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# COLLIE

*This Village Plan has been updated with feedback from the public exhibition of the draft by Council and the meeting held with the Collie Community on 9/04/2018. Some suggestions may not be directly related to public domain enhancement so they may not be reflected in this plan but Council has noted these concerns and will act on them as best as possible.*

# 1. Settlement Overview

## 1.1. Brief History & Heritage

The area is likely to have significance for Aboriginal people, particularly along Marthaguy Creek and the fertile floodplains, but this plan has not reviewed that history in detail or key Aboriginal sites. Any significant projects should address local concerns and avoid/minimise impacts.

Collie was proclaimed a village in 1893 (Information Board). A comprehensive **history** should be prepared/collated/made available to inform visitors and guide this plan and ideally be summarised on the **Central Information Board** (see below). Good sources of information include the local community, The Warren Historical and Family History Society Inc., *Warren Shire Thematic History* and R.M Brennan's two books *Across the Black Soil Plains* and *Keep the Billy Boiling*.

There are no listed heritage items in Warren Shire or in or immediately around Collie in the Local Environmental Plan. However, there are a number of items in and around Collie recommended for protection in the 2011 *Community Based Heritage Study of the Warren Shire* including the Anglican and Catholic Churches on Bourbah Road/ Coonamble St, rural homesteads, and several cemeteries/graves. These items should be protected and/or sensitive adapted for modern use. There may be archaeological potential on old sites.

## 1.2. Population & Demographics

Collie once had a population of over 300 people but now is substantially smaller. It acted as a service centre for the surrounding rural area and unlike many regional villages is not serviced by rail. Collie's Census District is only defined by a State Suburb (SSC 10975) that includes a large rural district as well as the village.

As at the 2016 Census there were 194 people in this catchment district; 80 private dwellings; a median age of 39, and 56 families (due to the small population limited information is available). The area that forms part of the Village Zone would be only a portion of these figures.

## 1.3. Location & Distances

Collie is a settlement located in the south-eastern part of the Warren Shire. Driving distances are approximately:

- a) 36km (~22 mins) from Gilgandra (Oxley Hwy - outside Shire);
- b) 49km (~32 mins) from Warren (Oxley Hwy);
- c) 54km (~35 mins) from Trangie (Collie-Trangie Rd – outside Shire);
- d) 70km (~45 mins) from Nevertire (Oxley Hwy);
- e) 80km (~55 mins) from Dubbo (via Collie Road);
- f) 80km (~55 mins) from Narromine (via Collie-Trangie & Warren Rds.).

Collie has no significant local services other than the hotel, RFS, and community hall. All other local shopping is likely to be sourced from Warren or Gilgandra or Dubbo for higher level services (see *Key Facilities* Section below).

### EASTERN APPROACH (FROM GILGANDRA)



'Welcome to Warren Shire' sign (Oxley Highway east – Google)



Collie Village Sign (Oxley Highway east limited visibility - Google)



Navigation Sign (Oxley Highway east - Google)



Collie-Trangie Rd / Coonamble St Intersection (limited visual cues)

### WESTERN APPROACH (FROM WARREN)



Oxley Hwy/Bundemar St (west entrance – local traffic only)



