

Local plan for Mungallala and District

This local community plan is a direction-setting document with objectives setting out “what” the district communities, businesses, government agencies and Council propose for Mungallala and District.

Action plans will set out “how” the objectives are to be achieved. They are separate documents. Action plans are prepared when people, organisations, businesses or governments are ready to provide leadership and allocates resources to a project. The objectives in the local plan are to be read in conjunction with Maranoa region-wide objectives (refer to the Maranoa region-wide strategies for Business & Industry, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Sport & Recreation and community lifestyle in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan).

Because the objectives in this local plan have community support, the objectives can be used by local organisations and businesses to support applications for grants and other funding.

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Mungallala is a small community on the Warrego Highway 44 kilometres west of Mitchell. Mungallala provides convenience services to the surrounding district and highway travellers. Residents of the district access most of their services from Roma, Charleville or Mitchell, including education and health. District sustainability rests on timber and agricultural industries, mainly livestock.

A feature of the district is the Ooline scrub, with picnic facilities located in a prime patch of Ooline on the Warrego Highway just east of Mungallala.

North of Mungallala is Chesterton National Park and west is Tregole National Park. Mungallala sits on a highway that channels tourists to the outback on the Charleville- Quilpie route or on the Barcaldine-Longreach-Winton route.

Town sustainability is based upon its sawmill and local convenience services, its capacity to encourage travellers to stop and its role as a social hub. The convenience services encompass food and beverage, hotel, accommodation and mechanical services.

Many of the broader aims for the Mungallala and district local community are set out in the Maranoa-wide objectives contained in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan. This Mungallala and district local plan documents those local objectives which are specific to the Mungallala and district community. These local objectives provide the framework for local action plans.

NOTE:

References to the "Maranoa region" in this document refer to the Maranoa Regional Council Area as defined by the Queensland Government.

OBJECTIVES

What we want to achieve

Community Life

What we want to achieve...

1.1

Together, we will continue to ensure that the Mungallala and district community, as part of the Maranoa region, is well known for its friendly, relaxed and welcoming community spirit and where every resident is a valued respected member of the community

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the Community Life objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan.

Specific Community Life objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below:

1.1.1

Mungallala Hall and nearby recreation facilities and the golf course continue to be the focus of local community activities

1.1.2

Weekly, monthly, annual and seasonal events (see list) continue to be a highlight of the Mungallala and district community activities, encouraging opportunities for wider social engagement between residents and visitors in Mungallala and district, and the other district communities.

1.1.3

Mungallala and district community members continue to engage in events in Mitchell, Roma and elsewhere as part of the Maranoa community

1.2

Together we will continue to create an environment where our older residents are safe, secure, valued, included and continue to actively participate in community life

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the Community Life objectives for older residents in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan.

Specific Community Life objectives for older residents of the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that most specialists and high care accommodation services are in Roma:

1.2.1	Council and the Mungallala and district community review disabled or mobility restricted access to the hall, recreation and tourist facilities and other key areas of Mungallala
1.3	Together, we will continue to create an environment where our children and young people are cared for, safe, actively engaged, and have access to support networks and developmental pathways which will encourage and stimulate them to reach their full potential.

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the Community Life objectives for children and younger people in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan.

Specific Community Life objectives for children and younger people of the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that most activities and education services are in Roma:

1.3.1	Mungallala and district community continues to integrate and mentor young people in local Mungallala organisations
1.3.2	Mungallala and district community continues to provide opportunities for young people to actively participate and have roles and responsibilities in local community events
1.3.3	The Mungallala Hall and nearby recreation areas continue to be enhanced as spaces that welcome and engage children and young people
1.4	Together, we will continue to ensure that the Mungallala community, as part of the Maranoa region, helps create local and regional communities that are proud of their heritage, culturally dynamic, nurture inspiring artistic expression and stimulate viable creative enterprises.

To achieve these aims, the Injune, Bymount, and Eumamurrin district communities supports the "Community Life" objectives for arts and culture in the Maranoa-wide Arts and Culture Strategy and the Maranoa-wide Community Plan.

Specific "Community Life" objectives for arts and culture in the Injune, Bymount, and Eumamurrin district communities are set out below:

1.4.1	The heritage and cultural precincts, defined by the Cobb & Co Park, community hall and post office, old post office, railway, Mungallala Cemetery, Dulbydilla Cemetery and hotel continue to be progressively enhanced
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1.4.2	The Mungallala Hall, Recreation Centre, School, Library continue to be maintained as a sustainable centralised community hubs, providing spaces for learning, skill development, cultural activities and exhibitions
1.4.3	The Mungallala and district community continues to present and participate in festivals and community events in Mungallala and other places
1.4.4	Enhance existing heritage and cultural trails in the Mungallala district and strengthen their linkages to other trails
1.4.5	The Mungallala and district community continues to engage with arts and culture groups in Mitchell and Roma and across the region to strengthen local arts and culture and to enhance the prospects of local commercially viable enterprises

Active, Healthy, Community

What we want to achieve...

