

**Draft**

**Robertson Village Place Plan**

– Study –



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## Acknowledgement of Country

Wingecaribbee Shire Council acknowledges the Gundungurra and Tharawal people as the Traditional custodians of this place we now call the Wingecaribbee Shire.

Wingecaribbee Shire Council recognises the continuous and deep connection to their Ngurra (Country) and that this is of great cultural significance to Aboriginal people, both locally and in the region.

For Gundungurra and Tharawal people, Ngurra (Country) means everything, it's physical, cultural and spiritual, it's belonging. We pay respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations people.

## Purpose

The draft Robertson Village Place Plan is a holistic place-based plan for Robertson which has been developed in partnership with our community and industry. The Place Plan is intended to support Council's transition to a better place-based planning framework for our towns and villages. This community-led strategic plan has been developed through an extensive consultation process with the community and aspires to address the housing, economic, social and cultural needs of Robertson, both now and into the future.

The purpose of the Study is therefore to document the valuable information that has directly informed the development of the draft Place Plan by detailing the outcomes of the community engagement process. The Study also details the place analysis of the village which is a result of feedback received from the community and industry and assessments completed by Council staff in the Strategic Outcomes, Environment and Sustainability, Assets and Community Development teams.

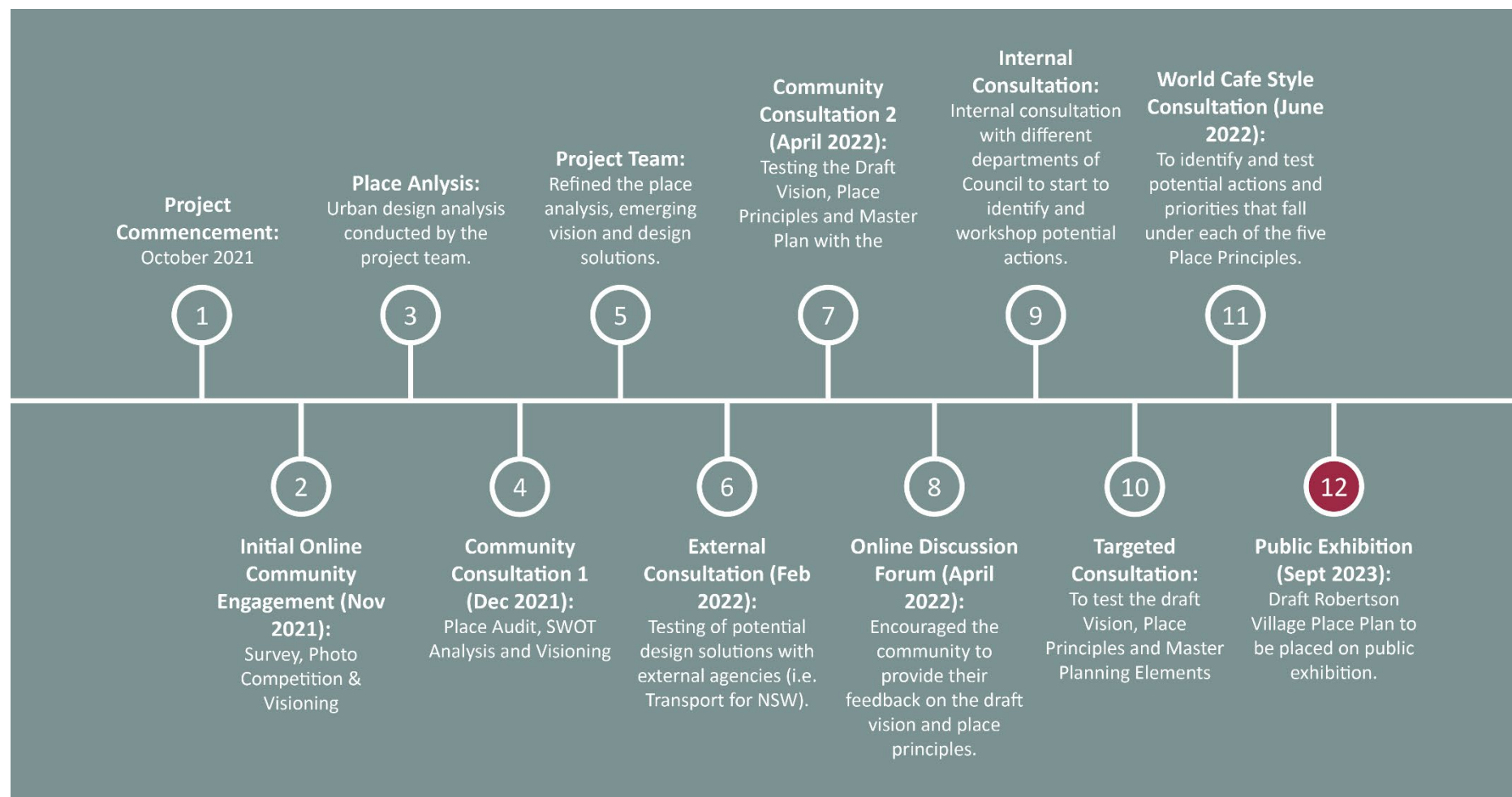
## Methodology

The development of the Place Plan commenced in October 2021 and included a collaborative consultation process that guided the creation of a community-led Plan for the Robertson village centre. The approach involved developing the Place Plan through a co-partnership process to ensure that the Plan for the village centre was owned by the community, industry and Council. The diagram below shows a timeline of project and the various steps taken to reach the Draft Place Plan stage. This study details the process undertaken to deliver a sustainable plan that addresses the housing, economic, social and cultural needs of the Robertson community, both now and into the future.

Different styles of community consultation were undertaken throughout the development of the Plan to ensure that a wide range of community members were engaged in the process. During these sessions the project team were able to present the analysis and draft ideas, receive valuable feedback from the community and workshop the strengths, weaknesses and key



opportunities of the village centre which directly informed the Place Plan. The Community Consultation section below details out each consultation session undertaken to inform the draft Place Plan and is supported by a brief overall outcome of each engagement session.



## Community Consultation

### Online Community Engagement

Council initially undertook online engagement to raise awareness about the project and to tap into the local knowledge and insights of the local community, to inform the place analysis process. The online engagement included three (3) activities – a ‘character’ photo competition, a visioning exercise and a short community survey, via the project page on *Your Say Wingecarribee*. Over 425 people participated through the project page in the online activities.

Council officers then compiled and analysed the information received, which formed the initial basis of the 5 themes of the draft Place Plan. The aim of these activities was to engage with not only the Robertson community but also with the residents of surrounding areas who might use the amenities in Robertson.

#### Outcomes

The three (3) activities – a ‘character’ photo competition, a visioning exercise, and a short community survey, were collectively well responded to and helped the Place Plan to include topics that were either of concern or really liked by the community of Robertson.

The five (5) themes in the Place Plan were derived from the collective community response to the three online activities. It also helped Council to understand the problematic areas in the village centre, and the areas are cherished by the community.

One of the direct outcomes of the online engagement was the word cloud that was produced using the direct received through the online visioning exercise, which is shown in the below image.

Enriched High Streets Opportunistic Tourists Valuing Learning  
 Age Friendly Mature Vegetation Interconnected Network  
 Maintain Character Accessible Diverse  
 Functional Friendly Trafficless Spacious  
 Historical Liveability Agriculture Possibilities Happy  
 Maintainable Energy Independent Traditional Village  
 Collaborative Inclusive Aged Care Expanding  
 Rural Climate Unique  
 Welcoming Comfort Art/Craft Town Centre  
 Age Diversity Interesting Youth Oriented  
 Mist Self Sufficient  
 Housing Diversity  
 Red Soil Charismatic Laneways Vistas  
 Unique Landscapes Closeness Food and Beverage  
 Architecture Weather Green Progressive Community  
 Eco-conscious Safe Progressive Density Country Village  
 Artisan Producers Self sufficient Inclusive Special  
 Accessible Regenerative Farming Population Growth  
 Smaller Houses Gateway Convenience  
 Tree Canopy Better Connected Vibrant Country Lifestyle  
 Nature Loving Close to Amenities

## Place Audit and SWOT Analysis

The first face-to-face community consultation was an opportunity to build on from the feedback that was received via the online activities and work with the community to understand the existing function and position of Robertson and explore the weaknesses and strengths of the village from the community's perspective.

The consultation was divided in two parts, starting with an outdoor '*Place Audit walk*' around the town, for which approximately 25 people participated. During the Place Audit, the project team and community walked the site in small groups and conducted an initial site analysis.

The second part of the consultation was an interactive session focusing on a SWOT Analysis and a Visioning Exercise for the Robertson village, in which over 30 community members participated. The community were presented with some initial analysis and findings and provided Council with further information which formed the basis of the draft vision and reinforced the themes of the draft Place Plan.

### Outcome

Along the walk, during the '*Place Audit walk*', the participants discussed the strengths and weaknesses in the village centre, specifically relating to movement, accessibility, character, environment and activity. The '*Place Audit walk*' helped analyse the Robertson Village centre from a different perspective, which assisted in the following SWOT analysis exercise. This allowed for an open discussion about initial observations regarding Robertson's key strengths, limitations and opportunities.

The SWOT analysis was collectively conducted on five topics, namely, Movement & Access, Public Domain, Landuse & Built form, Environment & Sustainability and Community, Culture & Activation. The community brought up issues like lack of public transport, various pedestrian mobility barriers, laneways being underutilised, lack of housing diversity for various ages, lack of recycling opportunities and a lot more, which were incorporated into the draft Place Plan, where appropriate.

There were quite a few opportunities discussed as part of the SWOT analysis, like, the creek playing a role in active transport, covered areas in Hampden Park, retain the cherished historic character of Robertson, zero lot line for shop fronts and many more.



In addition to this, the community also provided input to the visioning exercise, similar to the one online, and this involved the community identifying words that reflected what they liked about Robertson, what their past/current perception of Robertson was and how they envisioned Robertson looking and feeling in the next 25 years.

The concerns and suggestions were taken into consideration during the preparation of the Draft Place Plan. A table of all the comments, for each topic is available as an addendum to this study.



## Engagement with Transport for NSW

Through the initial community consultation, movement and access issues in and around Robertson were highlighted as critical issues for the local community. Council initiated a meeting with Transport for NSW to start the conversation around potential

opportunities to address some of the movement and access issues in and around Robertson that were previously raised during the community engagement session. As the Illawarra Highway/Hoddle Street is a state road, Council officers met with Transport for NSW to test certain safety measures for the pedestrian and cyclists along Hoddle Street.

### **Outcome**

Transport for NSW provided a principal agreement on the concept of making minor changes along Hoddle street which would slow traffic to improve pedestrian safety. Positive reinforcement for an active transport loop was also provided.

### **Vision, Themes and Design Solutions**

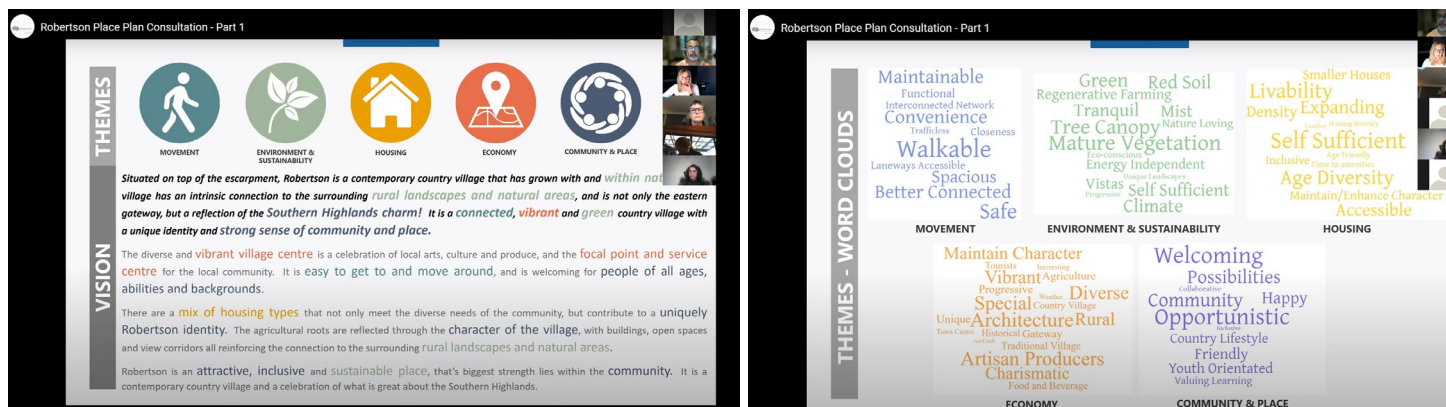
The place analysis was further refined to incorporate the valuable feedback that was received through the previous engagement activities. This consultation session was focused around workshopping the Vision, Themes and the Master Plan components of the draft Place Plan. Approximately 20 people participated in this session. Proposed design solutions were also workshopped with the community.

The session was also an opportunity for Council to update the community on what has been completed so far and understand if there have been any issues that have been missed in the preparation of the draft Place Plan.

An online discussion forum was also established, following this consultation session, for the community to take their time and go through what was presented and contribute to the draft Place Plan through the discussion Forum. There were eight (8) participants in the discussion forum.

### **Outcome**

The community appreciated a vision that took most of the ideas that the Robertson community envision for the future of their village. Overall, the Vision and Themes of the Place Plan were received positively. Additional matters like the importance of the arts and cultural realm of Robertson and the economic activation of the village were brought up during the consultation and these are now incorporated in the Draft Place Plan.



## Themes and Place Interventions Workshop

The final community consultation session was an opportunity to build on the information received through earlier consultations and to identify and workshop some of the Place Interventions under each of the 5 themes of the draft Place Plan and understand what outcomes/actions and priorities that the community would like to see coming out of the plan.

The session was conducted in a World Café style consultation, where there were 5 tables, one for each theme, and participants were encouraged to take turns and visit each table to provide their input to develop the Place Principles and Place Interventions for each theme. There were appropriately 30 participants for this session.

In order to encourage the community to be responsible for certain parts of the Place Plan to realise some of the Place Interventions, a collaborative brainstorming activity enabled the participants to contribute their own ideas and build on from the comments made by the other groups.

### Outcome

Council staff had drafted a few Place Interventions as examples, to start the workshop and assist in understanding the exercise. In addition, the participants worked in small groups to identify Place Interventions, specific actions and further start to nominate the responsibility of implementation, the level of impact and the action's relationship to the other Place Principles. A number of



Place Principles and Place Interventions were drafted up during the workshop, which formed the basis of all the Place intervention tables, under each theme, in the Draft Place Plan.

The collaborative brainstorming activity enabled the participants to contribute their own ideas and/or build on from the comments made by the other groups. As part of this consultation, the community was made aware that the intent of this project is to generate actions, both for Council as well as the community and industry of Robertson, to realise the overall Vision of the community for Robertson. Hence, the ownership of Plan is shared between Council and the community. Feedback received during this session guided the development of the final Place Interventions.





## **Targeted Consultation**

To reach a wider audience, the project team arranged with the Robertson Primary School to attend the Parents and Carers meeting. This allowed for the project team to engage with residents of the community who often find it difficult to attend community consultation sessions due to the timing of such events.

During this meeting Council presented the development of the Place Plan and held an open discussion around the draft vision and started to delve into potential design solutions. The feedback that was received was extremely valuable, as it provided the project team with an insight into the key priorities and expectations of the young families of Robertson.

Further, this information along with the feedback received during the earlier consultation session was collated and guided the refinement of the Place Interventions.

## Place Analysis

### **Precincts**

Robertson has three defined Precincts that currently exist within the village centre, and they include the Community and Social Precinct, the Civic Precinct and the Entertainment, Food and Beverage Precinct.

The first Precinct captures community attractors, such as Hampden Park, the Robertson Anglican Church, the Men's and Women's Shed and the CTC, as these key sites play a significant role in the community and social function of the village.

The second Precinct which is immediately adjacent to the Community and Social Precinct features the Civic Precinct, which consists of the Robertson Public School, School of Arts and the Police Station.

The final Precinct includes a cluster of several entertainment, food and beverage establishments that are scattered along the main street of the village, such as Moonacres, the Robertson Cheese Factory and the Highlands Hive.

These three precincts collectively play a significant role in defining the overall character of Robertson and further echo the country charm and community focus of Robertson that is deeply embedded within the identity of the village.







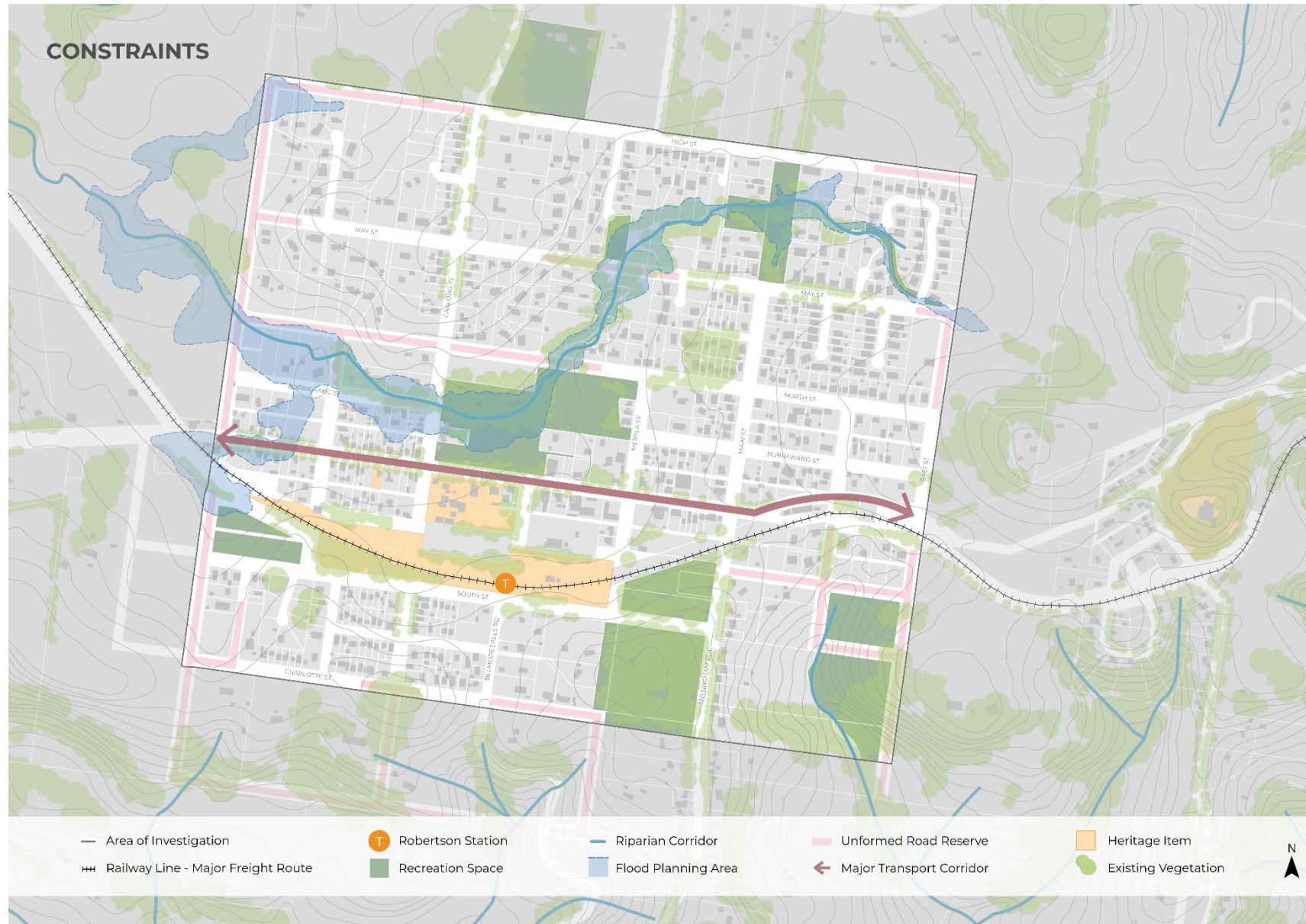
## Constraints

The rich history of the village, the lush natural areas and agricultural lands all contribute to the uniqueness of Robertson and the ongoing success of the village. While these cherished attributes play an important role in defining the character of Robertson, there are a number of key constraints that have been identified that influence the function and operation of the village.

The village's grid pattern and topography provide opportunities for a number of views that are characteristic to Robertson. However, the topography also contributes to steep embankments and the height of gutters, which are recognised as impacting pedestrian movement. In addition to the typography, the Illawarra Highway and railway line which support high levels of freight movement, as well as Caalang Creek all cut through the village and in turn significantly impacting vehicular and pedestrian connectivity, efficiency and safety.







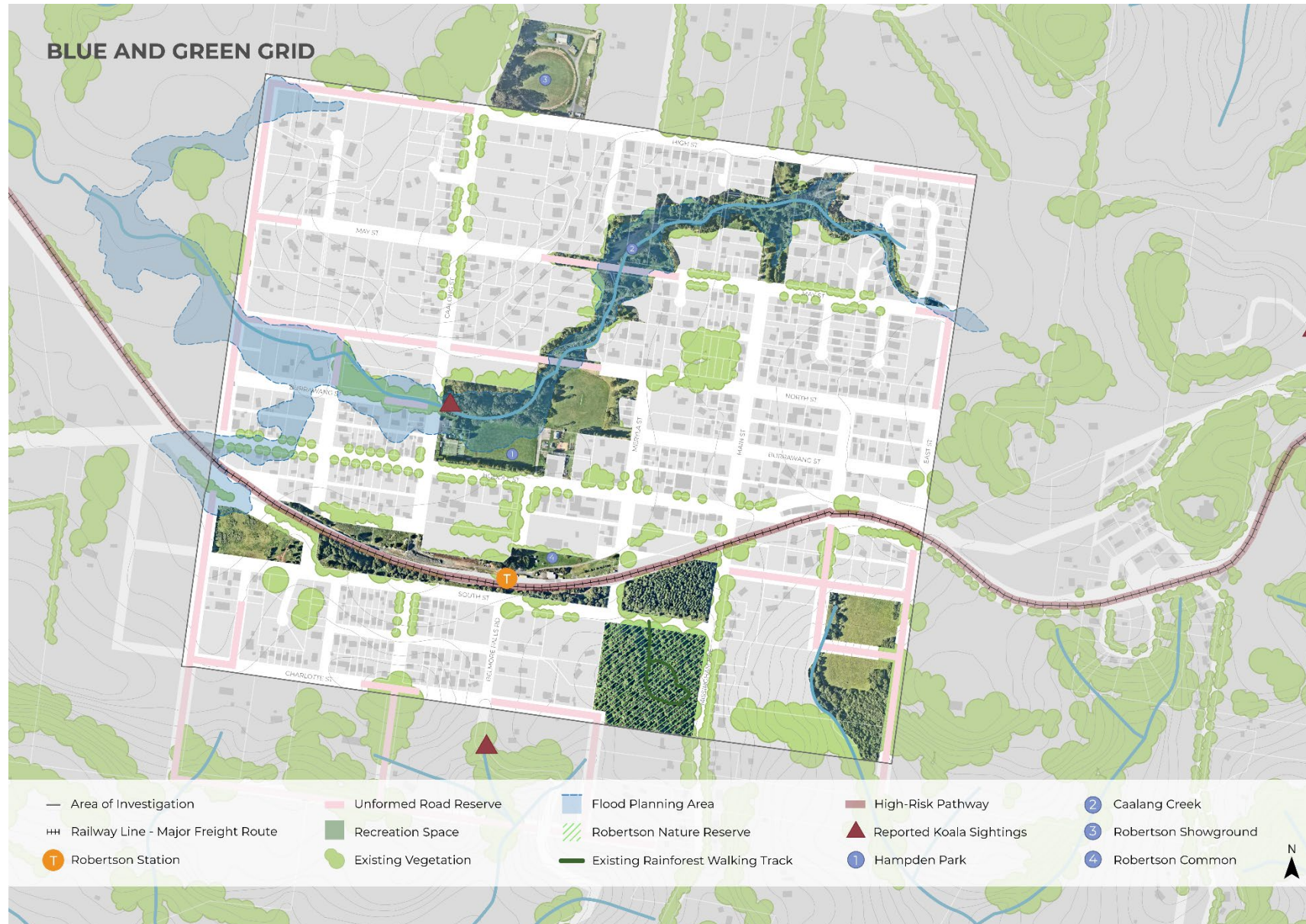


### ***Blue and Green Grid***

The term blue and green grid refers to the network of waterways and green spaces in Robertson, such as Hampden Park, Caalang Creek and the Robertson Nature Reserve. While this network plays an important hydrological and biodiversity function, it is also seen as significantly contributing to the identity of the village. Robertson is renowned for its open spaces, mature vegetation in the heart of the village and lush natural areas, and these characteristics are recognised by the community as supporting social and economic activity.