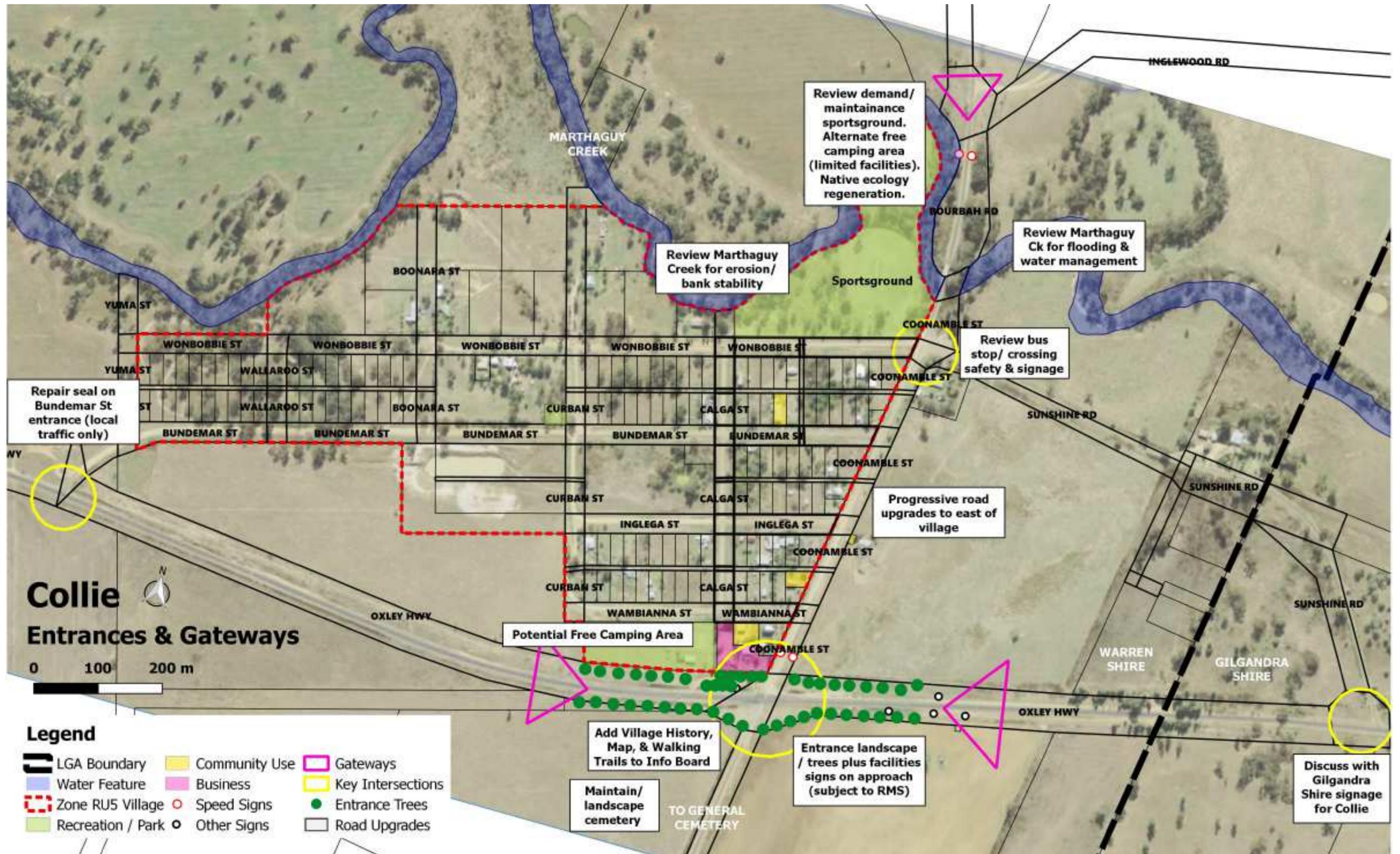
Oxley Hwy/Bundemar St entrance (seal needs replacing)



Navigation Sign (Oxley Highway west)



Collie-Trangie Rd / Coonamble St Intersection (clear signage)



## 2. Access & Road Upgrades

### 2.1. Rail & Main Roads

There is no existing or known historic rail line in or near Collie. The nearest rail lines are at Warren and Gilgandra.

Collie is located on the northern side of the Oxley Highway between Nevertire/Warren and Gilgandra. Therefore, it has a reasonable amount of passing traffic and heavy vehicles. The Collie-Trangie Road provides the most direct route back to Trangie, Narromine, and Dubbo via narrow-sealed roads.

