




Lockington & District Place Based Plan



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The Shire of Campaspe is the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Yorta Yorta Peoples.

We respect and acknowledge their unique Aboriginal cultural heritage and pay our respect to their ancestors, descendants and emerging leaders as the Traditional Owners of this Country.

We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

Thank you

We wish to thank the members of the Lockington & District for their time, effort and energy in developing this plan.

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1. Introduction



Located in the west of the Campaspe Shire local government area (LGA), Lockington & District is an agricultural area that is home to a proactive and resilient community.

The Lockington & District Place Based Plan (the Plan) presents a shared vision for Lockington & District, which includes the townships of Bamawm, Bamawm Extension, Kotta, Lockington, Milloo, Pine Grove and Tennyson.

The Plan is a place based and community-led plan. It has been developed through a collaborative process with the Lockington & District community and Campaspe Shire Council.

The Plan:

- outlines Lockington & District's unique local character and identity
- identifies key strengths, challenges and opportunities
- articulates a shared vision for the future, and
- contains an action plan to guide collective effort, advocacy and investment.

The following page outlines the key steps taken to develop the Lockington & District Place Based Plan.

1

Background and context review

Policy analysis and review of key Campaspe Shire Council (Council) documents and demographic information to understand the strategic, place and people characteristics and drivers for Lockington & District.

2

Community and stakeholder consultation

Consultation with community and key stakeholders to understand local assets, values, issues, opportunities and aspirations. Refer to section 4 for more information about the engagement process and key messages.

3

Draft Lockington & District Place Based Plan (current)

Preparation of draft Lockington & District Place Based Plan in collaboration with the Lockington & District Place Based Plan Committee.

4

Final Lockington & District Place Based Plan

Finalisation of the Lockington & District Place Based Plan based on feedback from public exhibition, and in collaboration with the Lockington & District Place Based Plan Committee.

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Implementation

The delivery of this Place Based Plan will require the effort and collaboration from a range of stakeholders – including residents, community groups, businesses, service providers and Campaspe Shire Council.

The background image shows the Living Heritage Complex, a building with a corrugated metal roof and a sign that reads "LIVING HERITAGE COMPLEX". In front of the building, several vintage cars are parked on a dirt lot. Two men in green shirts and jeans are standing near a red car. A large orange circle with a white border is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text "2. Strategic Context". A smaller orange circle with a white border is overlaid on the bottom right, containing a group of six stylized human figures in various colors.

2. Strategic Context

This section provides a summary of key Council documents relevant to the Lockington & District Place Based Plan.

The following Council strategies, plans and policies were reviewed as part of developing this plan:

- Open Space Strategy 2022-2032
- Campaspe Tomorrow
- Council Plan 2021-2025
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, and
- Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2024-2020.

The review of these documents highlights the ability of the community to work with Council and others to deliver shared priorities and aspirations:

Strengthen social cohesion and connections

There is a focus on building social cohesion and connections through community events and other social opportunities. Council also wants to build the capacity of community organisations and groups and continue to promote community volunteering.

Improve health and wellbeing outcomes and access to services

There is a focus on improving the health and wellbeing outcomes for all residents living in Campaspe. This can be achieved by promoting active and healthy lifestyles, including ensuring there are appropriate and safe recreational activities and spaces for the community and addressing barriers community cohorts such as older people may face in accessing these spaces. The mental health of residents is also a focus area through running events such as for R U OK Day and working with young people through youth groups and schools.

It is recognised that access to services, regardless of where someone lives, is fundamental to supporting community and individual health and wellbeing. This includes access to health (including physical, mental and maternal), disability, Indigenous and family violence services.

Improve local facilities and infrastructure

Local facilities, including halls, recreation spaces, and essential infrastructure such as telecommunications, roads, footpaths, and public transport, should be well-maintained, accessible, and equipped to support liveability, growth and change.

Preserve township character

Campaspe Shire is known for its vibrant and charming townships that are home to resilient and friendly communities. It is important that these townships retain their unique character into the future.

Ensure there is a diverse range of sport and recreation facilities

It is important that there is access to a diverse range of high-quality sport and recreation facilities across the shire. This includes parks, open spaces, playgrounds, sporting grounds, walking trails and bike paths. Key recommendations from the Open Space Strategy relating to Lockington include removing the play equipment from Lucas Crescent and directing funds to Lions Park and acquiring the Crown section land at the Lockington Recreation Reserve.



