

TOWNSHIP OF LOCHIEL COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

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THIS IS A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY

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Examples of Previous Projects:

- *Resurfacing of multi-use courts, Recreation Reserve*
- *Building of the Lochiel Community Centre, Recreation Reserve*
- *Lake Bumbunga Interpretive Trail (in progress)*
- *(List others)*

1. OUR COMMUNITY

Introduction

The Community Action Plan that has been developed for Lochiel is an analysis of the issues that concern the town and those actions that can be put in place to address those issues. In the development of the plan emphasis has been placed on defining achievable actions that can be undertaken in a short to medium timeframe.

Lochiel is a small town located on Augusta Highway and is situated on the shores of Lake Bumbunga. Views from the Lochiel lookout overlook the lake and the surrounding farming areas.

Lochiel is located 130 kilometres north of Adelaide, and is home to a population of approximately 113 people (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

The members of the Lochiel Community are continually striving to improve the township of Lochiel. They take pride in their town and aim to maintain and improve the current facilities as well as look for new ways to develop the town to continue growth and enjoyment for community members and tourists visiting.

Lochiel's community assets and organisations include:

- *Lochiel Hall*
- *Lochiel Recreation Reserve, including oval & multi-use courts*
- *Lochiel Community Centre*
- *Lochiel Playground*
- *Lochiel Progress Association*
- *Lochiel Community Church*
- *Lochiel Craft Group*
- *Lochiel Mums Group*
- *Lochiel CFS*
- *RV Friendly Site*
- *Lochiel Public BBQ*
- *Lochiel Lake Side Walking Trail*

Strong Community affiliations with

- *Snowtown Ambulance*
- *Snowtown SES*

Lochiel's Businesses include:

- *Simmonds Pty Ltd (RAA, Gypsum Hill, Simmonds Transport, Tow-Truck Service)*
- *Salt Lake Bacon*
- *Jitter Bean Café*

Background

The Lochiel Progress Association is an incorporated body

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The general objectives of the Association are:

1. To work for the township of Lochiel and districts within the Hundred of Cameron.
2. To foster and promote civic and community spirit, cultural, sporting and recreational activities in Lochiel.
3. To encourage and nurture the strong volunteer system which forms the basis of the Lochiel Community.
4. To manage and administer, on behalf of the Council, any properties and facilities within the Lochiel district.
5. To protect and preserve local fauna and flora.

The Community Plan is regarded as involving a five-year horizon of activity, with important actions prioritized to commence as soon as practicable. The Plan will need to be assessed by way of an annual review by the Progress Association in order to determine ongoing priorities.

ADD UPDATED MAP OF LOCHIEL

2. VISION

Lochiel is a friendly and caring country community providing an idyllic and affordable lifestyle. The Lochiel community cares for each other and welcomes visitors, working together to provide a peaceful environment and a desirable place to live and visit.

The members of the community are also proud to offer well maintained facilities to those travelers who stop and pass through our town.

ADD PHOTO – LAKE BUMBUNGA SIGN?

3. PRIORITIES

- Enhance and develop services and infrastructure
- Maximize Lochiel's geographic advantage
- Build and promote a friendly and safe inclusive community (people & culture)
- Economic development

4. KEY OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The following key objectives have been identified through consultation with the Lochiel community. They represent the outcomes that the strategies will need to achieve.

1. Enhance and develop services and infrastructure

1.1. Upgrade Streetscape along Augusta Highway

- 1.1.1. Upgrade footpath on western side of highway
- 1.1.2. Clean up lake shore on eastern side of highway
- 1.1.3. Provision of turning lane off of highway
- 1.1.4. Safe bus stop access on south side of highway
- 1.1.5. Create and install banners along highway
- 1.1.6. Lake Bumbunga Walking Trail, continue to progress
- 1.1.7. Off-lead dog play area for travelers

1.2. Upgrade & Beautify Cemetery

- 1.2.1. Label unmarked graves
- 1.2.2. Install map of cemetery at main gait
- 1.2.3. Beautify memorial wall

1.3. Maintain Sporting Facilities

- 1.3.1. Maintain and upgrade sporting facilities as required
- 1.3.2. Resurface oval with alternative & sustainable grasses (3x native grasses to look into) to reduce water usage
- 1.3.3. Install air conditioning in the Lochiel Community Centre
- 1.3.4. Increase security at the Lochiel Community Centre & surrounding facilities
- 1.3.5. Upgrading Lochiel Tennis Club House, including re-roofing, enclosing courtyard & general upkeep and maintenance of building
- 1.3.6. Encourage sporting bodies to have own strategic plans
- 1.3.7. Finalise Lochiel Community Centre usage guidelines (in draft)

