Acknowledgement of Country
We acknowledge the Elders both past, present and future and the peoples of the Wiradjuri Aboriginal people whose traditional lands includes Berrigan.

Future projects of the Town Concept Plan provide an opportunity to continue fostering dialogue with the Traditional Owners. Their input would enrich the project outcomes for the whole community.

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The Barooga Community
We would like to thank the Barooga Advancement Group for their ongoing input into the Town Concept Plan

The Project Team
Liesl Malan Landscape Architects were the lead consultants providing strategic direction for the project.
Team members:
• Claire Reynolds Registered Landscape Architect
• Georgia Carroll Graduate Landscape Architect
• Liesl Malan Registered Landscape Architect

Disclaimer
All elements of this project have been prepared with care and diligence. We have endeavoured to understand the challenges and opportunities each town sees for themselves and to use this as the basis of the project process. The suggested outcomes are based on our professional experience as Landscape Architects. They have been provided in good faith and in the spirit of offering support and encouragement. Further Council and community collaboration will be needed to ensure ownership of future project direction and outcomes. All final decisions rest with Berrigan Shire Council and no financial responsibility will be accepted by LMLA. Please note that more detailed investigation, analysis and financial planning will be needed before committing to any works.

Glossary
BSC  Berrigan Shire Council
LMLA Liesl Malan Landscape Architects

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Executive Summary

Value of the Barooga Town Concept Plan
The Barooga Town Concept Plan (The Plan) considers the whole of the Town of Barooga (refer to diagram). The vision outlined in this report is specific to Barooga. The individual projects in the Town Concept Plan have been developed with the community and Council to achieve significant, positive environmental, social and economic impact within modest and achievable budgets.

The Plan enhances Barooga’s features, unique environment and authentic character.

The Plan supports the Berrigan Shire 2023 Community Strategic Plan which is “the first step toward a whole of community response to jobs creation and alternate enterprise to support:
• The attraction and retention of young people and families
• The provision of social and health services
• The maintenance and upgrade of existing facilities and infrastructure
• Sustainable use and development of our natural resources” (Berrigan Shire 2023 Community Strategic Plan, Creating our preferred future, prepared by Berrigan Shire Council, January 2013 p.7)

Components of the Town Concept Plan
The overall vision of the Town Concept Plan is achieved through the following projects:

Welcome to Our Town - Entry Signage
• Locate gateways where there is the opportunity to create a stronger sense of town identity

Be Remembered for your Trees - Street Tree Planting
• Create a more cohesive streetscape character
• Ongoing succession planting program
• Create shaded pathways
• Enhance town presentation and appeal

Vision for Vermont
• Create a stronger sense of town centre identity
• Foster economic growth and social interaction
• Increase road safety and function for both vehicles and pedestrians
• Create an inviting place – encourage tourists to stop

Rest in Barooga
• Provide parking opportunities for long vehicles
• Support truck drivers with good facilities
• Consider traffic movement and safety

Foreshore
• Boost town identity as separate from Cobram
• More outdoor areas which encourage social activities
• Provide public areas for all members of the community
• Develop an area for tourists to stop and experience Barooga
• Enhance aesthetics around Bullanginya Lagoon

How to use this report
The Town Concept Plan has been divided into a series of individual projects. This report has been written based on the current priorities. Delivering the Town Concept Plan will require flexibility in priorities to ensure it is responsive to funding/ resourcing opportunities. Accordingly, each project section in the report can be separated. The sections can be used to:
• form the basis of a brief
• support funding applications
• facilitate discussions with relevant authorities
• co-ordinate projects internally
• support press releases
• engage and empower community members who wish to contribute to achieving the overall vision for Berrigan
A vision for a thriving town

Barooga’s Future

**Authentic Barooga**

Barooga is the twin town to Cobram. Barooga and Cobram are connected by three bridges; the People’s Bridge and the Bullanginya Lagoon Bridge traversing the Bullanginya Lagoon and the Cobram-Barooga Bridge over the Murray River. The landscape between the two towns is high-quality riverine forest, with large river red gums and Thompson’s Beach – Australia’s largest inland beach. This area is part of the Murray Valley National Park and is popular for camping and access to the Murray River.

Barooga is currently a quiet town with a handful of shops including a chemist, small IGA and a pub. The main street however, has a significant number of vacant lots and the street furniture is looking tired.

