



**MILLTHORPE**  
HERITAGE WITH STYLE

**MILLTHORPE VILLAGE  
COMMUNITY PLAN  
2018-2022**



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## Document Control

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5	March 2016	Randall Edwards	Review of plan and projects completed
6	July 2016	Russell Keogh	Complete Revision and Restructuring to align with BSC guidelines
7	February 2017	Russell Keogh	Update to projects 2017-2020. Inclusion of Redmond Oval Strategic Plan
8	November 2017	Russell Keogh	Update of complete document for 2018-2023

## **Millthorpe Village Community Plan 2018-2022**

### **Acknowledgement of Country<sup>1</sup>**

The Millthorpe Village Committee would like to acknowledge the **Wiradjuri** people who are the traditional custodians of the land of the Millthorpe district. We would also pay our respects to elders both past and present of the **Wiradjuri** nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people.

### **Millthorpe: Heritage with Style**

Millthorpe and its District is a vibrant community located in the Central Western Region of New South Wales. Millthorpe is built on five hills and the district surrounding the village, is undulating productive farm land. The land was first surveyed to determine a crossroad stock route and by 1867, the village of “Spring Grove” was proclaimed. In 1884, “Spring Grove” was renamed Millthorpe (the village with a Mill) and over the next thirty years grew rapidly as a commercial and service centre for the cities of Bathurst, Orange and Sydney. Millthorpe has a rich agricultural history, a legacy of grand buildings, heritage architecture and a streetscape that has remained largely unchanged since the early 1900’s.

After 150 years Millthorpe remains a place where people live, go to work, are entertained, start enterprises, and serve local needs. In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, it is also a destination for travellers who are looking for quality products and services such as food, wine, art, heritage museums, accommodation and boutique retail experiences. Balancing village growth while maintaining the integrity and rural environment of the village for its residents is a key objective for the next five years.

Millthorpe and District has witnessed significant increases in its population and its economy. Tourist numbers have increased and visits to the Village social media platforms have increased. The median house price is \$402,500 with annual capital growth near 8.3%<sup>2</sup>. This continued growth, will require additional services and infrastructure and these developments need to be managed and nurtured. The Millthorpe Village Committee (MVC)<sup>3</sup> is a not-for-profit incorporated association that embodies and implements the Vision, Values and Mission of the community and is the peak body tasked with representing the Millthorpe community by providing advice to local, regional and State government authorities, on matters that affect Millthorpe and District.

The Millthorpe Community Plan 2018-2022 is a road map of our development needs, aligned to local and state government planning parameters and prioritized by project, community benefit and readiness

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<sup>1</sup> Annex 1 provides a brief overview of the history of Aboriginal people in this district

<sup>2</sup> Source: Your Investment Property: Millthorpe Report.

<sup>3</sup> Annex 2 contains further details of the Terms of Reference of the MVC and its Sub-Committees.

## ***Our Vision***

Working together to make the heritage village of Millthorpe, a friendly, prosperous, dynamic, safe and environmentally sustainable community.

## ***Our Mission***

1. To foster a sense of community and to advance and advocate the amenities, infrastructure, local business and commerce and;
2. Achieving a balance between tourism, growth and development that does not compromise the environment, the historic and heritage nature of the village.
3. To collaborate with local, regional, State and Federal governments and non-government entities through collaborative partnerships with Local, Regional, State and Federal Government departments, private enterprises, and non-government entities.

We will achieve *Our Mission* by:

- Capitalising on the history and heritage of Millthorpe through its brand: “Millthorpe: Heritage with Style”.
- Sustained open communication with partners about Village activities and issues.
- Being an outward-looking, representative, inclusive and vigorous Millthorpe Village Committee and Sub-Committees, dedicated to sustaining the local economy, seeking new opportunities and markets.

## ***Values***

The values and ideas that will guide our Vision and Mission are:

- *Quality*: all decisions relating to Millthorpe, its environment, its events, activities, branding and future development be assessed through the prism of quality.
- *Respect for Heritage*: resulting in conservation of all Heritage items in the built and natural landscapes.
- *Achieving Balance*: resulting in a village that remains a residential village surrounded by productive farmland that is sustained by appropriate businesses.
- *Equity*: evidenced by shared use of public amenities and buildings.
- *Inclusion*: evidenced by policies and actions that celebrate the diversity of its people and a Village whose amenities are accessible to those differently abled.

## ***Community Engagement Strategy***

Future Millthorpe Strategic Planning will be informed by a community engagement process that will take place on a regular basis in consultation with Blayney Shire Council. The MVC will use its website and social media platforms to advise its community that a planning process is underway and that ideas and input are welcome to be posted. The drafting of the new Strategic Plan will be done by a nominated member of the MVC executive. The draft will be circulated for comment and then presented for discussion at the first available MVC meeting. The draft will be sent to the General Manager of BSC for comment. The draft will also be available on the Website to gather feedback and comments. Within two months and preferably at the Annual General meeting of the MVC the draft plan is to be put and voted upon for adoption. The lifetime for the Strategic Plan is flexible so as to respond to emerging needs. However, it must be fully reviewed after 5 years.