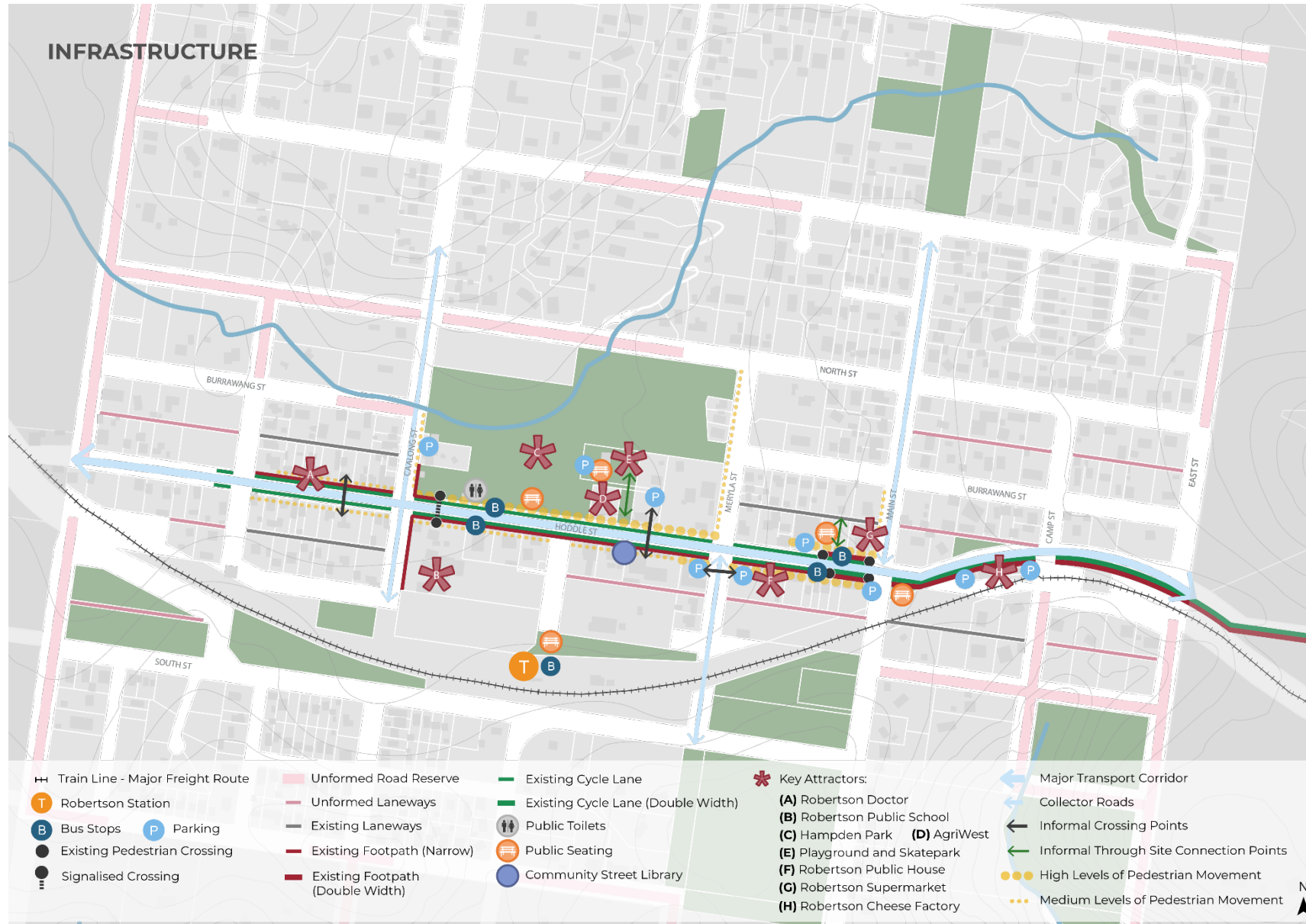
### **Existing Infrastructure**

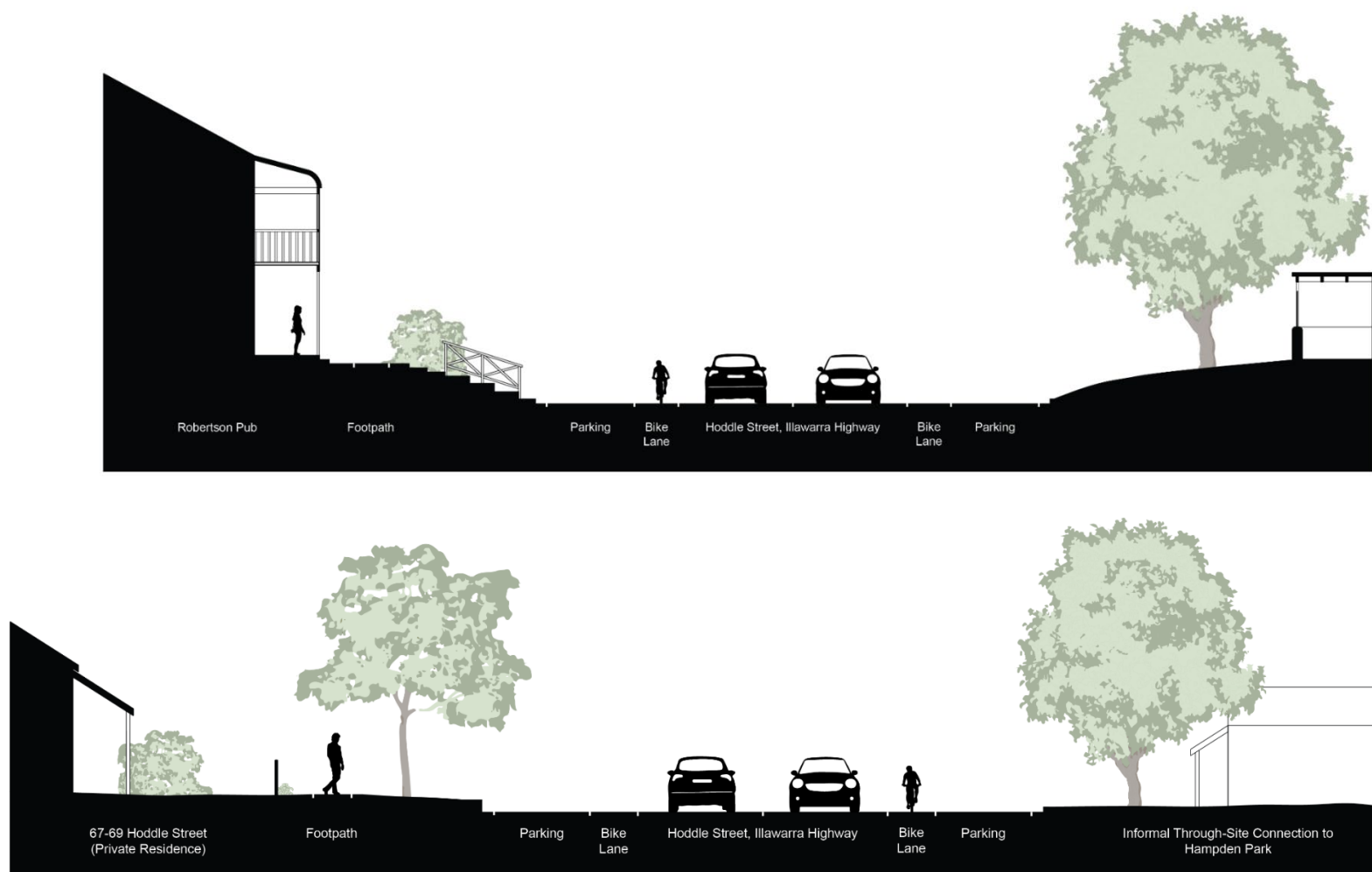
Robertson is strategically located along a major transport corridor, supporting local and visitor journeys, as well as providing access to coastal areas and neighbouring towns and villages. While the existing infrastructure facilitates this movement there are a number of limitations in Robertson that are recognised to be hindering movement in the centre, such as the way the Illawarra Highway, railway line and Caalang creek all cut through the village, the height of gutters and the location and width of footpaths.

Robertson has a highly engaged community, with the village being home to a number of community groups and local events, such as the Robertson Show, potato festival and monthly markets. Our community have identified a number of key attractors that support this strong community atmosphere, however it is apparent that inconsistent infrastructure often impacts ease of access to these particular areas. Other forms of contributory social infrastructure in the village have also been located and include the community library and public furniture.









**Cross sections – Hoddle Street**

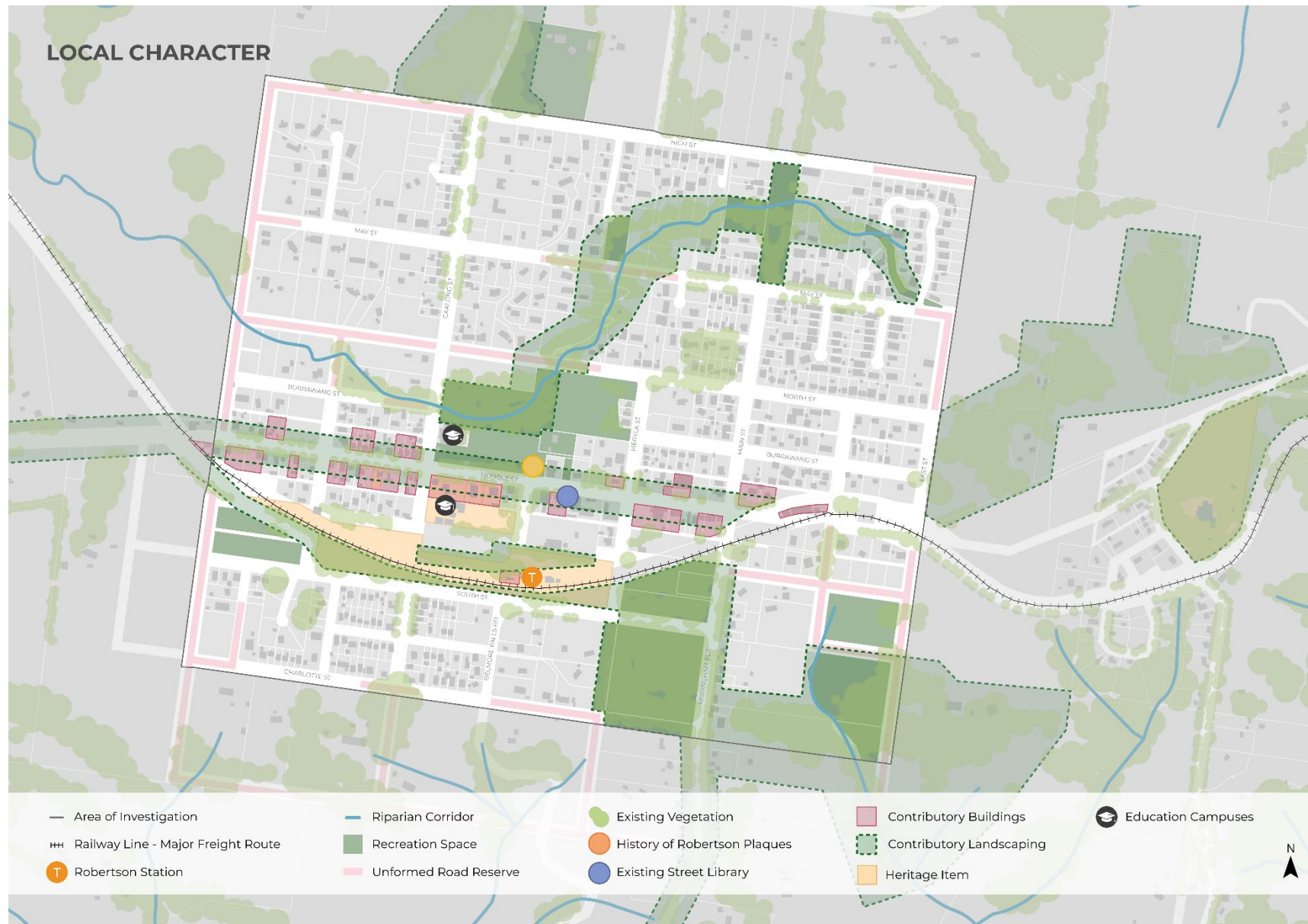
### **Local Character**

Local character is site specific and is often influenced by a number of contributory characteristics, such as built form, heritage, vegetation and infrastructure. Robertson is recognised as having a distinct local character that is cherished by the local community and is renowned for attracting high numbers of visitors. The Aboriginal and agricultural heritage of Robertson, the thriving artisan industry, picturesque landscapes and its strategic proximity to the coast and neighbouring natural areas, are some of the characteristics that are recognised by our community as collectively contributing to the highly valued character of Robertson.

The map calls out a number of these contributory characteristics, such as the heritage items and contributory buildings in the centre, as their built form is recognised as echoing the unique country charm of Robertson. Robertson is also renowned for its landscaping, as it is arguably one of the greenest villages in the Southern Highlands, due to its sheer volume of significant mature vegetation which exists around and above every building and is visible from almost all corners of the village.



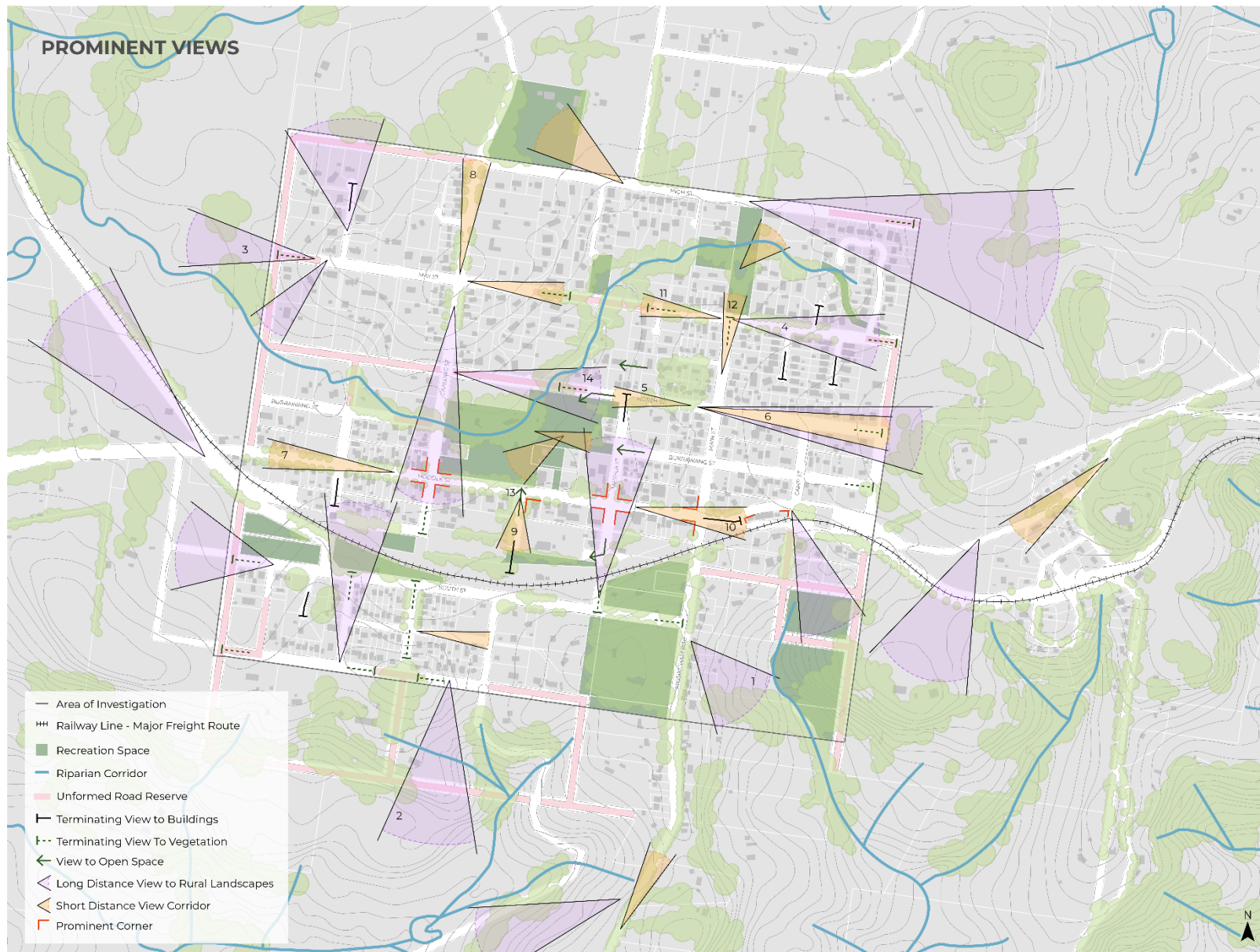




## **Views**

Prominent long-distance views out to rural landscapes and short-distance view corridors are recognised as significantly contributing to the unique character of Robertson and celebrate the rich heritage of the centre. The topography of the village creates many opportunities for glimpses out to Robertson's lush rural lands and natural areas, such as Caalang Creek and the Robertson Nature Reserve, and as a result when you are in the village centre you feel a strong connection to nature.

In addition to the cherished views towards our picturesque landscapes and natural assets, there are a number of terminating views of vegetation and buildings that play an important role in shaping the character of the village. One example of this is the terminating view to the Robertson Cheese Factory, as the distinctive design of the building is beautifully framed by mature vegetation which establishes an iconic view down Hoddle Street when travelling east.





## Long Distance Views to Rural Landscapes and Natural Areas:



View 1



View 2



View 3



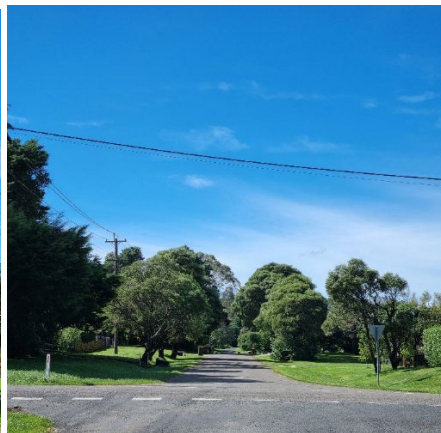
View 4



### Short Distance View Corridors:



View 5



View 6

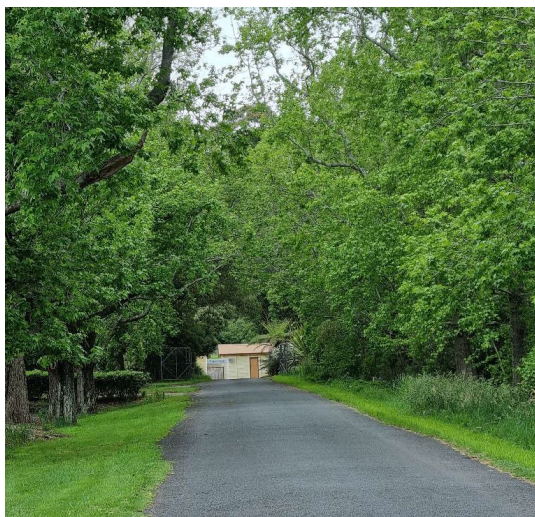


View 7



View 8

### Terminating Views to Buildings:



View 9



View 10



### Terminating Views to Vegetation:

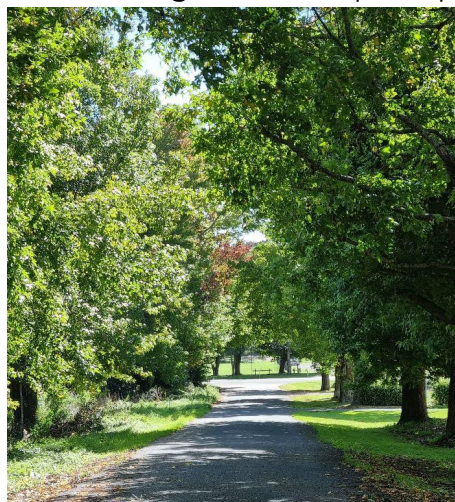


View 11



View 12

### Terminating Views to Open Spaces:



View 13



View 14

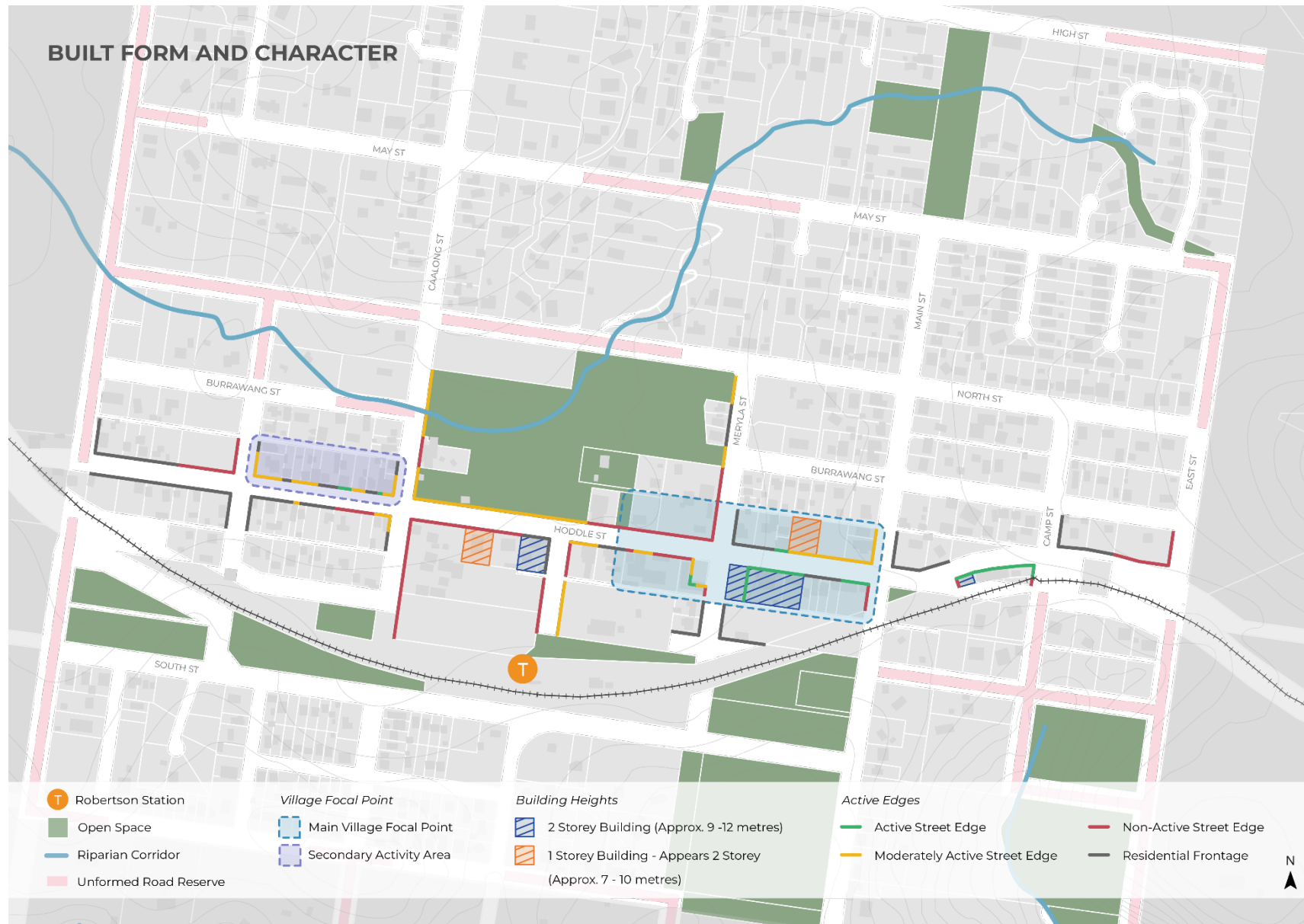
### ***Built Form and Character***

The existing structure of Robertson's village is primarily centred around an elongated main street, which is thought to be in keeping with the traditional structure of many country villages. The dispersed nature of the street has therefore resulted in the built form responding differently as you transition along Hoddle Street. In particular, the location of active edges and moderately active edges are primarily concentrated around the eastern and western portion of the main street of Robertson. These areas are recognised as being active due to the way the built form supports varying levels of activity, whether that be through outdoor dining or other retail opportunities.

