



Our connected community roadmap

Tumbarumba & Surrounds

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay respects to Elders past and present.

We recognise Aboriginal people as the original custodians of the lands that comprise the Snowy Valleys Council area and pay our respects to the leaders of the traditional custodians of this land.

Together we acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians to this country we all live in and share together.

Snowy Valleys Council is committed to enhancing the knowledge and understanding of our communities about the history, heritage and cultures of Aboriginal Australians.



Report title: Tumbarumba and Surrounds - Our Connected Communities Roadmap

Client: Snowy Valleys Council

Version: Final

Date: October 2022

This material is made available by Cred Consulting on the understanding that users exercise their own skill and care with respect to its use. Any representation, statement, opinion or advice expressed or implied in this publication is made in good faith. Cred Consulting is not liable to any person or entity taking or not taking action in respect of any representation, statement, opinion or advice referred to in this document.

Image source: Gregor Turecek

Table of contents

1. Introduction	4
2. Our Community	7
3. Our Vision and Values	10
4. Mapping our Community Assets	12
5. Our Roadmap	18



1. Introduction

Background

The past few years have been difficult for our community, with the impacts of the 2019-2020 Black Summer Bushfires and COVID-19 lockdowns.

Snowy Valleys Council (Council), through partial funding from the NSW Community Recovery and Resilience Fund, has been working with our local community to prepare community-led plans aimed at understanding our places, spaces and networks that connect us to build stronger more socially cohesive and resilient communities.

Research from Resilient NSW and NCOSS tells us that for communities to be resilient in the face of emergencies, they need to be connected with each other, their places, and local services and institutions. Knowing our neighbours, having good relationships with friends and family, and being part of a connected community means someone will notice if we're missing, help if we are in trouble and get us back on our feet after the crisis has passed.

Building stronger communities

Resilience NSW has identified a number of ways that we can build stronger communities and be prepared for emergencies, respond as a community, and recover together. This includes:

- Understanding our local community including the people and place context - including our history, values and aspirations
- Recognising the complexity of different and unique places, because successful recovery is responsive to the complex and dynamic nature of both emergencies and a community
- Using community-led approaches - being community centred, responsive and flexible, and engaging with communities to move forward
- Coordinating activities - successful recovery requires a planned, coordinated and adaptive approach between community and partner agencies and requires a range of social connectors, and community assets, for this to occur effectively
- Recognising and building capacity - successful recovery is built on effective communication, networking and partnership between communities, services, and government agencies/institutions.

The importance of planning for social cohesion

The Scanlon Foundation (2021) defines social cohesion as being concerned with: "the extent of shared values, mutual respect and acceptance of difference, as well as trust between people and trust in institutions".

Social cohesion is about having strong bonds between individuals and institutions within a society, resulting in positive quality of relationships that are rooted in equal and just treatment, respect and care for one another. Social cohesion is an important foundation for cooperation towards shared outcomes.

Research shows that connected communities, with strong networks, trust, social spaces to connect, and bonds recover more quickly from adversity like the ones we've recently experienced in Tumbarumba and Surrounds.

The Resilient Cities Network's "Measuring Social Cohesion Guide" notes that:

"Higher levels of social cohesion and positive social interactions serve to strengthen the overall fabric of the city, allowing communities to bounce back faster and rebuilt more efficiently after experiencing major shocks and stresses."

Our plan for a connected place

This *Our Connected Communities Roadmap for Tumbarumba and Surrounds* is a community-led plan to build a socially connected, resilient place supported by the community assets needed to plan for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. Tumbarumba and Surrounds includes the localities of Tumbarumba, Couryabyra, Mannus and Burra.

This Roadmap sets a vision and values as identified by our local community to strengthen community connections and our resilience locally, and identifies ideas and actions to improve access to the community assets we need to better withstand future challenges and emergency events. It provides our resident and business community, Council and other institutions with the information needed to work in partnership with us.

It acknowledges that our social connectors - the community groups and events; services and institutions; places and spaces; and information sources - play a central role in how socially cohesive we are and focuses on identifying community-led initiatives and priorities for the improvement of our place and community.



Our Community Road Map Locations

What's in this Roadmap?

