

BLAYNEY SHIRE COUNCIL

Village Priorities, Ideas & Action Register

2025 - 2029



Introduction

This document captures what Council heard during community engagement for the 2025 Community Strategic Plan (CSP). It is a forward-looking list of priorities, ideas and actions correlated on geographical centre basis – Blayney and then each village within Blayney Shire.

This document is not a *'Council to do list'*, it is a reference point which can be used by Council but predominantly seeking to empower our community and assist them to drive opportunities and improvement within their own village/s.

There are other Council plans, notably the 4-year Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan which also outline Council actions and projects that Council is committed to undertaking across the entire Blayney Shire.

Councils' priority remains diligent financial management. Any new or significant upgrade that may have a negative financial operational impact would need to be considered and endorsed by Council. Inclusion in this register does not constitute Council endorsement of a project.

Town & Village Snapshots



Blayney

Population: 3,448
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Carcoar

Population: 271
Distance from Blayney: 15km
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Lyndhurst

Population: 359
Distance from Blayney: 27km
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Mandurama

Population: 345
Distance from Blayney: 23km
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Millthorpe

Population: 1,347
Distance from Blayney: 13km
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Neville

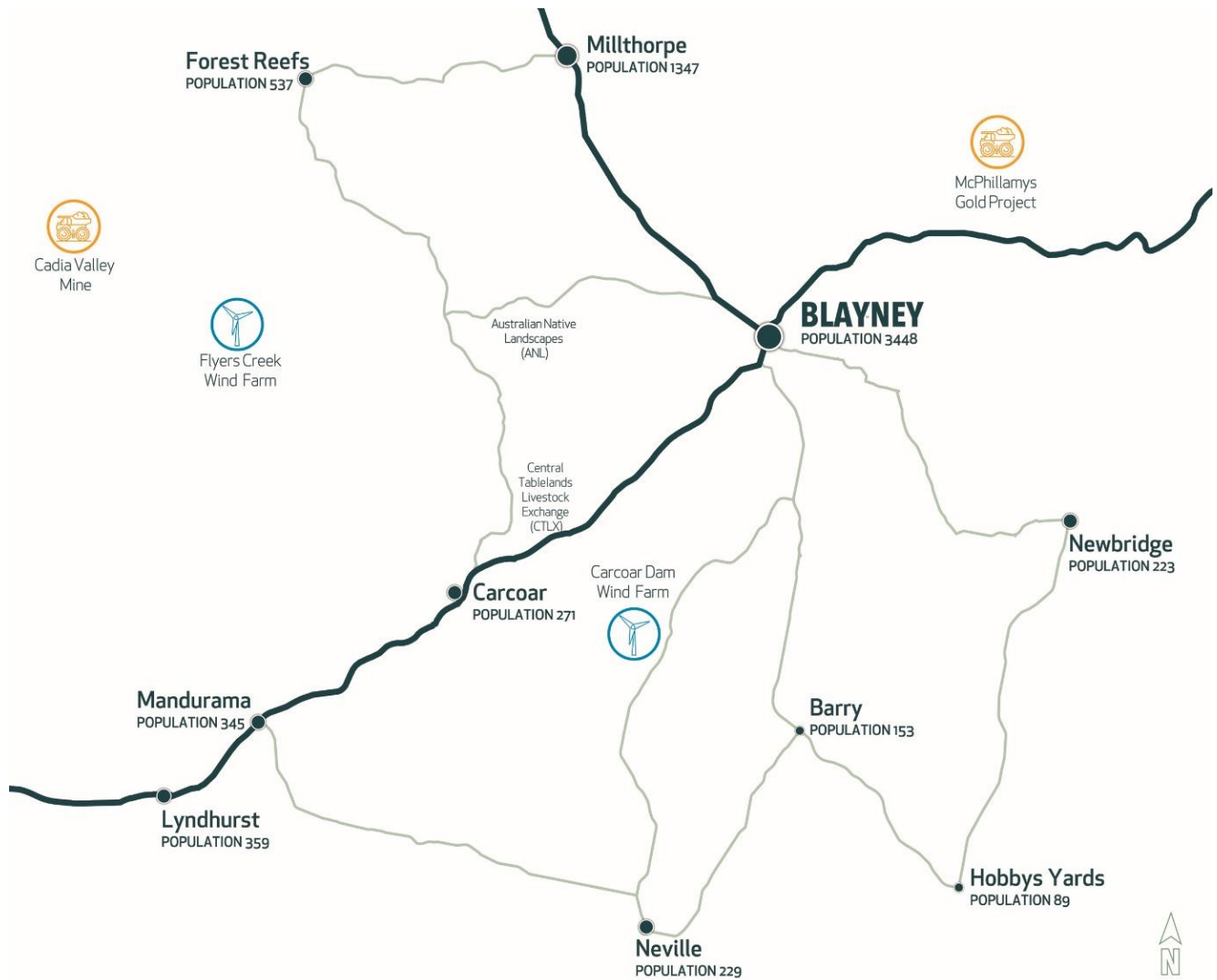
Population: 229
Distance from Blayney: 24km
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Newbridge