Building heights are also recognised as influencing the character of a place, as it creates visual interest and contributes to the suggestion of a focal point in the centre. The majority of the built form in Robertson primarily consists of single storey dwellings, with there being only a handful of double storey buildings, as well as single storey buildings that appear to be two stories, scattered along Hoddle Street.







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## **Robertson Village Place Plan**

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#### **– Appendix –**

YSW Initial Robertson Survey Report (October - November 2021)

YSW Visioning Exercise and Word Cloud responses (October - November 2021)

YSW Interactive Map responses (October - November 2021)

Place Audit Walk Sheet (December 2021)

SWOT Analysis (December 2021)

Robertson Consultation session notes (December 2021)

Consultation Scribes from World Café Consultation at CTC (June 2022)



# Survey

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

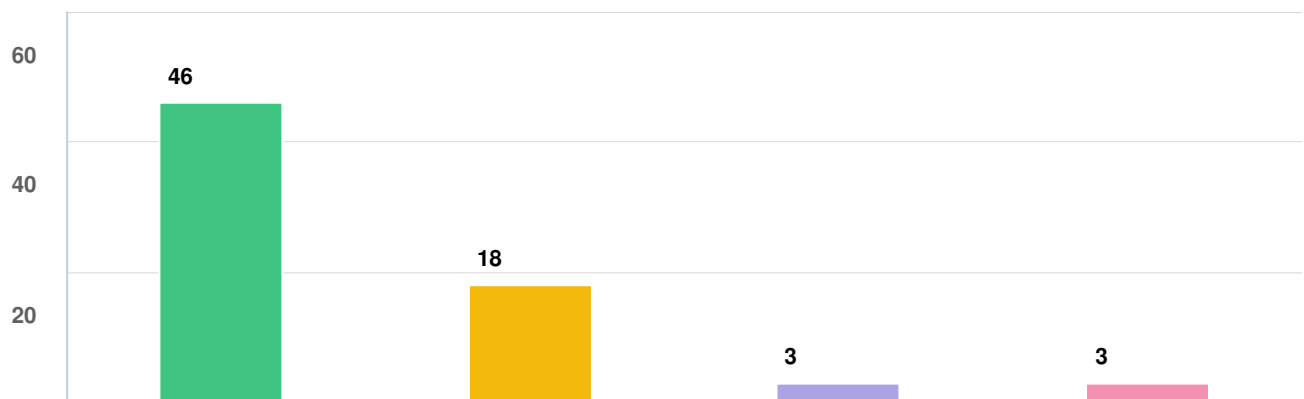
15 February 2010 - 21 August 2023

### **PROJECT NAME:**

**A Community-Led Strategic Plan for Robertson**

# SURVEY QUESTIONS

### Q1 Which of the following do you identify as?



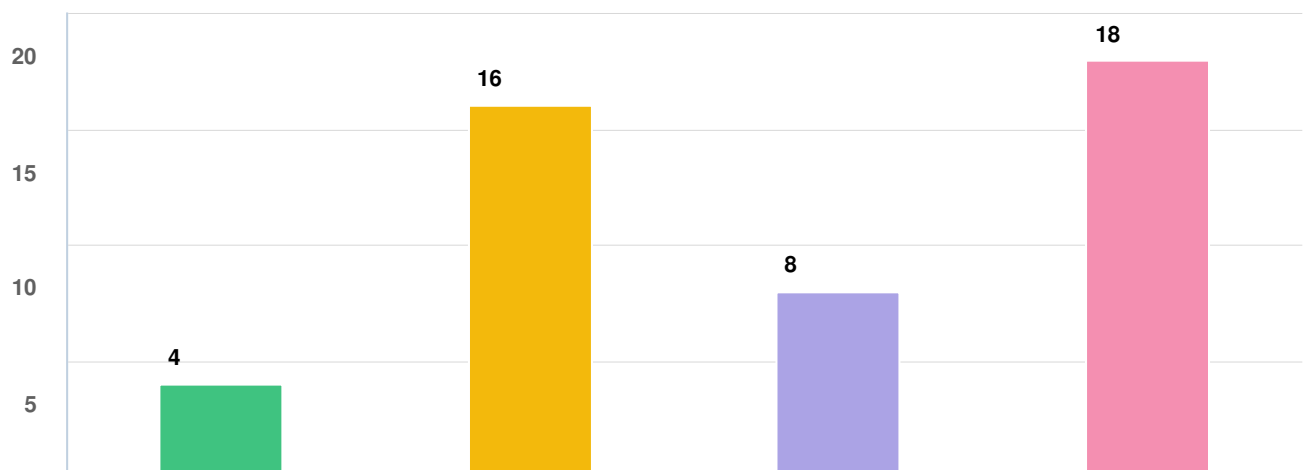
#### Question options

- Local resident of Robertson.
- Resident of a neighbouring town or village.
- Robertson business owner/employee, who lives in Robertson.
- Robertson business owner/employee, who lives in another town or village.

Mandatory Question (70 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

### Q2 How long have you been a member of the Robertson community?



#### Question options

- <1 year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- >10 years

Mandatory Question (46 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q3 Please specify**

Screen Name Redacted

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Rural Bowral

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10/27/2021 05:50 PM

Bowral resident

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10/27/2021 09:14 PM

Please specify is not a question...?

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11/01/2021 05:19 PM

Exeter

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11/02/2021 01:16 PM

Jamberoo

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11/05/2021 09:47 AM

colo vale

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11/05/2021 09:56 AM

Moss Vale

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11/05/2021 10:12 AM

Moss Vale

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11/05/2021 12:05 PM

Wildes Meadiow

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 12:56 PM

Visit town occasionally for coffee and walk nearby park

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 01:58 PM

Bowral

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11/05/2021 04:28 PM

I live in Bowral and am a member of the Burrawang Rural Fire Brigade

Screen Name Redacted

Live 7 minutes away in Kangaloon and have done so for the last 12



11/24/2021 07:53 PM

years

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11/24/2021 08:42 PM

Although my home address is Wildes Meadow I consider Robertson my local town & spend a lot of time there.

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11/30/2021 09:01 AM

Wildes Meadow resident

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11/30/2021 08:36 PM

Lived in Burrawang now in Bundanoon

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1/14/2022 05:29 PM

This is a vague request!

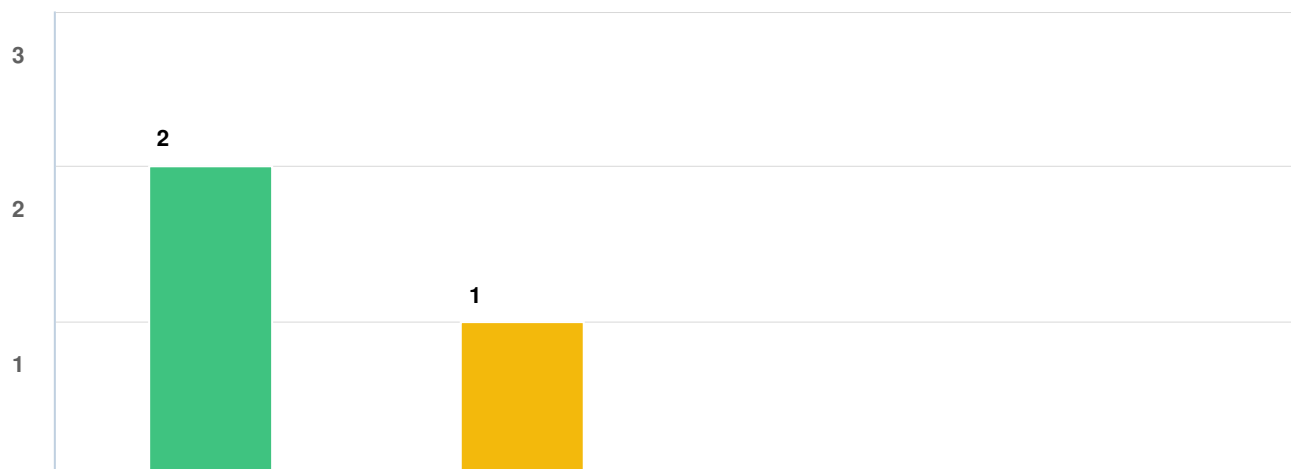
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Bundanoon

**Mandatory Question** (18 response(s))

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q4 How long have you been a member of the Robertson community?**

**Question options**

● <1 year
 ● 1-5 years
 ● 5-10 years
 ● >10 years

*Mandatory Question (3 response(s))*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q5 Do you have any specific reasons behind choosing to live outside of Robertson, or is it a preferred choice?**

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Hoping to move there soon

11/10/2021 09:41 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Needed to move to a bigger house in the area.

11/11/2021 02:42 AM

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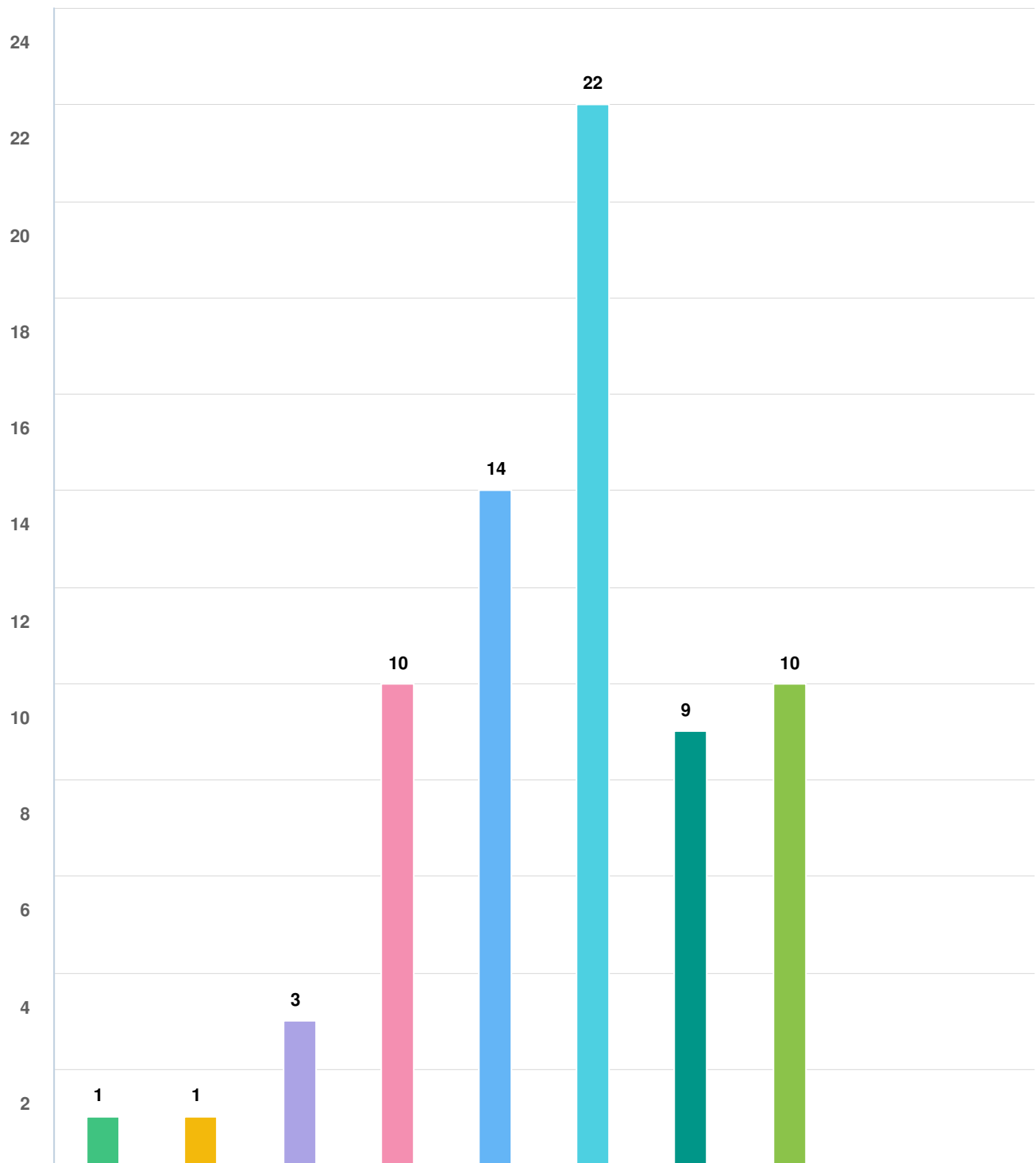
I made a mistake and bought somewhere else.

11/24/2021 01:54 PM

**Mandatory Question (3 response(s))**

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q6** On a scale of 1-10, how strong do you believe the sense of community is in Robertson?  
(1 being weak and 10 being very strong)

**Question options**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Mandatory Question (70 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question



**Q7 | What do you believe contributes to the character of Robertson? (e.g. built form, setting, views, natural areas, services, community etc). Please specify your reasons.**

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The people

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10/27/2021 04:26 PM

1. The village feel of the main street due to the traditional built forms of the commercial buildings (most are original buildings and low rise with traditional appearance) 2. Wide grassy verges and large residential blocks giving the village a spacious country feel

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setting, view, natural areas, community field

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10/27/2021 05:50 PM

Natural areas, setting

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10/27/2021 07:33 PM

natural areas, residential zoning is relatively small, community. Robertson still retain a "country charm" but is suffering somewhat from tourism. Tourism tilts Robertson from a nice quiet beautiful place to live to more of a theme park for tourists. Revenue from tourism is not shared equally among residents. And quite a few business owners do not live in Robertson, and they are not so concerned about living here, but with exploiting the charm for business growth..

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10/27/2021 09:14 PM

Sense of community

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10/28/2021 09:45 AM

Natural areas, views. Robertson is the green heart of the highlands and this should be maintained above all else. Each town within the region has it's own merits, to see Robertson's natural beauty compromised would be Council's greatest failure.

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2021 10:12 AM

It is still a beautiful village with lots of green space & doesn't try to be like one of the hubs of the Highlands (Bowral, Miss Vale, Mittagong).

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10/28/2021 11:51 AM

I believe that the natural settings and areas of Robertson along with the community strength and friendliness with the "old" village charm all contribute to the character of this semi unique village. we also need to be protected from over development.

Screen Name Redacted 11/01/2021 05:19 PM	Still rural atmosphere. Country show, rural industries, community centre and facilities. Beautiful surrounding landscapes, views and vistas. Interesting creative community. Quality cafes and art gallery.
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 07:03 AM	The people, the setting/views, the natural areas, the climate
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 08:10 AM	setting-not far from services in bowral, not far from the beach
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 08:36 AM	can be as inclusive or exclusive in the community
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 11:39 AM	Setting and views, plants, community
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 01:16 PM	Green space, rural views are positives. The long strip road down the middle reduces sense of community because walking distances are long, noise is a blight and there is no town square type space with cafes and civic activities
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 01:35 PM	Setting, landscape, school
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 07:39 PM	Community. Climate. Location to the coast, Sydney and Canberra. Natural beauty of the area
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 08:30 PM	Country living, big blocks, no big housing estates or developments, nature.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 09:59 PM	Rural living, smaller size of village compared to major centres in Wingecarribee, natural environment and cleanliness.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 10:15 PM	Family friendly country town, surrounded by beautiful country
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 09:47 AM	arts, shops, community groups, natural areas - all unique to Robertson

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11/05/2021 09:56 AM

Rural village, natural

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11/05/2021 10:09 AM

The tight-knit community that has been built on for generations. The multiple eco systems make for excellent produce and farming in Robertson. The size of Robertson also gives it that village feel. I would hate to see any more large subdivisions/town houses etc.. us long term residents do not want to see franchises or our town over developed. If we made the town bigger we would need more infrastructure and amenities which would change the aesthetics.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 10:12 AM

The natural environment of remnant Yarrawara rainforest and the 19th and early 20th century buildings

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11/05/2021 12:05 PM

Approaches and vistas of the surrounding landform are some of the best in Australia. However the highway bisecting the village and its physical dominance deletes any sense of 'place' nor heart. The stretched horizontally of the village "centre" severely detracts from creating any cohesion.

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Natural areas

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11/05/2021 01:58 PM

Location. Village style. Shac and pub

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11/05/2021 04:28 PM

built form and community

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11/05/2021 09:11 PM

Space and super friendly. No estates allow the village to maintain a country feel

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11/06/2021 07:39 PM

Robertson does have character and this is mainly due to the landscape and setting. It is on the top of the escarpment and has unique native vegetation, Robertson Rainforest and Robertson Basalt Tall Open Forest. It has fertile soil and gently undulating hills and spring-fed creeks. It has a cool climate and this has attracted diverse people interested in art and nature. The village has changed quite a bit over the past 22 years, yet it has retained a rural and village feel. It has community-driven services, great cafes and specialty shops and the SHAC (Southern Highlands Artisans Collective). The CTC is a



great meeting place and the men's and women's sheds seem to be thriving. There is a lot of open space, and during the pandemic it was great to see so many people out enjoying regular walks.

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Robertson is unique in its context as a small Rural Village. It's mix of lot sizes, in the village. it low population and its open space contributes to it s character. The mix of housing styles and relaxed ambience contributes to its ability to offer respite and escape form suburbia. Historically it is a village that is not generic and offers many attractions including valuable nature based experiences, rainforest and waterfalls. It is a thriving tourist destination and well catered for in terms of cafes; hotel etc.

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Location, local landscape, bespoke amenities (pub, cafe, cheese shop, gallery)

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Old world charm, no modern buildings, parks, playgrounds, old banks and police station in Main Street. Safety. Small population.

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The cool-climate, green setting of Robertson within farmlands and bushland with a low build profile for business and residential areas, the artists that reside in our community and our focus on arts and crafts, the food growers and makers contributing to a high quality of products and produce, the community and village feel that sees neighbours help each other and the community come together in crisis and to celebrate, the proximity to natural heritage areas such as waterfalls, bushland etc, its location as a key point between the highlands, the escarpment and the coast.

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Tree lined Main Street. Nice business fronts

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Open space, businesses, quite

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Natural beauty Community

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The surrounds of Robertson are divine and it's still maintains a lovely village feel with great potential.

Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:18 PM	Community, shops in the centre of town sports teams.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 02:42 AM	Village atmosphere. Robertson has always been a close knit community - this is intrinsic to village life.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 04:25 AM	The natural surroundings and farms, the rural history and heritage buildings, a low level of population on large lots, the older people who contribute to the many facets of the community (op shop, REPS, railway station etc), community events such as the annual Robertson Show.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 12:22 PM	Village atmosphere, residents make it wonderful, stunning location and natural attractions / walks
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 07:45 PM	mainly country vibes. community, space, greenery, good mix of amenities. not built out.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 09:12 PM	The right mix of places to visit, things to do, in a peaceful community. Most people help others and welcome new folk.
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 10:54 AM	Small village feel, lovely green area with a growing main street offering fantastic food and beverage services
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 02:35 PM	Natural areas, abundance of vegetation, architecture, community, businesses
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 10:52 AM	Views, natural areas and community
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 09:12 PM	Friendly residents
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 11:43 AM	Small town where people still care for each other. Beautiful surroundings, large blocks of land, great local produce.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 08:29 PM	The natural setting of the town and the soil. A strong sense of local community among the older families. Strong friendships possible.

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It is a beautiful rural town. The views are wonderful and it hasn't been overbuilt.

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The lush rainforest, the dramatic escarpment and green pastures define Robertson and nurturing the balance between these three elements is critical to the longevity of Robertson's character. The community is creative and productive - numerous agricultural enterprises practising regenerative agriculture are receiving accolades all over the country and enriching life in Robertson with their cafes, bars and shops. The existing scale of development and population is perfect for the village and I believe that there should not be overdevelopment - especially outside the footprint of the village centre... Keep the density close to the centre and protect the green surrounds with appropriate zoning. The community in Robertson is fantastic - when services are provided by those with connections to the village, the strength of the community is enhanced and this is mostly the case in Robertson. I love the friendly atmosphere in the stores and service centres. The CTC is amazing along with crop-swap and the Op Shop. the Robertson Commons notice board, the show and other events all reflect the strong spirit at the heart of Robertson.

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quiet, rural, small, town with picturesque surrounds,

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the SHAC, the cafes, Robbo pub, vegetable shop, supermarket, post office, cheese shop, native nursery and upcoming wine bar, football pitches, park, playground arts centre, and surrounding farmland, show ground, doctor

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It has buildings that aren't modern or fancy which adds to the feel of a more authentic town (as compared with Bowral for example which just feels like a bunch of Sydney people living in Bowral). There isn't a continuous line of shops & to me this gives a more country feel. Lush green grass & of course The Spud is kitsch.

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Locals, especially farmers. Farm Services, Strong school community, Natural environment, National Parks with waterfalls, Volunteer run services, NOT tourist and hospitality venues.

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Small town living, community spirit (by most people), safety (low crime), relatively good services for a town of this size, arts & artists



Screen Name Redacted 11/28/2021 04:09 PM	Community. Rural lifetsyle
Screen Name Redacted 11/30/2021 09:01 AM	The people that live here, the sense of community, closeness to many natural areas of beauty, the weather!
Screen Name Redacted 11/30/2021 08:36 PM	The Yarrawa Brush, the eclectic community with farming families at roots, still existing heritage shopfronts and cottages close by, placement between coast and capital cities for tourism flow. The train line needs to be reclaimed for the community.
Screen Name Redacted 12/05/2021 10:48 AM	Built form, setting, views, natural areas, community
Screen Name Redacted 12/23/2021 12:06 PM	Village feel due to lack of built up areas, close to the country everywhere you look, the general quietness and lack of business during the week
Screen Name Redacted 12/24/2021 06:22 AM	Surrounding farm lands. Small local shops selling the basics and misc. Great pub. Parkland. Tree lined streets. Feeling of space when walking and riding in streets. Kids playing in front yards and riding around carefree. Supportive locals of other locals.
Screen Name Redacted 1/04/2022 12:44 PM	topography, weather, vegetation
Screen Name Redacted 1/14/2022 04:39 PM	landscape, art facilities restaurants cafes and other retail outlets
Screen Name Redacted 1/14/2022 05:29 PM	Robertson has a unique character as you drive in .... A country village with original cottages/buildings from various periods which should be maintained, haphazard as they may be. This is what contributes to its unique personality and should not be 'brought into the 23 Rd century, Add to that the fabulous greenery of the landscape.
Screen Name Redacted 1/15/2022 01:09 PM	Views, natural areas
Screen Name Redacted	Natural spaces, bush walks, The big potato (even though it is

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ridiculous it adds character), The cafe's are lovely. The friendly people are awesome. Seeing kids out and about, not stuck in their rooms.

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The skate park, the food joints

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Both natural vegetation and farming landscape. Close community through the Main Street of Robertson. Ethical and local shops.

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**Mandatory Question** (70 response(s))**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q8** | If applicable, what public facilities do you use in the Robertson village centre and how do you use them? (e.g.parks, open space, walking tracks, sports fields , show ground, etc)

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Show ground walking tracks

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cafes/restaurants for community and good food/beverages, parks and open spaces for walking and jogging

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We visited the Roberston cafes and have used the walking tracks

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Oval, walking tracks, bike tracks

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I shop weekly locally but travel to Moss Vale for certain goods. I have a PO Box. I prefer the wilderness areas for bushwalking.

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Parks and showground

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Walking tracks

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Parks, walking tracks, open space - walking which was one of the appeals of Robertson over other areas of the Highlands.

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Screen Name Redacted 10/28/2021 11:51 AM	My family uses the local park and open spaces, the tennis courts, walking tracks and showground.
Screen Name Redacted 11/01/2021 05:19 PM	Show ground and park. Have used the tennis courts in the past.
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 07:03 AM	Walking tracks
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 08:10 AM	none
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 08:36 AM	none
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 11:39 AM	Parks, toilets, playground, skate park
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 01:16 PM	Parks, footpaths, rainforest reserve, show ground
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 01:35 PM	School of Arts. Showground. Hampden Park.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 07:39 PM	Walking tracks, playground, skate park, sports fields
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 08:30 PM	Playgrounds for my kids, sport field for soccer, we love walking and trail running. The Rainforest walk and waratah gardens.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 09:59 PM	Sporting fields - kids sport Walking paths for exercise Streets and tracks for walking Fire station and school of arts for volunteering and events
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 10:15 PM	National parks, sports fields local park
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 09:47 AM	Community notice board. *** Need more public space information about First Nations people and history in and around Robertson -



Gandangarra and Tharawal people. Be sure to consult effectively with First Nations people to help drive this project.