Support local businesses and employment

Council and the community aspire for the shire to be home to a diverse and resilient economy where local businesses thrive. It's important that high-value industries such as agriculture, health and aged care, manufacturing and tourism are supported. Access to local employment, particularly for young people, is also important to help keep them in the area in the long-term.

Support tourism

There is the opportunity to promote Campaspe as a tourist destination, particularly for arts, agricultural, environmental and First Nations tourism. A key strategic principle of Council's Economic Development and Tourism Strategy is a focus on localised and place-based opportunities for tourism. Relevant projects include the development of walking trails across the region and agritourism development through paddock to plate programs.

Protect the natural environment

It is important to protect the natural environment, including the waterways, for the future.



The Lockington & District community has also developed a number of strategic documents to drive improvements in the area, including:



Lockington Community Development Plan developed in collaboration with Rural Aid. This Plan includes strategies and actions to support the development of Lockington, including around town appearance and facility upgrades, community building, tourism, heritage, sports clubs, youth development and the Kotta Rail Trail.

Lockington & District Business Centre Strategic Plan outlines the mission of the Business Centre to research community needs and provide safe and inclusive services.

Lockington Recreation Reserve Facility Masterplan outlines the key issues and directions for the future of Lockington Recreation Reserve.

Lockington Recreation Reserve Sporting Clubs Strategic Plan outlines the vision of a thriving community united through sport alongside key issues and strategic directions for the future of sporting clubs at Lockington Recreation Reserve.



3. About Lockington & District



3. About Lockington & District

Lockington & District is located in the west of the Campaspe Shire LGA on the traditional lands of the Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung People who have called the area home for thousands of years. Traditional Custodians continue to hold connections to Country through lands, skies and waters.

As shown in the map, Lockington & District includes the townships of Bamawm, Bamawm Extension, Kotta, Lockington, Milloo, Pine Grove and Tennyson.

Located 30 kilometres southwest of Echuca and 220 kilometres north of Melbourne, Lockington is the main centre of the district. Lockington is connected via key roads such as Lockington Road, Echuca-Mitiamo Road, and Prairie-Rochester Road. The nearest railway stations are in Echuca and Rochester, providing links to broader rail networks, including direct routes to Melbourne.

3. About Lockington & District

The District is a prime agricultural area, featuring an extensive irrigation network. This has led to the growth of dairying and orcharding, as well as several beef farms in the area. Other local businesses include the general store, post office, the Lockington Hotel and the Lockington & District Business Centre which houses a petrol station, op shop, library, community bank and neighbourhood house. There is also a popular Traveller's Rest located in the centre of town which provides powered and unpowered sites to tourists.

Housing in Lockington predominantly consists of low density, separate houses. These homes are spread out across the rural landscapes of the District, with larger properties and farms typically located in the outer areas. Lockington & District is also home to Water Wheel Court, a 16-unit accommodation development for aged or disabled residents.

The Lockington town centre, with its rural charm, is home to various heritage buildings and sites. The Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex is a community-owned and volunteer-run local history museum that shares the heritage of the area. It includes exhibitions such as a shearing shed, a dairy shed, a Masonic lodge, a restored tram and Australia's first pop-top caravan. The Complex is an important tourist destination for the area. Other key tourism strengths of the area include nature-based activities, water sports and fishing. According to the Economic Development & Tourism Strategy 2024-2029, the Lockington-Gunbower area receives around 40,000 visitors per year, with the majority (57%) visiting for a holiday.

Important social infrastructure includes the Lockington Consolidated School, a number of local halls including Kotta Hall, Milloo Hall and Lockington Community Centre, local parks and sporting facilities such as Lockington Recreation Reserve, Bamawm Recreation Reserve, Tennyson Recreation Reserve, Pine Grove Recreation Reserve and Lockington Swimming Pool and the Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre. The town is also home to the Vintage Tractor and Stationary Engine Rally hosted every ANZAC day weekend, alongside other events including a country music festival, luncheons and recreational activities such as lawn bowls.

The Lockington & District community is resilient, proactive and welcoming, and work together to make the area a great place to live. Together the community established the Lockington & District Business Centre which is a hub for locals to buy fuel, access banking and library services, access wifi, print, do laundry and participate in community events and programs. More recently, the community purchased the Lockington Hotel, a well-loved pub that attracts customers from across Campaspe Shire.



