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# OUR TOWN TOWARDS 2030

Towong Placemaking and Township Co-Design Project

## CORRYONG

### Draft Place Plan Presentation

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**ClarkeHopkinsClarke** also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country on which the Our Town project is taking place.

While there are no Registered Aboriginal Parties in the project region, we acknowledge the following groups we are aware of: Jaitmatang, Yaithmathang, Duduroa dhargal, Waveroo, Way-wurru, Wiradjuri and Ngarigo people as the traditional custodians of the land.

We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their custodianship over deep time and their continuing connection to lands, waters and communities.

# PROJECT INTRODUCTION

# Visitor Information



# CORRYONG PLACE PLAN

The Draft Corryong Place Plan (the draft plan) is a 10-year roadmap for Council, community and other stakeholders. The plan identifies community and other stakeholder priorities to guide the future shape and character of the township. A series of proposals have been summarised in five Big Ideas to inform short to long term priorities for investment and growth in the township.

The plans are part of **Our Town Towards 2030**, a Placemaking and Co-design Project (the project) initiated by Towong Shire Council to:

- + Develop a vision shared by the community and other stakeholders
- + Identify community aspirations and opportunities to address the challenges facing the township
- + Support the community to prioritise their future needs, services and opportunities
- + Align community and other stakeholder expectations including how growth and change can be carefully and positively managed.



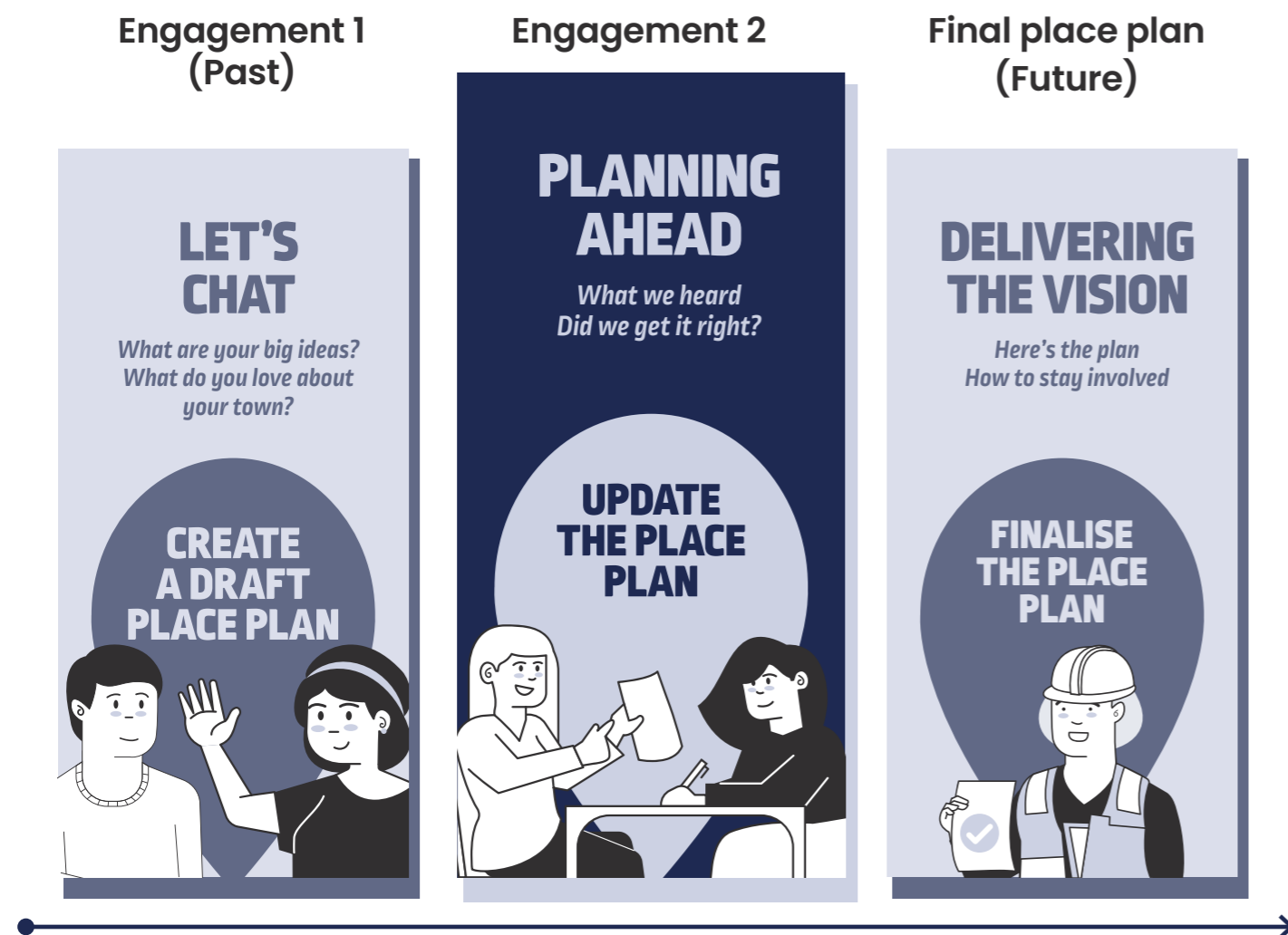
# THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This draft plan has been developed using a place-based approach and is the collation of ideas and proposals identified during Engagement 01: Let's Chat.

In addition to providing a summary of the conversations and the big ideas you shared with us, this document outlines the content for the second round of engagement called Planning Ahead.

Engagement 02 is your opportunity to provide feedback on the engagement 01 findings and our opportunity to collectively develop and prioritise these ideas with your participation.

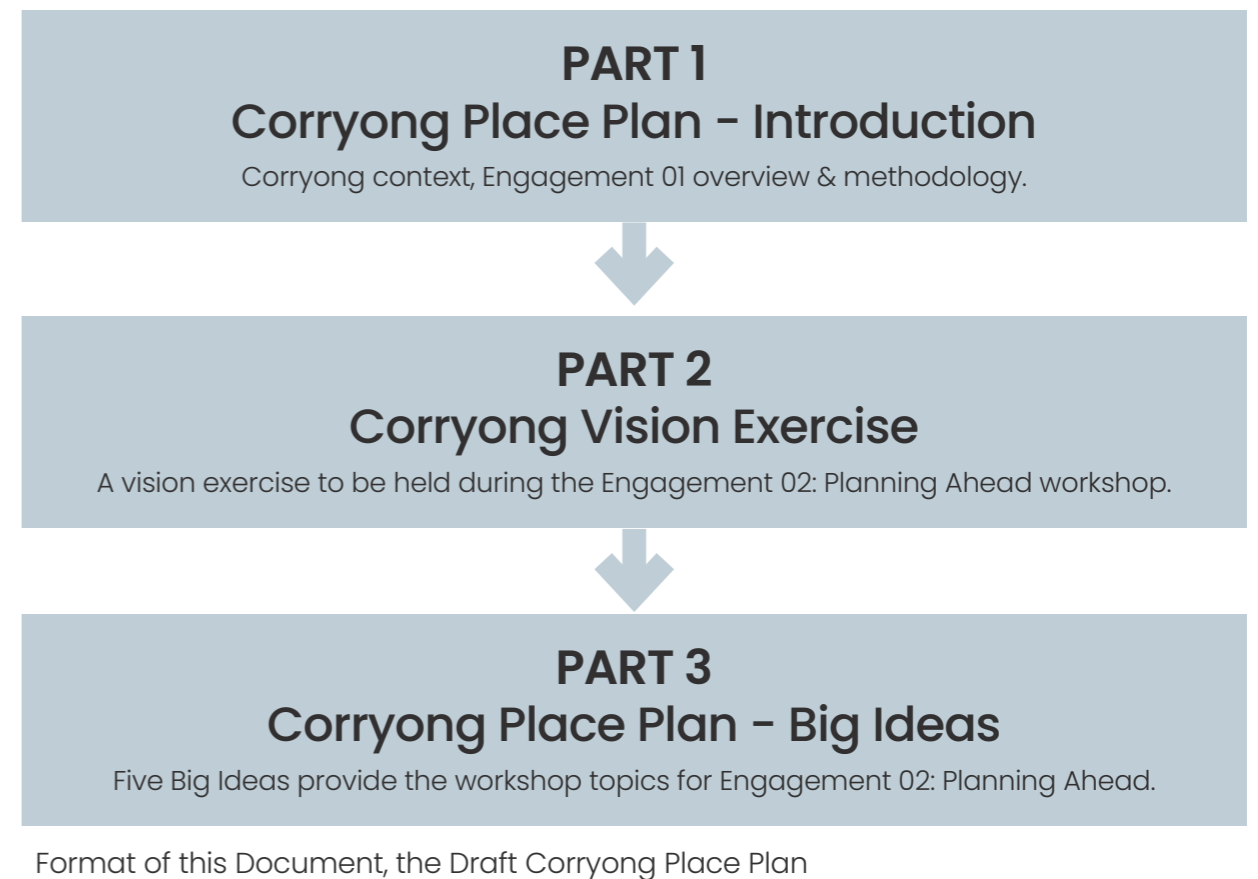
## PRESENTATION STRUCTURE



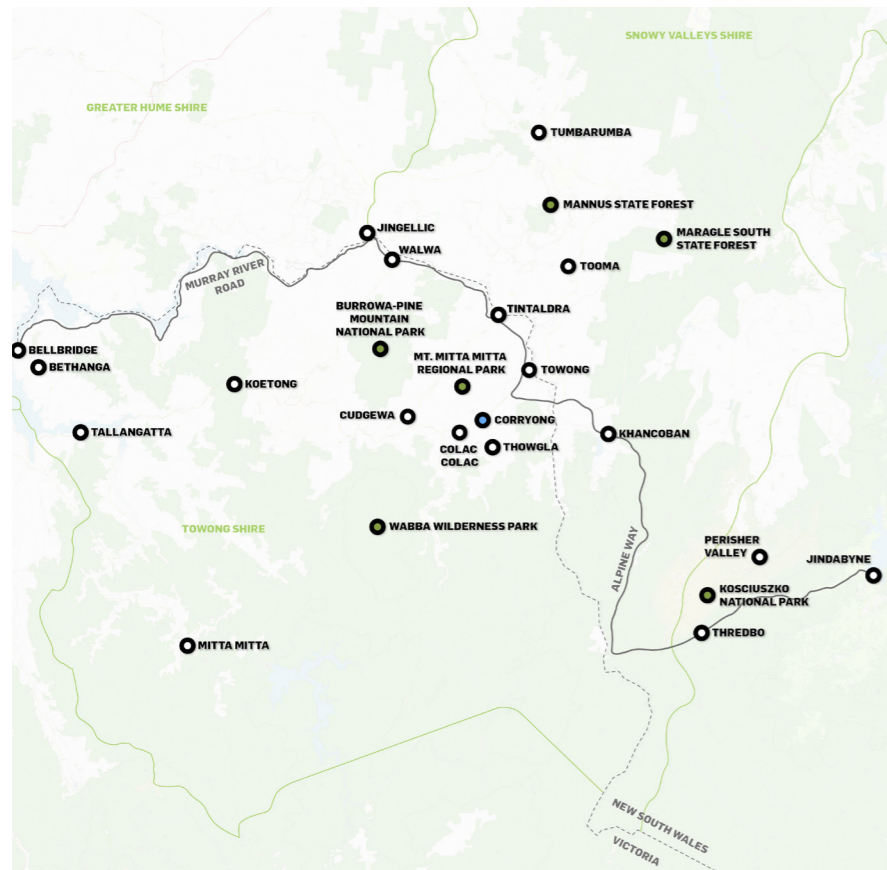
This document is structured in three parts commencing with a project introduction and overview of Engagement 01: Let's Chat.

The second part is a vision exercise planned for the Engagement 02 workshop. Information on how to get involved in Engagement 02 will be provided on Council's website.

The bulk of the document, part 3 Big Ideas is a summary of the ideas and proposals from our analysis of 'what we heard'.



