

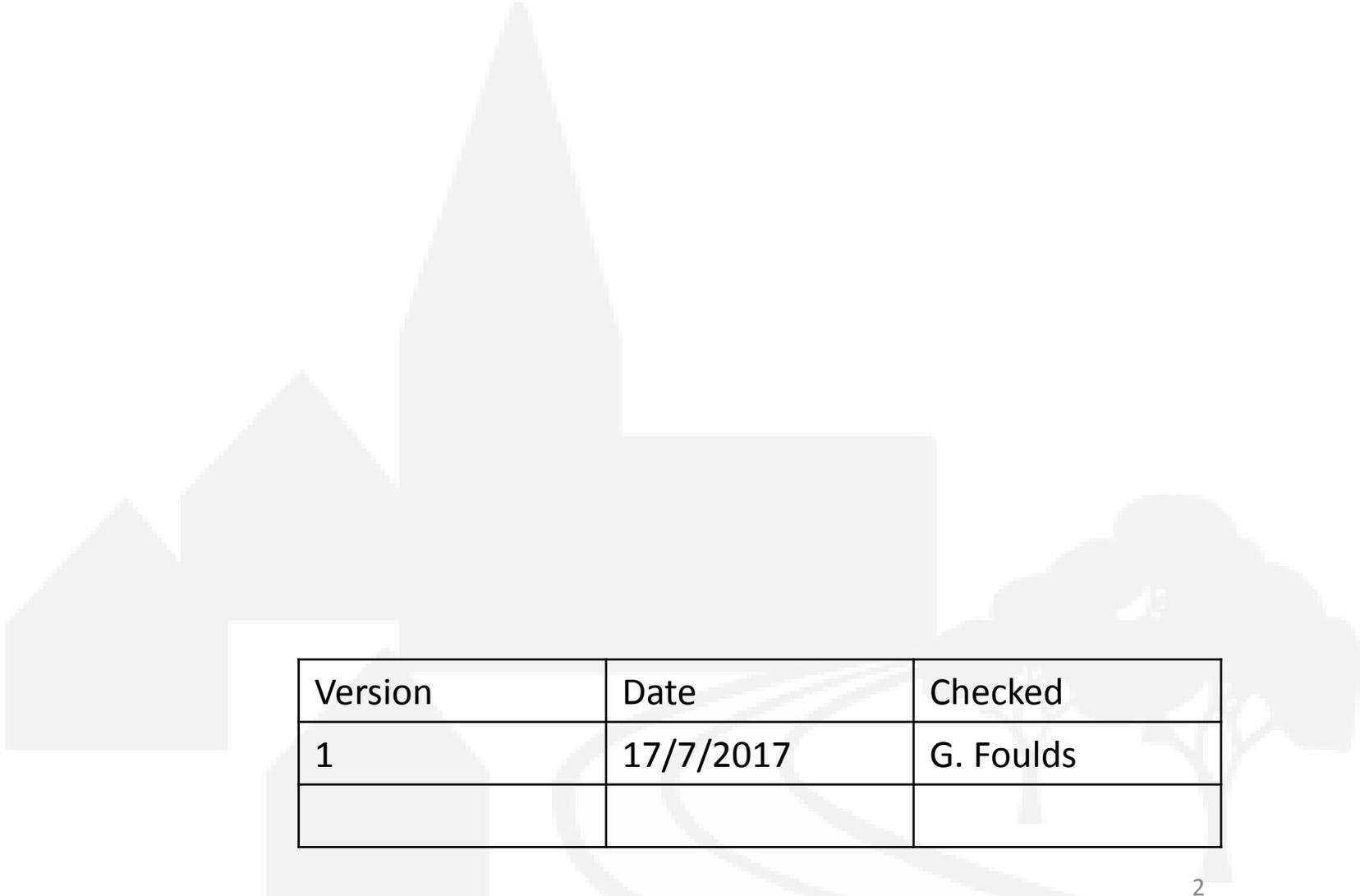
Villages Strategy:

