

RURAL CITY OF WANGARATTA

RURAL PLACEMAKING PROJECT

OVENS VALLEY DISTRICT PLAN

Bowmans - Murmungee
Eldorado
Everton
Tarrowingee



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WHAT IS THIS DOCUMENT?

The document is the Ovens Valley District Plan. The purpose of this document is to articulate the 20-year vision for the district, provide an overview of key demographics and characteristics of the district, and document placemaking and community projects based on the needs and wants of the community.



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ABOUT THE RURAL PLACEMAKING PROJECT

The purpose of the Rural Placemaking Project is to enhance the liveability and uncover the potential of our rural communities. It aims to link communities, streamline improvements and create a long-term vision for the district.

Stage One delivery steps include research and baseline planning, community engagement and the development of five District Placemaking Plans.

Projectura Pty Ltd, with urban design input from Regional Design Service, were engaged by Rural City of Wangaratta to deliver Stage One of the Rural Placemaking Project.

STAGE ONE PROJECT OUTLINE

Step 1: Research

The research step aimed to create a comprehensive profile of each district to understand the demographics and characteristics of the places, both now, and as we anticipate it will be in the future. Existing plans, documents and strategies were reviewed, including previously developed Community Plans, Development Plans, and specific Precinct Plans.

Step 2: Baseline Planning

The Baseline Planning involved documenting existing information and priorities, and enabled a starting point for conversation with the community.

This step included discussions with a range of people who contribute their expertise into reviewing each of the projects/priorities within the baseline plan.

Step 3: Community Engagement

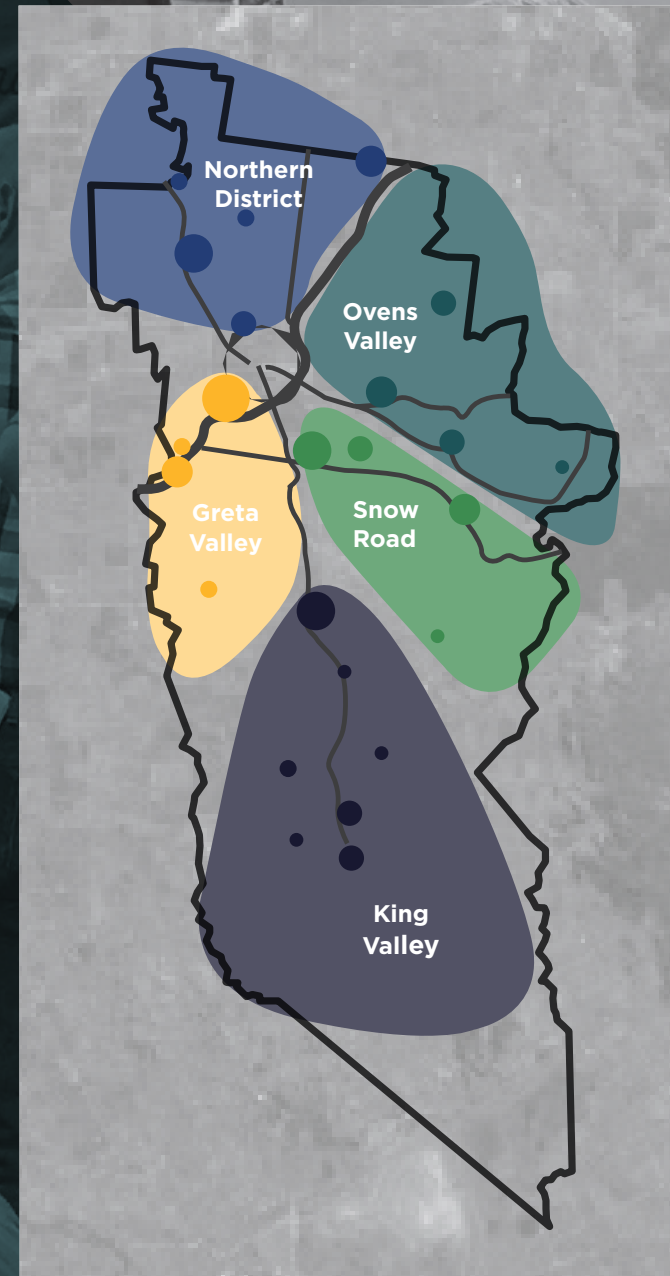
Community engagement included 13 Placemaking Pop-Ups that were held throughout rural Wangaratta, an Online Survey and five District Events to capture information about the district, the people and the priority projects for the next 20 years.

Step 4: District Plan Development

The last step is the development of District Plans to guide the districts vision for the next twenty years and provides a plan that is supported by the community and Council.

Next Steps:

The Rural City of Wangaratta will work closely with the community to deliver the next stages of the Rural Placemaking Project through detailed concepts and project planning, implementation and review.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

ENGAGEMENT	DATE	ESTIMATED PARTICIPATION
A: Placemaking Pop Up: Tarrawingee	Thu 22 Feb 2018	40 people
A: Placemaking Pop Up: Eldorado	Fri 23 Feb 2018	50 people
A: Online survey: Ovens Valley	9-28 Feb 2018	33 responses
A: Rural Snapshot Competition	9-28 Feb 2018	10 entries
B: District Event: Tarrawingee	Tue 6 Mar 2018	60 people
	TOTAL	183 people



ABOUT THE DISTRICT

The Ovens Valley District takes in the key townships of Eldorado, Tarrawingee, Bowmans - Murmungee and Everton. The district features connections to the Ovens River to the south and native bushlands surrounding the eastern part of the district. The Ovens Valley District is east of Wangaratta and also borders the Northern District and Snow Road District, with the Indigo Shire boundary on the far east.

The Ovens Valley District has a lot to offer with the historic dredge in Eldorado being a popular tourist destination, and the townships of Tarrawingee and Everton connecting to the Ovens River, as well as the Great Alpine Road and the Victorian snowfields.