The Barooga Botanic Gardens is very attractive to visitors and locals. There are good sporting facilities which attract teams from out of town to compete. The foreshore to Bullanginya Lagoon has a few grassed parks and a weathered track. There is a small play space at the swing bridge and a small fenced playground at the library. Barooga’s population has been growing, and there is a long-term plan to release more land and extend the town zone.

Barooga and its surrounding natural environment offers visitors a quintessential, authentic Australian family holiday experience. Local residents and the Berrigan Shire Council have gone to great efforts to make the town look tidy, green and attractive. The Barooga Town Concept Plan builds on these efforts.

**Town Vision**

Barooga’s population has continued to grow. Street tree planting has visually enhanced Barooga and the shady path network supports a diverse, active outdoor lifestyle.

The foreshore area is an attractive space offering a range of ways to enjoy Barooga’s natural setting. Bullanginya Lagoon is a healthy waterway which makes a positive contribution to Barooga and the region.

The Adventure Play Space has attracted visitors and new residents to the area. The park is a popular spot for young families to come together in the region.

Vermont Street, between Golf Course Road and Bunker Street, is a small, but vibrant commercial area which offers good services to local people and visitors. Vermont Street is a community hub with a village-like atmosphere.

Barooga’s Botanic Gardens and Sports facilities continue to attract visitors and support community members to have active and involved lifestyles.
What triggered this Town Concept Plan?
Berrigan Shire Council committed to undertaking Town Entry Signs for all towns in the Berrigan Shire. Berrigan Shire understands the need to support new Town Entry signage with a holistic response for the whole town.

Town Concept Plans for Tocumwal and Finley began the process in 2014 - 2015. The Tocumwal Foreshore Masterplan was then undertaken in 2015-2016. Berrigan and Barooga Town Concept Plans will complete this commitment.

Town Concept Plan purpose
The Plan provides a foundation for future work. The Plan has developed a long-term vision for each town with an integrated strategy which fosters social capital and builds new energy.

The Plan identifies five prioritised projects for each town. BSC nominated Street Trees to be included in the five projects.

Holistic response
The plan builds on the assets of a small river town with a beautiful natural setting. The community has identified the natural environment and sporting/active lifestyle as key values for them. In addition they have asked for the retail area be improved.

In response to their feedback the Plan holistically responds to social, environmental and economic issues in Barooga.

The town has some actively involved community members in the Barooga Advancement Group (BAG). They are committed to good social, economic and environmental outcomes for their town. They have been clear about advancement in balance. The plan has been developed with their input to foster the group’s growth, ownership of town projects and ongoing volunteer roles.

Previous Reports, Plans and Strategies
Barooga Pedestrian Access And Mobility Plan
Des Gunn Landscape Design/ Berrigan Shire Council
Adopted 16th July, 2014

Berrigan Shire 2027
Community Strategic Plan
Endorsed by the Berrigan Shire Council on behalf of the community: 21 June 2017

Barooga Town Plan 2012 – 2016
Current as at 21 November 2011 to be endorsed at Barooga Advancement Group Meeting 14th February 2012

BSC Children, Young People & Families Strategy 2015-2019

BSC Tourism Strategy Jun 2014-2018

Draft Berrigan Shire Council
Active Ageing And Disability Inclusion Plan Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 – 2021
Project Process
The design process undertaken for this project included the following steps:

Investigation phase
• Existing documents, relevant strategies and policies reviewed
• Base plans to assist in consultation created
• Online survey created

Community event
• Community BBQ at The Barooga Botanical Garden
• Whole town site visits
• Survey advertised

Site Analysis
• Whole town constraints and opportunities plan
• Review Barooga survey results and community feedback

Preliminary Town Concept Plan
• Five Prioritised projects identified
• Town Entry Option A and B developed

Community Engagement
• Street stall in Vermont Street
• Public meeting (undertaken by Council team)

Draft Town Concept Plan
• Barooga whole town plan, 5 prioritised projects
• Barooga Town Entry Sign Option C

Presentation
• Councillor presentation
• Community meeting at Sporties

Barooga Preferred Town Entry Sign
• Councillor presentation (undertaken by Council team)

Report and Action Plan preparation began

Additional town entry sign designs undertaken
• Community postal survey to determine preferred Town entry sign (undertaken by Council team)

Council will continue the Town entry sign process

Report and Action Plan finalised

Community involvement
A variety of techniques were used to discuss the project with the community. At public events laminated plans (see image below) were used to discuss the project in detail in small groups.

An online survey was created to help position the five prioritised projects. There was only limited engagement via the survey. For details refer to appendix.

