



Attachment 1 to Item 4.3.2.

Submissions Received and Outcomes

Date of meeting: 14 May 2024

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No.	Comment	Outcome
Kurrajong/Kurmond		
1	<p>The plan for Kurrajong has lots of potential and with some enhancements could live up to its potential as a tourist destination. More parking is critical and needs to be found somewhere near the Main Street. More on street dining should be encouraged and is very limited now. The on-street parking between Kurrajong Road and the CWA hall needs to be restricted. This section of old Bells Line of Road is too narrow and with cars parked on both sides the travel lanes are very narrow, especially with trucks passing. This could be resolved with parking prevented on the eastern side of the street as these houses have an off-street access lane to their houses.</p> <p>Streetlights in the village would be necessary, especially during those big events with early starts and late-night activities.</p> <p>Concerns around street trees being added in Kurrajong. Do not want this to affect the parking as there is currently no parking. Locals have to travel further just so we can shop.</p>	<p>Detailed feedback noted. Future detailed designs and master planning projects will investigate opportunities for improving streetscape and balancing need for on-street parking and potential street trees and other greening upgrades.</p>
2	<p>Kurrajong Village proposed place plan has a New Village Green right next to, if not overlaying the electricity substation. This does not make sense. The temporary cafe/trucks area is marked to be on private land, where there is no parking for trucks, as it is, parking is limited for existing shops. This does not look like existing infrastructure has been considered.</p> <p>Has this plan considered existing use, and actual needs of the village?</p>	<p>This is a high-level, future-focused document that takes into consideration existing conditions and future potential. Future detailed designs and master planning projects will incorporate detailed needs through comprehensive local engagement.</p>
3	<p>The clearing of land within 25 metres of boundaries should be stopped.</p> <p>Residents need to be reminded of tree preservation.</p> <p>Orders in place in some areas such as Kurrajong. Penalties for unlawful tree removal should be increased so that it is a true deterrent.</p> <p>Restrictions on noise to be addressed, including mountain bike; quad bike; V8 engines.</p> <p>No further development of Richmond Lowlands. Our trees, our peaceful habitat and the far-reaching lowlands are the Hawkesbury's unique signature.</p>	<p>This comment is in relation to the Rural Boundary Clearing Code.</p> <p>Whilst this submission is not related to the Draft Place Plans, it has been noted.</p>
4	<p>I would like to object to the Exhibition</p>	<p>Noted. The document has been</p>

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	<p>of Draft Place Plans for the Kurmond area in relation to the 'New Open Space' designated for Bells Lane Kurmond, as shown in the diagram on page 72, as well as the 'Shared Path' and 'New Pedestrian Link' between Bells Lane, Elizabeth Avenue to Bells Line of Road.</p> <p>The objections I have in relation to this area becoming open space is, firstly this proposed 'new open space' is shown as being on land which is owned by my myself (32 Bells Lane Kurmond). Neither of us have been contacted by Council in relation to this draft submission and the purchase of our land for the demolition of our home, stables and swimming pool to make this land available as community land.</p> <p>This land is in a gully and has no outlook or views of note, and there are many other local areas that would be much better suited as open space for community use, that don't impinge on occupied private property and would still make use of community amenities.</p> <p>Furthermore, there are numerous other areas locally where there is vacant land which would be better used for open space.</p> <p>This land is low lying and is in a gully. The water run off during a wet period is extreme and without an onerous amount of remediation works needing to be done by council so the land could be safe for public use.</p> <p>Council would need to properly implement risk mitigation strategies to risk manage the site, so it wasn't dangerous to members of the public and cause an increase for Council's public liability costs and potential claims.</p> <p>The land proposed as the 'New Pedestrian Link' from Elizabeth Avenue to Bells Line of Road will also require extensive works to make the pedestrian link at a suitable grade in accordance with the building code regulations e.g., having a maximum of 18 treads before a landing is required, and a maximum gradient of 38 degrees.</p> <p>If this grade was achieved for just the width of the stairs, then there would be a very dangerous drop off over the side of the steps as the ground from Bells Line of Road towards Elizabeth Avenue is extremely steep, almost vertical.</p> <p>This would not make a suitable area</p>	<p>updated to reflect the requested changes. Where private property is located the proposed infrastructure, labelling has been moved to better reflect proposed future plans.</p>