Our success stories

Lockington & District Business Centre

Established in 2003, the Lockington & District Business Centre is a community-owned, not-for-profit business that aims to provide high quality business, community and educational services to Lockington and District.

At the Centre community members can buy fuel, print and access wifi, bank, visit the library and op shop, do laundry and access services via the neighbourhood house. The Centre also runs a range of community events and programs including a Men's Shed, Youth Action Group and a community garden. In 2021 the Business Centre also developed the Lockington Pumptrack for children and young people to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards.



Water Wheel Court

Over recent years the Lockington Community Care Committee has established Water Wheel Court, a 16-unit accommodation development for aged or disabled residents.

This project started with a community grant and has expanded over the years. This affordable housing model supports local residents to age in place with their established community connections.

Lockington-Kotta Rail Trail

The Lockington Kotta Rail Trail Committee have been working hard to get approvals and funding to develop an 8km rail trail along the old train lines between Lockington and Kotta. This will provide cyclists, walkers, runners and horse riders with a safe and shady route to travel between the two towns.

Recently the former Kotta Station was relocated from the Port of Echuca to its original location on the Kotta Railway. This forms an important landmark of the rail trail.



Our success stories

Lockington Hotel

The Lockington Hotel serves as a vibrant community hub where locals and visitors from across Campaspe Shire come to socialise, enjoy great food and experience warm hospitality. In 2019, the Hotel faced the threat of closure. Rather than losing this beloved establishment, the community banded together to purchase the Lockington Hotel as a community-owned business. Since then, it has thrived, demonstrating the power of collective action.



Community Bank

For over 20 years, Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester has existed to feed into community prosperity and help the area thrive. The locally owned and operated bank provides more than just a banking service – it has contributed over \$3.2million to the community via sponsorships, grants, youth scholarships and dividends to local shareholders. The Community Bank strengthens the local community by providing job opportunities and resources to improve their financial literacy. The Community Bank is proud to give a voice to the region by encouraging other funders to co-support projects in local communities.

All ability cricket at Bamawm Recreation Reserve

Since 2021, Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club has run the only all-ability cricket program in the shire at Bamawm Recreation Reserve. Open to participants of all ages, the program sees a high number of people with disability supported by the NDIS take part. The program offers opportunities to play cricket, develop skills and socialise in an inclusive and supportive environment.

In the most recent program, 45 people from across Campaspe Shire participated.



3.1 Our Community

All data in this section is sourced from the 2021 Australia Bureau of Statistics Census, and covers the following suburbs: Bamawm, Bamawm Extension, Kotta, Lockington, Milloo, Pine Grove and Tennyson.

Lockington & District is home to a younger population compared to Campaspe Shire. The community is typically made up of families with children born in Australia and living in separate houses they own either outright or via mortgage.

Looking ahead the population of Lockington & District is forecast to remain relatively stable, with modest but steady growth.



Current population (usual resident population):
1,894 (this represents a growth of +117 since 2016)



Dwelling type
98% of dwellings are separate houses (compared to 89% in Campaspe Shire)



Median age
44 years (compared to 47 years in Campaspe Shire)



People over 65
20% are over 65 years old (compared to 25% in Campaspe Shire)



Living with disability
5% live with disability (compared to 7% in Campaspe Shire)



First Nations
2% First Nations (compared to 3% in Campaspe Shire)



Median household weekly income
\$1,491 (compared to \$1,284 in Campaspe Shire)



Born overseas
4% born overseas (compared to 8% in Campaspe Shire). The most common places of birth are the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Philippines and South Africa.



Languages spoken at home other than English
1% speak a language other than English at home (compared to 4% in Campaspe Shire). Languages spoken include Filipino/Tagalog, Italian, Afrikaans and Thai.



Couples without children
33% are couples without children (compared to 30% in Campaspe Shire)



Lone person households
25% live alone (compared to 28% in Campaspe Shire)



Homeowners
77% are homeowners, either outright or with a mortgage (compared to 70% in Campaspe Shire)

3.2 Our Strengths

The following outlines the strengths of Lockington & District as described by local community.