This Roadmap includes:

- Our community demographic and place profile
- Our community's vision and values
- What we love and what we'd change about our place
- A map of our community assets, or "social connectors" which bring our community together
- Assessment of our social connectors, our social capital, and identification of strengths and challenges
- Our ideas for how to make our place stronger and more socially connected, and
- An Action Plan for how our community and other institutions can work together to build a strong, socially connected and resilient place.

"Tumbarumba is a beautiful village. It's welcoming and friendly. The community is a family. We are protective of each other."

- Community member

How was this Roadmap developed?

This Roadmap was developed in partnership with the Tumbarumba and Surrounds community and Snowy Valleys Council acknowledging that the creation of strong socially cohesive communities must be community-led. Our local people and community groups and services have a critical role to play in community building, emergency preparedness and recovery. Engagement with the community included:

- Love Letters to Local Places postcards
- Places We Connect Boards, built by the Batlow Men's Shed
- Pop-up stalls in main streets
- Community meet ups in local community spaces
- Interviews with service providers, businesses, Council, and community groups, and
- Submissions via Council's Have My Say Page.

How can we use this Roadmap?

How can Council use this Roadmap?

Council can use this Roadmap for forward planning and resource allocation for infrastructure, strategic city planning and social development activities within the annual Operational Plan process.

How can Councillors use this Roadmap?

Councillors can use this Roadmap for advocacy, lobbying and promotion of community successes and challenges to government agencies, industry and all levels of government for funding support or program delivery.

How can community members and groups use this Roadmap?

Community members and groups can use this Roadmap for galvanising community group and volunteer action around identified activities for improvement of social cohesion and sourcing grant funding.



2. Our community

Our place

Tumbarumba and Surrounds includes the localities of Tumbarumba, Couryabyra, Mannus and Burra. Tumbarumba is the main service centre for our place and is where most of our residents live. We are located on the edge of the Snowy Mountains around 470km from Sydney and Melbourne, 66km from Tumut and 120km from Wagga Wagga. Our town is located on the traditional lands of the Ngarigo People.

Our area is a picturesque country town with a friendly and welcoming feel. Our place has a vibrant and strong community.

Tumbarumba is surrounded by a striking agricultural and natural landscape, housing smaller farming localities such as Mannus, Burra and Courabyra. Traditional agriculture is now rubbing shoulders with cool-climate vineyards, campgrounds, creative arts, waterways and nature, bicycle and walking trails that support an expanding food and wine tourism sector.

The natural trails, sculpture trail, rail trails and access to services makes our place special. We are also a collaborative and innovative community.

We have popular festivals like Tumba Fest, Tumbarumba Open Garden and Flower Festival, Tumbarumba Rodeo, the Bush Chemist and the Rotary Club.

The community assets and those social connectors that make our place special are detailed in Section 4, Mapping our Community Assets



Community feel

We have a warm and friendly community that has a strong identity and active community groups that come together and make things happen.



Great location

Halfway between Sydney and Melbourne, Tumba is a beautiful small town surrounded by natural beauty, but still well-connected.



Community events

Great events and activities like Tumba Fest and Welcome to Tumba night that are fun for the whole community.



Natural beauty

Love the natural landscapes and vistas, the beautiful creek scape, countryside, public parks, nature trails and campsites.





Our people

In 2021, there were approximately 2,245 people living in Tumbarumba and Surrounds.

Our residents are older in age.

Our median age is 46 years which is higher than the average across Regional NSW at 43. We have a lower proportion of people aged 18 and under (17% compared to 22% in our LGA) and a higher proportion of people aged 65 years and over (27%), indicating that our population is ageing.

We are likely to earn more per week than people living in other places in the Snowy Valleys.

Our median household income is similar to the average across the LGA (\$1,122) and Regional NSW (\$1,166), however our SEIFA score is lower than our LGA which means we are slightly more disadvantaged than other places in the Snowy Valleys.

We are a diverse community and celebrate our First Nations peoples.

Our town is located on the traditional lands of the Ngarigo People. More than 5% of our residents are First Nations people, which is higher than the average across our LGA.

