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Neville Village Community Plan 2018-2028



Developed in partnership with the Blayney Shire Council

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Vision

Neville is a peaceful village surrounded by the natural environment and fertile agricultural land, home to a friendly and happy community enjoying a sustainable rural lifestyle.

Mission

We will achieve this by:

- Broaden the range of activities and events that bring community together and encourage visitors
- Maintaining and improving local infrastructure and facilities such as the hall, showground, parks, roads and siding and having pride in the way the village looks
- Having a united community group with empowered and passionate volunteers who have good relationships and connections with Council and other levels of government
- Promoting the village as a welcoming place to visit with surrounding natural environment that can become an eco and agricultural tourism drawcard.
- Supporting local business and services

Introduction

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

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Where is Neville?

Neville is south west of Blayney, off the Hobbys Yard Road approximately 17km via Barry or the Neville Road turn off. Neville is equidistant to larger regional centres of Bathurst, Orange and Cowra within 40 minutes' drive from each.

The area was first discovered by explorer George Evans in 1815. The earliest mention of the name was in the gazette of Australian Colonies in 1848. The public school was established in 1858, however, it was not until 1888 that Neville was named, prior to this, Neville was known as Mount Macquarie.

It is tableland country with productive farming land, Pennsylvania State Forest borders the town and Carcoar dam is a short drive away for popular water sports and recreational activities.



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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 Neville. On 29 November 2017 approximately 25 residents participated in a planning workshop to contribute to the Neville Community Plan.





Council staff and Councillors providing logistics support to document the list of projects and ideas for the future of Neville. 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.

The draft Neville 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 Neville Village

 <p>PEOPLE</p>	<p>There are 250 people in Neville, which represents 3.4% of the overall population of Blayney Shire Local Government Area. Of these 87% were born in Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people made up 4% of the population.</p>	
	0 – 19 years of age	57 (23%)
	20 – 39 years of age	47 (19%)
	40 – 59 years of age	78 (31%)
	60 – 79 years of age	65 (26%)
	80 years or older	3 (1%)
 <p>FAMILIES</p>	<p>Of the families in Neville, 44% were couple families with children, 52% were couples without children, and 5% were one parent families.</p>	
 <p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>In Neville 27% were in primary school, 21% in secondary and 27% in a tertiary or technical institution.</p>	
 <p>INDUSTRIES AND EMPLOYMENT</p>	<p>Of the residents in Neville, 35% were employed full time, 20% employed part time, 4% employed outside the shire, 3% were unemployed and 28% were not in the workforce</p>	
	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	34.04%
	Education and Training	21.28%
	Retail and Trade	10.64%
	Construction	5.32%
	Manufacturing	5.32%
	Professional, Scientific and Tech Services	5.32%
	Arts and Recreation Services	5.32%
	Mining	4.26%

Source: Remplan (ABS Census, 2016)

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Strengths, weakness, opportunities & threats

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

- The local horse riding and equestrian club, karate provides alternative sporting recreation activities
- We are a definite green belt and the area is recognised as being very safe and productive agricultural land
- Neville is close and accessible to the regional centres of Blayney, Orange and Bathurst, and within an easy commute to both Sydney and Canberra
- With a supportive local Council and with passionate people there is a commitment to making the village a better place
- Surrounded by great farming land and golden picturesque landscapes and forest it is a beautiful place to live and for visitors to enjoy the natural environment
- It is a great place for horse riding, endurance ride events, 4WD and mountain bike riding
- Local attractions such as Abercrombie Caves, Neville Cemetery, Neville Siding, the Piano Museum and Forest bring visitors to the village
- The school and bus services ensure children don't have to travel out of the village daily
- Local facilities and business such as the hotel, hall and showground offer places for community to come together
- The community successfully stages an annual Agricultural Show, Poetry Festival, Australia Day Cricket Day and other events and in times of need everyone helps each other

We need to address our **Weaknesses**

- With an ageing population, there are very limited community/social events or activities for children and young people, so it can be a boring place for kids
- With no public transport, not being on a major thoroughfare, and with some roads in poor condition which are important routes for accessing markets, services and local tourist attractions such as Carcoar Dam
- Limited local retail business contributes to lack of employment opportunities and services to the community
- The Mobile Phone service is virtually non-existent

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- Public infrastructure such as signage, road access to the Showground and the accessibility to Memorial Park public toilets need to be improved
- Some local roads to important tourist attractions like Carcoar Dam and the Forest are in poor condition which is limiting access and visitor appeal of the village

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

- Located in a beautiful region and with a proud history we should leverage off other events such as the B2B and Carcoar Running Festival to attract visitors to Neville and develop our own such as equestrian and mountain bike riding events.
- Development in the area of eco-tourism could include walking trails in the forest, walking tours, promoting the animals and natural environment surrounding the village.
- We could open up the showground for a camping and caravanning ground.
- Promote the village as an affordable place to live.
- Work with NSW Forests to provide outdoor recreational activities such as legal hunting
- Coordinating and developing niche community and sporting activities will attract visitors to Neville and the infrastructure needs to support these events