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	for pedestrian access, unless all the land at the top of 473 Bells Line of Road was remediated to account for the slope of the land. Any remedial works on this area of land could have a major water flow impacts on many other properties below, which could result in further remediation works to be completed by Council.	
Bilpin		
5	The Bilpin post office is not mentioned or marked. We have the defibrillator, the little library, the mural, the recycling for phones and printer ink, the school fundraising boxes, the gifts and books, and of course the stamps and parcels. We have the memorial bench for the 2019 Bushfire.	Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to the high level plans. Specific local detail would be considered as part of future master planning for towns and villages.
6	<p>Bilpin - Public square located on private land, post office/ mechanic not identified, mural on what building? toilets shown in Grumpy carpark? Temp cafe - is that food trucks?</p> <p>There are already two libraries in Bilpin.</p> <p>The extension of the cycle path in both directions would be amazing. The addition of one out Mt Lagoon Road would be brilliant. Path on the map is shown on the wrong side - already exists on the other side between the baker and Bilpin Hall. We need pedestrian refuges to cross Bells Line of Road at the Bilpin Hall.</p>	Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to the plans. Any new proposed public space would seek to be implemented within existing public right of way. Where private property is located the proposed infrastructure, labelling has been moved to better reflect proposed future plans. The plans shown are high level and conceptual in nature. Specific local detail would be considered as part of future master planning projects for towns and villages.
7	<p>I am writing to bring to your attention a matter of significant concern that affects the safety and well-being of the residents of Kurrajong, Kurrajong Heights, Bilpin, Berambing and Mt Thomas.</p> <p>I would like to request attention and immediate action to address the deteriorating state of the roads and the growing danger posed by heavy truck traffic.</p> <p>Over the past few months, our community has witnessed an alarming rise in car crashes which have resulted in serious injuries and even fatalities. It has become evident that the current condition of our roads and the fast speeds in which the cargo trucks are driving, is contributing to these accidents.</p> <p>Particularly Bells Line of Road is riddled with potholes, cracks, and uneven surfaces, causing hazardous driving conditions for motorists.</p> <p>Furthermore, the excessive truck traffic has become a pressing issue that demands immediate attention. The</p>	<p>The Bells Line of Road is a Transport for NSW Asset and as such responsibility for the items raised fall outside of Council's primary responsibility.</p> <p>Council will continue to focus on delivering road infrastructure projects and maintenance programs throughout the Hawkesbury LGA on assets that it has responsibility for.</p> <p>The items raised will be communicated to TfNSW as a priority.</p>

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	<p>frequent passage of heavy trucks through Bells Line of Road not only causes substantial noise pollution but also poses a significant risk to the safety of our residents. The inadequate infrastructure at the moment is ill-equipped to handle the sheer volume and size of these vehicles, further exacerbating the danger. I respectfully request Hawkesbury City Council to undertake the following actions:</p> <p>1. Road Maintenance and Repair: Initiate a comprehensive assessment of the roads within our local area, with priority given to the identified accident-prone zones. Promptly allocate the necessary resources for road maintenance and repair, ensuring that the work is conducted efficiently and effectively.</p> <p>2. Traffic Calming Measures: Implement appropriate traffic calming measures, such as speed bumps, signage, and road markings, to encourage safe driving practices and reduce the likelihood of accidents. These measures will serve as a visual reminder for motorists to exercise caution and adhere to speed limits.</p> <p>3. Truck Route Evaluation: Conduct a thorough evaluation of existing truck routes and their impact on our residential areas. Consider alternative routes or establish designated truck lanes to redirect heavy truck traffic away from densely populated neighbourhoods. This will help alleviate the risks associated with the coexistence of heavy trucks and residential traffic.</p> <p>4. Increased Enforcement: Collaborate with local law enforcement agencies to enhance enforcement of traffic regulations and monitor the adherence of heavy truck drivers to designated routes and weight restrictions. Strict enforcement will deter non-compliant truck operators and help ensure the safety of our community.</p> <p>The investment in road maintenance, traffic control measures, and increased enforcement will undoubtedly contribute to the overall enhancement of our local infrastructure. I have great confidence in the Hawkesbury City Council's commitment to ensuring the safety and welfare of our community.</p>	
8	<p>We need a footpath from Mount Irvine Road to meet up to the new footpath at Bilpin Hall. This should continue to the Kurrajong Heights Bowling club, and ultimately meet up with the footpath at Kurmond. Currently, it is extremely</p>	<p>The detailed comments are noted. Specific local detail would be considered as part of future master planning projects for towns and villages.</p>