1.4. Upgrade Hall Facilities

- 1.4.1. Fence area around Hall / under veranda
- 1.4.2. Upgrade kitchen in Hall
- 1.4.3. Continue to maintain Hall to appropriate safety standards
- 1.4.4. Finalise Hall usage guidelines (in draft form)
- 1.4.5. Maintain RV Friendly services & install camp fire pit
- 1.4.6. Rendering of building additions to the Hall

1.5. Upgrade Playground Facilities

- 1.5.1. Advocate for playground facilities & safety at the Lochiel bus stop playground and the Recreational Reserve (council owned)
- 1.5.2. Advocate for upgrade playground facilities at the Recreational Reserve (council owned)

1.6. Investigate Alternative Options for Maintenance of Oval and Water Supply to Oval and Town

- 1.6.1. Look into alternative and sustainable grasses for the oval (3x native grasses to research)
- 1.6.2. Investigate available bores

1.7. Advocate for the Sealing of Roads within the Lochiel Township

- 1.7.1. Advocate to seal Robert Street to join Bitumen on Cameron Street
- 1.7.2. Advocate to seal Ellis Street between Barr and Robert Street

- 1.7.3. Advocate to seal Barr Street to join Bitumen on Cameron Street
- 1.7.4. Advocate for rubble to be laid on Kadina Road (extension of Cameron Street)

2. Maximise Lochiel's Geographic Advantage

- 2.1. Upgrade Lochiel Lookout
 - 2.1.1. Install seating & shelter
 - 2.1.2. Install appropriate signage & advocate for tree management for clear viewing of signage
 - 2.1.3. Advocate for improved road access to the lookout
- 2.2. Investigate Overnight Camping Options within Township
 - 2.2.1. Investigate Overnight Camping Options within Township
- 2.3. Beautify & Upgrade Parking Bays (list which ones)
 - 2.3.1. Install appropriate signage
 - 2.3.2. Implement effective rubbish removal to sites
- 2.4. Protect and Preserve Local Fauna and Flora
 - 2.4.1. Create no spray zones to protect native Fauna
 - 2.4.2. Create buffer zone of native vegetation around the township
 - 2.4.3. Protect the tree lines (bush tracks) around the edges of the Lochiel Progress Association blocks
 - 2.4.4. Remove feral plants and excess Aleppo Pine trees from the roadside verge along the oval (Blyth Road)
- 2.5. Protect and Preserve Local Heritage Buildings and Structures and Local History
 - 2.5.1. Celebrate 150 years of Lochiel
 - 2.5.2. Create and display plaques of significance around Lochiel (soldier settlement block, local schools (Sunny Hill School), wells in Lochiel, hotel, etc)
 - 2.5.3. Create town information boards

3. Build and Promote a Friendly and Safe Inclusive Community

- 3.1. Promote and sponsor community events organized by members of our community
- 3.2. Support Neighborhood Watch activities in our Community
- 3.3. Encourage a positive working relationship and maintain and enhance communication between the Lochiel community and Wakefield Regional Council
- 3.4. Encourage a positive working relationship between the community and our local State and Federal MP's
- 3.5. Promote available health services to the Community

4. Economic Development

- 4.1. Improve land availability within town limits by continuing to follow up free holding process on crown blocks
- 4.2. Encourage small business to set up in Lochiel

5. ACTION PLAN

No.	PROJECT	WHEN	WHO	ACTION
<i>ENHANCE AND DEVELOP SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE</i>				
1.1	Upgrade Streetscape along Augusta Highway			
1.1.1	Upgrade footpath on western side of highway	5 years	LPA, WRC, DTEI	Lobby to WRC & DPTI
1.1.2	Clean up lake shore on eastern side of highway	3 years	LPA, Lochiel Community	Hold Clean Up Australia Days & working bees. Incorporate into walking trail project
1.1.3	Provision of turning lane off of highway	5 years	LPA, WRC, DTEI	Lobby to WRC, DPTI & local politicians
1.1.4	Safe bus stop access on south side of highway	5 years	LPA, WRC, DTEI, Jitter Bean, Premier Stateliner	Lobby to WRC & DPTI
1.1.5	Create and install banners along highway	1 year Prior to Lochiel 150th	LPA	Apply for grants & permissions where appropriate to install banners; create design; install
1.1.6	Lake Bumbunga Walking Trail, continue to progress	3 years & ongoing	LPA, WRC, Lochiel Community	To follow action plan of walking trail (signage, upkeep, promotion, etc); apply for grants & apply for permissions where appropriate
1.1.7	Off-lead dog play area for travelers	5 years	LPA, WRC	Research other dog play areas; create action plan; apply for grants & permissions where appropriate; implement
1.2	Upgrade & Beautify Cemetery			
1.2.1	Label unmarked graves	2 years	LPA; local history groups	Research & permissions from