Consultation Report



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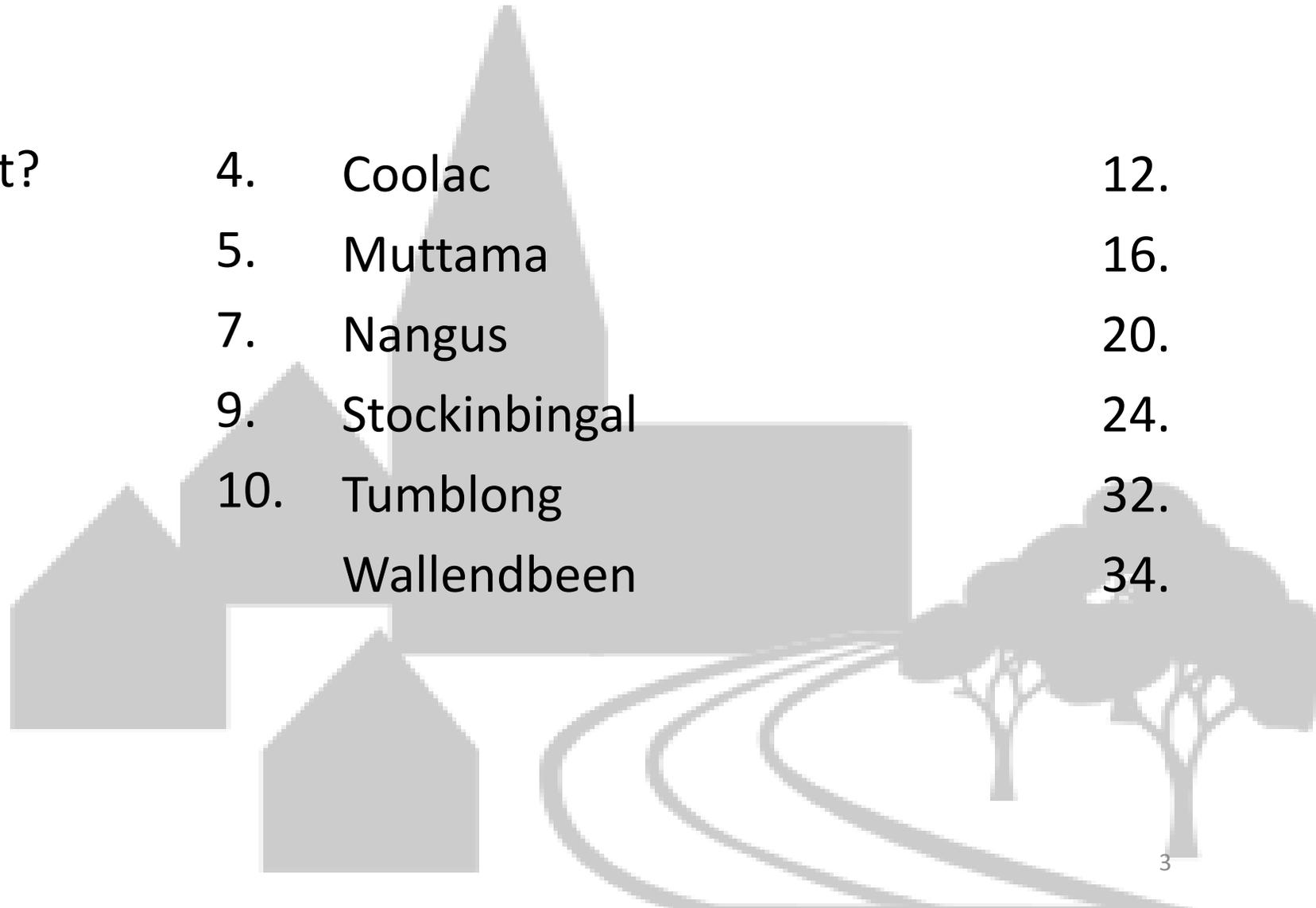




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What is this report about?

This report is a summary of feedback received during community consultation for the Villages Strategy.

The Villages Strategy will be a generational strategic planning document which can be used to inform future planning and investment in the Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council's villages.

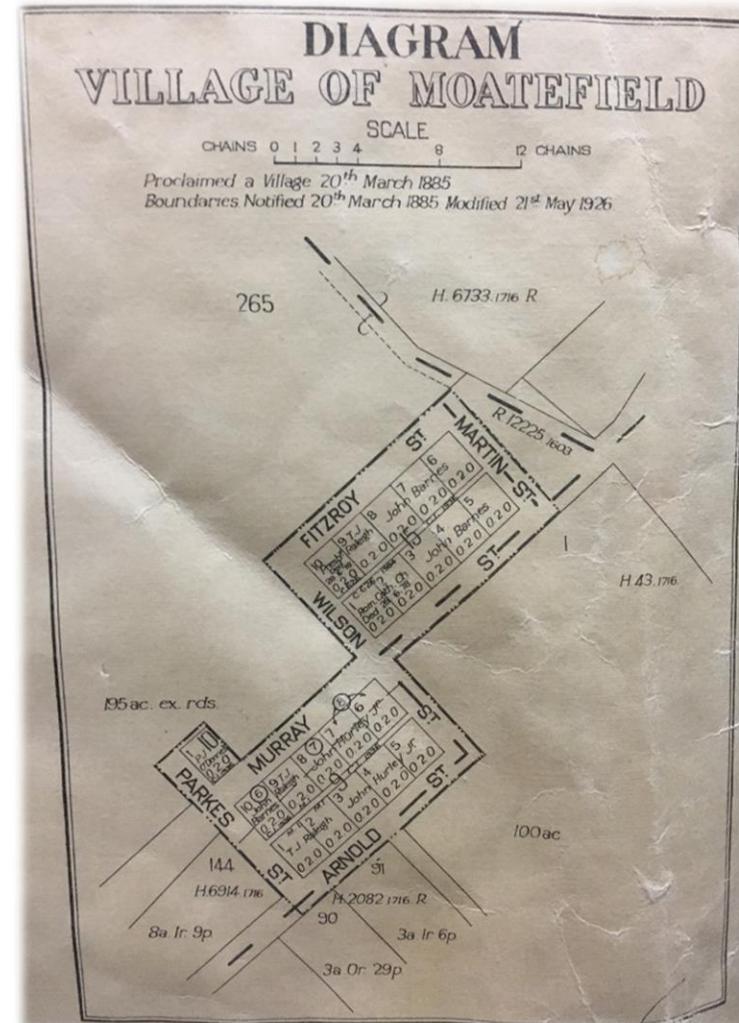
Consultation with the community occurred over a period of two months which highlighted the unique concerns, challenges and opportunities of each village. This report seeks to share feedback received during consultation.