Tarrawingee is the largest population centre in the district, followed by Eldorado, Everton and Bowmans - Murmungee.

The population and demographic information in this document has been sourced from Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016 Census of Population and Housing, General Community Profile, Catalogue number 2001.0

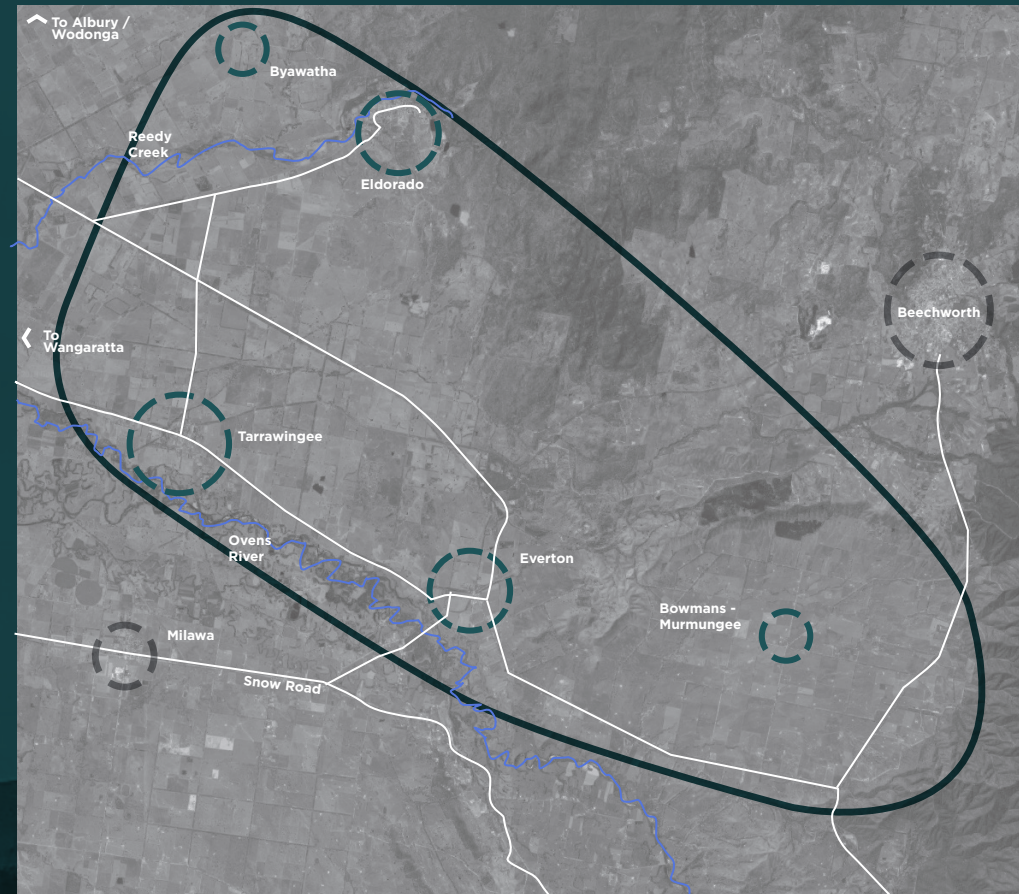


Figure 1 : Ovens Valley District Map

THE OVENS VALLEY TOWNSHIPS



ELDORADO

Eldorado is a picturesque township of approximately 385 people, situated on Reedy Creek nestled alongside the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park, 20 km east of Wangaratta. Eldorado has a mixture of agriculture and extensive former mining works. It is a dynamic, progressive community featuring an increasingly popular museum, parklands, tennis courts and the nearby Carraragarmungee Primary School.



TARRAWINGEE

Tarrawingee is a rural village with a population of 370 people. It is situated at the intersection of the Great Alpine Road and the Beechworth-Wangaratta Rd, 12 km east of Wangaratta. The landscape is open, relatively flat country immediately north of the Ovens River and the adjoining flood plain.



EVERTON

Everton has a population of 203 people. It is a rural village located 22 km south-east of Wangaratta. Situated on the Great Alpine Road, Everton features flat to undulating country, and access to the Ovens River supports agribusiness, vineyards and wineries.



BOWMANS-MURMUNGEE

Bowmans-Murmungee takes in the Bowmans Forest and Murmungee area and has a population of 153 people. The district is geographically known as the Murmungee Basin and contains Granodiorite, a rare form of granite. While small, the community are active in maintaining community groups and creating places to connect and for people to get together. Regular BBQs are hosted as part of sporting groups to bring all locals together creating a vibrant and active community.

IDENTITY OF THE DISTRICT

BUILT IDENTITY

The Ovens Valley District's built form is diverse due to the varying location of its townships from the lower reaches of the valley to the foothills of the surrounding hills.

The architecture is robust featuring red brick historical buildings alongside rendered churches and low lying recreation reserve buildings. The dredge in Eldorado is a significant architectural landmark which is a draw card for visitors to the region.

The Great Alpine Road connects the communities of Tarrawingee, Everton and Bowmans-Murmungee with convenience stores, amenities and the noteworthy Everton bus shelter along its length. The materiality of the townships is defined by brick, stone, corrugated sheet and timber construction of single storey and some two storey houses and hotels along the Great Alpine Road through Tarrawingee and Everton.

LANDSCAPE IDENTITY

The Ovens Valley District is represented by grazing and cropping enterprises and characterised by flat, open country rising to wooded ranges on the western reaches of the district. To the south the district is bordered by the Ovens River. Murmungee for instance reaches from the plains into the lower reaches of wooded alpine forests. The environment is valued for its flat farming plains, river access, native grasses and proximity to temperate forests at the base of the bordering ranges.



OUR SPECIAL PLACES

During the placemaking process the community identified the places they held dear within their district. This map seeks to understand the places people have an emotional connection to.