A powerpoint presentation was also used to present all propositions to the community’s appointed representatives.

The project documents have been revised, changed and adjusted after each round of feedback to ensure the plans reflect the community vision for the future of their town.
5 Prioritised Projects

1. Welcome to Our Town - Entry Signage
   Locate the town gateways for further signage development

2. Be Remembered for your Trees
   Comprehensive street tree planting
   Priority areas identified
   Species suggestion

3. Vision for Vermont
   Direct future development in Vermont Street

4. Rest in Barooga
   Provide truck rest stops
   Provide caravan parking close to the centre of town
   Mural wall

5. Foreshore
   Lions Club Reserve - a picnic ground which can be activated by community events or markets
   Collie Park / Library area - provide an adventure playground
   Swing Bridge Park - a gateway to the river bike path network
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Council - communication, consultation and facilitation, set rules of engagement Community - connected to the Barooga community, willing to attend and participate in workshops and consultation, design ideas and branding knowledge

Internally undertaken by BSC

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## Be Remembered for your Trees

### Priority 1 - Wide Streetscapes works

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Audit and prioritise other streets

Understanding of tree health and the desired outcome for Berrigan streetscapes, possible GIS data requirements

$10,000

This number is approximate only, specialist input required. Cost is likely to vary from one supplier to another.

Priority 3 - Town extents

Sub total $274,000

30% contingency $82,200

Total $356,200

Audit and prioritise streets

Understanding of tree health and the desired outcome for Barooga streetscapes, possible GIS data requirements

$10,000

This number is approximate only, specialist input required. Cost is likely to vary from one supplier to another.

Consult with the residents to choose tree species

Internally undertaken by BSC

Project manage the planting project including liaison with RMS, plant ordering and liaison with residents

Understand construction, able to liaise with nursery industry and contractors and authorities, able to remain true to the design intent during possible construction alterations

Internally undertaken by BSC

Removal of trees identified as; past their useful lifespan, dangerous, impacting on services or sightlines. (assumes 1 tree every 40m = 170 trees x $200)

$48,000

TBC when design is finalised in documentation

Supply and transportation of street trees (assumes 1 tree every 15m = 453 new trees x $400)

Able to provide good quality stock, safely transport and support BSC with excellent plant knowledge

$256,000

TBC when design is finalised in documentation

Undertake planting of streetscapes

Setout of tree locations, minor adjustments base on site conditions, Internally undertaken by BSC

$10,000

This number is approximate only, specialist input required. Cost is likely to vary from one supplier to another.

Consult with the residents to choose tree species

Internally undertaken by BSC

Project manage the planting project including liaison with RMS, plant ordering and liaison with residents

Understand construction, able to liaise with nursery industry and contractors and authorities, able to remain true to the design intent during possible construction alterations

Internally undertaken by BSC

"Removal of trees identified as; past their useful lifespan, dangerous, impacting on services or sightlines. (assumes 1 tree every 40m = 170 trees x $200)

Note this figure is an allowance and tree removal will need to be quantified during detailed documentation. There is a combined naturestrip area of approximately 9.6 linear km

$42,000

TBC when design is finalised in documentation

Supply and transportation of street trees (assumes 1 tree every 15m = 453 new trees x $400)

Able to provide good quality stock, safely transport and support BSC with excellent plant knowledge

$222,000

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Undertake planting of streetscapes

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Welcome to Our Town

Prioritised Town Entry Sign

Town Entry Signage Aspiration

- Create a stronger sense of town identity
- Build on town pride
- Visual cue to traffic to slow down

Locations

The Plan identifies three locations for signage with two locations prioritised

Current

The existing Town Entry Signage features are inconsistent. (One is a wall with ‘Barooga’ in lettering on it, and the other is a sign on posts)

Issues

- Sign is similar to others and doesn’t reflect Barooga as a unique place
- The signs are dated and inconsistent
- Barooga needs a clear and concise message

Sign designs

The plan developed signage designs which explored the themes of natural environment and sports. The signs have gone through a consultation process. (Refer to the appendix for details)

What’s next?

The Council will continue the process to develop the town theme.

Outcomes

Signage that provides a clear and simple message about Barooga is constructed at the locations shown on the plan.
Street Tree Aspiration

Street trees planting has visually enhanced Barooga and a shady path network supports a diverse, active outdoor lifestyle.

Current

The existing street trees are very good in Vermont Street, however elsewhere the trees are inconsistent in spacing, health and at times species. There are many streets with no street trees in Barooga.