A self-reliant and proactive community

We are self-reliant, proactive and often work together to make improvements to the area. Some of our key successes include the Lockington & District Business Centre, the Lockington Hotel and the development of the rail trail between Lockington and Kotta.

Our community is also known for being welcoming, friendly and helpful. Whether its volunteering at a local sports club or community group or socialising at the local pub, our people are there for each other.

"The sense of community within Lockington & District is outstanding with a community that bands together when times get tough."

"No isn't a word in the dictionary in Lockington."

A wide range of community groups

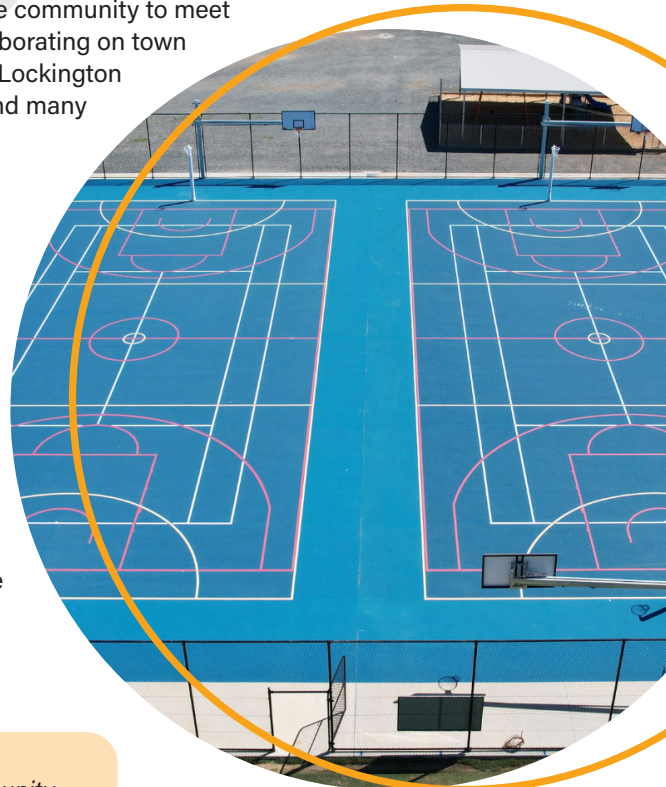
We have a number of community groups that not only offer spaces for the community to meet and socialise, but also provide leadership in applying for grants and collaborating on town improvements. This includes Landcare, Lockington Channel Committee, Lockington Lions Club, Lockington Action Club, the Country Women's Association and many more.

"There are so many voluntary groups who make the town what it is. This includes emergency services, tourism, history/heritage and sporting clubs."

Recreation facilities and strong sporting culture

Our recreation facilities and groups are the heartbeat of our community. They provide spaces for children and adults alike to participate in sport and recreation, socialise, stay healthy and connect with each other. There are a range of sporting opportunities available, including football, netball, basketball, lawn bowls, swimming, golf, equestrian, cricket, tennis – with great facilities and active clubs.

"The Lockington Recreation Reserve is a well-loved part of the community. There is always someone using the reserve, including Des who is 90 or kids kicking a ball. It's a really well used space. These facilities create community pride and foster social engagement."



Local businesses and services

We have access to a range of local businesses that meet our needs and provide spaces for us to socialise and gather. This includes the Lockington Hotel and the Business Centre alongside the supermarket, the Traveller's Rest, the post office and the Community Bank.

We also have a range of services that are critical in maintaining the health and wellbeing of our community. The Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre is a primary health centre that is highly valued and valuable to our town. Our local school, the Lockington Consolidated School, supports existing, and helps to attract new, families to the area and offers before and after school care. The Lockington Kindergarten provides a safe space for children to learn.

"The pub, post office, bush nurses, school and supermarket are the life blood of our village. The free camp/caravan sites are brilliant for bringing people to our village and adding to the economy."

A diverse range of events

We have many events in our area. This includes larger scale events such as the Tractor Rally and swap meets through to smaller community events such as Christmas carols in the park, bowls, the monthly cuppa and connect at the Plumbers Shed and events at the Bush Nursing Centre. Lockington also runs a number of campdraft events, showcasing the community's strong agricultural traditions and horsemanship skills.

Access to natural environment and walking trails

We love the natural environment surrounding Lockington & District, including the walking trails, waterway and flora and fauna.