Local clubs

We have a huge diversity of clubs for a range of interests and activities like the Men's Shed, quilting, pottery, writing, sewing and sports clubs.

We have a transient workforce which makes us diverse.

We have a much higher proportion of people who speak a language other than English at home (16%) compared to Snowy Valley Council (3.5%) and this is a result of our transient workforce in temporary accommodation. Around 5.5% of our population are First Nations people, which is similar to Snowy Valleys (4.4%) and the same as Regional NSW (5.5%).

We are likely to own our homes and live with family and friends.

Our residents are more likely to own their home compared to the average across our LGA, with 55% of our residents owning their homes and 20% renting.

Even though the proportion of family households is lower in Tumbarumba (54%) compared to the average across our LGA (63%), the majority of people share a home with family, friends and flatmates.

Many people live outside of town with poor or no internet access, yet we have a higher proportion of internet access compared to our LGA, with four in five residents connected to the internet.

Table 1 - Our people and households characteristics
(Based on 2021 ABS Census for the areas of Tumbarumba, Couryabyra, Mannus and Burra)

Total population	Tumbarumba & Surrounds	Snowy Valley Council	Regional NSW
	2,245	14,891	-
Median age	46	45	43
Median household income	\$1,102	\$1,122	\$1,166
Under 18	19%	22%	22%
18-64	57%	56%	57%
65+	22%	22%	21%
Language other than English	16%	3.5%	5.7%
First Nations	5.5%	4.4%	5.5%
Renting	20%	19%	22%
Homeowners	55%	39%	36%
Lone households	25%	27%	26%
Family households	54%	62%	63%
Volunteering	21%	25%	21%
No internet access	21%	34%	27%
SEIFA	918	951	971

Please note: The ABS provide estimates for localities with small populations for privacy purposes, and therefore not all percentages will add up to 100%.

3. Our Vision and Values

Our place vision

Our community is excited to see our town and people recover and thrive post bushfires. We place high value on our friendly, active, caring and social culture and want to see our place supported into the future with increased access to services, improved housing options for all stages of life, improved public and active transport connections, and more retail and food variety, open more of the time.

We are proud of the rail trail and excited about the opportunity it presents to grow our area as a tourist destination. We want to support this growth with boutique accommodation, amenities for tourists including a wider variety of day and night time food and entertainment opportunities, and destination events. We want to work in partnership to build local business, local services and groups to bring our beautiful place to life.

Our values

The Tumbarumba & Surrounds community shared what they value about their place and what makes it special:

Caring community

- Welcoming
- Fun, friendly and caring
- Volunteering opportunities
- Social
- Supported by services
- Active, with lots of clubs
- Families and sport
- Self-reliant

Country Feel

- Clean
- Safe
- Small
- Relaxed
- The countryside

Climate

- Cool weather

Nature

- The creek
- Walking, hiking, mountain biking and camping
- Parks and gardens

Sustainability

- Industry and jobs
- Nature
- New businesses and housing



Image source: Cred Consulting



Snowy Valleys Place Plans

What you told us Tumbarumba and surrounds



LOVE

Friendly & welcoming community

Rotary do a lot in the town

Kids & families play sports together

All the clubs - quilting, writers, artists, pottery, sewing

Chamber of Commerce welcome to Tumba night

Lots to do, but you have to make the effort

Self-sustainable town. Able to get things done itself

Has a strong identity

All the volunteering & community spirit

Clean streets - no graffiti

Council doing a great job, need new & diverse community members

Easy to settle in as a city kid growing up in the bush

Small community

Men's shed (20 members) is a great initiative

The creek scape and creek walk

Rail trail brings a lot of tourism

Great location halfway between Sydney & Melbourne

Walking, hiking and mountain-bike trails

Free camping and beautiful places to camp

Love the views, trees, parks and the countryside

Good main street for a place this size. Good variety of services.

Local sports clubs and teams with all age groups playing

CHANGE

Affordable independent living to support older people to stay living here

Need to keep housing affordable as more people move in

Want bank branches open again

More trail care

Sports spending in Tumut as rates increase in Tumba

Need more housing for families & people who want to move to the area

Stop forestry industry - wear & tear of the roads & bushfires

Need tourism, but can't just rely on that, also need community

Don't want fast food to come to Tumba

Visitor Centre & its great museum are not well-used. Open them up

Need more children's services in town. Speech therapy, etc.

