

REPORTS TO COUNCIL - ITEMS FOR DETERMINATION

9.4 Post-Exhibition Report - Bungendore Place Plan (Author: Duncan/Petroff)

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Recommendation

That Council adopt the Bungendore Place Plan

10 **Summary**

The draft Bungendore Place Plan (the Plan) was presented to Council for consideration on 24 April 2024. At this meeting, Council agreed to place the Plan on public exhibition for 28 days (**Resolution No 170/24**). The Plan was on exhibition from 25 April 2024 to 26 May 2024.

During this time, the Plan attracted 280 site visits, 172 document downloads and 10 written submissions.

Background

20 Over the next twenty years Bungendore's population is expected to increase by 56% (ID Profile) to just under 8,000. The town centre is undergoing major changes with a proposed new high school, QPRC administrative building and community sports hub either in the planning process or close to completion. The town already has a large commuter base which is forecasted to grow with the projected population increase.

The purpose of the Plan is to set a direction for the next 10 years, based on the aspirations and ideas of the local community. The Plan notes it is "not a list of ready-to-go projects but helps to guide Council and consultants for future development projects, large or small" (page 7).

Report

30 Overall, the plan was well received by the community. Respondents elaborated on initiatives, offered suggestions for implementation, and highlighted additional aspects to consider.

Responses exhibited both support and some criticism. On the positive side, the consultation process was praised for its inclusiveness and recognition of community challenges. The strategic vision of a strong, well-connected, and lively town received appreciation, along with specific initiatives like street tree planting, pedestrian routes, and public space enhancements. There was strong support for preserving Bungendore's rural charm and improving pathways, footpaths, and road crossings.

40 However, criticisms from some respondents included a concern about the selection of an international consultant and in contrast to majority of feedback, the consultation's lack of comprehensive community representation. Some initiatives were deemed vague, and one respondent noted the Plan's lack of attention to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Some respondents felt that critical infrastructure needs, such as public transport, were not adequately prioritised. Environmental issues, particularly climate change impacts, elicited mixed feelings, and there were doubts about the practicality and feasibility of certain initiatives.

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The suggestions and comments gathered during the exhibition period will be considered in the detailed planning of individual initiatives as they are prioritised for development.

Risk/Policy/Legislation Considerations

The Plan highlights several topics for Council consideration in future planning and strategic efforts related to Bungendore. This encompasses updates to heritage controls and improving connectivity, which will be considered in upcoming reviews of the Bungendore Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan, Bungendore Structure Plan and Bungendore Development Control Plan.

Financial, Budget and Resource Implications

A Bungendore Place Plan was approved in Council's 2023/24 Operational Plan with a budget of \$70K. The project was completed at a total cost of \$65,963.

Grants and other project funding for individual initiatives outlined in the Plan will be integrated into future Delivery Programs and Operational Plans

Links to QPRC/Regional Strategic Plans

The Place Plan meets the key directions of several pillars in the Community Strategic Plan:

Community	1.1	Our community is strengthened through connection and participation that enhances our community and cultural life.
	1.3	Our public and community places are inviting, accessible, encourage participation and are well maintained.
Choice	2.1	Our city, town and village centres are dynamic and thriving places that attract economic activity through the revitalisation of centres, focus on tourism and improved digital connectivity.
Character	3.3	Our land, vegetation and waterways are managed in an integrated and sustainable manner.
Connection	4.3	Our community facilities and assets are well planned, meet the needs of the community and enhance social connection.

The Place Plan also links to the following plans and strategies:

- QPRC Tourism Plan 2017 – 2025
- QPRC Bungendore Structure Plan 2018 -2024
- QPRC Integrated Transport Strategy 2020
- Bungendore Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan
- Regional Economic Development Strategy 2023
- Bungendore Town Centre Environment Committee's Town Centre Concept Plan 2009

Conclusion

The draft Bungendore Place Plan presents the community's aspiration for the future of the Bungendore, and it is recommended that Council adopt the draft plan.

Attachments

Attachment 1	Public Exhibition Responses (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>)
Attachment 2	Draft Bungendore Place Plan (<i>Under Separate Cover</i>)