However, the Oxley Highway has a speed of 110km/hour and there is no slower speed zone near the main entrance to the village at Coonamble St / Collie-Trangie Road. This potentially reduces the chance of tourist and other traffic stopping at Collie unless it is the intended destination and they are well aware of the upcoming intersection. See photos of each approach to Collie that show there are few visual signals on approach to the Coonamble St access to Collie.

The Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) is responsible for the highway and has the final say on what traffic calming / road-side landscape & features are permissible so they must be consulted as part of the exhibition of this plan. It may be worth **consulting with RMS to see if deceleration / acceleration / turning lanes could be added to the Oxley Highway (medium to long term – not costed) unless RMS would consider a slower speed limit.**

### 2.2. Local Roads

Coonamble Street extends from the Oxley Highway / Collie-Trangie Rd intersection to the north to provide the key point of access to Collie.

There are also dirt road access points from the Oxley Highway at Bundemar St (west) and Sunshine Road (east – outside Shire) but these are less likely to be major thoroughfares (possibly local traffic only). The **Bundemar St intersection seal is broken up and could be repaired to minimise gravel damage to the Oxley Highway** (not costed).

Coonamble St is sealed up past the Marthaguy Creek crossing to service rural areas to the north. Only limited village streets have a narrow seal including what appears to be the old school connection along Bundemar St (east of Curban St to Coonamble St) and Curban St (Bundemar to Wonbobbie St) and around to a turning circle in front of the old school on Wonbobbie St.

The remaining local streets are dirt/gravel with small areas of blue metal along Wambianna St and at intersections with Coonamble St. Due to the low densities of houses in these areas it is not critical to upgrade the gravel sections but some members of the community have expressed a desire to see road upgrades (possibly to minimise dust/improve access).

**Council should consider implementing road upgrades focussed first on the key street sections between Coonamble St and Calga St (short to medium term) and then extending out to Curban St (long term)** (subject to community and engineering input and demand).

#### COONAMBLE ST / COLLIE-TRANGIE RD INTERSECTION



View South along Collie-Trangie Rd



Oxley Hwy signage visible at Intersection

#### LOCAL STREETS



Coonamble St (street tree plantings & drainage upgrades)



Wambianna St (seal to Calga St, drainage, and street trees)



Inglega St (seal to Calga St, drainage, possible street trees)



Bundemar St (upgrade seal, drainage, and street trees)



Wonbobbie St (seal to Calga St, drainage, possible street trees)

### 3. Entrance Design & Signage

#### 3.1. Shire Wide Navigation Signage

As stated above, Collie is on the Oxley Highway between Nevertire/Warren and Gilgandra so it is relatively easy to locate.

It is not a large village so there is limited regional navigational signage and distances to Collie (there appears to be a Collie sign on departing Gilgandra but not Warren). However, Warren Shire signage seeks to highlight the three main settlements of Warren, Nevertire and Collie.

As Collie is located near the local government boundary with Gilgandra Shire Council, there is a clear Warren Shire entrance sign on the eastern approach along the Oxley Highway (see picture next page).

Collie is also potentially on or near major regional bird watching trails from Lake Cargelligo (Lachlan Shire) through to the Macquarie Marshes and up to the Warrumbungles (though Collie is not highlighted on some maps due to low local significance).

#### 3.2. Gateway/Entrance/Village Signage

The main gateway to the town is the Coonamble St / Collie-Trangie Road intersection. However, there are smaller gateways at Sunshine Rd (east – outside Shire so cannot be easily modified) and Bundemar St (west) for local traffic.

On the Oxley Highway – eastern approach (from Gilgandra) (see photo above) after the Shire sign there is a small black and white Collie Sign (too small for easy recognition) and adjacent 'Neighbourhood watch' sign followed by a white on green navigation sign for the intersection (see pictures opposite).