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	<p>dangerous to do any sort of exercise or non-vehicular travel along Bells line of Road. The new footpath is absolutely amazing, but it is too short.</p> <p>We desperately need a dog park in Bilpin, not only for the dogs but to help the community to mentally heal and connect with each other.</p> <p>We should also have a free public swimming pool at Bilpin (like they have at Nabitac) as it can be used as a pool for learn to swim classes and therapy/exercise, but it can also be used as a water reservoir during fires.</p>	
9	<p>There are already businesses and homes in the Main Street precinct of Bilpin, where they have put public toilets is where the Grumpy Baker is.</p> <p>Where they have put cafes and shops is where the post office and mechanic are.</p> <p>There's a house where they put temporary cafe/trucks.</p> <p>Having safe roads that are properly maintained so that our vehicles don't get destroyed should be the number one priority.</p> <p>The High Hopes Roadhouse has been closed for a while.</p> <p>Visitors ignore all signs, and no one polices road signs or parking restrictions in Bilpin.</p> <p>The danger on Hanlons North and South are putting locals at risk, especially by putting an information centre on the corner.</p> <p>Money needs to be spent more on repairing the roads.</p> <p>Trucks still speed through Bilpin despite the 60 km zone through the town centre</p> <p>The Grumpy Baker does not have an approved carpark or public toilets.</p> <p>There is no reliable public transport to Bilpin and no reliable mobile phone reception or internet</p> <p>There is no dog park for tourists or locals and no seats for the elderly or disabled.</p> <p>There is no safe place to cross BLOR near the hall or the Post Office.</p>	<p>Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to the plans.</p> <p>Where private property is located the proposed infrastructure, labelling has been moved to better reflect proposed future plans.</p> <p>Council continues to focus on delivering road infrastructure projects and maintenance programs throughout the Hawkesbury LGA as a high priority and these items will be looked at further as part of Council's Asset Management plans.</p>
10	<p>I live in the Bilpin area and disagree with this plan. There is a bus shelter in the front of the existing shop, public toilets in the existing private shop, pop up cafe in front of an existing Cafe. A town square marked on a privately owned heritage building. Pop up library</p>	<p>Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to the plans. Any new proposed public space would seek to be implemented within existing public right of way.</p> <p>Where private property is located the</p>