Villages Strategy

The Villages Strategy is a strategy to deal specifically with the villages of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council.

The strategy will define the villages and rural communities of the LGA by establishing qualifying measures for categorisation as a village, establishing appropriate zoning principles for villages and devoting sections to each village to explore site specific population and economic growth opportunities as well as opportunities for renewal.



Moatefield: the village which never was (ten minutes south of Cootamundra on the Olympic Highway)



The Villages Strategy focuses on five **key themes**:

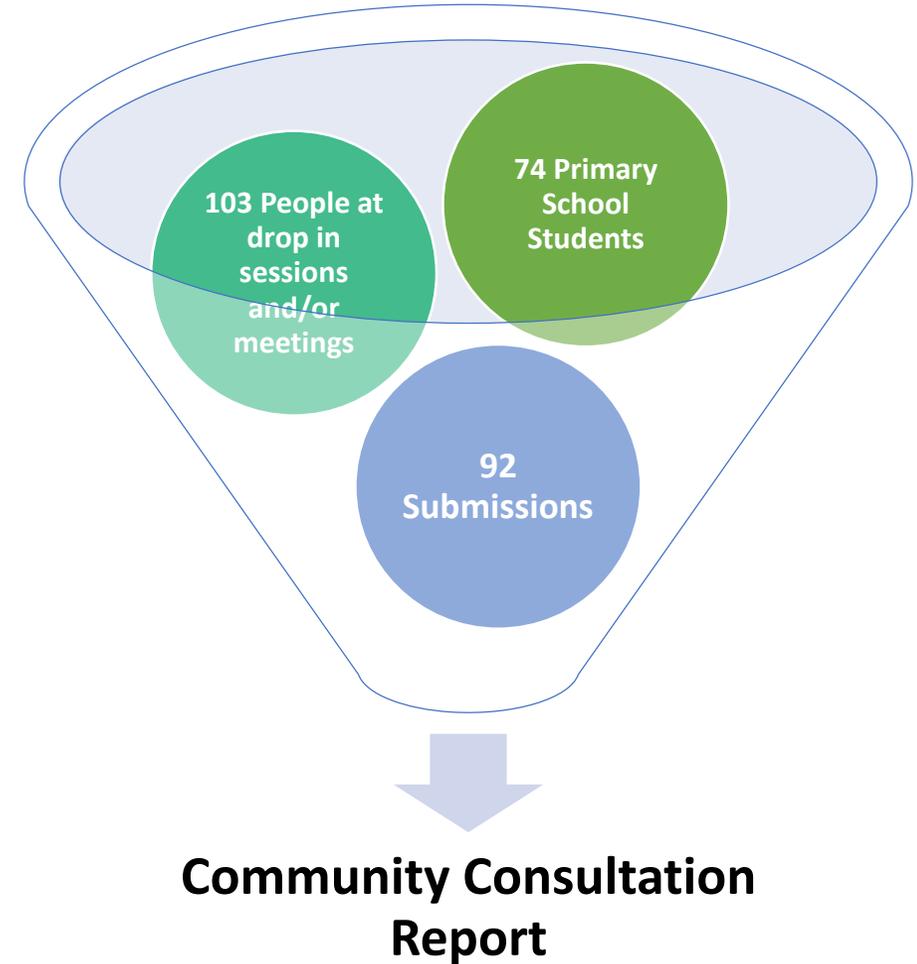
1. Village history
2. Definition of precincts
3. Village character
4. Regional links
5. Opportunities for renewal and/or growth