# CONTEXT MAPS



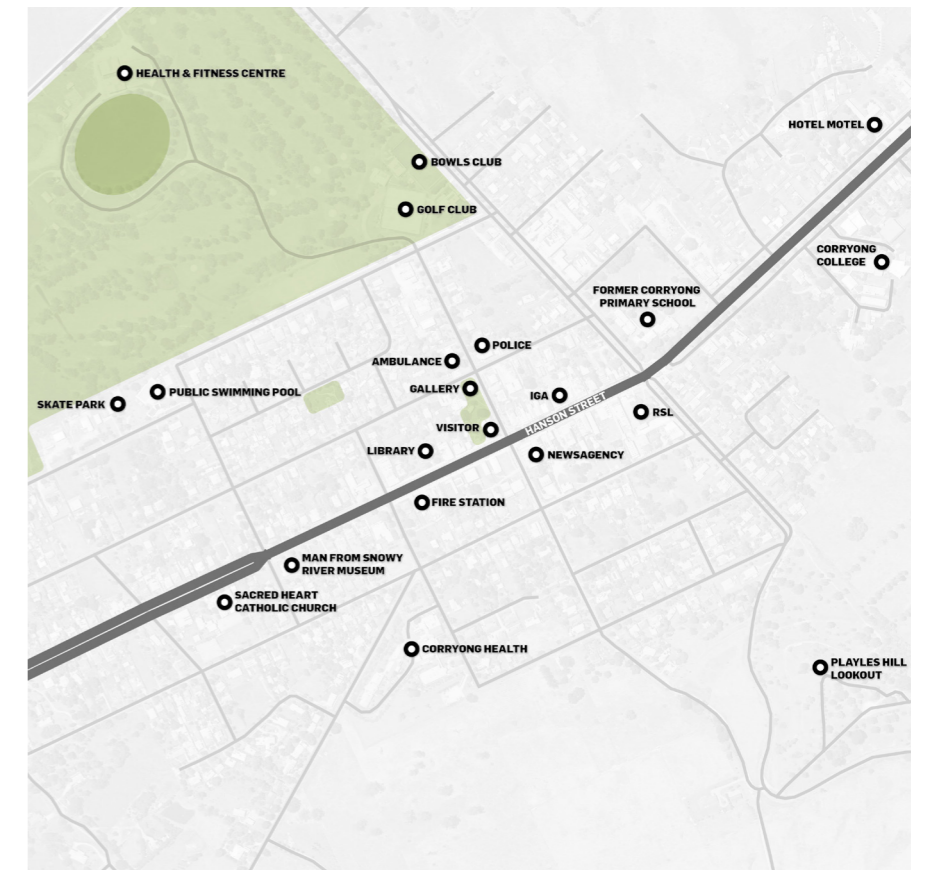
## Regional Context

- + With a population base of 1,348 inhabitants, Corryong is one of the largest towns servicing the predominantly farming community, located in the Upper Murray region across the Victorian NSW border and the Snowy Hydro project.
- + Located 10km west of the Murray River, the township is a gateway to the Australian Alps and ski fields in Mount Kosciuszko.
- + Corryong was established in the 1870s as a service centre for the region.
- + The area was home to the Jaitmathang, Dhudoroa, Ngarigo and the Wolgal First Nations people.



## Township Context

- + The township of Corryong covers an area of approximately 167 hectares of land gently sloping upwards towards the east, and becoming steeper towards the south.
- + Located on the Murray Valley Highway through-route from Albury-Wodonga to Khancoban and the Alpine Way, the remote township is framed by regional and national parks to the north and south providing a scenic backdrop.
- + The compact township stretches east-west with housing to the north and south of the highway and key assets such as the airport located on the periphery of the township.



## Town Centre Context

- + The town centre main street called Hansen Street, is located on the Highway with the majority of commercial properties situated towards the east.
- + The Corryong Recreation Reserve is a large open space to the north including the Upper Murray Events Centre, home of sports facilities, the Golf Course and location for the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival.
- + Key assets include the Health Service, Library and Council Offices, airport, Man From Snowy River Museum and Visitor Information Centre servicing the Australian Alps.

# CORRYONG PROJECTS

This map summarises both completed/in progress projects and key features of Corryong.

## KEY

- Key feature
- Completed / in progress project
- Existing Circuit Trail
- Proposed Circuit Trail
- Stock Route Upgrade
- CBD Streetscape Upgrades

- 1 CBD Streetscape Upgrades
- 2 Circuit Trail / Pedestrian Cycle Trail
- 3 Rileys Arcade Upgrade
- 4 Donaldson Street Parking Upgrades
- 5 Former Corryong Primary School Site
- 6 Corryong P - 12 College
- 7 Corryong Airport Upgrades
- 8 Visitor Information Centre
- 9 Attree Centre
- 10 Corryong Library and Council Offices
- 11 Corryong Showgrounds
- 12 Industrial Area
- 13 Corryong Golf Club
- 14 Playles Hill Project
- 15 Corryong Swimming Pool and Skate park
- 16 Police Reserve
- 17 Stock Route Upgrade
- 18 Corryong Recreation Reserve
- 19 Corryong Hospital

# ENGAGEMENT 01: LET'S CHAT

The project is comprised of three stages of engagement. The first engagement, Let's Chat took place between March - April 2023 and included a broad spectrum of stakeholders – residents, workers, visitors, students, government departments and agencies.

Four questions were asked, with more detailed conversations held with individuals or small groups.

- + What makes your town special?  
What do you love and value?
- + What challenges does your town face?
- + What are the opportunities over the next 10 years?
- + What would make your town more environmentally sustainable and resilient?





# WHO WE SPOKE TO & HOW

Engagement 01: Let's Chat included a number of methods including 'Town-hall' style meetings and events, focus groups and 1:1 meetings, online meetings and online and hardcopy surveys.

## Community Events

- + Upper Murray Farmers Market

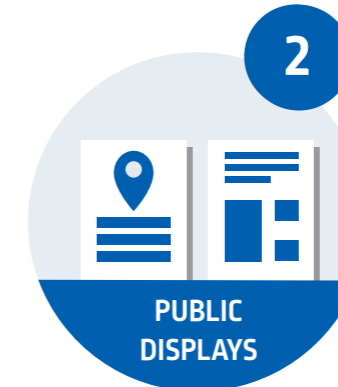
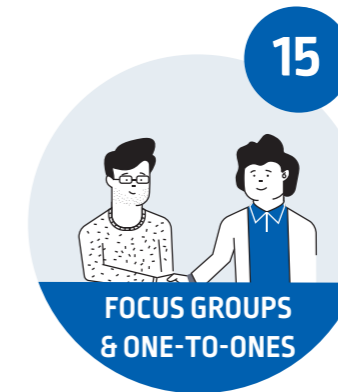
## Government Departments & Agencies

- + Towong Shire Senior Leadership Team
- + Towong Shire Councillors
- + DEECA Planning, Bushfire & Emergency Recovery Coordination
- + DEECA New Energy Innovation
- + DEECA Forest Fire Regions
- + DTP Transport Strategy & Integrated Transport, Regional Transport
- + Parks Victoria
- + Country Fire Authority (CFA)
- + Victoria State Emergency Service (SES)
- + North East Water (NEW)
- + North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA)
- + Tourism North East (TNE)

## Focus Groups & One-to-One sessions

- + Towong Community Recovery Committee Chairs
- + Corryong Health
- + Upper Murray Recovery Hub
- + Towong Shire Economic Development and Events
- + Corryong P-12 School
- + Corryong Neighbourhood Centre
- + Country Universities Centre Corryong
- + Corryong Library & Council Help Desk
- + Acres & Acres & Indi Eco Collective Shop
- + Foodshare Pastor Carol Allen
- + Corryong Football & Netball Clubs
- + Man from Snowy River Museum
- + Upper Murray Inc
- + Man From Snowy River Bush Festival
- + Corryong Community Recovery Committee
- + Arts & Culture practitioners
- + Matthew Spurgeon

## FEEDBACK



## PROMOTION & REACH



\*Number of people engaged is approximate and does not account for market stalls

# CORRYONG SCHOOL STUDENTS

Corryong College students participated in the engagement process. The following is a selection of responses across the Years P-12 highlighting how Corryong could be a better place in their future.

**Our Town Towards 2030 Corryong Ideas**

What would you like to see in Corryong in the future?

*Drina*

- Cafe
- Open earlier, longer
- Waterpark
- Slides
- Playgrounds
- Cheaper
- Macdonalds
- KFC
- Ice-cream shop
- Pools in backyards
- Farme's
- Target
- Kamort

Please use the space provided to let us know your ideas - draw, write, collage, whatever takes your fancy. Please complete and return to your school by Thursday 30th March 2023.

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Name: *Charlotta Wippl*  
Age: *11/12*

**OUR TOWN TOWARDS 2030**

**Our Town Towards 2030 Corryong Ideas**

What would you like to see in Corryong in the future?

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*hat's Dad*

*mum*

*sister*

*brother*

*body*

*And a cat cafe*

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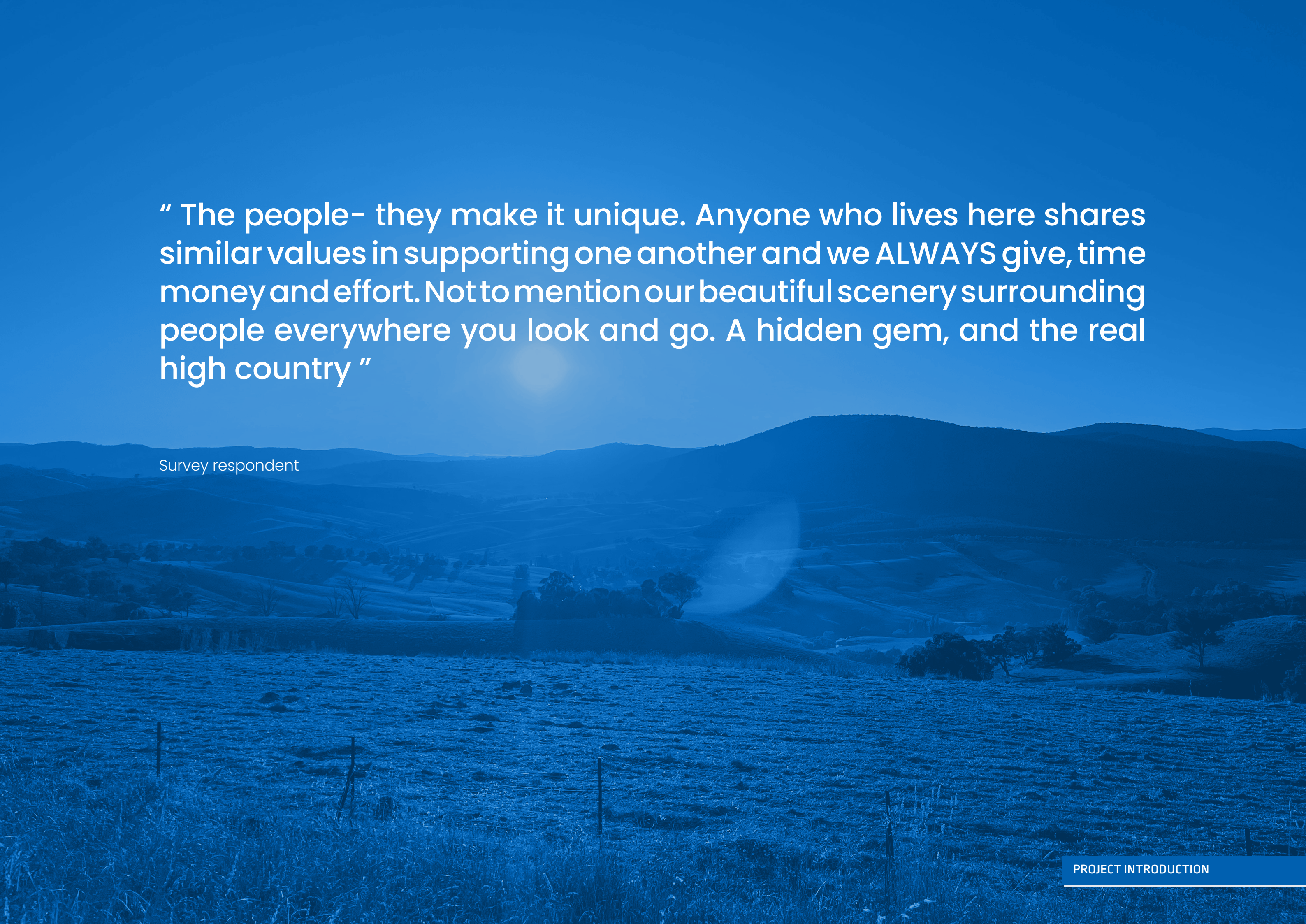
What would you like to see in Corryong in the future?