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	<p>on the side of the road.</p> <p>A survey should have gone out to the households in the Bilpin district.</p> <p>Acquisition of land in Bilpin for a car park. Corner Hanlons road north and Bells Line of road. Rezoning of some land for smaller lots for people that are getting old and want to downsize and still live in Bilpin. 10 or 15 lots should be created in Hanlons road north and Ivy Lane.</p> <p>There needs to be a tourist pushbike track to Bowens creek.</p> <p>The Bilpin Hall Car Park needs to be constructed to take pressure off street side parking, also for the staging area for RFS and many other reasons.</p> <p>There should be public toilets at Bilpin Hall Zebra crossing at Bilpin Hall and at the post office.</p> <p>Before and after school care as Bilpin people have to take their kids to Kurmond at the moment which has halved the population of Bilpin school Neighborhood safer place at Bilpin Hall.</p> <p>There are 34 Neighbourhood Safer places in Blue Mountains Council area and none in Hawkesbury.</p> <p>Road side water storage along bells line of road for fire trucks to fill up during bush fire emergency.</p> <p>Flashing signs at dusk warning of Koalas and wildlife crossings like they do in other council areas.</p> <p>Tourist infrastructure including decent sized signage and promotion of tourism for local jobs.</p> <p>Construction of the Bilpin World heritage centre previously approved at the Truckstop.</p> <p>Ambulance station at Bilpin Hall or at Berambing.</p> <p>Ask locals if they are in favour of a council boundary realignment for Bilpin area to be included in Blue Mountains council rather than Hawkesbury.</p> <p>Dirt roads should be upgraded. Council should have its own potholes repairs crew as they once did.</p>	<p>been moved to better reflect proposed future plans. The plans shown are high level and conceptual in nature. Specific local detail would be considered as part of future master planning projects for towns and villages.</p>
11	<p>The key needs of people living along Bells Line of Road include:</p> <p>1. Infrastructure: As a small rural town, maintaining and improving infrastructure is crucial including road maintenance, public transportation options, and ensuring access to essential services like healthcare and</p>	<p>This is a high-level document and further detail suggested may be looked at and considered as part of future master planning projects for towns and villages.</p> <p>Council notes the comments made around the Tourism Development. A Hawkesbury Destination Management</p>

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	<p>education.</p> <p>2. Employment Opportunities: Providing diverse employment opportunities within the local area is important to sustain the community and prevent excessive commuting to nearby towns or cities.</p> <p>3. Conservation and Environmental Protection: Given the town's natural beauty, residents may prioritize environmental conservation and sustainable practices to preserve the local ecosystem and protect the unique flora and fauna of the region.</p> <p>4. Tourism Development: Enhancing and promoting tourism in Bilpin can boost the local economy. This may involve developing tourist infrastructure, supporting local businesses, and marketing the town as a desirable destination.</p> <p>5. Community Services and Facilities: Access to amenities such as community centres, recreational facilities, libraries, and healthcare services are essential for the well-being and quality of life of residents.</p> <p>6. Emergency Services: Ensuring reliable emergency services, including fire protection and medical assistance, is vital for the safety and security of the community, particularly in a rural area prone to bushfires and natural disasters.</p>	<p>Plan was adopted by Council in 2022 and the actions of this document will be implemented to enhance visitor economy and tourism in the Hawkesbury LGA.</p>
12	<p>Have the business owners directly affected by this plan been consulted?</p> <p>There are cafes and shops to be built on current existing private property.</p> <p>We do not have proper curb and guttering in the CBD of town, there is total chaos and anarchy from tourists on the weekend.</p>	<p>All business and community stakeholder consultation has been undertaken in line with Council's Community Engagement Policy and further information on stakeholder consultation has been outlined in this report.</p> <p>This is a high-level document; feedback has been received throughout the public exhibition process and will all be looked at and considered as part of master planning processes for towns and villages. This will include extensive local town and village engagement.</p> <p>Where private property is located the proposed infrastructure, labelling has been moved to better reflect proposed future plans.</p>

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13	<p>Why isn't the Post Office marked as the most important part on the map of Bilpin? There is also already a DIY Little Library at the Post Office and the proposed position on this map is not practical.</p> <p>There is already a very active community garden at the Kurrajong Heights Bowling Club and all residents of Bilpin have their own land. Will the Eucalyptus tree on the corner be chopped down?</p> <p>High Hopes Roadhouse and Pigeonhole have been closed since COVID therefore image is not necessary in Plans.</p> <p>Potholes in the driveway to Bilpin community Hall need to be fixed</p>	<p>Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to the plans. Maintenance issues raised are not relevant to draft Place Plans</p>
Pitt Town		
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • respect residential amenity • retain rural village character and not saturate the streets with urban elements. <p>Recognise that some village centres are not major destinations but small neighbourhood centres.</p> <p>Maintain pedestrian scale and environment.</p> <p>Recognise that outdoor dining is not appropriate for a small neighbourhood shopping centre and is incompatible with residential sensitivities to noise and light overspill.</p> <p>The plan needs to respect the curtilages, views, vistas and relationships that exist between heritage items.</p>	<p>Comments relevant to draft Place Plans are noted. Items specific in nature would be considered as part of future master planning for towns and villages</p>
St Albans and MacDonald Valley		
15	<p>We need a plan for the village of St Albans, having been decimated by floods, it is also now overly restricted by planning controls preventing new development. Development can be designed to be flood resistant.</p> <p>I also support any beautification projects to attract visitors to the village and the markets and the cafe. Also consider upgrading tourist drives through the Hunter.</p>	<p>Noted. This is a high-level document and this feedback may be considered as part of the detailed design process of the Place Plans.</p>