The main village 'sign' is the brickwork plinth with 'COLLIE' in large letters immediately in front of the hotel. This is an excellent sign in that it is consistent with the village signs used in Warren and Nevertire and it is different from village signs in adjacent Shires.

However, the sign's location beyond the Coonamble St intersection may result in less vehicles turning off to Collie due to high speeds on the Oxley Highway and it is partially blocked by other navigation signage on the highway (see photo opposite). Also, it only faces to the east, so there are less visual cues to the west on approach from Warren.

The size and cost of this signage makes it difficult to relocate/rebuild and it still plays an important function in its current location. However, it may need to be supported by additional visual cues (landscape) and signage on both approaches on the Oxley Highway.

For example, there may be potential to **add two Key Facilities Signs (White on Blue) providing warning of the approach to Coonamble St turn off** (both approaches on the Oxley Hwy) to highlight that Collie has food, accommodation, toilets and potentially some camping opportunities.

#### 3.3. Gateway Landscape

Both approaches along the Oxley Highway to Collie have patches of significant native vegetation. However, closer to Collie there is less vegetation. The lack of landscape does little to slow traffic. We recommend **consulting with RMS to see if additional highway entrance tree planting on both approaches to Coonamble St.**

#### 3.4. Key Intersections & Navigation

Collie has a relatively simple grid layout of approximately 4 key east-west streets and 3 north-south streets. Now that the school is closed and converted to a residential/private use the only other major facilities other than the hotel are the hall, church (if used), the Memorial Park, and possibly the recreation ground (if maintained).

Bundemar St (2-3m seal) creates the link to the Hall and Memorial. There is a small black on white sign for the hall near the hotel pointing down Coonamble Street but potentially **this could be relocated / added to the Bundemar St intersection and a Memorial Park sign added.**

The community has requested the following additional signage:

- a) School bus sign / Children crossing sign for bus stop corner Coonamble St/Wonbobbie St/ Sunshine Rd and possible traffic calming to improve safe connection to/from bus stop;
- b) Flood level measure in Marthaguy Creek at bridge (greater than 6 feet as the existing sign only measures creek level);
- c) Street name signage needed for Calga Street & spelling correction for Wonbobbie St (to be confirmed).

#### 3.5. Central Information Board

Collie has two information boards located near the 'Collie' brick village sign in the hotel car park. This is a suitable location where tourists/visitors are likely to stop and see them.

These boards are consistent with the shire-wide information boards providing a range of activities, services, accommodation, food etc. advice for all three (3) main towns/villages. This is appropriate due to the limited activities in Collie. The only things possibly missing from the boards are:

- a) A brief history of Collie and important dates (only the date Collie was declared a settlement is included in the key dates section);
- b) A town map showing the location of key buildings/places, especially the hall and memorial park (as they are harder to find);
- c) Bird-watching or other environmental opportunities as part of a shire-wide bird watching trail;
- d) Free camping information (if this is a suitable location);
- e) Shade cover, though this is not mandatory.

Council may wish to discuss with the community whether a **third history and map board can be added between the existing two panels** (to minimise cost/new structure).

#### 3.6. Advertising

The only prominent advertising sign is the pylon sign for the Collie Hotel. It is sufficiently large to be visible from the Oxley Highway but does not dominate the road or create visual 'clutter'. As there are limited businesses in Collie specific advertising signage boards on the Oxley Highway are unlikely to be required.

As stated above, perhaps some white on blue Facilities signs would be the best outcome showing Collie has food, accommodation, and potentially camping would be sufficient.