Each year the MVC will review the plan to update its achievements and its emerging priorities. The items listed in the new Strategic Plans will be actioned on a project-by-project basis. The Millthorpe Village Committee will work in consultation with Blayney Shire Council to achieve Village priorities. At least once per calendar year, members of the MVC executive along with the GM of BSC and key unit managers will “walk around the Village” to identify projects that will be funded from either BSC funds, State Government grants, VEP funds, MVC funds or a combination of all funding sources.

## Looking Back: Key Achievements 2010-2017

The Millthorpe Village Committee and its sub-committees, the Millthorpe Public School, the School Parents Association, the Golden Memories Museum and the community at large have made significant co-contributions to the developments over the last five years. We acknowledge the continued support of the Blayney Shire Council, the State government member for Bathurst, various NSW Government Departments and their funding rounds. Table 1 below lists the key achievements by theme area, in the period 2010-2017.

**Table 1: Key Achievements 2010-2017**

Blayney Shire Strategic Themes	Millthorpe Themes	Item
Develop and Maintain Shire Infrastructure	Public Infrastructure, Amenities and Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Redesign and refurbishment of Redmond Oval.</li> <li>➤ Access to two new fresh water fountains.</li> <li>➤ New waste bins installed.</li> <li>➤ New Street furniture.</li> <li>➤ Improved village rubbish disposal routines.</li> <li>➤ Village footpath renewal, new footpaths at Redmond Oval and a new village footpath plan developed.</li> <li>➤ New reticulated watering system for Redmond Oval.</li> <li>➤ A new “niche wall” at the Millthorpe Cemetery.</li> <li>➤ Inala Units retained as affordable accommodation.</li> <li>➤ New footpaths at Redmond Oval.</li> <li>➤ New perimeter fence around the tennis courts</li> <li>➤ Stone entrance Wall to the village.</li> <li>➤ New flower pots along Victoria and Pym Streets</li> <li>➤ Completion of Railway Station Car park</li> <li>➤ 1.1 million dollar extension to Station platform and Stop on Request</li> </ul>
Grow the Wealth of the Shire	The Local Economy and growing the Wealth of the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Revised website social media and communication strategies.</li> <li>➤ New Visitor and Heritage Walking guides</li> <li>➤ Membership of Brand Orange via the Orange Regional Tourism organisation.</li> <li>➤ Reformed Village Committee financial and sub-committee governance procedures.</li> <li>➤ Tourism: a regular calendar of events such as the Garden Ramble; Millthorpe Markets; Millfest.</li> <li>➤ Upgrading of all roadside tourist information and services information signage and their locations.</li> <li>➤ Strong links made with Cadia Mine, NSW Tourism, NSW trade and Investment, Brand Orange</li> <li>➤ Premium membership of Regional Tourism Organization (Brand Orange).</li> <li>➤ Participation in tourism marketing events at Barangeroo and Martin Place</li> </ul>

Blayney Shire Strategic Themes	Millthorpe Themes	Item
Strong and Connected Communities	Preserve Our Heritage Items, both Natural and Built and their Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Millthorpe Village Green upgrades, seating and plantings.</li> <li>➤ National Broadband Network.</li> <li>➤ Village committee website and social media platforms.</li> <li>➤ War Memorial gates restored.</li> <li>➤ Program of tree plantings.</li> <li>➤ Funds raised to support: Golden Memories Museum, Rural Fire Service; School of the Arts;</li> <li>➤ Shiny Halo Street project for Millthorpe businesses focusing on business sustainability around energy and water use and waste disposal</li> <li>➤ Production of a DVD on Historic Millthorpe</li> <li>➤ New tree plantings at Redmond Oval, Elliot Street and Boomerang Street.</li> <li>➤ Successful Sesquicentenary celebrations: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball, School Picnic; Photographic Exhibition and</li> <li>➤ Production of the Historic Homes of Millthorpe Book.</li> </ul>
A Centre for Sport and Culture	Preserve, enhance and maintain functioning Sporting Cultural facilities such as Ovals, museums, galleries and associated events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New Redmond Oval Kiosk.</li> <li>➤ New Traffic management for Redmond Oval.</li> <li>➤ Refurbishment and lighting of the Tennis courts</li> <li>➤ Three theatre performances</li> <li>➤ New all-weather cricket pitch</li> <li>➤ Up-grade of Cricket Nets</li> <li>➤ New skate and bike recreation park.</li> <li>➤ Completion of Golden Memories Master Plan and the erection of the new Trevor Pascoe Pavilion at the Museum.</li> <li>➤ New Tennis club established and access rules agreed</li> <li>➤ Completion and opening of refurbished Redmond Oval</li> <li>➤ Refurbished Redmond Oval Rotunda</li> <li>➤ New Oval canteen and sports shed</li> <li>➤ Redmond Oval water storage and bore activated</li> <li>➤ New spectator seating at Redmond Oval</li> <li>➤ In principle support for the Millthorpe Film Festival</li> <li>➤ Art Trail component of Garden Ramble active</li> </ul>
Leadership	A centre of community leadership, education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Emerging partnerships with Millthorpe Public School.</li> <li>➤ Millthorpe Business Committee a Finalist in the Business Enterprise category of the Regional Achievement Awards.</li> <li>➤ Participation in Australia Day Awards</li> <li>➤ Formation of the Millthorpe Youth Club, a sub-committee of the MVC</li> <li>➤ Participation in the Big Lift Youth Program from University of Technology Sydney</li> </ul>

## Millthorpe: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats

A vital community association regularly monitors its relevance to its community and its overall performance and achievements. The MVC uses a SWOT analysis to inform its future endeavors. For the period ahead, we will build and take advantage of:

### Our **Strengths**

- Millthorpe is in close proximity to surrounding large regional cities of Orange and Bathurst and the town of Blayney.

