

VILLAGE CONCEPT PLAN

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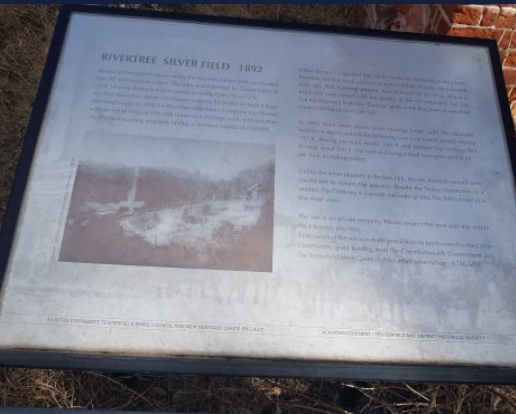
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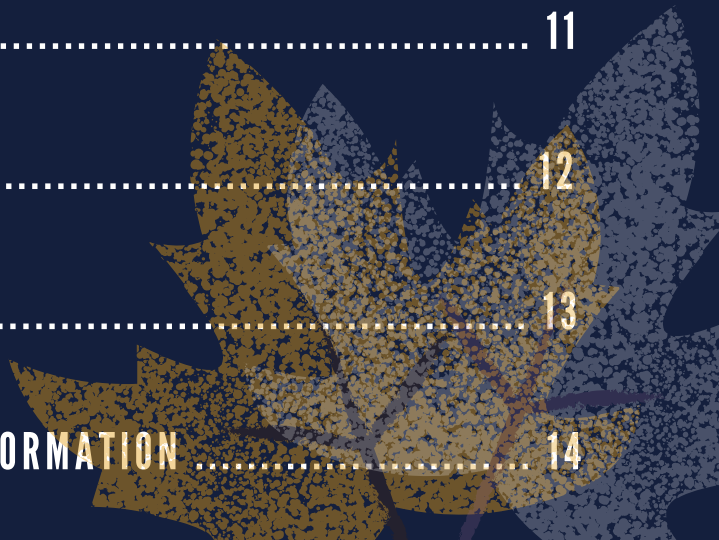
LISTON



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PURPOSE OF THIS CONCEPT PLAN

The purpose of the Liston Concept Plan is to provide strategic direction for future village improvements in order to achieve an environment which provides for the needs of its residents and visitors alike.

The Liston Concept Plan builds on the research and community consultation undertaken by Tenterfield Shire Council and the community of Liston. It identifies the areas that require embellishments in order to create an attractive, functional and interesting area.

The ideas contained in this plan will also support Liston as an attractive and appealing entrance into NSW. With future improvements to Liston Village it is envisaged more visitors to the region will stop and explore all that it has to offer and create a sense of community pride and ownership of the public spaces within the village.



OUR STORY

Situated high in the mountains of the Great Dividing Range, Liston is a small rural village surrounded by lush, gently undulating country. Liston is located 54 km North of Tenterfield and is 216 km south west from Brisbane and 724 km from the NSW state capital of Sydney.

Liston is situated on the traditional land of Kambuwal. Council pays respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Early squatters grazed sheep on huge runs, and the settlers that followed were engaged in a range of occupations including grazing, dairying, logging, sawmilling and mining.

Alluvial tin was discovered in the area in 1872, and in 1888 silver and lead were discovered in the Rivertree area. As a result of the mining rush, a wide cross section of people settled in the Liston area, including a large Chinese community. In Wilson's Downfall and Amosfield there were churches, schools, a police station, courthouse and jail, hotels, boarding houses, shops, sports grounds and race courses, as well as a blacksmith, saddler and watchmaker.



OUR AIM

1. To create a welcoming village centre which reflects the stunning surrounding natural landscape in which it sits.
2. To capitalise on day trip visitation by promoting things to see and do and creating an attractive tourism trail around the village.
4. To recognise and actively develop the cultural strengths and unique heritage of the village and surrounds.
5. To establish a community spirit which encourages a quality lifestyle, supports health and social well-being, promotes family life and lifestyle choices.
6. To have a well maintained and vibrant Liston Hall/Community Centre



OUR VISION



- 1 Upgrade carpark and safeway crossing to service hall, toilet and playground
- 2 Establish parkland behind hall to Rivertree Road
- 3 Heritage interpretative panels throughout park & village
- 4 Tree planting along Mount Lindesay Road within the centre of the village
- 5 Upgrade footpaths around the village
- 6 Upgrade fencing around Park

MAIN AREA CONCEPT PLAN



KEY ACTIONS FOR LISTON



Create a welcoming setting within the village



Improvements to the Cemetery



Install interpretative signage



Improve parking facilities for public areas





COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The community of Liston were invited to brainstorm ideas and issues for the future of the village centre. The information package was sent to the Liston & Area Progress Association on 20 August 2020. Staff at Tenterfield Shire Council also have viewed the draft plans and included future works into the plans.

