



# TARAGO VILLAGE PLAN

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# INTRODUCTION

## Introduction

Veolia established the Veolia Mulwaree Trust (VMT) to fund a broad range of community initiatives in the surrounding Local Government Areas. This has typically required the community to take the initiative and apply for grants to fund projects. Veolia are concerned that the community of Tarago have not taken optimum advantage of the funds available via the Trust to undertake community projects.

Veolia wanted to take a proactive approach to engage with the community of Tarago and surrounds to assist them to develop a coordinated vision and master plan that can draw upon the Trust to implement priority projects. Veolia appointed Elton Consulting to act as an independent third party to engage with the community to understand their issues and aspirations for Tarago.

Veolia are committed to being good neighbours to the community of Tarago. They believe that the community of Tarago should see the greatest benefit from the operation of the Woodlawn facility due to their proximity to the site.

Through engagement we developed an understanding of the key issues and aspirations of the community. We came to understand that the community had a wide range of aspirations and outcomes in mind for their home.

The best way to address the many ideas put forward was to create a village plan for Tarago. This plan will guide the development of Tarago over the coming years. It provides the road map for the community of Tarago and surrounds to guide discussion and investment from the VMT, Goulburn Mulwaree Council and other relevant organisations.

At all times the ideas promoted in this plan are aimed at ensuring the greatest benefit to the entire community. The concepts recommended look at infrastructural improvements, landscaping, art, expansion of Tarago, solar and tourism projects to support a sustainable community and an eco-tourism based economy.

## Process

### Consultation

This project is about the community mutually agreeing on the future vision and path forward for Tarago.

Our first step was to undertake community engagement. We conducted this through multiple approaches including, targeted engagement of community leaders and organisations, a community meeting, community feedback sessions and an online presence. The targeted engagement gave us an initial understanding of key issues and aspirations and the community meeting allowed for an open discussion of the community's future. The outcomes of these meetings and discussions are detailed within a separate community engagement outcomes report.

We asked the community what was currently lacking or underutilised in Tarago. We also asked them to describe their ideal community and what was most important to them as Tarago grows and changes.

The community described to us the current condition of Tarago. The lack of infrastructure, services and business. There was a strong demand for health services and aged care accommodation. Little had been done to make Tarago attractive to the residents and visitors and the village was lacking a real sense of character like villages in the surrounding region like Gundaroo or Lake Bathurst. The community wanted to define their own character and build on their unique traits and history. There were mixed feelings to growing Tarago. While many agreed growth would mean the long term prosperity and viability of Tarago, it could also mean more services and economic activity. Additionally, Tarago lacks space for businesses and services to establish themselves. It has been identified that demand and a high requirement on infrastructure have held businesses and service back from Tarago.

To summarise, the community's key issues can be grouped into four main categories. These are:

- Infrastructure
- Growth
- Beautification
- Services

At the close of the first round of consultation it was concluded that a village plan would be the best way to coordinate and address most of the community's feedback.

### Purpose of the Village Plan

The Village Plan is a tool that the community of Tarago can use to achieve their shared vision. The Plan will provide the community with a comprehensive and coordinated road map to achieve the community's vision. This Plan is to be used to guide future funding and investment from the VMT, Goulburn Mulwaree Council and the community and private sector.

The Plan:

- provides an analysis of Tarago
- establishes the future vision for what Tarago will become
- clarifies the existing character of Tarago that is to be retained and enhanced
- identifies open spaces that require improvement
- provides a brief for a broad range of detailed works throughout the village
- identifies appropriate areas of growth
- provides an indicative implementation plan for rolling out works

## Context

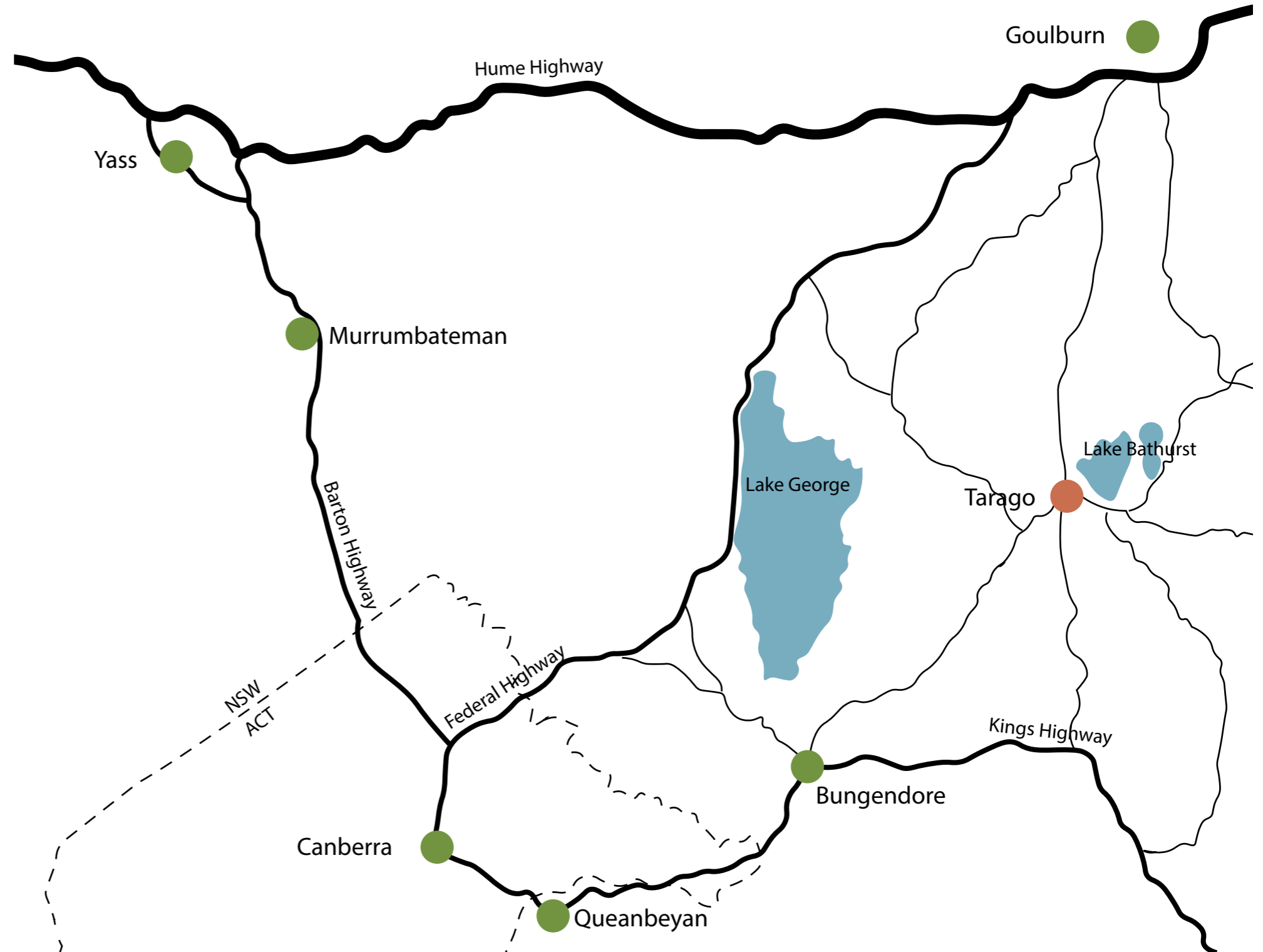
### Location

Tarago is located within the Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area.

Tarago is located around half an hour away from Goulburn and around one hour from Canberra. Tarago is also around an hour and a half from the coast.

Tarago is located at the junction of Goulburn Road/Lumley Road, Braidwood Road and the rail line that connects Goulburn to Queanbeyan. Tarago is bound by Lake George to the west and Lake Bathurst to the East. The Mulwaree River passes Tarago to the east.

The community of Tarago is home to around 350 people. Tarago is surrounded primarily by an agricultural landscape, the neighbouring village of Lake Bathurst is the closest neighbour.





## Village Structure

### Extents, land uses

Understanding the structure of Tarago helps us to plan for future uses or infrastructure that will complement and enhance rather than detract or diminish.

The plan beside illustrates the existing structure of Tarago. It is characterised by several precincts. These include:

- Residential west
- New large lot subdivision
- Rail and heritage
- Services
- Village core
- Recreation and common area
- Rural surrounds

Tarago is separated into two parts by the railway. The main residential part of the village is located to the west and the village commercial, community services and recreation areas to the east. The village is surrounded by rural lands which provide economic and aesthetic value.

The village core provides the majority of services and community uses in Tarago. This area is separated from the residential west precinct by the railway and is over 1km away for most residents.

The common area is adjacent to the village core. This area provides a number of outdoor recreation opportunities for the community. The area south of the village core has been highlighted as being potentially flood prone.



## Site Analysis

### Heritage and Character

There are a number of buildings throughout Tarago that reinforce character. Several of these buildings are heritage registered. These buildings create a sense of character and can be used to inform future development. Improvements to the public realm and movement networks should aim to complement and connect these heritage elements within Tarago.

### Bushfire

There are a number of bushfire sensitive areas surrounding Tarago. These are mostly located to the north-west of the western portion of Tarago. The southern and eastern entry roads to the village also feature a number of bushfire sensitive areas.

### Views and Vistas

Tarago has a number of important views, vistas and visual amenity that should be retained and enhanced. The map beside illustrates the key points that need to be considered for the future planning of Tarago.

### Flooding

There has been no detailed flood study undertaken for Tarago. Any future development or works need to consider the potential impacts of flooding. The map adjacent demonstrates the land suggested as constrained by flooding.

### Open Space

Tarago is defined by its rural setting. Wide open landscapes and large trees reinforce the green and picturesque character of Tarago. Street tree cover is noticeably absent from much of the village. There are a number of key open spaces through Tarago.

### Topography

Tarago is bound by hills to the west and the Mulwaree River to the east and south. Tarago is established parallel to the Mulwaree River. While Tarago is built on a gently undulating land the surrounding landscape consists of rolling hills and plains.

### Railway

The railway that transects the village has formed a significant physical barrier. This has resulted in a fragmented community, with the majority of residential housing to the west and the commercial and recreation functions to the east.