Café that is open on weekends & all day

would like the shops that are closed to open again

More variety of stores. Food and other shops open more often

De-merge

More focus on tourism & promoting our incredible destinations

NBN & better wifi. Free wifi in town

Open up shops on Sundays. Nothing open for visitors & locals

Need boutique accommodation

Better community information & consultation

Tumbarumba SVC office feels disconnected. Nobody at the front counter

Back to how it used to be - Tumba shire an identity in itself (lack of pride and identity)



4. Mapping our community assets

This section maps the community assets that connect us socially and that create networks in our community. It provides:

- A map of our social connectors and assessment of how they impact on the social capital in our local area, and
- An assessment of our social connectors, including our strengths and challenges.

Understanding our community assets that connect us socially, is a foundation of building social cohesion and emergency preparedness and recovery.

What are our social connectors?

Our social connectors in Tumbarumba and Surrounds have been assessed and mapped overpage and include:

- **Community groups & Events** - groups led by volunteers and our community events
- **Services & Institutions** - funded services, Council, and other government agencies
- **Places & spaces** - including the parks, sport, spaces, community buildings, cafes, pubs and other places where we meet, attend programs, and connect formally and informally
- **Information sources** - including the local papers, newsletters, and community noticeboards where we receive and share local information.

What is social capital?

Social cohesion is a broad concept that includes the concept of social capital. Social capital refers to the many benefits that arise from having strong social connections and networks within communities.

Social capital has three elements:

“Bonding” social capital characterises social groups where people share many experiences and values associated with their ethnicity, religion or locality and other interests.

“Bridging” social capital focuses on extending interaction between different social groups, which draw people into many different opportunities for pursuing and achieving their aspirations and meeting their needs.

“Linking” social capital connects groups to institutions and organisations that open up opportunities and resolve problems that might otherwise be missed.

Our social connectors

We live in and work in Tumbarumba and have strong networks of trust. We have a broad range of community and social groups, encompassing sport and creative arts, who meet in our town centre venues, our parks and sporting facilities, local RSL and clubs. Our groups, like the Rotary Club, invest locally and fund improvements to our town. We have emerging businesses who need support to activate our town through grants, funding and networking opportunities.

For those of us who live near town, or have a car, we have access to our basic retail needs including groceries. However, for a day out and for more diverse shopping or experiences, we are more likely to go to Wagga Wagga than to Tumut. Tumbarumba centre is very well serviced with Council, community service organisations, cafes, pubs, parks, sporting facilities and other social connectors.

Unlike our other major Snowy Valleys LGA centre Tumut, Tumbarumba still has Council-run services through its multi-service outlet located in town. This was important during the fires, as information and contact details of more isolated residents were easily accessible and help could be provided. The rail trail has attracted new people to visit and move to our area, however we do not have enough short term or long term accommodation in town, or services such as cafes and restaurants open on the weekends or nights to meet demand.

A map of the community assets that connect us is provided overpage on pages 14 and 15. This includes how they support the creation and sharing of social capital in our communities.

“ We need strong networks between community groups, local services and Council so we are ready for future emergencies.

- Local Service

“ We feel more connected to Wagga Wagga than Tumut, and would usually go there to do our shopping.”

