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MANDURAMA VILLAGE COMMUNITY PLAN 2018-2028



Developed in partnership with Blayney Shire Council

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Vision

That Mandurama is a prosperous and thriving growing community.
We are a welcoming, friendly and cohesive community located in a picturesque, conveniently located area of the beautiful central west of NSW.

Mission

We will achieve this by:

- Supporting and participating in our local community groups that coordinate events that bring the residents together
- Capitalising on our highway location and encourage travellers to stop a while by improving our streetscape, signage and the look of the village
- Supporting local business, participating and valuing and connecting with our schools
- Promoting the village as an affordable, well located and friendly place to raise a family
- Increasing the number and visitor spend of day and overnight tourists
- Providing an iconic world class tourist attraction by re-opening Junction Reefs Reserve

Introduction

The Mandurama community have developed a vision for Mandurama and a Community Plan to ensure that the potential that exists for the village becomes a reality.

The Mandurama Village Community Plan 2018-2028 was developed in partnership with Blayney Shire Council, which supported the local community's enthusiasm and efforts in setting some goals and projects that will ensure the future viability of the Mandurama 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 'Shire of Villages', Council has recognised the importance for the village of Mandurama 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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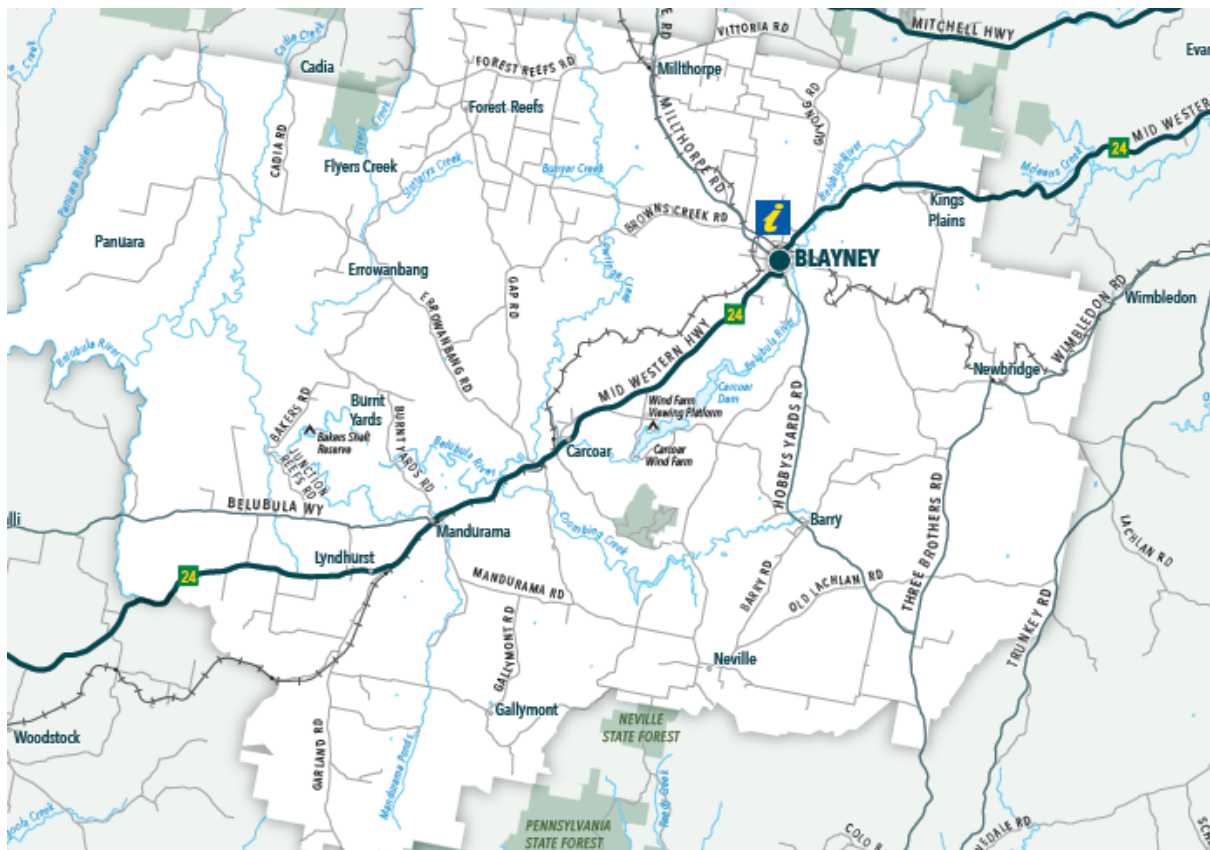
Where is Mandurama?