*I reckon we need an ice cream shop, and also a slide at the pool. A cinema, and a cafe. Also a lolly shop.*

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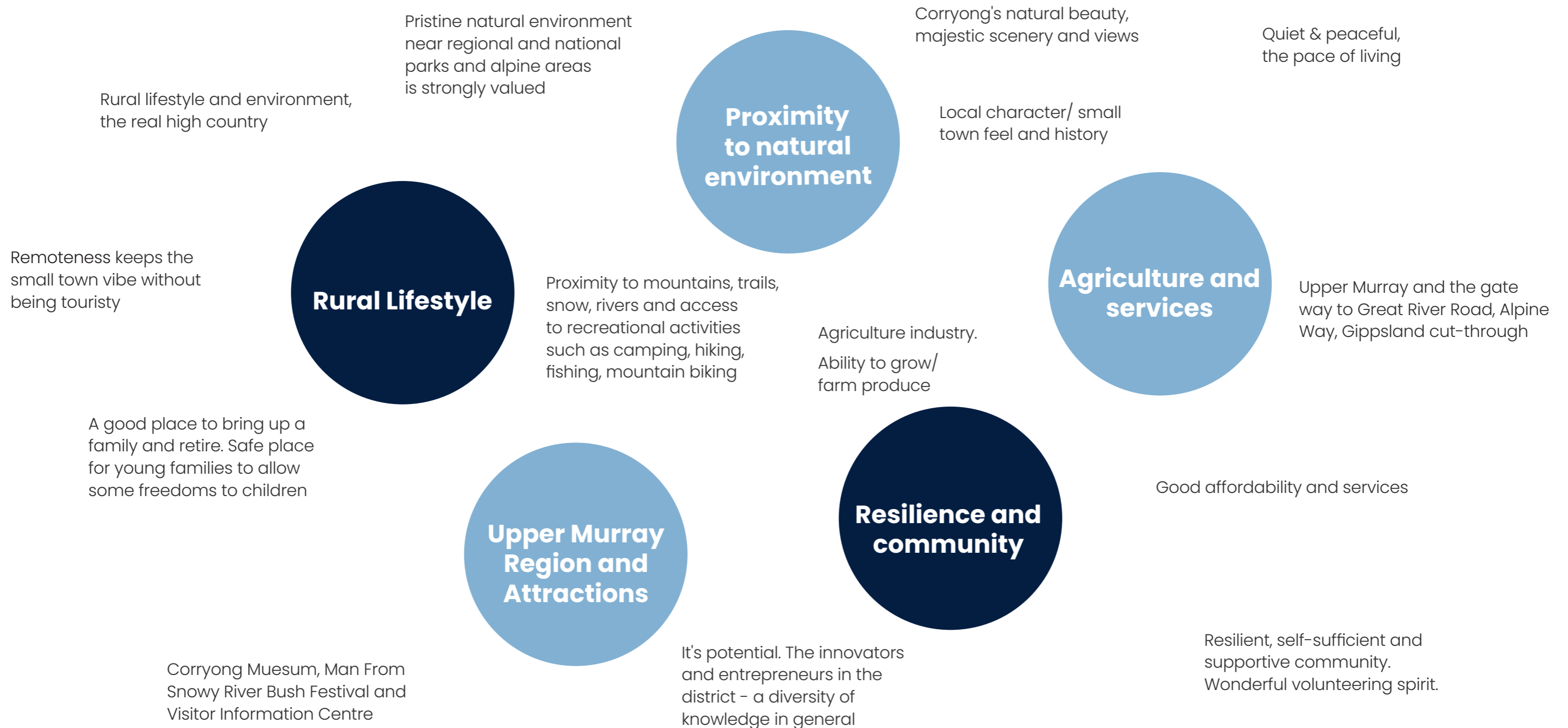


“ The people- they make it unique. Anyone who lives here shares similar values in supporting one another and we ALWAYS give, time money and effort. Not to mention our beautiful scenery surrounding people everywhere you look and go. A hidden gem, and the real high country ”

Survey respondent

# CORRYONG STRENGTHS & ASSETS

An analysis of your responses to the questions 'What makes your town special?' and 'What do you love and value?' have been summarised in the following strengths and assets.



# CORRYONG CHALLENGES

An analysis of your responses to the question 'What challenges does your town face?' have been summarised in the following challenges.

## Critical Infrastructure and Development Constraints

Impact of a lack of telecommunications infrastructure and power outages particularly for emergencies

Bushfire risk & increasing awareness/impact of preparedness, loss of volunteers & the sustainability of Erosion Management Overlay's (EMO)

Low return on investment for development exacerbated by requiring infrastructure upgrades and lack of developers in the region

Impact of 2019-20 bushfires and Covid-19, ongoing trauma and the impact of funding for town rebuilding

Lack of infrastructure planning to align with the development of existing and emerging economies and future residential growth

## Community

Small town mentality. Not future thinking/accepting of change. Fear of progress

Integration between long-term residents and 'newcomers' - existing social networks can be difficult to break into

Ageing demographic, reduction of residents volunteering and increasing need for targeted community services

Perceived loss of the unique qualities and loved small town character of the town from development

## Transport and Access

Lack of inclusive, safe, accessible walking, cycle and horse riding paths

Very limited public transport especially affecting younger and older people

## Economic and Tourism

Lack of reasons for tourists to visit. Not enough places to eat out that are open often.

Attracting/retaining and sustaining a viable young population incl. lack of (non-sport) opportunities/activities & education

Lack of business opportunities & maintaining current businesses (because of the distance from bigger markets)

Employment. Businesses closing; Lack of diversity in retail; expensive supermarket; limited fresh food options

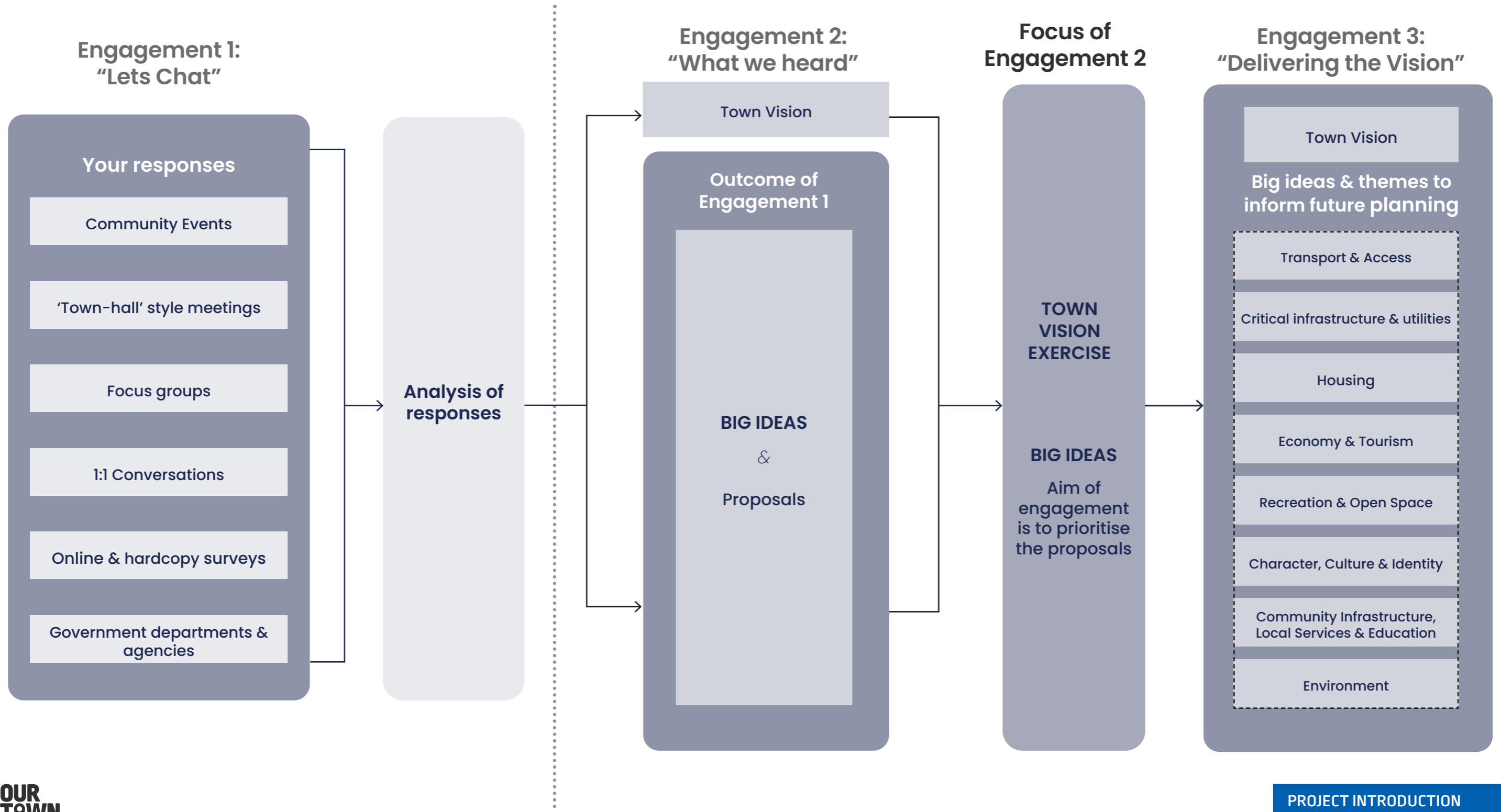
## Housing and Accommodation

Reduction in affordable / available housing stock for permanent residents and workers and lower/aging quality housing available to buy and rent

Shortage of higher quality short-term accommodation and the heavy use of short-term accommodation by contractors/seasonal workers

# ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

Five big ideas emerged from an analysis of your responses. The following diagram illustrates the methodology developed for this project and how the insights are being used to create the vision, big ideas and draft proposals for the second stage of engagement.

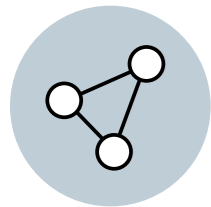




# BIG IDEAS

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Five Big Ideas emerged from an analysis of your responses. These broadly capitalise on Corryong's role as a major urban centre servicing the Upper Murray region to strengthen the local economy with a focus on the town centre, it's tourism potential as a gateway to the Snowy's including recreational activities and potential in adventure tourism, and a focus on improvements to the liveability and sustainability of the township. The following pages summarise the proposals under five Big Ideas and provide the workshop topics for Engagement 02: Planning Ahead.



## 01 Revitalise mainstreet, strengthen heritage & small town character

- + Town Centre Upgrade Design Guidelines
- + Streetscape upgrades
- + Corryong College & Health Service parking
- + Historic destination
- + Significant Aboriginal cultural heritage
- + Commercial expansion
- + Food & beverage/business opportunities



## 02 Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure tourism

- + Centre of adventure tourism
- + Gateway to Snowy Mountains
- + Short-term accommodation
- + Agritourism
- + Leveraging the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival
- + High Country Rail Trail
- + Connecting to regional destinations/attractions



## 03 Major service centre for the region

- + Vibrant hub for the region
- + Ensuring long-term resilience



## 04 Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces

- + Footpaths, public spaces & maintenance
- + Tree-lined streets
- + Water Sensitive Urban Design
- + Public spaces
- + Connected & safe cycle paths
- + Increase nature areas & vegetation
- + Advocacy



## 05 Sustainable housing for a resilient community

- + Investigation area & Rural Activity Zones
- + Infill housing
- + Prioritised housing for key communities
- + Increase housing choice
- + Bushfire preparedness & energy efficient buildings
- + Critical infrastructure upgrades

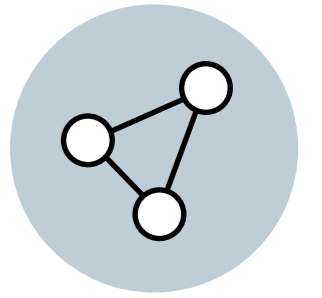
### NOTE

Wherever possible we have tried to use the words people said to describe the big ideas. In some cases, the big ideas might already have elements that are underway. We haven't excluded them if they've already started. Instead we have included them to honour their importance and to highlight their progress to community members who may not know they are underway.



# BIG IDEA 01

## REVITALISE MAINSTREET, STRENGTHEN HERITAGE & SMALL TOWN CHARACTER



Preserve Scale Of Town Centre In New Development



Public Art



Town Events



Public Open Space



Outdoor Dining

# REVITALISE MAINSTREET, STRENGTHEN HERITAGE & SMALL TOWN CHARACTER

## WELCOMING ARRIVAL & MAINSTREET CHARACTER








### What we heard

Improving the presentation of the township particularly the mainstreet was a significant focus area in the survey findings. This includes providing safe and accessible places for community to gather. Engagement findings indicate that the community strongly identifies with the history of the township, notably the Man From Snowy River and High Country history. Retaining and complementing the character and local heritage value of the township was another area with significant support, while some comments specifically refer to improving the buildings and making the heritage qualities more of a feature.

### What is proposed

This Big Idea focuses on the town centre, improving the arrival experience and celebrating the unique history and connection to place. Key proposals include:

- + Town Centre Design Guidelines
- + Streetscape upgrades including improvements at Corryong College and Health Service
- + Historic town walks with interpretive signage
- + Exploration of First Nations cultural heritage to broaden our understanding of place.

