

# LOVE LYNDHURST



## The Lyndhurst Village Community Plan

2018-2028



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Developed in partnership with the Blayney Shire Council

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## Vision

We are a growing, vibrant and thriving rural centre – a welcoming place where people choose to live with a strong sense of community spirit and cohesiveness.

## Mission

We will achieve this by:

- Maintaining a strong village committee with networks to Blayney Shire Council and other tiers of government to achieve improvements and enhancements to the services and infrastructure
- Promoting affordable rural living great for young families and the benefits of the local school and sporting complex
- Taking advantage of our position on the highway by providing a travellers' rest at the Recreation Ground and encouraging campers to explore the region and stay longer
- Volunteering and working together to care for and improving the visual appeal of the streetscape and village
- We are all ambassadors promoting the village, backing the array of sporting and community events and supporting local businesses, hotel, shop and services
- Developing a We Love Lyndhurst strategy that demonstrates the inclusive welcome we present to newcomers

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## Background

The Lyndhurst Village Association has developed a vision for Lyndhurst and a Strategic Plan to ensure that the potential that exists for the village becomes a reality.

The Lyndhurst Village Community Plan 2018-2028 was developed in partnership with Blayney Shire Council, which supported the Village Association's enthusiasm and efforts in setting some goals and projects that will ensure the future viability of the Lyndhurst village.

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 Village Shire, Council has recognised the importance for the village of Lyndhurst 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.



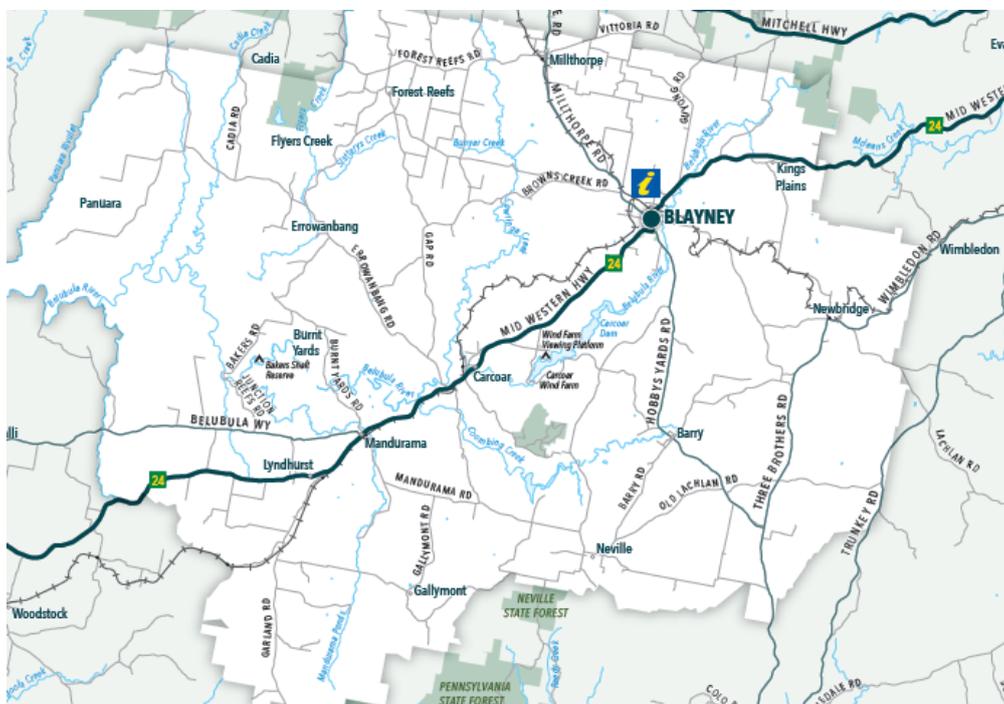
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## Where is Lyndhurst?

Located on the Mid Western Highway about 26 kilometres from Blayney and 43km from Cowra is the picturesque country village of Lyndhurst. A comfortable 50 minutes' drive from Bathurst and also 50 minutes from Orange, Lyndhurst residents enjoy the tranquillity of country life with cultural and recreational activities on its doorstep.