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16	<p>Our Mission Statement: 'St Albans Beautification Projects' is a delegated activity of the Macdonald Valley Association (MVA).</p> <p>Its purpose is to investigate, fund and deliver on simple and potentially more complex works that enhance the physical and emotional environment of St Albans Village and the surrounding areas.</p> <p>These are to be consistent with the MVA Mission of 'Protecting, Enhancing and Promoting the Natural and Human Environment'.</p> <p>The SABP 'Wish List': After consultation with various interest groups and individuals in the Valley - and being cognisant of the restrictions imposed through Hawkesbury City Council's most recent update to the relevant flood plan, it has become evident that the key to reinvigorating the Village is to focus on the infrastructure requirements of those major events that are hosted each year, where outside bodies come into the village and operate - creating opportunities for social connectedness and potential employment and/or commercial benefit to valley residents. These then generate added commercial and fundraising opportunities to the local community well beyond each individual event, also providing infrastructure that is useful to the local community independent of each event.</p> <p>In addition to this, we will look at opportunities for local history, flora and fauna to be used as a drawcard for a walking trail & exercise trail around the village. Specific 'wish list' items are:</p> <p>1. A Shahzada rebirthing wish-list has multiple components not related to SABP, and our focus will be on the construction of infrastructure to reestablish the water supply to horse troughs throughout the local area, with a pump in the river and connected piping – as this has the potential to support other potential village projects (see below).</p> <p>A large-scale water tank facing outwards on the corner of the block intersecting Wharf St and Bulga St (ie the Shahzada home block) could be used to serve the needs of multiple Village projects. The MVA would be nominated as the local custodian of this item, and event organisers would</p>	<p>Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to this document and practical within the scope of this strategy.</p> <p>Parts of this submission is not related to the Draft Place Plans but has been noted.</p> <p>Items that are detailed in nature may be considered as part of future detailed master planning processes for towns and villages.</p>

be charged for replenishment of the tank either before or after use, as needed. It will be a clear demonstration of the MVA working to represent and improve local assets for the benefit of all members, residents and visitors.

The Hawkesbury Mayor is supportive of a proposal to investigate what Council instruments or other support may be available that would see a combination art installation/suitable very large water tank and related water pipes to not only horse troughs, but drink fountains, and maybe even a community orchard.

As to the envisaged artwork – it will be a painted collage reflecting the current and past residents of the valley, key activities, the flora, fauna, and the river. It aims to be a beautiful and strong image that represents all valley residents, past and present.

NOTE: This idea will require a multi agency response, with grant funding sought from multiple sources. It is a significant project that will entail community engagement only after further solid information has been gathered and confirmed – particularly with the property owner.

2. The installation of community information/arts structures on the public verge outside those blocks that currently do not, and may no longer have other uses, for example – a walking trail past:
 - a. A panel that discusses the indigenous history of the area.
 - b. A panel that looks at the early European settlement.
 - c. A panel on the fauna and flora of the area, and how it has changed over time.
- ii. Initial thoughts are that these would be spread along Bulga St opposite the Settlers Arms Inn and outside the empty blocks diagonally opposite the Pickled Wombat.

3. Locally produced rustic slab seating at various points around the village – safely sited on council verges, providing rest points – particularly on the more steep streets. 10-12 bench seats with backs are envisaged.