Consultation Process

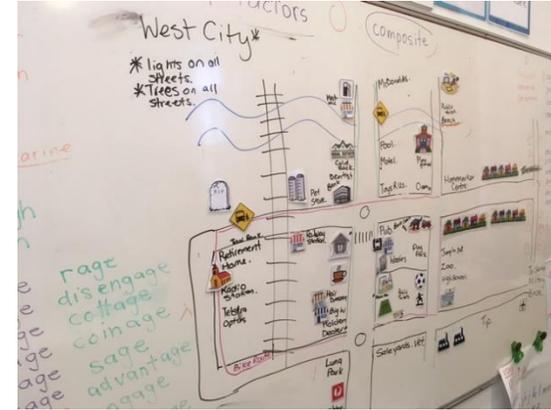
Between 1 May 2017 – 30 June 2017 consultation was undertaken for the Villages Strategy. Drop in sessions were advertised in both the Cootamundra Herald and the Gundagai Independent, with rolling notifications posted on the Council's Facebook page. All drop in sessions were attended by locals and interested parties.

Other methods of engagement include two surveys which were available online or in hardcopy. General written submissions were welcomed also.

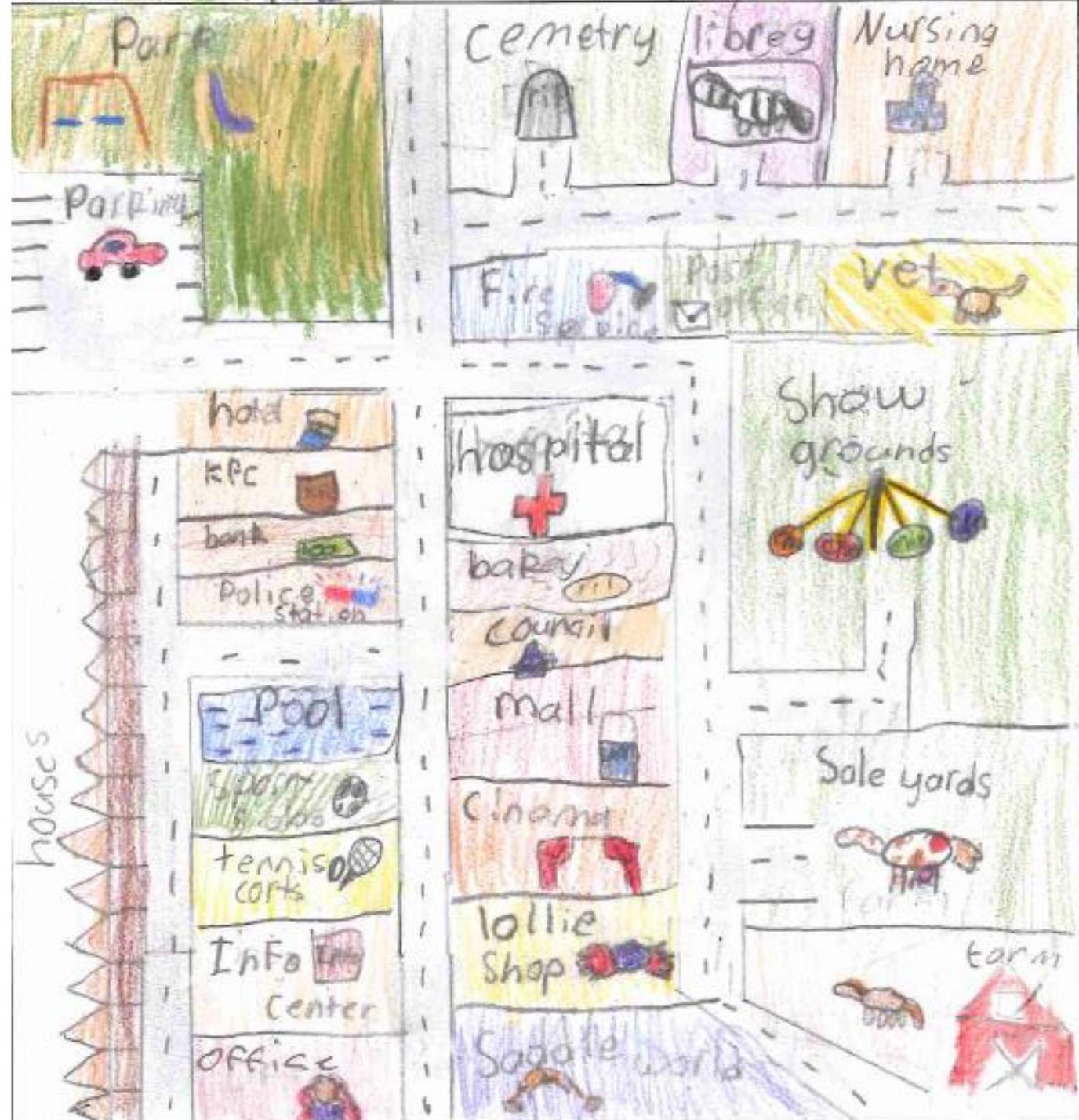


A drawing competition was run for local children to visually demonstrate their ideas in village planning and future planning.