A popular stopover for travellers, the historic village of Mandurama located on the Mid Western Highway 20 km south from Blayney, 60 kms south-west of Bathurst and 47 kms north-east from Cowra. Mandurama was first established in 1876 as a village for workers of one of the first settlers, Thomas Icely who resided in the magnificent private homestead of Coombing Park which is still in existence today.

The town has become a service centre for the surrounding and rich agricultural area which boasts some of the finest properties in the Central West. This service role has been aided by its location on the Mid-Western Highway and alongside the Blayney-Cowra railway line which is no longer in use.

Evidence of the town's importance can be seen by the fine old buildings with a mix of architectural styles, including the magnificent Royal Hotel, Mandurama Hall, churches and former; Masonic Lodge and bank premises. Streets are named after orchards that once lined the area including Cherry, Peach, and Loquat streets and to reflect the mining boom in the 1880s in nearby Junction Reefs including Gold, Silver and Copper Streets.

The General Store and Mandurama Royal Hotel is the hub of the village serving some of the best meals and coffee around. Greens Mandurama is conveniently located on the highway offering friendly service for fuel, rural supplies, maps and visitor information. Community services include the police station, Mandurama Hall, Primary School, Preschool/Childcare, CWA rooms and heritage listed churches.

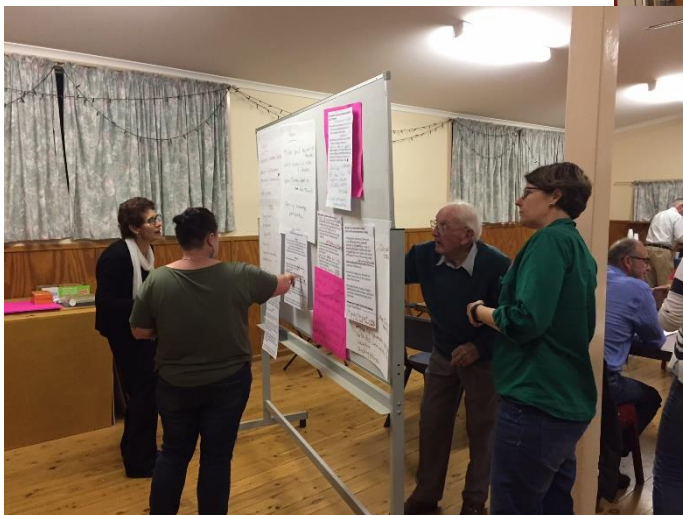


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Community engagement strategy





Residents were invited to come along and share their great project, ideas or a new event to bring visitors and attract residents to the village of Mandurama. On 18 October 2017 about 12 residents participated in a planning workshop to contribute to the review and update of the Mandurama Village Community Plan. The evening was facilitated by Blayney Shire Council and a copy of the invitation flyer and workbook are attached in appendices. Council staff and Councillors providing logistics support to document the list of projects and ideas for the future of Mandurama.

The draft Mandurama Village Community Plan was reviewed by members of the community and stakeholder groups in early 2018, then endorsed by Council.



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The profile of Mandurama Village

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|  PEOPLE | <p>There are 386 people in Mandurama and Burnt Yards, which represents 5.2% of the overall population of Blayney Shire Local Government Area. Of these 83% were born in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 3% of the population.</p> | |
| | 0 – 19 years of age | 65 (16.91%) |
| | 20 – 39 years of age | 53 (13.79%) |
| | 40 – 59 years of age | 147 (38.24%) |
| | 60 – 79 years of age | 100 (26.11%) |
| | 80 years or older | 19 (4.95%) |
|  FAMILIES | <p>Of the families in Mandurama and Burnt Yards, 37% were couple families with children, 57% were couples without children, and 6% were one parent families.</p> | |
|  EDUCATION | <p>In Mandurama and Garland 56% were in primary school, 38% in secondary and 7% in a tertiary or technical institution.</p> | |
|  INDUSTRIES AND EMPLOYMENT | <p>Of the residents in Mandurama and Garland, 37% were employed full time, 14% employed part time, 3% employed outside the shire, 3% were unemployed and 41% were not in the workforce</p> | |
| | Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing | 54.62% |
| | Health Care and Social Assistance | 9.24% |
| | Mining | 7.56% |
| | Manufacturing | 7.56% |
| | Education and Training | 3.36% |
| | Construction | 3.36% |
| | Accommodation and Food Services | 3.36% |
| | Other Services | 3.36% |