- Proximity to Orange airport
- Re-opened railway station with access to Sydney, Blue Mountains Bathurst, Broken Hill and Dubbo. (March 2019)
- Membership of the Orange Regional Tourism group
- Strong local village committee and governance structures.
- An intact working heritage town, with abundant community, social and sporting facilities.
- Access to modern fast internet, natural gas, clean water and sewerage toilets.
- A presence of NSW Police and the NSW Rural Fire Service.
- A growing school and child care facilities.
- A centre for small to medium businesses and a strong local economy.
- Millthorpe has a strong brand recognition regionally as well as across the State and the Nation.
- Access to 10 affordable housing units

#### **Our Weaknesses**

- The access to a variety of public transport is limited, irregular and does not encourage usage.
- Increased heavy vehicular traffic through Millthorpe and along Glenorie and Forest Reefs Roads, causing increased noise and emission pollution and hazards.
- Lack of parking spaces near Redmond Oval and near railway station.
- Lack of a petrol station
- Poor access and footpaths for disabled residents
- Limited access to public toilets and disabled toilets.
- Road and street alignments do not allow full lines of sight.
- Lack of passive indoor and outdoor recreation facilities for senior citizens.

#### **Opportunities**

- Our assets for an increasing tourism market include the natural and built heritage, the surrounding scenery, the environment.
- We are a quiet and beautiful village offering a unique experience for those tree changers wishing to leave the hustle and bustle of the city.
- Millthorpe is easily accessible from the north-south and east-west arterial highways.
- Integrate various institutions for greater efficiency.
- Museum to add more business opportunities and marketing
- Museum to manage the cemetery and School of Arts.
- Combine all sporting clubs into a Millthorpe Sports Club.
- Increased branding of the village in more markets.
- Pop up shops and stalls could alleviate retail space shortages.

#### **Threats**

- Due to changing priorities and the ageing population declining volunteer numbers are having an impact on community participation.
- An increasingly busy and complex village and consequent issues will increase the potential for conflict. We will maintain harmony and cohesiveness by open decision making and respect for various points of view.
- Restricted Trading hours cause congestion and concentrate activity into 3-4 days only putting stress on locals in terms of noise and traffic.
- Inconsistent application of BSC planning and heritage controls on new housing approvals.
- Traffic management is not effective at peak times at the Post Office intersection.
- The re-zoning of rural land for inappropriate subdivisions
- Random application of heritage filters over development applications for new houses.

## Key Themes and Strategies

Table 2 below outlines the thematic and strategic framework that the MVC uses to determine its priorities.

**Table 2: Key Themes and Strategies**

Blayney Shire Strategic Themes	Millthorpe Themes	Strategy
<i>Public Infrastructure and Services</i>	<b>Public Infrastructure, Amenities and Services</b>	Work with Council to plan for ongoing works and capital projects that will improve the built environment of Millthorpe and District.
<i>Local Governance and Finance</i>	<b>A strong Millthorpe Village Committee responsive to community needs</b>	Develop a community plan of programs and projects, with identified timelines and funding sources and managing cooperatively, the VEP program.
<i>The Local Economy: Events and Tourism</i>	<b>The Local Economy and growing the Wealth of the Community</b>	Coordinate with Regional Tourism organization and BSC to develop and maintain a series of events and activities that attracts visitors to Millthorpe as a first destination.
<i>Community, Heritage and Culture (includes sport and recreation)</i>	<b>Millthorpe: Heritage with Style</b>	Provide quality experiences for residents and tourists while maintaining to intrinsic value of the Village's heritage and culture. Coordinate with Council to act to preserve, enhance and maintain functioning Sporting Cultural facilities such as Ovals, museums, galleries and associated events. Build the public profile of community, business and student leaders.
<i>Our Natural Environment</i>	<b>Natural Heritage and Environment</b>	Coordinate with Council to act to preserve our Natural Environment through joint planning. to improve landscapes street scapes and minimising impacts of human activity on the local environment.

The beneficiaries of the priority projects outlined below are the local residents of Millthorpe, the residents on the district farm land surrounding Millthorpe, local and regional sporting clubs of all codes, the local School its pupils, entertainment and event scouts, and the tourists who see Millthorpe as a destination.



