

8.4 Streetscape Guide for Gulgong, Kandos, Mudgee & Rylstone

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, STRATEGIC PLANNING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the Streetscape Guide for Gulgong, Kandos, Mudgee and Rylstone.

Executive summary

Council's streetscape infrastructure including bins, street furniture and tree guards are currently replaced as required or newly installed in response to a community request. Accordingly, a consultant was engaged to prepare a guide to assist in a planned coordinated approach to the type and placement of streetscape infrastructure.

The Streetscape Guide for Gulgong, Kandos, Mudgee and Rylstone (the Guide) was prepared by a consultant in consultation with staff across the organisation. The Guide does not trigger any infrastructure replacement or upgrade. It will be utilised by Council staff when the need arises.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Current Situation / Background

Council's streetscape infrastructure, including bins, street furniture and tree guards are replaced as required or newly installed in response to a community request. This appears to have resulted in inconsistent types of infrastructure and placement and could negatively impact upon the aesthetic appeal of the towns central business districts.

A consultant was engaged to understand the current streetscape infrastructure including: benches, tables, tree guards, vegetation, rubbish bins, street signs, street lighting, bicycle racks. The consultant then developed a methodology and design guidelines for determining the future location and type of streetscape infrastructure to be used by Council staff.

The Streetscape Guide

The Guide is split into six sections:

1. Introduction – this section provides a background to the project, project aims and outlines the importance of identifying place and regional identity and character.
2. Place Appraisal – an appraisal is provided for each of the towns that details place identity and character.
3. Existing Materials and Design Fabric – this section outlines the existing materials and fabrics of furniture, planting, pavement and kerbs across the four towns.
4. Guiding Principles for Streetscape Design – this section draws on the place appraisal and sets objectives for future works.

5. Materials Framework – pavement, furniture and planting, including a specific section detailing heritage elements. It should be noted Council’s existing Street Tree Policy and Mudgee CBD Street Tree Project was utilised in the preparation of this section.

The consultant has proposed some consistency of street infrastructure across the region.

The Gossipark Bayside bin (black enclosure currently seen in the Mudgee streetscape) are proposed for Kandos, Mudgee and Rylstone. The existing bins within Gulgong are proposed to be maintained.

The existing Seat Furniture Australia benches and tables are to be retained in Mudgee. A new bench ‘Albert Park’ from Commercial Systems (detailed on pages 20, 22 and 26) is proposed for Gulgong, Kandos and Rylstone. These benches have not been utilised in the region previously. The benches have more of a traditional feel and are constructed with a steel frame and timber battens. The consultants advised of the importance of retaining timber battens in the seating.

6. Design Guide – addresses the placement of streetscape infrastructure, accommodating for varying footpath widths. This section details the current pavement design for when it needs to be replicated.

It also addresses the situation where the recommended street bench / bin / bike rack layout will not work in the field and steps to deliver an appropriate outcome.

In addition to other matters, this section stipulates that when a bin requires replacement, the suitability of its current location should be considered.

It is anticipated sections 5 and 6 of the Guide will be utilised most when considering the repair, replacement and installation of new infrastructure.

Team engagement

The consultants engaged with representatives from the Roads, Waste, Economic Development and Parks and Gardens teams. The draft Guide was then circulated to those originally engaged for comment, with some changes made.

Next Step

The Guide does not trigger any infrastructure replacement or upgrade. It will be utilised by Council staff when the need arises.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Vibrant towns and villages
Strategy	Maintain and promote the aesthetic appeal of the towns and villages within the Region

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

The noting of the Guide does not trigger the amendment to any Council strategies.

Council Policies

The noting of the Guide does not trigger the amendment to any Council policies.

Legislation

Any future installation of street infrastructure needs to be installed in accordance with relevant legislation.

Financial implications

Not Applicable

Associated Risks

Not Applicable

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Attachments: 1. Streetscape Guide. (separately attached)

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