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11/05/2021 09:56 AM

Playgrounds, walking tracks, bike tracks, sports fields, public toilets.

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The showground for our annual Robertson Show Walking tracks for exercise playground for young visitors

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Use public areas to walk our dogs

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we use the parks and the Showgrounds.

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Do not use

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Show ground

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Park, shops and amenities

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11/05/2021 09:11 PM

All of them. Parks, ovals, playgrounds, toilets etc

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11/06/2021 07:39 PM

I walk in the Lawrence Langley Memorial Redwood Grove to cool off on hot days. I walk to the Robertson Cemetery a lot with my dog and I love the Robertson Nature Reserve. My children use the skate park a lot and also use the streetscape to skateboard. I visit the CTC for a coffee and to look at art exhibitions.

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Yarrawa Brush reserve. Park, Heritage Railway and open spaces

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Park, school, cafe, local shops

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Parks, open space, walking track, showground, tennis courts,

Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 11:48 AM	The Rainforest Reserve, the Robertson Show Ground and Hampden Park for walks and exercise.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 12:10 PM	Park, playground, sports fields, Showgrounds, nature walk
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 07:39 PM	Parks often, cafes weekly, show ground rarely, walking tracks often, sports fields often
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 09:01 PM	Parks Sports field Cafes
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 09:41 PM	Parks, open space, walking tracks
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:18 PM	Walking tracks, sportsfields
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 02:42 AM	Showground, shops.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 04:25 AM	N/a
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 12:22 PM	Walking tracks if I could find them. Off leash dog park needed
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 07:45 PM	oval, parks, running track, bush walk
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 09:12 PM	Show ground - attend Robertson show. Open space - walking.
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 10:54 AM	Soccer field, skate park, playground
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 02:35 PM	Parks, walking tracks, open spaces

Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 10:52 AM	Parks, walking tracks, open space
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 09:12 PM	Parks, walking tracks, sports field
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 11:43 AM	Show ground as I am on the show planning committee, Pony club, etc
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 08:29 PM	Playing park for my son, fruit and vegie market, agricultural store, show ground.
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 08:42 AM	We use the park and the walking tracks.
Screen Name Redacted 11/16/2021 03:50 PM	Parks for walking my dog. Nature reserve for inspiration.
Screen Name Redacted 11/24/2021 01:54 PM	cafes, general store,
Screen Name Redacted 11/24/2021 07:53 PM	the SHAC, the cafes, Robbo pub, vegetable shop, supermarket, post office, cheese shop, native nursery and upcoming wine bar, park
Screen Name Redacted 11/24/2021 08:42 PM	Parks - for exercise & occasional picnics, walking tracks, toilets
Screen Name Redacted 11/25/2021 01:42 PM	Parks for kids, Bike paths, walking tracks in nature reserve, show ground, sports feilds.
Screen Name Redacted 11/26/2021 01:44 PM	Use most outside areas but not too often
Screen Name Redacted 11/28/2021 04:09 PM	None
Screen Name Redacted 11/30/2021 09:01 AM	Skate park, soccer oval, Robbo Show every year is a highlight
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Parks, open space, Showground,

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12/23/2021 12:06 PM

Parks, walking tracks for walking our dog and enjoying our own recreation

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12/24/2021 06:22 AM

Play soccer and kick ball around in off season. Kids in park once fortnight if not more. Walk in the reserves weekly. Use skate park when at park. Ride around the streets. Have parties and picnics at park.

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Cemetery, walks, nature reserve, playground

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I live in rural area and walk there

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Park, rest rooms, food outlets.

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1/15/2022 01:09 PM

Park

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3/18/2022 10:00 AM

I try my hardest to use the atrocious pre-fab skatepark, and I do have a lot of fun with my mates down there, being social, learning tricks, and being physically active. But I have been skating for 4-5 years now and the skatepark does not give me enough room and obstacles for me to progress with my sport.

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skate park toilets, oval

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Skate park, walking g track along Fountaindale manor

**Mandatory Question** (70 response(s))**Question type:** Essay Question



**Q9** If you are a resident or work in Robertson and you are accessing services outside of the village centre, what are your reasons to do so and how far do you have to travel to access these services/facilities? e.g. The service is not available in Robertson, it's more convenient to access in another town or village etc.

Screen Name Redacted 25 kl to an affordable supermarket & chemist that has what you need  
10/27/2021 02:43 PM

Screen Name Redacted Grocery shopping (variety and price), pharmacy (Robertson one opens limited hours), hardware etc. Other restaurants and entertaining/dining - options limited in Robertson. Healthcare  
10/27/2021 04:26 PM

Screen Name Redacted n/a  
10/27/2021 05:38 PM

Screen Name Redacted Shop for a few grocery items and things like hardware in Moss Vale or Maybe Bowral.  
10/27/2021 07:33 PM

Screen Name Redacted sporting facilities and shops  
10/27/2021 09:14 PM

Screen Name Redacted Shopping - Bowral  
10/28/2021 09:45 AM

Screen Name Redacted I try to do as much locally as I can however will go to larger Highlands hubs to access what is not available (e.g. clothes shopping) or will shop online. Generally can find what I need within Highlands.  
10/28/2021 10:12 AM

Screen Name Redacted We access services out of Robertson i.e: Supermarkets as we don't have one large enough to stock all our needs, the Moss Vale pool and these services are only approx. 30km's away.  
10/28/2021 11:51 AM

Screen Name Redacted Transport - train at Moss Vale  
11/02/2021 07:03 AM

Screen Name Redacted if you need it eg supermarket then you need to go where there is one  
11/02/2021 08:10 AM

Screen Name Redacted travel for cheaper groceries and hardware, and more variety but do

11/02/2021 08:36 AM	not travel to other villages for their public facilities
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 11:39 AM	Groceries (Moss Vale), chiropractor (Bowral)
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 01:16 PM	Affordable supermarket would make a huge difference
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 01:35 PM	Car maintenance, dentist, clothing not available. All 23km away.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 07:39 PM	Bigger supermarket for better selection of goods in Bowral.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 08:30 PM	Grocery store, swimming pool, library
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 09:59 PM	Major shopping in Bowral/Mittagong/Miss Vale - 15-25min travel Car servicing - 20min Entertainment venues - 20-45min
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 10:15 PM	Better public transport is needed
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 09:56 AM	Service not available in Robertson
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 10:09 AM	WE NEED A POOL!!! its been over 20 years since fund raising started. For those without transport have no where to swim. its a 30 min drive each way to access a pool. Also a health centre or gym would be great for rehabilitation/exercise. Again this 30-40 minutes drive each way
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 12:05 PM	WE undertake the majority of our retail purchases outside Robertson and only avail of the retail offering on an quick needs basis.
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 12:56 PM	Na
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 01:58 PM	Shac is unique. The pub is a classic site to visit

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11/05/2021 04:28 PM

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Mainly bulk groceries. Only 20 mins away

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I do most of my grocery shopping in Moss Vale or Bowral, due to better pricing and convenience as this is close to where I work.

11/06/2021 07:39 PM

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Most things that are needed are available in the village and over the last 30 years, the character and persona of the village has developed to include arts. As a rural village it was never my intention or expectation to work in the Village. Nor has it been my expectation to have all my service needs met within the village. Had I wished as much, I would have contented myself with living in one of the generic and soulless suburbs of Metropolitan Sydney or the Illawarra

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Children's activities (music, dance), personal activities (pilates) as they do not exist in town. We travel to the Wollongong area for these which is extremely frustrating

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20 minutes into Bowral.

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Travel to Bowral and Moss Vale for entertainment (cinema, pubs and clubs), large supermarkets and specialist retail for shopping, and for specialist medical services (medical imaging, tests). Travel to Sydney and Wollongong for larger entertainment options (concerts, theatre, community and sporting events etc) and for larger hospital and specialist medical and associated services.

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Either not available or cheaper else where. There are not enough walking paths!!!! Footpaths are rare. Terrible for families with children especially or just people walking for exercise. Some streets are very dangerous and could do with some basic footpaths.

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Mechanics, larger shopping centres, medical, pool, gym, almost everything

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It's more convenient to travel into Bowral or Moss Vale for key

11/10/2021 09:41 PM	services like groceries etc. Also for more leisure based things like more cafe and restaurant options.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:18 PM	Travel to Moss Vale and Bowral for banking and larger supermarkets. Also specialist shops e.g. phone repair, music shop etc.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 02:42 AM	
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 04:25 AM	There is a larger variety elsewhere, services available here don't fully meet my requirements,
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 12:22 PM	Grocery Shopping is the main reason, travel to Moss Vale or Bowral.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 07:45 PM	usually hardware or other good not available in town.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 09:12 PM	Bowral for shopping as cheaper than in town Rubbish disposal. - Moss Vale.
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 10:54 AM	There are no bike tracks and it can be dangerous to ride on the highway side designated bike lane with children. We regularly travel to Kangaroo Valley for the new pump track and to Wollongong for the excellent network of bike paths that are in the LGA
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 02:35 PM	Groceries as there is more available and it is less expensive, movies as there is none available (we could have an out door cinema), I usually go to Bowral for these services.
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 10:52 AM	Super market moss vale
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 09:12 PM	Larger supermarkets
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 11:43 AM	Supermarket, mostly shop in Moss Vale, but travel there anyway to drop my daughter to school. 25min.



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11/14/2021 08:29 PM

Cost of regular weekly shop and the availability of products very limited in Robertson. While the fruit and vegie shop has some fun things, in general we shop down the mountain in Albion Park or Kiama. It usually takes a few hours on a Saturday to do the weekly shop by going up and down the mountain, as well as access other services and hardware products like at Bunnings.

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I shop in Bowral. The types of things I need (groceries) are not available in Robertson. It tends to be very expensive shopping in Robertson.

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11/16/2021 03:50 PM

Swimming pool (please an outdoor year-round pool for Robbo!)  
Rubbish recycle because we don't have Council rubbish collection (please look into this as requested in my recent letters). it seems Robertson is sometimes neglected because we are on the edge of the LGA...

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11/24/2021 07:53 PM

I do go to Bowral to the larger supermarkets etc but I like it that way, I dont want them to come to Robertson. Robertson has just about got all the facilities it needs. However I would think a public swimming pool would be great and someway of stopping it just having one large road that goes through it.

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I travel 30mins to either Bowral or Moss Vale for large grocery shops, cinema, pool, & a greater range of restaurants & cafes. I also travel to these locations for medical appt's. I travel to Kiama for the beach / swimming.

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Leisure Centre, Swimming pools. Recycling, Library, Supermarkets, High School

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Medical appointments not offered by our local GP (specialists, X-rays etc) / garden & building supplies /

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11/30/2021 09:01 AM

IGA, pool, hardware stores etc in Moss Vale for most shopping, would shop more locally if possible

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11/30/2021 08:36 PM

When I lived in Burrawang I still needed to travel to Bowral/Moss Vale for big supermarket shop. But that was all, and that was ten years ago.

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12/05/2021 10:48 AM

Specialist health services, located 19km in Bowral, commonsense decrees that these services are not available in every locality. Specific variety of shopping, larger supermarkets, specialty clothing stores, department stores, generally 20km at Mittagong, I'm happy to travel for these services as that is why I choose to live in a smaller village.

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12/23/2021 12:06 PM

Cheaper groceries from Aldi/Coles Moss Vale - would only purchase emergency groceries in Robertson. Clothes and retail shopping Moss Vale/Bowral/Mittagong or Shellharbour. Not available in Robertson - don't want them either as it keeps the quiet/village feel here. Also - sad there is no Newsagent here anymore!!

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12/24/2021 06:22 AM

Major shopping is done out of town. Use corner store heaps but for missed odds and ends and milk. . Use fruit shop, bakery, butcher. Use other shops where possible. Robertson has a great set of local shops, I enjoy this part of the town. Support locals and a place to meet locals

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1/04/2022 12:44 PM

Hospital

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1/14/2022 04:39 PM

Bowral - 24 km for food shopping

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1/15/2022 01:09 PM

Supermarket as the one in Robertson quite expensive. Butchers- same answer Bowral or Moss Vale

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3/18/2022 10:00 AM

The skatepark in Robertson is quite primal, and I find myself and all my friends and other skaters in Robertson driving into Bowral, Bundanoon, Shellharbour, Berkeley, even Sydney and Canberra... just to be able to skate at a park that challenges me and my skills. I should just be able to skate down the road to an amazing skate part right here in Robertson that everyone can enjoy.

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3/19/2022 05:43 PM

Aquatic and recreational facilities at moss vale (moss vale), Bowral cinema (Bowral), grocery shopping (Mittagong)

**Optional question** (61 response(s), 9 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q10** | When accessing local facilities or services, are you more likely to use your car, walk or cycle? Please explain your answer.

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We use a car as there are no footpath that's safe to use from my house

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10/27/2021 04:26 PM

Car and walk. Everything is close enough to walk as long as one has the time. Generally take the car if in a rush or carrying things

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10/27/2021 05:38 PM

n/a

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Cycle, i ride through Robertson.

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10/27/2021 07:33 PM

Car and/or cycle to the town centre. Weather dependent.

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10/28/2021 09:45 AM

Walk - footpath facilities provide an enjoyable stroll into town to access cafes / bakery etc.

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10/28/2021 10:12 AM

Walk whenever possible. Drive where walking not possible. Moving to Robertson was based on our ability to walk everywhere.

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10/28/2021 11:51 AM

When accessing local facilities we use our car and walk depending on the need.

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11/01/2021 05:19 PM

Car as travelling from another village.

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11/02/2021 07:03 AM

Walk or car sometimes bike

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11/02/2021 08:10 AM

car, just out of reach to walk

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11/02/2021 08:36 AM

Car - live outside the village main area - used to walk but difficult if carrying anything or getting petrol

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11/02/2021 11:39 AM

A lack of footpath/safe crossing on Caalong St means I am nervous walking along with my very impulsive 5yo (for the day he decides to undertake it on his own without telling me :( ) so sometimes I drive it instead....which, if I could say to him "We walk on this one side the whole way down to the main road, then cross at the lights" I would definitely always be walking! And would be readier for him to do it by himself earlier (ie walk to school).

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11/02/2021 01:16 PM

We use a car to move around in Robertson because the shops are spread too far apart for walking.

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11/02/2021 01:35 PM

Car. Quicker.

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11/03/2021 07:39 PM

Walk. Everything is within a twenty minute walk for us.

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11/03/2021 08:30 PM

All of the above depending on if I'm taking kids or not

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11/03/2021 09:59 PM

Walk for shops, going out for dinner Drive for fuel and for picking larger items up from shops

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11/03/2021 10:15 PM

Walk but we have very few footpaths. We need more footpaths or verges mowed on sassafras st and south street.

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11/05/2021 09:47 AM

car, walk along main road

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11/05/2021 09:56 AM

Car

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11/05/2021 10:09 AM

Drive

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11/05/2021 10:12 AM

Car as live at Moss Vale



Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 12:05 PM	Car. Too distant for any other mode and facilities and services too decentralised requiring car access.
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 12:56 PM	Park and walk
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 01:58 PM	Car
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 04:28 PM	Car
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 09:11 PM	Walk or cycle
Screen Name Redacted 11/06/2021 07:39 PM	I walk, cycle and use my car to access services. We don't have any footpaths on the south side of Robertson, so walking is more risky. There is no safe access across the railway line at Meryla Street, and a disabled/pedestrian rail crossing really needs to be looked at, in addition to more walking/cycle paths throughout the village, particularly linking the residents on the south side of the railway line to the main village.
Screen Name Redacted 11/07/2021 02:55 PM	As Roberson is a compact village walking is a very real option which I utilise to access services in teh village as I also utilise car for some needs.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:02 AM	walk, if weather permits
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:42 AM	Car and walk
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 11:48 AM	Prefer to walk to local services, but as foot access is so weather contingent, also rely just as much on the car. A public transport network that linked the key smaller places in the eastern Highlands (e.g. Robertson, Kangaloon, Burrawang, Avoca) with Bowral/Moss Vale would be really welcome, even if the service was every couple of hours.

Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 12:10 PM	We walk a lot around Robertson. because it is so busy on the weekend, we can't drive to shops as there are no car parks. We also drive and ride around town.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 07:39 PM	Walk to most areas in town. May drive with children
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 09:01 PM	Car
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 09:41 PM	Mixture of both walking and driving depending on where
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:18 PM	Car to town and then walk to different shops. I would consider cycling if the cycle path extended further along Illawarra Highway. Feels too risky without a path as the cars go so fast.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 02:42 AM	Car. It works to my timetable.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 04:25 AM	I live a few kilometres from the facilities so I drive.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 12:22 PM	Car
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 07:45 PM	car or walk, depending on weather!
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 09:12 PM	Walk if it for small purchase items. Car if distance is too far or buying heavy item
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 10:54 AM	I always try and ride bikes with my two children (aged 5 &7). Riding is good for them, me and the congestion on the roads. It's just a shame it's quite stressful because of the lack of bikeways. The Village could also really do with a designated BMX track or pump track for the children on the area to use. There is only a very small skate facility that desperately needs updating and expanding
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 02:35 PM	Car as I usually stop on my way to/from somewhere else or walk to get coffee, post office etc

Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 10:52 AM	Car
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 09:12 PM	Walk is my preference to travel around Robertson
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 11:43 AM	Car as we live just out of town.
Screen Name Redacted 11/14/2021 08:29 PM	Car only. It takes me a walk of some 4 kilometres to go to the shops, even though as the crow flies it is less than 500 metres.
Screen Name Redacted 11/15/2021 08:42 AM	Car. We live on Jamberoo Mt Road. Too far and dangerous to walk or ride a bicycle.
Screen Name Redacted 11/16/2021 03:50 PM	I use my car but ... I would love to see a cycle/pedestrian path network between the towns and villages in Wingecarribee separate from the road for vehicles as promoted by SHCWACA. This cycleway could extend to Tourist Rd on the east so that we can ride or walk into town. In the town, I walk between various services.
Screen Name Redacted 11/24/2021 01:54 PM	walk or car
Screen Name Redacted 11/24/2021 07:53 PM	car
Screen Name Redacted 11/24/2021 08:42 PM	I drive into Robertson - it's only about 7 mins for me to travel from home into centre of Robertson. Sometimes I will cycle into town but this is rare.
Screen Name Redacted 11/25/2021 01:42 PM	Car. There is no safe bike or walking path from Mackeys Lane to Cheese Factory Path past Robertson Hotel so there is a section we have to walk on the Illawarra Highway. The children do it but it scares me that they may get hit by a truck or speeding car.
Screen Name Redacted 11/26/2021 01:44 PM	Car

Screen Name Redacted

11/28/2021 04:09 PM

Walk

Screen Name Redacted

11/30/2021 09:01 AM

Car as we live out of Robbo. But we do cycle into Robbo on occasions

Screen Name Redacted

11/30/2021 08:36 PM

We need connected footpaths and cycleways in Robertson. Like everywhere else in the Shire, they start and stop to nowhere.

Screen Name Redacted

12/05/2021 10:48 AM

Car, often I am needing to carry items. Walking, for exercise, usually with the dog.

Screen Name Redacted

12/23/2021 12:06 PM

Depends on the service - car/walk to pub, car to doctor, can walk to local shops and post office.

Screen Name Redacted

12/24/2021 06:22 AM

More often then not we walk or ride to shops or playground. You often meet people out as well and kids enjoy playing in trees and enjoying others gardens.

Screen Name Redacted

1/04/2022 12:44 PM

walk

Screen Name Redacted

1/14/2022 04:39 PM

car and walk

Screen Name Redacted

1/14/2022 05:29 PM

Car because I have come from Moss Vale, though would walk short distances in town.

Screen Name Redacted

1/15/2022 01:09 PM

Car because of distance

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 10:00 AM

I do not have my P1 license yet so I usually walk or ride, or simply skate.

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 10:25 AM

Car, I don't live there

Screen Name Redacted

Walk as everything is in a relatively short distance

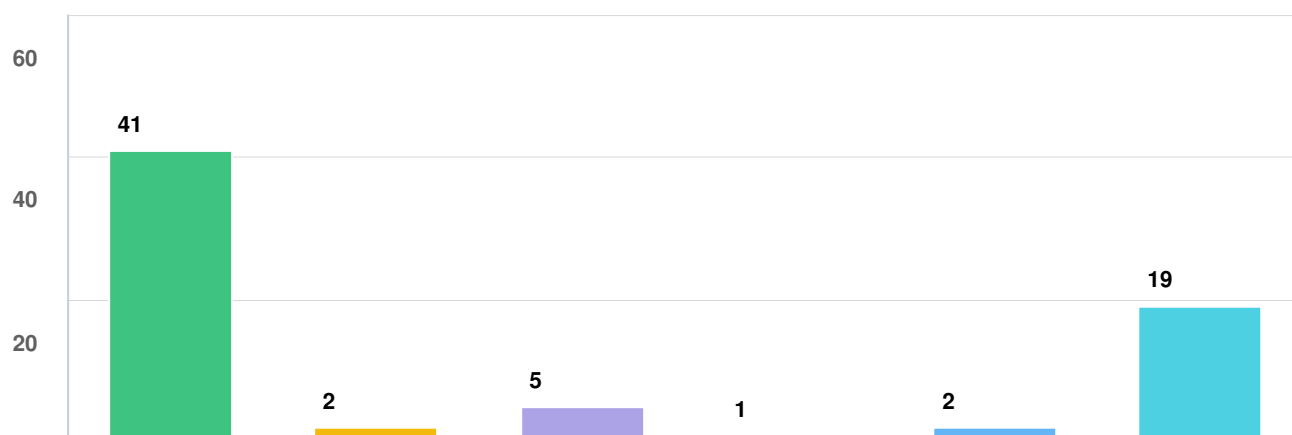


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**Optional question** (69 response(s), 1 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

### Q11 | If you are a resident of Robertson, which of the following best describes your current housing situation?



#### Question options

- Homeowner
- Renter
- Homeowner in Robertson, but live elsewhere
- Living with others but not paying rent or mortgage
- Other
- N/A

Mandatory Question (70 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

### Q12 | Please specify

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 03:50 PM

I manage a farm that has been in the family for 22 years and stay there as per necessity.

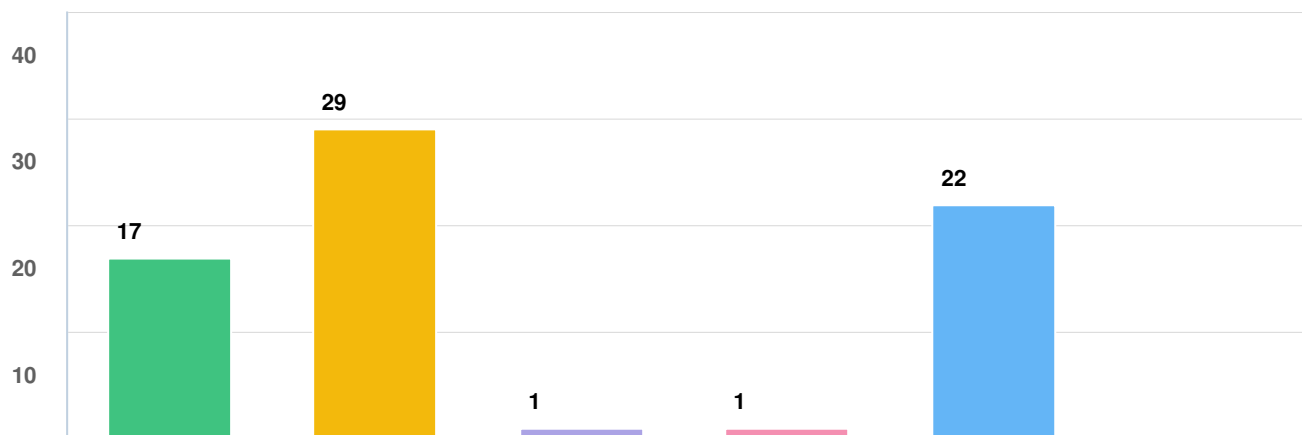
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3/18/2022 10:00 AM

I live in my parents house with my family.