The four village schools undertook a village planning session with the Town Planner where the students got to explain how they would plan a village, debate where certain land uses should occur and critically analyse the village around them.



Feedback



"Rainbow City" planned by Mahayli,
9 years old of Nangus Primary School

Adjungbilly

81 People



Average of 2 motor vehicles per dwelling

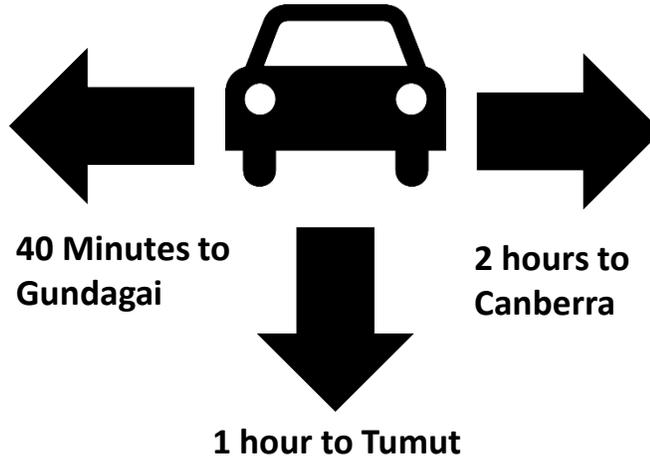
3.1 people per household

22 Families



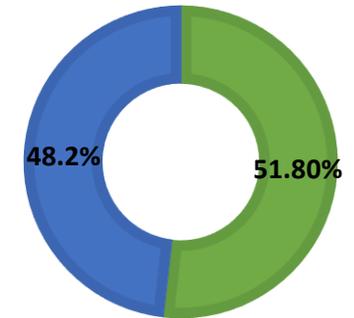
2.2 children per family

43 private dwellings



GENDER BALANCE

Female Male



The median age is
36 years



What you said:

Respondents for Adjungbilly unanimously stated that Bongongo Primary School is the “heart” of the community.

The need to increase student numbers at the school was highlighted.

Further upgrades to the hall at the school (doubles as community hall) would be welcomed.

Welcome and directional signs to Adjungbilly were raised.

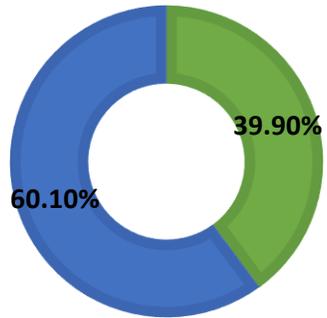
Road upgrades and maintenance are required across this area generally.



Coolac

GENDER BALANCE

Female Male



The median age is
38 years

35% of people volunteer through an organisation or group

29% of people are single person households

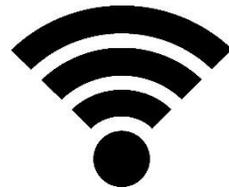
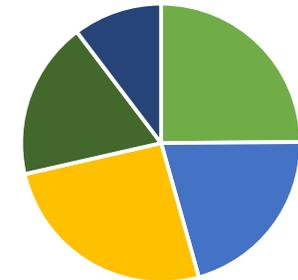


92.4% of people were born in Australia

18.3% of dwellings are unoccupied



Age Groups



27.1% don't have home internet

1.5 hours to Canberra

72.6% of people do unpaid domestic work

216 People

53.2% of people identify as Catholic



0-14 years 15-34 years
35-54 years 55-74 years
75 and older



What you said:

Coolac Road is considered the “main street”

Coolac Road could be used for markets.

More trees should be planted – particularly along Coolac Road.

Litter on the side of Coolac Road.

Regular slashing/mowing generally.

The area around the hall could serve as a rest stop with overnight caravan and camping opportunities.



Fraser Avenue, Perth: Courtesy of BGPA WA





Upgrade Coolac Hall to entice more community events.

Playground equipment near the hall would entice Hume Highway travellers to stop.

Bring the “Bald Archies” home to Coolac.

Tennis courts would be better utilised if upgraded.

Old service station is an eyesore.

A welcome pack explaining how to access the tip and other services.

In order to retain and improve services, more people need to be attracted to Coolac as tourists and/or residents.

Encourage development generally – take advantage of the highway crossover.

Change minimum lot sizes to allow people to subdivide into acreages.

Confusion and uncertainty about the future of waste collection was raised.