## Looking Forward: Millthorpe Priorities 2018-2022

PROJECT	Year	Council Funded- NON VEP	VEP Funded	MVC Funded	Grants Funded
<b>REDMOND OVAL PRECINCT</b>					
<b>Applicable Strategic Planning Themes: Public Infrastructure and Services; Community Heritage and Culture; Local Economy; Local Governance and Finance</b>					
Perimeter Fence	2017-2018				√
Skate Park Revamp	2017-2018			√	
New landscape around Rotunda and popped water tank	2017-2018	√			
Stage 2 Footpath Links to Skate park, Tennis courts and tiered seating	2017-2018	√		√	√
Playground area reimaged: new equipment, trees, fall area, rock climbing** see below	2017 on	√	√	√	√
Remove fence between Oval and Police Paddock	2018-2019	√			
Cover Drain between Oval and Police Paddock	2018-2019	√			
Police Paddock perimeter fence	2018-2019		√		√
Additional oval lighting	2018-2019	√	√		
Spectator seating Tennis Courts	2018-2019	√			
Resurface and mark basketball court and adjacent areas	2018-2019	√	√		
Dog Waste management	2019-2020	√			
<b>VILLAGE ROADS, GUTTERS, FOOTPATHS, DRAINAGE</b>					
<b>Applicable Strategic Planning Themes: Public Infrastructure, The Local Economy, Local governance and Finance</b>					
Safety fence and footpaths from Eliot Street via underpass to Glenorie Rd	2017-2018	√			
Hawke Street Road and Pit Drain	2017-2018	√			
Additional rubbish bin to be located at Bus Shelter near bubbler on Park Street	2017-2018	√			
Re-align intersection of Eliot, Hawke and Victoria Streets	2018-2019	√			
Church, Crossen, Pilcher and Montgomery street footpaths	2018-2019	√			
Large water course at Mill Green to be turned to wetland	2019-2020	√			
Improve drainage from Glenorie road to mill pond	2019-2020	√			
Land near Railway Bridge at Glenorie road planted with trees	2021-2022			√	
Southern verge of Glenorie road mowed and planted with trees	2021-2022	√	√	√	

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PROJECT	Year	Council Funded- NON VEP	VEP Funded	MVC Funded	Grants Funded
<b>STATION SQUARE PRECINCT</b>					
<b>Applicable Strategic Planning Themes:</b> <i>Public Infrastructure; The Local Economy; Community Heritage and Culture</i>					
Fencing of northern side of car park	2017-2018		√		
Install advisory signage	2017-2018		√		
Install visitor information sign	2017-2018		√		
Removal of rubbish at Railway siding	2017-2018	√	√		
Tree Planting along northern side of carpark	2017-2018		√	√	
Remove and Store old railway heritage machinery for later use	2018-2019	√			
Stop on Request train service and platform extension	2018-2019				√
Install large railway equipment on land to the right of the Station behind bottom pub	2021-2022		√		
<b>TREE PLANTING &amp; STREETScape</b>					
<b>Applicable Strategic Planning Themes:</b> <i>The Natural Environment; Community Heritage and Culture</i>					
Water filling station signage	2017-2018		√		
Rock recreation area at Mill Green	2017-2018	No cost			
Pym St Tree Planting & General village tree planting	2017-2018			√	
Complete signs on Stone Wall	2017-2018			√	
Stone wall on Vittoria road entrance	2019-2020		√		
Avenue of trees 100 metres both sides of Vittoria road eastern Millthorpe entrance	2019-2020		√	√	
Stone Wall Blayney Road South	2020-2021		√		
Police Paddock planting and garden development	2020-2021	√	√	√	
Glenorie road southern verge planted	2021-2022		√	√	

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PROJECT	Year	Council Funded- NON VEP	VEP Funded	MVC Funded	Grants Funded
<b>CEMETERY PRECINCT</b>					
<b>Applicable Strategic Planning Themes</b> <i>Community Heritage and Culture; The Natural Environment;</i>					
Rabbit eradication	2017-2018	√			
Spray Blackberries on lookout hill	2017-2018	√			
3rd Niche Wall	2017-2018		√	√	
Lookout Area planting	2018-2019		√	√	
Stabilize important graves and headstones	2019-2020	√		√	√
<b>TOURISM, EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>					
<b>Applicable Strategic Planning Themes</b> <i>The Local Economy; Local governance and Finance; Community Heritage and Culture</i>					
Install community noticeboards	2017-2018		√		
MY Club Activities	Annual			√	√
Garden Ramble	Annual			√	
Garden Club Visits	Annual			√	
Millfest	Annual			√	
Training Restorers	Annual				√
Millthorpe Film Festival	Annual			√	√
Integrated Art Trail with Ramble	Annual			√	
Millthorpe Spring Ball	Annual			√	

\*\*As part of the Millthorpe Village Community Plan (for enhancement and facilities improvement) the Redmond Oval Committee have a mission to continuously improve the community sporting, recreational and leisure facilities at Redmond Oval. Our vision is that Redmond Oval will become a destination park for people of all abilities to play and relax in an integrated and safe landscape setting. The major upgrade projects of oval surfacing, kiosk including amenities upgrades and tennis court fencing have largely been completed. MVC/RoC will turn their attention to developing the precinct as a place providing both structured and unstructured passive recreation for the community through the provision of grassed and hard surfaced sporting facilities, botanical areas, exercise, cycling and walking paths, open lawn areas and picnic facilities that will meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities, including the upgrade of the children's playground area in collaboration with BSC. It is intended to completely redesign the playground incorporating some of the existing equipment. The design criteria consideration would cater for both younger and older children including such variations such as sensory, adventure and challenge play whilst aesthetically taking into consideration Millthorpe's heritage. The overall project would involve a design phase followed by removal of aged and unsafe equipment, installation of a series of new modern play equipment, fencing as required and finally play surface renewal. It is also intended to incorporate within the design a landscaping element to not only create shaded areas of the playground but ensure that the playground is incorporated within the overall look style and feel of the Reserve