Issues

• Barooga has many streets without street trees, including places with existing footpaths but no shade protection
• Barooga’s streets look hot and exposed
• There are some gardens in Barooga that continue on to the naturestrip where street trees would normally be planted

Proposed

The proposed street tree masterplan provides a planting strategy to make Barooga more green and shady. There will be consistent street tree species and overall, more trees.

Plant boulevards of trees to:
• Create a more cohesive streetscape character
• Ongoing succession planting program
• Create shaded pathways
• Enhance town presentation and appeal

Priorities

The Street Tree Masterplan Priorities are based on the following rationale:
1. Top priority - wide streets that are the first impression of Barooga
2. Second priority - town centre where there are many existing footpaths
3. Third priority - rest of the town zone, however, should a development occur in this area, it is recommended that the developer be required to:
   • provide nature strips wide enough for services, footpaths and street trees.
   • supply and install street trees chosen from the Recommended Trees list in this report.

Outcomes

Prioritised areas for plantings
Species suited to different conditions
Engagement recommendations to discuss street trees in residential areas

Legend

- Existing roads
- Existing footpaths
- Priority 1 - Wide street planting
- Priority 2
- Priority 3
- Medium street planting
- Narrow street planting

Priority 1
- Main Entries & Streets with Footpaths
- Wide streets
- Centre of Town
- Medium streets
- Narrow streets
- Future Growth Area
- Medium streets
- Narrow streets

Priority 2

Priority 3

No trees to be planted on batter of Golf Course
Proposed trees both on park side and road side
Mixed footpath trees and street trees
Tree guards or bollards integrating with Golf Course to highlight entry to Barooga to be considered
Retain existing Eucalypt trees
Use same species to create continuous boulevard planting
Note: Where existing street trees are in good health and suitable locations they should be protected and retained
Note: Street Tree Masterplan approach to be confirmed after service investigation has been completed

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Why value trees?

Social Benefits

- Contribute to the identity of the town
- Green open space for events, festivals and celebrations
- Encourage outdoor activity - health benefits
- Connection to nature - health benefits
- Reduce sun exposure - reduced cancer risks
- Reduce heat related illnesses
- Improve mental wellbeing

Environmental Benefits

- Reduce air pollution
- Capture and store carbon
- Provide shading in summer and solar access in winter (deciduous only)
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Provide habitat and biodiversity
- Reduce nutrient flows into stormwater

Economic Benefits

- Reduce cost of energy consumption by improving microclimates
- Streets with more street trees have higher property values
- Green towns are more likely to attract visitors

Choosing the right tree

Size of tree at maturity

- Micro-climate impact
- Small trees have less impact on cooling our streets in summer than large trees
- Cue to slow traffic
- Small trees are less effective at slowing traffic speeds
- If space is an issue, a small tree is better than no tree

Diversity of tree species in the overall street tree list

Planting a range of tree species;

- Reduces risk of loss due to climate event or insect attack
- Increases demands on maintenance and resource management

Keeping existing trees

- The climate is hot and dry, establishing trees is difficult and requires ongoing maintenance
- Keeping a healthy, established tree vs removing it to create a boulevard – site specific response needed

Not always replanting the same species

- Tree species planted at one time are not always socially and environmentally the right fit for the future

Supporting strategies and reports

Berrigan Shire 2027: Our Community Strategic Plan

Strategic outcome 1 - Sustainable natural and built landscapes.
Priority Projects & Initiatives pg 15 - “Invest in town entrances and the visual amenity of our streetscapes”

Tourism Strategy 2014 - 2018

Section 6 The Tourism Experience pg 8 - “Council also promotes conditions that support visitation by building and maintaining... attractive town streetscapes”

Adapted from Urban Forest Strategy
Making a great city greener 2012-2032
City of Melbourne

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What, when and how to plant

**Process to plant trees**

**Audit**
- Undertake a street tree audit:
  - What trees are in the streetscape?
  - What condition are they in?
  - Spatially locate audit
  - Consider creating a register of trees which can be used to direct resources and maintenance

Overlay audit with proposed staging on the Street Tree Masterplan and develop detailed priorities based on:

- **High priority**
  - streets with existing footpath but low quality existing shade
  - streets with scheduled civil construction
  - streets with community support / demand for trees
  - streets with few trees or trees in poor condition

- **Low priority**
  - streets with trees in good health and consistent planting
  - streets with entire community resistant to tree planting

**Get the community involved**
- Engage with the community to foster interest and ownership of the street trees. Ensure the importance of trees to the town is explained to the community. Getting the community involved in tree choices will help in the tree success rate. People who feel a sense of ownership are more likely to water the tree out the front of their house in summer and unlikely to remove or poison the tree.