Population: 223
Distance from Blayney: 14km
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Shire Map



Blayney Shire Council Community Strategic Plan 2025 - 2035

STRATEGIC DIRECTION	COMMUNITY PRIORITIES
1. Leadership 	1.1. Transparent and accountable Council trusted by the community 1.2. Local priorities are championed through advocacy 1.3. The community is informed and engaged 1.4. Finances are managed sustainably and responsibly
2. Community 	2.1. Community groups are capable, resilient and well-supported 2.2. Social connection and learning opportunities are available for all 2.3. A safe and healthy community 2.4. An inclusive and liveable community
3. Infrastructure 	3.1. Resilient and well-maintained road and transportation infrastructure 3.2. Facilities and open spaces that promote and encourage a healthy lifestyle 3.3. Utility services meet the growing needs of the community
4. Economy 	4.1. Our economy is strong and diverse 4.2. Large projects and developments are socially responsible balancing prosperity and sustainability 4.3. A growing tourism industry 4.4. Sustainable growth of our community
5. Natural & Built Environment 	5.1. Natural ecosystems, including waterways, bushland, and wildlife, are preserved and enhanced 5.2. Heritage and cultural sites are valued and protected 5.3. Sustainable waste management 5.4. Adaptation and mitigation of Climate Change impacts

Blayney

CSP Link	Identified Action	Timeframe	Priority	What can be done? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
1.2	Improved public transport options	Long	Important	Advocate to Transport for NSW and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
1.3	Communication to residents.	Ongoing	Important	Communicate using various formats.	N/A	Minor
2.1	Long-term sustainability of community and volunteer groups	Ongoing	Important	Provide support through Community Financial Assistance Program.	N/A	Minor
		Ongoing	Important	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that strengthen community groups.	N/A	Minor
		Ongoing	Important	Support volunteers through recognition and encouragement.	N/A	Minor
2.3	Access to doctors and health care providers	Ongoing	Important	Continue to offer the Doctor Attraction and Retention Policy.	N/A	Minor
		Ongoing	Important	Advocate to NSW Health and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
2.4	Community events	Ongoing	Important	Support events through Community Financial Assistance Program, assist with promotion of events and provide assistance where possible.	N/A	Minor
3.1	Seal Adelaide Lane	Ongoing	Desirable	Prepare a design, cost the project and seek to identify funding sources.	Significant	Minor
3.1	Pedestrian Movement	Ongoing	Important	Prioritise repair of existing footpaths Seek grant funding for new footpaths within the AMS	Moderate	Minor