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

- The commitment to volunteering and committee membership may fall away due to members being burnt out or apathetic affecting the connectedness of the community
- Located on the edge of all neighbouring LGA's within close proximity and easy access to other centres, any loss of population will impact negatively on the community and the services provided including the school
- Road safety can be an issue with heavy vehicles, pine logging, and condition of some of our local roads.
- The lack of adequate pest, weed and visitor management of the Forest is encouraging unauthorised access and detracting from it becoming a recreational and tourist attraction
- Whilst also a strength, the availability and option of a daily school bus service to Blayney encourages families to send their children away from the local Primary School

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Neville 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
Public Infrastructure and Services	Work with Council to plan for ongoing works and capital projects that will improve Neville
Local Governance and Finance	Improve the local amenity for residents
The Local and Visitor Economy	<p>Improve telecommunications access for business growth and economic development opportunities</p> <p>Promote Neville to visitors, travellers and prospective residents</p> <p>Improve access for village residents to regional centres and services</p>
Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture	<p>Build on the positive participation of volunteers to create community events that bring community together and attract visitors</p> <p>Enhance and improve the community assets to provide for sporting and cultural pursuits and ensure there is a place for family events</p>
Our Natural Environment	Capitalise on the beautiful natural environment, agricultural lands and forest surrounding the village

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Theme: Public Infrastructure and Services	Partners
Strategy: Work with Council to plan for ongoing works and capital projects that will improve Neville	
Develop and implement an infrastructure maintenance program on village and local roads including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve the pedestrian movement through the village - Improve access to the showground - sealing Bathurst and Pascoe streets - seal the Neville to Trunkey Road - widen and improve the Barry Road 	BSC RMS
Improve Road Safety and traffic management issues in the village; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Design and install traffic calming devices in main street - Address safety concerns on Kentucky Road to the Forest - Move or extend the 50km zones to slow traffic coming into village precinct - Address parking and sight distances near the hotel and school 	BSC
Develop a long term plan for the Neville Memorial Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build a new ambulant toilet block and improve access 	BSC NC
Improve Recycling Station and encourage usage; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install a mesh fence around recycling bins to keep rubbish from been blown about - Increase the number of bins - Construct a shelter over bins - Establish area as permanent with signage and bollards 	BSC
Improve services signage at entrance to and around Neville and beautify entrances with blisters and gardens that community can maintain Relocate the 'Welcome to Neville' sign further out of the village from Mt Macquarie end	BSC NC

Theme: Local Governance and Finance	Partners
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 - Undertake a review of the Residential Land Strategy to encourage appropriate housing blocks - Provide heritage guidelines with a preference and consideration for maintaining the look and feel of the village 	BSC

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Work with Council to implement Village Enhancement Plan projects for Neville	NC
Gather support and co-operation between residents and Council to develop and preserve the architectural heritage within and around the village	BSC NC

Theme: The Local and Visitor Economy		Partners
Strategy: Improve telecommunications access for business growth and economic development opportunities		
Lobby the Federal Government for mobile phone services		BSC NC
Strategy: Promote Neville to visitors, travellers and prospective residents		
Develop and implement a street beautification program including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beautification of the reserve near the hotel - Street tree planting - Install a white on blue services sign 		NC BSC
Develop a tourism strategy including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion as an eco-Tourism area - Bird trails/twitter/bird hides - District Heritage trail map - Promotional material – stickers - Promotion as an Australian Country Village 		NC BSC
Strategy: Improve access for village residents to regional centres and services		
Lobby for community transport services to be provided		NC BSC

Theme: Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture		Partners
Strategy: Build on the positive participation of volunteers to establish community events that bring community together and attract visitors		
Support each other to work on events and activities for the community including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equestrian events - Theme Nights (Music, Poetry) - Debutante Ball, Movie Night or Disco at the Hall - Mail box decoration challenge - Programs that bring children and older people together 		NC

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Theme: Community, Sport, Heritage and Culture		Partners
Strategy: Enhance and improve community assets to provide for sporting and cultural pursuits and ensure there is a place for family events		
Construct a new public and accessible Multipurpose Court for tennis and basketball		BSC NC
Make enhancements to the Neville Memorial Hall including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved entrance/yard – fencing and gates - New pump - Heating and cooling 		NHT
Continue to improve and develop the Neville Showground facilities to accommodate additional equestrian events Investigate the requirements for a Primitive Caravan Park Construct a multipurpose arena for equestrian events		PA&H

Theme: Our Natural Environment		Partners
Strategy: Capitalise on the beautiful natural environment, agricultural lands and forest surrounding the village		
Improve the access and use of the forest area including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Horse trails - Motorbike trails - Mobile transportable public viewing platforms – Canola, Wind Farm 		NSW Forestry

LEGEND	
BSC	Blayney Shire Council
NC	Neville Community
NHT	Neville Hall Trust
RMS	Roads and Maritime Services
PA&H	Neville Show Society

Appendices

1. Workshop Invitation
2. Workshop Program

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Neville Community Plan

It's time to check in to review the

Neville Village Community Plan 2016-2026

Date: Wednesday 29 November

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: Neville Memorial Hall

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

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

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

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An initiative supported by Blayney Shire Council and the Neville Hall Reserve Trust

Program

1. **We have no Neville brand?**

- Is this OK? 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 10 dots and make your mark!