There will be locations where community members have planted a garden on the nature strip. It is recommended that Council speak with them at the planning stage before planting is undertaken. Involve them in the choice of tree and agree on the future of the other plantings that remain.

**Plan each planting**
- Each streetscape will need to be planned. The tree species will need to be selected based on the size of the naturestrip and services locations. Refer to the recommended trees on this page. Community input is valuable at this stage.
- Consider the spacing of the trees. Aim for as many trees as possible, with a minimum of one tree every 17m. Further discussions with some community members may be required to confirm the location of the tree.
- If a street has significant underground services / infrastructure consider using tree cells.

**Order the trees**
- Plan to plant when the soil will have some moisture but is not water logged. Order the stock well in advance. If the trees are coming from a different climate eg/Melbourne or Sydney, allow time for them to harden off in a local nursery or with the works team.

Discuss the proposed species with the supplier and what stock and quantity they have available. A contract to grow the trees could be considered.

Satisfy yourself with the quality of all plants before accepting them from the supplier. All plants shall be true to species and the best of their respective kinds. They should have:
- a well-developed root system within the rootball (not pot bound) and
- be free from pests and disease
- straight trunks
- strong crown growth that is well formed.

It is recommended that no tree be accepted which is unhealthy and/or has not been adequately hardened off, or is otherwise inferior in quality.

**Planting and maintenance**
- To limit tree stress and shock plant immediately after delivery to site or heeled in or covered with moist soil or hessian. Until planted, trees will need to be adequately protected from frost and winds and be properly maintained.

After planting, the trees will need to be regularly watered until they are established (first season). During the following two (2) summers / dry weather watering will be required. Some trees may require replacing during this phase and this should be discussed with the supplier when ordering the trees.

Monitor and treat trees for pests and diseases as required.

**Recommendations**
- Audit the existing trees and set detailed priorities
- Engage the community to discuss tree species and locations
- Plan each street and order stock in advance
- Plant in accordance with the tree planting detail in the appendix.

**Recommended trees**

A tree palette has been prepared for Barooga based on the climate and cultural conditions. There are specific trees for the main roads and a palette to guide choices in other streets. The Barooga Botanical Garden Committee have contributed to the street tree list below.

The following list has been prepared to guide future tree plantings:

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<th>Botanical name</th>
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<td>Ornamental Plum</td>
<td>Prunus spp.</td>
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**Town Street Tree Species list**

- **Golf Course Road**
  - Corymbia citriodora
  - Corymbia maculata
- **Vermont Street**
  - Pistacia chinensis
  - Zelkova serrata
- **Wide Streets**
  - Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'
  - Corymbia citriodora
  - Corymbia maculata
- **Medium Streets**
  - Casuarina cunninghamiana
  - Corymbia ficifolia
  - Praxinus pennyanicica 'Urbanite TM'
  - Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis 'Sunbarst'
  - Hymenosporum flavum
  - Jacaranda mimosifolia
  - Pistacia chinensis
  - Pyrus calleryana 'Glen's Form'
- **Narrow or restricted streets**
  - Albizia julibrissin
  - Agonis flexuosa
  - Callistemon salignus
  - Eucalyptus eximia 'Nana'
  - Hakea laurina
  - Lagerstroemia fauriei
  - Pittosporum phyliraeoides
  - Prunus spp.
Vermont Street Aspiration

**Town Centre (centred on Vermont Street, between Golf Course Road and Banker Street)**

Vermont Street, in the town centre, has an active, attractive and cohesive streetscape with retail, residential, hospitality and community facilities. It is free of ‘inactive’ retail (such as storage/factory units), empty shop fronts and industrial activities (such as welding or powder coating).

Local businesses are supported, and appropriate development of the vacant lots and empty houses for residential, retail or hospitality use is encouraged. Small-scale shopping facilities meet the basic needs of local residents and visitors. Walking and cycling around the town centre is easy with shady continuous paths and good access connections for all abilities.

**Current**

Vermont Street has a range of shops including a small supermarket, post office, pub, petrol station and chemist. Residential is mixed with retail. The street trees are closely spaced Chinese Pistachio. They are making a positive contribution. There is a significant amount of empty land.