Picturesque hills surrounding the former Coolac Train Station



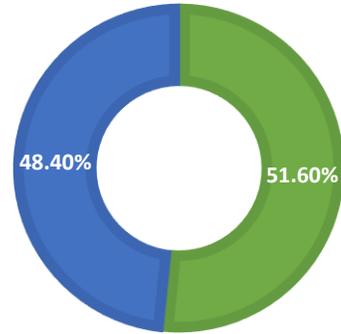
Muttama

The median age is

33 years

GENDER BALANCE

■ Male ■ Female



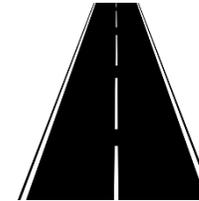
Bisected by
Muttama
Creek



44 private dwellings

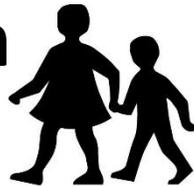
3.1 people per household

20 minutes to
Cootamundra



20 minutes to
Gundagai

2.6 children per family



33 Families



Average of 2.9
motor vehicles
per dwelling

131 People



What you said:

Overwhelmingly, respondents raised issues related to the Muttama Cemetery, highlighting the poor maintenance of the cemetery and the unsafe access arrangement off Muttama Road.

Standard of speed signs - too low to the ground.

Lack of speed warning signs e.g. eighty kilometres ahead.

Consider lowering the speed limit to 60 kilometres per hour.

Both Hoskins and Bridge Streets are considered the “main street”.

Stormwater along Bridge Street is a problem.

General amenity of Bridge Street is poor.

A footpath along Bridge Street should be considered.

Muttama Hall needs to be upgraded to promote use.

Community noticeboard outside Muttama Hall.



ANZAC gates are an asset.

The recreational ground could be enhanced and better utilised.

Colour, variety and change in landscape would help define the village.

Roadside art installations reflecting Muttama's history.

Emphasise the mining history of the village.

Information signs/board explaining the history of the area.



North western approach along Muttama Road. No warning of 80 ahead.





Muttama is the midpoint between Cootamundra and Gundagai – the heart of the Council.

Have Council Meetings held in the village.

A Council newsletter would be welcomed.

A grading schedule for unsealed roads needs to be adhered to.

Confusion and uncertainty about the future of waste collection was raised.

Springdale and Jugiong were raised as villages to emulate.



Entry to Muttama cemetery is unsafe and not well signed.



Nangus

205 People



Average household size is **2.7 people**

Average number of bedrooms per dwelling is **3.4**



1.5% of people speak German

Age Groups



0-14 years 15-34 years
35-54 years 55-74 years
75 and older

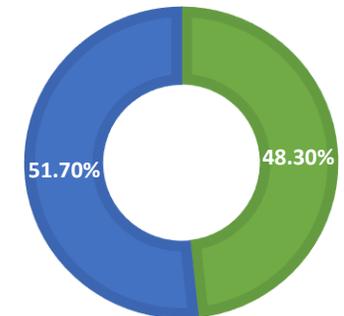


23.7% don't have home internet

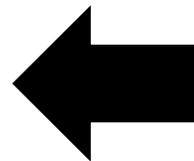
85.4% of people have both parents born in Australia

GENDER BALANCE

Male Female



16.3% of dwellings are unoccupied



25 minutes to Gundagai



The median age is **40 years**



What you said:

No connection to reticulated water was emphasised by all respondents as a barrier to the growth and lifestyle in Nangus.

The Hall was suggested as a focal point, with suggestions of:

- a rest stop out the front,
- information signs and noticeboard,
- table and chairs,
- public toilet, and
- modern playground.

The General Store is considered an asset of the village and should be supported.

The footpath network needs to be extended to the General Store.

Street lights need to be fixed.

Playground is old and unused.

Encourage farm stay businesses.

Approaches to the village should be enhanced – the transfer station is an eyesore.

Better speed limit signage.



Kimo Street was identified as the “main street”.

Curb and guttering should be installed along Kimo Street.

Street trees along Kimo Street.

Stormwater drainage was raised – particularly on the Bangus/Kimo intersection.

Advertisement of the Nangus Road as a scenic drive to Wagga Wagga.

Potential bike route between Wagga Wagga and Gundagai.



Looking down
Kimo Street





Riding route from Nangus to Gundagai via waterfalls at Mt Burra, Reno and Kimo Stations using firetrails.

Better maintenance of unsealed roads.

Consider sealing roads like Wanitool Street, Sunnyview Road, Soldier Settlers Road, Oakhill Road and Makehams Road.

Upgrade of fire trails in the Nangus area is needed.

Regular mowing of verges by Council is required.

Consider the requirement for B Doubles accessing farms – road upgrades may be required.

Confusion and uncertainty about the future of waste collection was raised.

Ganmain was raised as a village to emulate.