CSP Link	Identified Action	Timeframe	Priority	What can be done? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
3.2	Bike path between Millthorpe and Blayney	Long	Desirable	Seek funding opportunities for development of a business case	Significant	Significant
3.2	Town beautification	Long	Desirable	Pursue funding opportunities for the implementation of Blayney MasterPlan	Significant	Major
		Short	Desirable	Investigate Christmas decoration options for main street	Minor	Minor
3.2	Showground MasterPlan	Long	Desirable	Pursue funding opportunities for the implementation of projects within the Blayney Showground MasterPlan	Major	Major
3.2	King George Oval	Short	Desirable	Identify additional storage needs and opportunities	Moderate	Major
3.2	Heritage Park	Short	Desirable	Investigate and consider construction of an outdoor Basketball ring	Minor	Minor
3.2	Upgrade public toilets at Information Centre	Long	Desirable	Investigate need for an upgrade or plan maintenance in LTFP.	Moderate	Moderate
4.1	Grow and sustain businesses	Ongoing	Important	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that support businesses.	N/A	Minor
4.3	Growing tourism industry	Ongoing	Important	Continue support of volunteers in the Blayney Visitor Information Centre.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Continue support through regional marketing and funding through tourism development program.	N/A	Moderate
4.3	Rail Trail Business Case	Long	Desirable	Seek funding opportunities for a Rail Trail Business Case along the Demondrille Line from Blayney towards Cowra. Council can then determine a position on the project.	Dependent on grant funding	Significant
5.2	Maintain heritage buildings and assets	Ongoing	Important	Continue to offer the annual Heritage Assistance Grant	N/A	Minor

Carcoar

CSP Link	Community Priority	Priority	Timeframe	What can be done? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
1.2	Improved mobile phone coverage	Important	Long	Advocate to telecommunications providers and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
1.2	Improved public transport options	Important	Long	Advocate to Transport for NSW and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
1.3	Communication Board	Important	Short	Investigate options and need for installation of community noticeboard.	Minor	Minor
2.1	Long-term sustainability of community and volunteer groups	Important	Ongoing	Provide support through Community Financial Assistance Program.	N/A	N/A
		Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that strengthen community groups.	N/A	N/A
		Important	Ongoing	Support volunteers through recognition and encouragement.	N/A	N/A
2.3	Access to doctors and health care providers	Important	Ongoing	Continue to offer the Doctor Attraction and Retention Policy.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Advocate to NSW Health and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
3.2	Village beautification	Desirable	Long	Prepare a precinct plan for Kurt Fearnley Park improvements.	N/A	N/A
		Desirable	Short	Assess need and feasibility for additional seating at Kurt Fearnly Park. Pursue / identify funding opportunities.	Moderate	Minor

CSP Link	Community Priority	Priority	Timeframe	What can be done? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
		Desirable	Short	Assess need and feasibility for heritage fencing at Kurt Fearnley Park. Pursue funding opportunities.	Moderate	Minor
		Desirable	Short	Support the delivery of planned tree planting across the village.	N/A	Minor
3.2	Upgrade public toilets at RFS	Desirable	Long	Investigate need for an upgrade or plan maintenance in LTFP.	Moderate	Minor
4.1	Grow and sustain village businesses	Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that support businesses.	N/A	Minor
4.3	Growing tourism industry	Desirable	Short	Consider need and appropriate location for new village signage into Carcoar and potentially pursue funding opportunities.	Moderate	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Continue support through regional marketing and funding through tourism development program.	N/A	Moderate
		Important	Ongoing	Continue with annual Heritage Assistance Grant.	N/A	Minor
4.3	Rail Trail Business Case	Long	Desirable	Seek funding opportunities for a Rail Trail Business Case along the Demondrille Line from Blayney towards Cowra. Council can then determine a position on the project.	Dependent on grant funding	Significant
5.2	Maintain heritage buildings and assets	Important	Short	Support the community in seeking funding opportunities to improve the War Memorial.	Moderate	Minor

