

# Barry and Hobbys Yards



## Barry and Hobbys Yards Community Plan 2018-2028



Developed in partnership with the Blayney Shire Council

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## **Vision**

Barry and Hobbys Yards are peaceful heritage villages surrounded by productive sustainable farming land with room for growth. The meeting place for a creative and engaged community and home to many families enjoying a rural lifestyle.

## **Mission**

We will achieve this by:

- By building on our successes we will have a bold project and plan that engages our community
- Promote the Hay Bale Art Challenge and develop strong connections with Blayney and our surrounding villages to create links with other events
- Use our communication channels to drive community inclusiveness and involve everyone to feel part of our future
- In recognising our importance as the southern entry and corridor into the shire we will maintain and landscape the village approaches
- Investing in our community Halls which are the heart and soul of our villages for local celebrations, functions and events
- Encourage people to settle in the area and welcome them when they arrive

## **Introduction**

The Barry and Hobbys Yards Community Plan 2018-2028 was developed in partnership with Blayney Shire Council, which supported the community enthusiasm and efforts in setting some goals and projects that will ensure the future viability of our smaller settlements.

By June 2018, Blayney Shire Council will review the long term Community Strategic Plan (CSP) the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework. The CSP identifies the main priorities and aspirations of the community, and must involve a whole of community engagement process. A CSP identifies who is responsible for its implementation and may include the community, individuals, local, state and federal government.

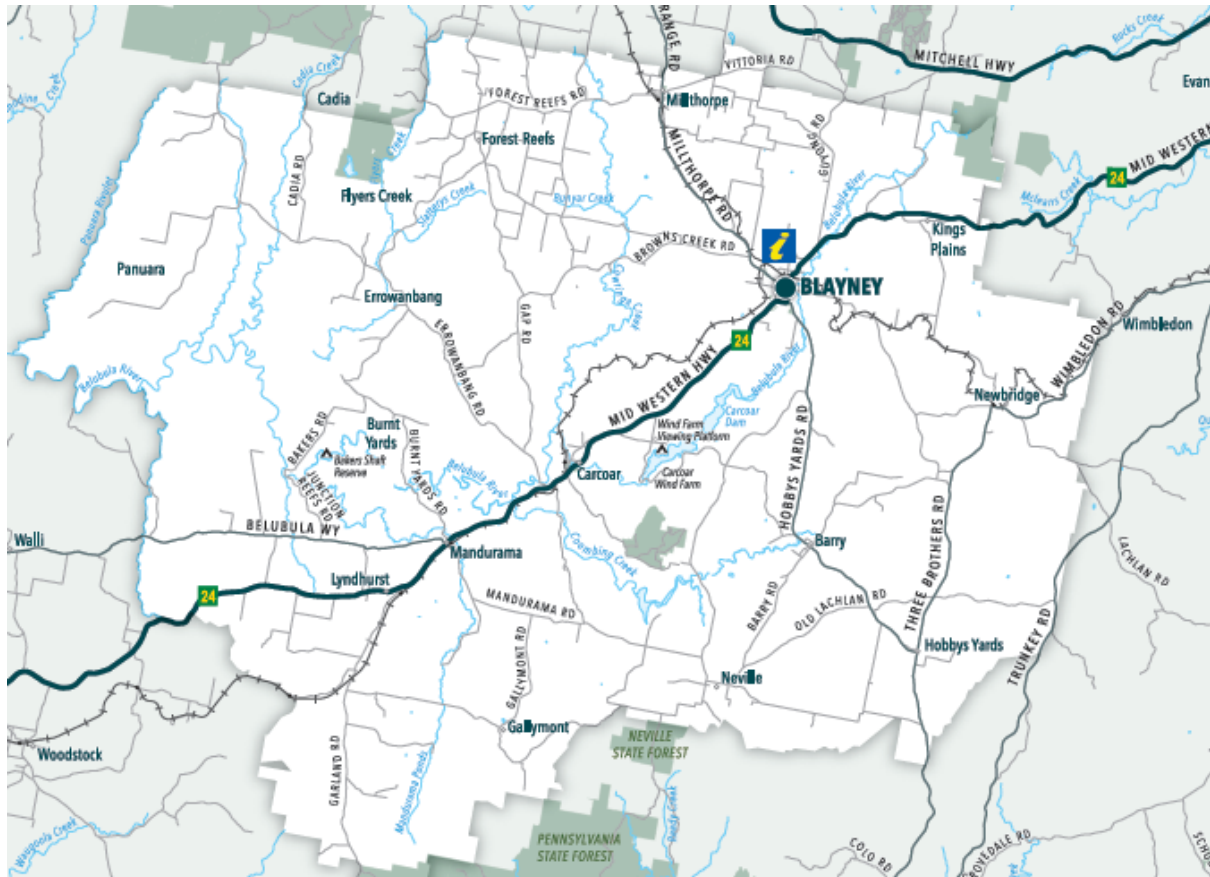
As Blayney is the 'Shire of Villages', Council has recognised the importance for the village of Blayney to take advantage of its amazing heritage, country lifestyle and high visitor appeal and that we work together for the benefit of the community and local businesses.