## Annexes

### Annex 1: Millthorpe's Place in Blayney: Comparative Demographic Details<sup>4</sup>

Category	Sub Category	Millthorpe			Blayney		
		2011	2016	% +/-	2011	2016	% +/-
<b>People</b>	People Usually Resident	1109	1253	11	3355	3378	0.6
	Males Usually Resident	569	607	5.7	1651	1676	1.6
	Females Usually resident	540	646	2	1704	1697	-0.04
	Australian citizens	938	1518	61	3015	3058	0.1
	Aboriginal people	25	24	0.04	105	146	4
	Registered Marriage	383	461	20	1217	1040	-1.7
	De facto marriage	69	92	33	205	279	35
	Not Married	235	268	14	981	1027	4.6
	Median Weekly Personal income (\$)	657	779	18.5	505	558	10.5
<b>Age Distribution</b>	0-4 years	96	92	-4.3	240	221	-8.5
	5-14 years	181	222	18.4	466	475	1.8
	15-24 years	110	123	10.5	432	435	0.6
	25-34 years	112	125	10.4	331	380	12.8
	35-54 years	328	342	4	872	837	-4.1
	55-64 years	156	179	12.8	413	404	-2.1
	65 years and over	127	168	24.4	602	638	5.6
	Median Age	38	40	n/a	40	39	n/a
<b>Families</b>	Total Families	283	334	15	889	876	-0.1
	Couple Families with Children	134	157	14.6	337	348	3
	Average number of children	2	2	0	2	2	0
	Couple Families without Children	100	128	22	309	330	6
	One parent Families	43	44	2.2	149	187	20
	Median weekly family income (\$)	1739	2025	14	1318	1426	7.6
<b>Dwellings</b>	All private dwellings	423	520	18.6	1432	1462	2
	Average people per household	2.6	2.7	0	2.5	2.4	0

<sup>4</sup> Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics as at AUGUST 2017, based on statistics for Millthorpe as a State Suburb.

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Category	Sub Category	Millthorpe			Blayney		
		2011	2016	% +/-	2011	2016	% +/-
	Separate Houses	344	418	17.7	1129	1139	0.8
	Semi-detached/Apartment	16	16	0	75	76	1.3
	Owned outright	122	157	22.2	445	409	-8.8
	Owned with mortgage	163	188	13.2	436	394	-10.6
	Rented	68	72	5.5	349	370	5.6
	Internet at Home	n/a	368	0	n/a	887	0
	Other internet	n/a	49	0	n/a	290	0
	Median weekly household income (\$)	1601	1597	-0.2	1019	1089	6.4
	Median monthly mortgage repayment (\$)	1733	1300	-33.3	1430	1408	-1.5
	Median weekly rent (\$)	240	385	37.6	175	230	24

## **Annex 2: Millthorpe Village Committee and Sub Committees**

### **2.1 Millthorpe Village Committee**

The Millthorpe Village Committee (MVC). It works in partnership with Blayney Shire Council to ensure local issues and concerns are brought before Council. The Committee has been in operation for approximately 30 years and works to enhance amenities in the village, organizes community events and provides a forum for the community. The MVC has a co-operative cross-committee relationship with many other local community organizations to support and deliver projects for the whole community. There are 4 sub-committees of the MVC being the Millthorpe Garden Ramble Committee (MGRC), the Millthorpe Garden Club (MGC), the Millthorpe Business Committee (MBC) and the Redmond Oval Committee (ROC). The MGRC organize the annual Millthorpe Garden Ramble which is a major fundraiser for the village of Millthorpe. All funds raised by the annual garden ramble are dedicated to projects which benefit the wider community of Millthorpe. The MGC co-ordinate garden visits and garden related outings. The MBC are essentially a small chamber of commerce whose aim is to develop, strengthen and co-ordinate the activities of businesses in the community to promote the village as a destination for potential visitors and prospective businesses alike. The ROC promote, develop, consult and action matters relating to the improvement of Redmond Oval as a community asset.

### **2.2 Millthorpe Business Committee (Standing)**

The Millthorpe Business Committee, (MBC) is a sub-committee of the Millthorpe Village Committee (MVC). The MBC is tasked with managing aspects of business development and business activity in Millthorpe and acts specifically to support, strengthen and coordinate businesses activity in Millthorpe by:

- promoting the village as a tourist destination;
- by attracting local, regional, national and international visitors;
- supporting new businesses and encouraging them to become members of the MBC.

The MBC plays an important role in providing assistance to local businesses by:

- Developing and promoting Millthorpe's reputation and image to locals, regional visitors and tourists.
- Ensuring that all promotion is consistent with the basic and agreed positioning of the village "Millthorpe - Heritage with style" and is in the best interest of the wider community.
- Managing the use of the Millthorpe Logo to members and others, as approved by the MBC who will ensure that it is used correctly and consistently.
- Seeking and raising funds from members, all tiers of government and other organisations. to promote Millthorpe
- Preparing and managing marketing and promotion.
- Encouraging sponsorship and to join and co-operate with other promotional bodies and schemes.
- Working closely and co-operatively with the MVC in matters affecting the village as a whole, including implementing actions as set out in the Village Strategic Plan.

Membership is open to enterprises and individuals of the commercial community or enterprises who have a commercial association with the Millthorpe community who subscribe and agree to the Charter of the MBC. An application process is available for potential members who will be approved by the MVC and MBC. An annual membership fee is required to be paid once the application is approved, the current annual cost of membership being \$65.00 per year inclusive of GST. MBC

members must also be a financial member of the Millthorpe Village Committee.