Lyndhurst

CSP Link	Community Priority	Priority	Timeframe	What can be done? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
1.2	Improved mobile phone coverage	Important	Long	Advocate to telecommunications providers and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
1.2	Improved public transport options	Important	Long	Advocate to Transport for NSW and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
2.1	Long-term sustainability of community and volunteer groups	Important	Ongoing	Continue support through Community Financial Assistance Program.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Share information and provide support on grants, training, and other programs that strengthen community groups.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Support volunteers through recognition and encouragement.	N/A	Minor
2.3	Access to doctors and health care providers	Important	Ongoing	Continue to offer the Doctor Attraction and Retention Policy.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Advocate to NSW Health and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
2.4	Community events	Important	Ongoing	Support events through Community Financial Assistance Program, assist with promotion of events and provide assistance where possible.	N/A	Minor
3.1	Enhance urban streets	Desirable	Medium	Development of kerb and gutter plan for Russart Street (near park) for Council consideration in DP/OP.	Minor	Minor
3.1	Review Speed Zoning of Midwestern Highway (to 60kmph)	Desirable	Long	Advocate to Transport for NSW for Speed Zone Review.	N/A	N/A

CSP Link	Community Priority	Priority	Timeframe	What can be done? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
	Expand footpath network on Garland Road and along Highway to Ramsay St	Desirable	Long	Consider in the Blayney Shire Active Movement Strategy review and update.	Significant	Minor
	Enhanced camping facilities at Lyndhurst Recreation Ground	Desirable	Long	Identify need and wider community support prior to seeking to expand and develop a precinct plan.	Moderate	Moderate
4.1	Grow and sustain village businesses	Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that support businesses.	N/A	Minor
4.3	Rail Trail Business Case	Long	Desirable	Seek funding opportunities for a Rail Trail Business Case along the Demondrille Line from Blayney towards Cowra. Council can then determine a position on the project.	Dependent on grant funding	Significant
5.2	Continue to maintain key road verges and public spaces.	Important	Ongoing	Continue to monitor verge mowing areas.	N/A	Minor

Mandurama

CSP Link	Community Priority	Priority	Timeframe	What will Council do? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
1.2	Improved public transport options	Important	Long	Advocate to Transport for NSW and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
2.1	Active community group for Mandurama	Important	Ongoing	Continue support through Community Financial Assistance Program.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that strengthen community groups.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Support volunteers through recognition and encouragement.	N/A	Minor
3.1	Enhance and renew drainage infrastructure in Gold Street / Mid-Western Highway	Important	Short	Develop, scope and design for Council consideration in DP/OP.	Minor	Minor
3.1	Remove traffic island in the main street			Not supported.	N/A	N/A
3.2	Upgrade tennis court (surface renewal and awning to new shed)	Desirable	Long	A scope and design would need to be developed, to enable a project cost to be prepared. Council would then need to make a decision whether to support the project. Council to pursue funding opportunities and assess feasibility for upgrade to multipurpose court.	Significant	Significant
3.2	Upgrades to Mandurama Hall	Important	Ongoing	Support communities improving community owned infrastructure through the Community Financial Assistance Program.	Minor	Minor

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4.1	Grow and sustain village businesses	Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that support businesses.	N/A	Minor
4.3	Rail Trail Business Case	Long	Desirable	Seek funding opportunities for a Rail Trail Business Case along the Demondrille Line from Blayney towards Cowra. Council can then determine a position on the project.	Dependent on grant funding	Significant

Millthorpe

CSP Link	Community Priority	Priority	Timeframe	What will Council do? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
1.2	Improved public transport options	Important	Long	Advocate to Transport for NSW and relevant agencies when opportunities arise, in particular for the extension of rail services.	N/A	N/A
2.1	Long-term sustainability of community and sporting groups	Important	Ongoing	Continue support through Community Financial Assistance Program.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that strengthen community groups.	N/A	Minor
2.3	Access to doctors and health care providers	Important	Ongoing	Continue to provide the Doctor Attraction and Retention Policy.	Ongoing	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Advocate to NSW Health and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
2.4	Community events	Important	Ongoing	Support events through Community Financial Assistance Program, assist with promotion of events and provide assistance where possible.	Ongoing	Minor
3.1	Pedestrian safety	Important	Short	Council to request Transport for NSW complete a speed zone review in Millthorpe CBD.	N/A	N/A
		Important	Short	Consider options for improved lighting at pedestrian crossing.	Minor	Minor
3.1	Further delivery of village footpath loops	Important	Long	Seek funding for projects identified in the Active Movement Strategy. Continual review the of Millthorpe AMS as future development is constructed.	Moderate	Minor
3.1	Maintain and conserve blue stone kerb within the village	Desirable	Ongoing	Retain bluestone for reuse in Millthorpe. Seek funding opportunities to repair blue stone kerb.	Minor	Minor