### Legend

- Bushfire prone vegetation
- Heritage
- Open space
- Flooding
- Industrial
- Views
- Character building
- Entry
- Watercourse
- Primary road
- Minor road
- Railway



## The Village Core



### The Village Core

The Village Core offers a variety of services and activities to the Tarago community and tourists. The Village Core is the central meeting place for many of the community. The key parts that make up the Village Core include:

1. The Loaded Dog Hotel
2. Tarago Real Estate
3. A Service Station/Convenience Store
4. Australia Post
5. The Tarago Town Hall - and market grounds
6. The Tarago CWA building
7. Church
8. Primary School
9. Preschool

## Common Area



The Common Area provides a number of outdoor recreation opportunities. While Tarago does not have a large enough population to support a large range of sports teams, the facilities still attract use from surrounding communities and sports clubs. Current facilities include:

1. Cricket Pitch and Oval
2. Dressage arena
3. Walking track
4. Wetlands
5. War Memorial
6. Children's play area
7. Tennis/basketball court

## Existing Character

### Built Form

The following images provide a snapshot of the existing character of Tarago. Included is the Tarago Goods Shed, Tin Shed, Tarago Railway Station, St Josephs Catholic Church, the Loaded Dog Hotel and statue and the allée of trees along Wallace Street.



### Heritage

There are a number of heritage items in Tarago. These include the Tarago Rail Station and the Loaded Dog Hotel.

Tarago Railway Precinct is of state significance as a significant Victorian period railway precinct that retains several original or early items from the 1880s including the 1884 roadside station building and the c1884 goods shed.

The extant railway buildings and structures form an important landmark for the small town at Tarago and are important elements within the wider townscape.

The station building and goods shed are good representative examples of a series of similar items located on the Main Southern Line and on the Bombala Line.

Date significance updated: 19 Jun 09

The land and buildings are the responsibility of RailCorp



## Planning Context

### Local Planning Context

Local planning is guided by a hierarchy of plans and strategies. At a regional level, the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) have prepared a Regional Plan for growth in the South East and Tablelands area around the ACT. Goulburn Mulwaree has been identified as part of the 'Southern Highlands and Tablelands' sub-region with the following planning issues and challenges:

- Pressure for new housing
- Need for affordable housing
- Significance of ACT and Goulburn as a driver of change and growth
- Ageing population with a greater need for health services

### Goulburn Mulwaree LEP

Planning for Tarago is guided by the Goulburn Mulwaree LEP. Tarago is characterised by the RU5 Village zone surrounded by rural zoned land.

- The zones that comprise the residential part of the village is RU5 Village.
- The surrounding landscape is RU2 Rural Landscape.
- The land south of the Village Heart is RU6 Transition and E3 Environmental Management.
- RE1 Public Recreation for the recreation grounds and the Showgrounds.
- RU1 Primary Production to the east of the railway.
- SP2 Infrastructure for the Tarago waste facility

### Zone RU5 Village

- 1 Objectives of zone
  - To provide for a range of land uses, services and facilities that are associated with a rural village.
  - To protect and enhance the quality of water received by surface water and groundwater water sources and reduce their degradation.
- 2 Permitted without consent  
Home occupations; Roads
- 3 Permitted with consent  
Child care centres; Community facilities; Dwelling houses; Light industries; Neighbourhood shops; Places of public worship; Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Respite day care centres; Schools; Any other development not specified in item 2 or 4
- 4 Prohibited  
Agriculture; Air transport facilities; Airstrips; Animal boarding or training establishments; Bulky goods premises; Correctional centres; Crematoria; Eco-tourist facilities; Electricity generating works; Extractive industries; Farm stay accommodation; Freight transport facilities; Heavy industrial storage establishments; Helipads: Home occupations (sex services); Industrial training facilities; Industries; Liquid fuel depots; Marinas; Mooring pens; Open cut mining; Restricted premises; Rural industries; Rural workers' dwellings; Sex services premises; Storage premises; Waste or resource management facilities; Water recreation structures; Wharf or boating facilities

### Lot size

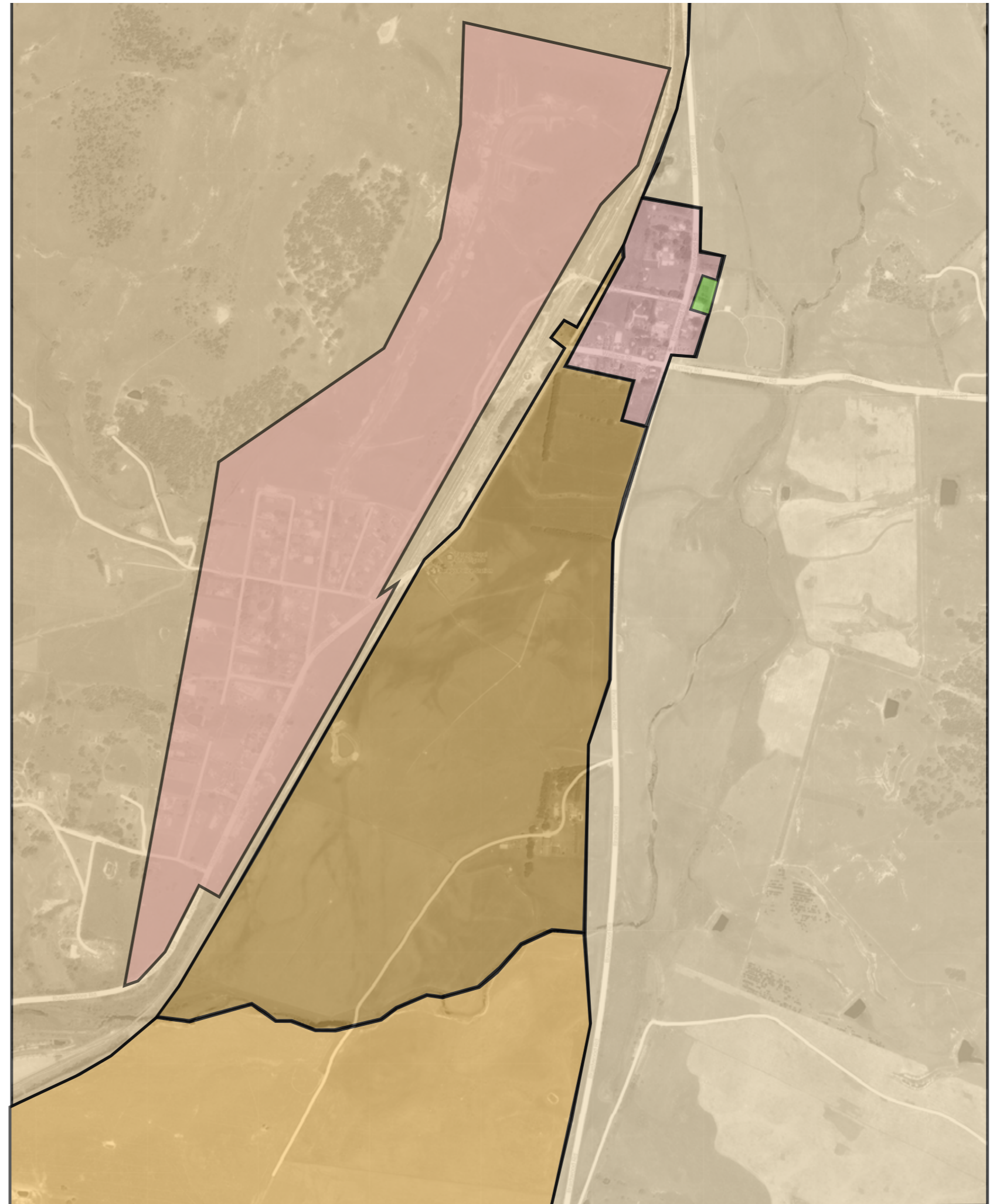
Tarago is comprised of three main lot sizes. These are:  
1 ha for the new subdivision in the western residential portion of the village. 1500m<sup>2</sup> in the existing western residential part of the village and the Village Core. 10ha for the land south of the village heart and increasing to 20ha further away from the village. The surrounding rural land is 100ha minimum lot size.

### Planning

Through a review and investigation of the zoning of Tarago there appears to be no major constraints to a number of the proposed projects.