-  COMMERCIAL CENTRE
-  STOCK ROUTE
-  GREEN STREETS
-  TOWN FEATURE
-  PARK / RESERVE
-  40KMH ZONE
-  TOWN GATEWAY

## 1 Town Centre Upgrade Design Guidelines

- + Improve the mainstreet character with guidance on the beautification of the retail core to maximise amenity for the community and the visitor economy
- + Celebrate the heritage value of the buildings to strengthen place identity and the local vernacular
- + Provide age-friendly public spaces and streets and bumping spaces
- + Provide consistent planting, increase native vegetation and tree canopy cover to create more shade and reduce heatwave conditions

### Building upgrades

- + Provide grants to support businesses/landowners to upgrade building facades and improve access into shops

### Town maintenance

- + Develop a maintenance plan to ensure upkeep and presentation of the retail core

## 2 Streetscape upgrades

- + Create a new gateway entry to acknowledge arrival into Towong Shire and Corryong
- + Provide wayfinding and historic interpretive signage at rest stops
- + Reduce the speed limit to 40km/hr on Murray Valley Highway through the central township between Lebner Street and Thomas Lane
- + Review the town centre streetscape to identify improvements to the street environment including native vegetation, seating, outdoor dining, lighting, public art and drinking water stations

## 4 Historic destination

- + Develop a historic walk of significant places and buildings to increase visibility of the town's history
- + Include interpretive signage and a walking map of key landmarks

### Significant Aboriginal cultural heritage

- + Identify any sites of significant Aboriginal cultural heritage in/surrounding Corryong with Aboriginal custodians

### Place name strategy

- + Develop an Aboriginal place name strategy with First Nations custodians to incorporate Aboriginal culture and heritage through acknowledgement, place names, truth-telling and stories

### Foreshore, open spaces & waterways

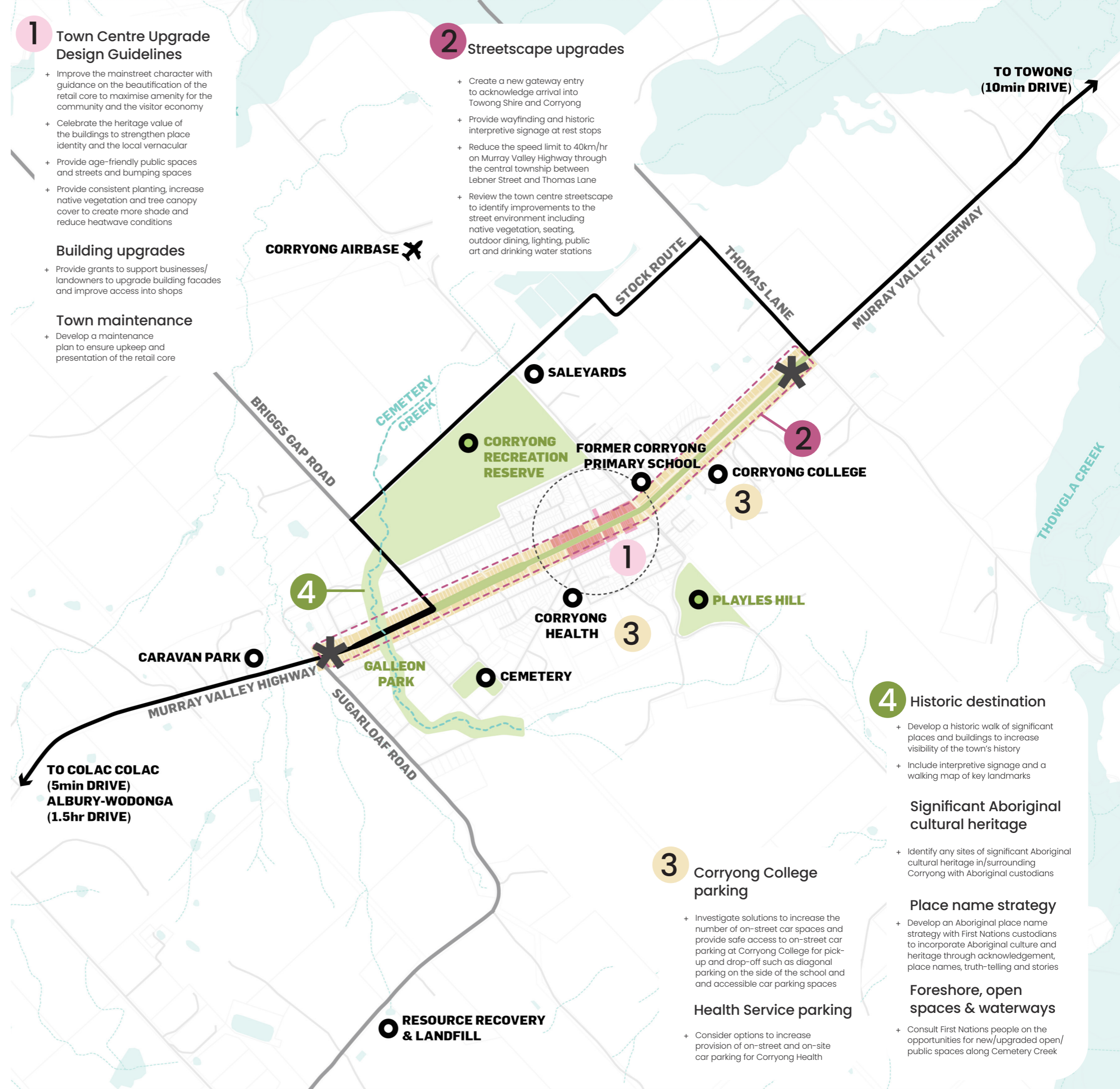
- + Consult First Nations people on the opportunities for new/upgraded open/public spaces along Cemetery Creek

## 3 Corryong College parking

- + Investigate solutions to increase the number of on-street car spaces and provide safe access to on-street car parking at Corryong College for pick-up and drop-off such as diagonal parking on the side of the school and accessible car parking spaces

### Health Service parking

- + Consider options to increase provision of on-street and on-site car parking for Corryong Health



# REVITALISE MAINSTREET, STRENGTHEN HERITAGE & SMALL TOWN CHARACTER

## MAINSTREET & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES










### What we heard

'Diversification of employment industries and job opportunities' and 'development of the main street with more diverse shops, and commercial/office space' were the first and second most highly rated suggestions for how to improve Corryong. Many suggestions were made on the type of retail the community would like to have in Corryong, with Albury-Wodonga the closest urban centre providing the variety in demand. Engagement findings indicate support for expanding and diversifying the food and beverage offer to cater for tourism.

### What is proposed

This Big Idea focuses on opportunities to strengthen the existing history and character of the township, support local economic development and improve amenity for residents and tourism through:

- + Improvements to the mainstreet shop facades and public spaces
- + Expand and improve the retail and commercial offer
- + Investigate opportunities to develop commercial/retail in Mixed Use Zones including shop-top housing.

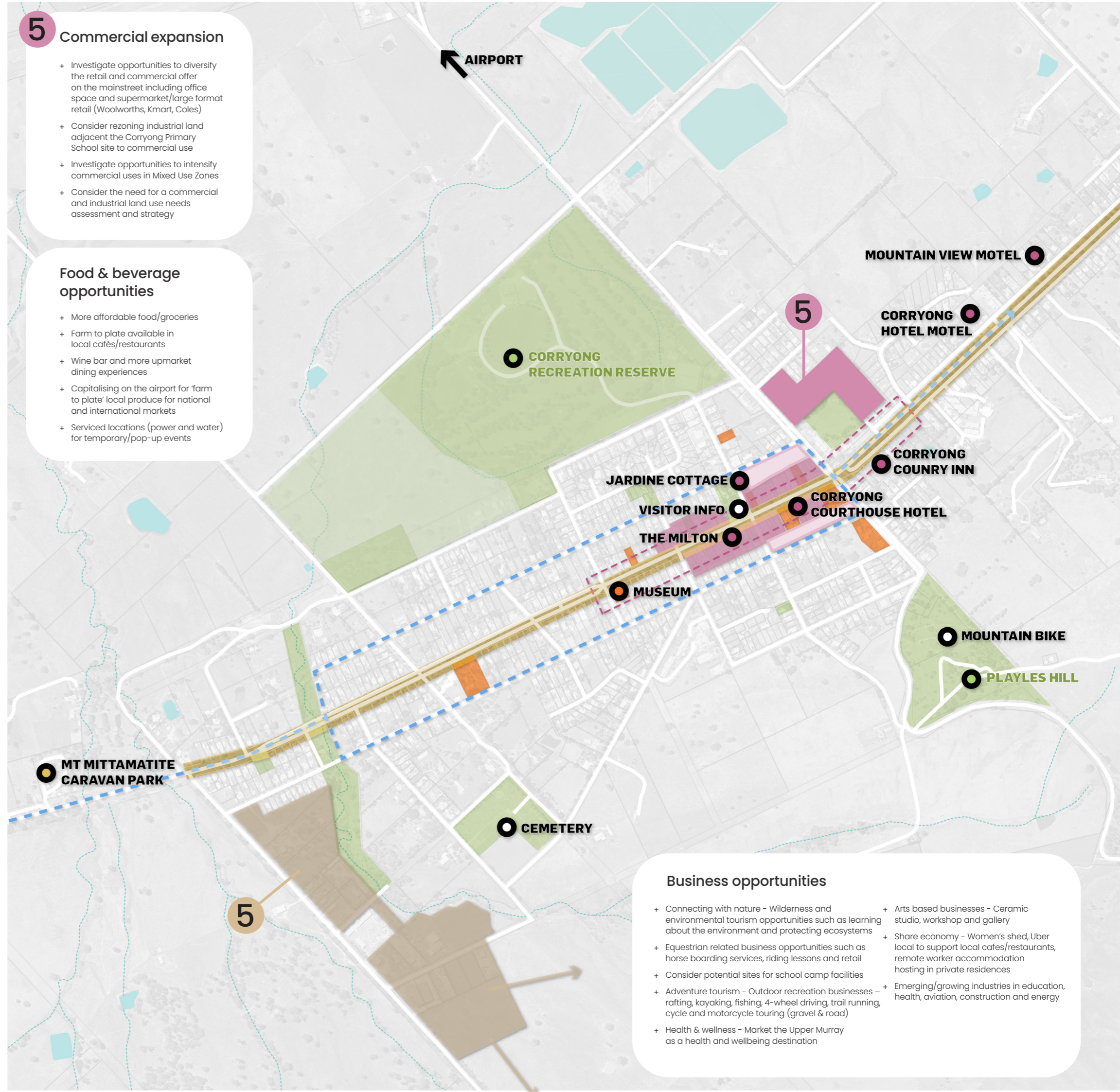
-  MIXED-USE ZONES
-  HERITAGE OVERLAY
-  NEW BIKE ROUTE
-  COMMERCIAL FEATURE
-  TOWN FEATURE
-  TOWN CENTRE DESIGN GUIDELINES
-  PARK / RESERVE
-  40KM/H ZONE
-  COMMERCIAL CENTRE

## 5 Commercial expansion

- + Investigate opportunities to diversify the retail and commercial offer on the mainstreet including office space and supermarket/large format retail (Woolworths, Kmart, Coles)
- + Consider rezoning industrial land adjacent the Corryong Primary School site to commercial use
- + Investigate opportunities to intensify commercial uses in Mixed Use Zones
- + Consider the need for a commercial and industrial land use needs assessment and strategy

## Food & beverage opportunities

- + More affordable food/groceries
- + Farm to plate available in local cafés/restaurants
- + Wine bar and more upmarket dining experiences
- + Capitalising on the airport for 'farm to plate' local produce for national and international markets
- + Serviced locations (power and water) for temporary/pop-up events



## Business opportunities

- + Connecting with nature - Wilderness and environmental tourism opportunities such as learning about the environment and protecting ecosystems
- + Equestrian related business opportunities such as horse boarding services, riding lessons and retail
- + Consider potential sites for school camp facilities
- + Adventure tourism - Outdoor recreation businesses - rafting, kayaking, fishing, 4-wheel driving, trail running, cycle and motorcycle touring (gravel & road)
- + Health & wellness - Market the Upper Murray as a health and wellbeing destination
- + Arts based businesses - Ceramic studio, workshop and gallery
- + Share economy - Women's shed, Uber local to support local cafes/restaurants, remote worker accommodation hosting in private residences
- + Emerging/growing industries in education, health, aviation, construction and energy

# BIG IDEA 02

# GATEWAY TO THE SNOWY'S & CENTRE OF ADVENTURE TOURISM



Gateway to Snowy Mountains



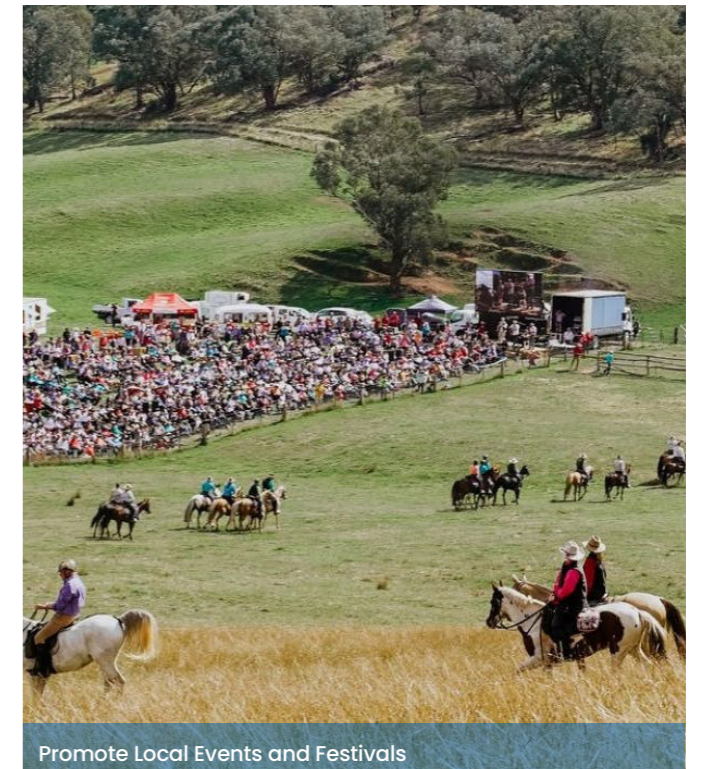
New Playles Hill Pump Track



High end Accommodation



Adventure Tourism



Promote Local Events and Festivals

# GATEWAY TO THE SNOWY'S & CENTRE OF ADVENTURE TOURISM

## CENTRE OF ADVENTURE TOURISM

### What we heard

Corryong Community Recovery Committee identified adventure tourism as a priority for community recovery after the 2019-20 bushfires to develop tourism opportunities and tourist attractions. As the last main service centre before Mt Kosciuszko National Park with a manned Visitor Information Centre, Corryong is already a popular stopover for tourists.