**Issues**

- The street trees attract birds, and there are seeds on the footpath, however they are making a significant contribution to the streetscape and are an appropriate scale. These trees have a significant life span of over 50 years.
- The street furniture is looking tired and dated, it is uncomfortable, and in places, the benches have no armrests.
- The retail shops are separated by areas of empty land which prevents the feeling of a village.
- There are poor pedestrian connections. The footpaths are only in some locations and pedestrian road crossing points are limited.
- Vermont Street is a state road with truck traffic. Cyclists find the road hard to ride on with large vehicle traffic. Contributing factors may include worn line marking and reversing parked cars.
- Proposed adventure play space will need improved connections to the main street to access full social and economic impact.

**Proposed**

Vermont Street has some long term issues and it is recommended that Vision for Vermont Street be a guide to inform the next 20 years of development.

- In fill planting of street trees in northern block.
- Update furniture in Vermont Street to improve all abilities access.
- Actively encourage appropriate development of empty blocks and discourage land banking.

**Discussions with RMS**

- Discuss intersection with Golf Course road (Refer Rest in Barooga section of this report).
- Discuss improved cyclist connections (eg green lane) along the shopping strip.
- Discuss locations for pedestrians to cross Vermont Street and seek to increase the existing crossing opportunities.

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**Legend**

- Existing empty lot
- Existing footpaths
- Proposed footpath
- Possible upgrade to on road cycling - to be discussed with RMS
- Existing pedestrian crossing
- Proposed pedestrian crossing
- Potential location of pedestrian outstand area - to be discussed with RMS
- Existing street light
- Existing tree
- Proposed tree
- Proposed street tree planting - medium street (refer Be Remembered for your Trees Plan)
- Proposed street tree planting - narrow street (refer Be Remembered for your Trees Plan)
- Existing centre median with proposed planting
- Proposed centre median
- Proposed round about
- Proposed upgrade to street furniture
Rest Stop Aspiration
Barooga has well connected parking areas that encourage and support long vehicles and heavy vehicles to stop and use town facilities

Current
The existing rest stop is a gravel area on Nangunia Street with an RV dump site and a Lions Club shelter.

Issues
The existing rest stop site:
- has had complaints of misuse due to the lack of toilets
- the gravel expanse is not welcoming and doesn’t reflect Barooga
- the rest stop is over 1km from the shops

Town (general)
- Long vehicle parking area is needed in town to support travellers to use local businesses
- Intersection at Vermont Street and Golf course road near the bridge has difficult sight lines which cause conflict between large vehicles, cars and pedestrians. The impact of proposed changes suggested in this Plan on this intersection should be carefully assessed

Proposed
To welcome and support long distance drivers to Barooga the following projects have been identified:

Upgrade to existing Nangunia Street rest stop
- Existing facilities RV dump retained
- Toilet block, formal truck and long vehicle parking facilities
- Tree and garden bed area to improve aesthetics and feel welcoming
- Wayfinding signage to connect to town and other parking locations

Vermont Street and Golf Course Road intersection
- Review intersection with RMS to seek improved sight lines and road safety
- Include directional signage for long vehicle parking in Golf Course Road

Golf Course Road Parking
- Formalise parking in Golf Course Road for cars & long vehicles
- Mural project at Brooks Grain Offices
- Community project to install a mural on existing building wall

Outcomes
Long and large vehicles are welcomed to Barooga and encouraged to stop close to the Vermont Street shops
Rest in Barooga

Vermont Street and Golf Course Road

Existing Conditions

Vermont Street is a regional road. The intersection was identified by the community as a difficult place for pedestrians to cross and a difficult place for vehicles to turn from side roads into Vermont street.

BSC recently checked traffic speed in the area and did not record high vehicle speeds during the check. Council did discuss concerns about the intersection with RMS after the bridge was installed.

The bridge is higher than the side roads which does make it harder to see bridge traffic and turn from side streets.

The road traffic includes large trucks. The road width and the location pedestrians cross is wide. There is no formal pedestrian crossing. Coloured pavement has been installed as a traffic calming measure. It can be confused by pedestrians as a crossing location however, there are no pram crossing facilities.

The shared path currently goes under the bridge and is accessed via gates. The path has several signs associated with it however, it is a counter-intuitive way to access the town centre. This path area is at times affected by flooding and there is no alternative connection.

The intersection is a barrier to accessing Vermont Street from the east side. Note the East side has a significant amount of land that will be available for development.