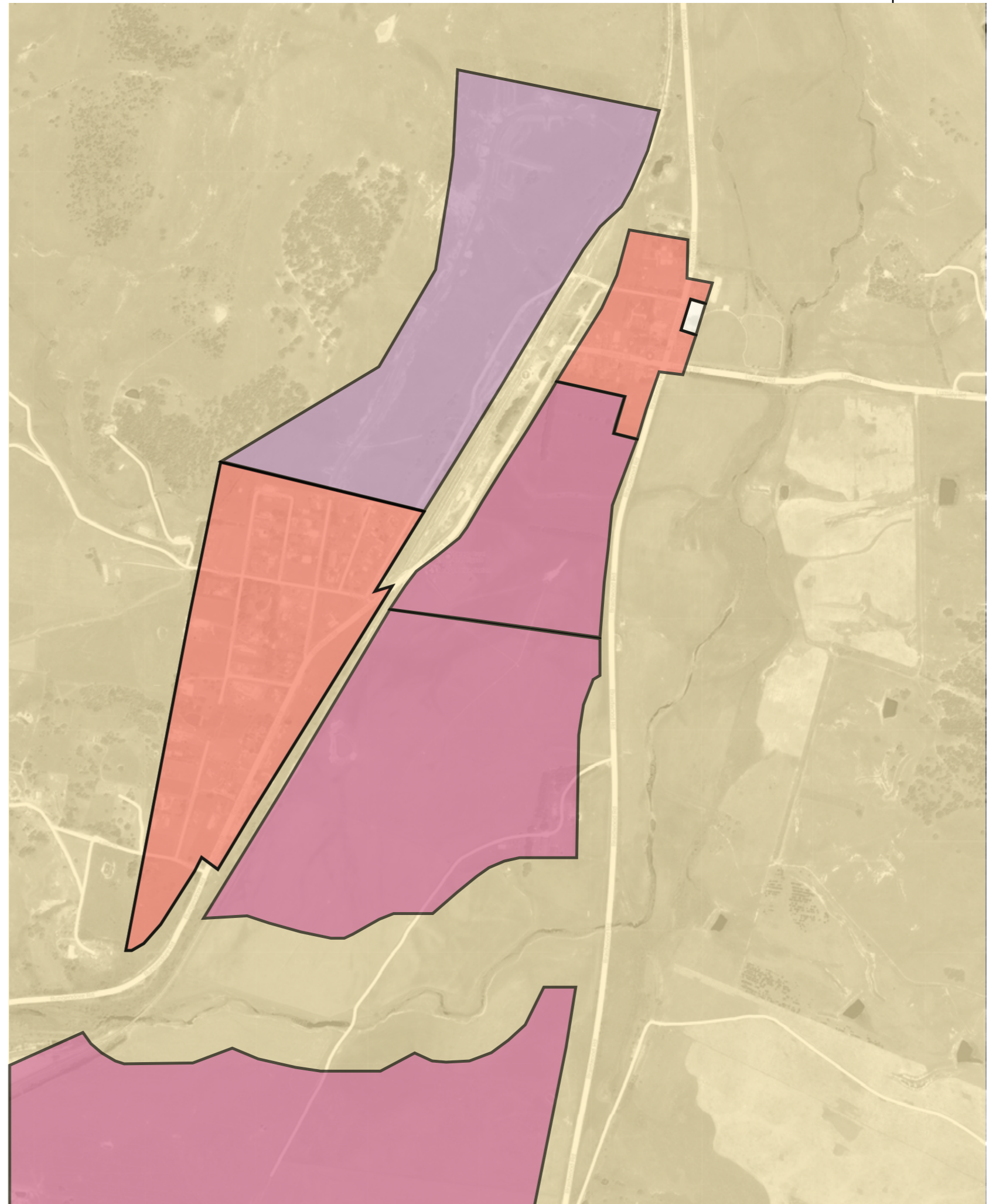
Zoning

|     |                          |
|-----|--------------------------|
| RU1 | Primary Production       |
| RU2 | Rural Landscape          |
| RU5 | Village                  |
| RU6 | Transition               |
| E3  | Environmental Management |
| RE1 | Public Recreation        |



Lot size map

|     |             |
|-----|-------------|
| U   | 1,500 sq m  |
| Y   | 10,000 sq m |
| AB1 | 10 ha       |
| AD  | 100 ha      |







# THE VILLAGE PLAN

## Consultation Outcomes

Through discussion with the community, key stakeholders and council we developed a clear understanding of what needs to be achieved in Tarago.

The key messages:

- Maintain and enhance the existing village atmosphere and character
- Enhance the quality of the public realm and movement around Tarago
- Provide housing and services to allow the community to age in place
- Develop a sense of place and character unique to Tarago
- Provide community and recreation facilities for a broad range of ages
- Develop a sustainable eco/rural tourism based economy which complements the existing surrounding land uses
- Improve or establish key infrastructure including power, water, sewerage, telecommunications and mobility
- Find areas for the village to grow
- Improve services offerings including retail, health and education

These points are elaborated on in the following section.

### Beautification

The sense of arrival and village character is described as lacking. The community would seek to landscape streets and provide a number of parks, gardens and public spaces. The community would also seek to establish a town square somewhere in Tarago.

The need to improve access around the village (footpaths, cycle paths and public transport) was frequently highlighted. Improvements to access roads and traffic management at Goulburn Street, Wallace Street and Lumley Road was frequently suggested. There was also a need to improve street lighting and furniture.

### Growth

Growth of Tarago was generally supported by the community. The community recognises that its long term viability was linked to having more people. More people meant a higher chance of attracting the business and services they wanted. Any growth though needs to be guided and controlled to retain the village atmosphere and to develop a village centre and sense of place.

Future developments should contribute to the authenticity of the village and draw on the existing character buildings around Tarago and surrounds.

### Infrastructure

There is a general consensus that the village lacks the infrastructure it needs to achieve the entire vision. To grow it is recognised that water, sewerage, electricity and telecommunications are currently constraints. An improved sewerage system will help to unlock both tourism and commercial viability of the Village Core and allow for a greater level of growth and greater diversity of housing.

The community have expressed a need for housing appropriate for the older members of the community to age in place.

A community owned solar system could assist to effectively make Tarago 100 per cent renewably supplied while generating community funds from the sale of excess energy.

An appropriate sewerage system needs to be delivered in a staged manner to allow the community to choose to join the scheme. The community currently manage their own sewerage and may not wish to pay increased rates until they have used up the life of their current system.

Improving the telecommunication networks of the village should be supported. There are a number of micro systems which can be used to improve connection

### Services

The community is in need of a number of services for which they currently travel. This includes health, education and recreation. Providing spaces for these services to begin visiting the village will be the first step in attracting and retaining them. A multipurpose community centre could provide rooms for visiting medical services. Using the community centre to provide multiple uses is seen as an efficient way to achieve a number of uses and services for Tarago.

## Opportunities and Challenges

This part of the report looks at the opportunities and challenges for the future of Tarago.

### Opportunities

- strong sense of community
- excellent character buildings
- heritage buildings
- commuting distance to Canberra and Goulburn
- railway stop within walking distance of Wallace Street
- high volume of tourism through traffic
- affordable housing
- large blocks
- rural living
- attractive surrounding landscapes
- high quality recreation spaces
- good mix of demographics
- low unemployment
- existing landscape plan to build on
- telecommunication project underway

### Challenges

- low population
- restricted funding
- railway separates the two parts of Tarago
- lack of retention of tourism
- long commute
- facilities and amenities in need of improvement or replacement
- difficult to move around the village other than by car
- no waste collection and waste is transported to Goulburn
- rolling brown outs and black outs
- no reticulated water
- surrounding roads are unsealed
- Wallace Street/Lumley Road and Bungendore Road are busy and unsafe
- ageing population
- lack of telecommunication services
- lack of reticulated sewerage
- lack of services
- lack of street infrastructure

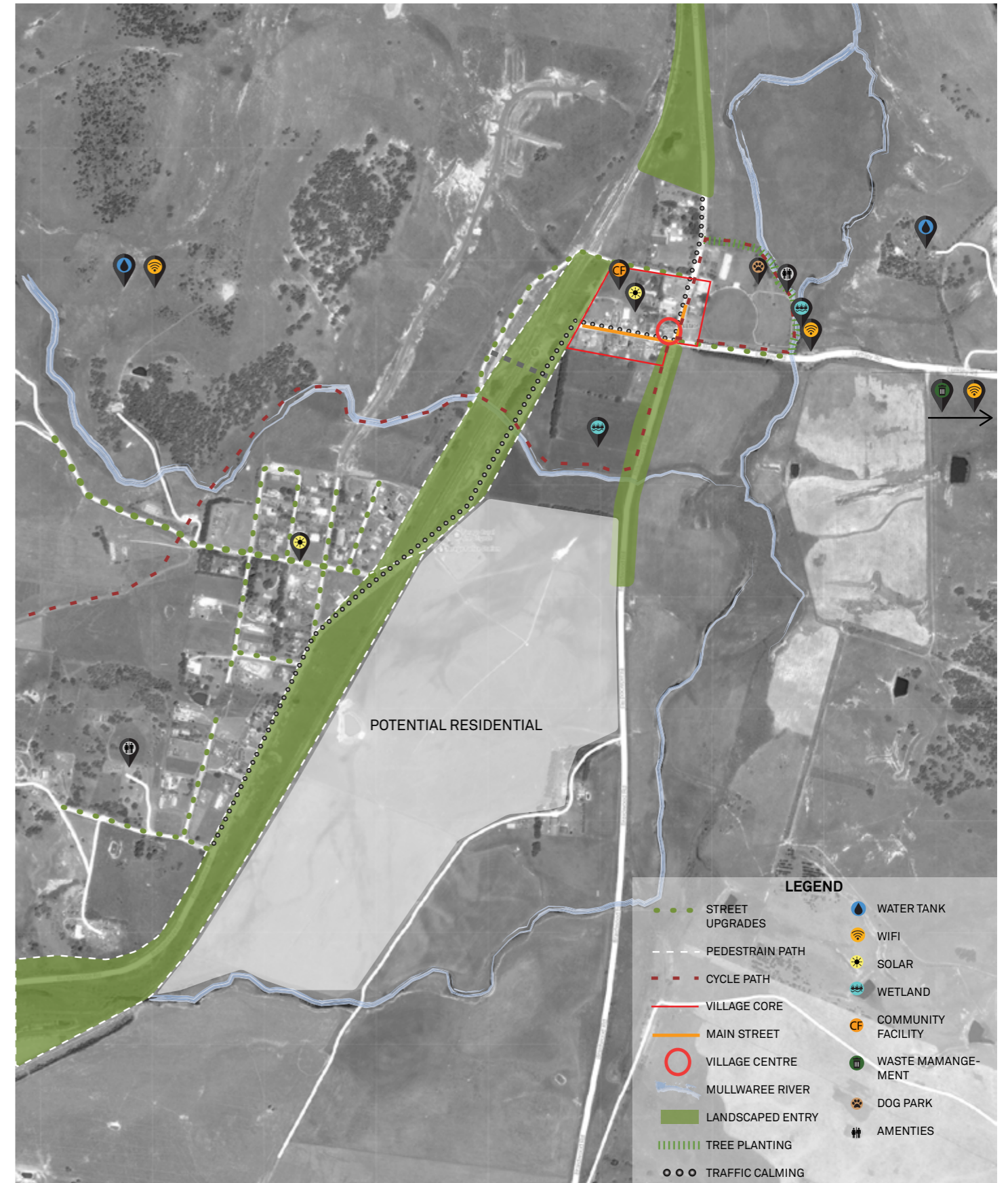
## Collaborative Mapping

The map beside is a distillation of the community's feedback. It demonstrates the areas in need of beautification. Key roads included Goulburn Street, Braidwood Road and Bungendore Road. Wallace Street and parts of Goulburn Street and Braidwood Road have been identified as the primary streets for public activity in Tarago. Developing the streetscape and focusing more activity here will help Tarago to thrive.

A number of Infrastructural improvements were suggested in community consultation. They have been identified on the map to demonstrate possible locations or the areas they need to service.