Survey findings indicate that people feel Corryong would benefit from having more reasons to stay or visit the township. Comments were also made about the difficulty of accessing information about the region before people arrive in the town, and that access to this information would encourage visitors passing through to spend a night or two enroute to the Snowy Mountains.

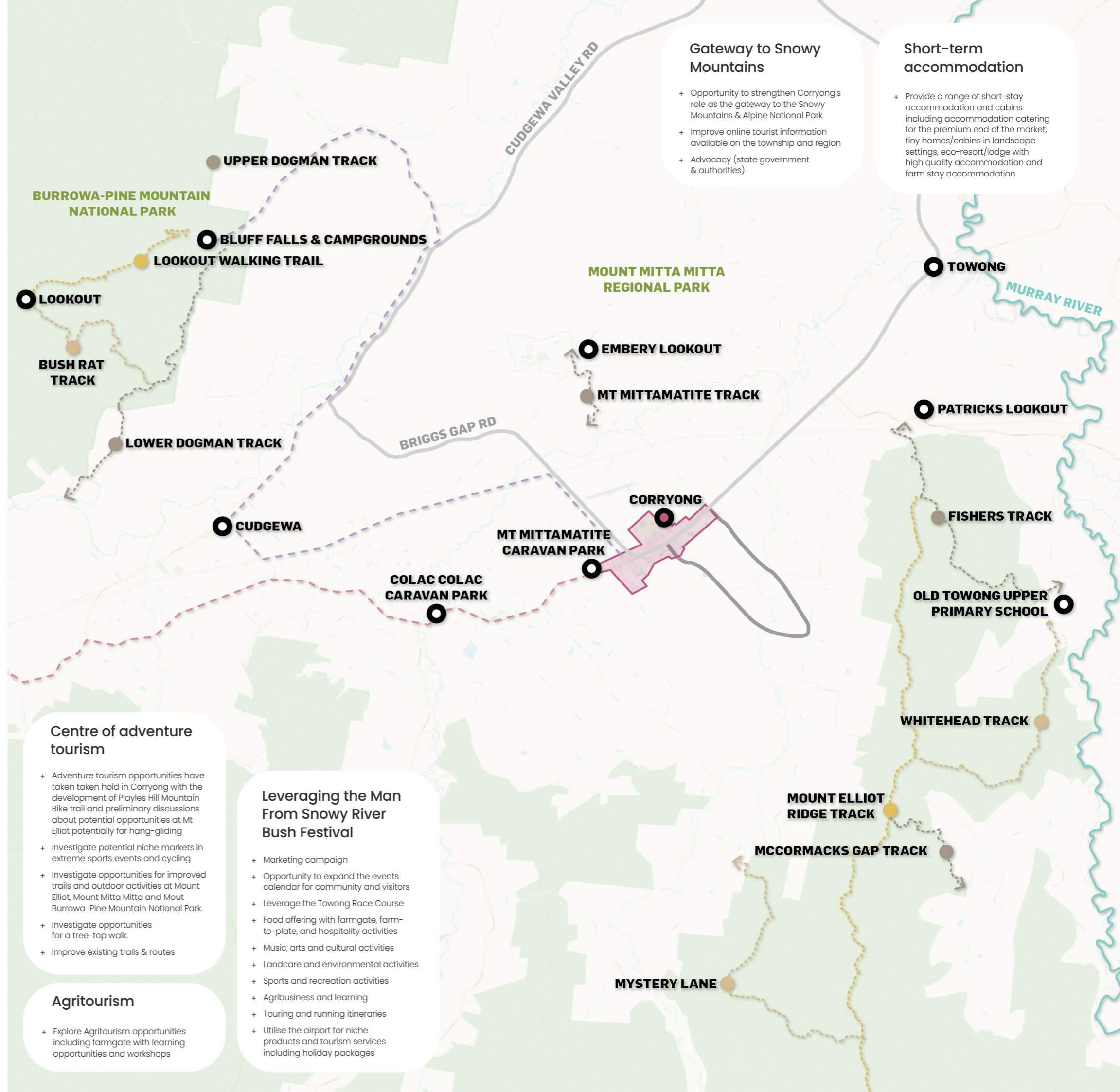
The popularity of the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival was also identified as an opportunity for the township to develop more events.

### What is proposed

This Big Idea capitalises on the opportunity to develop Corryong as a tourist destination through:

- + Adventure tourism opportunities
- + Trails, and shared paths for walking, cycling, running and horse riding
- + Events and marketing
- + Improved visitor services and accommodation
- + Other tourism opportunities related to agriculture.

-  CORRYONG TOWNSHP
-  THOUGLA LOOP
-  TOWONG LOOP
-  EXTEND HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL
-  NEW TRAILS
-  TRAILS
-  RECREATIONAL FEATURE



**Gateway to Snowy Mountains**

- + Opportunity to strengthen Corryong's role as the gateway to the Snowy Mountains & Alpine National Park
- + Improve online tourist information available on the township and region
- + Advocacy (state government & authorities)

**Short-term accommodation**

- + Provide a range of short-stay accommodation and cabins including accommodation catering for the premium end of the market, tiny homes/cabins in landscape settings, eco-resort/lodge with high quality accommodation and farm stay accommodation

**Centre of adventure tourism**

- + Adventure tourism opportunities have taken hold in Corryong with the development of Playles Hill Mountain Bike trail and preliminary discussions about potential opportunities at Mt Elliot potentially for hang-gliding
- + Investigate potential niche markets in extreme sports events and cycling
- + Investigate opportunities for improved trails and outdoor activities at Mount Elliot, Mount Mitta Mitta and Mout Burrowa-Pine Mountain National Park.
- + Investigate opportunities for a tree-top walk.
- + Improve existing trails & routes

**Leveraging the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival**

- + Marketing campaign
- + Opportunity to expand the events calendar for community and visitors
- + Leverage the Towong Race Course
- + Food offering with farmgate, farm-to-plate, and hospitality activities
- + Music, arts and cultural activities
- + Landcare and environmental activities
- + Sports and recreation activities
- + Agribusiness and learning
- + Touring and running itineraries
- + Utilise the airport for niche products and tourism services including holiday packages

**Agritourism**

- + Explore Agritourism opportunities including farmgate with learning opportunities and workshops

## GATEWAY TO THE SNOWY'S & CENTRE OF ADVENTURE TOURISM

### HIGH COUNTRY RAIL TRAIL

#### What we heard

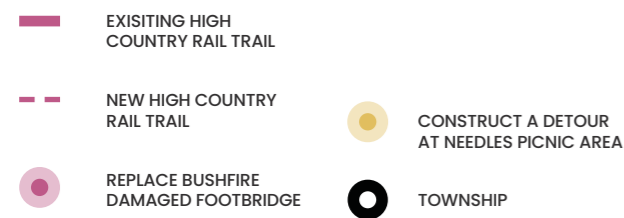
The High Country Rail Trail has been identified by business owners - among other stakeholder - as an important driver of local economic development for the township, by strengthening Corryong as a tourist destination. With an increase in cycling tourism in the North-East and a projected forecast expected to double the number of cycle tourists over the next 10 years, Corryong is well-placed to capitalise on this growing market.

#### What is proposed

This Big Idea is to complete the Rail Trail from Shelley and address any gaps or maintenance requirements. Current works include:

- + Replacement of three bushfire-damaged footbridges
- + Detour at Needles Picnic Area.

Other areas to capitalise on the potential of this market include accommodation, cycle hubs and services, food and beverage operators and tour operators.



## GATEWAY TO THE SNOWY'S & CENTRE OF ADVENTURE TOURISM

### CONNECTING TO REGIONAL DESTINATIONS/ATTRACTIONS

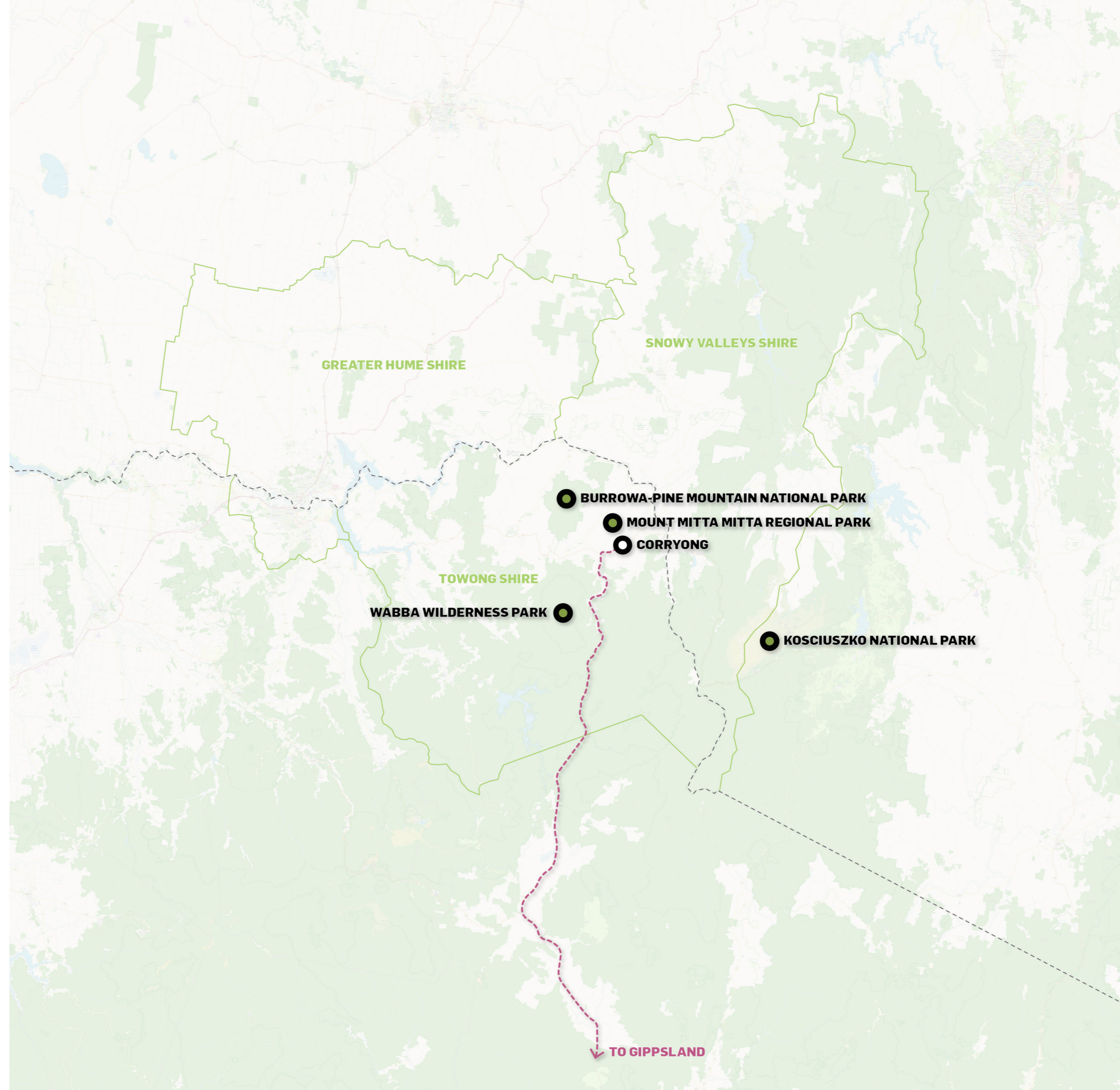
#### What we heard

As a remote township in the far north-east of the state, Corryong is strongly linked to the townships to the east and north, with fewer connections to the south.

#### What is proposed

This Big Idea proposes to increase connectivity across the region by improving roads to areas in the south including a potential route to Gippsland.

Upgrading roads to regional areas will improve connectivity to the surrounding network of towns and support the development of tourism.