Collie Village Sign (east approach) (reduced visibility/location)



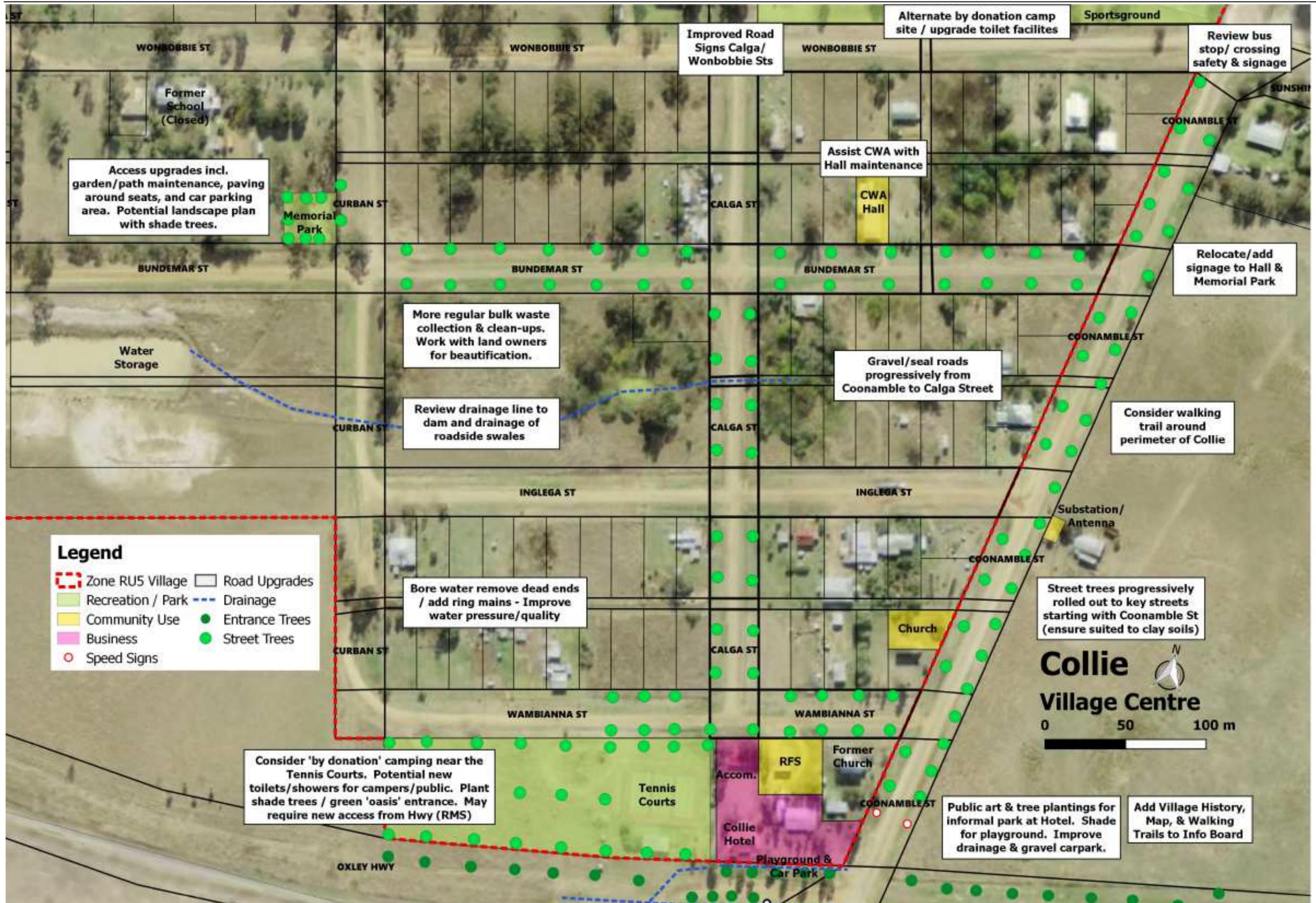
Collie Village Sign (west approach) (no village signage)



Example Key Facilities sign suitable for Oxley Hwy (both approaches)



Existing Information Signs (potential for more local information)



#### 4. Key Facilities & Attractions

Perhaps the best-known facility/attraction in Collie is the Collie Hotel (see photos next page) located on the Oxley Highway frontage near the intersection with Coonamble St. The original hotel (1862 Marthagai Inn/ 1988 Collie Hotel) was located further up Coonamble St but was burnt down in 1987 and the new hotel was opened on 7 October 1989. It also acts as an Australia Post outlet, has a small playground, and supposedly has an arts/craft store. There is a small accommodation facility at the back of the hotel appears to provide 3-4 rooms.