Home to the oldest rifle club established in 1913, Lyndhurst Rifle Club hosts teams of rifle experts with accolades from around the World. With a Public School, Café and Hotel and local Service Station; Lyndhurst has a range of services conveniently located catering for resident needs. Established in 2012, Lyndhurst Team Penning is growing in popularity and continues to attract competitors and visitors from near and far join in the fun of this family day out. Held at the local Golf Course just 5.3 kilometres from the centre of the village, team penning is a horse sporting event for all ages. As an 'RV friendly' town, many campers take a break at the Lyndhurst Sports & Recreation Ground primitive campground facilities for motor homes and caravans. Fishing and boating is very accessible including Carcoar Dam a short 17 kilometres drive or Wyangala Dam just 44 kilometres drive.

First established in 1861 and later proclaimed a village in 1885, Lyndhurst is rich in history. Lyndhurst was once considered one of 10 towns on the short list to be the national capital before Canberra was chosen.



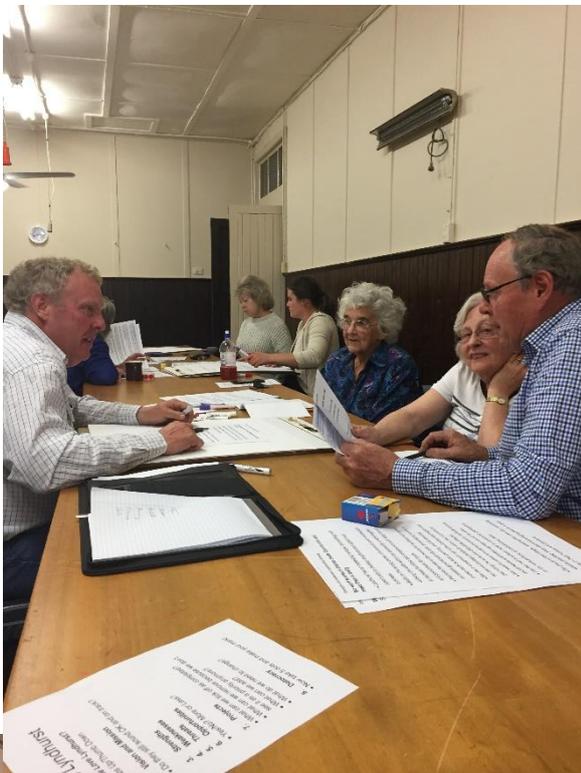
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## Community engagement strategy

Residents were invited to come and share their great project, ideas or a new event to bring visitors and attract residents to the village of Lyndhurst. On 4 October 2017, residents participated in a planning workshop to review and provide input into the Love Lyndhurst Village Community Plan.

The evening was facilitated by Blayney Shire Council, with Council staff and Councillors providing logistics support to document the list of projects and ideas for the future of Lyndhurst.

Council staff collated all the words and projects that were recorded then drafted the first review draft of the Lyndhurst Village Community 10 year Plan 2018-2028.



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## The profile of Lyndhurst Village

 <p><b>PEOPLE</b></p>	<p>There are 420 people in Lyndhurst, which represents 5.7% of the overall population of Blayney Shire Local Government Area. Of these 88% were born in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 5 % of the population.</p>	
	0 – 19 years of age	95 (25.27%)
	20 – 39 years of age	95 (25.26%)
	40 – 59 years of age	88 (23.41%)
	60 – 79 years of age	77 (20.48%)
	80 years or older	21 (5.59%)
 <p><b>FAMILIES</b></p>	<p>Of the families in Lyndhurst. 34% were couple families with children, 56% were couples without children, and 10% were one parent families.</p>	
 <p><b>EDUCATION</b></p>	<p>In Lyndhurst 49% were in primary school, 37% in secondary and 14% in a tertiary or technical institution.</p>	
 <p><b>INDUSTRIES AND EMPLOYMENT</b></p>	<p>Of the residents in Lyndhurst, 36% were employed full time, 21% employed part time, 3% employed outside the shire, 3% were unemployed and 38% were not in the workforce</p>	
	Labourers	17.32%
	Managers	16.54%
	Professionals	11.81%
	Machinery Operators and Drivers	11.02%
	Technicians and Trades Workers	10.24%
	Community and Personal Services	10.24%
	Clerical and Administrative	8.66%
Sales Workers	6.3%	