There is no person, organisation, level of government that can achieve this alone. A prosperous and healthy village, businesses and community is dependent on everyone working together.







## Where are Barry and Hobbys Yards?

Heading south-east out of Blayney towards Trunkley Creek and Goulburn you will travel on the Hobbys Yard Road which is the main road through the villages of Barry and Hobbys Yards.



## The profile of Barry and Hobbys Yards

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|  <p><b>PEOPLE</b></p>                      | <p>There are 248 people in Barry and Hobbys Yards, which represents 3.3% of the overall population of Blayney Shire Local Government Area. Of these 89% were born in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 0% of the population.</p> |              |
|   | 0 – 19 years of age  | 61 (26.27%)  |
|   | 20 – 39 years of age   | 43 (18.47 %) |
|   | 40 – 59 years of age   | 112 (48.35%) |
|   | 60 – 79 years of age   | 16 (6.91%)   |
|   | 80 years or older  | 0 (0%)       |
|  <p><b>FAMILIES</b></p>                    | <p>Of the families in Barry and Hobbys Yards, 37% were couple families with children, 53% were couples without children, and 10% were one parent families.</p>   |              |
|  <p><b>EDUCATION</b></p>                 | <p>In Barry and Hobbys Yards 39% were in primary school, 39% in secondary and 23% in a tertiary or technical institution.</p>  |              |
|  <p><b>INDUSTRIES AND EMPLOYMENT</b></p> | <p>Of the residents in Barry and Hobbys Yards, 30% were employed full time, 22% employed part time, 3% employed outside the shire, 6% were unemployed and 39% were not in the workforce</p>  |              |
|   | Managers   | 38%          |
|   | Sales Workers  | 16%          |
|   | Machinery Operators and Drivers  | 14%          |
|   | Labourers  | 8%           |
|   | Professionals  | 8%           |
|   | Technicians and Trade Workers  | 6%           |



## Community Engagement Strategy

Residents were invited to come along and share their great projects, ideas or a new event to bring visitors and attract residents to Barry and Hobbys Yards. On 12 December 2017 a group of 12 residents participated in a planning workshop to contribute to the Barry and Hobbys Yards Community Plan.

Council staff and Councillors provided logistics support to document the list of projects and ideas for the future of Barry and Hobbys Yards.

These projects are both large and small, some requiring significant finances to come to fruition whilst others will need simply a helping hand and some positive volunteers.



## Strengths, weakness, opportunities & threats

### We wish to build on and take advantage of our **Strengths**

- Our village halls with access to clean, public toilets, kitchen and catering facilities are excellent venues for local celebrations, parties, community meetings, events and fundraising activity
- The agricultural productivity is highly regarded and the area is recognised as very safe country
- The rural environment is terrific for bringing up children and we are a very family orientated, safe and quiet area
- We are close to good education options accessible by School Bus to Blayney, Orange or Bathurst
- The local RFS Brigades are active with modern appliances and well trained volunteers
- The playground at Barry Hall provides for our smaller children in the village
- Hobbys Yards provides an attractive entrance into the Blayney Shire as the gateway to the district
- Hobbys Yards and Barry have churches which provide additional pastoral care for local residents
- We are on the B2B (Blayney to Bathurst) cycle route which provides a focus for the Hay Bale Art Challenge

### We need to address our **Weaknesses**

- With an ageing population, we are limited by our numbers
- Mobile Phone and NBN access is very patchy and restrictive
- Local sealed roads and gravel roads that link Bathurst to CTLX and Blayney main roads are being used by heavy vehicles and they are not coping with the additional traffic
- There is no directional signage from Blayney to either Hobbys Yards or Barry

**We want to ensure that we create *Opportunities* and make them a reality**

- Located in the first half of the B2B (Blayney to Bathurst) cycle race we have a captive audience to promote and provide for competitors and onlookers
- The Hay Bale Art Challenge has grown in its popularity as a tourist attraction
- The amount of traffic going past every day from Blayney to Trunkey Creek
- The community hall in each of our villages are underutilised and with some improvements should be valuable assets and used for a wider variety of purposes.