### **2.3 Millthorpe Garden Ramble (Standing)**

The MGRC project manages and delivers the annual Millthorpe Garden Ramble event which is held in November each year. It is a highly public and visible standing committee and manages a complex set of implementation issues and must liaise closely with Council, Traffic, public safety and health and other logistical issues. There is no formal membership or fee required to be a member of the MGRC sub-committee however all MGRC members must be financial members of the MVC.

### **2.4 Millthorpe Garden Club (Standing)**

The primary interest of the MGC is to co-ordinate garden visits and garden related outings for interested community members. The Garden Club is primarily a social group. There is no formal membership or fee required to be a member of the MGC sub-committee however all MGC members must be financial members of the MVC. MGC members contribute \$3.00 at each meeting they are present at to cover the cost of a 'thank-you' gift for the garden owner where the visit is taking place.

### **2.5 Redmond Oval Committee (Ad Hoc)**

The ROC promote, develop, consult and action matters relating to the improvement of Redmond Oval as a community asset. They have oversight of the refurbishment of the oval and the facilities and are the contact point between the MVC and the BSC. There is no formal membership or fee required to be a member of the ROC sub-committee however all ROC members must be financial members of the MVC.

### **2.5 Millthorpe Youth Committee: MY Club**

In July 2017, the MVC agreed to form a youth sub-committee. Why?

The MVC recognized the need to engage with young people in Millthorpe in better ways. The MVC see our young people as a vital and important group within our community. Our youth need to be heard; often have different priorities; are creative and have great ideas; have energy and enthusiasm; have skills and talents that the community can use and their point of view needs to be considered. There is currently no formal structure or process by which young people in Millthorpe can engage with local community groups such as the MVC, ROC, Garden Ramble, P&C, Markets and work together on local projects and events that are relevant to them.

#### **MY Club Mission**

#### ***Bringing Youth Together and creating positive change for our community***

MY Club aims to provide opportunities for local young people to:

- Develop leadership and organizational skills
- Gain valuable experience in volunteering and community involvement
- Network with other young people and adults
- Develop socially networks
- To help to create a more connected and harmonious community
- Where more people know each other

- Where people have greater supports in time of need
- Where everyone in the community feels safe and valued
- Improve Youth Facilities

### **Structure**

There will be an informal structure with no defined roles. This will foster collective decision making and collaboration. Decisions would in the first instance be made by consensus (general agreement). If there was a decision that was difficult to decide, that would be done by a vote. The importance of people being made to feel comfortable to speak up if they disagreed with a decision.

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### ***Annexe 3: Millthorpe: A Short History***

Millthorpe is an outstanding example of a small Australian village of the nineteenth/early twentieth century. The hills surrounding the town constrain its size and create a strong visual backdrop. The topography has influenced Millthorpe's street plan originally centred upon the disjointed crossroads of the Blayney to Orange and Flyer's Creek bullock tracks. Adjacent streets fan out into an uneven grid. Wide streets and closed vistas arising from the irregular street plan and the five hills upon which the village is nestled provide an intimate atmosphere.

Tree planting consists of four dominant species: pine, hawthorn, plane trees and crab-apple planted from the turn of the twentieth century until now, providing shelter, boundary identification and windbreaks. The built fabric of the town has a coherence and continuity of period and style and the scale is harmonious both in terms of the buildings with the streets and the buildings with the surrounding countryside.

**Aboriginal History** It is generally accepted that Orange was occupied in traditional times by speakers of the Wiradjuri language. Wiradjuri spiritual beliefs were organized around a network of sacred sites associated with mythical heroes known as *jîn*. There were at least 18 Wiradjuri *jîn* Wiradjuri people also worshipped several mythical heroes in common, including Biami, his emu wife Gooboerangalnaba and the giant serpent Kurreea.

There are three main Pre Contact sites around Millthorpe: one near Forest Reefs, one on the Vittoria Road near a large dam and the most importantly a camping site was found on the northern outskirts of Millthorpe close to a creek line. The survey identified 40 artefacts and there was potential for more material below the surface. The site has been heavily disturbed by potato cultivation. Initial relations between Aboriginal people and settlers were initially peaceful. But the situation deteriorated as pastoralism expanded and stock animals damaged waterways and plants. The Aboriginal population of the district was devastated by a smallpox outbreak in 1830 and 1831 which killed an estimated between one in three and one in six of all Aboriginal people in the area.

The benefits of the gold rush to local Aboriginal people were less certain. Gold seekers were concentrated on the creek banks. Their presence and activities occupied large tracts of land and polluted the water, making it difficult for Aboriginal people to camp in the area. Nevertheless, the gold rush attracted Aboriginal people who made the best of the situation which confronted them. The large demand for labour saw the level of regular pastoral labour for Aboriginal men increase. Aboriginal families began living and working on pastoral stations in the district from the mid 1820s. Despite intensified European land-use through pastoralism, agriculture and gold mining, Aboriginal people not only maintained a presence in district into the late 1880s, but sustained cultural practices and links with groups to the east, south and west. The establishment of the Aboriginal Protection Board in the late 1880 had a devastating effect of local Wiradjuri with many children being removed. By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, most local Aboriginal people had moved on to larger centres and to "reserves" at Cowra and Wellington or to "The Springs Camp" at Orange. Growing political awareness about Indigenous issues was a driving force in the Freedom Ride which left Sydney in February 1965 and passed through the district. The NSW Government's Aboriginal Resettlement Scheme of the 1970s and 80s saw the population increase again centred on Orange. Today, the number of Aboriginal people in the district Blayney to Orange, has grown to in excess of 2,000. It is a diverse community active in education, health, political advocacy, sport and social activities.