Source: Remplan (ABS Census, 2016)

Lyndhurst data includes Lyndhurst Village and Garland

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## Strengths and weakness, opportunities & threats

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

- Capital Park is centrally located providing clean public toilet amenities open 24 hours, Picnic Table and free BBQ facility where visitors and residents alike may rest, enjoy the outdoors and allow children to explore the playground
- Lyndhurst is close and accessible to the regional centres of Cowra, Blayney, Bathurst and Orange, and within an easy commute to both Sydney and Canberra are in close to the popular Wyangala Recreation Park and Carcoar Dam
- There is a strong sense of community and residents are friendly and welcoming, working together as volunteers, looking after neighbours and supporting each other in emergencies.
- We have an active Village Committee, Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade, County Women's Association branch and other sporting, crafts and social support groups which collaborate and coordinate events together
- The peaceful rural lifestyle, along with affordable housing, and a great local school with P&C Committee, is attractive to families
- There are a variety of facilities such as the recreational grounds, hotel, tennis courts, campground, sporting clubs, a world class rifle club and hall, attracting visitors and bringing residents together for a range of events throughout the year including team penning, rifle club competition, crafts, dance classes, personal training exercise and activities for all ages
- We have a Takeaway Café open 7 days a week, a Hotel and Service Station
- The climate, fresh air and distinctly different seasons in a beautiful landscape surrounded by a strong, productive and sustainable agricultural industry

### We need to address our *Weaknesses*

- The Recreation Ground is an important community asset in need of maintenance and improvements such as accessible toilets, family change facilities and showers
- The drainage at the Recreation Ground is continues to be a hazard in wet weather or storms causing flooding of our facilities and needs some investigation by Council to help address the issues

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- We lack some essential services such as Medical Practice, Police, Public Transport options and Post Office, and do not have the luxury of keeping our elders local as there are no Aged or Self Care Accommodation options in the village
- Some of the infrastructure such as roads, pathways, kerb and guttering is in a poor state or below standard and we still have dirt roads in Lyndhurst
- The highway entrances and road verges in the 80km zone through the village creates a messy and untidy first impression as are overgrown and unkempt which then attracts rubbish
- The minimum lot size and zoning of the village, along with existing holdings being held not for sale is adding a layer of inconsistency limiting land availability and our ability to grow or attract families wishing to take advantage of the rural lifestyle and build a house
- We need to fill the gap between communities and include young families living in area
- An ageing population and limited local job opportunities is forcing younger people to work out of the area adding pressure to our volunteer groups, who whilst active are ageing
- Shift workers, whilst able to have local employment are limited to what volunteer roles they can undertake and what activities they can participate
- Lyndhurst has a lack of opportunities and facilities for our youth activities and programs
- We lack a sense of identity in the community and could promote and share the brand Love Lyndhurst much better

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

- We should utilise the Lyndhurst Village social media site to highlight local village news better, utilising innovative promotion methods and install better signage around the town
- Lyndhurst has an interesting heritage, and privately owned buildings with opportunity to develop shopfronts and support local business
- We can be proud of the village, keeping the town tidy, controlling weeds, planting trees and encouraging people to take pride in their homes and gardens

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- Promote the use of the wonderful facilities such as the Recreation Ground and rifle Range, encouraging visitors to events such as team penning, and rifle shooting competitions
- Build on the strong sense of community and volunteer participation utilising the skills within the community to work together to improve facilities
- We are a convenient hub to the Central West region and we can encourage people to visit or live in Lyndhurst, promoting the rural and affordable lifestyle
- Events for younger families and youth will help us to attract and retain our families and will encourage more of the community participating in the Village Committee
- We need to explore and focus on how Lyndhurst can open up and rezone areas of the Village to release blocks of land to give confidence to families moving here to build a house
- The whole community should use the Memorial Hall for social events, gatherings or for market days, art exhibitions, fetes and wedding venue
- The rural landscape provides for those photography enthusiasts picturesque and beautiful scenes demonstrating the seasonal agricultural production
- We need to take advantage of the highway traffic to promote our local social and sporting events and could do so with the installation of Banner Poles