Residents have prioritised the following ideas for improvements:

- 1 Liston to have a relaxed welcoming village where residents and travelers can enjoy the peaceful surroundings and promote heritage of the area
- 2 Village to be neat and tidy with all streets sealed
- 3 Stanthorpe street on eastern side of Mt Lindesay Road: Drains on northern side upgraded to provide easy access to parking i.e. vehicles attending Hall functions, Park Attractions and facilities
- 4 Fix walking paths and drainage issues on Mt Lindesay Road north from Coach shed. Beautify this area and provide safe crossings, parking and traffic calming in the area around
- 5 Install Exercise Station and small skate park in playground area
- 6 Art Work in public spaces by local artists
- 7 Investigate water supply for village

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Tenterfield Shire Council in conjunction with the Liston and Area Progress Association are seeking to identify future works to revitalise the village by identifying the following projects:

- Gravel carpark area within the Liston Park
- Exercise equipment be installed within Liston Park
- Art works in Public spaces
- Small skate park in Playground
- Develop parkland behind hall with picnic tables



LINKAGES

Footpaths facilitate two primary groups of activities; moving activities and stationary activities. Good footpath design with suitable materials and furniture can successfully cater for both.

- Increased safety for pedestrians.
- Improves facilities for pedestrians (improves accessibility).
- May help to increase walking as a mode of transport (environmental benefits).
- Walking can improve health and fitness.

Some improvements the community of Liston would like to see:

- Repairs to footpath and drainage issues on Mt Lindesay Road north from Coach Shed.
- Installation of Safe way Crossing
- Upgrade drains along Stanthorpe Street for easy access parking
- Seal all streets



LANDSCAPING



- Proposed tree planting along Mount Lindesay Road
- Planting trees around the proposed footpath, parking area and parkland to provide a more welcoming space to visit
- Installation of public art in the Liston Park
- Further development of land behind the Liston community Hall to create a space for the community and visitors to town to come sit and relax while enjoying the surrounding environment
- Heritage/Interpretive signs, located throughout the village



TOURISM

Liston is close to some of the region's best natural attractions, including Undercliffe Falls, Bald Rock and Boonoo Boonoo National Parks. Bald Rock is home to the largest granite monolith in the southern hemisphere, which towers above the horizon at almost 1,300 metres above sea level. Boonoo Boonoo is famous for its flowing rivers, secluded waterholes and rock pools, breathtaking gorges, and cascading falls. The Boonoo Boonoo River winds its way through high granite country, strewn with boulders and covered by open forest.

Relics of the past can also be viewed around Liston, including old mining and the WWII tank traps on Mt Lindesay Road. Culturally significant sites of the traditional landowners (the Bundjalung) can also be seen, including bora rings, rock paintings and camp sites.

Within the village itself can be found a replica Cobb & Co coach hand made by local man John Burton Snr to honour Liston's location on the Mt Lindesay Rd which formed part of the transport link between Brisbane and Tenterfield.

Ways to promote Tourism

- Develop an updated tourism brochure that would engage visitors and promote places of interest.
- Work with National Parks
- Include in advertising campaigns - showcasing the fascinating history and spectacular bush landscapes.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MOVING FORWARD

A range of village improvements have been proposed for Liston responding to ideas raised during analysis and from the community. Liston has a lively community and presents itself as a great place to live and to visit. Low cost improvements include footpath, tree planting and safety crossings. Higher cost items include car parking area and skate park area within the park.

The Liston Concept Plan will provide a blueprint for future village improvements and a focus for improving the functioning and aesthetics of the village as funds and resources become available.

The Concept Plan acts as a valuable tool in seeking funding for the projects identified in to the future.

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