**We must tackle the *Threats* together and as a united community**

- The Hall facilities which are open 24/7 have been vandalised at times which is frustrating to local volunteers who are maintaining the halls and cleaning toilets
- Some of the residents properties with absentee landowners who don't live here are not maintained and when abandoned have become a haven for noxious weeds, pests and pose a fire risk
- Road safety can be an issue with heavy vehicles, pine logging trucks, and condition of some of our local roads
- If we are not engaged with Council, decisions and plans will be made without our feedback





## Barry and Hobbys Yards Projects

Each Project or Objective has been grouped into an overarching Strategy and listed in order of collective priority as determined by the community forum. The strategies are categorised under the themes of:

- Public Infrastructure and Services
- Local Governance and Finance
- The Local and Visitor Economy
- Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture
- Our Natural Environment.

### Themes

### Strategy

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| <b>Public Infrastructure and Services</b>     | <p>Work with Council to plan for ongoing works and capital projects that will improve our community Halls</p> <p>Continue to support Council to invest in our local roads for connecting agricultural market access and tourist routes</p> |
| <b>Local Governance and Finance</b>           | <p>Support our local community organisations to implement improvement plans</p>  |
| <b>The Local and Visitor Economy</b>          | <p>Improve access for village residents to regional centres and services</p> <p>Capture the passing traffic and opportunities during B2B and other regional events</p>   |
| <b>Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture</b> | <p>Facilitate those residents who are currently not part of the community to become engaged and enthusiastic members of the villages Progress and Community Associations</p>   |
| <b>Our Natural Environment</b>                | <p>Recognise and capitalise on our environment, agricultural lands and produce from the area</p>   |

| Theme: Public Infrastructure and Services   | Partners              |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Strategy: Work with Council to plan for ongoing works and capital projects that will improve our community Halls</b>   |                       |
| <p>Develop and implement an improvement plan for the Barry Hall including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A new disabled accessible toilet block</li> <li>- BBQ shelter</li> <li>- New screen door</li> <li>- Veranda, convection oven, solar lights</li> <li>- Reverse cycle air conditioning</li> <li>- Flooring</li> <li>- Exterior lights to the toilets</li> <li>- Investigate the sharing of tables and chairs between Barry and Hobbys Yards</li> </ul>  | <p>BPA</p> <p>BSC</p> |
| <p>Develop and implement an improvement plan for the Hobbys Yards Hall to be included in plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reverse cycle air-conditioning</li> <li>- fridge and stove</li> <li>- roller shutter at servery</li> <li>- paving/other ways to improve access at Front door to remove trip hazard and issues with access when wet</li> <li>- extend to pave along south side of hall</li> <li>- outside picnic table &amp; chairs</li> <li>- energy efficient lighting</li> <li>- piano tuning</li> <li>- PA system</li> <li>- renewal of wall for War Honour Rolls</li> <li>- update women's toilet</li> <li>- blinds for external windows</li> </ul> | <p>HYC</p> <p>BSC</p> |
| <p>Improve signage for visitors coming into Barry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rest Area</li> <li>- Playground</li> <li>- Directional signage at Blayney onto Hobbys Yards Road</li> </ul>  | <p>BSC</p>            |

| <b>Theme: Public Infrastructure and Services</b>   |                   | <b>Partners</b> |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Strategy: Continue to support Council to invest in our local roads for connecting agricultural market access and tourist routes</b>   |                   |                 |
| Lobby for Council allocation, Roads and NSW Government funding the upgrade and improvement of local roads including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neville-Trunkey Road</li> <li>- Old Lachlan Road between Bathurst/Trunkey Road and Three Brothers Road</li> <li>- Dowsetts Lane</li> <li>- Hobbys Yard Road – alignment and width</li> </ul> | BPA<br>HYC<br>BSC |                 |

| <b>Theme: Local Governance and Finance</b>   |            | <b>Partners</b> |
|--|------------|-----------------|
| <b>Strategy: Support our local community organisations to implement improvement plans</b>  |            |                 |
| Ensure that Hobbys Yards and Barry access external grants to implement local projects and programs; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work and be proactive with the Four Villages Association and engage with the Development Coordinator;</li> <li>- Continue to invite newcomers to events and welcome them to be involved in Progress Association and Hall Committee meetings</li> <li>- Work with Council to allocate Village Enhancement Program funding</li> </ul> | BPA<br>HYC |                 |

| <b>Theme: The Local and Visitor Economy</b>   |                   | <b>Partners</b> |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Strategy: Improve access for village residents to regional centres and services</b>                                  |                   |                 |
| Support Newbridge to lobby the NSW Government to enable passenger access and Stop on Request Train Service to Newbridge | BPA<br>HYC        |                 |
| Lobby the Federal Government to improve NBN and Mobile Phone services and receive blackspot funding                     | BPA<br>HYC<br>BSC |                 |