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

- With an ageing population and younger people working out of the village volunteering may be significantly affected as apathy and busy lives will affect community cohesiveness
- The local primary school, hotel and small businesses are important and losing them would have a very detrimental effect on Lyndhurst
- The speed at which passing traffic drive through the village is not safe at times and we need to be vigilant in promoting the 50km/hr speed limit in the village zone
- We are at risk of losing community transport options with residents finding it difficult to access for social shopping and medical trips

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## Lyndhurst Projects

Each Project or Objective has been grouped into an overarching Strategy and listed in order of collective priority with strategies categorised under the themes of:

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

Partners have been identified for each project group. The Lyndhurst Village Association, stakeholders and interested community members will provide feedback and project updates in order to communicate the status of the Lyndhurst Projects 2018-2028.

### Themes

### Strategy

<b>Public Infrastructure and Services</b>	<p>Work with Council and RMS to plan for ongoing maintenance works and capital projects that will improve Lyndhurst infrastructure for visitors and residents</p> <p>Facilitate increased access and usage of public transport services</p> <p>Optimise the use of the community infrastructure</p>
<b>Local Governance and Finance</b>	<p>Build on the strength of the Village Association that is inclusive, supportive and engages with the whole Lyndhurst community</p>
<b>The Local and Visitor Economy</b>	<p>Improve telecommunications access for business growth and economic development opportunities</p> <p>Promote Lyndhurst to visitor and prospective residents</p> <p>Facilitate the development of residential building blocks and new business in Lyndhurst</p>
<b>Community, Sports, Heritage and Culture</b>	<p>Build on the positive participation of volunteers to create community events that acknowledge and showcase local talent</p>
<b>Our Natural Environment</b>	<p>Care for local water ways and natural environment</p>

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Theme: Public Infrastructure and Services	Partners
<b>Strategy: Work with Council and RMS to plan for ongoing maintenance works and capital projects that will improve Lyndhurst infrastructure for visitors and residents</b>	
<p>Improve accessibility and traffic throughout the village</p> <p>Seal village streets, improve drainage and repair roads plus kerb and guttering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Russart and Ramsey Streets</li> <li>- Hay and Leabeater Streets</li> <li>- Capital Park</li> </ul> <p>Implement the Active Movement Strategy priorities providing safe and accessible connecting pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Construct the pathway connecting the Village to the Recreation Ground along the Mid-Western Highway</li> </ul>	<p>BSC</p> <p>LVA</p>
<p>Improve the look of the village through tree planting program including on the highway and cleaning up entrances to the village, including mowing of highway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install an artistic village entrance signage</li> </ul> <p>Address road safety concerns of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Turning traffic signage along Mid Western Highway</li> <li>- Change speed to 60km zone on highway through village</li> <li>- Limit compression braking of trucks</li> </ul>	<p>BSC</p> <p>LVA</p> <p>NSW Roads and Maritime Services</p>
<b>Strategy: Facilitate increased access and usage of public transport services</b>	
<p>Lobby state government to reinstate the railway line from Blayney to Demondrille</p> <p>Request Countrylink bus to stop at top end of town</p>	<p>BSC</p> <p>LVA</p>
<b>Strategy: Optimise the use of the community infrastructure</b>	
<p>Maintain and capitalise on the attributes of the hall and promote use for functions including weddings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paint supper room in memorial hall</li> <li>- Relocate the old bus shelter</li> <li>- Upgrade back drive / park area at memorial hall</li> </ul>	<p>LVA</p>

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Theme: Local Governance and Finance	Partners
<b>Strategy: Build on the strength of the Village Association that is inclusive, supportive and engages with the whole Lyndhurst community</b>	
Establish governance model and organisational structure that caters for autonomous active sub committees	LVA
Facilitate the communication and liaison with Carmanhurst Villages Committee and access the services of the Development Coordinator role	
Work with Council to prioritise and deliver Village Enhancement Plan projects for Lyndhurst	LVA