Stockinbingal

374 People

27.4% of people are attending an education establishment



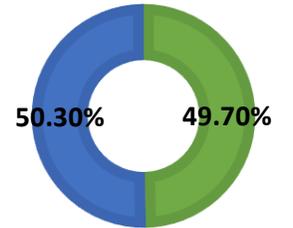
23.2% of people volunteer through an organisation or group



18.3% of dwellings are unoccupied

GENDER BALANCE

■ Male ■ Female



Age Groups

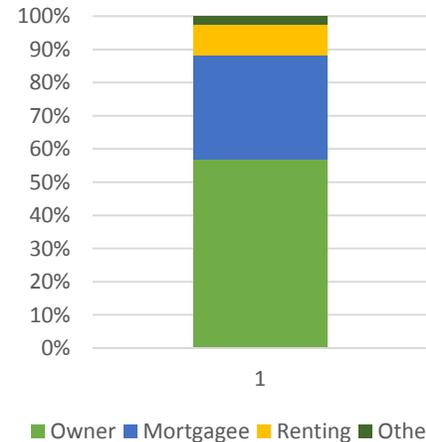


■ 0-14 years ■ 15-34 years
■ 35-54 years ■ 55-74 years
■ 75 and older

83.2% of people were born in Australia and 74.3% had both parents born in Australia

The median age is
50 years

Tenure



22.7% don't have home internet



2.4% of people speak a language other than English at home



What you said:

The recreation ground is a focal point for village activity.

Something for older children is required – skate park and/or BMX tract is suggested.

The playground needs to be upgraded.

Off leash dog area.

Amenities at the recreation ground needs to be upgraded.

BBQ facilities at the recreation ground.

Better lighting at the rest area and the recreation ground.

Promote the RV spot at the recreation ground.

Signs off highway for RV stop.

Stockinbingal should be promoted as a rest stop with modern facilities.

The railway station should be available for community use.

Upgrade rest area – very dusty in summer.

Signage on the approaches to Stockinbingal need to be replaced.

A display of train memorabilia at the railway station.

Use the Council site on Hibernia Street for markets.





Hibernia Street is the “main street”
Footpath is required along Martin Street – in front of the post office needs to be made accessible.

Elwood Hall should be upgraded with heating and cooling.

Have Council operate an office at Elwood Hall so people can come and pay rates, report issues and get/return library books.

Use yard of Elwood Hall for a community garden.

A general store – milk, bread and petrol.

A self service, unmanned fuel station.

The pub needs to be reopened and accommodation reinstated.

Take advantage of workers coming to town from the inland rail.

Accommodation for workers at harvest time and overflow from Temora.

Have a policeman stationed at Stockinbingal.





Stockinbingal Railway Station & Rest Area





Safe pedestrian crossing point of the railway.

All crossings need to be evaluated for drainage.

Drains need to be cleared out.

The ditch between Wood Street and the creek on Milvale/Grogan Road is dangerous and pools stormwater.

Creek needs to be cleaned.

The causeway in O'Brien Street needs to be repaired.

Transport options to get to Cootamundra and Temora.

Better entrances to the village – maybe some art.

Large murals throughout the town – like Sheffield in Tasmania.

Better signage to the cemetery.

Opportunities for pop up cafes and food stalls.

Get people to take pride in their yards





Café open at regular intervals at set times.

Railway fencing on the corner of Hibernia and Dudauman Streets need to be replaced.

The school is an asset and needs to be supported with more children – growth.

A regular mowing/slashing schedule

Die back on gumtrees needs to be taken care of.

Cemetery should be better signposted.

Cemetery needs a water connection.

The grate at the cemetery needs to be taken out and a formal fence put in.

Better speed limit signage.

Playground needs to be replaced.

Inter village competitions such as tennis.

More support for the Village Fair.

Street lights need to be audited and replaced.





Illegal development for example shipping containers have occurred.

The newsletter has improved village participation.

Focus needs to be on making Stockinbingal a seven day village – needs to cater for traffic operating everyday.

A plan for the future of Stockinbingal with allocated funding.





Powered RV Points (top) and entry to Stockinbingal cemetery (bottom right)



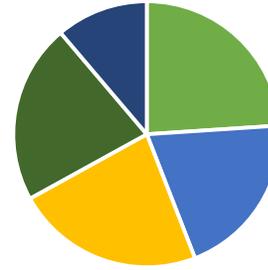
Tumblong

28.9% of people volunteer through an organisation or group



9.8% of people provide unpaid assistance to a person with a disability

Age Groups



0-14 years 15-34 years
35-54 years 55-74 years
75 and older

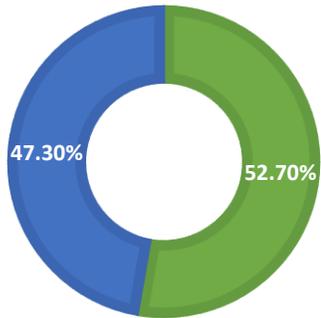
44 Families



2.3 children per family

GENDER BALANCE

Male Female



28.6% of people are single person households



44.6% of people identify as Anglican

Average of 2.3 people per household

23.3% don't have home internet

The median age is
40 years



196 People



What you said:

Tumblong needs to be promoted as a lifestyle destination to live.

Signage off the highway – Sylvias Gap Road.

Tumblong Hall is an asset which could better used if it was upgraded.