Eldorado

1. Eldorado Cemetery. ●●●●●
2. Carragarmungee Primary School. ●
3. Eldorado Fire Brigade. ●
4. Eldorado Hall. ●●●●●
5. Eldorado Gunhouse Park. ●●●●●
6. Eldorado Museum. ●●●●●
7. Eldorado Centennial Park. ●●●●●
8. Eldorado Tennis Courts. ●●●●●
9. The McEvoy Tavern. ●●●●●
10. St Augustine's Church. ●●●●●
11. St Jude's Church and Hall. ●●●●●
12. Uniting Church. ●●●●●
13. Reedy Creek. ●●●●●
14. The Dredge. ●●●●●
15. Monument Hill. ●●●●●
16. Top Cut Swimming Hole. ●●●●●
17. Senior Citizens Club. ●●●●●
18. Festival of Folk, Rhythm and Life. ●●●●●

Everton

19. Ovens River. ●●●●●
20. Pioneer Bridge Swimming Spot. ●●●●●
21. Bus Shelter. ●●●●●
22. Everton Hall and Sports Complex. ●●●●●
23. Everton Public Toilets. ●●●●●
24. Everton Rail Trail Station. ●●●●●
25. Everton Caravan Park. ●●●●●
26. Everton Upper Community Centre. ●●●●●
27. Everton Store. ●●●●●

Murmungee

28. Old Murmungee Hall. ●●●●●
29. Bowmans-Murmungee Memorial Hall. ●●●●●
30. Tennis Reserve. ●●●●●
31. Bowmans-Murmungee CFA Shed. ●●●●●
32. Bowmans Forest Cemetery. ●●●●●
33. Murmungee Recreation Reserve. ●●●●●
34. Zig Zag Track. ●●●●●
35. Rail Trail. ●●●●●
36. Murmungee Lookout. ●●●●●

Tarrawingee

37. Tolpuddle Goat Cheese and Farm. ●●●●●
38. St Stephens Catholic Church. ●●●●●
39. Swing Bridge. ●●●●●
40. Tarrawingee Hall. ●●●●●
41. Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve. ●●●●●
42. Tarrawingee Sporting Complex. ●●●●●
43. Tarrawingee Golf Course. ●●●●●
44. Ploughman Inn. ●●●●●

Legend

- Places to interact
- Places we take visitors
- Places to reflect
- Places with memories

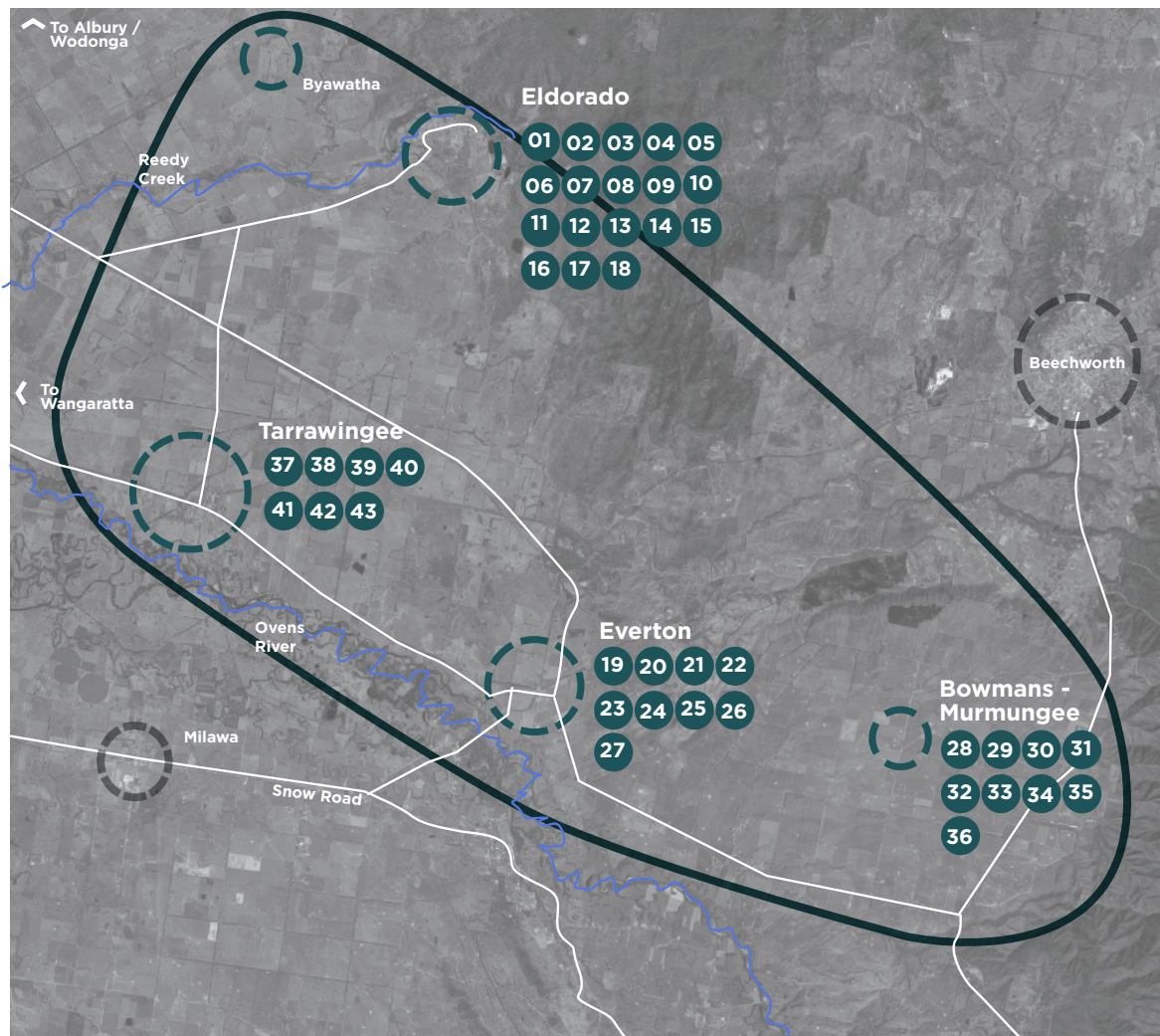


Figure 2: Our Special Places

LIVING HERE

There are approximately 1,424 people residing in the Ovens Valley District living in 657 dwellings.