Theme: The Local and Visitor Economy	Partners
<b>Strategy: Improved telecommunications access for business growth and economic development opportunities</b>	
Lobby the Federal Government for improved NBN, mobile phone and internet services	BSC LVA
<b>Strategy: Promote Lyndhurst to visitor and prospective residents</b>	
Promote and develop the Love Lyndhurst brand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Initiate a hashtag #lovelyndhurst</li> <li>- Support Lyndhurst Facebook page</li> <li>- Utilise shire and regional tourism and media channels</li> </ul>	LVA
Improve signage at entrance to Lyndhurst and beautify entrances with blisters and gardens	BSC
Install promotional Banner Poles along the Highway	
Develop an Improvement plan to enhance the Recreational Ground facilities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New accessible toilet block with Coin Operated Showers</li> <li>- Tennis court lighting</li> <li>- New fencing with small gate</li> <li>- Address drainage issues</li> <li>- Relocate larger RV and Camping Ground signage</li> <li>- Upgrade perimeter fencing</li> </ul>	BSC LVA

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Theme: The Local and Visitor Economy	Partners
<b>Strategy: Facilitate the development of residential building blocks and new business in Lyndhurst</b>	
Complete the Development Control Plan, undertake a review of the Residential Strategy and review the LEP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Include more small acre residential development within the village areas</li> </ul> Develop a Heritage plan including strategies to restore heritage shop fronts	BSC
Sewerage Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigate more modern and efficient onsite sewerage systems suitable for smaller blocks of land</li> <li>- Investigate options for business case for town sewerage</li> </ul>	

Theme: Community, Sports, Heritage and Culture	Partners
<b>Strategy: Build on the positive participation of volunteers to create community events that acknowledge and showcase local talent</b>	
Develop new activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Getting to know you” twice a year</li> <li>- Tennis and cricket coaching for children</li> <li>- Games day at the sports ground</li> <li>- Flicks in the sticks with meal – movie night</li> <li>- Community church activities</li> </ul>	LVA
Organise community groups to undertake projects such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Town “tidy up” day</li> <li>- Cemetery headstone restorations</li> <li>- Develop village photographic display</li> <li>- Buy new stage curtain for the hall</li> <li>- Display sporting Hall of Fame memorabilia</li> <li>- Erect monument in Capital Park, using oven door to recognise the Bakery</li> </ul>	LVA

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Theme: Community, Sports, Heritage and Culture	Partners
Support and promote our local sports facilities to develop infrastructure and build capacity to host regional and national events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Team Penning</li> <li>- Rifle Range</li> </ul>	LVA LTP LRC

Theme: Our Natural Environment	Partners
<b>Strategy: Care for local water ways and natural environment</b>	
Develop a Street Tree Planting Program  Remove willows and plant trees and restore Grubbenbung Creek north and south of bridge	BSC  Landcare Group

<b>LEGEND</b>	
BSC	Blayney Shire Council
LVA	Lyndhurst Village Association
LTP	Lyndhurst Team Penning
LRC	Lyndhurst Rifle Club

## Appendices

1. Workshop Invitation
2. Workshop Program

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**It is time for a check in to review  
the Lyndhurst Village Community  
Plan**

## **Love Lyndhurst 2016-2026**

**Date: Wednesday 4 October 2017**

**Time: 6pm – 8pm**

**Venue: Lyndhurst Soldier's Memorial Hall**

Blayney Shire Council in conjunction with Lyndhurst Soldier's Memorial Hall and Village Committee invite you to come along and share your thoughts whilst we revisit the vision and projects for Lyndhurst.

We will review the Lyndhurst Village Community Plan created early last year so that community projects feed into the new Blayney Shire Community Strategic Plan, to be developed in 2018.

A prosperous and healthy village, businesses and community is dependent on everyone working together. Everyone is welcome.

A light supper, tea and coffee provided.

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An initiative of the Lyndhurst Soldiers Memorial Hall and Village Committee

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## **Program**

### **1. Do we Love Lyndhurst?**

- Thumbs Up/Thumb Down

### **2. Vision and Mission**

- Do they still sound OK and on track?

### **3. Strengths**

### **4. Weaknesses**

### **5. Threats**

### **6. Opportunities**

- Yes/No? More or Less?

### **7. Projects**

- What can we tick off as completed?
- What can we remove because we don't see it as a priority anymore?
- What can we add?
- What do we need to change?

### **8. Dotocracy**

- Now take 5 dots and make your mark!