Impact of the Barooga Town Concept Plan on this Intersection

The Foreshore Plan recommends the development of the parks on either side of the bridge and the shared path. These new destinations may increase the number of pedestrians and cyclists between east and west sides of the foreshore as well and into Vermont Street.

The Plan has identified an opportunity for a long vehicle parking area in Golf Course Road next to Lions Park. There may be an increase in long vehicle turning movements at this intersection.

Further Work

• Consider re-opening the conversation with RMS
• Consider undertaking a traffic assessment by a qualified traffic engineer based on current conditions and possible changes based on elements in the Plan
• Consider an upgrade to the road to improve pedestrian/cyclist links and traffic movement from side streets.
Foreshore Projects

Current

The Foreshore to Bullanginya Lagoon has three main park areas. All are well maintained with green mown grass however, they are looking tired and worn.

There is shared path system throughout the foreshore which is often interrupted by car parking or parkland.

Barooga has several playgrounds that cater for the preschool and early primary school aged children. One in the foreshore has been identified by Council as at the end of its viable lifespan. Cobram has recently built a skate park.

Opportunities

Barooga Foreshore area can be developed to promote the town’s connection to the riverine environment. The Foreshore can provide a range of welcoming, public outdoor spaces. Each area should have its own distinct identity and overall, they should cater for a wide range of uses, age groups and physical abilities.
Recommendations

**Shared path**
Develop the shared path including improved surface treatment to limit ongoing maintenance requirements.

**Foreshore Parks**
Develop a park style guide including standard furniture, shelters, tree species and a materials palette that can be applied to all parks as they are redeveloped. Ensure the maintenance team are directly involved in the development of any standard/guide to make sure it responds to available resources.

**Lions Park**
- Adopt the aspiration for the park,
- Commission qualified professionals to design and document the park and
- Undertake the proposed work.
Refer to the Lions Park Plan for more details

**Collie Park**
- Adopt the aspiration for the park,
- Commission qualified professionals to design and document the park and
- Undertake the proposed work.
Refer to the Collie Park Plan for more details

**Swing Bridge Park**
- Adopt the aspiration for the park,
- Commission qualified professionals to design and document the park and
- Undertake the proposed work.
Refer to the Swing Bridge Park Plan for more details

**Improve connections to bushland and river**
The Swing Bridge area of the Foreshore provides an excellent existing connection to the bushland, river and beaches in the area. The shared path could include wayfinding to sites in the National Park to improve awareness, access and connection to the natural environment.

**Play**
Attitudes to play and risk have been shifting dramatically. “Numerous studies have shown that attempts to eliminate risk from playgrounds are ultimately damaging children. The key, experts say, is to encourage ‘good’ risk and eliminate ‘bad’ risk.” (Risky Business by Emily Ditchburn 9 December 2017 Refer Appendix) The Australian Standards for play have been rewritten to address this change and the role that the lack of risk played in promoting a sedentary lifestyle in children.
During community consultation the play opportunities offered in Barooga were discussed. Community members asked for an adventure play space that attracts primary to lower secondary school-aged children with challenge and excitement.

**Contemporary image**
The foreshore is a beautiful natural setting however, its first impression could be better. Treated timber pine fencing and unprogrammed space deters visitors and users.

During consultation, the Barooga Community made it clear that the town image should focus on natural materials and steer away from bright colours or flags. Any changes to the foreshore should reflect this community direction.

**Attracting visitors to Barooga**
The Berrigan Tourism Strategy identifies that the majority of visitors to the shire are visiting relatives. This sector of the tourism market has high potential to become future residents. For this reason, it is a highly valuable market. The foreshore area has the potential to provide an excellent destination for family activities and to demonstrate the quality of life available to Barooga residents.

The Foreshores close proximity to Vermont Street Shops also provides an ideal town park for visitors to break the drive.

**Improve connectivity to town centre**
The foreshore has the capacity to be a major link that connects east and west sides of Barooga to the town centre. The path system should be a welcoming and pleasant experience for all abilities. This path would support healthy lifestyle choices and the commercial centre of Barooga. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles (CPTED) should be applied to the foreshore path system.
**Lions Club Reserve Aspiration**

A park that can support both visitors, by encouraging them to break their trip, and community members, by facilitating events such as markets (or similar).

**Current**

The park land is well maintained with mown grass and a treed backdrop. There are however, no programmed activities or uses and infrastructure which no longer functions is having a negative impact on the parks impression and use. There is an asphalt path that connects to the other areas of the foreshore to the golf courses.