| Theme: The Local and Visitor Economy  |  | Partners   |
|---|--|------------|
| <b>Strategy: Capture the passing traffic and opportunities during B2B and other regional events</b>   |  |            |
| Add some interesting low upkeep attractions and events to encourage passers-by to stop for a look; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Encourage community groups and support individuals who are able to build a Hay Bale Art Sculpture</li> <li>- Beautify the Church block in Hobbys Yards as a Rest Area</li> <li>- Improve access and install interpretative signage to the Hobbys Yards Heritage Cemetery</li> <li>- Install interpretative signage on old buildings</li> <li>- Develop a Craft or Nursery Trail Brochure connecting Blayney Shire Villages</li> </ul> |  | BPA<br>HYC |
| Cater for visiting motor club, motorcycle, equestrian groups  |  | BPA<br>HYC |

| Theme: Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture  |  | Partners   |
|--|--|------------|
| <b>Strategy: Facilitate those residents who are currently not part of the community to become engaged and enthusiastic members of the villages Progress and Community Associations</b>   |  |            |
| Create and hold events to foster good neighbourly relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free food / BYO catered events</li> <li>- Informal</li> <li>- Issue invitations</li> <li>- Use Community Notice Boards</li> <li>- Celebrate with a season (Christmas, Easter, Winter, Australia Day)</li> <li>- BBQ or Easter egg hunt</li> <li>- Family picnic day</li> <li>- Coordinate combined Barry and Hobbys Yards events</li> </ul> |  | BPA<br>HYC |
| Work together and hold a themed 'Three Brothers Festival'; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Permanent sculpture of Three Brothers</li> <li>- Hay bale sculptures of Three Brothers</li> <li>- Tell the Barry Neville, Arthur Story</li> <li>- Interpretive signage</li> <li>- Bushrangers Book</li> <li>- Tell some myths and mysteries</li> <li>- Hold a Bushranger re-enactment</li> </ul>   |  | BPA<br>HYC |

| Theme: Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture  | Partners   |
|--|------------|
| Develop a Barry Beautiful Project; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reinststate and paint the Barry Rock</li> <li>- Create a Mural Project by painting light poles and bus shelter</li> <li>- Design the motifs and create Totem Poles</li> <li>- Enter a garden in Millthorpe Garden Ramble 2020</li> <li>- Encourage residents planting flowering plants on verges</li> <li>- Plant trees that change colour with the seasons</li> <li>- Plant more trees in Selwyn Street</li> <li>- Build a welcome sign at each end of the village</li> <li>- Extend tree planting from road to into and out of Barry and Hobbys Yards</li> </ul> | BPA<br>HYC |

| Theme: Our Natural Environment  | Partners   |
|---|------------|
| <b>Strategy: Recognise and capitalise on our environment, agricultural lands and produce from the area</b>  |            |
| Have an annual Market Produce Day and Open Gardens tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sell local crafts</li> <li>- Arts and Artisan Markets</li> <li>- Produce</li> <li>- Anything handmade or locally grown</li> <li>- 50mile Dinner</li> </ul> | BPA<br>HYC |

| LEGEND |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| BSC    | Blayney Shire Council              |
| BPA    | Barry Progress Association         |
| HYC    | Hobbys Yards Community Association |

## Appendices

1. Workshop Invitation
2. Workshop Program

# Barry and Hobbys Yards

**It's now time to plan for our  
future of the Barry and  
Hobbys Yards Villages and  
you are invited to help develop  
this special  
Community Plan 2016-2026**

**Date: Thursday 14 December**

**Time: 7pm – 9pm**

**Venue: Barry Community Hall**

Blayney Shire Council in conjunction with Barry Progress Association and Hobbys Yard Community Association invite you to come along and share your thoughts whilst we revisit the vision and projects for our smaller villages of the shire.

What do you love about the village?

What are our strengths? Our weaknesses, our gaps and opportunities?

What threatens our community feel?

What local projects would we like to see happen in the next 10 years at Barry and Hobbys Yards?

A vibrant and healthy village depends on everyone working together.

Everyone is welcome. A light supper, tea and coffee provided.

**Barry and Hobbys Yards Villages Community Plan**



# Program

1. What does your perfect Barry and Hobbys Yards look, feel and sound like in 10 years' time?
2. What are you going to do so we can achieve your goal?
3. Name at least 5 of the following;
  - Strengths
  - Weaknesses
  - Threats
  - Opportunities
4. Projects
  - What are some projects that you would like to have completed?
  - For each project explain what it is, the timeframe and who is responsible.