- Community member

Assessment by social connector type

Type	Strengths	Challenges
Community groups & Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many active community groups, including quilting, writing, art, pottery, sewing and book clubs. Strong sporting community, including netball, football and other clubs, with many families playing together. There is a strong Rural Fire Service, with a similar % of residents volunteering to Regional NSW. The Tumbarumba Men's Shed is a thriving place for community to come together and support one another. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ageing community reduces volunteering rates, which is lower than the average across the LGA. The distance between towns is a challenge for older people without cars to connect with groups and participate in activities. Community groups have limited support in grant writing.
Services & Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council operates a community transport service, run by the Tumbarumba Multi Service Outlet (MSO). MSO also provides home and community care for older and isolated residents, social activities, and is the services agent in town for Medicare and Centrelink. Council's Tumbarumba Office provides services to community and in addition acts as the nominated facility for information during emergencies, e.g. if phone service and roads are cut off. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents need to travel to Wagga Wagga to access specialised services like speech therapists and occupational therapists. There is a need for more early learning and childcare services to support local families. There is a shortage of teachers to support local schools. Driving is required to access most places. This is a significant problem for older people and young people who do not drive.
Places & Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a good offering of social connectors in and around the town centre for community connection and to encourage visitors to stay, including cafés and pubs, the Tumbarumba Library, parks, sports facilities, community swimming pool and camping grounds. The Tumbarumba RSL became the Information and Food Hub and community meeting place every day during the Black Summer bushfires. The Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail has been a great activator for the area. New businesses are opening in the area, including Ladbroken Distilling Co. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cafés and pubs in the town centre close early and are often not open on weekends. There can be a greater retail offering, and businesses need to open on the weekend to bring more people to town. There is a need for more places for community to connect informally, as well as shaded and comfortable places for older people to rest. There is not enough affordable housing for young families moving to the area and/or independent living options for older people. There is limited accommodation for tourists, including boutique and short stay, and therefore the tourism from the Rail Trail cannot be leveraged.
Information sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The local newspaper, Tumbarumba Times, includes information about Council developments, community and sports news. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People would like more information about what community programs and activities there is to participate in. There is demand for a Community Newsletter from the Mayor. There is need for better internet access and free internet in town so online information can be easily accessed.

Our social connectors in Tumbarumba

Social cohesion is a broad concept that includes the concept of social capital. Social capital refers to the many benefits that arise from having strong social connections and networks within communities.

Social capital has three elements that are important to have within a socially cohesive society:

1

BONDING SOCIAL CAPITAL

“Bonding” social capital characterises social groups where people share many experiences and values associated with their ethnicity, religion or locality and other interests.

Tumbarumba is a connected community who meet up in local cafes, pubs and parks and care for each other.

2

BRIDGING SOCIAL CAPITAL

“Bridging” social capital focuses on extending interaction between different social groups, which draws people into many different opportunities for pursuing and achieving their aspirations and meeting their needs.

In Tumbarumba there is high volunteering through the Rotary Club, Men’s Shed, the Museum, local events, and Council’s community services centre.

3

LINKING SOCIAL CAPITAL

“Linking” social capital connects groups to institutions and organisations that open up opportunities and resolve problems that might otherwise be missed.

Council’s offices are located here and can link and connect local community members and services to work in partnership. Council also funds and directly operates the Multi Service Outlet that provides community transport, home and community care and other services particularly for older residents.



WALK SCORE

Walk Score of 58 tells us that near the centre people can access places and spaces on foot, but for many in the Tumbarumba area, they will be dependent on a car, which is a barrier for older people who are transport disadvantaged.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND EVENTS

- Tumba Fest (event and organising committee)
- Tumbarumba Campdraft (event and organising committee)
- Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce
- Rotary Breakfast Club
- Tumbarumba Men’s Shed
- Tumbarumba Rotary Club
- Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trails Group
- Early Childcare Group
- Tumbarumba Vigneron
- Cycle Tumbarumba
- Pioneer Hut Women’s Museum
- Tumbarumba Visitors Centre Volunteers

SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONS

- Australia Post Tumbarumba
- Tumboosh
- Snowy Valleys Council
- Tumbarumba Police Station
- Tumbarumba Fire Station
- Tumbarumba Multi-Service Outlet and Museum
- Mountain Landcare
- Tumbarumba and Khancoban Community Transport

PLACES AND SPACES

- Shops, pubs and cafes along The Parade
- Tumbarumba Library
- RSL Memorial Hall
- Tumbarumba RSL
- Artists on Parade
- Nest Café & Cinema
- Forage
- Tumbarumba Showgrounds
- Ladbroken Distilling Co.
- The Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail
- Tumbarumba Swimming Pool
- Tumbarumba Caravan Park
- Henry Angel Trackhead
- Hume and Hovell Track
- Tumbarumba Mountain Bike Park
- Paddy’s River Falls
- Mannus Lake
- Tumba Bikes and Blooms