--- POTENTIAL ROUTE GIPPSLAND

● REGIONAL PARK

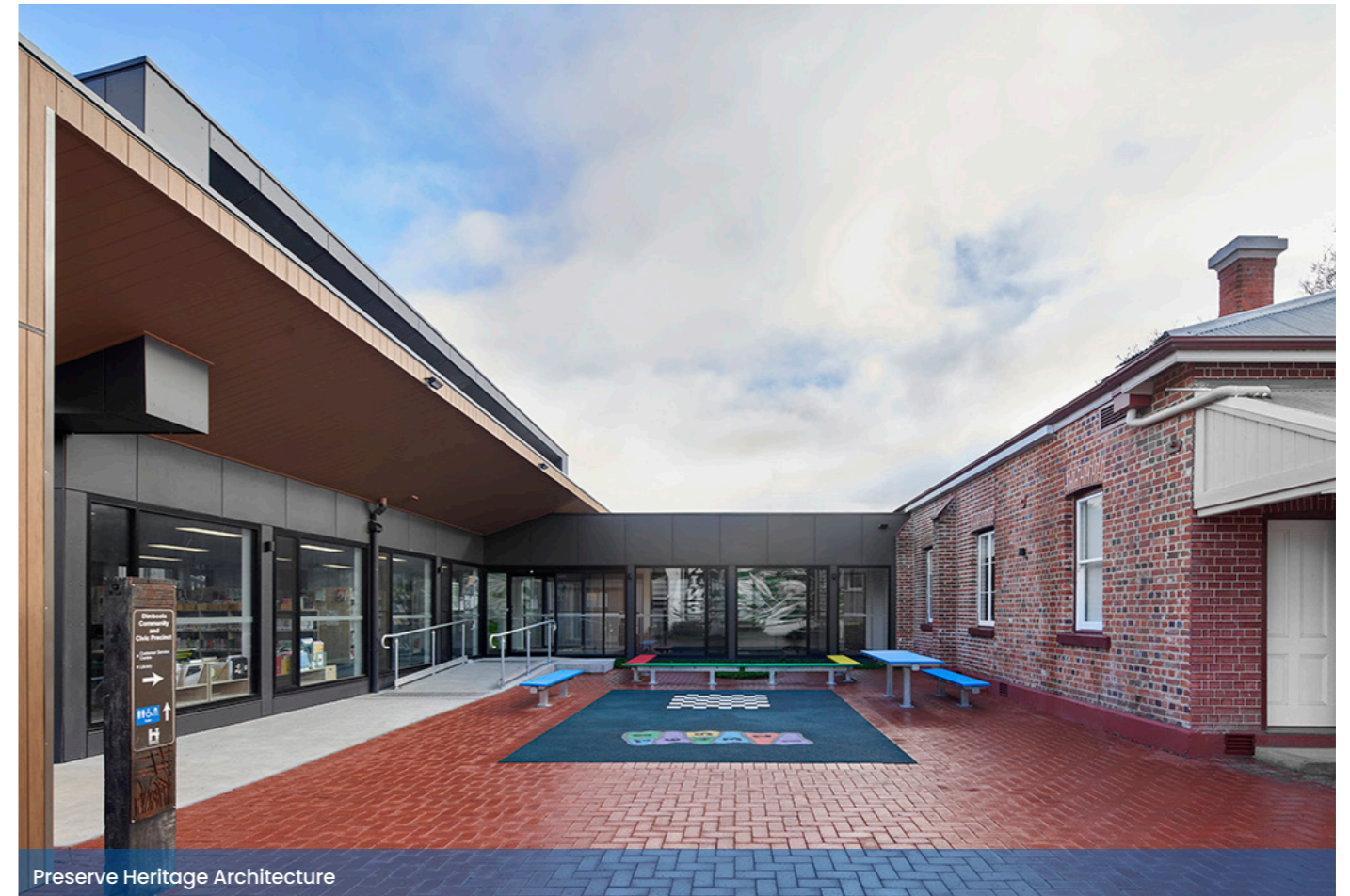
○ TOWNSHIP

# BIG IDEA 03

# MAJOR CENTRE SERVICING THE REGION



Locally Produced Food & Beverage



Preserve Heritage Architecture



Spaces for Community Gathering and Recreation



Community Centre Open Space



# MAJOR CENTRE SERVICING THE REGION

## VIBRANT HUB FOR THE REGION

### What we heard

As a remote township in the far north-east of the state, Corryong is strongly connected to the Upper Murray region, with half of the region in NSW. The township is one of the largest urban centres in the region and provides facilities and services for the township and broader area. Engagement findings indicate a need to increase the number of health and education services, improve existing facilities and provide new facilities to support an aging population, families, younger people wanting to stay in the area, people looking for a tree change and new employees.

### What is proposed

This Big Idea proposes to strengthen Corryong's role as a community hub and service centre offering the services and facilities to ensure the sustainability and liveability, not only of the town but also the broader region. Key opportunities to strengthen Corryong's role include:

- + Creating a vibrant new civic hub
- + Increasing health services
- + Supporting the arts and culture community
- + Improving existing and providing new facilities
- + Creating a centre for education
- + Improving transport services.

- CYCLE PATH
- KEY LINKS
- COMMERCIAL CENTRE
- OPEN SPACE
- STREETSCAPE UPGRADES
- KEY DESTINATIONS / COMMUNITY FACILITIES



**2 Corryong Recreation Reserve**

- + Develop a masterplan for the Corryong Recreation Reserve in partnership with key stakeholders to better utilise the existing site including the upgrade/expansion of areas used for the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival and an indoor riding arena.
- + Investigate the need to improve existing gym facilities

**4 Centre of training for agriculture & emerging industries**

- + Opportunity to create an Agriculture School for the region to support the diversification of the industry
- + Investigate potential sites to with regional education providers
- + Opportunity to provide vocational training facilities for existing and emerging industries - hospitality, energy, landcare and Snowy Hydro employees

**5 Transport services**

- + Investigate options for improving public transport options including car sharing system and community buses with designated pick-up/drop-off locations for health services and the tourism opportunities

**1 Strengthen community facilities & services**

- + Create a civic precinct to strengthen the township's social heart at the Corryong Primary School - Refer to Former Corryong Primary School Masterplan
- + Opportunity to create a hub for arts and culture at the Corryong Primary School
- + Alternative opportunity is to reuse kindergarten and maternal child health buildings in Attree Park for artists workshop spaces and Davis Cottage as cafe in the park
- + Opportunity to develop a retirement village at the Library and Council offices site

**6 Health services**

- + Undertake a service review to determine the additional health/care and social services required
- + Increase access to services at Corryong Health and potential refurbishment of the facility
- + Investigate alternate health care models i.e. 'hospital in the home' to support community to remain within the local community
- + Provide education about available local services and encourage preventative treatment
- + Investigate a 24/7 'virtual emergency department'

**3 Aquatic & Indoor Sports Centre**

- + Investigate the feasibility of expanding the existing pool to include an Aquatic and Indoor Sports Centre with indoor pools, theropod for older people, hydrotherapy pool, indoor netball court and basketball court

# MAJOR CENTRE SERVICING THE REGION

## ENSURING LONG-TERM RESILIENCE

### What we heard

Corryong has plans to install a microgrid for energy generation and storage aimed at providing continuous energy supply during emergencies. Essential infrastructure are highlighted on this plan including the location of proposed community batteries at the Recreation Reserve and the Corryong Health. To our knowledge, SES has not been identified as essential infrastructure.

Engagement findings show that renewable energies, water reuse/recycling and waste minimisation/recycling followed by bushfire preparedness were regarded as the highest priorities to make Corryong more environmentally sustainable and resilient. Consultation with Landcare members and emergency services organisation provided guidance on future proofing the township in the face of future hazards and disasters.

### What is proposed

This Big Idea supports the resilience of the town centre and by extension the region, by ensuring it can continue to function during events such as the bushfires of 2019-20 and continue to be resilient in the future.

In addition, environmental measures such as recycling/reusing waste and water, and clean energy generation are seen as an important part of the township's resilience.

### Disaster & resilience planning

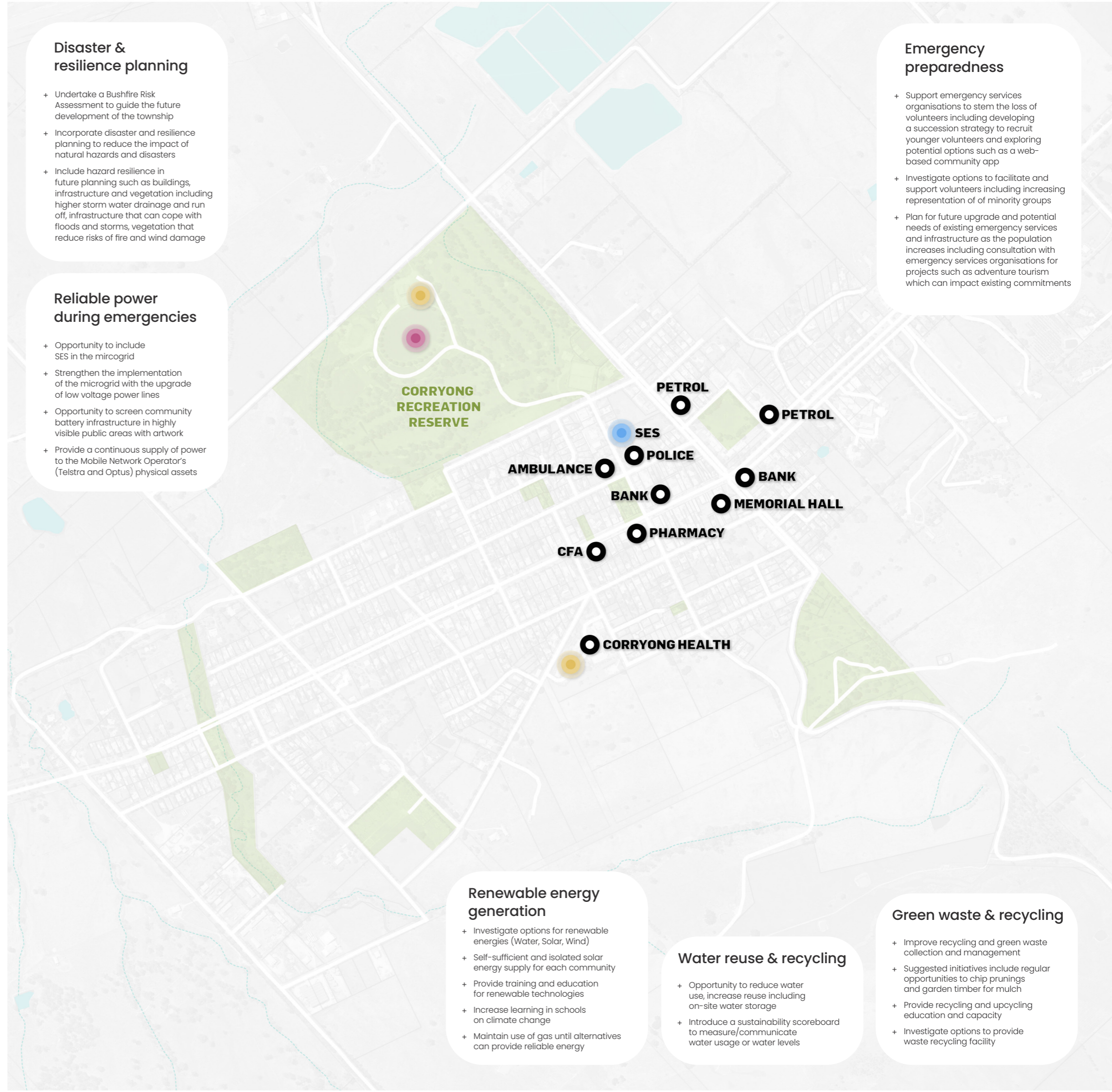
- + Undertake a Bushfire Risk Assessment to guide the future development of the township
- + Incorporate disaster and resilience planning to reduce the impact of natural hazards and disasters
- + Include hazard resilience in future planning such as buildings, infrastructure and vegetation including higher storm water drainage and run off, infrastructure that can cope with floods and storms, vegetation that reduce risks of fire and wind damage

### Reliable power during emergencies

- + Opportunity to include SES in the microgrid
- + Strengthen the implementation of the microgrid with the upgrade of low voltage power lines
- + Opportunity to screen community battery infrastructure in highly visible public areas with artwork
- + Provide a continuous supply of power to the Mobile Network Operator's (Telstra and Optus) physical assets

### Emergency preparedness

- + Support emergency services organisations to stem the loss of volunteers including developing a succession strategy to recruit younger volunteers and exploring potential options such as a web-based community app
- + Investigate options to facilitate and support volunteers including increasing representation of of minority groups
- + Plan for future upgrade and potential needs of existing emergency services and infrastructure as the population increases including consultation with emergency services organisations for projects such as adventure tourism which can impact existing commitments



### Renewable energy generation

- + Investigate options for renewable energies (Water, Solar, Wind)
- + Self-sufficient and isolated solar energy supply for each community
- + Provide training and education for renewable technologies
- + Increase learning in schools on climate change
- + Maintain use of gas until alternatives can provide reliable energy

### Water reuse & recycling

- + Opportunity to reduce water use, increase reuse including on-site water storage
- + Introduce a sustainability scoreboard to measure/communicate water usage or water levels

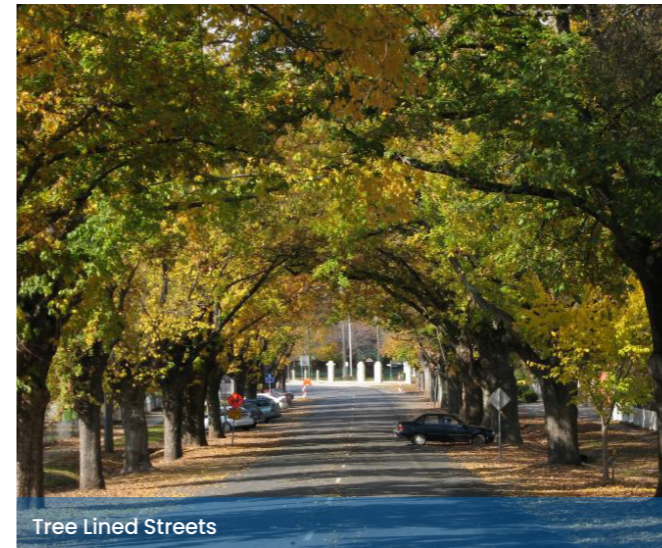
### Green waste & recycling

- + Improve recycling and green waste collection and management
- + Suggested initiatives include regular opportunities to chip prunings and garden timber for mulch
- + Provide recycling and upcycling education and capacity
- + Investigate options to provide waste recycling facility

- ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- COMMUNITY SCALE BATTERY
- BUSHFIRE PLACE OF LAST RESORT & EVACUATION CENTRE
- PROPOSED ADDITION TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: MICRO-GRID NETWORK

# BIG IDEA 04

## AGE & ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY STREETS & PUBLIC SPACES



# AGE & ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY STREETS & PUBLIC SPACES

## What we heard

Corryong is a walkable town, with many services and features accessible within walking distance. Engagement findings show that the community has identified open space and footpath/street drainage improvements, increasing tree canopy shade for urban heat island and native vegetation key opportunities. Not surprisingly considering the aging population, comments were made about the poor condition of footpaths for mobility aids, particularly near the Health Service.