The median age in the Ovens Valley District is 49.4 years compared to 45 years for the whole of the Rural City of Wangaratta. The median age range in the Ovens Valley varies from 41 years in Tarrawingee, to 59 in Murrumgee. There is a higher proportion of younger people in Everton (20.4%) and a higher proportion of people aged over 65 years (25.2%) in Eldorado, when compared to Rural City of Wangaratta (18% and 22.5% respectively).

The average median weekly household income across the Ovens Valley District is \$1,215 compared to \$1,085 across the whole Rural City of Wangaratta. The median weekly household income ranges from \$949 in Eldorado to \$1,437 in Tarrawingee and Everton Upper.

Across the Ovens Valley District an average of 34.0% of the population have completed Year 12 or equivalent, compared to 30.9% of the total population of Rural City of Wangaratta. The highest percentage of Year 12 completion was in Murrumgee (38.6%) and the lowest was in Everton (29.6%).

Across the state of Victoria 83.7% of people have internet access from their dwelling compared to 75.6% of residents from across the Rural City of Wangaratta. The average internet access from home in the Ovens Valley townships is 77.0%. Internet access is an issue in this district with Eldorado as low as 68.6%. Community conversations also express concerns about the quality of internet access, even those from Tarrawingee where internet access is 82.6%

The average percentage of Ovens Valley District residents born in Australia is 84.2% compared to the 83.9% of people from the whole Rural City of Wangaratta.

"View...isolated on a few acres."

"Quiet, lots of outdoor attractions."

"Community groups, history and nature, easy access to bigger towns."

"Friendly community, attractive landscape, environmental assets."

"A great, welcoming community. The space, fresh air and climate. Living in nature in a quiet community is incredible."

"The space, the people, the weather, the privacy and the handy proximity to bigger towns like Wangaratta, Myrtleford and Beechworth."

"Small, quiet, naturally scenic country town."

"It is peaceful, quiet and beautiful."

"The peace and quiet, close proximity to native flora and fauna, the small community we feel so connected to, the ability to become self-sufficient."

"Proximity to Wangaratta, Ovens River, Rail Trail, Recreation Reserve."

"Access to rivers and mountains within half an hour. Love feeling connected to land through large garden and view of the mountains and sky and stars at night. It's quiet."

"The serenity, friendly community, and community groups."

"Good rainfall very productive pastures."

WHY WE LOVE LIVING HERE

WHERE DO WE WORK?

The district offers a range of employment industries and opportunities for people. Agriculture, natural beauty, accommodation, easy access to the Hume Freeway, Wangaratta and Wodonga, and relation to the snow fields brings people to the area to seek employment or a lifestyle change.

The key employment industries are:

- Accommodation;
- Administration;
- Aged care residential services;
- Beef cattle farming;
- Hospitals;
- Local government; and
- Road freight transport.

COMING TOGETHER

COMMUNITY ORGANISING

Placemaking is about community organising and coming together to improve common places. People come together organically in public places but they also connect through formal networks.

These are the formal networks identified by the community.

Eldorado

- Byawatha Recreation Reserve.
- Byawatha Tennis Club.
- Eldorado Centennial Park Committee.
- Eldorado Fire Brigade and Junior Brigade.
- Eldorado Homework Club.
- Eldorado Memorial Hall Committee.
- Eldorado Museum Association Inc.
- Eldorado Red Cross.
- Eldorado Senior Citizens'.
- Eldorado Tennis Club.
- Eldorado Tourism Business Group.
- Eldorado Uniting Church.
- Springhurst/Byawatha Hills Landcare.
- St Augustine's Catholic Church.
- St Jude's Anglican Church.
- St Jude's Ladies Guild.
- Wangaratta 2 Neighbourhood Watch Group.
- Eldorado Foodshare.
- Eldorado Cemetery Trust.

Everton

- Everton CFA.
- Everton Hall and Sporting Complex Committee.
- Everton Playground-Everton Primary School.
- Everton Tennis Club Inc.
- Everton Hotel Social Club.
- Everton Upper Community Centre.
- Hodgsons and Horseshoe Creek Landcare Group.
- Everton Ladies Dinner Group.
- Everton Upper Recreation Reserve Committee.
- Ovens River Music Roundup.

Bowmans - Murmungee

- Book Club.
- Bowmans Murmungee CFA.
- Bowmans Murmungee Memorial Hall and Tennis Reserve Committee.
- Bowmans Murmungee Red Cross.
- Burgoigee Creek Landcare Group.
- Community Master Classes.
- Garden Club.
- Murmungee Recreation Reserve Committee.
- Old Murmungee Hall Committee.
- Ovens Valley Horse Riding Club.
- Tennis Club.

Tarrawingee

- Tarrawingee Community Group.
- Tarrawingee Cemetery Trust.
- Tarrawingee CFA.
- Tarrawingee Football and Netball Club.
- Tarrawingee Golf Club.
- Tarrawingee Hall Committee.
- Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve Committee.

RECENT COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

A number of projects prioritised by the community have been delivered in recent years including:

- Developed multipurpose path along Main Street, Eldorado;
- Replaced the public toilet at Gun House Park, Eldorado;
- Rural Land Strategy addressed zoning issues to enable and promote development in Everton;
- Everton Hall was upgraded, and a community hub concept developed;
- Development of Everton Community Newsletter.
- Emergency distance markers installed along Everton Rail Trail;
- Shade sails installed over playground at Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve;
- Rural Land Strategy addressed zoning concerns and encourages sustainable agri-business and preservation of agricultural lands in Bowmans Forest and Murmungee; and
- Murmungee Hall upgrade completed, (toilet, kitchen, masterplan, asbestos, insulation, communication).