INFORMATION SOURCES

- Tumbarumba Times
- 3 Community Noticeboards (Main Street (kiosk), Library, Near Bakery (private))



58
WALKSCORE

Community asset improvements and projects underway

Ongoing and planned major projects within a town influences the quality of places and its liveability. Recently completed and currently ongoing projects in Tumbarumba include:

Council led projects:

- Tumbarumba Pump Track
- Tumbarumba Caravan Park Redevelopment
- Upgrade of the Tumbarumba Sportsground
- Tumbarumba Creekscape
- Improvements to Playground
- Tumbarumba Showground - Resurfacing and New Amenities
- Tumbarumba to Rosewood Rail Trail
- Carcoola New Kitchen and Dining Room
- Tumbarumba Historical Walking Track
- Tumbarumba Links with Mountain Bike Trail
- Snowy Valleys Tourism App
- Tumbarumba Wi-Fi Upgrade
- Tumbarumba Upgraded Learn to Swim Pool/ Water Play Pool

Project:	Grant:
Mount Tumbarumba Recreation Park Trail Development (run by Cycle Tumbarumba)	\$3,086,645 (Federal Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant)
Tumbarumba and Upper Murray Energy Resilience and Reliability Project (put forward by Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce)	nearly \$1,500,000 (Federal Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant)
Tumbarumba Equine Club facility upgrade	\$800,000 (Federal Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant)
Courabyra Hall upgrade	\$129,000 (Federal Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant)

Community led projects:

- Tumbarumba Mountain Bike Trail
- Tumbarumba Tennis Club Upgrade
- Tumbarumba Bike Playground

Currently ongoing:

- Tumbarumba Goldfields Park Upgrades
- Tumbarumba Snow View Estates

Tumbarumba Times

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

Registered by Australia Post
• Print Post Approved No. 100005271

\$1.40

Millions to create a cycling mecca

Cycle Tumbarumba is "over the moon" about receiving \$3,086,645 in Federal Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant funding for its Mount Tumbarumba Recreation Park Trail Development.

"We're pinching ourselves," president Peter Marshall said.

"This grant will be huge for the club and for Tumbarumba. It's fantastic to have some good news."

The BSRG grant will fund the development of a recreation park on the iconic Mount Tumbarumba.

The project will include 65km of new trails, including 5km of hiking trail, 10km of shared hiking/ mountain biking climbing trail, 50km of descending MTB trail catering for all skill levels, historical and cultural interpretative signage, trail head infrastructure and a lookout platform at the top of Mount Tumbarumba.

"The project will significantly boost Tumbarumba's development as a Cycle Tourism destination - think the impact the Rail Trail has had all over again," Mr Marshall said.

"It will also create a community owned asset and recreation hub."

"The vision is not to only make an amazing MTB park in the heart of Tumbarumba, but to also have great hiking options, historical, cultural and environmental information displays and walks, so there is a great attraction for non-riding visitors also."

The project has been supported by a range of community groups, including Tumbarumba 2 Kokoda, who already use the area for training. The Tumbarumba Historical Society, Mountain

Landcare, Tumbarumba RFS and Tumbarumba Bendigo Bank branch have also contributed.

"I want to thank our small and hard-working committee who have been working solidly on the proposal for over 12 months and have prepared many a document and application," Mr Marshall said.

"Thank you also to all the other local organisations and individuals who have written letters of support for the proposal. It is gratifying to finally be successful, but now the hard work starts."

The trails project is just one of more than a dozen projects in the Snowy Valleys to secure significant funding in the latest round of the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program, with more than \$9m going towards 12 projects.

The Tumbarumba region did particularly well in this latest round of funding.

Almost \$1.5m will be spent on the Tumbarumba and Upper Murray Energy Resilience and Reliability Project, put forward by Tumbarumba Chamber of Commerce.

The Tumbarumba Equine Club facilities will be upgraded with an \$800,000 allocation. Courabyra Hall will get a \$129,000 upgrade and Tooma Hall a redevelopment worth almost \$1 million.



At Batlow, the community café has picked up \$248,000 and the Batlow Community Resilience Hub and Men's Shed another \$465,000.