2.1

Together, we will continue to enhance the delivery of a high standard of healthcare which is holistic, innovative and services the needs of all residents locally with an emphasis on preventative health programs

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the “Active Healthy Community” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan.

Specific “Healthy Community” objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that most health services are in Roma, Toowoomba and Brisbane:

2.1.1

The Mungallala and district community support the enhancement of Mitchell Hospital and its allied health services as important and accessible local health services.

2.1.2

The Mungallala and district community support the enhancement of Roma as the regional hub for healthcare services, including dental, mental health, general, allied and specialist services.

2.1.3

The Mungallala town will continue to enhance its appearance to offer a pleasant venue for socialising for health professionals in nearby Mitchell and from Roma.

2.2

Together, we will continue to positively contribute to community wellbeing through the provision of a diverse range of sporting and recreational opportunities, facilities and open spaces for all residents which encourage active lifestyle options and high levels of participation and facility utilisation

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the “Active Healthy Community” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa-wide Sport and Recreation Strategy

Specific “Active Community” objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that most sport and recreation activities are in Mitchell, Roma and other larger towns in the Maranoa region

2.2.1

Council, the Mungallala and district community and the regional community need to ensure the development of integrated management plans for sports precincts across the Maranoa takes account of the needs of smaller regional communities like Mungallala.

2.2.2

The Mungallala and district community continues to maintain and enhance its links with Mitchell, Morven and Roma to create the opportunities for local children, youth and other residents to become part of teams and access a wide range of sporting and recreational activities.

2.2.3	The Mungallala and district community ensures that its sport and recreation organisations, facilities and events are included in regional organisation lists and event calendars
2.2.4	Council and the Mungallala and district community continue to enhance the recreation area near the Mungallala hall and the golf course to create places that will appeal to the travelling public as well as local residents. (This includes incorporating the Mungallala golf course as part of the Outback 18 Hole Course)
2.2.5	Council and the Mungallala and district community continue to define, develop and improve a network of walking paths for Mungallala residents which will also serve as heritage and tourist walks

Naturally Sustainable Environment

What we want to achieve...

3.1

As part of the Maranoa regional community, the Mungallala and district community will continue to strive to conserve, restore and enhance the Maranoa’s natural environment and assets by engaging and empowering residents, businesses and industry to proactively seek out opportunities to reduce our ecological footprint at local level.

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the “Naturally Sustainable Environment” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Naturally Sustainable Environment” objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that many environmental activities contribute to larger regional, state, national and global plans:

3.1.1

The Mungallala and district community uses the Connected Futures community planning hub flood hazard mapping as a tool for helping the community consider flooding prevention and/or damage mitigation strategies

3.1.2

Natural environment interpretive signs are incorporated on walking trails in the Mungallala town and district

3.1.3

Explore options for Mungallala being a regional refuge for sick and injured animals.

3.1.4

To reduce the impacts of wild dogs on livestock, wild dog measures continue to be implemented, including use of exclusion fencing

3.1.5

Parthenium and other high impact weeds continue to be the target of control programs on stock routes and other lands.

3.1.6

Upgrade Mungallala refuse facility with more environmentally friendly and user friendly design that minimises its impacts on surrounding area.

Where we live

What we want to achieve...

4.1

Together, the Mungallala community, in conjunction with Council, government agencies and business, will continue to seek to provide a diverse and balanced supply of accommodation options which meet the lifecycle needs of existing and potential residents and where housing needs are met in safe, liveable, affordable, well planned and sustainable neighbourhoods

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the "Housing and Neighbourhood" objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan, the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy and the Maranoa Planning Scheme

Specific "Housing and Neighbourhood" objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that housing supply in Mungallala is affected by the housing supply in Mitchell, and Roma and wider economic, social and environmental considerations

4.1.1

Council and the Mungallala and district community assess housing supply and other accommodation in Mungallala to determine need for additional building lots and other forms of accommodation (especially for sawmill workers and their families)

4.1.2

Council and the Mungallala and district community review the local place-making strategy for Mungallala and consider initiatives that encourage the beautification and landscaping of Mungallala (including planting of Ooline trees)

4.1.3

In conjunction with the "Active Community" objective for trails, Council and the Mungallala and district community continue to define, develop and improve a network of walking paths which improve connectivity and accessibility within the town while also serving as heritage and tourist walks.