Mandatory Question (2 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

**Q13** If you currently live in Robertson, what type of housing do you currently live in?

**Question options**

- Single dwelling in a rural setting
 ● Single dwelling on residential land
 ● Smaller residential block (less than 600m<sup>2</sup>)
- Other
 ● N/A
 ● Multi dwelling - Strata

*Mandatory Question (70 response(s))*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q14** Please specify

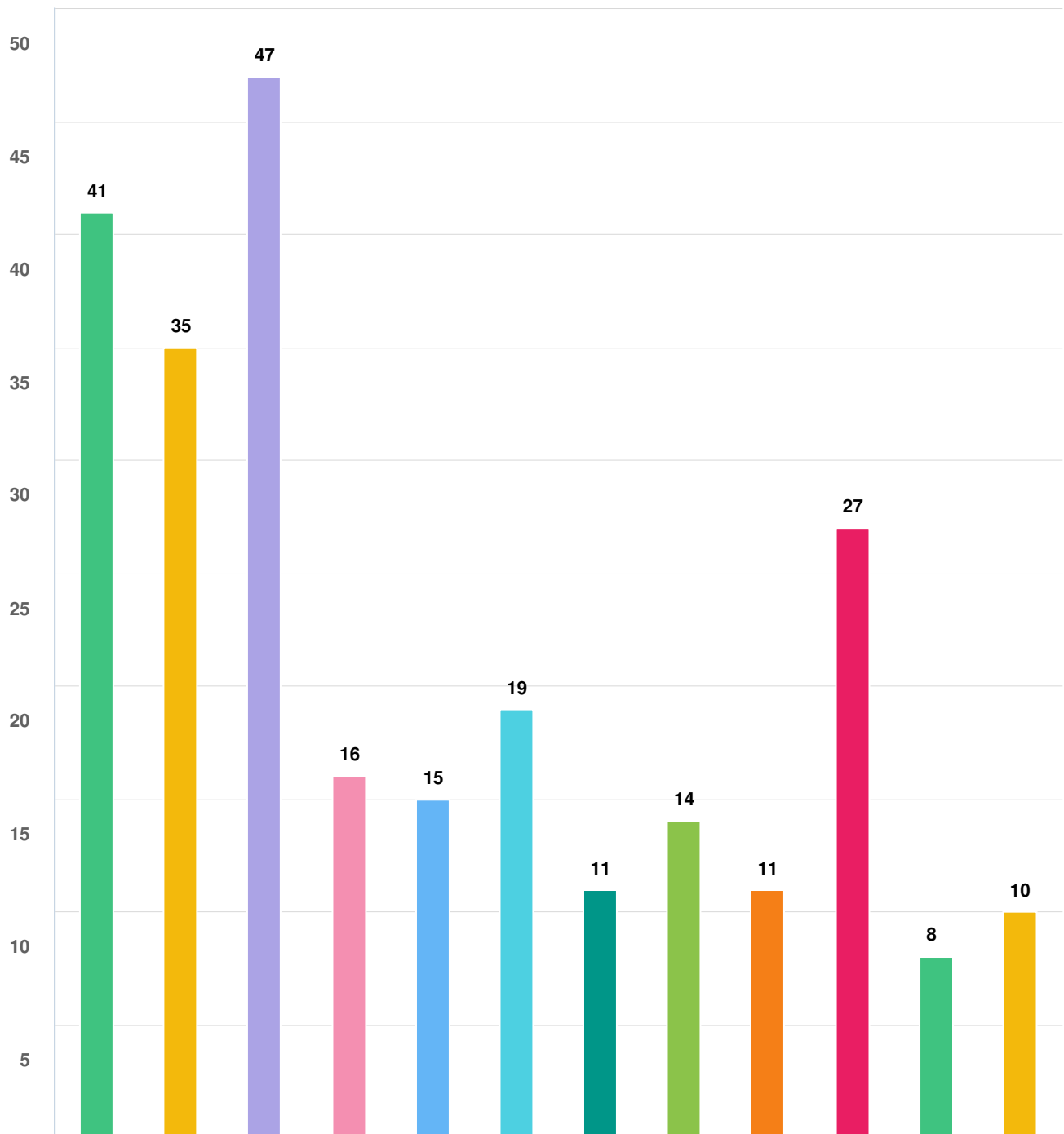
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Main house, my elderly parents live in a granny flat.

12/05/2021 10:48 AM

**Optional question** (1 response(s), 69 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q15 What factors are most important to you when choosing your home?**

**Question options**

- Affordability
 ● Size of dwelling / number of bedrooms
 ● Land size
 ● Upkeep / maintenance requirements
- Proximity to schools
 ● Proximity to shops and services
 ● Proximity to work
 ● Proximity to health care facilities
- Proximity to family/friends
 ● Proximity to parks and other open spaces
 ● Public transport
 ● Other

Mandatory Question (70 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q16 | Please specify**

Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2021 07:33 PM

Quiet, private and a little out of town.

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2021 10:12 AM

Proximity to National parks. Proximity to green space - we moved out of an urban setting for a reason

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 09:47 AM

disability access

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 12:56 PM

Na

Screen Name Redacted

11/07/2021 02:55 PM

Lifestyle, Community spirit, access to Natural Environment. Lack of urban stress, no antisocial activity, quietness, Night Skies . Lack of urban development and historical nature of a small rural village

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 10:42 AM

Privacy

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 03:50 PM

sustainable design: small building, more green space

Screen Name Redacted

11/30/2021 08:36 PM

Aesthetics, and ideally natural vegetation

Screen Name Redacted

1/14/2022 05:29 PM

I'm not a resident

Screen Name Redacted

3/18/2022 10:00 AM

When I am looking at houses, a great skatepark is a major asset.

**Mandatory Question** (10 response(s))**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q17 | If you are a resident of Robertson, are there any factors that would prevent you from continuing to live in Robertson in the future? Please specify your reasons**



Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2021 02:43 PM

Many affordable supermarket there are no real public transport of note So as you get older there's no where to go

Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2021 04:26 PM

Lack of vital infrastructure - mainly town sewerage connection. Most of the dwellings on the edges of Robertson are not on town sewerage. The sewerage system serves a very limited part of the village. This may have been OK in the past when most of Robertson was rural but the region is increasingly more urbanised and it would be good to be able to provide more dwellings for people - this can only happen if there is infrastructure such as sewerage connection. Having most of the greater area of Robertson use septic tanks is frankly absurd considering Robertson is a main catchment area for drinking water for Sydney and greater Sydney

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10/27/2021 05:38 PM

n/a

Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2021 05:50 PM

Not a resident

Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2021 07:33 PM

it's possible I may move for personal (relationship) reasons.

Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2021 09:14 PM

I'm not a resident of Robbo. Why is this question a necessary requirement?

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2021 09:45 AM

Robertson is one of the few towns within the Highlands which hasn't been subjected to overdevelopment. If this were to change, with a housing estate for example, I would consider relocating.

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2021 10:12 AM

In years to come, access to specialist facilities etc would mean in retirement we would move to a larger town centre to be near appropriate (& TIME CRITICAL) medical support

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2021 11:51 AM

The lack of Public transport may prevent me from continuing to live in Robertson or if I needed full time care.

Screen Name Redacted

11/01/2021 05:19 PM

Not a resident of Robertson

Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 07:03 AM	Distance from hospital etc
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 08:10 AM	if it turns into suburbia
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 08:36 AM	growing old. there is no options for elderly to live in the community. housing in town is so expensive and nothing small for a couple or single
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 11:39 AM	My 75 year old mother wants to move to town to be with us (I am her only carer), but the lack of smaller homes for older (and younger) people means I'll either be running two full households/gardens, I'll have to squish her into our house or we will perhaps all move into Bowral/Moss Vale when her care becomes more important.
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 01:16 PM	Not applicable
Screen Name Redacted 11/02/2021 01:35 PM	Yes newcomers who don't do their homework before moving here then want to change Robertson as the road is too busy to cross, there's not enough footpaths, too far to walk etc etc.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 07:39 PM	Overdevelopment of the village.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 08:30 PM	If there was a huge housing estate put in or huge shops such as coles, that would be a big turn off. We bought here for the small town feel but great access to a good school, doctor etc.
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 09:59 PM	Work
Screen Name Redacted 11/03/2021 10:15 PM	Lack of public transport
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 09:47 AM	n/a
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 09:56 AM	If it becomes too busy

Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 10:09 AM	If Robertson was to become re-zoned or overdeveloped i would relocate. The reason i have remained in Robertson for so long is because we have only received what is essential not unnecessary.
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 10:12 AM	Not a resident
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 12:05 PM	N/A
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 12:56 PM	Na
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 01:58 PM	X
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 04:28 PM	N/A
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 09:11 PM	Too much development
Screen Name Redacted 11/06/2021 07:39 PM	We would like to retire in Robertson, however we would need to continue to be able to drive a car as there is very little public transport. We need a vehicle to access services such as grocery shopping.
Screen Name Redacted 11/07/2021 02:55 PM	Yes. The loss of Rural ambiance and Rural Village Lifestyle and urbanisation of the village
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:02 AM	We are actually about to sell and move, due to the difficulty in making friends in the area and lack of easy access to services (as described above)
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:42 AM	Housing developments on small blocks
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 11:48 AM	Need to have closer access to medical or specialist services, inability to continue driving due to age or infirmity, poor state of roads, if

access to power/internet became ongoing issues.

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 12:10 PM

When I get old there are not enough buses or access to shopping centres or doctors out of Robertson. Too far from hospital

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 07:39 PM

Lack of development of parks, skate parks and outdoor facilities. We have also expected a pool for a number of years with no outlook of anything soon. Seem council have abandoned Robertson so why live in an area with no community development

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 09:01 PM

Housing Development Increase on population density

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 09:41 PM

NA

Screen Name Redacted

11/10/2021 10:18 PM

If we started seeing housing estates on the outskirts of town I'd consider moving.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 02:42 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 04:25 AM

If it becomes overly developed with unsympathetic modern buildings (residential and commercial). E.g if the precedent with the Robertson hotel begins a trend. Overcrowded with residents and tourists. Too much traffic with deteriorating roads and access.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 12:22 PM

Public transport is very restricted Decent roads, my road is still dirt and not fit for the traffic it has.

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 07:45 PM

if it were to be further built out and change from its current rural setting

Screen Name Redacted

11/11/2021 09:12 PM

Lack of smaller housing and aged support services

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 10:54 AM

Lack of public transport options for my children to attend a high school of our choice (not just the default - Moss Vale high) and our ability to use public transport to connect to airports and the national

rail network

Screen Name Redacted

11/12/2021 02:35 PM

If there is a great increase in development including town houses/high rises etc and the small town rural village feel is lost

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 10:52 AM

Na

Screen Name Redacted

11/13/2021 09:12 PM

NA

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 11:43 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 08:29 PM

You can't grow old in Robertson. It gets hard going to and from the more better developed town centres to access even more than basic medical facilities. Even a town like Kangaroo Valley at least has an ambulance station, and Robertson barely has even these basics despite its size. Distance to work is also an issue. Poor internet also made it very hard to work from home in the pandemic. If for some reason you lose your driving licence, then the lack of public transport would make life nearly impossible.

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11/15/2021 08:42 AM

Lack of public transport when we are older.

Screen Name Redacted

11/16/2021 03:50 PM

Over-development: housing developments seeping into the rural areas surrounding the village. Robertson is increasingly becoming a niche high-quality food-producer for the highlands, Sydney and beyond. Therefore, the green areas around Robertson which are essential to its character and also essential to its economic and cultural future need to be protected from developers who wish to profit from green-fields developments that detract from the beauty and character of the village/surrounds and will destroy the place. Further, the rainforest is quintessentially Robertson and needs to be protected as per its critically endangered status. It is devastating to see newcomers arrive and cut it down because they don't understand its value and they want to plant azaleas...it happens all too often.

Screen Name Redacted

11/24/2021 01:54 PM

I am not a resident, If I was enlarging the town would cause me to move

Screen Name Redacted

11/24/2021 07:53 PM

only the weather!

Screen Name Redacted

11/24/2021 08:42 PM

I am not a resident of Robertson but spend a lot of time there. I live very close by in Wildes Meadow. Gentrification would be one of the main things that would prevent me from continuing to live in Robertson- it results in soulless towns.

Screen Name Redacted

11/25/2021 01:42 PM

Prices rising, too many tourists and holiday homes or air bnb's. Losing the sense of country community because it is filled with urbanites. All the services and farm shops etc closing and being replaced with cafes.

Screen Name Redacted

11/26/2021 01:44 PM

Elderly-will be difficult to manage large house in a few years. Public transport is nearly non-existent. Few sidewalks. No pedestrian crossing.

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11/28/2021 04:09 PM

Na

Screen Name Redacted

11/30/2021 09:01 AM

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Screen Name Redacted

11/30/2021 08:36 PM

Not a resident.

Screen Name Redacted

12/05/2021 10:48 AM

Health reasons may dictate inability to stay in the home

Screen Name Redacted

12/23/2021 12:06 PM

If it loses its village/country feel and becomes too busy/built up.

Screen Name Redacted

12/24/2021 06:22 AM

Over development of surrounding land. Eg oran park. Over modernizing streetscape. Removing tree and grasses verges. Letting the roads to continue to fail and fall apart without maintenance.

Screen Name Redacted

1/04/2022 12:44 PM

Public transport - regular basy service to Bowral / Mittagong

Screen Name Redacted

1/14/2022 04:39 PM

not really unless there were health issues



Screen Name Redacted

I'm not a resident

1/14/2022 05:29 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Love a warmer climate and a friendlier community

1/15/2022 01:09 PM

Screen Name Redacted

I love Robertson, but the current skatepark is insanely outdated, and quite embarrassing. Skateboarding is only ever going to increase in popularity, and you need to cater for the growing youth population emerging in the Southern highlands. A state-of-the-art skate park is a very big pull-factor in a small town such as Robertson, and myself and others would love to stay in Robertson but it isn't realistic if there is no facilities that cater for us.

3/18/2022 10:00 AM

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Lack of appropriate recreational services

3/18/2022 10:25 AM

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Lack of recreational facilities and large grocery shops. SKATE PARK NEEDS TO BE UPDATED.

3/19/2022 05:43 PM

**Mandatory Question** (70 response(s))**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q18 | Is there adequate affordable housing accessible to various age groups and needs of the community, in Robertson? If not please explain.**

Screen Name Redacted

Simple there are none

10/27/2021 02:43 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Yes there is adequate variety of housing in comparison to Sydney and wider NSW

10/27/2021 04:26 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Even though I am not a resident of Robertson, I have friends who live there. I do not believe housing is affordable there or anywhere in the highlands for several years. There is no over 55/aged care living facilities to downsize too.

10/27/2021 05:38 PM

Screen Name Redacted

Not a resident

10/27/2021 05:50 PM

Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2021 07:33 PM

Housing diversity is lacking. As residents age, they often require a smaller , low maintenance home. Very few in Robertson. Selling a house in Robertson and moving in a Bowral retirement village is financially difficult, and of course distant from Robertson friends.

Screen Name Redacted

10/27/2021 09:14 PM

No. The minimum lot size in Robbi is larger than 90% of the lots in the town. This ridiculous policy prohibits one from building a house on an existing lot. Further, a section of land, close to the town centre should be rezoned as R3 to allow strata or senior living.

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2021 09:45 AM

I believe there is, relative to market prices within the Southern Highlands that is.

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2021 10:12 AM

While some properties in Robertson are expensive, there are still a number of very affordable properties in Robertson - when compared to the current market (i.e. you won't get a property at 2000 prices anywhere in NSW anymore)

Screen Name Redacted

10/28/2021 11:51 AM

Yes, I believe there is adequate affordable housing in Robertson.

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11/01/2021 05:19 PM

Probably not but not sure

Screen Name Redacted

11/02/2021 07:03 AM

I don't know

Screen Name Redacted

11/02/2021 08:10 AM

are there any?

Screen Name Redacted

11/02/2021 08:36 AM

no. young and elderly are not affordable options. also single parents there are not options.

Screen Name Redacted

11/02/2021 11:39 AM

Please see above. I feel like a limited amount of smaller/high density dwellings would mean that older people could live semi-independently for longer. There seem to be more 4 bedroom homes than anything else, with big gardens.

Screen Name Redacted

Don't know

11/02/2021 01:16 PM

Screen Name Redacted

11/02/2021 01:35 PM

NO. No town houses for younger people that don't want garden. Also applicable to older.

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2021 07:39 PM

I don't think so but I'm not exactly sure.

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2021 08:30 PM

Probably not old people looking to downsize

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2021 09:59 PM

No, pricing is getting ridiculous. And rental availability is low. If we hadn't got into the market and bought when we did (7 years ago) we would not be able to live here now.

Screen Name Redacted

11/03/2021 10:15 PM

Prices are getting very high

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 09:47 AM

No - to all age groups probably below their 50s who have already accumulated wealth through property ownership when more affordable, and through stable employment.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 09:56 AM

No. Quickly becoming the domain of rich Sydney folk.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 10:09 AM

NO! Due to the lack of availability real estates can put as much as they like on rentals properties as they know people will pay it either out of desperation or to remain in the town they have grown up in, lots of people have been forced to relocate due to lack housing or simply cannot afford it! For those young ones looking to buy in the town is near impossible.

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 10:12 AM

No

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 12:05 PM

N/A

Screen Name Redacted

11/05/2021 12:56 PM

Na

Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 01:58 PM	X
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 04:28 PM	No we need to have low cost housing available for the type of work available in the region
Screen Name Redacted 11/05/2021 09:11 PM	Yes I believe so.
Screen Name Redacted 11/06/2021 07:39 PM	There is adequate housing for most age groups except older people who may want to downsize. While I don't really agree with retirement living complexes, a mix of housing sizes would benefit many. Smaller houses such as 2-3 bedrooms with a single or double garage would suit many families/couples and retirees.
Screen Name Redacted 11/07/2021 02:55 PM	What is affordable housing??? This is not unique to Robertson and by nature, living in a Rural Village will require an appreciation of a village lifestyle and degree of resilience rather than convenience of expectation.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:02 AM	I think Robertson is one of the last more affordable areas of the SH (if not on acreage) - it delivers good value for money in relation to village amenities
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:42 AM	Would like to see older people developments but mindful of aesthetics.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 11:48 AM	I think there is currently a good balance, which could be expanded by further subdivision of existing larger blocks, without the need to expand the residential footprint. Some low profile multiple occupant sites could be explored on existing single dwelling blocks e.g. villa homes, terraces/town houses, without destroying the residential profile of a village.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 12:10 PM	Everything has increased in price ridiculously. Not sure how first home buyers get into the market.
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 07:39 PM	No. Minimal properties <1,000,000

Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 09:01 PM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 09:41 PM	NA
Screen Name Redacted 11/10/2021 10:18 PM	There was, nut housing is becoming more expensive here.
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 02:42 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 04:25 AM	There is sufficient housing available but the prices are being pushed up unsustainably and buying a new house has become difficult in Robertson. There needs to be an appealing, character-filled space so older residents have options to stay here closer to the town centre. Any solution to affordability should not include generic, modern development on small lots (e.g like Tullimbar).
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 12:22 PM	There needs to be smaller lots or villa style for older age residents
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 07:45 PM	likely not enough permanent rentals, but not sure
Screen Name Redacted 11/11/2021 09:12 PM	No. Housing very scarce for both purchase and rental
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 10:54 AM	It would be really fantastic to have some rural land rezoned to allow people the option to have large lot residential such as 10 acre lots you can access in regional NSW. In Robertson it's either live in town on 1,000-2,000 square metre land or very large, and for most, unaffordable acreage on the fridge of the village
Screen Name Redacted 11/12/2021 02:35 PM	No but this is comparable to the rest of Australia
Screen Name Redacted 11/13/2021 10:52 AM	Yes
Screen Name Redacted	Unsure

11/13/2021 09:12 PM

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 11:43 AM

There is no housing available in Robertson and if there is, it has recently tripped in time.

Screen Name Redacted

11/14/2021 08:29 PM

No. It seems to be skewed towards the richer middle-aged types, and little regard is given to any other group. Smaller dwellings for different socio-economic groups, or more appropriate housing for those looking to downsize but stay in the community, just doesn't exist. Most of those who work in the town have to come in from other areas, and even many business owners cannot either afford or find suitable housing in the town.

Screen Name Redacted

11/15/2021 08:42 AM

Just like everywhere else, young people are being squeezed out of the market.

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11/16/2021 03:50 PM

it would be a shame if the core long term residents of Robertson could no longer reside here because it is no longer affordable for them. Prices have risen so fast because of the pandemic and sudden popularity of the regions and especially Robertson for its beauty and creative community. High quality, beautiful and sustainable affordable housing projects (provided with government subsidies if necessary) would be address this issue and ensure the demographic diversity which is essential to a vibrant cohesive community.

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not sure

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11/24/2021 08:42 PM

No, I think this is definitely no longer the case. Sadly, the recent influx of Sydney people to country areas, including Robertson, has pushed rental & purchase costs of housing to extraordinarily high levels. This is a travesty for our community - we lose the fabric of our community if people from all walks of life can't afford to live here. Families with lower incomes will be forced to move out of area - this is terribly sad for them but also sad for our community... gentrification sucks the soul out of communities.

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11/25/2021 01:42 PM

Real Estate prices are astronomical and rent is unreasonable. We are just lucky because we are good tennants who have been in a spare



farm cottage for 15 years. We will probably leave in 10 years when the kids finish school in Bowral.

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11/26/2021 01:44 PM

No. House prices are out of limits for many, most houses are 3 or more bedrooms, making it too big for singles or a couple. No town house / villa type living.

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11/28/2021 04:09 PM

Unsure

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11/30/2021 09:01 AM

Not really sure but it is likely that some lower income families will be pushed out due to higher rents. We need all strata of society to keep the place vibrant

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11/30/2021 08:36 PM

No. It lacks a diversity of age-friendly housing options as does elsewhere. However growth will need to be well managed to ensure new housing developments are not on highly productive agricultural land or remnant forest, which is a particularly tricky call in this area owing to the rich basalt soil. This is also a complex issue as the size of farms to ensure they are productive is often large (and some have been subdivided into hobby farm size), and increasingly difficult to maintain their financial viability.

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12/05/2021 10:48 AM

Rent prices are unaffordable, meaning our son and his family cannot afford to live in the area they work in and travel 45 minutes each way.

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12/23/2021 12:06 PM

I am unsure of this.

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12/24/2021 06:22 AM

Cost of houses is over top. Young local first home buyers cant afford to stay in town.

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1/04/2022 12:44 PM

Yes

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I think so as we do not want to change the nature of the village. We do not want multi dwelling villas for example.

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1/14/2022 05:29 PM

I'm not a resident

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1/15/2022 01:09 PM

No, prices have soared and seems to be only accessible to Middle class and upward

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3/18/2022 10:00 AM

I am not aware of housing options, as it doesn't relate to me.