**White Settlement** The district around Millthorpe was originally known as 'The Forest' as the bush was so dense, but as settlers and trade increased the area became known as the 'Crossroads' as it was where the track from Guyong to Flyer's Creek crossed the track from Blackman's Swamp to

King's Plains. By 1834 the first settler an ex-convict named Charles Booth, had set up a government stock station and managed a gang of convict stockmen. He was granted 1000 acres and built a substantial house. Millthorpe began as a government stock station in 1823.

Charles Booth, an ex-convict, was in charge of several convict stockmen in the area and became the first settler in 1834. He was granted 1,000 acres, established Grove Farm and built a substantial house. Other settlers began to arrive and stake put farms and by the 1850s the district's agricultural potential was fully realized and a service centre at the Crossroads started to grow. The centre was named Spring Grove (a homage to Grove Farm). Between 1860 and 1886 churches were built, a school and post office were established. During the 1860's Methodist and Anglican churches were erected, and the railway arrived. In 1886 a new railway station replaced the original one. The arrival of the railway was crucial to the development of the village. The line from Blayney to Orange originally by-passed Millthorpe. Local lobbying was successful and the station was opened in 1884. In its time, the railway station was one of the most active in the State moving large quantities of vegetables, milk, cream, grain and wool to Sydney. One of the most important events in the village's history occurred in 1882 when the Great Western Milling Company built its flour mill, and two years later, the name of the village was changed to Millthorpe. The village consolidated and grew and cultural activities, events and wealth increased. It is in this period that the agricultural shows, the School of Arts, Temperance Society were established. The 1890's depression left its mark, but the village's diverse economy saw it recover quickly. The variety of housing within the town is broad and reflects the socio-economics of society. There are substantial stone houses with full verandahs, detached bluestone cottages, attached cottages built in pairs, and unusual cottages clad in galvanized ripple iron.

A host of new buildings<sup>5</sup> were erected during the early 1900's and the town's commercial centre was extended. Principal local produce included wheat, oats, potatoes and cream and by 1910 the district population was 1400 and a record school attendance of 340 pupils. The village lost its dynamism after WW1. From the 1920's there was sporadic development only as the agricultural sector and labour force were contracting and workers moved to large towns and cities. While both Blayney, Orange and Bathurst boomed, post WW 2, Millthorpe was bypassed and overlooked by developers. development and success of the original town plan that Millthorpe has retained such a high level of integrity as an historic village.

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<sup>5</sup> St Marks, built of blue stone, was opened in 1909. The Methodist Church, built of brick, dates from 1885. The Baptist Church, built of bluestone, in 1902. St Canice's Roman Catholic Church is a Gothic church constructed in 1904. Having a cemetery in the vicinity of the church is an early and rare example which also reflects the contained character of the Village. In 1875 the bluestone public school and residence were built reflecting the Rustic Gothic style of architecture. The post office building was completed in 1927 and the railway station completed in 1886. The Good Templars Hall (a museum by the 1970s) was built of stone in 1881. The School of Arts was built in 1897. The Police Station and residence was built of brick in 1902. Among the town's commercial buildings are the Commercial Hotel of 1911, the 1902 Bank of New South Wales, the Commercial Bank, the Grand Western Lodge Hotel of 1901, the Pym Street shops of 1910, the theatre built in 1912, and the brick potato sheds. Many shops have retained their early nickel alloy framed shopfronts with leadlight over panels and glazed ceramic tiles.

## **Annexe 4: Redmond Oval Management Plan**

### **Background**

The Redmond Oval Precinct is located on the northern fringe of the Village of Millthorpe, 10 minutes North West of the Town of Blayney and 20 minutes South East of the Regional Centre of Orange. Visitation to Millthorpe is driven by its restaurants, arts and crafts, and boutique shops, coupled with opportunities to taste local wines, enjoy local produce and boutique accommodation choices.

Activity in the Redmond Oval precinct is driven by a variety of drawcards, including the biannual Millthorpe Markets, the challenging skate-park, and as a multi-sport facility for both Millthorpe Public School, and village sporting teams such as cricket, soccer and rugby.

The land is dedicated under the Crown Lands Act 1989 for the public purpose of “Sportsground”.

The Redmond Oval Precinct comprises two parcels of land as identified in Table 1 below.

*Table 1*

<b>Title</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Area (Ha)</b>	<b>First Schedule</b>	<b>Second Schedule</b>
Lot 235 DP 750384	44 Park Street Millthorpe	2.8	The State of NSW	Reserve (CLA 1989) Limited Title (RPA 1900)
Lot 9 DP 750384	44 Park Street Millthorpe	1.37		

The Redmond Oval Precinct is surrounded by the Village of Millthorpe with the Millthorpe Cemetery located on the northern boundary. The Village is serviced by the State Classified Orange Road (Park Street) MR245 along the western boundary, that links the Village to the Town of Blayney and City of Orange. Victoria Street provides a link to the East toward the City of Bathurst. The Main Western Railway also passes through Millthorpe however trains do not currently stop. The Precinct shares its southern boundary with Millthorpe Public School and the Millthorpe NSW Rural Fire Station. To the East it is overlooked by residential properties along Boomerang Street.