CSP Link	Community Priority	Priority	Timeframe	What will Council do? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
3.1	Main street beautification and services including central public toilet	Desirable	Long	No immediate solution. Consider opportunities as they arise.	Dependent on grant funding	Significant
3.2	Redmond Oval improvements	Important	Short	Prepare a scope for power and lighting upgrades and improvements. Identify funding opportunities for lighting and power upgrades.	Moderate	Moderate
3.2	Blake Street Lookout	Desirable	Long	Identify funding opportunities for Blake Street lookout and pedestrian linkage.	Moderate	Moderate
4.1	Grow and sustain village businesses	Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that support businesses.	N/A	Minor
4.2	Protect the character of Millthorpe (e.g. heritage, block size, stable growth)	Important	Ongoing	Consider as part of the Millthorpe Settlement Strategy Addendum.	N/A	N/A
4.3	Growing tourism industry	Important	Ongoing	Support through regional marketing opportunities.	N/A	Minor
4.3	Continuation of visitor economy events	Important	Ongoing	Support through tourism development program, assist with promotion of events and provide assistance where possible.	N/A	Minor

Neville

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1.2	Improved mobile phone coverage	Important	Long	Advocate to telecommunications providers and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
1.2	Improved public transport options	Important	Long	Advocate to Transport for NSW and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
2.1	Long-term sustainability of community groups	Important	Ongoing	Continue support through Community Financial Assistance Program.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that strengthen community groups.	N/A	Minor
2.3	Access to doctors and health care providers	Important	Ongoing	Continue to provide the Doctor Attraction and Retention Policy.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Advocate to NSW Health and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
2.4	Community events	Important	Ongoing	Support events through Community Financial Assistance Program, assist with promotion of events and provide assistance where possible.	N/A	Minor
4.1	Grow and sustain village businesses	Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that support businesses.	N/A	Minor
4.3	Growing tourism industry	Important	Ongoing	Continue support through regional marketing and funding through tourism development program	N/A	Minor

Newbridge

CSP Link	Community Priority	Priority	Timeframe	What will Council do? OR Actions (Council & Non-Council)	BSC Financial Capital Impact	BSC Financial Operational Impact
1.2	Improved mobile phone coverage	Important	Long	Advocate to telecommunications providers and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
1.2	Improved public transport options	Important	Long	Advocate to Transport for NSW and relevant agencies when opportunities arise.	N/A	N/A
2.1	Long-term sustainability of community groups	Important	Ongoing	Continue support through Community Financial Assistance Program.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that strengthen community groups.	N/A	Minor
		Important	Ongoing	Support volunteers through recognition and encouragement.	N/A	Minor
2.4	Community events	Important	Ongoing	Support events through Community Financial Assistance Program, assist with promotion of events and provide assistance where possible.	N/A	Minor
3.1	Newbridge Railway Station maintenance and use	Important	Long	Advocate to relevant agencies seeking restoration and heritage maintenance of the Newbridge Railway Station.	N/A	N/A
		Desirable	Long	Advocate to relevant agencies seeking a stop on request rail service.	N/A	N/A
4.1	Grow and sustain village businesses	Important	Ongoing	Share information on grants, training, and other programs that support businesses	N/A	Minor

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4.3	Growing tourism industry	Important	Ongoing	Continue support through regional marketing and funding through tourism development program	N/A	Moderate
		Desirable	Long	Scope the need and opportunity for upgrade to Newbridge Showground (powered camp sites).	Significant	Moderate
4.4	Continuation of visitor economy events	Important	Ongoing	Continue support through tourism development program, assist with promotion of events and provide assistance where possible.	N/A	Minor