It was recognised that some growth may help to attract the services or business the existing community desires. Growth should complement the existing village atmosphere. An area east of Goulburn Street was identified as being appropriate to investigate for future housing. Housing should be delivered as large lots or townhouses for the ageing part of the community. This will allow older members to stay in Tarago longer.

Traffic management and tourism are also raised in the plan. Goulburn Street, Wallace Street and Braidwood Road were all identified as streets with a high volume of fast traffic. Reducing speed of through traffic was a key consideration. Tourism traffic should also be captured in Tarago to help support a tourism based industry. Traffic calming methods should be resolved in collaboration with Council and a qualified traffic engineer. Some suggested measures could include raised pedestrian crossings, use of planters to compress the road, speed limiting, public art, change of surface materials, and on street parking.





## Vision

In 20 Years Tarago will be a beautiful village that sustainably supports a diverse community and an industry based on agriculture and tourism.

## Design Ideas

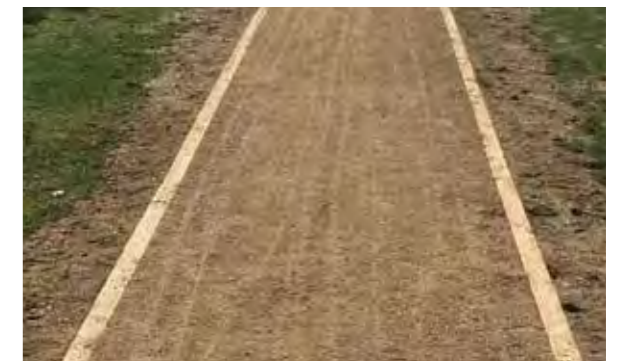
The following section represent many concepts that address the community and key stakeholders feedback. We have developed the concepts in collaboration with the community, key stakeholders, Veolia and the Goulburn Mulwaree Council.

It should be noted that council and Veolia will negotiate the delivery of the Plan. Council responsibilities extend to matters such as paths, streetscaping, infrastructure and planning. VMT will provide support through funding of additional projects and support council to undertake works where possible. The VMT can only fund public projects. It should also be noted that not all suggestions in the plan can be undertaken immediately or will require additional funding to be generated by the community through Government and non-Government sources.

## Movement and Streetscapes

The plan beside illustrates the streets and path network that would better support active movement around Tarago. Improved paths and pedestrian amenity will support more walking and cycling in Tarago which will in turn support a more active, vibrant and safe community.

1. The main shared path that would allow for cycling, walking, prams and disabled access. This is the widest path and strongest connection between the west and east parts of the village.
2. Pedestrian crossings could be introduced through the village to assist in slowing traffic. These can be raised and feature garden beds that protrude into the road to calm traffic. Additionally, crossings could feature artwork as shown below to add another layer of interest or appeal to Tarago.
3. The path network through out Tarago should have a hierarchy. Paths further into the quieter residential parts of the village should be of softer materials that fit within the rural village atmosphere of Tarago.
4. A new cycle path is proposed to connect the west and eastern part of the village. This proposal may need the agreement of ARTC who manages the railway.
5. Bridge across Rosebery Street. This would be a considerable cost and would be seen to be a long term goal of improvements to Tarago.





## Open Spaces, Parks and Gateways

Tarago is surrounded by open landscapes of rural land. Tarago itself has a number of open spaces that are currently underutilised. The plan beside identifies the key open space network and the roads that need to be landscaped to improve the arrival and sense of place for Tarago.

Several locations are marked throughout Tarago where 'gateways' should be constructed. These can be formed by art, hard landscaping or vegetation.

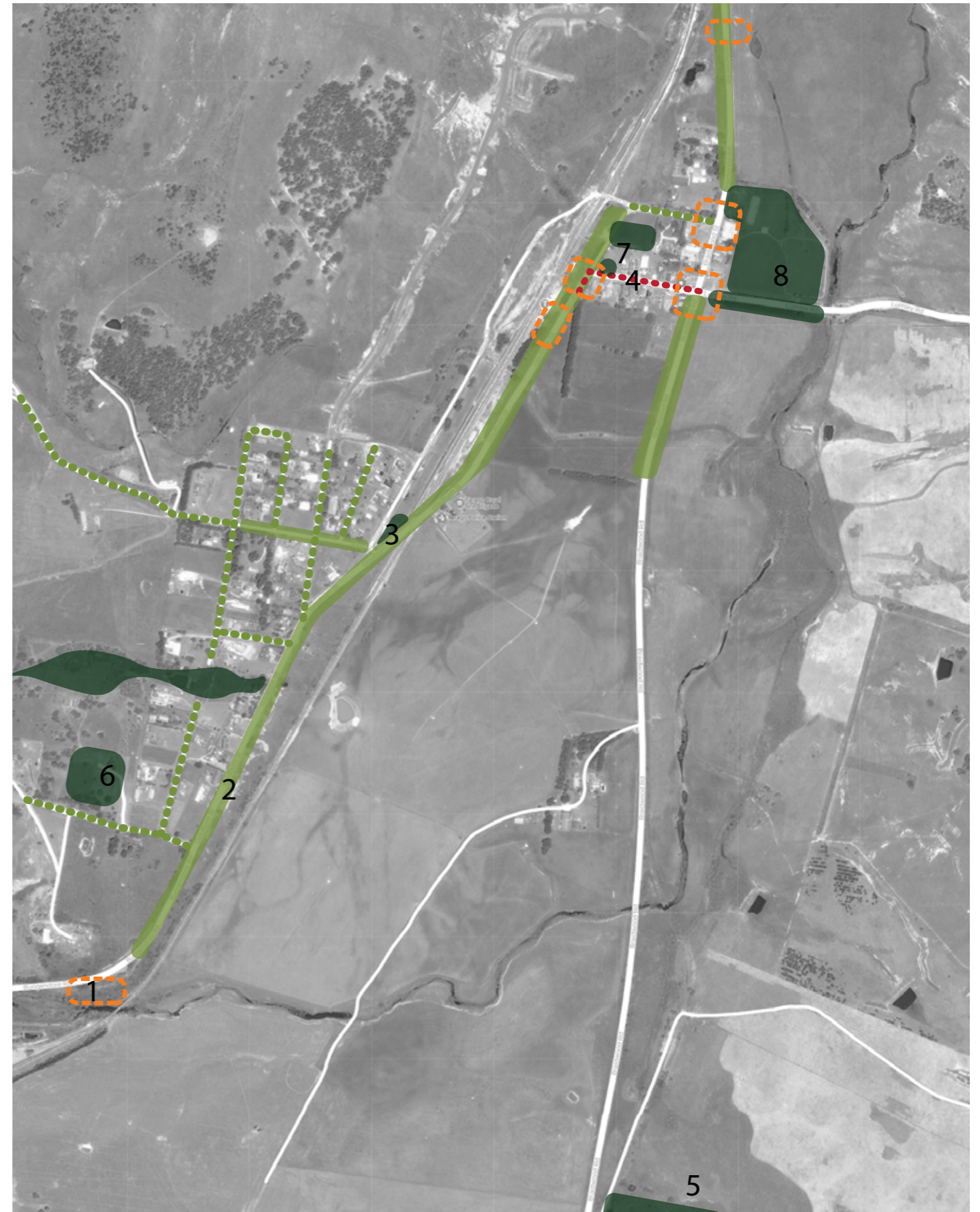
A number of streets are marked for street tree plantings. Each street should allow for large canopy deep rooted street trees. A community developed landscape plan has been prepared and should be used to inform the final landscape master plan for the village. This plan will provide a brief for a landscape architect to develop a design with the community.

### Wallace Street

Wallace Street is explored in greater detail further throughout the report. Wallace Street will become the central public space for Tarago and support the eventual commercial, cultural and community activity.

#### Key moves:

1. Gateways formed by art or signage
2. Arrival to Tarago improved through street tree plantings
3. Stewart Street park to be retained, improved or constructed/key parks
4. Wallace Street landscaped
5. Showground improvements
6. Improvement of the Tarago commons/hedge maze/wildlife sanctuary
7. Market and community garden space
8. Common area improvements



### Community developed landscape plans

It is envisaged to undertake all landscape works simultaneously to ensure consistency, cost savings, and the greatest uplift in amenity for the community of Tarago. If the works are required to be staged, the next priorities for street beautification are the Stewart Street reserve and Bungendore road entrance.

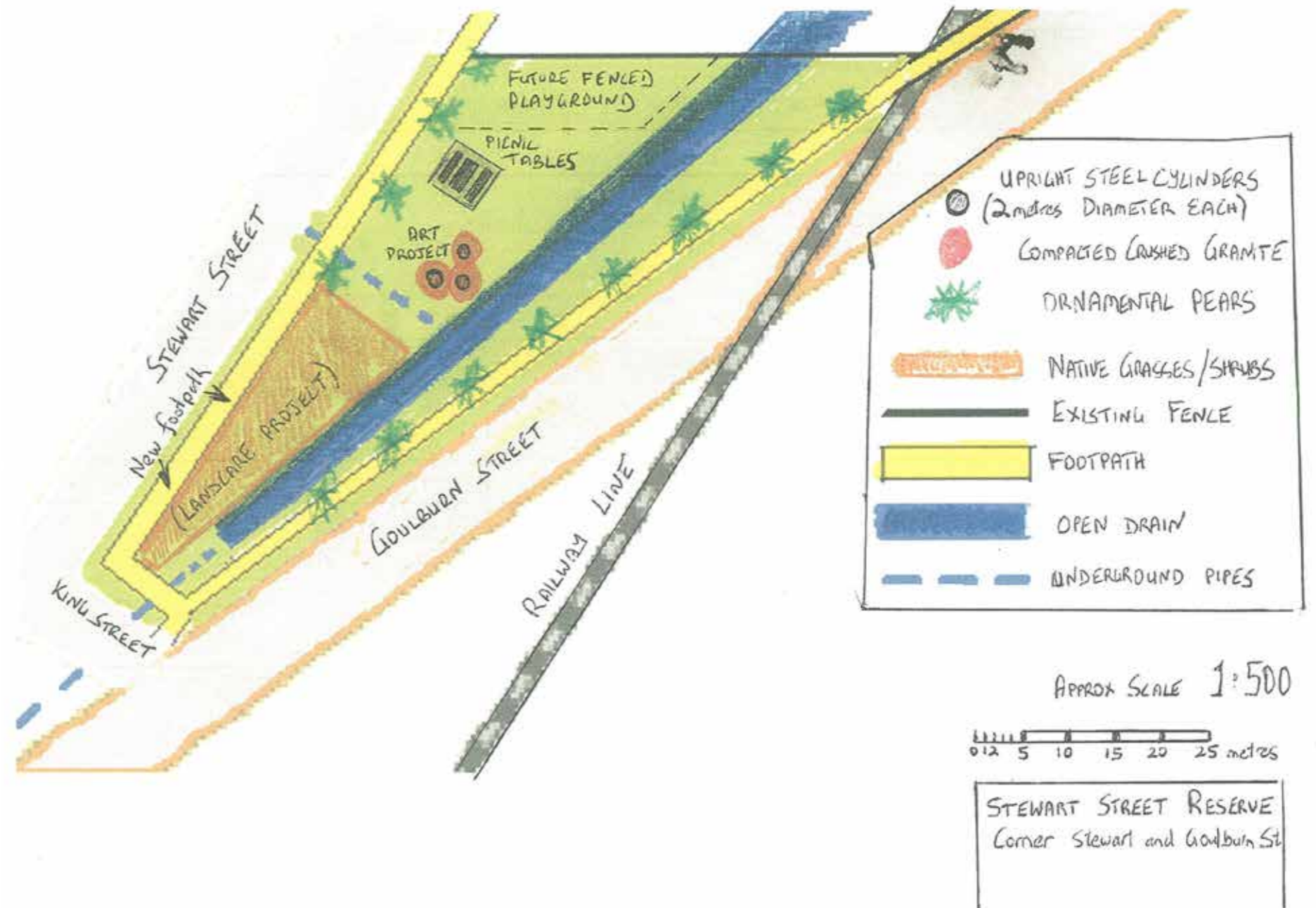
To proceed with the current Stewart Street Park the following works are still outstanding.