**Issues**

- Community members have identified the site as a possible location for markets/ car boot sales. No other location has been nominated in Barooga.
- Assets have been decommissioned for the park including a swing set and BBQ however, some elements remain and no new park program/activities has been supplied
- The road edge has informal parking which is encroaching on the park area
- The timber fence is tired and old. It is having a negative impact on the parks first impression
- There are no trees outside of the lagoon environment the park and Golf Course Road feels hot and exposed

**Proposed**

- Formalised parking on Golf Course Road - refer to Rest in Barooga for more information
- Street tree planting - Refer to Be Remembered for Your Trees for more information
- Park tree planting to shade the shared path
- Picnic shelter with BBQ and picnic tables
- Consider services to support community events including electricity, water and a drinking fountain
- Retain and protect lagoon vegetation
- Retain grass lawns in park

**Further work**

Further development of the event types and needs that can be hosted on this site should be included at the next stage of works

**Outcomes**

A flexible space which support small and large groups to use the space. It is easy to maintain.
Collie Park Foreshore Aspiration

A park that is a destination for young families in the region and visitors

Current

Space is well maintained with mown grass and a treed backdrop however, there are no programmed activities or uses. The space is well connected to the Barooga Library. There is a gap in the path system that connects to the other areas of the foreshore to the golf courses. There is a plaque commemorating the landing of Captain Cook.

Issues

• The site has been identified by council as a preferred location for an Adventure Play Space
• The road edge has informal parking which is encroaching on the park area and interrupting the shared path areas
• The timber fence is tired and old. It is having a negative impact on the parks first impression
• There are no trees outside of the lagoon environment. The park and Golf Course Road feel hot and exposed
• There is a power pole and overhead power which connects to a service on the lagoon
• The adjacent library has toilets and a fenced early years play space
• There is a levee in the area which has been identified by Council as requiring future improvement

Proposed

• Adventure play space aimed at ages 5 - 12 which reflects the natural environment and provides opportunities for competition, co-operation and challenge
• Formalised parking on Golf Course Road and street tree planting - Refer to Be Remembered for Your Trees for more information
• Link the shared path system in the park and supply park tree planting to shade the path
• Picnic shelter with BBQ, picnic tables and a drinking fountain
• Retain and protect lagoon vegetation
• Retain grass lawns in park
• WiFi

Further work

Design, documentation and construction of an adventure play park

Outcomes

Interesting play for a broader range of age groups that supports young families in Barooga.

Legend

Grass area
Adjacent bushland & tree canopy line
Pedestrian links
Proposed trees
Proposed shelter
Proposed formalised parking
Existing playground
Proposed adventure play area
Flood levee work required - by others

Proposed formalised parking to cater for larger numbers of visitors to new playground

Seating available in shelter and externally with WiFi available from library to cater for a wide range of audiences
Swing Bridge Park Foreshore Aspiration

A site which provides excellent connections to Barooga and eco tourism opportunities via the existing path network to the greater bushland area of the Murray Valley National Park

Current

Space is well maintained with mown grass with a treed backdrop. There is playground aimed at preschoolers and early primary children. The shared path is gravel in this area, with concrete connections to the swing bridge. Barooga Public School is on the other side of the road with very well kept grounds. The swing bridge connects Barooga directly to the Murray Valley National Park. The bridge is a gateway to the trail network that links to river beaches, campsites and provides active recreation opportunities.

Issues

- The playground and associated facilities are dated and reaching the end of their lifespan
- At the fenced playground, the path is separated from the road by a gutter and is likely to be used as car parking
- The timber fence is tired and old. It is having a negative impact on the parks first impression
- There are no trees outside of the lagoon environment the park feels hot and exposed
- The swing bridge is an excellent physical connection, however, the larger connections are not clear

Proposed

- Decommission the playground and facilities and replace with Picnic shelter with BBQ, picnic tables and a drinking fountain
- Wayfinding signage to show National / Regional Park including activities distances and destinations eg Fishing area = 650m or Ski Beach = 2.5 km walk
- Formalised parking on Lawson Drive and street tree planting - Refer to Be Remembered for Your Trees for more information
- Improve the surface quality of the shared path system in the park and supply park tree planting to shade the path
- Retain and protect lagoon vegetation
- Retain grass lawns in park

Further work

Design, documentation and construction of picnic area and wayfinding signage. Collaboration with Park Authorities.

Outcomes

Pedestrian / cyclist gateway to beaches and bush land area.