A pub of this nature could have the potential to increase its attraction as a destination (like the Rabbit Trap Pub in Albert – or part of a 'pub trail') if it was marketed as such with possible **upgrades** (private costs). Parking may be a minor issue during peak events/weekends so **additional gravel and parking signage** (see also *Drainage* Section) may assist (not costed).

Collie has a Country Women's Association of NSW hall for meetings and events on the north side of Bundemar Street near Calga St. Without looking inside, the external appearance of the building suggest that it has been well maintained by the community. There are relatively new access ramps, air-conditioning, small garden, and outdoor toilets. **Council should work with the local community to see what additional practical requirements are needed for the effective and regular use of this building** (not yet costed).

There is an old sportsground located north-west of the Coonamble / Wonbobbie St intersection. There is also an ANZAC memorial in a small park on the north-western side of the Bundemar / Curban Street intersection (see *Key Sites* Section for details).

There is a Catholic Church at the corner of Coonamble/Wambianna Streets that is still in use and should be protected. The former Anglican Church near the hotel appears to have been sensitively adapted as a dwelling and is a significant part of the streetscape.

There is a Rural Fire Services (RFS) shed on Wambianna Street behind the hotel but no issues are known with this facility.

The Collie Public School is closed and now in private ownership. The nearest schools are at Warren or Gilgandra. This may limit the attraction for young families unless good school bus services are available.

There may be some other home businesses/ industries not noted (e.g. saddlery, greyhound kennels, & engineering business). Employment opportunities are limited and it mainly acts as a focal point for the surrounding rural community.

Collie General Cemetery is located off Trangie-Collie Road. There are also other important sites including Driel Cemetery, John Boyle's grave, Sunny Clime graves, and Merrigal Private Cemetery nearby. All of these require **protection, maintenance, and appropriate signage**.

Warren Shire Council offers a Business Support Policy to return rates when private owners upgrade the appearance of their businesses so this may be an opportunity for the church, hotel, and other private upgrades.

The community wants more general clean-ups to remove rubbish, open up lanes & encourage owners to do the same (but Council has limited powers to enforce works on private land).



Collie Hotel (potential to increase 'pub tourist trail' and accommodation)



Accommodation (potential to promote by donation camping nearby)



Playground (add barriers to carpark & shade tent if not private land)



Tennis courts in good condition (provide shade planting around perimeter)



Collie Catholic Church (1953) (protect as historic item)



Former Anglican Church (1920) adaptively re-used as dwelling



CWA Hall in great external condition (support CWA to maintain)



Rural Fire Services Shed (confirm if any action required)

## 5. Street / Public Domain Upgrades

### 5.1. Utilities (Particularly Water Quality/Pressure)

Collie relies on bore water for its reticulated supply. Recently Council has upgraded the connections between the bores (10-12km west of Collie) and tank / storage systems to connect Warren, Nevertire and Collie systems and this was proposed to be commissioned late 2017. People continue to collect rainwater as an alternative supply.

The community and Council acknowledge that **'dead-ends' in the reticulated bore water pipes result in decreases in pressure, volume and quality of water. Replacement with ring mains** is likely to alleviate this issue along with maintenance of flush points, checking of meters, and general maintenance. **This is a key priority for Collie according to feedback.** An alternative may be to assist individual owners to put in water tanks (but a more long-term solution would be to get most of the existing dwellings connected to reliable, quality, reticulated water). Confirmation of adequate water supply access for RFS is suggested.