4.2

Together, the Mungallala community, Council and government agencies will continue to maintain and enhance public facilities and infrastructure which enhance the liveability of Mungallala, as part of the Maranoa, so that the facilities and infrastructure are well utilised and service the existing and future needs of all residents in a balanced, timely, well planned and cost efficient manner.

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the "Public Facilities and Infrastructure" objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan, the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy and the Maranoa Regional Council Corporate Plan

Specific "Public Facilities and Infrastructure" objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that the availability of facilities and infrastructure in Mungallala is influenced by the supply across the Maranoa region and wider economic, social and environmental considerations

4.2.1	Council, in consultation with the local community, identify options to improve the visual appearance of Mungallala, including sealing of streets and footpath improvements.(to be done in conjunction with a review of the place-making strategy for Mungallala)
4.2.2	Continue to improve Cobb & Co Park as a stopping place for tourists and other visitors.

Maranoa on the move

What we want to achieve...

5.1

Together, the Mungallala community, as part of the Maranoa regional community will continue to strive to provide the all regional communities with safe, accessible, reliable, sustainable, cost effective and affordable transport systems that are well connected and enables the efficient movement of people and products throughout the Maranoa and successfully integrates into regional, state and national transport network systems

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the “Maranoa on the Move” transport objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan, the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy and the Maranoa Planning Scheme

Specific “Maranoa on the Move” transport objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that the availability of transport infrastructure and services in Mungallala is closely linked to those across the Maranoa region, Queensland and Australia

5.1.1

The Mungallala and district community support the further exploration by the Maranoa regional community, Council and business of alternative Uber-type flexible, affordable transport options for places like the Mungallala district

5.1.2

Seek creation of safer, more comfortable locations for children and other bus users in Mungallala.

5.1.3

Review parking opportunities for heavy vehicles, caravans and motorhomes in Mungallala, especially at the Cobb & Co Park.

5.1.4

Manage the district road network so that all local roads are maintained and renewed in accordance with asset management plans that adhere to road standards in accordance with road use.

5.1.5

Improve road access to key forest harvesting areas for safety and for the sustainability of both the timber industry and the agricultural properties which are affected by the road damage caused by logging vehicles.

Foundations of the future

What we want to achieve...

6.1

The Mungallala and district community will continue to work with the Maranoa regional community to enhance learning and skill development pathways which are innovative, locally accessible to all residents, address regional skill deficits and encourage investment in a person's capacity to prosper and contribute throughout life.

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the "Learning and Skills Development" objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa- wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific "Learning and Skills Development" objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below, acknowledging that Roma is the education and training hub for the Maranoa region

6.1.1

Provide Mungallala and district community support to the delivery of workforce capacity building workshops to address skills such as resume writing, interview skills, customer service, workplace etiquette and professional writing.

6.1.2

Encourage Mungallala and district community participation in workshops to assist and support small business owners and potential owners.

6.1.3

Encourage Mungallala and district community participation in guest speaker programs intended to inform, inspire and motivate the local business community and support them with their professional and business development.

6.1.4

The Mungallala and district community continues to support Mitchell as the main secondary school for the Mungallala, Amby, Dunkeld and Mitchell districts.

6.1.5

The Mungallala and district community support the development of an education and training hub for Roma to allow students to study externally with the support of a local well-resourced learning centre and provide alternative and flexible pathways for education, training and employment

6.1.6

The Mungallala and district community provides support to projects and programs which continue to enhance accessibility to information on improved agricultural and grazing practices to support continued industry growth, efficiencies and encourage best practice.

6.2	The Mungallala and district community will continue to work with the Maranoa regional community to enhance a smart economy which fosters innovation and sustainable growth and is characterised by diverse and adaptable industry, business and commercial sectors which are underpinned by a highly skilled and energetic labour force
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To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the “Smart Economy” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Smart Economy” objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below:

6.2.1	Provide Mungallala and district community support for the strengthening Roma’s role as a strong regional centre which can attract higher order services and people who help support a smarter economy and acknowledging that Mungallala benefits accordingly
6.2.2	The Mungallala and district community promotes and encourages the benefits of professional development for individuals and the advantages of high service standards and customer focus within a business.
6.2.3	Encourage and promote the benefits of partnerships and collaborations within the Mungallala and district community and with the wider regional communities, especially Mitchell and Roma.
6.2.4	Provide Mungallala and district community support to the increasing the focus of the Mitchell CBD on tourism.
6.2.5	Encourage creative and ongoing re-invention of businesses enterprises in the Mungallala town and district to service the retail, business and personal needs of local residents and visitors.
6.2.6	Pursue strategies to ensure the ongoing sustainability and viability of the cypress pine timber industry in the Mungallala, Mitchell and Injune districts.
6.2.7	Encourage Mungallala and district community and local business use of the “Connected Futures” local community planning hub as a tool for business and the community