Source: Remplan (ABS Census, 2016)

Mandurama data includes the village of Mandurama and locality of Burnt Yards

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Strengths, weakness, opportunities & threats

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

- The Carmanhurst Villages network is providing positive communication and opportunities for inter village promotion and support as we are close to both Lyndhurst and Carcoar
- We treasure our history and enjoy beautiful buildings, heritage and churches
- Our annual events provide entertainment and have great potential to attract visitors; including Millamolong Polo, Newcrest Cycling Classic and the Mandurama Hall Ball
- We can take advantage of our highway location, a great Pub, a local General Store and 24 Hour Fuel by catering for touring groups
- Ideally located on the highway between major centres of Bathurst and Cowra, and within an easy drive to Sydney and Canberra it is an ideal place to live and raise a family
- We value the services such as the police and Primary School, Preschool, local community organisations and support the agricultural and other businesses in the village
- The surrounding agricultural land is very productive and safe

We need to address our *Weaknesses*

- The lack of participation and apathy holds the community back from making progress on our village enhancement and activities
- The cheap rent and land is attracting a lower socio economic and aged demographic, and we lack the employment opportunities and welfare support services for this group of resident
- We lost our beautiful mature trees that were a feature of the main street, whilst other trees are not adequately pruned or maintained
- Infrastructure such as sewerage, drainage, footpaths need to be upgraded and improved
- We need to be proud of the way the village looks, and improve the streetscape and signage
- A lack of cohesiveness, participation and apathy holds the community back from making progress on village projects and activities
- A number of vacant untidy blocks, empty houses and dumped cars is not attractive to visitors or residents

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

- Promote the village as an affordable and pleasant place to live and still commute to larger centres for work
- Encourage travellers to stop by installing attractive parks, accessible public toilets, and easy parking with community noticeboards and maps of the local region
- Junction Reefs Reserve is home to the first hydroelectric system built in Australia and is a world class swimming, waterfall and camping ground that would attract large numbers of visitors if open to the public
- The surrounding agricultural region with the annual seasonal displays, including Canola crops have huge tourism appeal and potential

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

- Loss of business and employment opportunities in the region affects population growth
- The small housing lot size that has no capacity for onsite sewerage systems is not conducive for an attractive investment for new residential housing in the village
- If Junction Reefs Reserve is open without a through road, there is a risk to lives and property during bushfires
- The impact of mining on our agricultural production and environment will be adverse if air and water quality contamination issues are not adequately addressed
- Council is very reliant on mining rate income
- Our school and services are essential to retaining families in the village and closure would have a significant adverse effect

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Mandurama 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 held in October 2017. 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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| Public Infrastructure and Services | Work with Council and RMS to plan for ongoing maintenance works and capital projects that will improve Mandurama infrastructure for visitors and residents |
| Local Governance and Finance | Improve the local amenity for residents |
| The Local and Visitor Economy | <p>Realise the tourism potential of Junction Reef Reserve and establish a major tourist attraction for the region</p> <p>Build on the positive participation of volunteers to create community events that acknowledge and showcase local talent</p> <p>Facilitate the delivery of services to Mandurama to support transport disadvantaged residents</p> <p>Promote Mandurama to visitors, travellers and prospective residents</p> |
| Community, Sport Heritage and Culture | <p>Build on the Mandurama history and culture to promote historical features</p> <p>Create a family friendly facility at the Mandurama Recreation Ground</p> |
| Our Natural Environment | <p>Care for local water ways and natural environment</p> <p>Utilise our four seasons to create tree features in Mandurama</p> |

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| Theme: Public Infrastructure and Services | Partners |
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| Strategy: Work with Council and RMS to plan for ongoing maintenance works and capital projects that will improve Mandurama infrastructure for visitors and residents | |
| Investigate and improve drainage to alleviate residential properties flooding during storms | BSC |
| Develop and implement an infrastructure maintenance program to ensure good quality kerb and guttering and footpaths | RMS |
| Encourage heavy vehicle traffic to avoid using air brakes | RMS |
| Address the road safety and traffic management issues including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and construct a new crossroad treatment including; parking, pedestrian refuge and traffic calming infrastructure at Olive and Gold Street intersection - parking between the hall and store on both side - relocate the pedestrian access crossing of Mid-Western Highway to the General Store/Pub intersection - Install Bus Shelters on both sides of the highway | RMS BSC |
| Install more recycling collection bins at the recycling station | BSC |
| Improve signage at entrance to Mandurama and beautify entrances with blisters and gardens, and install promotional banners | BSC |
| Strategy: Work with Council to plan for capital project works that provide opportunities for residential development | |
| Facilitate the development of new residential housing blocks and availability in Mandurama by developing a Business Case to connect the village to town sewerage service | BSC |