		<i>Currently in progress</i>		<i>families already sought; apply for grants where appropriate; implement with any available and appropriate historical notes;</i>
1.2.2	Install map of cemetery at main gait	<i>2 years Currently in progress</i>	<i>LPA</i>	<i>Marble plaque to be sourced; grants to be applied for where appropriate</i>
1.2.3	Beautify memorial wall	<i>2 years</i>	<i>LPA</i>	<i>Design upgrade; implement</i>
1.3	Maintain Sporting Facilities			
1.3.1	Maintain and upgrade sporting facilities as required	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>LPA, HWEFC, HNC, LTC</i>	<i>To ensure sporting facilities are maintained and upgraded as required</i>
1.3.2	Resurface oval with alternative & sustainable grasses (3x native grasses to look into) to reduce water usage	<i>5 years</i>	<i>LPA; HWEFC</i>	<i>Research native grasses appropriate for oval & activities; develop plan including expenses, maintenance & appropriateness for activities carried out on oval; work with HWEFC to implement & review</i>
1.3.3	Install air conditioning in the Lochiel Community Centre	<i>1 year</i>	<i>LPA; HWEFC; LTC</i>	<i>Obtain quotes; seek financial input from local sporting bodies & apply for grants where appropriate; purchase and install</i>
1.3.4	Increase security at the Lochiel Community Centre & surrounding facilities	<i>1 year</i>	<i>LPA; WRC; SAPOL; LTC; HWEFC; HNC</i>	<i>Research available security systems appropriate for site & ongoing maintenance/expenses; apply for funding and references; install security</i>

				system
1.3.5	Upgrading Lochiel Tennis Club House, including re-roofing, enclosing courtyard & general upkeep and maintenance of building	3 years	LPA; LTC; HNC	Design and plan upgrade; seek funds from grants and local sporting bodies; apply for permissions where required; seek quotes; implement
1.3.6	Encourage sporting bodies to have own strategic plans	Ongoing	LPA; HWEFC; HNC; LTC	To encourage sporting bodies to have own strategic plans – verbally and in letter format
1.3.7	Finalise Lochiel Community Centre usage guidelines (in draft)	1 years	LPA	Finalise usage guidelines and introduce
1.4	Upgrade Hall Facilities			
1.4.1	Fence area around Hall / under veranda	3 years	LPA	Plan fenced area; obtain quotes; apply for grants where appropriate; implement
1.4.2	Upgrade kitchen in Hall	3 years	LPA; WRC	Design upgrade to kitchen & ensure it meets food safety requirements; apply for grants where appropriate; obtain quotes; implement
1.4.3	Continue to maintain Hall to appropriate safety standards	Ongoing	LPA; WRC	Continue to maintain Hall to appropriate safety standards
1.4.4	Finalise Hall usage guidelines (in draft form)	1 year	LPA	Finalise usage guidelines and introduce
1.4.5	Maintain RV Friendly services & install camp fire pit	Ongoing	LPA; Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Ltd; WRC	Maintain RV Friendly services; research existing fire pits appropriate for site; apply for permissions and grants where appropriate; obtain quotes; implement

1.4.6	Rendering of building additions to the Hall	5 years	LPA	Obtain quotes for rendering; apply for funding where appropriate; implement
1.5	Upgrade Playground Facilities			
1.5.1	Advocate for playground facilities & safety at the Lochiel bus stop playground and the Recreational Reserve (council owned)	Ongoing	LPA; WRC; LTC; HNC	Advocate & make recommendations to the WRC for the upkeep of playground facilities and safety; report any damage
1.5.2	Advocate for upgrade playground facilities at the Recreational Reserve (council owned)	2 years	LPA; WRC; LTC; HNC	Advocate & make recommendations to the WRC for the upgrade of playground facilities at the Recreational Reserved
1.6	Investigate Alternative Options for Maintenance of Oval and Water Supply to Oval and Town			
1.6.1	Look into alternative and sustainable grasses for the oval (3x native grasses to research)	3 years	LPA; HWEFC; NRM	Research sustainable grasses and their appropriateness, as well as its maintenance and availability
1.6.2	Investigate available bores	3 years	LPA; HWEFC, NRM	Enquire and research. Did ETSA install a tap from a bore some years ago?
1.7	Advocate for the Sealing of Roads within the Lochiel Township			
1.7.1	Advocate to seal Robert Street to join Bitumen on Cameron Street	2 years	LPA; WRC; Lochiel Community	Advocate for the sealing of roads in the Lochiel Township, with the order of priority being 1) Robert Street 2) Ellis Street 3) Barr Street Nb. All of these streets have
1.7.2	Advocate to seal Ellis Street between Barr and Robert Street			
1.7.3	Advocate to seal Barr Street to join Bitumen on Cameron Street			

