund - This program encourages and supports historical societies, museums, local councils and other eligible community organisations to undertake research, projects and Publish aspects of South Australia's social and community history.

Holden Community Support Program - Holden donates cash, goods and services in kind to community groups, non-profit organisations and educational institutions across Australia for various projects and activities.

Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) - This program helps environment and heritage organisations to value, conserve and protect Australia's natural environment and historic heritage.

Norman Wettenhall Foundation: Small Environmental Grants Scheme - This program aims to support projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of the Australian natural living environment.

Be Natural Landcare Grants Program - The program provides funding to voluntary environmental community groups across Australia. The program will enable groups to continue their great work in tackling local environmental issues by providing funding to help with the continuation of on-going projects.

Active Club Program: Facility Funding - This program provides funding to support grassroots sport and active recreation organisations to strengthen and sustain active communities in South Australia.

Community Recreation and Sports Facilities Funding - This program provides funding for the planning and development of sustainable, inclusive, functional and fit-for-purpose active recreation and sport and facilities that meet the current and future needs of the South Australian community.

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Community Museums Program - This program encourages the research and Public presentation of South Australian history and to safeguard South Australia's material heritage.