THE DISTRICT VISION

In 2038, Ovens Valley District is:

- **Defined by the Ovens River and elevated landscape.**
- **Abundant with cycling and snow-traffic tourism.**
- **A happy and generative place to live.**
- **Made up of residents of all stages of family life.**
- **Enriched by community events and activities.**
- **A well connected and diverse community.**
- **A pleasure to drive through, with pop up home produce, food and drink stalls.**

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

The District Vision will be achieved by implementing large placemaking projects and smaller projects identified by the community.

The placemaking projects for the Ovens Valley District are:

- Abundant tourism offer; and
- Great places to come together.

After more than a decade using a community planning process to identify and meet the needs of the community, the Rural City of Wangaratta has moved to a placemaking process. The community planning process documents all projects prioritised by the community, and the placemaking process documents the desires of the community surrounding the improvement of common places. Given the long history of community planning within the Rural City of Wangaratta a mixed approach has been adopted.

The community identified the priority projects for the Ovens Valley District. The strongest project themes have been grouped into Placemaking Projects. Other community priority projects have been documented under the headings Infrastructure, Gathering Places, Events and Activation, Relationships and Communication, and Identity and Branding.

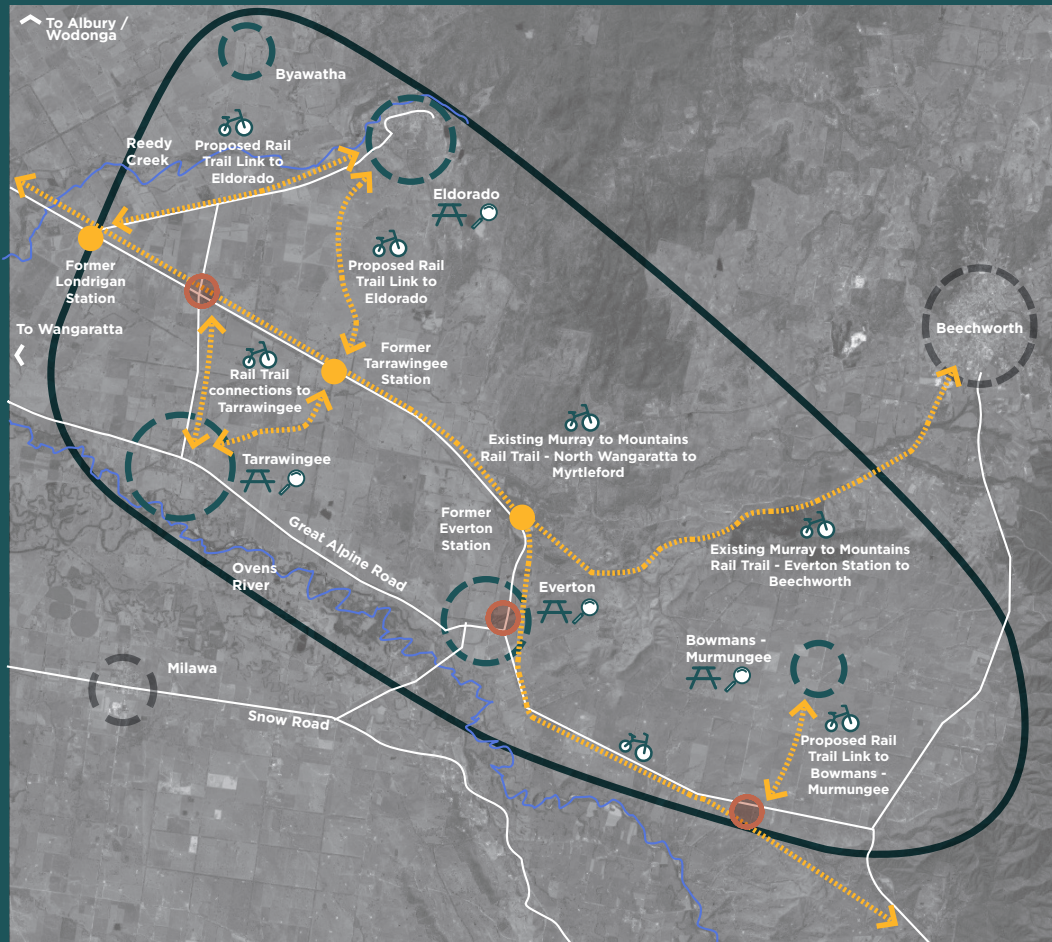


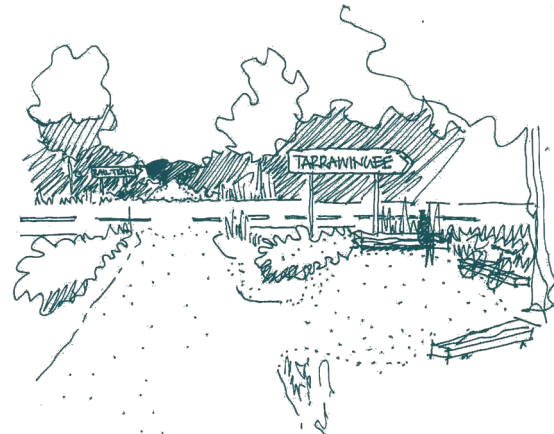
Figure 3: Ovens Valley District Placemaking Projects

LEGEND

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|  Great Places to Come Together
Public Parks and Buildings |  Abundant Tourism Offer
Rail trail links / rest stops |
|  Great Places to Come Together
Events and community |  Abundant Tourist Offer
Rail / Walking Trails |
|  Abundant Tourism Offer
Landmarks / destinations |  Former Rail Stations |

ABUNDANT TOURISM OFFER

Tourism throughout the Ovens Valley District is predominantly focused around the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail, historic sites and the natural environment. The rail trail passes through the district and this project aims to welcome more visitors into the Ovens Valley townships. This will be done by enhancing places that the community are proud of, improving the visitor amenity to the townships and providing encouragement to both rail trail visitors, snowfield visitors and other visitors.