"I love the natural feel. There are plenty of eucalyptus trees and birds such as kookaburras, frogmouths, galahs, corellas rosellas and magpies. It's amazing."



3.3 Our Challenges

The following outlines some challenges for Lockington & District as described by local community.

Pedestrian safety and quality of footpaths

Many of our footpaths and roads are in need of improvement for pedestrian and cyclist use. Key concerns are around speeding cars and a lack of, or poorly maintained footpaths. The changing and confusing speed limits along Lockington Road puts pedestrians, including children walking to and from school, at risk. There are also a number of unsealed roads with potholes that can make driving dangerous.

Lack of appropriate amenities at local parks, playgrounds and sporting facilities

While we have many great recreation and sporting facilities, some of these spaces lack the appropriate amenities. This includes accessible bathrooms and showers, shade and seating. On top of this, our recreation facilities such as Lockington Recreation Reserve and Bamawm Recreation Reserve do not have changing rooms that are appropriate for local women's sports.

Access to health services

While the Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre is an important health service in the area, it can be hard to access a GP or mental health services. The Bush Nursing Centre also relies on State Government funding which has not increased in recent years, despite the centres growing demand.

Ageing population and attracting young volunteers

Our population is ageing. This means as the community volunteers continue to grow older, there is a gap in the number of volunteers, which impacts the efficacy of some community groups. At the same time, young people are leaving the area as there are not enough education, employment or affordable housing opportunities for them. This means attracting new volunteers, particularly young volunteers is a key challenge going forward.

Sustainability of new local businesses

It can be hard for new businesses to open in Lockington & District and remain sustainable and profitable.



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4. What We Heard



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A range of community engagement activities were undertaken between July and August 2024. They are described in the table below, along with their estimated participant numbers. These activities were largely promoted, led and facilitated by representatives of the Place Based Plan Committee and Campaspe Shire Council, with support from the consultants at Cred Consulting.

Table 1- Summary of engagement activities

Engagement activity	Reach
Survey	190 participants
Interviews	12 participants
Pop ups	*550 participants
Activity with primary school students	35 participants
TOTAL	787 people**

*Approximate number of participants

** It should be noted this is unlikely to be 787 unique participants as some participants completed the survey and participated in an interview or pop-up event.

Key Messages

People's top priorities for Lockington & District are:

- Improve pedestrian and cyclist experience and safety.
- Improve the quality of recreation and sporting facilities.
- Explore opportunities to host farmer's markets and other local events in Lockington & District.
- Improve access to services through outreach programs, and ensure current services are supported to remain in operation.
- Provide more support for community groups and encourage more people, particularly young people to get involved.
- Improve the look and feel of the Lockington town centre through more public art, more greenery including native plantings and more seating.
- Encourage new businesses to open in Lockington and support them and existing businesses to stay open.
- Explore opportunities to increase housing supply in Lockington & District, particularly affordable housing for older people and young families.
- Improve safety.

"A path around the channel would encourage people to walk around town and connect the two main areas together."

"We need parks and open spaces to be inviting and accessible, with public amenities - toilets, drinking taps - and space for various activities and events."

"There are currently no facilities to field a women's football team, meaning they have to play in Echuca. We need to improve the women's change areas."

"Services and facilities that are readily accessible, appropriate to the community's needs and support Locky's unique and resilient social fabric without demanding its evolution."

"More housing. Some would like to downsize, freeing up larger houses for more families to move into the area, but the wait list for the waterwheel units is long."



5.Vision

Our vision for the future of Lockington & District is:

Lockington & District is a determined, resilient, proactive, vibrant and connected community where young and older generations thrive together and are empowered to contribute to a brighter future.

We are dedicated to enhancing our natural environment, supporting local business and agriculture, celebrating our unique history and supporting the health of our community.

6. Action Plan



This section presents an action plan to improve the quality of life, wellbeing and resilience of the Lockington & District community.

The delivery of this action plan will require effort and collaboration from a range of different groups and stakeholders – including local residents, community groups, businesses, service providers and Campaspe Shire Council, as well as State and Federal Government.

Action Themes

To achieve the vision for Lockington & District, six different themes with supporting actions have been developed. This reflects the input and feedback received from consultation with the local community and stakeholders.