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3/18/2022 10:25 AM

yes

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3/19/2022 05:43 PM

No, younger generations do not have the funds to afford any housing in Robertson. Most houses are selling for over 1 million, which is extremely unaffordable to both young adults and the elderly

**Mandatory Question** (70 response(s))

**Question type:** Essay Question

## Word Cloud - Visioning Exercise

Source	QUESTION 1: What are 3 words that reflect what you like about Robertson? -	QUESTION 2: What 3 words would you use to describe your past/current	QUESTION 3: What 3 words would you use to describe how you
Online Engagement Activity	Country charm Quiet natural places	Quiet Friendly We know each other	Too much tourism Too many residential properties Greater diversity of housing
Online Engagement Activity	Community setting Unique	Friendly Lively Charismatic	Similar Community Special
Online Engagement Activity	Trees Rural Vistas Community	Laneways View-lines Quiet	Housing Diversity Walkable Town
Online Engagement Activity	Relaxed Green Arty	Dispersed Car Dominated	Town Square Away from Traffic
Online Engagement Activity	Clean Air Green	Dull Bland Thoroughfare	Vibrant Green Canopy
Online Engagement Activity	Peaceful Friendly Beautiful	Quaint Buzzy Intriguing	Vibrant Inclusive Interesting
Online Engagement Activity	Green Country Friendly	Vehicular Charming Bustling	Walkable Community Diverse
Online Engagement Activity	Peaceful Friendly Country	Messy spread out Improving	Youth Oriented Busy
Online Engagement Activity	Country Community Nature	Good Friendly Lively	Not too different
Online Engagement Activity	Quiet Rural Caring	Growing Poor Infrastructure	Overcrowded Overpriced Changing

Online Engagement Activity	Opportunity Location Easygoing	Nostalgic Ultraconservative Complacent	Suburb of Bowral Same Materialistic
Online Engagement Activity	Greenery Tranquil Historical	Disjointed Long Closed	Interesting Arty Daytrips
Online Engagement Activity	Village Natural Produce	Friendly Small-scale Artistic	Eco-conscious Foodie-haven Art/craft focused
Online Engagement Activity	Locals Climate Location	Tourists Village Growing	Town Tourists Busier
Online Engagement Activity	Village Community Country	Outdated Tired Spread Out	Quaint Gardens Country Charm
Online Engagement Activity	Laidback Peaceful Green	Everything you need	Country Comfort
Online Engagement Activity	Rural Nature Heritage	Disjointed Characterless Overcrowded	Small Rural Heritage
Online Engagement Activity	Village atmosphere Beautiful Friendly	Too dispersed Tired Friendly	Destination Attractive Green
Online Engagement Activity	Country Green Spacious	Peaceful Community Country	Country Rural Space
Online Engagement Activity	Nature Community Space	Limited Expensive Touristic	Community Sustainability Liveability
Online Engagement Activity	Rainforest Regenerative Vibe Community	Friendly Fun Functional	Nature-loving Sustainable Flourishing with more Small Creative Agricultural Businesses
Online Engagement Activity	Community Rural lifestyle No high st shops	Friendly Spread out	Rural Good amenities
Online Engagement Activity	Basalt Idyllic Mist	Laid-back Bespoke Country	Carefully Constructed Country

Online Engagement Activity	Possibilities Community Space	Friendly Delicious Interesting	Diverse Progressive Cultural
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Village Community Geography	Almost Dead Village Food Everything you need	Sustainable Clean Diverse
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Safe Community Mist	Long Undulating Spread out	Sustainable Compassion Better Connected
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Community Lifestyle Mist	Gentrifying Limited Stimulus Free Environment	Diversity Environmental Walkable
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Rainforest Community Farming	Convenient Easy to park Food	Energy Independent Overpopulated Diversity
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Enthusiastic Retired Community	Friendly Warm Great Cafes / Dining	Community-orientated Limited Expansion Busy
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Green Community Small	Quality Used to be Friendly	Citified Young for Old Age Friendly
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Misty High Rainfall Red Soil	Convenient Services have grown Enough	Small Aged Care Diversity of Ages
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Green Community Creativity	Inconvenient Friendly Accessible	Still Villagey Limited Expansion Busy
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Village Feel Community Character	Community Too Many Coffee Shops Conducive to raising a family - Homely	Native and Edible Vegetation Creative and Arts Diverse
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	People Weather Natural Environment	Homely Friendly Lack of ethnic diversity	Village Regenerative farming centre with niche artisan producers on

Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Soil Climate Not Bowral	Disjointed Shopping Challenged Accessible	Gardens Architecture Trees
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th	Weather Mist	Fun Culture Art & Writing	Friendly Vibrant Happy
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Heritage A Real Place Gateway	Tourist Dominated Genuine Monoculture	Inclusive Self Sufficient Maintain Character
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Friendly Welcoming Village	Dissipated because of the highway Touristy Doesn't feel like a centre	Collaborative Changed Harmony
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	Community Country Side Quintessential Aussie Town	Stretched out Fragmented Good Food, Coffee and Wine	Zero Population Retain Character Enriched High
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	N/A	N/A	Valuing Learning A Slow Town Still Beautiful
Community Consultation Session - Robertson CTC 7th Dec 2021	N/A	N/A	Still a real country village Unique Vibrant
Online Engagement Activity	Rural School Shops	Local Quality Variety	Similar
Online Engagement Activity	Community Friendly Rural	Excellent Great Dining	Progressive Closeness Expanding
Online Engagement Activity	Quiet Beautiful Peaceful	Welcoming Undeveloped Non-Facilitating	Green Youth Facilities Sustainable
Online Engagement Activity	Serenity Green Small Community	Dull Old Fashioned	Pool Sustainable New Skatepark



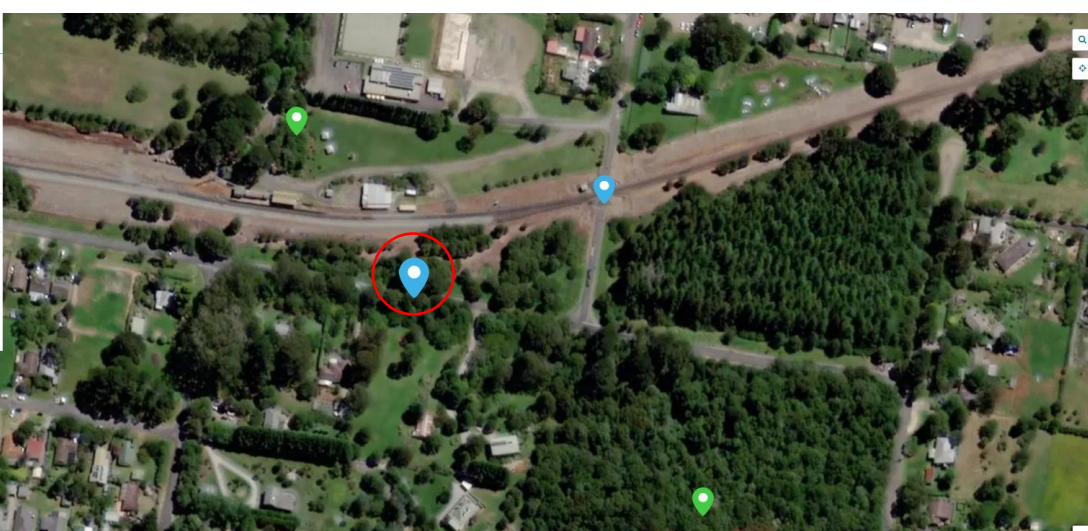
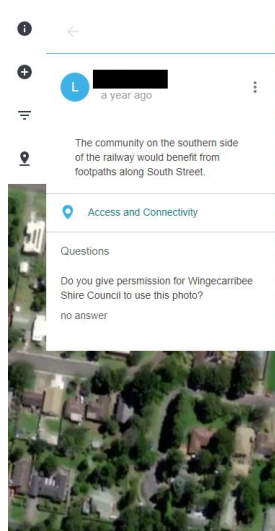
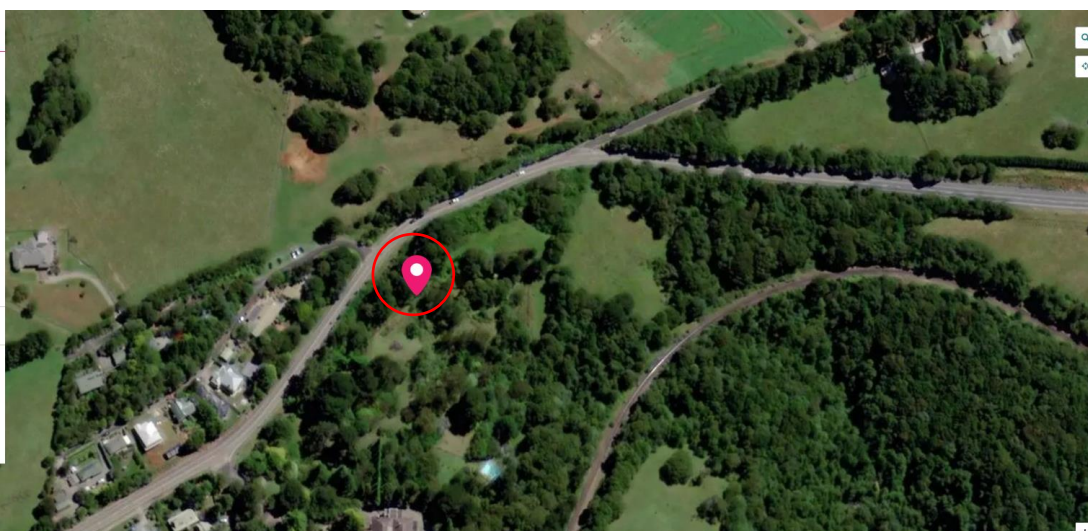
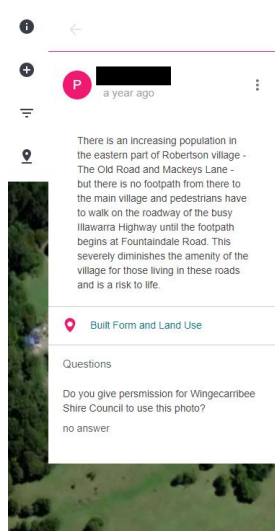
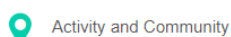
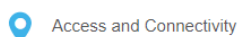
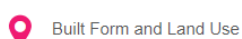
## Robertson Village Interactive Map – Your Say Wingecarribee

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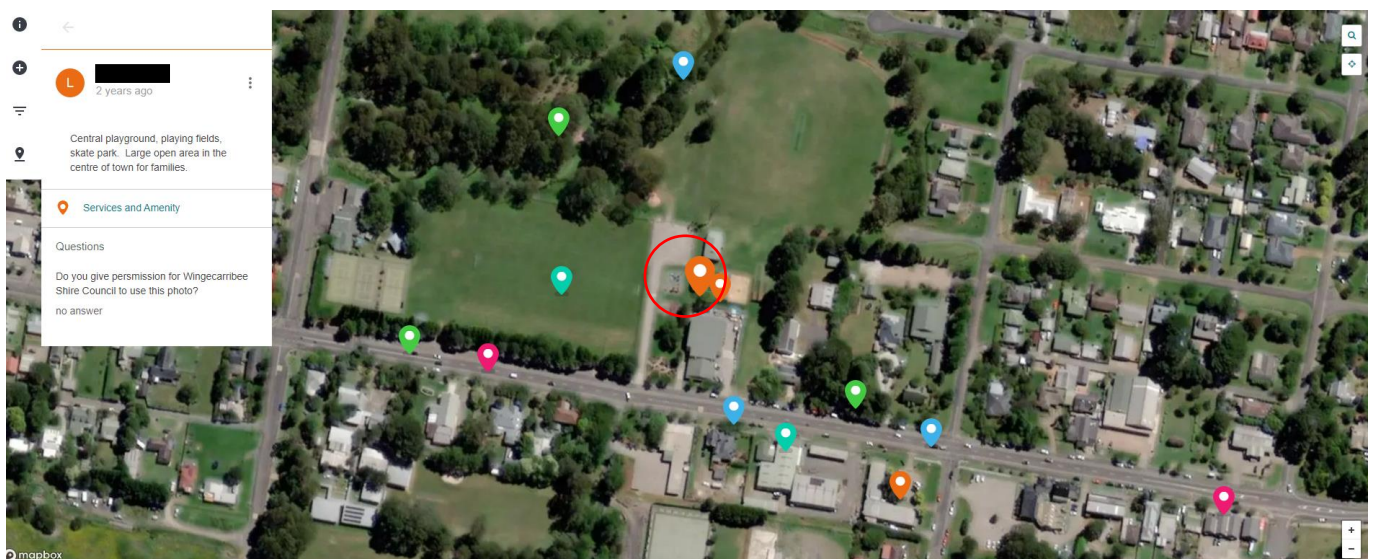
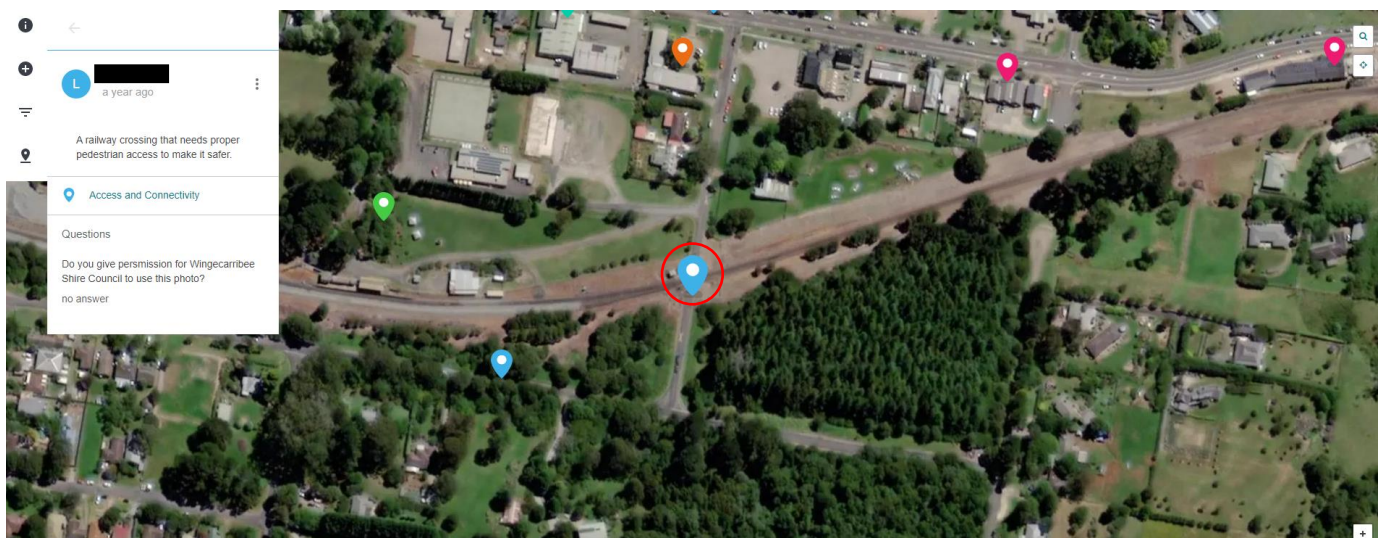
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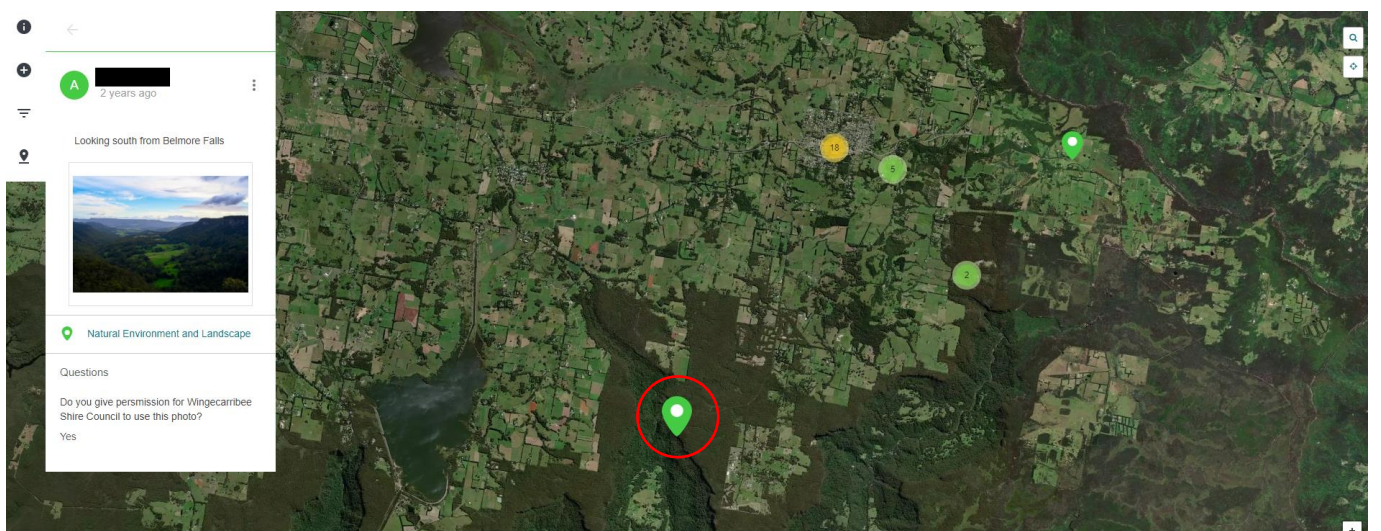
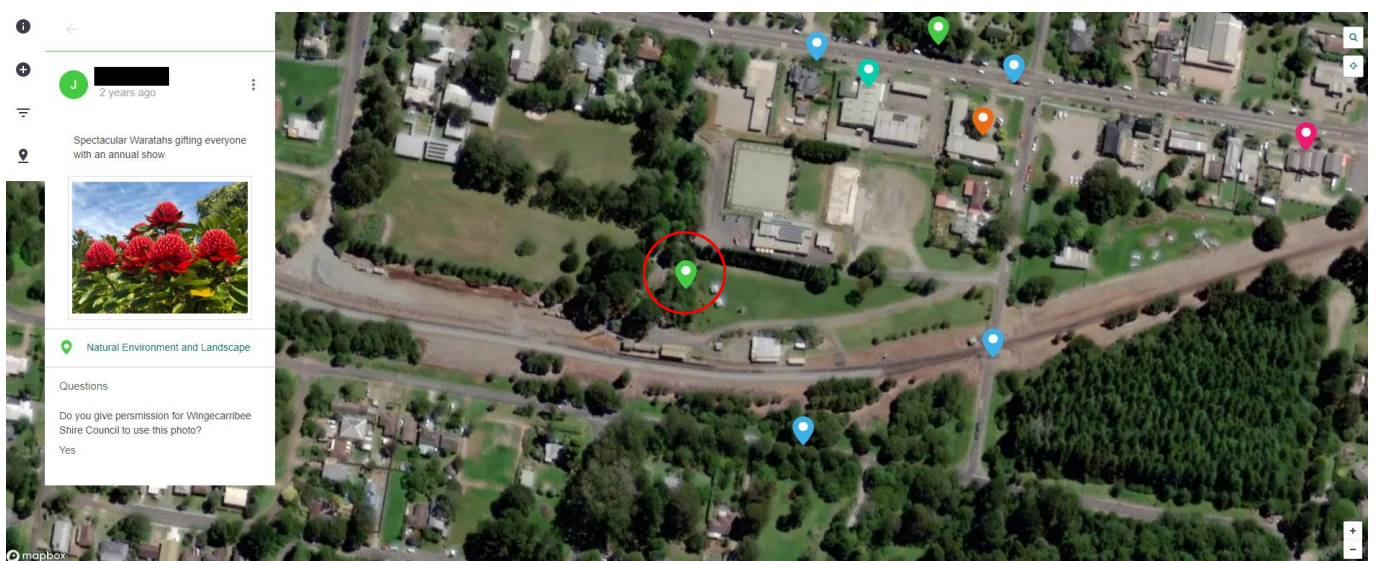
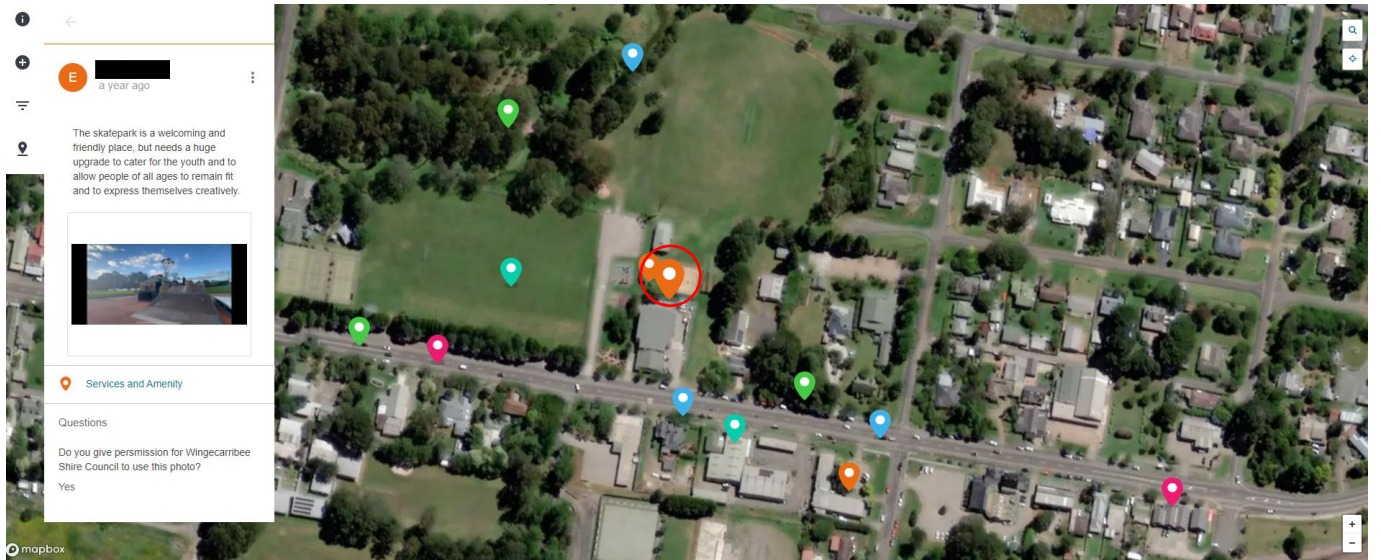
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Buildings that activate the street and contribute to the character of the village centre.

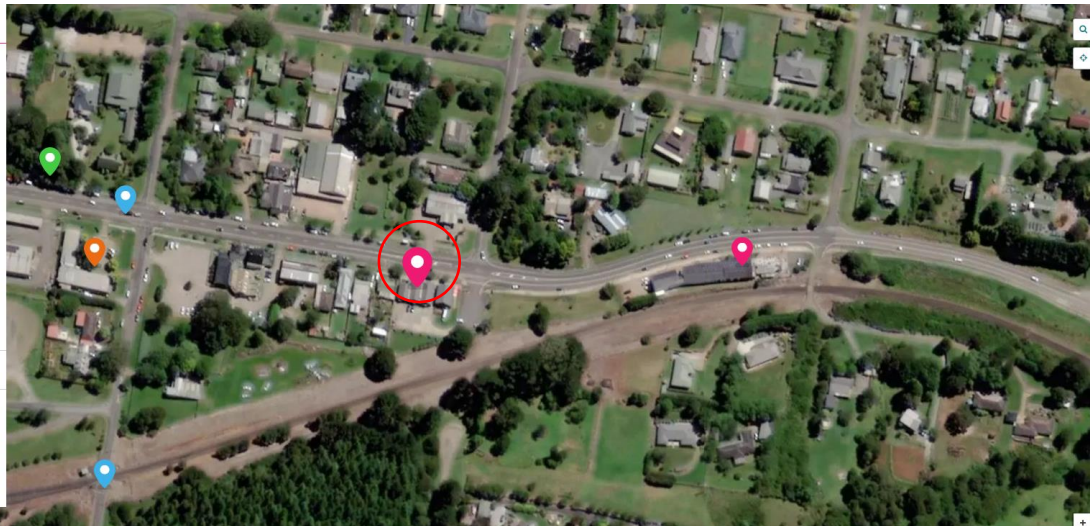


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The gateway / entrance into the village centre.

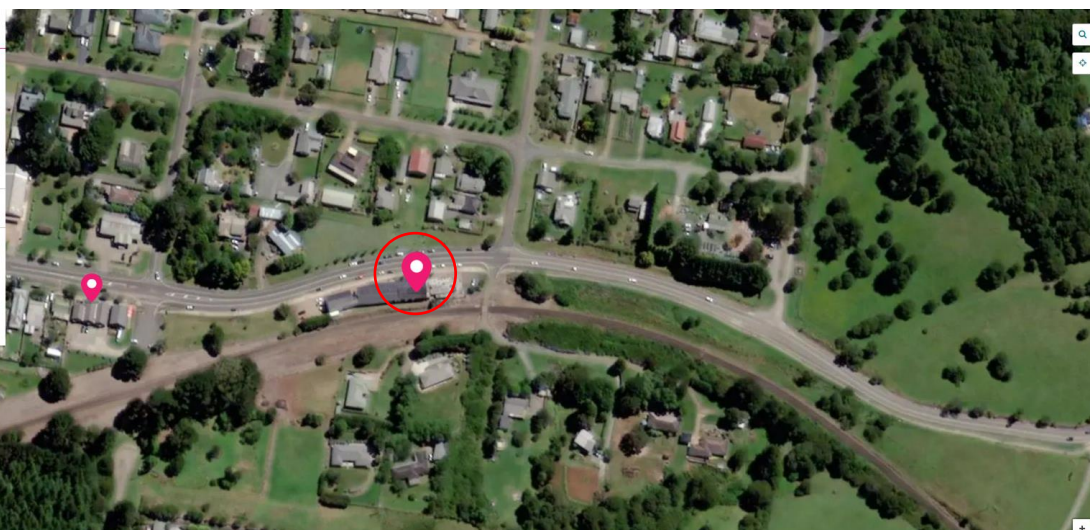


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A sense of community.