	<p>4. An exercise trail constructed and safely sited on council verges – using simple timber structures – giving visitors and locals a reason to be active within the village.</p> <p>5. A review of current street lighting with specific reference to it being ‘fit for purpose’ both day to day, and during ‘events’ where porta loos are sited. Safety & Security are the key features to address.</p> <p>6. Water sourced from the water tank (if built) could supply a network of bubblers along the walking and exercise trails</p> <p>7. A commemorative work on Caroline Chisholm</p> <p>8. The possibility of an electric vehicle Charging station being installed above the reach of flood waters at the top of Wharf Street near the entrance to the council depot.</p> <p>Potentially, this could drive a review and refurbishment of electrical infrastructure in the area, and may even be supportive of our ongoing demands for a cell phone tower at height.</p>	
Pitt Town		
17	<p>I support the submission of the Macdonald Valley Association, with regards to the Wishlist proposals for the Macdonald Valley and St Albans. I would like to express my concern that the beautiful and historic valley, recently ravaged by floods, is terribly neglected and at all levels of government. Settlers Road should be sealed to allow access to the valley from Wisemans Ferry.</p> <p>St Albans road is in a state of disrepair and desperately needs to be completely resealed.</p> <p>Both of these roads will be vital to residents with the impending closure of Thomas James Bridge for repairs. They would also greatly improve access for tourists wishing to visit the valley.</p> <p>Walking tracks in Yengo National Park are in need of repair.</p> <p>A bridge over the Hawkesbury to replace the Webbs Creek Ferry would alleviate traffic congestion on weekends.</p> <p>I also suggest the installation of outdoor exercise equipment in St Albans village along the river and the development of a river walk starting in St Albans village to</p>	<p>Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to this document and practical within the scope of this strategy.</p> <p>Council continues to focus on delivering road infrastructure projects and maintenance programs throughout the Hawkesbury LGA as a high priority and these items will be looked at further as part of Council's Asset Management plans.</p>

	Increase the attraction for Tourists and build the economy of the area.	
18	I support the MVA Inc submission / Wishlist in relation to St Albans. Furthermore, I request that HCC hold an open forum before settling the contents of the (MVA recommended) Panels on Aboriginal and Settler History	Noted. Further local engagement would occur when developing detailed master plans for towns and villages.
19	I support the submission put forward by the Macdonald Valley Association. I would also like to add that there are landowners that have given up on the blocks of land in the village of St Albans mainly due to flood restrictions for development and the homes are crumbling and the blocks are full of dumped rubbish. They are vermin risk and fire risk. - Roads please need urgent repair work after the floods.	Noted. Maintenance items raised do not relate to draft Place Plans.
20	I would submit that the St Albans General Cemetery, which has many visitors each month, would be far more attractive should a maintenance enhancement programme be instituted. It's access road needs to be tar sealed and the cemetery boundary fencing needs to be made as attractive as the historic St Albans Old Cemetery on St Albans Road.	Noted. Maintenance items raised are not part of draft Place Plan process.
North Richmond		
21	This is a comprehensive and easy to understand plan. It is hoped that the strategies adopted in this Plan can filter through to long term actions within Council's funding priorities, grant applications and development assessment. To add to the draft suggestions - North Richmond has a wonderful opportunity to capitalize on its close proximity the Hawkesbury River within the existing Hanna/Hawkesbury Park precinct, which is already well used: - Greater seating in close proximity to the existing skate park and playground would be beneficial. Footpaths should be extended the length of the park along the river to provide for greater connected passive recreation activities.	Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to this document and practical within the scope of this strategy – for both North Richmond and Kurrajong. This is a high-level document and feedback may be looked at and considered as part of the detailed design process of future master plans for towns and villages. Council also notes the key projects that will be developed in North Richmond as part of the West Invest Grant Funding to enhance North Richmond Town Centre.