6.3	The Mungallala and district community will continue to work with the Maranoa regional community to enhance the region’s ability to communicate globally through reliable contemporary telecommunications technologies and networking systems.
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To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the “Smart Telecommunications” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa- wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Smart Telecommunications” objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below:

6.3.1	Continue Mungallala and district community support for the enhanced provision of information and delivery of initiatives which ensure that local residents, businesses and industry are aware of and have access to contemporary and new technologies, programs and services.
6.3.2	Mungallala residents and visitors have access to a 24hour telephone and internet access point in the town of Mungallala.
6.3.3	Continue Mungallala and district community support for the role of the Mitchell Library as a key provider and facilitator of techno-literacy, offering public internet access, accessibility to technical devices, e-books and audio items

6.4	Together we will have a visitor economy where Mungallala is a key partner in making the Maranoa a prominent destination for outback tourists, events and visitor experiences
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To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the “Visitor Economy” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan, Maranoa-wide Tourism Strategy and the Maranoa-wide Business and Industry Strategy

Specific “Visitor Economy” objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below:

6.4.1	Cobb & Co Park continue to be enhanced as an attraction in Mungallala, providing quality camping and caravanning facilities, but at a standard which still encourages private providers to also offer such facilities (for example, no hot water at free facilities).
6.4.2	Community hall and Post office and Cobb & Co Park incorporates visitor information services primarily oriented towards the local district and the journey between Morven and Mitchell
6.4.3	Continue to explore tourist development options linked to the Ooline tree and the Ooline Scrub.

6.4.4	Incorporate and promote the Mungallala golf course as part of the Outback 18 Hole Course.
6.4.5	Explore ways to show visitors the historical Mungallala of earlier years
6.4.6	Enhance existing walking trails and development of new trails to provide quality pathways for tourist to explore the history and natural environment of Mungallala.
6.4.7	Develop a unique Mungallala product, for example, an Ooline seedling (requires state approval).
6.4.8	As part of place-making and tourism strategy for Mungallala, provide signage that advises visitors of the range of town facilities and attractions.
6.4.9	Signage, publications and electronic media are used to present visitors with a network of recreation, heritage and tourist trails and experiences in Mungallala town and around the district and representing Mungallala as a feature on the Maranoa drive trails
6.4.10	The tourism potential of the nearby national parks be explored, in particular Chesterton National Park.
6.4.11	Comprehensive tourism plan to be developed for Mungallala in the context of the Maranoa region, nearby national parks, Ooline scrub and its position on the Warrego Highway.
6.4.12	Mungallala businesses become partners in the packaging of flights, local transport, events, visitor experiences and accommodation in the Maranoa
6.4.13	Mungallala representatives become part of the Maranoa network of visitor economy organisations which seek agreement across the Maranoa about regional branding and the sharing of stories between communities
6.4.14	Installation of electronic sign boards along roads in the Mungallala town centre to provide current information about events and services
6.4.15	Enhanced communication with local businesses and the community about the importance of their roles in the visitor economy
6.4.16	Produce guides for residents to give (or email) to visiting friends and family on things to do in the Maranoa and encourage residents to invite friends and family to the major local events

6.4.17	Encourage local, engineering, farm supply businesses to consider promoting tourist opportunities to their business visitors (especially in advance of their visits)ts
6.4.18	Encourage local transport, accommodation, and facility providers to provide tourism information to business visitors when they book services
6.4.19	Development and delivery of educational tourism opportunities relating to local industries to expand visitor experiences and engage the local community.
6.4.20	Ensure all accommodation providers and free camp sites have tourist information available.
6.4.21	Encourage sport event and function organisers (weddings, birthdays, etc) using Maranoa venues to promote tourism in sport and function information packages and at functions

Progressive, inclusive and strong local leadership

What we want to achieve...

7.1

Together, the Mungallala community, as part of the Maranoa regional community, will continue to foster a network of community, business and industry organisations which have long term plans combined with innovative and responsive leadership

To achieve these aims, the Mungallala and district community support the “Local Leadership” objectives in the Maranoa Economic and Community Plan and the Maranoa Regional Council Corporate Plan

Specific “Local Leadership” objectives for the Mungallala and district community are set out below:

7.1.1

Local community, industry and business organisations in Mungallala adopt long term plans and invest in the skill development of existing and future leaders

7.1.2

Local community, industry and business organisations in Injune, Bymount, and Eumamurrin district nurture innovation and responsiveness as part of their corporate culture so as to remain flexible in how their long term plans are achieved.

7.1.3

Local community, industry and business organisations in Mungallala nurture innovation and responsiveness as part of their corporate culture so as to remain flexible in how their long term plans are achieved