Activity and Community

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A focal point for the village. Bringing the community together.



Activity and Community

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Opportunities to connect with the natural environment in the centre of the village!



Natural Environment and Landscape

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Significant trees in the centre of the village



Natural Environment and Landscape

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The entrance / exit of Robertson.

Characterised by long and short distance views over rich rural landscapes and natural areas.

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Natural Environment and Landscape

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The Illawarra Highway acts as a significant barrier to pedestrian mobility in the village centre, and opportunities to improve pedestrian safety and mobility should be explored.

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Access and Connectivity

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Hoddle Street displaying it's finest spring blossoms

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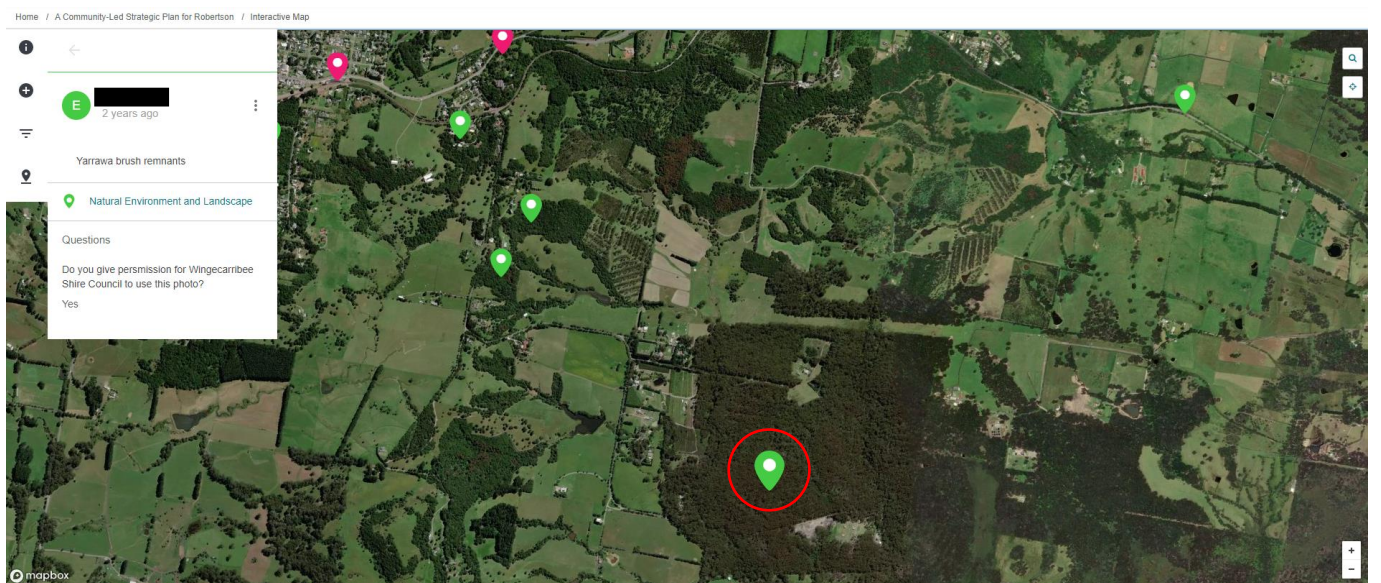
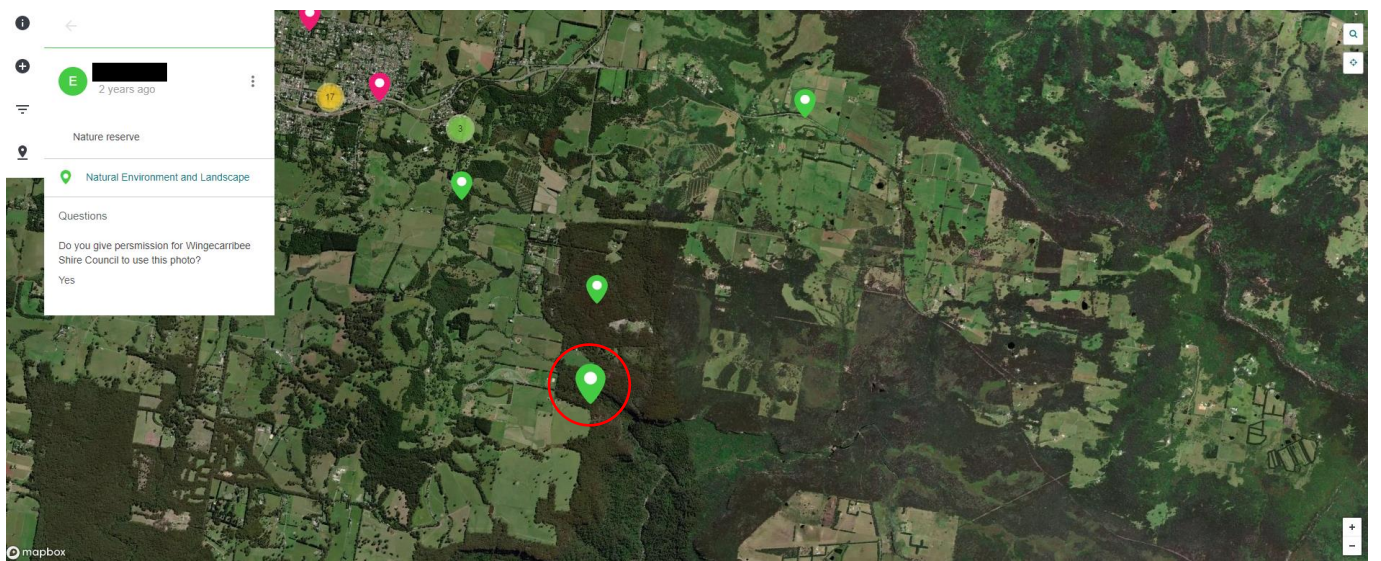
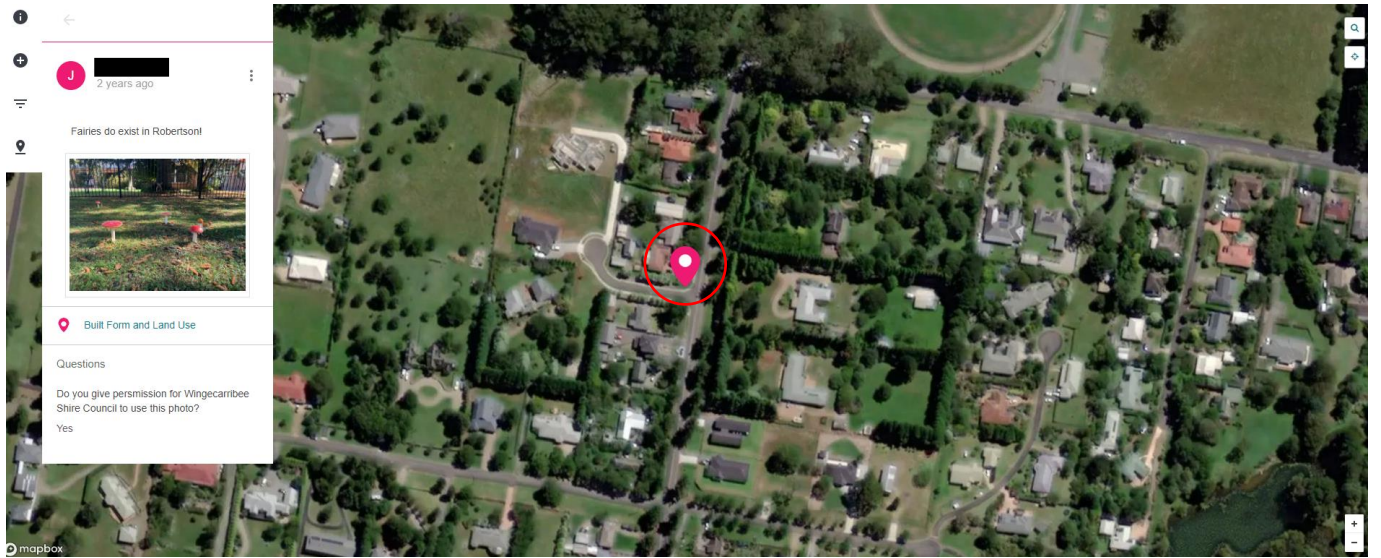
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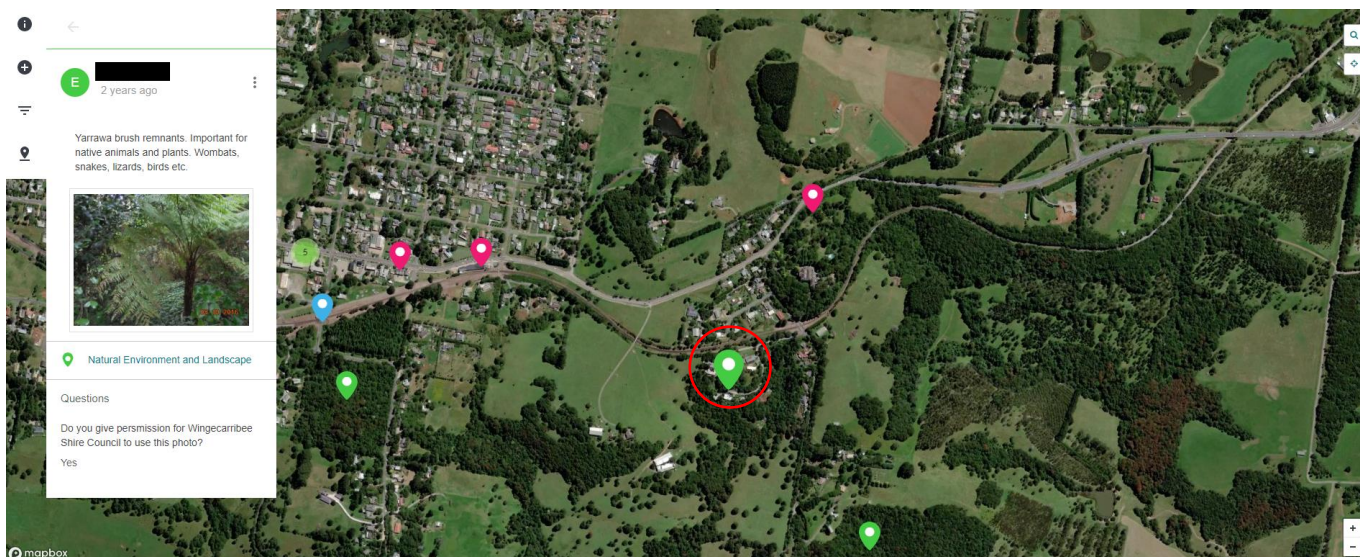
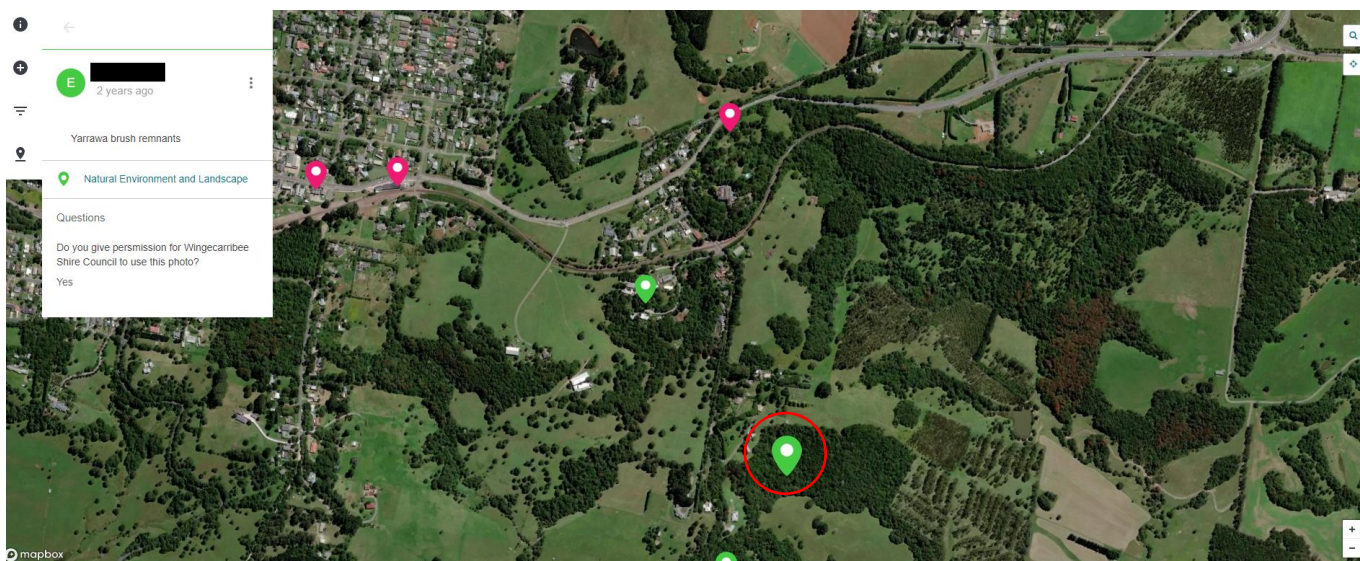
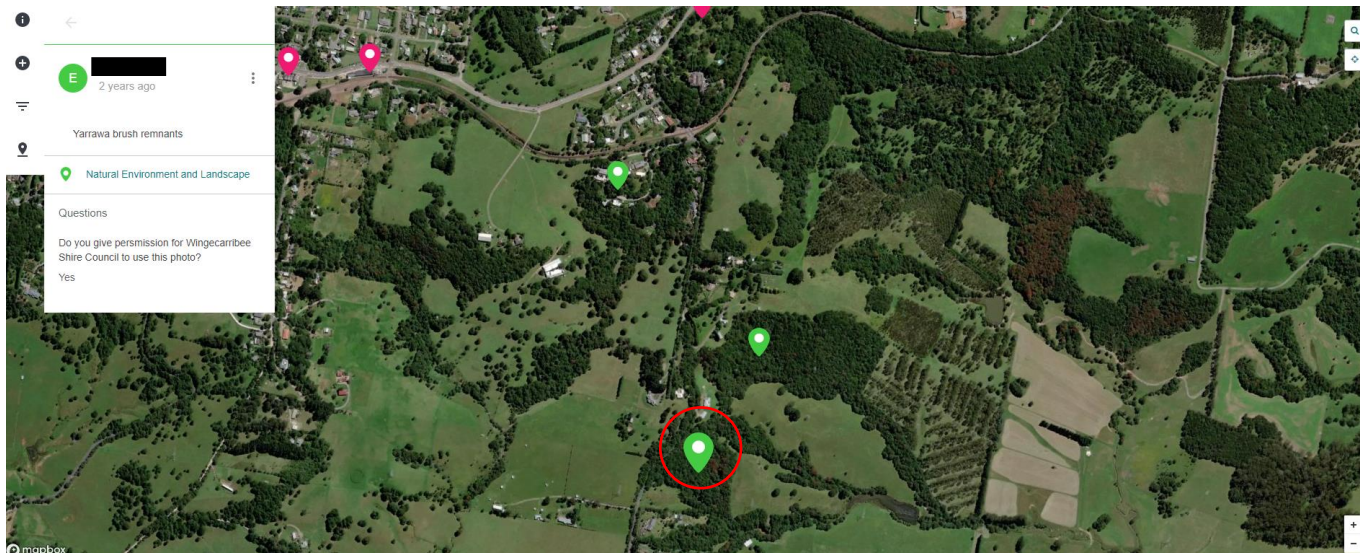
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Please fill out your evaluation below

N/A Can't answer/not applicable    1 Strongly disagree    2 Disagree    3 Neutral    4 Agree    5 Strongly agree

Am I able to arrive there?	Score
T.1: People find it easy and pleasant to get to the public space, through the streets, public transport and signage.	
T.2: People can easily access the public space through multiple entrances	
T.3: People of all ages and abilities can easily and comfortably move around Robertson	
T.4: It is easy and safe to walk and/or cycle in and around Robertson	
T.5: There are pet friendly open areas which are used on a regular basis	
T.6: There are adequate parking spaces within or close to the Robertson town square	
Average score Total score ÷ number of answered questions	

Am I able to play and participate?	Score
P.1: There are a range of things to do in the public space including exercise, recreation, games, play and/or learning opportunities	
P.2: The public space encourages positive social interactions or individual experiences e.g. talking, community meetings	
P.3: There is a choice of places or features to safely sit, play, thrive, be active and relax	
P.4: There are social or cultural activities appropriate to the space e.g. programmed activities or events	
P.5: There is a variety of amenities, sports fields and open areas to be active outdoors.	
Average score Total score ÷ number of answered questions	

**What public features do you see?**

☐ Furniture/seating

☐ Community building

☐ Shade structure

☐ Play space

☐ Sport fields/court

☐ Toilets/amenities

☐ Way-finding signage

☐ Public or community art

☐ Educational program/space

☐ Meeting room/space

☐ Public transport options

☐ Heritage elements

☐ Trees/plants

**Questions & Observations**

How do you describe the overall quality of public space?

☐ High    ☐ Medium    ☐ Low

**What do you value the most about Robertson?**

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Am I able to stay?	Score
S.1: If you need to take a break and sit, there is adequate spots to stop and rest.	
S.2: There are enough trees, grass and plants to make the public space shaded and comfortable.	
S.3: The public space feels safe during different times of the day.	
S.4: There are features that shelter you from wind, sun, and rain.	
S.5: There is an interesting atmosphere and activities e.g. people watching, arts and cultural activations	
S.6: There are shops, cafes, community services or economic activity close by	
S.7: The public space feels welcoming with a sense of belonging and you feel encouraged to return	
Average score Total score ÷ number of answered questions	

Am I able to connect?	Score
C.1: There are appropriate activities, events and things for the community e.g. community event, arts and cultural activations	
C.2: There are shops, cafes, community services or economic activity within the town square	
C.3: The heritage of Robertson is well protected, with public artworks, heritage buildings that reflect the unique character of Robertson	
C.4: There is evidence of volunteerism, community stewardship and/or the space is well-loved and well attended for its function	
C.5: There is a sense of pride in the community, to live and/or work in Robertson	
C.6: The trees and other vegetation in Robertson adds a sense of belonging to Robertson	
Average score Total score ÷ number of answered questions	

# SWOT Analysis

## Movement and Access

S	STRENGTHS
1	Existing Footpath from Fountindale Road to Town Centre
2	The highway brings visitors to town, bringing in economic strength
3	The highway brings visitors, trades and tourism
4	The epicentre of Robertson is close to at least 5 cities, beach and new airport.
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W	WEAKNESSES
1	Lack of Public Transport
2	Lack of footpaths, public seating and lighting
3	There are speeding trucks on the highway with not enough pedestrian crossings
4	Higher gutters are a mobility barrier - Location - Post office
5	The rail line dissects the town and does not have enough railway crossings
6	Creek is a barrier to connectivity
7	Limited public parking, specially along Caalong Street, due to open drains
8	Highway cannot be re-routed
9	Unmade streets do not allow connectivity for traffic, walking or cycling
10	Caalong Street is the one connection to centre from High Street, Lemmons Road and Devonshire Road
11	Lack of connected footpaths between villages and within the village
12	There is lack of access for rubbish collection trucks, resulting in no rubbish collection in such areas, as the roads are narrow and have no turning radius for the trucks.

O	OPPORTUNITIES
1	The creek could be a potential walking path or town feature
2	Small train service to help connectivity between local towns, using the existing railway station
3	Back lanes are not yet formed and can be better utilised. They need to be maintained and used for pedestrian access
4	A cycle and walking path to pie shop or Tourist Road
5	The railway is currently underused and could service a motor rail
6	Create more pedestrian friendly infrastructure, like footpath along main street and High street, more crossing islands, pedestrian crossings along Caalong Street
7	Use land owned by Railway and reroute traffic, to develop the village
8	Traffic Calming throughout the town by various means like more trees planted, flag posts, pedestrian crossing islands etc.
9	Extend the bikepath from Robertson Hotel to the Old Road and Pie Shop
10	Hampton Park is a major centrally located space, but is underused at the moment. Some covered play areas are required as park infrastructure
11	Footpaths from Service station to Rail crossing, and from Caalong Street to Meryla Street

T	THREATS
1	Potential for increased truck movements on highway
2	The existing pedestrian crossings are dangerous
3	Road kill due to freight trucks
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# SWOT Analysis

## Public Domain

S	STRENGTHS
1	Existing strengths - Hampden Park, Rainforest walks, Forest Reserve, Showground and Information centre boards
2	The Yarrowara bush and its soil is unique and the height above sea level is also a strength
3	There is a community spirit with regards to public spaces
4	There is plenty of vegetation and street trees in Robertson
5	Cemetery Road walk and its view is a great strength
6	Reinforce existing tree planting in main street and provide for replanting
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W	WEAKNESSES
1	The creek within Hampden park is not maintained
2	Lack of safe dog walking area off-leash
3	Not many seats, picnic tables, covered seating and table for tourists or residents and lack of lighting
4	Back roads are not connected
5	Lack of clear centre of town
6	Tennis courts are underutilised and under maintained
7	No access to large lake/pond and not many people know where is the large water body, part of Caalong Creek
8	Connifers along street front of Hampden Park are very tall and shade the street in winter
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O	OPPORTUNITIES
1	Walkway along the creek and allow for flood mitigation, and making the creek the heart of Robertson
2	Removal of Big Potato for better use of land
3	Introduce more public art along the street or parks
4	Shelter areas in the park can make park more usable
5	Power lines should be underground on streets and allow trees to grow
6	Nature based play space and outdoor gym/exercise zones
7	Widen and improve footpaths using gravel-based bitumen & they can wind around trees
8	Rehabilitate the riparian zones for native vegetation and connect to Gundungurra stories
9	Use the vacant crown land for a Town Centre, adjacent to CTC
10	Develop a pump track to pump water

T	THREATS
1	Loss of Iconic Big Potato
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# SWOT Analysis

## Land Use and Built Form

S	STRENGTHS
1	Historic buildings give character to the main street, which needs to be protected to retain the character
2	Retain the village feel of Robertson with low building heights and no big shop Franchises
3	Individual style housing adds to the strength, instead of having thousands of similar houses
4	Existing strengths - Showground, Bowling Club, historical building like the old post office, The Robertson Hotel, Police Station, Old Cheese Factory etc.
5	Old commercial buildings have verandahs/awnings over the footpath, giving character to the street
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W	WEAKNESSES
1	Minimum of 2000msq.m to build a house
2	Lack of housing within town
3	Tsunami of money coming from Sydney without housing for whole community
4	No housing for ageing population
5	Inconsistent fencing along Police Station
6	Lack of Affordable housing for all ages, adaptable housing and affordable rental housing within town. It creates a need for smaller houses and not mansions
7	Limited businesses to service the local population and all businesses are tourist focussed
8	2-storey buildings are not permitted, which limits development
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O	OPPORTUNITIES
1	There is a need to have different lot sizes in areas within 800m of the town centre as it is proven that people will only walk 800m before using a car
2	Design controls to ensure character is maintained in new development, with height restrictions to 1.5 storey
3	Grow population to the point where local supermarket and other shops can survive
4	Diverse housing for all ages with medium density closer to town centre. This can also be developed behind shops
5	Covered awnings
6	Consistency in interpreting the DCP for built form
7	Shop fronts should be able to be built on boundary and have awnings on footpaths
8	Diversity vs design control balance
9	Back lanes can be used for rear access, allowing more housing on the main street
10	More edible food growing within the village, eg: Fruit trees, community gardens
11	Shop + house together would suit artisans, people who work from home or allow shop-top housing, vegetable planter boxes

T	THREATS
1	Over-development of residential blocks, not maintaining the house to block ratio.
2	Long term residents have to move away due to lack of housing choice, eroding community
3	Loss of character through development
4	To realise Robertson has the best soil for agriculture, best views and locations, and not to let the natural beauty be planted out by Leylandii
5	Heavy rainfall, upto 60-80 inches
6	Losing commercial property and agriculture in Robertson
7	Development spread outside the existing town footprint, instead of infilling within existing town boundaries
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# SWOT Analysis