	<p>Interpretation of both European and Aboriginal heritage can be installed along the walk.</p> <p>The possibility of providing pedestrian access across the river with any new bridge/ river crossing upgrade, with the long-term goal of providing passive recreational space on the southern (Richmond) side of the river and future pedestrian/cycling links into Richmond.</p> <p>The wharf and access to the wharf should be upgraded. This area is highly used by the public, not just for recreational fishing but also sightseeing.</p> <p>Kurrajong lacks the pedestrian connection between its existing public spaces. There needs to be greater investment in connecting the village centre (which should include the school and the nursing home) to McMahons Park.</p> <p>Footpaths along Old Bells Line of Road and formalising McMahons Park should be included as priorities. I note that the work the volunteer gardening group do in Kurrajong Village provides the village centre with a wonderful sense of place maintaining the established greenery and this should not be underestimated.</p>	
<p>22</p>	<p>The plan does not show any significant change or improvement to the whole shopping precinct at North Richmond.</p> <p>Car parking could be remodelled to create an attractive streetscape the road itself is in very poor condition.</p> <p>North Richmond has a lovely little bit of heritage which has been saved but is not showcased with trees seating planter boxes and meeting areas. This section could be integrated with the open space pathway and lawn which leads from the car park to Aldi to and would be a perfect place for additional public toilets, trees and gardens.</p> <p>The utility areas are dirty with broken bins outside of Coles and the shops. The essential utility areas could be hidden and landscaped to make them more attractive.</p> <p>The public toilets were refurbished last year and they are now fast becoming dirty and run down. The health department needs to check the cleanliness of the shopping centre.</p> <p>Inside the centre is rundown, the tile floor throughout the centre is broken and uneven and ugly.</p>	<p>This is a high-level document and feedback received may be looked at and considered as part of the detailed design process of future master plans for towns and villages.</p>

	<p>There are shops that have not been finished for years inside a dark walkway.</p> <p>There are not enough public toilet their needs to be some at the end of the precinct.</p> <p>Redbank has been designed with aesthetics in mind and it is beautiful. North Richmond is the gateway and since the pub has been restored to its former glory it could set the tone for the rest of the centre capitalising on the heritage aspect which could be connected up with heritage buildings further down.</p> <p>Grose Vale Road needs to be widened from the lights right up until the new roundabout.</p>	
General/Other Comments		
23	<p>The Wild Cat Conservation Centre is located in the beautiful Hawkesbury valley. Visitors to our centre can learn about our conservation breeding programs and research efforts to conserve these smaller though enigmatic wild cat species. As a unique attraction and the only centre of its kind in Australia I feel it should be included as an Existing Asset for Wilberforce and the Hawkesbury</p>	<p>Noted. The Centre is outside the Wilberforce study area.</p>
24	<p>1.The report claims that climate change is the reason for increase severity of floods and bush fires.</p> <p>I have lived in Sydney all my life and cannot recall a significant rainfall event that does not cause a degree of flooding in the Hawkesbury, nor can I recall many bushfire seasons that do not impact the Hawkesbury.</p> <p>2."Council has commissioned this report to outline how Hawkesbury town and village centres can institute resiliency into their DNA through strategic planning, economic development and urban design." Why is this necessary? How much did this report cost the rate payers?</p> <p>3. We live in Bligh Park. So, in response to this particular section of the report I cannot understand how they are proposing a new market at the existing shopping village. Where is the research that suggested this. I can suggest that improving the existing facilities would be higher on the priority list than building new ones.</p>	<p>Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes that are relevant to this document and practical within the scope of this strategy. In particular, the document clarifies 'new markets' to being temporary pop-up events that could occur as well as ideas to include exercise equipment along the George Street reserve.</p>