Consultation with students from Corryong College also identified the need for separated and safe cycle paths within/outside of the township. In addition, safety at the Corryong College pick-up/drop-off area has been identified as a concern

## What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to strengthen the walkability and cyclability of the township, to encourage a healthier and active lifestyle. A focus for Corryong is to provide shaded, age friendly footpaths to encourage walking to key destinations/community facilities and a connected and safe network of cycle paths. Other opportunities include improvements the street environment at Corryong College and open spaces.

### Footpaths & public spaces

- + Provide mobility friendly (wheelchairs, scooters, wheelie walkers, prams) footpaths & crossings in consultation with community
- + Provide wayfinding & interpretive signage at key decision points
- + Investigate the benefits of providing a range of soft and multi-surface walking and cycling tracks for health and rehabilitation
- + Add new footpath circuits to encourage an active and healthy lifestyle

### Footpath & gutter maintenance

- + Identify roads requiring new/improvements to drainage, installation of curb and gutters
- + Improve maintenance of footpaths curb and gutters

### Tree-lined streets

- + Improve streets and address urban heat island effect by providing shade tree coverage. Set a standard of 50% shade to all footpaths and roads at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on mid summers day
- + Opportunity is to become the first town in Australia to achieve this standard/outcome
- + Introduce biodiversity corridors

### Water Sensitive Urban Design

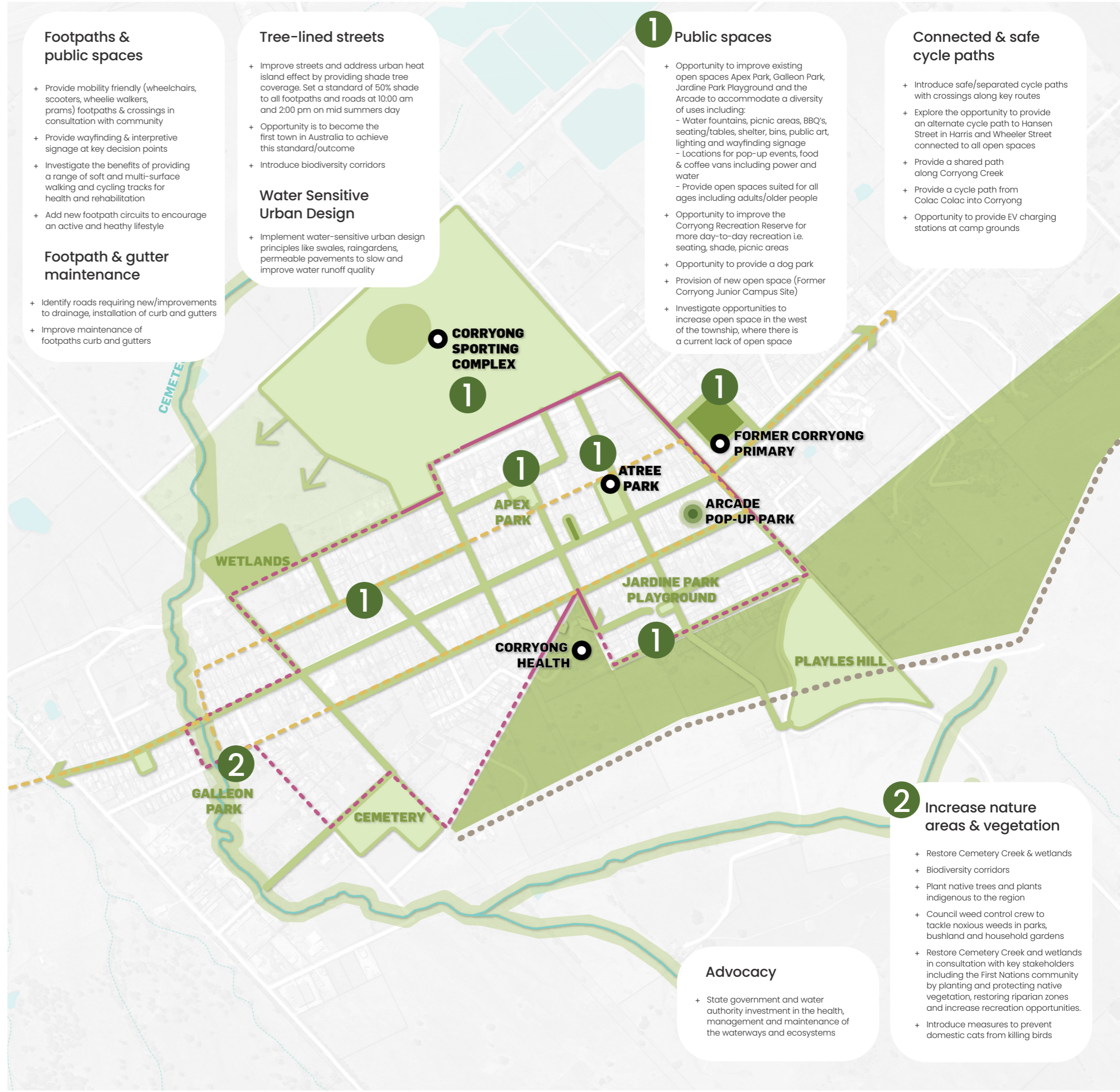
- + Implement water-sensitive urban design principles like swales, raingardens, permeable pavements to slow and improve water runoff quality

## 1 Public spaces

- + Opportunity to improve existing open spaces Apex Park, Galleon Park, Jardine Park Playground and the Arcade to accommodate a diversity of uses including:
  - Water fountains, picnic areas, BBQ's, seating/tables, shelter, bins, public art, lighting and wayfinding signage
  - Locations for pop-up events, food & coffee vans including power and water
  - Provide open spaces suited for all ages including adults/older people
- + Opportunity to improve the Corryong Recreation Reserve for more day-to-day recreation i.e. seating, shade, picnic areas
- + Opportunity to provide a dog park
- + Provision of new open space (Former Corryong Junior Campus Site)
- + Investigate opportunities to increase open space in the west of the township, where there is a current lack of open space

## Connected & safe cycle paths

- + Introduce safe/separated cycle paths with crossings along key routes
- + Explore the opportunity to provide an alternate cycle path to Hansen Street in Harris and Wheeler Street connected to all open spaces
- + Provide a shared path along Corryong Creek
- + Provide a cycle path from Colac Colac into Corryong
- + Opportunity to provide EV charging stations at camp grounds



## 2 Increase nature areas & vegetation

- + Restore Cemetery Creek & wetlands
- + Biodiversity corridors
- + Plant native trees and plants indigenous to the region
- + Council weed control crew to tackle noxious weeds in parks, bushland and household gardens
- + Restore Cemetery Creek and wetlands in consultation with key stakeholders including the First Nations community by planting and protecting native vegetation, restoring riparian zones and increase recreation opportunities.
- + Introduce measures to prevent domestic cats from killing birds

## Advocacy

- + State government and water authority investment in the health, management and maintenance of the waterways and ecosystems

	SCHOOL PICK-UP/ DROP-OFF		OPEN SPACE UPGRADES
	EXISTING CIRCUIT TRAIL		OPEN SPACE
	PROPOSED CIRCUIT TRAIL		WATERWAY
	TREE-LINED STREETS		CEMETERY CREEK
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# BIG IDEA 05

# SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FOR A RESILIENT COMMUNITY



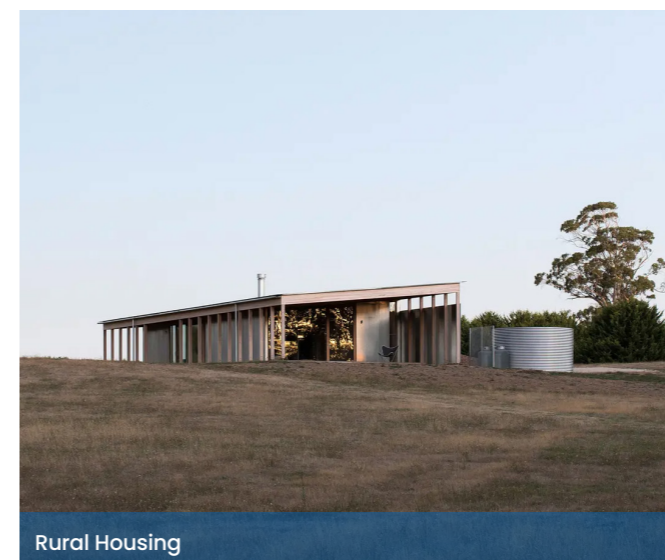
Sustainable Communities



Small Apartments



High Density On Rural Lots



Rural Housing



Semi Rural Living

# SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FOR A RESILIENT COMMUNITY

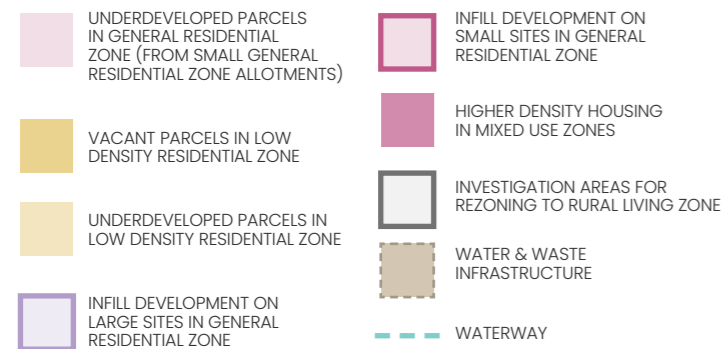
## What we heard

Engagement findings indicate that a lack of housing supply and choice for residents and workers including rentals is a key issue in the township with job vacancies unable to be filled without housing. This includes short-term accommodation being used by contractors. While there are a significant number of available lots within the township, there are key barriers to development including cost of construction and services and infrastructure provision and a lack of builders/trades people.

## What is proposed

The aim of this Big Idea is to support the long-term growth and sustainability of the township through a series of proposals including:

- + Infill housing on small and larger lots
- + Increasing housing choice with more diverse product including medium density housing in proximity to the town centre (flats/townhouses/shop-top)
- + Assisted Living Village to cater for an aging population
- + Potential partnerships with state government for affordable/social housing
- + Opportunity to provide housing for seasonal workers/contractors to free up short-term accommodation for visitors.



### Investigation areas

- + Investigate rezoning some existing farmland to Rural Living Zone, subject to the recommendations of a Bushfire Risk Assessment
- + Provides a differentiated residential product to the market, as opposed to more conventional housing typically delivered through the General Residential Zone
- + Engage with DEWLP to explore reforms to zones/overlays that limit the number of houses/lot or the minimum lot size area
- + High amenity value with views of Mount Mitta Mitta and proximity to the cycle path providing a direct active transport link to the town centre

### Rural Activity Zones

- + Investigate options to increase residential density on existing Rural Activity Zones on the edge of the township subject to the recommendations of a Bushfire Risk Assessment
- + Provides a differentiated residential product to the market

### Infill housing

- + Opportunity to provide infill housing on small and large vacant/undeveloped land within the township
- + Sites in proximity to the retail core and town centre amenity suited to medium density/townhouses/flats increasing housing diversity
- + Located within the township with access to existing critical infrastructure
- + Opportunity to develop large lots in the General Residential Zone in partnership with Council and State Government