Rail trail connections

The Murray to Mountains Rail Trail is a sealed, mostly flat path asset which the community are very proud of. The rail trail offers opportunities for visitors to participate in physical activity and experience the landscape of the area.

The popular rail trail extends from Wangaratta to Bright and travels through the Ovens Valley District from North Wangaratta, running along Londrigan-Tarrowingee Road, meeting the Great Alpine Road near Everton. Key landmarks along the rail trail within the district include Londrigan former station, Tarrowingee former station, Everton former station, Brookfield former station, and Bowman former station.

Residents living in Eldorado, Tarrowingee, and Bowmans-Murmungee expressed strong interest in welcoming cyclists into their respective townships, while Everton residents wished for infrastructure and amenities that improved rider and motorist safety. Many visitors pass through the district, but safe passage limits the number of visitors who venture off the rail trail to visit the townships.

This project will investigate the feasibility of side branch trails to improve connections to the townships of Eldorado, Tarrowingee and Bowmans-Murmungee. At an estimated cost of \$500,000 per kilometre, the potential usage, benefits, and funding of the community's desired side branch trails need to be thoroughly investigated.

Whilst side branch trails are being investigated, cyclists will be encouraged to use preferred road routes to townships. The creation of rest stops along the rail trail at the crossing of Tarrowingee-Boralma Road and Bowmans will encourage users to detour into the townships to discover something new. Rest stops should include seating near shade trees, and township signage including distances, services and noteworthy tourist and historic sites.

To address the needs of Everton residents and the safety of people using the Great Alpine Road, additional signage along the Great Alpine Road should be installed. The proposed signage along the Great Alpine Road outside Everton will notify motorists looking for the nearby rail trail long-term parking. Currently rail trail visitors are parking on the side of the road creating potential safety risks when there is dedicated parking a short distance away.

Places to slow down

Driving along the Great Alpine Road, which winds from Wangaratta to Metung, is an amazing journey all year round. Within the North-East Victoria region, the Great Alpine Road has a high amount of commuter traffic travelling from Wangaratta to Bright, and many visitors choose the route to visit the north-east, the high country, and the Gippsland Lakes. Through Ovens Valley District, the road takes in the townships of Tarrawingee and Everton. Residents of both Tarrawingee and Everton expressed desire to make their townships more welcoming places to stop while travelling the Great Alpine Road.

The Tarrawingee community were primarily concerned that Great Alpine Road traffic passed through their township at unsafe speeds. The road reaches Tarrawingee at the intersection of the Beechworth-Wangaratta Road near the entrance to the Tarrawingee Sports Ground Reserve which accommodates the Tarrawingee Golf Club and the Tarrawingee Public Community Hall. Many pedestrians cross at this point, and vehicles often slow to turn into the Reserve putting people at risk. Secondly, Tarrawingee residents wish to build on the strengths of their built environment, and promote their pride in physical activity and heritage.

This project aims to meet the needs of the Tarrawingee people by including their highest priority project which was to reduce the 80kms zone on Great Alpine Road to 60kms per hour. To showcase pride in the Tarrawingee township, this project aims to develop a path around the township triangle on Great Alpine Road and Beechworth-Wangaratta Road.

Everton residents still to have a strong desire to improve their township streetscape and amenities. Council has prepared a draft Everton Concept Plan, of which variations were discussed at engagement sessions. The main challenges residents identified were wide and dusty road easements, poor township lighting, and the need to increase the cleaning schedule for the public toilet.

This project aims to address the needs of the Everton community by providing streetscape and landscaping improvements, installing picnic and rests areas within the township, and improving the cleanliness of the public toilet. Through the delivery of streetscape works and roadside improvements in Tarrawingee and Everton, and opportunities for viewing points along the Great Alpine Road, travellers will be afforded opportunities to take in the districts unique setting.

Sharing our rich history

The Ovens Valley District has an interesting heritage that should to be shared with locals and visitors. This project aims to celebrate and promote the heritage of the district.

Across the entire Ovens Valley District, the community expressed pride in their heritage, and marked their heritage as a key community strength to be built upon. The need to preserve and publicise historic buildings and landmarks with the district was strongly evident.

There are many distinct heritage and historic buildings across the district. In Tarrawingee, buildings of interest include the Plough Inn, the homestead 'Carinya', St Peters Anglican Church and the former Star Hotel. Significant buildings in Eldorado include the Cocks Eldorado Gold Dredge, and the smallest bar in Australia at McEvoy Tavern. Of note in Everton is the flamboyant Everton Bus Stop and Everton General Store and Post Office. Bowmans - Murrumbidgee features the Old Murrumbidgee Hall. The stories of the people who built the townships and contributed to their development are also worth noting.

Taking inspiration from established heritage boards in Eldorado, this project should be extended to the other key townships within the Ovens Valley District. It is proposed that three sites from Tarrawingee, Everton and Murrumbidgee are identified as signage locations with additional places to be added when additional funding becomes available. In Tarrawingee, a heritage walk could be created along the proposed township triangle path.



GREAT PLACES TO COME TOGETHER

The communities of the Owens Valley District are active and connected. Working together there are opportunities to deliver a range of community focused projects that will benefit locals and visitors to the district.

What's on and where?

The Owens Valley District has a long history of delivering sporting and cultural events and activities for residents and visitors. These have been delivered both by nonprofit entities, and by community and sporting groups.

The community expressed a desire to continue to have a vibrant calendar of events throughout their townships across the year. The main challenges identified in delivering a variety of events included gaining support from council and difficulty promoting the events.

The successful Folk, Rhythm and Life Festival was delivered in Eldorado for twenty years. More recently the Off Grid Festival in Eldorado and the Pumpkin Festival in Murrumbidgee have proved popular.

The development of a community-delivered music festival in Owens Valley District is a priority project for the community. The delivery of social events in Everton and Everton Upper is also supported due to the high level of community enthusiasm surrounding this project.