Proposed work to be provided by GMC

- Replacement of 2 section of open drains with concrete pipes
- Backfilling over pipe and levelling of land
- Extension of footpath along eastern side of Stewart street

Work by TADPAI and Landcare

- Addition of public art/memorial
- Fencing
- Tree planting and landscaping
- Addition of tables





- Trees
- Shrubs
- Small shrubs and groundcovers
- Tables/seating
- Power lines



## Infrastructure

### Sewerage

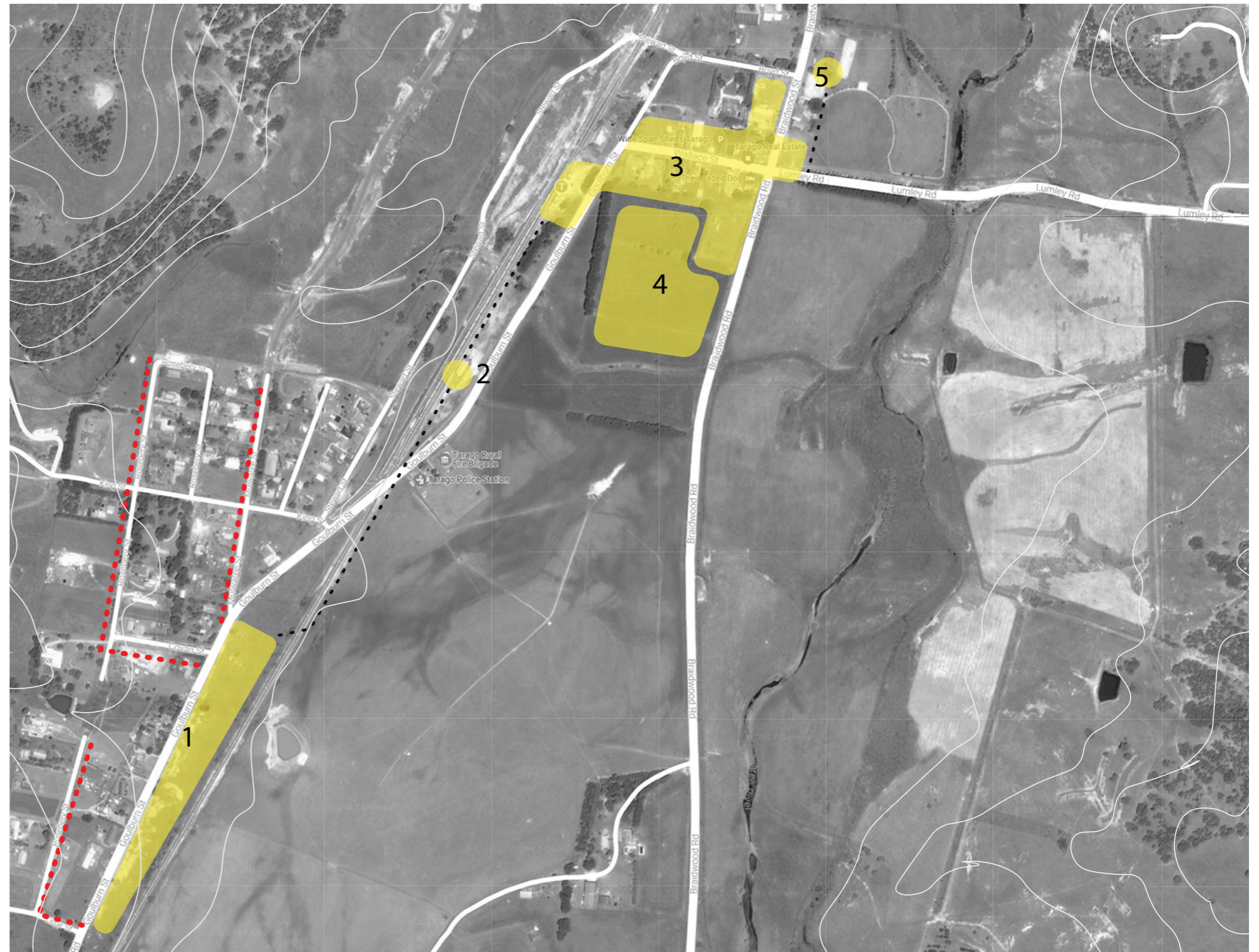
The plan beside illustrates the parts of Tarago that would be recommended for an improved sewerage system. The intention for the sewerage system is to allow for more intense housing. This housing is to allow an ageing population to stay in Tarago and age in place.

The other purpose of the sewerage system would be to support the commercial development of Wallace Street and support the community and tourism.

Commercial development has been constrained in Tarago due in part to the need for self-management of sewerage and land required for the system.

To support a growth in tourism in Tarago, it has been identified that the existing public toilet is in need of an upgrade. Additionally to encourage more RV retention within the village, Tarago will become a RV friendly town. The key criteria (as per RVFT) currently missing for Tarago is an RV dump point. While a dumping point may not need to be connected to a sewerage system, it is recommended to look at Tarago's sewerage system holistically.

1. Paper lots that could potentially allow townhouse style housing.
2. Provide sewerage to the buildings within the railway precinct if logical and cost effective to allow future adaptive reuse.
3. Sewering of the village heart to allow more intense housing and increase the viability of commercial activity.
4. Area identified for future growth that could provide a more intense form of housing if rezoned.
5. Provide servicing of the recreation grounds for the proposed dump point and public toilet (if logical and efficient).

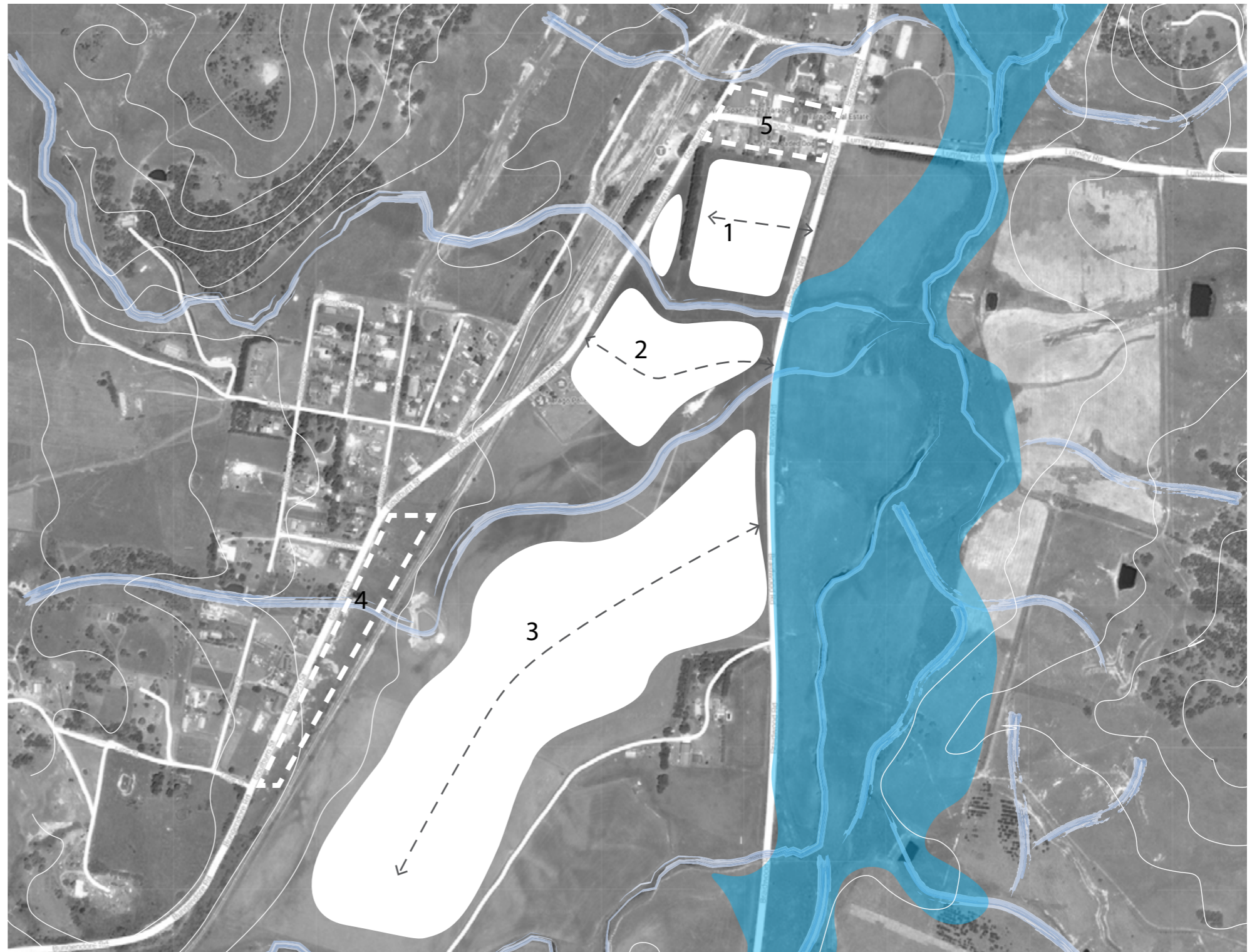


## Growth

The plan beside represents the areas around Tarago identified by the community as most appropriate for future growth. Growth should seek to be contiguous with the existing settlement. Future growth should promote housing and architecture that will reinforce the existing village atmosphere. Future growth should consider the existing watercourses and how they can be utilised to create movement corridors and landscape buffers.