Regular slashing/mowing of verges.

The bridge just after turning into Adelong Road from the Highway needs to be widened – drainage is also a concern in this area.

Stormwater is an issue from the T intersection of Sylvias Gap and Tumblong Road towards the village.

Renew the tennis courts.

The new owners of Harrys Wreckers has cleaned up the site – should be commended.

Confusion and uncertainty about the future of waste collection was raised.



Wallendbeen

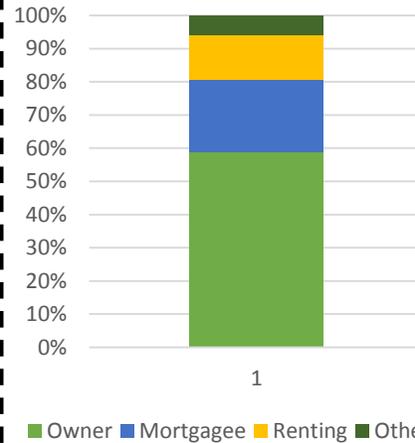
91% of people were born in Australia

22.7% don't have home internet

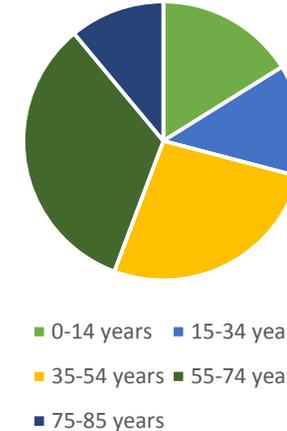


2.5 people per household

Tenure

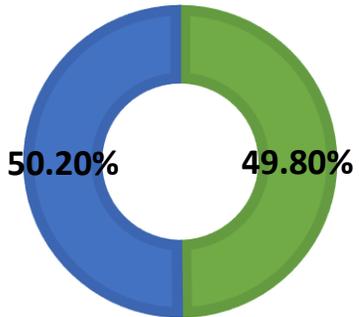


Age Groups



GENDER BALANCE

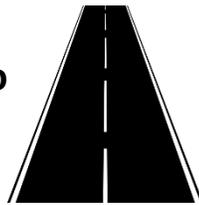
■ male ■ female



27.7% of dwellings are unoccupied



25 minutes to Young



20 minutes to Cootamundra

23.5% of people undertake unpaid care of children

The median age is **52 years**

260 People



What you said:

King Street is considered the “main street”, with the highway roundabout/rest stop also noted as a focal point.

Gutters need to be cleaned on King Street.

Kerbing needs to be better maintained/fixed – stormwater pools.

Pot holes on King Street.

Enhancement of King Street would boost tourism interest.

Replace street trees and put in gardens.

Better signage to get people to come into Wallendbeen.

Get brown “Historic Town of Wallendbeen” signs.

Approach signs for Wallendbeen were taken down – they need to be replaced as soon as possible.

Create a town walking tour route.

A general store would assist residents – milk, bread, petrol.



Art installations around Wallendbeen – a mural on the silos.

The hotel has revitalised the social aspect of the community.

Have Council Meetings held in the village.

Support the school by encouraging growth.

Transport option which are not just limited to school days.

Drainage is an issue in lower areas.

Pedestrian movement is unsafe with children walking on roads.

Road Bridge over the railway line needs a pedestrian section.

A walkway on Connaughmans Bridge is needed.

Ensure that there is pedestrian access from Wallendbeen to the Post Office.

A modern, accessible playground is required – Barry Grace Oval and Palmer Park.

Exercise equipment at Barry Grace Oval.

The railway station need to be better maintained – tired and full of rubbish and weeds.

Old Station Masters house should be made available as potential commercial/residential site.

The Old Police House needs to be sold off – it's falling to ruin.





Two tired “hearts” of Wallendbeen: the overgrown roundabout and King Street





The Highway roundabout is falling apart, full of weeds and is unsightly. The end (Tennis Club) of Grey Street needs to be sealed.

The cemetery should have a water connection or tank so irrigation of the lawn can occur, but also so people have water for flowers.

Creek needs to be cleaned out.

All drains need to be audited – particularly those on Watson and Hoskins Streets.

Poplar trees on the corner of Hoskins and Temora Road need to be removed – they limit visibility.

Better mowing procedure for sports ovals – avoid ripples.

Give people a reason to maintain their yards better – pride of place.

Wallendbeen is the perfect distance from other centres to be a destination rest stop.

An information display at the rest stop about Wallendbeen.



The Pink Van was positive for the community – now gone.

Connection to natural gas should be investigated.

Regular grading of unsealed roads – potentially an app to report pot holes.

Uncertainty about the future of the tip was raised.



This page: Village planned by Eric Eyres, 7 years old of Nangus Primary School
Front cover: Village planned by Skye Major, 10 years old of Stockinbingal Public School

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