To promote the happenings in each township, new signage throughout the Owens Valley District should be installed. New township signage should be built with the flexibility to easily attach information about upcoming events within Owens Valley District. New signage should also help direct locals and visitors to township services such as public toilets, parks and recreation reserve.





Eldorado: Our sustainable heart

People live in Eldorado for their quiet enjoyment of the country environment and the lifestyle offered within a short distance to Wangaratta. Building up slowly, on the back of large events held in the community, Eldorado is slowly self-positioning as a destination for sustainable and slow living.

Eldorado is nestled in the Woolshed Valley and residents connect a sense of home to the surrounding hills. Many residents are living off-grid, at least in part, due to the township not being on town water, which most residents were pleased about. Over recent years the town has been host to a self-sufficiency workshops, camps and activities which has attracted like-minded people to the area. A community-run Food Share group has also been successfully established.

The Eldorado community are clearly proud of the direction that the town is moving in and wishes to further develop this aspect as a unique selling point. With growing visitors to the town, the community expressed the need for improved amenities.

Eldorado has a unique opportunity to build on self-sufficient practices by supporting activities which educate people on slow living and skills and resource sharing practices. To support these practices, improvements to Eldorado infrastructure and places are recommended, including roadworks, and upgrades to Top Cut water hole and Gun House Park. The strengthening of FoodShare activities needs to be further investigated and may include education and communications material, and development of a community garden, among other ideas to build on the work already done.

Connecting communities

Strong communities have traditionally rallied together to develop community facilities that meet their needs. Community facilities are great meeting places, whether they be community, sporting or health spaces.

Ovens Valley District residents have existing connections developed through established community facilities and groups. It is important for the community that these facilities remain attractive to current and future users to create social connection for people, a place to engage and be active in the community.

Facility upgrades and improvements will ensure communities have places to meet that they are proud of and that are accessible. It will assist in ensuring community groups have a place for meeting and supporting their events and activities.

Projects included are the upgrade of Eldorado Hall, Everton Hall, Everton Tennis Club, Everton Upper Community Centre, Tarrawingee Public Community Hall, Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve and looking at future development of existing places in Murrumbidgee.



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

This section outlines all the projects identified by the Ovens Valley District community as priorities and applies notes for implementation. Each project has been documented, and projects have been split into Placemaking Projects, as outlined earlier in the document, and other community priority projects. The table identifies the project, whether the project is led by council or by community or other stakeholders, the priority as identified by the community, and the communities' desired timeline for implementation.

Table 1. Community project matrix.

Community Projects		Council Responsibility		Delivery Timeline				Response
		Y	N	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	3 years plus	
Abundant Tourism Offer – Rail trail connections								
District	Paths: Create additional trail to connect key Ovens Valley townships to existing rail trail and cycle paths in other Districts. Create dedicated longer tracks and connect to local swing bridges.	●	●	●				Investigate as part of Rural City of Wangaratta Path Plan
District	Strategic planning: Create and promote camping areas to retain cycling visitors in the area.		●			●		Council to work with the community and relevant land authorities to establish possible camping site options and actions.
District	Assets: Investigate locations and develop rest stops which feature seating, shade trees, and township signage.	●	●			●		Council to work with the community and relevant land authorities to establish rest stop locations and requirements.
Eldorado	Paths: Undertake a feasibility study for a side branch trail connecting Eldorado to the Rail Trail. Path to potentially start at Londrigan former station, then go to Eldorado, then back to Tarrawingee former station.	●	●	●				Investigate as part of Rural City of Wangaratta Path Plan
Everton	Signs: Install signs along Great Alpine Road to promote long term rail trail parking.	●		●				To be reviewed as part of signage strategy in year 1.
Tarrawingee	Paths: Undertake a feasibility study for a side branch trail linking Murray to Mountains Rail Trail to Milawa via Tarrawingee.	●	●	●				Investigate as part of Rural City of Wangaratta Path Plan
Abundant Tourism Offer – Places to slow down								
Everton	Landscape: Landscape gardens around shop, pub, caravan park and toilets.	●					●	Long term project.
Everton	Landscaping: Picnic and rest area within township.	●			●			Council to explore opportunities to develop town rest area in year 2.
Everton	Tourism: Beautify Pioneer Bridges area and toilets.		●		●			Council to support advocacy in partnership with Community to beautify the area.
Everton Upper	Transport: Construct Everton Upper Bus shelter.		●		●			Council to provide appropriate information and support to assist community.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Table 1. Community project matrix cont.

Community Projects		Council Responsibility		Delivery Timeline				Response
		Y	N	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	3 years plus	
Tarrawingee	Roads: Reduce 80km zone on Great Alpine Road to 60km.		●	●				Council to communicate with Vic Roads regarding community request.
Abundant Tourism Offer – Sharing our rich history								
Everton, Tarrawingee, and Murmungee	Arts: Interpretative history boards.		●			●		Council to support community to establish project.
Tarrawingee	Paths: Create path around township triangle on Great Alpine Road and Beechworth-Wangaratta Road.	●		●				Investigate as part of Rural City of Wangaratta Path Plan
Tarrawingee	Heritage: Tarrawingee heritage walk with photos like Eldorado.		●			●		Council to support community to establish project.
Murmungee	Heritage: Bowmans Murmungee Local History Project.	●	●	●				
Great places to come together – What's on and where?								
District	Signage: Develop district signage to deliver in all township to indicate available services, significant site and upcoming events.	●		●				To be reviewed as part of signage strategy in year 1
District	Events: Ovens Valley District Music Festival. Community to deliver,		●		●			Council to work with community to support initiation and planning. Community driven event.
Everton	Community development: Seek funding for community newsletter.		●	●				Council to work with community to explore appropriate funding solutions.
Everton	Events: Provide two social events for Everton and Everton Upper communities.		●	●	●			Council events team to support where appropriate.
Tarrawingee	Signage: Signage Plan to address need for new signs at Tarrawingee Golf Club, Tarrawingee Community Group, and Hall.	●		●	●			To be reviewed as part of signage strategy in year 1
Tarrawingee	Comm dev: Improved community signage boards.	●		●				To be reviewed as part of signage strategy in year 1
Great places to come together – Eldorado: Our sustainable heart								
District	Comm dev: Develop self-sustainable living program to all communities in the district.		●	●	●			Council to support as appropriate.
Eldorado	Comm dev: Strengthen Foodshare activities.		●	●	●			Council to support as appropriate.
Eldorado	Strategic planning: Develop Strategic Plan to remove community divide between growing the town and keeping the town the way it is.	●					●	Long term project.