### Shop-top housing

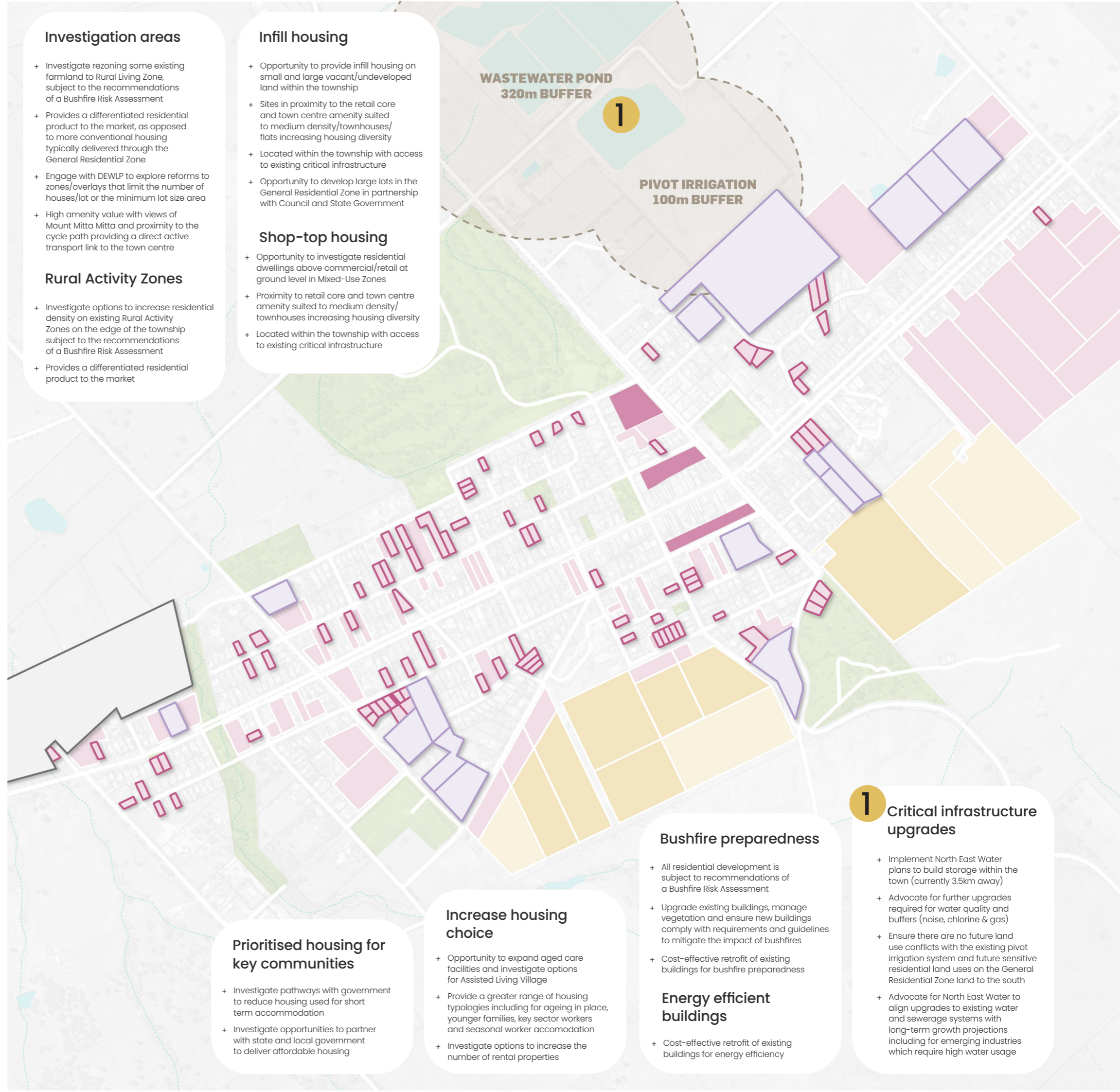
- + Opportunity to investigate residential dwellings above commercial/retail at ground level in Mixed-Use Zones
- + Proximity to retail core and town centre amenity suited to medium density/townhouses increasing housing diversity
- + Located within the township with access to existing critical infrastructure

### Prioritised housing for key communities

- + Investigate pathways with government to reduce housing used for short term accommodation
- + Investigate opportunities to partner with state and local government to deliver affordable housing

### Increase housing choice

- + Opportunity to expand aged care facilities and investigate options for Assisted Living Village
- + Provide a greater range of housing typologies including for ageing in place, younger families, key sector workers and seasonal worker accommodation
- + Investigate options to increase the number of rental properties



### Bushfire preparedness

- + All residential development is subject to recommendations of a Bushfire Risk Assessment
- + Upgrade existing buildings, manage vegetation and ensure new buildings comply with requirements and guidelines to mitigate the impact of bushfires
- + Cost-effective retrofit of existing buildings for bushfire preparedness

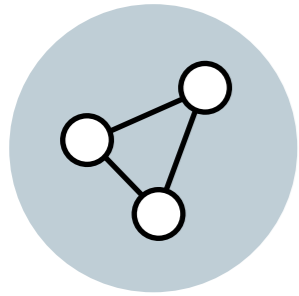
### Energy efficient buildings

- + Cost-effective retrofit of existing buildings for energy efficiency

### 1 Critical infrastructure upgrades

- + Implement North East Water plans to build storage within the town (currently 3.5km away)
- + Advocate for further upgrades required for water quality and buffers (noise, chlorine & gas)
- + Ensure there are no future land use conflicts with the existing pivot irrigation system and future sensitive residential land uses on the General Residential Zone land to the south
- + Advocate for North East Water to align upgrades to existing water and sewerage systems with long-term growth projections including for emerging industries which require high water usage

# BIG IDEAS SUMMARY



**01**

## Revitalise mainstreet, strengthen heritage & small town character

- + Town Centre Upgrade Design Guidelines
- + Streetscape upgrades
- + Corryong College & Health Service parking
- + Historic destination
- + Significant Aboriginal cultural heritage
- + Commercial expansion
- + Food & beverage/business opportunities



**02**

## Gateway to the Snowy's & centre of adventure tourism

- + Centre of adventure tourism
- + Gateway to Snowy Mountains
- + Short-term accommodation
- + Agritourism
- + Leveraging the Man From Snowy River Bush Festival
- + High Country Rail Trail
- + Connecting to regional destinations/attractions



**03**

## Major service centre for the region

- + Vibrant hub for the region
- + Ensuring long-term resilience



**04**

## Age & environmentally friendly streets & public spaces

- + Footpaths, public spaces & maintenance
- + Tree-lined streets
- + Water Sensitive Urban Design
- + Public spaces
- + Connected & safe cycle paths
- + Increase nature areas & vegetation
- + Advocacy



**05**

## Sustainable housing for a resilient community

- + Investigation area & Rural Activity Zones
- + Infill housing
- + Prioritised housing for key communities
- + Increase housing choice
- + Bushfire preparedness & energy efficient buildings
- + Critical infrastructure upgrades

A man wearing a light-colored hat, glasses, and a checkered jacket is sitting on a large, ribbed pumpkin. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The setting appears to be an outdoor market stall with shelves in the background displaying various items, including plants and produce. A sign on the right side of the stall reads "TALLANGAT BEST EXHIBIT".

# ENGAGEMENT 2 CLOSE

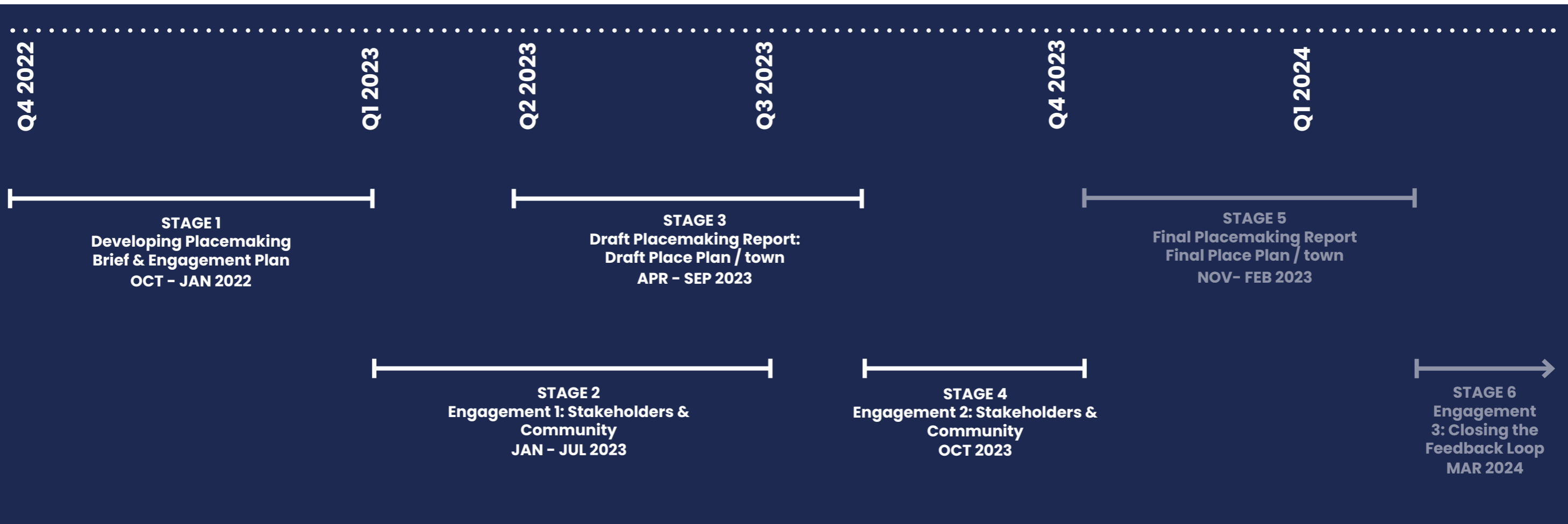


# NEXT STEPS

- + 2-week comment period opens to the public
- + Review and refine the Draft Corryong Place Plan based on feedback and discussions
- + Draft Final Corryong Place Plan to Council for review and endorsement



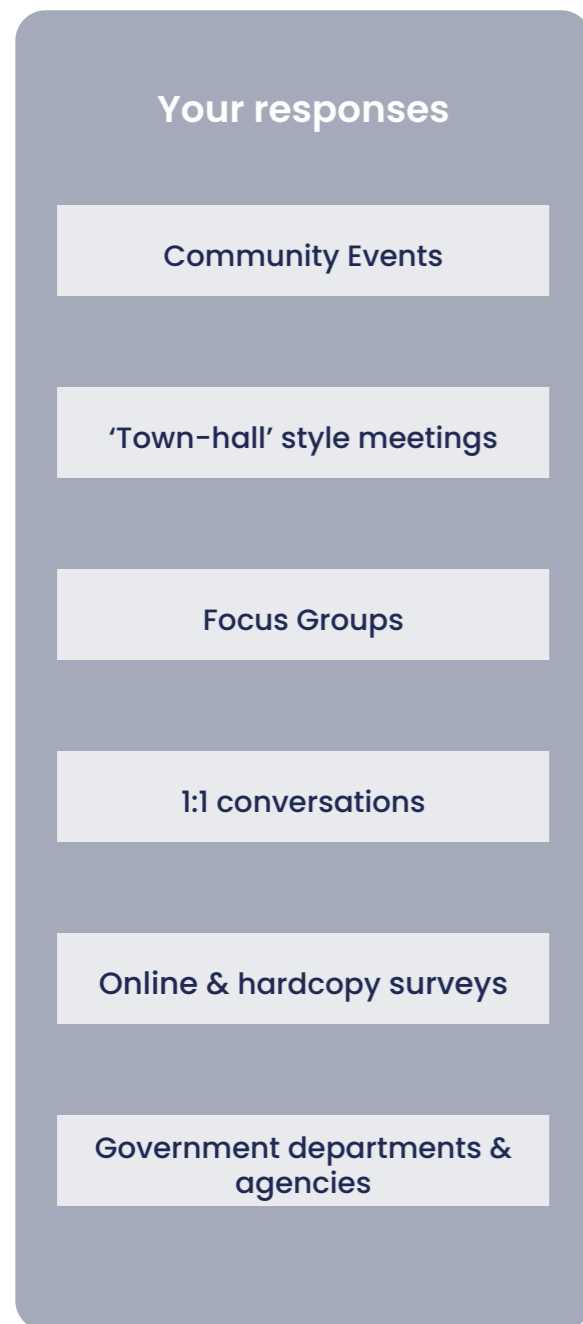
# PROJECT TIMELINE



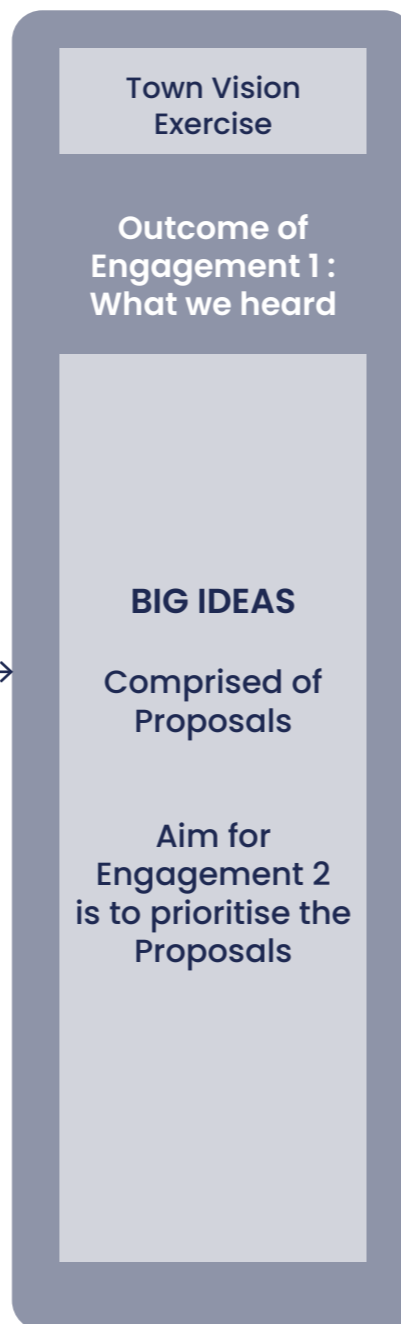
# ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

Five Big Ideas emerged from an analysis of your responses. The following diagram illustrates the methodology developed for this project and how the insights are being used to create the vision, proposals and actions for Engagement 2. The final proposals for the Final Place Plan will correlate to eight themes to provide the implementation framework for future planning.

## Engagement 1: "Lets Chat"



## Engagement 2: Planning Ahead



## Engagement 3: Delivering the Vision