Recreation and wellbeing

Improving community health and wellbeing by providing a range of recreation opportunities and providing access to quality community and recreation spaces and facilities.

Look and feel

Continuing to enhance the character of Lockington & District, including through plantings, public art and signage.

Getting around and safety

Improving the pedestrian, cyclist and driver experience and making Lockington & District safer for everyone.

Environment

Protecting and enhancing the natural environment.

Business and tourism

Supporting local businesses and tourism in Lockington & District.

Things to do

Ensuring there are a variety of accessible and welcoming events and programs in Lockington & District.

Priority

The actions have been assigned the following levels of priority for their delivery:

- **Short:** Includes actions to be undertaken over the short term (next 18 months). It also relates to very important projects that require sustained effort and investment to achieve.
- **Medium:** Includes actions to be undertaken over the next 2-4 years
- **Long:** Includes actions to be undertaken over the next 4+ years
- **Ongoing:** Includes actions that are currently being undertaken, or will continue throughout the life of this plan.

6.1 Recreation and wellbeing

Our recreation spaces and facilities are the heartbeat of Lockington & District. This includes sporting facilities such as the recreation reserves that are the home to our sporting clubs, the Lockington Swimming Pool, to community facilities like the walking trails and local parks and playgrounds. We value our facilities and services that keep us healthy and socially connected, particularly the Lockington & District Bush Nursing Centre, Lockington & District Business Centre, Plumbers Shed and our various community halls and venues like the Lockington Community Centre and Milloo and Kotta Halls.

The actions under this theme focus on how we can improve our existing spaces and facilities and support continued access to the services that support community health, wellbeing and resilience.

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
Upgrade Bamawm Recreation Reserve Our actions: Upgrade the women's change facilities at Bamawm Recreation Reserve to support participation by women and girls in cricket.	Bamawm Recreation Reserve Committee Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club	Short
Develop the Lockington-Kotta Rail Trail We have already received approval to develop the Lockington-Kotta Rail Trail. However, there are opportunities to add extra amenities and promote the Rail Trail out to encourage locals and visitors to use it. Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement a plan for amenities along the Rail Trail such as signage, bike maintenance spaces and a horse yard. Explore opportunities to develop the Rail Trail to provide unique points of difference through the inclusion of public art and/or interpretative signage. Promote the new Rail Trail and encourage locals and visitors to come and use it. This could include exploring opportunities to get the trail recognised by Rail Trails Victoria. Explore opportunities to link the Rail Trail into a bigger walking experience within Campaspe Shire's tourism offerings. 	Lockington Kotta Rail Trail Committee	Short
Continue to support and improve access to services Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support essential services in Lockington & District, including the Lockington & District Bush Nurse Centre. Explore opportunities to run more mental health programs or outreach to improve mental health and wellbeing. Explore opportunities to have Centrelink, and other relevant organisations, run monthly outreach services out of Lockington & District Business Centre. Continue to advocate for access to long day care locally. 	Lockington & District Bush Nurse Centre Campaspe Shire Council	Short

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
<p>Support and improve Lockington Swimming Pool</p> <p>Our actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support the Lockington Swimming Pool. Investigate improvements to enhance the experience and operation of the facility. 	Campaspe Shire Council	Medium
<p>Upgrade Lockington Recreation Reserve</p> <p>Our actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a new Lockington Recreation Reserve Masterplan that focuses on comprehensive improvements, sport growth, women's participation in sport and opportunities for Lockington Recreation Reserve to become a community hub. Some of the key ideas and opportunities to explore include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide unisex change facilities appropriate for female participation Upgrade the meeting rooms to become a dedicated function space for community events and activities, including for young people. This includes adding speakers and improving the kitchen facilities Providing a community gym Providing a bike track Upgrade with a generator and shower to turn it into a recovery hub that can be used during hazard events (e.g. floods, bushfire) Explore ways to address overflow parking at big events / games. 	Lockington Recreation Reserve Committee Lockington Bamawm United Football Netball Club Lockington Tennis Club Lockington Action Club Lockington Basketball Association Campaspe Shire Council Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)	Medium
<p>Explore opportunities for more recreation opportunities for young people</p> <p>Our actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities to run art programs and activities for children and young people. Work with local children and young people to develop ideas for a space for young people in Lockington town centre. This space could include a graffiti wall, skate park and/or a mountain bike track. Investigate opportunities to provide spaces at Lockington Consolidated School that children and young people can use outside of school hours. 	Lockington Consolidated School Campaspe Shire Council	Medium