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Eldorado	Top Cut water hole: Upgrade: Install pontoon. Construct roof over picnic settings.		●		●	●		Council to work with community to scope project in year 2. Secure funding and delivery of project in year 3.
Eldorado	Gun House Park: Upgrade: Enlarge roof area on Rotunda. Install sprinkler system. Install additional rubbish bins. Improve bore capacity. Install shade over picnic settings.	●	●				●	Council implemented upgrade recently completed. Future upgrades long term.
Everton	Strategic planning: Investigate the potential for further subdivision of land.	●					●	Long term project,
Great places to come together – Connecting communities								
Eldorado	Eldorado Hall: Upgrade: Replace roof sheeting. Replace gutters. Construct disabled toilet. Install 30,000 litre CFA water tank. Install solar. Refurbish toilet block.	●	●	●	●			Some hall upgrades being completed in 2018. Further upgrades to be planned in year 1 and delivered in year 2.
Everton	Everton Hall: Completion of Everton Hall upgrade.	●			●			Council to work with the community to finalise the completion of the project.
Everton	Everton Tennis Club: Resurface tennis courts.	●				●		In recreation pipeline for year 3 delivery.
Everton Upper	Everton Upper Community Centre: Upgrade: Secure the outbuildings. Replace roof. Strengthen community use.	●	●			●		Council to work with community to investigate upgrade requirements in year 3.

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Tarrawingee	Tarrawingee Public Community Hall: Upgrade: Asbestos removal. Repair white ant damage. Purchase and install a defibrillator.	●	●	●				Council to remove asbestos and repair damage in year 1. Council to work with the community to source funds for a defibrillator.
Tarrawingee	Tarrawingee Recreation Reserve: Upgrade: New lights. Upgrade existing toilets and relocate closer to playground.	●	●				●	Council to work with community to scope project. In Recreation pipeline for year 6 delivery.
Infrastructure								
Eldorado	Roads: Undertake road sealing and upgrade program: Seal MacIntosh Lane from Tresize Street to Main Street. Seal Tarrawingee-Eldorado Road widening from Milne Road to Mull Road. Seal Falconer Lane. Put extra white guide posts on Wangaratta-Eldorado Road between Slaughteryard Lane and McGregor Street. Reconfigure intersection at Memorial, McCoy and Main Streets for safety. Seal and widen Cemetery Lane Reseal the steep driveway to the Catholic Church with hot mix. Seal McEvoy Drive through to swing bridge. Flashing speed light at school to announce school is back and speed is being enforced. Install more guide posts on Woolshed Road up to Byrne Gully Road.	●		●				To be investigated and considered in the Rural City of Wangaratta Rural Road Enhancement Program.
Eldorado	Stormwater: Repair damage and improve storm water drainage to Percy, Mackay and Main Streets.	●			●			Council to investigate in year 2.
Eldorado	Water: Connect residents to town water and sewerage in next 5-10 years. Plan for climate change and drought proofing. Long term implementation.		●				●	Long term project.

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Everton	Water: get town water supply.		●				●	Long term project
Murmungee	Roads: Development, improvement and commitment to a Bowmans Murmungee Road Strategy.	●			●	●		To be considered in the Rural City of Wangaratta Rural Road Enhancement Program.
Murmungee	Transport: Public Transport Access and Availability. (Continue to lobby VLine for a bus to stop at Old Murmungee Hall a few times per week).		●			●		Council to support community advocacy.
Tarrawingee	Telecommunications: Mobile phone and internet improvements required.		●		●			Council to support community advocacy.
Tarrawingee	Water: Secure the town water supply.		●			●		Council to work with North East Water to consider long term options.
Tarrawingee	Roads: Widen Tarrawingee-Eldorado Road from Milne Road to Mull Road.	●			●	●		To be considered in the Rural City of Wangaratta Rural Road Enhancement Program.
Tarrawingee	Roads: Widen Boralma/Tarrawingee Road.	●			●	●		To be considered in the Rural City of Wangaratta Rural Road Enhancement Program.
Tarrawingee	Roads: Widen River Road, Crusher, Beechworth-Wangaratta Road.	●			●	●		To be considered in the Rural City of Wangaratta Rural Road Enhancement Program.
Tarrawingee	Paths: Extend path on River Road to Crusher.	●		●				Investigate as part of Rural City of Wangaratta Path Plan
Tarrawingee	Paths: Create path along Boralma Road from Newton's Road.	●		●				Investigate as part of Rural City of Wangaratta Path Plan
Tarrawingee	Transport: VLine buses. Establish pick up points at different locations not just bus stops (Murmungee).		●		●			Council to support community advocacy.
Tarrawingee	Roads: Improved vehicular access plus interpretative signage firefighters memorial.	●				●		Council to investigate project scope.
Events and activation								
District	Pest/weed control: Manage Queensland and Mediterranean Fruit Fly and weeds.		●	●				Council to support community management.
Tarrawingee	Comm dev: Bring children's education and health service that are situated in Wangaratta on a mobile visiting service	●				●		Council to explore feasibility of outreach service provision.
Tarrawingee	Old Tarrawingee school site: Find community use for the site (ideas include a community centre, skate/bike area, BMX track, recreation area).	●	●				●	Council to work with community to explore potential alternative uses for site.



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