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| Theme: Local Governance and Finance | | Partners |
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| Strategy: Improve the local amenity for residents | | |
| Provide an appealing investment prospectus to attract appropriate residential housing construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adopt the new Development Control Plan for the Shire - Review the Residential Land Strategy and LEP in particular for Mandurama Residential minimum lot size | | BSC |
| Install additional street lighting along Olive Street | | BSC |
| Work with Council to implement Village Enhancement Plan projects for Mandurama | | MVA |

| Theme: The Local and Visitor Economy | | Partners |
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| Strategy: Realise the tourism potential of Junction Reef Reserve and establish a major tourist attraction for the region | | |
| Facilitate communication between Council, Oceana Gold, Crown Lands and NSW Government to resolve the public access, environmental and road ownership issues to Junction Reefs Reserve | Provide for safe and trafficable access along Junction Reefs and Bakers Shaft Road | RT BSC CL RFS |
| Strategy: Build on the positive participation of volunteers to create community events that acknowledge and showcase local talent | | |
| Investigate opportunities to hold events such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Local festival event perhaps in conjunction with Lyndhurst- An Annual ball at the Hall- Community Christmas tree and get together- Garden events, work with iris farm- Car boot sale events | | MHC |
| Strategy: Facilitate the delivery of services to Mandurama to support transport disadvantaged residents | | |
| Investigate Country Link Bus Route and Bus Stop in Mandurama | | MVC |
| Strategy: Promote Mandurama to visitors, travellers and prospective residents | | |

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| Theme: The Local and Visitor Economy | Partners |
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| Develop and implement a street beautification program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historic building enhancements (including name plaques on significant buildings) - Cobb and Co Coach in main street - Investigate the introduction of a main street Heritage façade painting assistance program | MVC BSC |

| Theme: Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture | Partners |
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| Strategy: Build on the Mandurama history and culture to promote historical features | |
| Investigate the interest in forming a history committee/group to document the Mandurama history and find ways to promote the history of the area | MVC |
| Strategy: Create a family friendly facility at the Mandurama Recreation Ground | |
| Replace the former club house at the Recreation Ground with a covered shelter with western wall, bench space and open sink and room for flexible seating space Upgrade the Tennis Courts and install a new storage shed Install shade on Children's Playground and upgrade Playground equipment Improve entrance to enable caravans and camper vans access and investigate options and feasibility of a Primitive Camping Ground | BSC MVC |

| Theme: Our Natural Environment | Partners |
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| Strategy: Care for local water ways and natural environment | |
| Work with acclimatisation group to renew fish stocks in the river | DPI MHC |
| Re-open Junction Reefs Reserve | RT CL |

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| Strategy: Utilise our four seasons to create tree features in Mandurama | |
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| Plant more deciduous street trees in Loquat Street to create an avenue of trees at both entrances Remove the willows from the river and re-establish native tree plantings | MVC BSC Landcare |

| LEGEND | |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
| BSC | Blayney Shire Council |
| RT | Junction Reefs Reserve Trust |
| CL | Crown Lands NSW |
| MHC | Mandurama Hall Committee |
| MVC | Mandurama Village Community |
| RMS | Roads and Maritime Services |
| DPI | Department Primary Industries |
| RFS | Rural Fire Services |

Appendices

1. Workshop Invitation
2. Workshop Program

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

**Mandurama is Magnificent 2016-
2026**

Date: Wednesday 18 October

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: Mandurama Memorial Hall

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

We will review the Mandurama 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.

An initiative supported by Blayney Shire Council and the Mandurama Memorial Hall Committee



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Program

1. Do we think Mandurama is really Magnificent?

- 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!
 - 1 dot on your most important rated strength
 - 1 dot on your most important rated weakness
 - 1 dot on your most important rated threat
 - 1 dot on your most important rated opportunity
 - 1 dot on your most important rated project