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
<p>Continue to improve community halls</p> <p>Our actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for improvements to local halls to ensure that they can be used for a variety of purposes, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accessible toilets, hot water and ramp access at Milloo Hall. Heating at Lockington Community centre. 	<p>Lockington and District Community Centre</p> <p>Miloo Hall Committee</p> <p>Kotta Hall Committee</p> <p>DEECA</p>	<p>Long</p>
<p>Upgrade Tennyson Recreation Reserve</p> <p>Our actions:</p> <p>Investigate upgrades to Tennyson Recreation Reserve for social use including the possibility of a basketball half court.</p>	<p>Tennyson Recreation Reserve Committee</p> <p>DEECA</p>	<p>Long</p>

6.2 Look and feel

Lockington & District is clean, beautiful and well-maintained. Our local community groups and volunteers work hard to look after local spaces and places. We also have a lot of greenery and trees, and some public art installations which help to reflect the unique character and history of our area.

The actions under this theme focus on how we can continue to improve the look and feel of Lockington & District including through more plantings, public art and signage.

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
Develop more and better signage Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review directional and wayfinding signage for people coming into Lockington & District. This could also share the distance to, and attractions in the surrounding areas. Investigate an interpretive signage program that tell the stories of significant people, buildings, flora and fauna in Lockington & District. 	Lockington & District Planning Group Community Lockington Action Club/Landcare Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex Campaspe Shire Council	Short
Create more public art Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities for a public art program to encourage more public art across Lockington & District, including art that celebrates the area's heritage and history including murals or sculptures of famous local people. Explore opportunities to host an online webpage celebrating the stories of Lockington & District and welcoming new residents to the area. Explore opportunities to develop directional murals on the side of buildings that also include information on what you can do in each township. 	Lockington & District Planning Group	Medium
Improve the landscaping and plantings in Lockington town centre Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant more native plants and trees (e.g. Lagerstroemias) in Lockington town centre, including along the southern entrance, along the channel and key walking areas, along Lockington Road and the area between Lucas Crescent and Singer Road. Investigate the development of the area between Market Street and Kotta Road as a bushland park that can be used as a frisbee golf course. 	Lockington & District Planning Group Lockington Action Club Landcare Campaspe Shire Council	Long

6.3 Getting around and safety

Our community highly values the walking path along the channel and the other trails in the district. However, getting around can be difficult and unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. Our key concerns include speeding cars, the need for new or upgraded footpaths, unsealed roads and poor street lighting.

The actions under this theme focus on how we can improve the pedestrian, cyclist and driver experience, and ensure Lockington & District is safe for everyone.

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
Develop a walking circuit around Lockington town centre Our actions: Advocate for a walking circuit to improve safety, connectivity and walking experiences in the Lockington town centre. This includes extending footpaths to the new Water Wheel units, the Lockington Bowling Club and Lockington Consolidated School.	Lockington & District Planning Group Community to advocate to Campaspe Shire Council	Short
Advocate for a safe road environment by addressing speeding cars Our actions: Advocate to VicRoads for an extension of the 50km/h speed limit along Lockington Road and the installation of traffic calming measures such as a flashing pedestrian crossing near Water Wheel Court.	Lockington & District Planning Group Campaspe Shire Council Community VicRoads	Short
Advocate for the sealing of roads Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate to seal key roads in Lockington town centre including Forrest Road (entrance to Recreation Reserve). 	Campaspe Shire Council	Medium
Conduct a mobility and safety audit Our actions: Explore opportunities to conduct a mobility and safety audit to inform the preparation of a dedicated streetscape plan that reviews existing streets, connections, footpaths, kerbs and street lighting to identify areas for improvements and areas where new footpaths, walking trails and lights are needed. This audit can also identify potential links to the Rail Trail.	Lockington & District Planning Group Campaspe Shire Council Community	Long

6.4 Environment

We love having access to the natural environment surrounding Lockington & District, including the walking trails, waterways and native flora and fauna.

The actions under this theme focus on how we can protect and enhance our natural environment so future generations can continue to enjoy it.