1. Contiguous RU5 Village lots or R1/part to be rezoned for aged care
2. RU5 Village zoned lots
3. Large Lot residential
4. Rezoned to R1
5. Rezoned to B4

The rezoning of land in Tarago recommended in this plan is to be considered when council undertake a holistic study of all of the rural villages as part of the Rural Lands Study in two years.



## The Village Core - Wallace Street

Wallace Street will provide the central place for activities in Tarago. To create a space which will meet the requirements of the community there are number of interventions required. The Village Core will become the space for the community to meet, learn, play, trade and exchange ideas. It will have an improved street, new public facilities and feature improved parks and landscaping. Art will also be incorporated into the street to form attractive gateways, reinforce a sense of character and act to draw tourism. It should be noted that new paths should consider equestrian movement through Tarago.

### Key moves:

1. a new multi purpose community centre
2. Tarago men's shed
3. a community garden and market space
4. streetscaping
5. public art
6. tree plantings
7. improved connection from the railway station
8. town square
9. improved landscaping
10. pedestrian crossings
11. rain gardens/traffic calming
12. pocket park/wall feature to mitigate traffic risk
13. improved lighting (extending into residential areas)
14. BMX Track



## The Community Centre

The community centre will address many of the requests of the community. The community centre will be an extension of the Tarago Hall. The character and form should reinforce and complement that of the existing hall.

The spaces the centre could require includes:

- a central town square formed by the built form
- a cinema area and screen (indoor/outdoor)
- a room for visiting medical staff
- a room for training, education and study
- commercial space - 200m<sup>2</sup>
- visitors information board and map
- multi-sport indoor court
- climbing wall
- commercial kitchen and facilities to run classes for school children, community and the catering of events.
- space for assembly for the school (maximum capacity of 80-100 people).

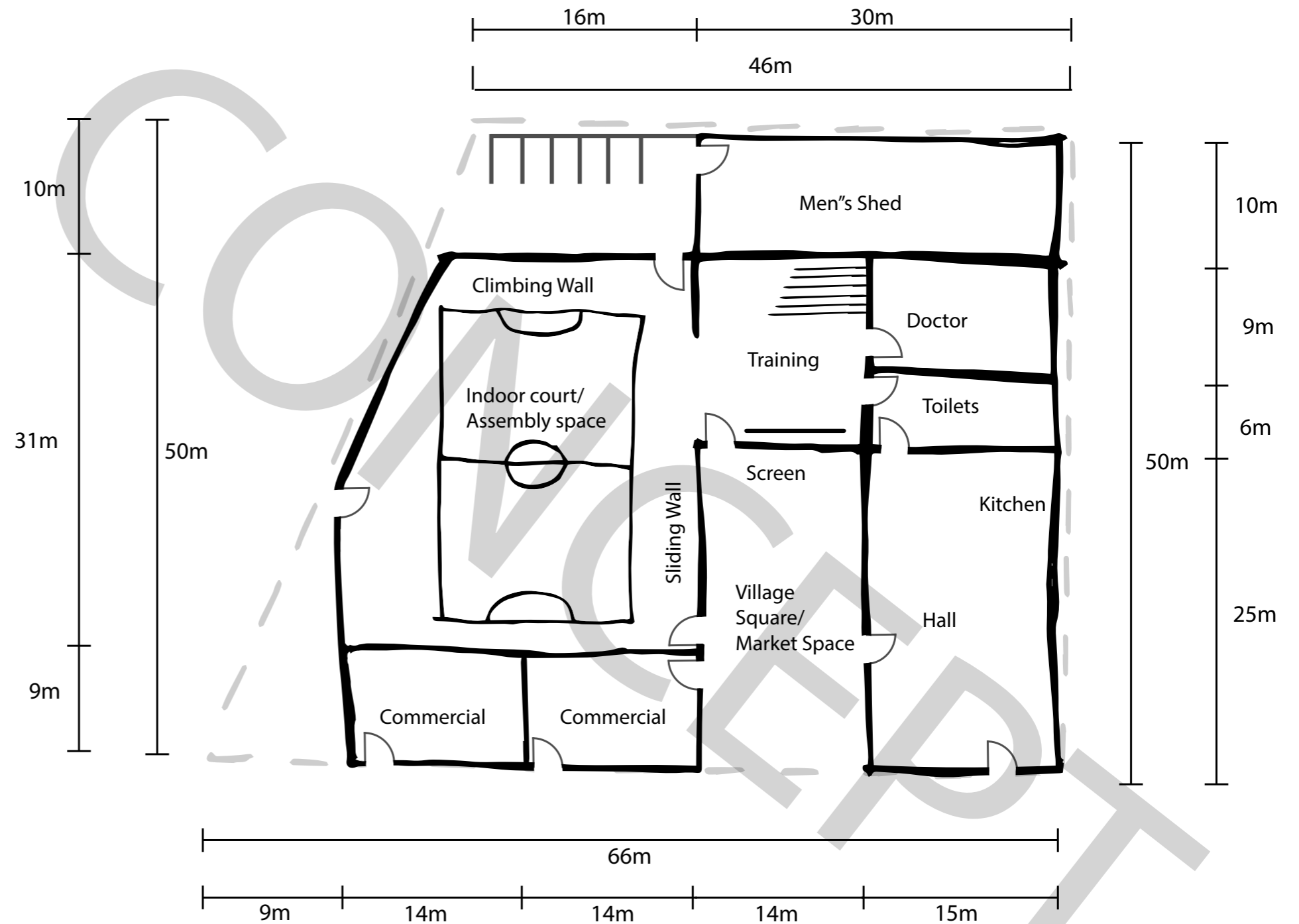
Additionally, the Tarago Men's Shed should be established to the north to allow utilisation of the toilets at the hall and possible expansion and utilisation of open space on the land to the north. The Men's Shed will be 30m x 10m. Parking and access for the shed can be provided to the north.

The shop should be designed to be flexible. The tenant will be controlled by the community to ensure the business compliments the desired experience in Tarago.

This master plan will provide the structure and brief for an architect to subsequently develop a detailed design. The plan beside is indicative only and will help to inform the final design which is intended to be work shopped with the community.

## Rural Fire Service

The RFS membership would like hardstand and a new pumping line to supply water to trucks. TAdditionally, insulation and a gym for the use of volunteers would be key improvements to their facility.



## Landscape

Wallace Street should be landscaped to improve the condition of the paths. Wider paths of high quality materials will promote a more attractive place to walk and linger. Rain gardens can provide intrusions into the road that will provide green spaces, improved water management, space for trees, shade for cars and pedestrians and calm the speed of traffic. A number of raised pedestrian crossings will assist to slow traffic while improving the pedestrian amenity of Tarago.

The block to the north could be utilised as a community garden and market space. This may be managed by the Men's Shed who can house tools and allocate plots. The school should be given a portion of the community garden to continue and grow their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

The connection from the railway to Wallace street should also be enhanced to support an improved experience for tourists arriving by train.

The newly formed town square will create a new public space for Tarago. This space will allow the continuation of the markets while providing new opportunities. This space can provide a place for meetings, exhibitions, outdoor theatre and cinema, public events and school assembly. The space could feature greenery, trees, lighting, art or water.



## Art & Place Making

Art will also play an important role in Tarago by reinforcing the character of Tarago and support tourism. Art reinforces a sense of character and can help to draw out unique stories and identities.

Public art should incorporate something special about Tarago. It should consider the indigenous and European heritage. Partnering with a local artist may add value to the art and to the communities connection.

A good example could be to build on the existing loaded dog sculpture and story. Other community suggestions include a giant elephant and bush-rangers. Other towns and villages have had varying degrees of success with public art.

We recommend Council and an art consultant work with the community to collaborate on an art work/s that reflects the history and character of Tarago and its community.

Additionally, the results of the recent Tarago Art Competition should be considered when selecting new art.



## RV Grounds

As tourism was identified as a future key industry for Tarago, it is proposed to develop a parking bay and dumping point. This would enable Tarago to be listed as an RV Town.

The RV area will be managed by the Goulburn Mulwaree Council. The size and location will be commensurate with the capacity that Tarago can sustainably manage.



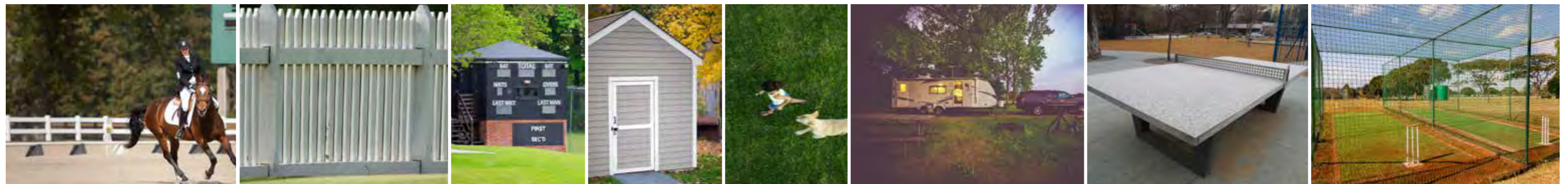


### Common Area

The recreation grounds in the village core and the showgrounds south of Tarago represent the two main recreation spaces for the community. Improvement of these spaces and their facilities will better support opportunities for recreation and play for a variety of ages and abilities. Improving these areas will also support a healthier, more active and inclusive community. As buildings in the area are replaced they should seek a consistent character that reinforces the existing character of Tarago. This reinforces a sense of place and attracts tourists while providing high quality amenity to the community. This area can also support an improved tourism industry by supporting RV traffic. The layout of the plan beside is indicative only.

