

APPENDIX B **Schedule of community ideas, projects and opportunities**

The following list of ideas and projects which may relate directly or indirectly to the new Temora LEP was collated from submissions made by the people of the Shire during the public consultation phase of the Study in 2003. No priority is intended.

Local economic development

- Empty shops in the main street give negative signals to visitors and locals alike. A management plan to help create a semblance of action until permanent tenants are found could perhaps be assembled by way of a partnership between Council, owners and real estate personnel.

Tourism, recreation, local amenity

- The Shire needs a tourism policy, linked to the regional tourism framework covering the MIA, Riverina and central west. Careful management, identification, and promotion of local sites with tourism potential will be needed - with information being made available through a new tourism office in a prominent, convenient and accessible location in town. [This project is well in hand - September 2004].
- Temora and Aria Park need more and better information signs to help visitors find their way around; persuade tourists to stay; generally add to the welcome and enhance the local image. [The issue has been covered in the 2004 study].
- A circular tourist trail should be developed, with a well-designed brochure, linking Aria Park, Springdale and the main town and connecting with other attractions in the region/in neighbouring shires. [Project in hand].
- Tourists will welcome further improvements to the appearance and amenity of Hoskins Street - especially if heavy truck traffic is removed. The record shows that traffic-free pedestrian spaces are always popular with tourists, especially if associated with outdoor dining and a heritage setting. Image counts!
- The cultural imbalance identified in earlier community surveys does not help tourism - not does it help to attract needed professionals whose interests are more diverse. The apparent emphasis on sport and organised outdoor recreation needs to be redressed by way of conscious action to encourage the development of cultural activities, venues, attractions associated with the performing arts especially. A purpose-designed gallery and concert/theatrical venue could double as a convention centre - thereby putting Temora on the map as a centre of quality facilities in this region.
- The visitor toilets in Callaghan Park should be replaced.
- There is potential for the Mother Shipton mine site to become a focus for tours of old mining enterprises. Likewise, the area's German heritage may have tourism potential - linking with other localities having a similar background (eg Holbrook).
- Tourism may be more beneficial to the local economy than industry because it tends to generate small business activity and a less itinerant workforce.
- As the south-eastern gateway to the Shire, Springdale needs further upgrade.
- Closure of main street retail outlets and some eateries after 12.00 on Saturdays creates a dead town centre; tourists are not impressed. [This issue is being addressed (9/04) by the business community and the Tourism Committee].

Hobby farming

- Hobby farms can create town jobs through increased demand for local services and supplies.

Council services and facilities

- Development of a Temora Community Centre should again be considered as a Council project; the current shop is “drab and uninteresting”; a new purpose-designed centre could host major functions and conferences etc and could become a much-used local landmark facility; could be an integral of a multi-purpose cultural centre.
- Assuming sustainable water levels, Lake Centenary has potential as a venue for “fun” events, youth activities, and aquatic sports.
- Visitors to the airport and aviation museum would benefit if there was a resident caretaker on hand to provide advice and information. The airport might also be a suitable location for the development of a portable home park in tandem with a caravan park. [Currently under review by Council and consultant].

Landscape - ‘green issues’

- All town households should be required to install on-site rainwater tanks after a certain transition period. Perhaps a subsidy or interest-free loan could be made available for the purpose.
- Council could develop the “green web” concept throughout the town area - linking street trees, parkland, gardens - to create a continuous ecological network.
- The main approaches and ‘gateway’ locations to Temora town should be marked in some fashion with a well designed art-work or symbol - plus special landscaping - to create a memorable image. The strip between the northern end of Hoskins Street and the airport needs a special landscape enhancement program, as do the approaches from Coolamon and Barmedman. [Heritage adviser is addressing this issue - 9/04].
- Encourage ‘water-wise’ gardening practice and choice of appropriate native species.

Miscellaneous: heritage, community, health, etc

- Civic awareness of local Aboriginal heritage needs to be raised, despite the perception that the Shire has nothing of value is not valid. Rural property owners in particular have an opportunity to add their knowledge to this area of heritage. Perhaps farmers also hold artefacts on their properties - or are aware of special places/burial grounds/marked trees/ etc - such information would be welcomed by NPWS for its confidential use.
- There is a lack of rental housing in Temora town. The proposed mixed-use fringe zone should provide some incentive for investment in this sector.
- Riverina Institute of TAFE (Temora Campus) is a valued community resource which has the potential to assist Council in generating greater awareness of local heritage as well as providing specialist courses in knowledge areas of relevance to the Council’s planning program.
- Dwelling houses should be permitted on existing allotments of less than 40ha if they are close to Arah Park or Springdale. This would encourage growth in these two areas. [Note: This proposition is opposed by DPI which argues that such allotments should be amalgamated instead of seeing them contribute to further fragmentation and possible land-use conflict].

- There is some support for a combined residential - light industrial zone or precinct adjoining the existing town boundary which could accommodate small businesses and ancillary dwelling houses.

Community-based action targets

The following targets were identified during the community consultation phase. They are not general planning objectives as such but are recorded here because they all involve land use and site selection. Additional items are listed above.

- A new site is needed for Temora's tourist information centre - attractively designed and landscaped - with parking for cars and vans
 - A site for a 3-star standard caravan park should be identified and promoted - perhaps by the Council acting as developer.
 - Mechanisms are needed for encouraging - persuading - forcing owners to remove rubbish and 'junk' and generally clean up derelict properties.
 - Avoid the creation of residential ghettos; public rental housing is important but it should be scattered rather than concentrated
 - The town centre needs a parking area for cars with caravans. Parking is inadequate at NRCC House; caravan policy needs review.
 - Despite its value as a tourism asset, local heritage is poorly promoted. Heritage sites are not easily identified; signage is poor; information is thin. There is scope for strengthening the links between the development process and local heritage. A regional heritage - tourism trail is one option, with a focus on the rural museum as a key attraction.
 - A productive future for the old railway station should be found - following the example of nearby Junee.
 - As an element in the policy framework, and consistent with agency requirements, the new plan should include advice or guidelines for occupiers of small-lot agricultural holdings regarding weed control, stormwater run-off, control of domestic and feral animals, management of native vegetation, vermin control, waste rubbish disposal.
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