1.7.4	Advocate for rubble to be laid on Kadina Road (extension of Cameron Street)			<i>been semi-completed</i>
MAXIMISE LOCHIEL'S GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE				
2.1	Upgrade Lochiel Lookout			
2.1.1	Install seating & shelter	<i>3 years</i>	<i>LPA; WRC</i>	<i>Research; obtain quotes for seating & shelter; apply for funding where appropriate; implement</i>
2.1.2	Install appropriate signage & advocate for tree management for clear viewing of signage	<i>3 years</i>	<i>LPA; WRC</i>	<i>Advocate for the installation of appropriate signage and tree management for clear viewing of the signage</i>
2.1.3	Advocate for improved road access to the lookout	<i>3 years</i>	<i>LPA; WRC</i>	<i>Advocate to WRC for improved road access to the lookout</i>
2.2	Investigate Overnight Camping Options within Township			
2.2.1	Investigate Overnight Camping Options within Township	<i>3 years</i>	<i>LPA; Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia; WRC</i>	<i>To look into opening the oval to motorhomes, caravans etc & having site approved as an RV Friendly location (once security at the site has been upgraded)</i>
2.3	Beautify & Upgrade Parking Bays (list which ones)			
2.3.1	Install appropriate signage	<i>2 years</i>	<i>LPA; WRC; DPTI</i>	<i>Apply to WRC/DPTI for the installation of appropriate signs at parking bays</i>
2.3.2	Implement effective rubbish removal to sites		<i>LPA; WRC</i>	<i>Apply to WRC to have rubbish bins available at sites and for the regular removal of rubbish</i>
2.4	Protect and Preserve Local Fauna & Flora			

2.4.1	Create no spray zones to protect native Fauna	5 years	LPA; NRM	Work with the NRM to seek advice and create these zones and plans
2.4.2	Create buffer zone of native vegetation around the township	5 years	LPA; NRM	
2.4.3	Protect the tree lines (bush tracks) around the edges of the Lochiel Progress Association blocks	Ongoing	LPA; NRM	
	Remove feral plants and excess Aleppo Pine trees from the roadside verge along the oval (Blyth Road)	5 years	LPA	Remove feral plants from the roadside verge along the oval (Blyth Road)
2.5	Protect and Preserve Local Heritage Buildings and Structures and Local History			
2.5.1	Celebrate 150 years of Lochiel	October 2019 (date to be confirmed)	LPA; Lochiel History Group; Other local history groups	Form an organizing committee for the celebrations; at least one day for an event (church service, lunch, speeches with official proceedings; beard growing competition; open hall, church, etc, unveiling of plaque/planting of a tree); look into having a history book created for Lochiel; organize videographer/drone for the day; photos and other displays
2.5.2	Create and display plaques of significance around Lochiel (soldier settlement block, local schools (Sunny Hill School), wells in Lochiel, hotel, etc)	October 2019 (date to be confirmed)	LPA; Lochiel History Group; Other local history groups	Work with the Lochiel History Group and support them in marking sites of significance in Lochiel with a plaque
2.5.3	Create town information boards	3 years	LPA	Design and create an information board for Lochiel to be displayed at the rear of the hall in the shelter shed, as well as along the Lakeside Walking

				<i>Trail</i>
<i>BUILD AND PROMOTE A FRIENDLY, SAFE & INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY</i>				
3.1	Promote and sponsor community events organized by members of our community	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>LPA</i>	<i>Promote and sponsor community events organized by members of our community</i>
3.2	Support Neighborhood Watch activities in our Community	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>LPA</i>	<i>Support Neighbourhood Watch activities in our Community</i>
3.3	Encourage a positive working relationship and maintain and enhance communication between the Lochiel community and Wakefield Regional Council	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>LPA; WRC</i>	<i>Encourage a positive working relationship and maintain and enhance communication between the Lochiel community and Wakefield Regional Council</i>
3.4	Encourage a positive working relationship between the community and our local State and Federal MP's	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>LPA</i>	<i>Encourage a positive working relationship between the community and our local State and Federal MP's</i>
3.5	Promote available health services to the Community	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>LPA; WRC; Local Health Services</i>	<i>Promote available health services to the Community</i>
<i>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>				
4.1	Improve land availability within town limits by continuing to follow up free holding process on crown blocks	<i>1 Year</i>	<i>LPA; WRC</i>	<i>Improve land availability within town limits by continuing to follow up free holding process on crown blocks</i>
4.2	Encourage small business to set up in Lochiel	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>LPA; WRC</i>	<i>Encourage small business to set up in Lochiel</i>

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