#### Key Moves:

1. establish an improved and extended path network
2. plant large shade trees
3. construct cricket nets
4. improve sports buildings (cricket + tennis) and provide new seating
5. upgrade the public toilets
6. add hardstand around the cricket shed and dressage arena
7. upgrade the dressage arena fencing
8. add two new outdoor picnic/ping pong tables
9. new fencing around the cricket oval
10. construct off leash dog park
11. improve the gravel car park with landscaping and marked parks
12. possible use of the internal part of the walking track for RV parking
13. co-locate a dumping point within the RV area
14. provide a new custom climbing structure
15. youth facilities/skate park
16. TSAI Memorial garden
17. outdoor gym equipment
18. practice wall for the multipurpose court
19. replacement and extension of walking tracks
20. footbridge across wetlands
21. Running track

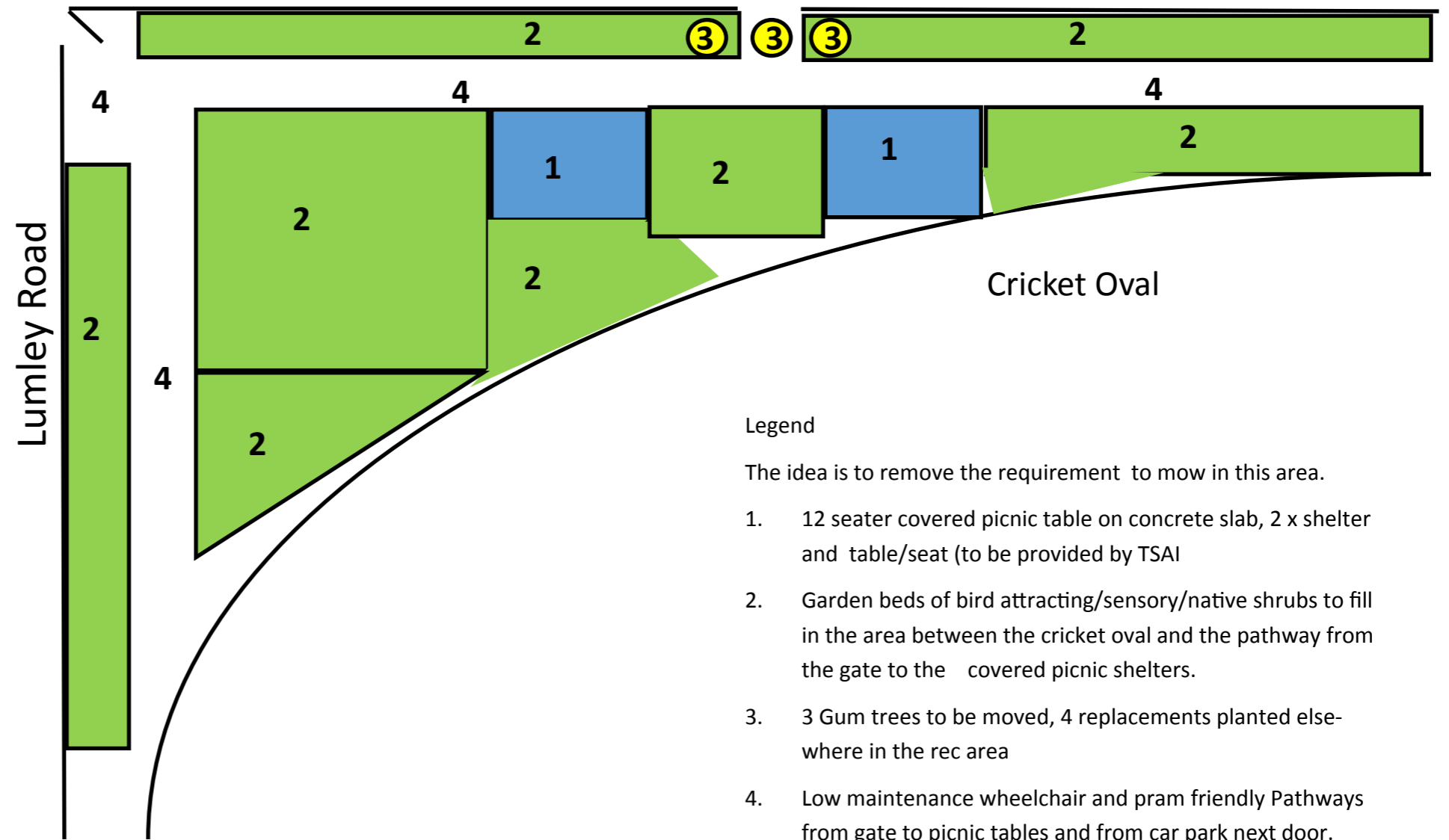


### TSAI Memorial Garden

The memorial garden is a current proposal that the TSAI has been working on. This park should be delivered or incorporated into the full landscape works for Tarago or common area.

## TSAI Memorial Guardian proposed layout

Vacant block of land corner of Braidwood and Lumley Roads site of future shops and cafe



## Showground

The Tarago Showgrounds are an important asset to the Tarago community. The facilities and grounds have been subject to improvements over the past years. The community would seek to continue to improve the facilities. This will help to support larger and more frequent events at Tarago.

Improved pedestrian connections between Tarago and the Showgrounds will enable more visitation. Additionally, fencing, signage and the gate could be improved as part of broader landscape works. This will further support the character of Tarago.

### Key Moves:

1. fix toilet block
2. upgrade the bar/bbq
3. replace the pavilion
4. improve the kitchen facilities
5. signage/gate/fencing



## Infrastructure Strategy

### Solar

A community owned solar grid will support Tarago as an 'eco village' and to reduce the impact of power shortages or interruptions.

To establish, operate and maintain the network the community will need to partner with a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). An SPV is essentially a business partner who will construct and operate the solar system. This SPV will setup and maintain the network. Power storage could be centralised in the battery storage (possibly in the community centre). Surplus energy not used by the community can be sold to the network for a profit that can fund the ongoing cost of the system or community projects. Additionally, the credits from such a scheme could be sold to generate more revenue for community projects.

Land owned by Veolia (non RU5) could be utilised for a central solar plant. Alternatively homes or land privately owned in close proximity to Tarago could be leased to provide solar infrastructure. Additionally community owned buildings could be easily fit out with solar. Buildings such as the CWA, hall and recreation ground buildings could be looked at. Any solar system and governance arrangements would need to be resolved at the launch of the project with the community.

To generate enough power to supply the total energy needs of Tarago (100 dwellings) a solar array of around 4ha of panels would be required. It should be noted the power generated would not be directly used by home but would be fed into the grid.



### Telecommunications

Tarago has poor service with regard to telecommunications. There are a number of service providers who could assist the development of an improved micro network.

### Water

To increase the resilience, quality of life and competitiveness of Tarago identifying and securing a potable water supply is a high priority. A study should be conducted to identify a centralised water supply and understand the feasibility and impact of creating a potable water network in Tarago.

### Sewerage

The sewerage of the identified areas will support the final outcomes expressed by the community. Providing sewerage to the village heart will increase the viability of Tarago for private business to establish themselves. Sewerage has been identified as one of the main reasons for the hindering development of Tarago. Sewerage certain residential areas will allow for more intensive development that can support the ageing population of Tarago. The areas suggested make the most efficient use of the sewer system and the most strategic sense for growth. It is recommended that council undertake a review of the feasibility study for centralised water and sewerage.

## Tourism Strategy

Tarago is known as the town between two lakes.

Tarago already markets itself through an app and through a number of private destinations and events such as the Sturgiss truffle farm and the Lake Bathurst Tea House (partly closed). Council can provide support through Strategic Marketing Business Unit of Goulburn Mulwaree Council and through visit NSW.

Tarago could seek to reinforce its offering through a number of sustainable initiatives in the surrounding area to develop and market itself as an 'eco village'.

Key components of the tourism strategy will be to:

- Implement a community solar initiative
- register as an RV friendly town
- develop a community waste program
- establish a community garden
- beautify the main street incorporating WSUD (rain gardens)
- use of eco friendly materials

## Tarago Waste Management Facility

Allowing waste from the Tarago facility to be accepted at Woodlawn will allow Council to undertake upgrades of the facility.

## Surrounding Roads

Surrounding bus routes in the area are currently unsealed. It is recommended that roads be reviewed and selected to add to the councils next round of public works. Roads of particular merit are those used for the school bus runs. This document will be endorsed by council and considered during the coming budget cycles.



## Street Furniture

### Seating

What kind of seating would you like to see?

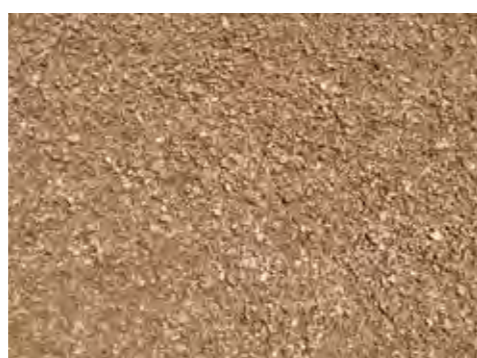
What we heard:

Heritage style, classic and rustic



## Tarago Material and Colour Palette

### Village Materials

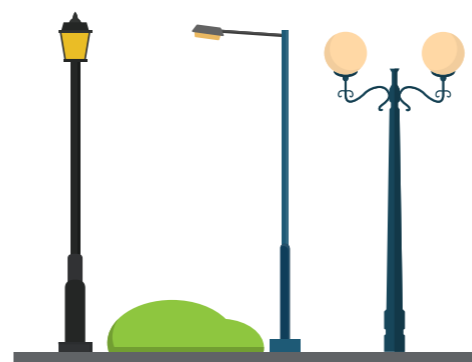


### Lighting

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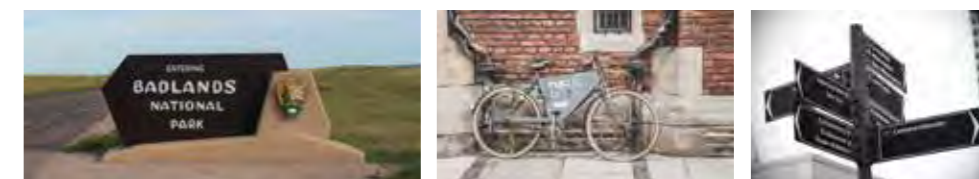
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### Signage

What kind of signage would you like to see?