Continued page 3



As part of
ARBOUR FESTIVAL

JANUARY 30, 2021
Pilot Hill Arboretum

arbournfestival.com   @woodlandfilmfestival

**ARBOUR
FESTIVAL**
28 DECEMBER - 15 FEBRUARY



**EASTERN
RIVERINA
ARTS**

The Woodland Film Festival is funded by the Foundation for Rural
and Regional Renewal in partnership with the Pratt Foundation.

FRRR
Foundation for Rural
& Regional Renewal

PRATT
FOUNDATION



5. Our roadmap

We attended consultation and came up with the following small, medium and big ideas:

SMALL

Meet your neighbours
BBQs

'What's on' flyer with community programs & clubs on it

Mural/visual map on wall of NAB showing key places in town

Specialists to help local groups & business write & apply for grants

Bike racks outside cafés so people can park

Use the basketball stadium - start a basketball league

Positive welcoming sign (move on from cranky de-merger signs)

Flower beds in the main street

Community newsletter - mayor would write - mailbox drop, goes out with rates notice

Better networking between local businesses & tourism operation

Bike rack for Rail Trail visitors (on parade)

More children's rides & activities at Tumba Fest

Need another toilet on Southern side of Bicentennial Park

Bottle/can recycling collection point

EV Charging stations near the car wash

'Tumbarumba wine district' brown tourist road signs

Improve signage to link The Parad and the park (stairs inbetween IGA and Bush chemist)

MEDIUM

More specialty businesses like Chapel

Inclusive social activities & events to engage young people to stay

Incentives for people to start businesses here. Support when they open

Good wifi - free wifi in town

Farmers market/ produce market for local growers

Visit Tumba website is dead it needs visitor recommendations (for length of visit)

Bring back something like The Four Bears - an icon, it had character

Heated hydrotherapy pool

Bike park for kids similar to Warner's Bay mini bike track

Establish network of 'Community Champions' with local knowledge for support during disasters

Bicentennial Park upgrade with toilets, nature play & off-leash dog park

Keep Paddy's river flats & Hume camp ground free & maintained

Murals around town telling local stories

cycling network

Extend Rail Trail from Tumut to Batlow & Tumba to Wagga

Temporary community garden between IGA & Bush chemist

BIG

Public transport to Wagga & other towns

Connecting bike trails throughout LGA to link centres, tourism & locals

Murray Street should be wider (near schools & doctors)

Bridge Wagga Road over the Menace Creek needs widening

Fix roads properly damaged from floods & bushfires, heavy trucks (not quick fixes)

would like Snowview Estate Stage 3 to be developed

Need more medical amenities (doctors, nurses, dentists)

More retirement places to keep people in town



Our Roadmap

Action	Who
Community Groups & Events	
Promote local community groups, programs and events via a community-led newsletter.	Rotary Community Council
Improve local skills to access and write successful grants.	Council Community Business
Align community organisations and deliver more community-led events that build cohesion and connected communities. Ideas include 'Meet Your Neighbour' BBQ and farmers market.	Community
Services & Institutions	
Advocate for improved internet services and access to broadband / the NBN outside of town to ensure it is accessible for everyone.	Community Council
Work with Council to identify opportunities to increase short-term boutique accommodation options that support tourism and itinerant workers.	Community Business Council
Places & Spaces	
Work with Council and emergency responders to develop a 'Community Champions' network that provides support in emergencies. This includes establishing a community information hub, which could be the local chemist, post office or library etc.	Community Council RFS
Work with Council to install bicycle parking in town to encourage active transport and support Rail Trail tourism. Advocate to extend Rail Trail from Tumbarumba to Wagga Wagga.	Community Council
Work with local cafes and businesses to increase retail offering to attract visitors to stay and encourage locals to connect.	Business Community Council
Information sources	
Increase communication between Council and community. Ideas include a Community Newsletter from the Mayor, 'What's On' newsletter and meet the Councillors morning teas.	Community Council
Advocate for improved signage and wayfinding that promotes local businesses and tourist attractions. Ideas include murals that share stories and celebrate Tumbarumba as a welcoming place.	Community Business Council