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
Promote and protect local flora and fauna Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Lockington Consolidated School to develop program or develop signs that promote and provide information about local flora and fauna. <p>Review available data and work with Council and other key stakeholders to identify key wildlife corridors.</p> <p>Develop a plan and program to support the protection and enhancement of identified wildlife corridors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities for the Rail Trail to be linked to wildlife corridors and provide necessary vegetation. 	Lockington Action Club Landcare Lockington Consolidated School Campaspe Shire Council	Long
Develop sustainable living and pest management programs Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a compost education program through the community garden to promote Lockington & District as a sustainable community. Engage with key stakeholders to develop an educational campaign around pest management, particularly rabbits. 	Lockington Action Club Landcare Lockington Neighbourhood House	Ongoing

6.5 Business and tourism

Lockington & District has a range of local businesses that meet our daily needs, provide spaces for our community to socialise and gather and attract visitors to the area. However, sometimes our local businesses struggle to remain sustainable and profitable, and there is often not enough support. This can impact both the local economy and tourism. There is also not enough housing supply in Lockington & District, particularly for older people, young people and families.

The actions under this theme focus on how we can better support our local businesses, encourage visitors to visit our local area and advocate for better housing supply.

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
Activate empty shopfronts Our actions: Explore opportunities to activate the empty shopfronts in Lockington town centre with public art, or temporary pop-up businesses or community uses.	Community	Short
Support local businesses Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support local businesses through shop local campaigns such as Locky dollars. Develop a local marketing campaign such as a website or video to encourage people to visit Lockington. This could be targeted towards Shire residents, and those from outside the Shire who are visiting other towns in the Shire.	Lockington & District Business Centre Lockington & District Planning Group	Short
Support local housing choice Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for Council to undertake a study to review the availability of residential land in Lockington and encourage the development of diverse housing to encourage people to move to Lockington & District and to support aging in place. Explore opportunities for strategic planning, partnerships and grant opportunities to deliver more housing for older residents at Water Wheel Court. Explore different options for providing seasonal workers housing in the area so that employees can live locally and connect with Lockington and District.	Lockington Community Care Lockington & District Planning Group Campaspe Shire Council Homes Victoria	Medium

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
<p>Provide high-quality amenities at Lions Park to improve both local and visitor experience, particularly those visiting the Traveller's Rest</p> <p>Our actions:</p> <p>Explore improvements and upgrade to Lions Park including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessible and unisex toilets and showers. ▪ Shade. ▪ Seating. ▪ More plantings. ▪ Upgrade the rotunda. ▪ Explore opportunities to include EV charging stations. ▪ Explore opportunities to add play equipment and activities that appeal to older children. 	<p>Lockington & District Planning Group</p> <p>Lockington Lions Club</p> <p>Campaspe Shire Council</p>	<p>Medium</p>
<p>Promote Lockington & District to other towns, communities and Councils</p> <p>Our actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore opportunities to promote the unique story and initiatives in Lockington & District's at conferences and events. 	<p>Lockington & District Planning Group</p> <p>Lockington & District Heritage Complex</p> <p>Campaspe Shire Council</p>	<p>Long</p>

6.6 Things to do

Lockington & District is home to a diverse range of events that attract both locals and visitors. However, there is a need for more local community events that drive social cohesion and connection, particularly for new residents and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The actions under this theme focus on how we can ensure we have a diverse range of events and programs that cater to everyone in our community, including new residents.

Actions	Who needs to be involved?	Priority
Run more events in Lockington & District Our actions: Run an annual Ukelele Festival in conjunction with the Country Music Festival. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run regular farmer's markets along the channel. Run a movie night during summer at Lockington Recreation Reserve or at the Lockington Community Centre. Run more dancing events at local halls, including bush dances, ballroom dancing or blue light discos. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run century celebration events at Milloo and Kotta halls. 	Ukelele group Lockington Neighbourhood House Lockington and District Community Centre Milloo Hall Committee Kotta Hall Committee	Ongoing
Welcome new residents to Lockington & District Our actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host a 'welcome to the district' after work hours or weekend event to attract workers. Better promote the 'welcome to the district' events particularly to culturally diverse community members. Develop a welcome kit for new residents. Run more regular events for new residents, particularly those from culturally diverse backgrounds (e.g. a cooking event). 	Lockington and District Community Centre Community Lockington Neighbourhood House	Medium