## Environment & Sustainability

S	STRENGTHS
1	Remnant rainforest is a historical significance
2	Green heart, good Rainfall and good soil
3	Above average solar power usage
4	Capacity in sewerage system enable growth
5	Natural environment to build on. Rainforest and rich basalt soil, with important focus on Caalong Creek
6	Baslt soil is best growing earth in the country and is available in Robertson
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W	WEAKNESSES
1	Driving long distances to get daily needs is not environmentally friendly
2	Lack of walkability within the town
3	Lack of recycling opportunities within town
4	Planting Leylandii and other noxious species and blocking charming rural views
5	No swimming pool
6	lack of connected cycling paths
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O	OPPORTUNITIES
1	Electrical vehical charging stations around town
2	Soil + Climate = food growing tourism opportunity, paddock to plate
3	Community gardens
4	Regenerate and rehabilitate riparian zones with native vegetation and links to Gundungurra Country
5	Plant natives in all new landscaping
6	Extend Bong Bong path along river to Robertson
7	Install bike racks and bike/walking trails to Moss Vale & Bowral-encouraging active transport
8	Develop wildlife corridors
9	Create different zones in Hampden park by landscaping, for different uses, like outdoor exercises
10	Creating employment opportunity within town, caring for older and disadvantaged people
11	Verge Gardens, Community gardens and home gardens
12	PZP minigrid for solar energy, extended around Robertson
13	Collecting and reusing water, double glazing, mulching products, orientating houses to get max. sun, plating street trees, fruit trees and veges
14	Promote Langley Redwood Grove and Yarrawa Brush Reserve link to Main Street, by street planting
15	Community solar powered/wind powered battery project, servicing street lights etc.
16	Integrated transport plan before new development occurs

T	THREATS
1	Danger of losing critically endangered rainforest due to conflict between commoner and state legislation
2	Excessive vehicular movement and its effects on climate change
3	Future development impacting natural features as happened in the past
4	Over development and private owners destroying Robertson rainforest
5	Stormwater innundation needs work
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# SWOT Analysis

## Community, Culture & Activation

S	STRENGTHS
1	Community culture enhanced by CTC, School of arts, The Robertson Hotel, Pub, the SHAC and Bowling Club, and gives opportunity for events, including Robertson on News and Robertson Commons - virtual community
2	Crop Swap
3	Strong volunteer culture, primarily retiree community
4	Strong social and sporting
5	MOSAIC pathway, which has cultural + indigenous groups
6	Eastern Gateway to Southern Highlands
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W	WEAKNESSES
1	Lack of places to meet outside with shade and away from main road
2	No proper Community hall as there are no Council funds to repair the existing one
3	Lack of awareness of aboriginal heritage
4	Lack of connection between various social and cultural groups
5	Playground fencing
6	Market is too commercial
7	Extended main street with no clear centre and meeting place
8	Poor signage for things not on the main street
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O	OPPORTUNITIES
1	Protect and promote the heritage items in the main street
2	Rehabilitate Riparian zones and link to Gundungurra culture
3	Council needs to help with cultural needs which are good for health and wellbeing of people like cycle ways, walkways and more
4	More market for authentic local produces (extension of crop swap) and encouraging agriculture
5	Town for all ages
6	Local FCE wants to sponsor Bux pump track
7	Build and support Robertson Jigsaw/Mosaic as an umbrella group
8	There could be more community events to bring all ages together
9	provision of housing diversity bringing people together
10	Chess board in the park
11	Robust, well built, low maintenance seating for dwell points
12	New airport for cities for tourism like Wollongong, Shellharbour, Canberra, Goulbourn etc.
13	Many community and volunteering opportunities

T	THREATS
1	All the good plans being overruled by State Government
2	Lack of community engagement in a democracy
3	Reduction in volunteers due to ageing population, and younger people are more online than the community
4	Currently only 4 heritage buildings are protected in the main street despite its settlement since the 1860's
5	Demolition of the community centre adjacent to the pre-school
6	Need to educate about climate, heating and sun
7	Growth from other areas, people moving from busy towns, villages and cities to a quiet village
8	Loss of small town feeling
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## **ROBERTSON CONSULTATION SESSION – 7 Dec 2021**

*(Additional Feedback/Comments)*

### **Aims and Objectives:**

- Values
- Transport → Connections
- The Journey
- Connectivity → Pedestrian and cycle
- Youth → sports clubs, facilities
- A plan for all! Covering everyone's needs

### **General SWOT Comments from Group Discussion:**

#### **1) Movement and Access**

##### **a. Opportunities:**

- Back lanes
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Finish streets that were planned
- Pedestrian Movement
- Creek → walking track opportunities
- Re-route → adjacent to the railway
- Extend the footpaths
- Traffic slowing/calming → physical (e.g. centre island with trees and flag poles)
- Slow movement to the other towns

##### **b. Threats:**

- Increased freight movements
- Creek = barrier
- Changes impacting wildlife
- Road kill

##### **c. Weaknesses**

- Trucks and speed
- Access
- Rubbish collection
- Limited pedestrian crossing points

#### **2) Public Space**

##### **a. Strengths:**

- Community spirit
- Rainforest
- Close to the coast
- Showground
- Natural areas
- Historic buildings = character

##### **b. Weaknesses:**

- Lack of shelter
  - Seating
  - Lighting
  - Improve footpaths
  - Picnic tables
- c. Opportunities:
- Walkway along the creek
  - Big potato... what can be done with the site?
  - Park next to the station → a plan to introduce a community garden is currently underway.
- d. Threats:
- Loss of the Big Potato

### 3) Land use and built form

- a. Opportunities:
- Affordable renting housing
  - Medium density housing
  - Shops and housing together
  - Medium density
  - Consistency in the application of the rules
  - Diversity
  - Controls
- b. Weaknesses:
- Lot sizes
  - Tourism focused
- c. Threats:
- Lack of key services
  - Over development
  - No Lego land
  - Loss of character

### 4) Environment and Sustainability:

- a. Strengths:
- Productive agricultural land
  - Natural environment outside and within the village
  - Capacity in the sewerage system
- b. Weaknesses:
- Car dependency
  - Lack of cycling links
- c. Opportunities:
- Integrated transport plan



- Extend Bong Bong park along the river
- Community battery
- Wildlife corridors
- Community gardens
- Local sustainability
- Street planting

d. Threat:

- Excessive car use

5) Community, Culture and Activation

a. Strengths:

- Social and sporting groups
- Eastern gateway
- Strong volunteer culture!
- Shack

b. Weaknesses:

- Limited places to meet outside
- No community hall
- No funds to repair
- Lack awareness of Aboriginal heritage
- Poor wayfinding

c. Opportunities:

- Untold Aboriginal stories
- Carrington Falls → Aboriginal
- FCE
- Authentic local produce
- Community events to bring people together

d. Threats:

- Growth from other areas
- Loss of small town feeling
- Undermining from state controls → solutions

**Comments – “Where to from here?”:**

- World class visioning opposed to budget visioning
- High level and best practice

**Additional Comments:**

- High working from home percentage = a lot artists and creatives in the village. → Viability of the town centre.
- Explore opportunities for infill development → Affordable options as people journey to work from neighbouring localities because they cannot afford to live here.
- Belonging → helping people see what is lying underneath.

- While the increase in footpath width is ideal this may further impact the opportunity for deep soil planting opportunities.
- Agriculture – History, expertise, current role in the village
- High of gutters → Road level used to be higher and have since been cut in to where they currently are.
- Movement and Access → Agriwest is a key attractor + hub for farmers and gardeners.

## **1. Improve Biodiversity through public space**

### **Key Actions identified –**

- 1.1 Plant Robertson Rainforest species as streetscape trees
- 1.2 Continue cherry trees along main corridors to frame major routes. Can integrate with rainforest species throughout village.
- 1.3 It is good to have both deciduous and native species. Deciduous provide summer shade but allow sun through in winter.
- 1.4 Use vegetation to improve character of western entrance. Reduce tree height & replace hedging.
- 1.5 Use landscaping to make Western entrance around 50 sign and railway crossing to make more appealing.
- 1.6 Make sure street trees are low enough to not impact on power lines and then need cutting back.
- 1.7 If a tree is removed it should be replaced.

## **2. Integrate footpaths to form connectivity**

### **Key Actions identified –**

- 2.1 Connect existing footpaths with new infrastructure.
- 2.2 Provide access for all abilities.
- 2.3 Northern area of village along Main Street above May crossing over the creek identified on map for improved connectivity.

### **Previous Studies etc**

Robertson PAMP (Pedestrian Assess Mobility Plan) – 2007

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## **3. Reduce community GHG emissions**

### **Key Actions identified –**

- 3.1 Provide local services to reduce the need to drive into town centres.
- 3.2 Provide home deliveries.
- 3.3 'Community battery'.

#### **4. Create public spaces that are green and inclusive**

##### **Key Actions identified –**

- 4.1 Chatty chairs
- 4.2 Better playgrounds
- 4.3 Expanded rainforest walk
- 4.4 Toilets with good ESD facilities
- 4.5 LLS to provide services & fencing
- 4.6 Footpaths
- 4.7 Save Our Species – Illawarra land Council – Beth Mott – Plant koala corridors
- 4.8 Community vegetable gardens at CTC – already volunteers

##### **Previous Studies etc**

Wingecarribee Parks Strategy -2016

Wingecarribee Playspace Strategy -2020

#### **5. Retaining Village Boundaries**

- 5.1 Grow the core through planning tools to concentrate services - Infill development?
- 5.2 Housing Strategy information for the community

#### **6. Reduce Food waste from homes & business**

##### **Key Actions identified**

- 6.1 Community composter – circular economy – keep in the community
- 6.2 Fungi solutions – composting

#### **7. Governance should include Environmental & Planning compliance**

##### **Key Actions identified**

- 7.1 Diverse housing choice

#### **8. Increase community engagement**

##### **Key Actions identified**

- 8.1 Better community engagement
- 8.2 Range of activities
- 8.3 CTC open more often – set programme

8.4 More volunteers

## **9. Community awareness of appropriate environmental behaviour**

### **Key Actions identified**

9.1 Better community engagement

9.2 Raise awareness among residents around responsible disposal of waste.

9.3 Mobile waste pick up service

### **Additional Comments:**

#### **Sustainability:**

- The residents are heavily car dependent as there are limited affordable services in Robertson and they have to travel to either Moss Vale or Bowral even to get their groceries. The convenience store and the local IGA has goods priced very high.
- Robertson expansion is necessary in a sustainable and well-designed/planned way.



## Robertson Place Plan – Movement – Community Feedback 20 June 2022

**Place Principle – *A village that is easy to get to and move around, and is welcoming for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.***

1. Improve access to the main street to access focal points and attractors.
  - a. Explore opportunities to improve infrastructure (i.e. footpaths) where there are key desire lines. Key attractors may include the Primary School, Moonacres, CTC but is not solely restricted to the main street and should be extended to other key sites such as the rainforest, Showground, etc.
  - b. Improve active transport to facilitate pedestrian access into the main street.
  - c. Encourage casual social interactions through the active transport loop. “It’s okay to say hello to anybody”
  - d. Improve north-south access.
  - e. Utilise the laneways and explore opportunities for through block connections.
  - f. Improve wayfinding → Digital Signage opportunities.
  - g. Revisit the **PAMP** study that was completed by Council → This comment was raised by every table.
  - h. Improve movement across the 2 key barriers (i.e. the highway and the trainline).
2. Improve safety and explore opportunities to enhance pedestrian and active transport infrastructure.
  - a. PAMP Study
  - b. Work with transport for NSW to explore traffic calming solutions. Work with transport for NSW to explore opportunities to introduce traffic calming solutions (e.g. reduction of speed, median, build outs, etc).
  - c. Achieve traffic calming through good design solutions.
  - d. Street lighting → improve street lighting but enough to still enjoy the night sky. Low level street lighting + sustainable street lighting to improve security.
  - e. Inclusive infrastructure that caters for a vast array of mobility abilities.
3. Enhance the character of the village through movement infrastructure.
  - a. Slow traffic
  - b. Cycling and active transport loop
  - c. Vegetation on buildouts and use materials that are reflective of the character of Robertson.
  - d. Sustainable materials

### Other Comments:

- CTC could be improved to have more information and be the main centre for all information rather than visitors and residents having to go elsewhere.
- Consider looking into SHWACA (Southern Highlands Walking and Cycling Advocacy → <https://www.shwaca.org/>)
- “Don’t forget the other side of the tracks”
- Restore the rainforest.
- The main road through the town (landing strip) does not have safe crossing points or footpaths to encourage pedestrian activity. The community is keen to work with Council and talk to RMS if necessary.
- Existing rear lanes within the town square mile can be used to provide back access into the properties and create additional uses.

## 1. Reinforce the village centre as the community focal point and service centre

Implement the Masterplan design solutions to promote the village centre (gateway treatments, crossings, footpaths, village square)	Particular concern re making it safer to cross the roads
Create/reinforce a defined high-street precinct through appropriate built form	
Audit mainstreet building uses, identify deficits and prepare an ideal retail/business mix	
Access to amenities	There are some well used amenities eg public toilets, picnic tables; which are difficult to access through mud (no footpaths)
Consider 45 degree parking	To increase volume of parking available
Build verandahs over street	Provides protection from sun and rain
Make better use of rear lanes for servicing & delivery	
Need for restaurants to be serving lunch and a diversity of offering and price	
Support business through improved reliability and high speed digital connectivity	Particular concern in emergencies
Ensure village is self-sustaining	Need a supermarket, mechanic

## 2. Visitor Economy

Waterfalls and nature are drawcards	
Develop mid-week economy	A seven day economy. Businesses need to be open early in the week
Synergy between town and major tourism attractions	Eg Robertson Hotel developing. Visitors could visit the main street and find everything closed. Add value, piggy back
Create a local village brochure	Berrima has one.
Provide accommodation for travellers with motor homes. (especially given accommodation shortage in the area)	Caravan park and/or secure approvals in other suitable locations. Eg Robertson Showground has been used but amenities not good enough
Create more events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Skate Park and Pump Park</li> <li>- Car Show</li> </ul>
Create more attractions	Too few concentrates visitor crowds and reduces opportunity for locals to enjoy
Extend peak visitor levels across more days	Take pressure off attractions being overly busy on weekends
Guarantee access from Illawarra	Road closure severely impact visitor economy
Reinforce Robertson as a gateway	First SH town from Illawarra. Last town leaving SH towards Wollongong

Determine what is distinct about Robertson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waratahs</li> <li>- Falls</li> <li>- Local produce</li> <li>- Walking trails</li> <li>- Scenic driving route (exists but signage is 'tired' and roads poor</li> <li>- Artisan makers</li> <li>- Big Potato</li> </ul>	To reduce competition with other SH towns
Maintain a balance between visitors and locals. Don't want to be a 'Berry'	Visitor Economy not to be the priority 'curate' and manage balance

### 3. Art, culture and creative industry

Provide space for makers to create and sell product and run courses	Eg Port Kembla
Retain the Op Shop	
Repair Café	
Lost Trade Fair	

### 4. Agribusiness & Equine industries

Paddock to plate	
On-farm accommodation	
Farm visits/experiences	Also of interest to conference/meetings groups
Sustainable Farming	Organic, regeneration etc
Equestrian tours	Wallaby Hill
Make local produce available for sale locally	Sustainable, high quality

### 5. A circular economy (high priority)

Community meeting community needs	Services & employment
Local jobs for local people	Particularly for aged care
Local housing	
Local materials	
Develop capacity of local industry	
Skills & training	Fit for purpose.
Availability of co-work space	To address diverse and remote working practice
Keep businesses in Robertson	
Library	Tools, mowers etc

**I. Increase Density within the village square mile.**

1. Smaller Housing lots along Hoddle Street and within the centre of the village.
2. Amending the planning framework to allow smaller houses (1-2 beds), with diversity in design
3. Strict Character controls to maintain the character of Robertson to remain a country village.
4. Higher density in the village core and gradually decreasing density as we go to the outskirts of the village
5. Affordable granny flats provision with substantial reduction in contributions to encourage and enable smaller housing types. E.g: ageing parents.
6. Explore options like units above commercial space with rear lane access and parking.
7. Provision of Housing Diversity to be able to age in the same community. In addition, provision of hospital facilities and public transport to facilitate the ageing population
8. Explore community living options which has a higher usage of the land
9. More flexibility in the planning framework

**II. Housing Diversity and Affordability**

1. Housing Controls for short-term rentals and intergenerational living
2. Diversity in lot sizes and housing, eg. Shop-top housing, town houses
3. CDC developments are overriding Council's controls. Explore how this can be stopped or Council get the Council back
4. Tight controls in the DCP regarding finishes, roof pitches, setbacks, grey water usage etc., different for each village to maintain the character.
5. Robertson community association have a say in the housing approvals
6. Better development of laneways to allow for different types. Eg. Terrace housing
7. Strictly limit urban sprawl on the edge of town
8. Affordability – capital
9. Losing the sense of Robertson if there is overdevelopment
10. Choosing the right location for new development, to protect the sense of Robertson.

**III. Energy Efficient Housing solutions**

1. Investigate community hub type housing in the right location, which is in keeping with the character of Robertson.
2. Farm stay is financially more preferable than long-term rental housing
3. There is a lack of younger population – working and living locally
4. There should be an option for disability housing/adaptable, along with footpath etc. for accessible village centre.
5. New housing should be energy efficient – with double glazing, insulation, solar/passive solar, community battery, orientation design – east & west, let the winter solar access
6. Use of grey water for flushing toilets, gardening etc.
7. Housing for indigenous population to bring them back to their creeks and springs.
8. More child care centres in Robertson, to be able to allow parents to have their kids locally and work more often.

## **Robertson Place Plan – Housing – Community Feedback 20 June 2022**

**Place Principle – *A mix of housing types that meet the diverse needs of the community and contribute to a uniquely Robertson identity.***

### **Additional Comments**

#### **Population and Housing:**

- There is a need for smaller dwelling options for the ageing population, who would like to downsize and age in place within Robertson.
- There is a need to increase the population of Robertson to be able to sustain the existing businesses and bring more essential businesses to town.
- There is a lack diverse housing choice in Robertson and no smaller housing product for the younger families to afford of the ageing population to downsize to.
- The current trend of 4-5-bedroom house are quite expensive and do not cater to smaller families, younger families and elderly population.



### **1. Hampton Park interface with Hoddle Street (High Priority)**

Hampton Park effectively extends the entire central block between Caalong & Meryla although the eastern half is hidden behind buildings. It also extends back a block between Hoddle & North. It contains open space for sports fields, tennis courts, skate park, playground and the community centre.

All groups saw the park as a major opportunity for upgrading with the potential to become a strong community focus for the village.

#### **Key Actions identified –**

- 1.1 Improve views to and from the park, especially on the northern side and on the Hoddle Street side looking into the park and across to the heritage / community precinct (School, School of Arts, Police Station) across Hoddle Street.
- 1.2 Review the tree plantings on Hoddle Street (western end). The Lleylandii trees create a cold & dark environment. Deciduous trees should be considered to provide summer shade and winter sunlight.
- 1.3 Kerb & guttering on the Hoddle Street frontage (western end) needs to be formalised to improve access & increase car parking. Angle parking should be provided.
- 1.4 All community facilities (tennis court, skate park, playground and community centre) need significant upgrading.
- 1.5 There should be more BBQs and tables & chairs (with roofs) throughout the park clustered around the main activity areas of sports fields, tennis court, skate park, playground and community centre. The Sailing Club was nominated as a good model.
- 1.6 Existing areas need to be expanded to incorporate different communities as well. E.g. playground should have seating and some activities to interest adults, e.g. seating, fitness equipment, book swap 'library', coffee van (or something in community centre).
- 1.7 A broader range of activities could be provided throughout the park - giant chess board, exercise circuit with fitness equipment, cycleway that links both end of the village through the park, off leash dog area, 'chatting' chairs.

#### **Previous Studies etc**

Wingecarribee Parks Strategy -2016

Wingecarribee Playspace Strategy -2020

## **2. Additional Community Infrastructure (beyond Hampton Park) (High Priority)**

Several groups highlighted the need for improved sport and recreation facilities throughout the village, not just in or around Hampton Park e.g. basketball, table tennis, noting that Council contributes ‘nothing’ to Robertson.

Strong support for a Long Day Care Centre.

Additional toilet facilities a high priority. People don’t want to, and shouldn’t have to, use private venues to access toilets away from Hampton Park.

### **Key Actions identified –**

- 2.1 Investigate options for providing new sport and recreation facilities, not just in Hampton Park, and upgrading existing facilities which are in very poor condition.
- 2.2 Financial support for organisations to help them improve & maintain existing facilities.
- 2.3 Explore options for encouraging establishment for a long day care centre in Robertson.
- 2.4 Identify a location for public toilets towards the eastern end of the village.

### **Previous Studies etc**

Wingecarribee Public Toilets Strategy - 2017

### **3. Improved Access & Connectivity on and around Hoddle Street (High Priority)**

All groups expressed frustration with the standard of paving on and around Hoddle Street, including height of kerbs, uneven paving, unformed pathways (beyond Hoddle Street) & difficulty crossing Hoddle Street.

#### **Key Actions identified –**

- 3.1 Investigate options for providing improved access on to the kerb from Hoddle Street. E.g. plenty of car parking, but access to kerb difficult for residents with mobility issues. They tend to park in private driveways.
- 3.2 New development to provide onsite car parking as an option to parking on Hoddle Street and having to encounter kerbs.
- 3.3 Investigate where at least one additional (preferably two – mid and east) pedestrian crossings could be located on Hoddle Street.
- 3.4 Review DCP to encourage verandas on front of shops to provide rain protection.
- 3.5 Additional seating along Hoddle Street to encourage walking by providing rest points.
- 3.6 Explore options for a safe, connected cycleway through and around the village.

#### **Previous Studies etc**

Robertson PAMP (Pedestrian Assess Mobility Plan) – 2007

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#### **4. Build Awareness of the History & Heritage of the Village and surrounds (Medium priority)**

Several groups suggested that more should be done to ensure that the village's history and heritage, both indigenous and European are recognised and celebrated. That this should also include celebration of the diverse nature of 'community' and that all aspects of community need to be recognised and respected. Much of this would be done through local initiatives, but Council funding and promotion would be helpful.

##### **Key Actions identified**

- 4.1 Encourage establishment of a Local History Centre to research, collate & celebrate the history and heritage of the village including indigenous, agricultural & environmental heritage.
- 4.2 Explore ways to celebrate heritage through different aspects of 'story telling', as well as art, crafts, skills etc.
- 4.3 Opportunity for local Show Society and School of Arts to support such initiatives.
- 4.4 Explore opportunities to utilise current websites, e.g <https://robertson.nsw.au/> to tell the 'story' of Robertson, both past and present.

**5. Encourage Activation of the Retail Precinct (High Priority but mainly through private initiatives)**

An active retail precinct not only benefits the economic viability of the village but also provide a core space for community interaction and connectivity. E.g. chatting in shops while waiting to be served, meeting neighbours on street.

**Key Actions identified**

- 5.1 Encourage establishment of a local retailers organisation
- 5.2 Encourage interaction with Southern Highlands Food & Wine Clusters -  
<http://southernhighlandsfoodandwineclusters.com.au/shop-local/>
- 5.3 Encourage shops to remain open 7 days even if limited time during mid-week days.
- 5.4 Encourage a shop front or similar opportunity for local producers which can't afford their own shop due to productions/supply constraints.
- 5.5 Local Produce events e.g. Potato Day



## **6. Stronger Volunteering & Sharing Network (Medium Priority, but probably a quick fix)**

It was acknowledged that there are already a number of volunteering organisations within Wingecarribee and Robertson. Additional suggestions that there be a more flexible arrangement where people could seek or share knowledge and or tool within the community. Noted that there is website with a lot of this information (<https://robertson.nsw.au/communitygroups.html>) and also a subscription option. Perhaps needs better promotion.

### **Key Actions identified –**

6.1 Increase awareness of existing community organisations and activities.

## **7. Consistent Branding**

There was not a lot of support for 'consistent branding'. Seen as potentially removing some of the unique characteristics of the village.

A community member quoted Anatomy of the Village (Thomas Sharp) – readable copy link below, that the key qualities of villages relied on them being 'diverse and unique'.

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/333675579\\_Anatomy\\_of\\_the\\_Village](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/333675579_Anatomy_of_the_Village)

### **Additional Comments**

#### **Community and Services:**

- There are hardly any gathering spaces in the town square mile for any community focus gatherings. A suggestion was made that the vacant land adjacent to the CTC along the main road can be purpose designed for the community to use.
- Robertson lacks basic services for which the residents travel long distances.
- There is no supermarket for the locals, in Robertson. The existing grocery stores are high priced at tourist rates.