Included as part of the Precinct is the native vegetation area (Lot 9 DP 750384) as it is included within the Heritage listing for Redmond Oval in the Blayney Local Environment Plan (BLEP2012). The Mill Green reserve is located at the intersection of Victoria and Elliott Streets Millthorpe and provides a native vegetation area established by local interest groups within the Village.

There are some private gardens open to the public as part of the Millthorpe Garden Ramble on an annual basis in October, however these gardens vary from year to year.

### **Redmond Oval Governance**

Blayney Shire Council, a Local Government Authority established in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, manages the Redmond Oval precinct, including the built and natural environment. Blayney Shire council also manages the adjacent area (Lot 9 DP750384) recognized for its native regeneration and EEC habitat.

The Millthorpe Village Committee (MVC) works in close consultation with the Blayney Shire Council to ensure that Redmond Oval is maintained as a community asset available year-round for local and regional and State level sporting and recreational activities. To guide Blayney Shire Council in its deliberations regarding the future use and development of the Redmond Oval, the MVC established a Redmond Oval Sub-Committee in 2015.

**The *Millthorpe Village Committee Vision is:***

*Working together to make the heritage village of Millthorpe, a friendly, prosperous, dynamic, safe and environmentally sustainable community.*

**The *Millthorpe Village Committee Mission is:***

- 1. To foster a sense of community and to advance and advocate the amenities, infrastructure, local business and commerce and;*
- 2. To collaborate with local, regional, State and Federal governments and non-government entities through collaborative partnerships with Local, Regional, State and Federal Government departments, private enterprises, and non-government entities.*

***The Mission of the Redmond Oval Sub-Committee is:***

*To promote, develop, consult and action matters relating to the improvement of Redmond Oval as a community asset.*

***Significant Stakeholders***

Multiple community and sporting groups have provided support over many years for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the Redmond Oval precinct. The groups have been involved in varying capacities such as volunteer maintenance activities, fundraising, facility improvement, and environmental enhancement and education. Blayney Shire Council recognises the contribution of these groups over many years, and seeks to continue to work with these groups to “value add” to the Precinct. Members of the following groups have an ongoing interest in the management of the Precinct.

- Millthorpe Village Committee,
  - Redmond Oval Sub-Committee
  - Millthorpe Garden Ramble
- Millthorpe Public School
- Millthorpe Public School Parents and Friends
  - Millthorpe Markets Sub-Committee
- Millthorpe Junior Cricket Club
- Millthorpe Junior Soccer Club
- Millthorpe Senior Soccer
- Millthorpe ‘Mozzies’ Junior Rugby Club
- Millthorpe Tennis Club
- Returned Services League (RSL) – Lyndhurst Sub-branch

***Blayney Shire Council Sport and Recreation Master Plan and the RoC Strategic Management Plan (SMP)***

Blayney Shire Council has released its major study and recommendations for sport and recreation in the Shire. Its concept is the share facilities avoid duplication and to maximize the efficiency and use of sport and rec facilities. Redmond Oval and Mill Green are seen as key sporting and recreation infrastructure in Millthorpe. The MVC will work constructively with BSC to facilitate the implementation of these recommendations.

The Redmond Oval Precinct incorporates the following infrastructure:

- Millthorpe Memorial Gates
- Millthorpe Wall of Honour
- Millthorpe native vegetation area
- Millthorpe Tennis Courts
- Millthorpe Skate-park
- Redmond Oval
- Redmond Oval Rotunda
- Redmond Oval Playground and BBQ
- Redmond Oval Kiosk, Change rooms and Toilets
- The Police Paddock and Stables

The SMP will address 5 key management areas:

- Recreational
- Heritage
- Environmental,
- Social & Community
- Tourism & Economic areas

*Table 2*

Management Area	Management Objectives
<b>Recreational</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintain oval surface and watering</li> <li>2. Maintain and monitor water storage and pumping units.</li> <li>3. Restore Tennis Club House</li> <li>4. Maintain skate-park</li> <li>5. Upgrade Basketball court.</li> <li>6. Increase community use of the oval by promoting passive and new active users, including walkers, fitness and other sports.</li> <li>7. Create a central booking system for use of all facilities</li> </ol>
<b>Heritage</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protect and restore memorial entrance gates and monuments.</li> <li>2. Protect and restore old Police-horse Paddock and Stables.</li> <li>3. Protect and Restore Rotunda and re-paint every 10 years.</li> </ol>
<b>Environmental</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protect existing trees</li> <li>2. Capture water for use on the oval.</li> </ol>
<b>Social &amp; Community</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Liaise with the School to increase amount of play space for children.</li> <li>2. Improve access for parents to drop off children.</li> <li>3. Investigate the commercial uses for the kitchen during non-sport days and weeks.</li> <li>4. Improved access for disabled community and general public users</li> </ol>
<b>Tourism &amp; Economy</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promotion of oval as a function area available for tourist and visiting groups.</li> <li>2. Develop a “user-pays” system for external groups who want to use oval.</li> <li>3. Promote the use of the oval precinct for local cultural and specialist entertainment events.</li> </ol>