	<p>The new playground at Colonial Reserve has still not got a ladder for kids to use the slide.</p> <p>The shops need a makeover - the entry on Sirius Road is too tight and should be widened. The playground near the shops is well due for an upgrade.</p> <p>The "Bligh Park" feature wall on the way in off George Street is well overdue for a makeover.</p> <p>The lighting, especially along Rifle Range Rd could do with an upgrade.</p> <p>Some exercise equipment placed strategically along the bushland edges would make for a great walking/fitness initiative.</p> <p>I like the idea of upgrading some of the intersections around the shops and idea of 'art alleys'. However, I am confused by the idea to build a new shared path along George St linking to Richmond Road. There is no pathway to walk along Richmond Road and given how busy that road is why would anyone want to walk along it anyway. A better idea is to construct a walking track around the edge of the Nature reserve that hugs the southern edge of the suburb.</p> <p>5. I reject the notion of any such plans for the Hawkesbury to become a 15-minute city so hopefully this plan is not the gateway to such proposals in the future.</p>	
General/Other Comments		
25	<p>Time, COVID-19, fires, floods and economic conditions have gradually impacted Sydney's winemakers and growers, leaving just three member vineyards and one non-member in operation, Jo Jo's Jetty Wines Colo River. Three of the four with continued operation are in the Hawkesbury with the two primary operators, Jubilee Vineyard Estate and Tizzana Winery on Tizzana Road in Ebenezer, and Bull Ridge Estate just up the road in Blaxlands Ridge.</p> <p>The Vineyards make up a key part of the tourism interest in the Ebenezer and Sackville areas, The vineyards represent an opportunity that is currently largely unexploited by Hawkesbury Council to recognise substantial tourism value as an alternative for Sydneysiders travelling to the Hunter or Orange/Mudgee areas for Wineries.</p>	Noted. Currently the Ebenezer and Sackville areas are not within the scope of the Place Plans but may be subject to future planning in the Council area.

	<p>Following the floods of 2021 and 2022, the Ebenezer and Sackville areas have worked hard to re-establish their small business operations and continue to support the local community and Hawkesbury Tourism. While our “village” does not have a shopping centre, should it not have its own place plan, it should rightly feature as an extension in the Wilberforce section as a point of interest.</p> <p>The Ebenezer area has the opportunity, to form a valuable part of the Hawkesbury place plans and Hawkesbury’s tourism strategy. Challenges currently include the desperate need for further road repairs along King and Tizzana roads and substantially improved tourism signage in the area which is currently predominantly only visible at the corner of King Road at Wilberforce.</p> <p>The Ebenezer area could benefit substantially from tourism promotion which could focus on the wineries and feature the cafes, churches, and accommodation options in the area. Hawkesbury Valley wineries could very easily become an accessible alternative to the Hunter, with access to accommodation and tourism providers, restaurants, and entertainment within reach.</p>	
<p>26</p>	<p>Wilberforce - A pedestrian footpath should be provided all along King Road to the Wilberforce shops. The grass verge along the northwestern side of the road is very uneven for pedestrians including parents with prams trying to get to the childcare centre.</p> <p>It is extremely dangerous to walk on the roadway itself because of the speeding B-doubles which travel King Road frequently.</p> <p>Why are cyclists catered for but not pedestrians?</p>	<p>Noted. The document has been updated to reflect the requested changes.</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>As a resident of Mount Tomah, and as somebody who drives up and down BLOR often, I cannot stress enough that encouraging bikes to use BLOR is a safety disaster and should not be considered.</p> <p>The draft plan is full of bike paths - even directed N/NWest towards the Botanic Garden. Council would be better off making sure there is an alternate sealed viable and safe road route (via Mountain Lagoon) towards Kurmond.</p>	<p>Noted. The Place Plans encourage dedicated cycleways (typically along a shared path treatment) to be considered in the future, both within the village centres and along regional roads to connect the village centres. A future LGA-wide cycle strategy will need to be conducted to recommend the ideal locations for future cycling facilities. The Place Plans would then be amended to reflect the strategic direction.</p>

	<p>This road is barely passable as by car, the majority of it is unsealed and single lane.</p>	
28	<p>Celestino commend Hawkesbury City Council on releasing the draft Town and Village Place Plans. We support these draft Plans and the proposed key amenities for each of the towns and villages outlined, as they will improve and enhance resiliency and sense of place in each centre to the benefit of the community.</p> <p>With Celestino's strategic landholdings in the Hawkesbury, we look forward to further contributing quality outcomes that build upon the draft work undertaken to date within the Towns and Villages Place Plans.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