### Village Colours



### Trees

What kind of trees would you like to see?

What we heard:

Large canopy shade trees







# IMPLEMENTATION

## Implementation

The following Implementation Chart provides an indicative schedule to plan, deliver and operate the various proposals in this Plan. This Plan will be used as a guide over the coming years.

It is proposed the process to implement the plan will involve a Community Liaison/Project Manager appointed by Veolia to work with the community to prioritise, scope, design and deliver each project within the Plan for submission to the Trust, Council or other funding bodies. This would allow the community to have their say on what happens next and the detail of each project as priorities may change or the thinking around some of the proposals evolves.

The Plan is viewed as a living document and is flexible. The point of the Community Liaison is to have a central point to be able to discuss, update and guide the concepts from the Plan through to their delivery. They will also regularly meet with the community through the year to discuss proposals and update on progress or issues.

To select projects a short list will be formed from a list of criteria in conjunction with the Tarago community. These criteria and weighting will identify long term and short term projects. It will also demonstrate the more complex or challenging projects to the community. This will inform the community vote so that there is a clear understanding of the timing and funding commitments of each project. Broad community consensus will be sought and encouraged for every meeting.

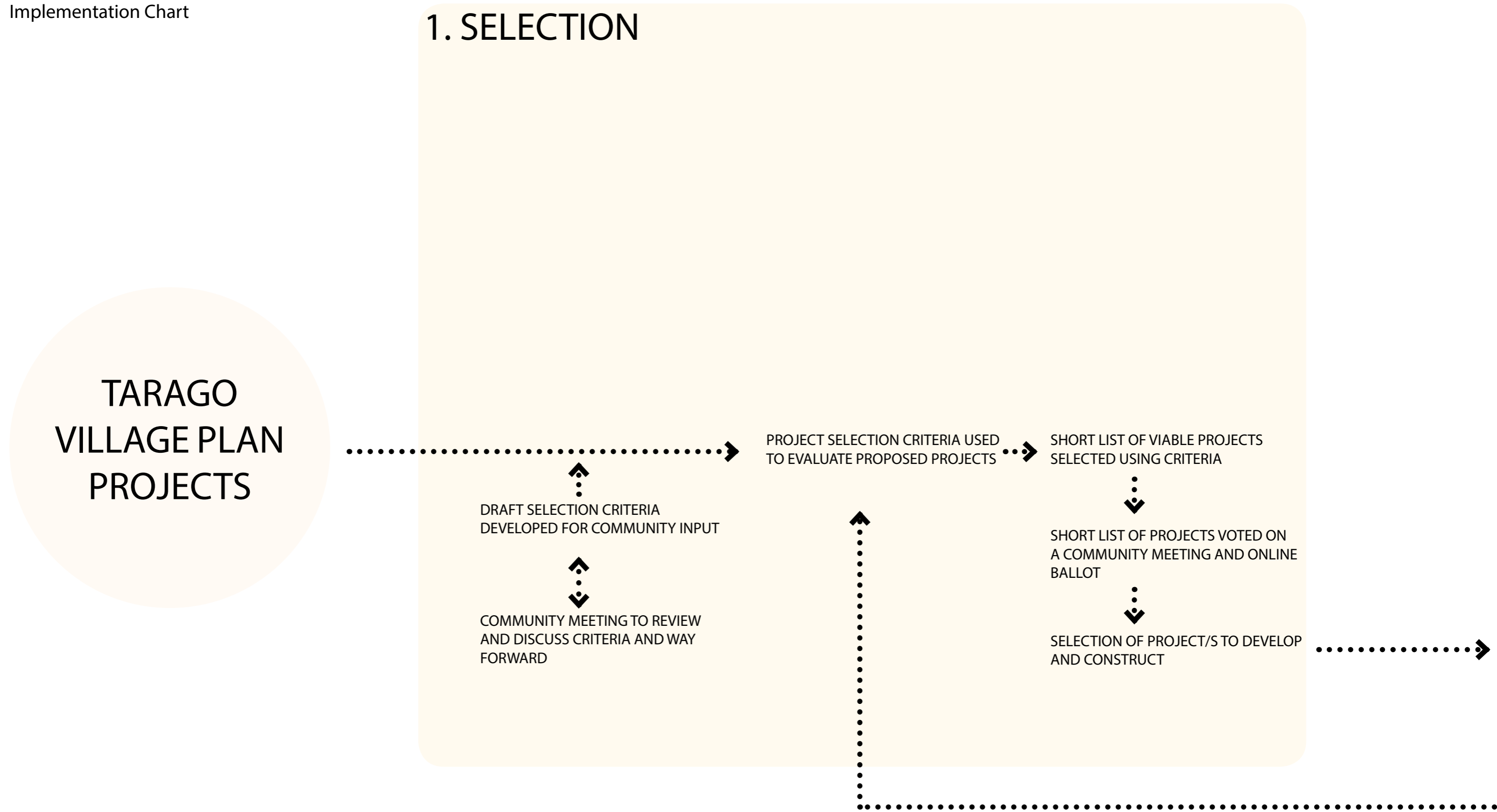
Please note the time frames for the design or delivery may be subject to change. Foreseen changes include greater consultation and revisions of scheme, unforeseen governance investigation issues and changes to design briefs.

Additionally, projects raised by the community which are the responsibility of Council, or other Government bodies or organisations, are subject to the agreement, policies and funding cycles of those organisations. Veolia may be in a position to support lobbying by the community for these projects.

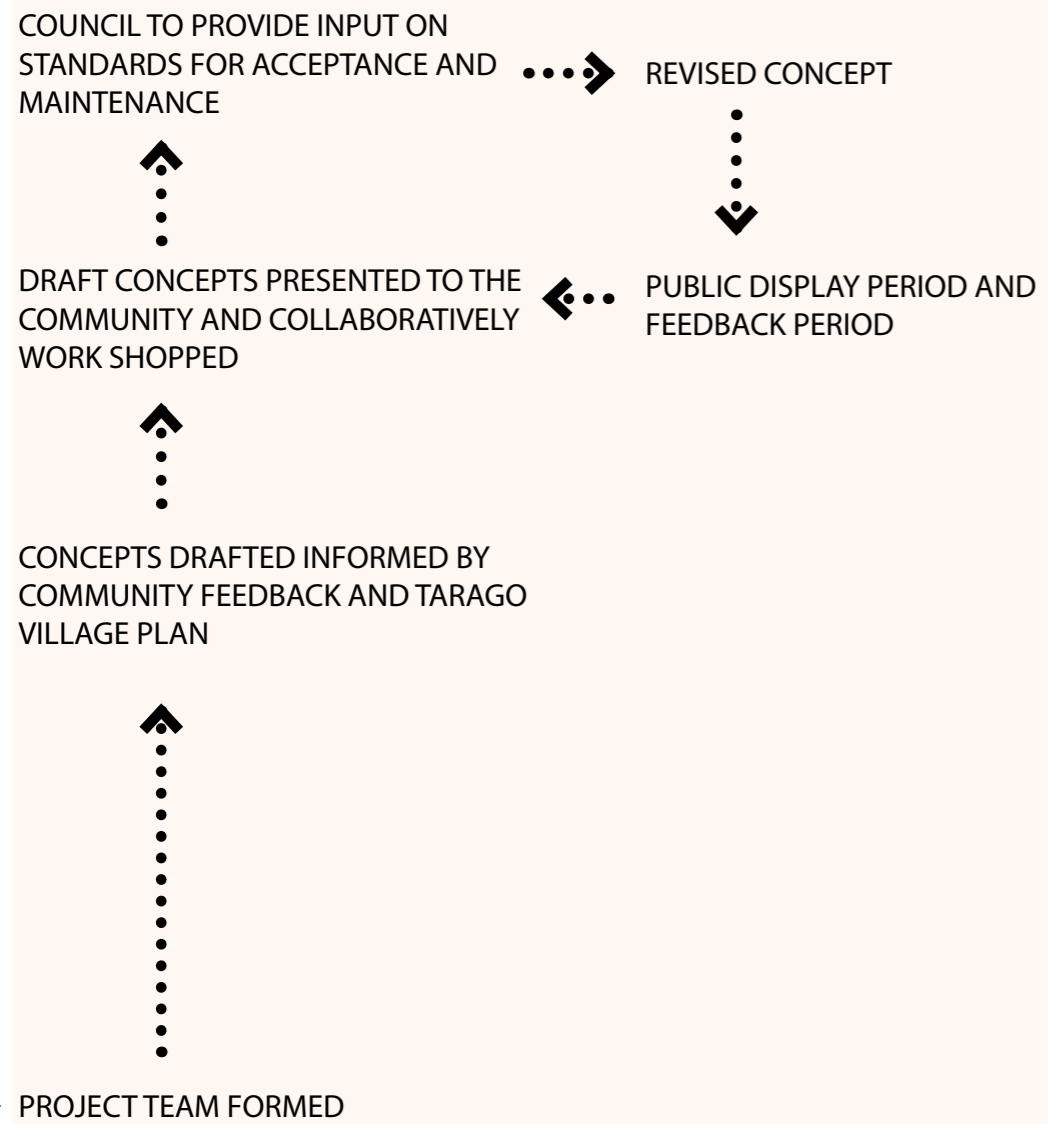
Additionally any approvals required need to consider around a minimum of 6 months for approvals ahead of construction. This may increase with the complexity of the project.



Implementation Chart



## 2. PLANNING/DESIGN



## 3. DELIVERY



## 4. OPERATION/ MAINTENANCE