An upgraded supply of water suggests that irrigation of street trees is viable and can be progressively rolled out with **some new connections.**

Collie does not have access to reticulated sewerage so it is reliant on on-site sewage management systems such as septic systems – but there was no comment these are not working.

### 5.2. Watercourses & Drainage

As stated above, Marthaguy Creek runs to the north of Collie in a roughly east-west direction. It appears to drain land from as far east as the Newell Highway through Collie and then along the Oxley Highway and up to Marthaguy and north to Carinda and into the Macquarie River.

As Collie is towards the upper reaches of the catchment it is not believed to experience significant or regular flooding but some locals want unauthorised weirs, dams, and channels removed as these exacerbate flood effects. Collie is still relatively flat so intermittent drainage issues / localised flooding still occur (not addressed in this plan). Upgrading of drainage along Wonbobbie St may assist draining water to the creek.

There would appear to be a drainage line extending through the vacant Crown land between Inglega St and Bundemar St and running west into the catchment dam at the western end of the village. The community would like to see drains and swales cleared of trees and rubble to facilitate drainage.

There also appeared to be some standing water in the carpark of the hotel adjacent to the Oxley Highway. **Minor drainage works in the carpark may allow this water to more easily flow away.**

The use of kerb and gutter is not present in this village and is unlikely to be required but **drainage swales should be maintained/upgraded on either side of public roads** with culverts to promote clearing of water (subject to a review of levels).

Some members of the community are concerned about erosion along Marthaguy Creek and its effects on the dwelling/lot at the end of Calga St (potentially requesting bank stabilisation) (not costed).

### 5.3. Street Trees & Landscape

With broad streets and low/setback buildings landscape has the greatest potential to define the streets, promote navigation of the village, increase amenity for pedestrians, improve environmental outcomes, and create an urban 'oasis' in the hot, dry summers.

Whilst it is a relatively simple street layout, a brief **Street Tree Master Plan (& Irrigation Plan)** for the village could select appropriate species that are hardy and low maintenance and appropriate for each specific street taking into account the priority areas, soil qualities, water availability, street orientation, the footpath/verge widths, vehicle safety/sight-lines and overhead and underground utility constraints. The hard clay soils are a particular issue as well as long-term maintenance.

Feedback included the permanent removal of the cedar trees, many of which have regrown from stumps not fully removed 3 years ago.

Some members of the community would like to see an 'avenue' of trees along the Oxley Highway from the Tennis Courts towards Warren. Locally, it could initially focus on the blocks bounded by Coonamble Street (east), Calga St (west), Wonbobbie St (north) and the Hotel carpark (south), and then perhaps extend out to Curban St (west) in the longer term.

The overall landscape character appears to be dominated by native trees but there is some potential for ornamental non-native plantings at key locations to provide colour and variety using species that would not interfere with overhead power lines. The diagrams in this Village Plan show some **indicative street tree planting areas** (subject to more detailed investigation) that would reinforce key streets (subject to community & landscape consultation).

### 5.4. Footpaths & Crossings

There are no existing formalised footpaths in Collie. The priority for the community is likely to be road upgrades. Grass swales on each side of the road are likely to be sufficient for this low-density village. There are insufficient densities / traffic issues on local roads to warrant formal pedestrian crossings. In the **longer term a simple gravel walking path around the perimeter of Collie** could promote walking and cycling.

### 5.5. Accessibility

Collie is briefly reviewed in Council's (July 2015 – final report) *Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan* (PAMP) and most of the issues raised relate to accessibility including:

- a) **Post box requires paved circulation space (1500 by 1500);**
- b) **Public telephone requires paved circulation space (1500 by 1500);**
- c) **Cenotaph/Memorial Park – see Key Sites Section below:**
  - i. **Construct an accessible parking space in front of the gates;**
  - ii. **Remove grass and reset shifted pavers;**
  - iii. **Construct paved area to two seats and add armrests and wheelchair space to side.**

### 5.6. Bicycles

There are no dedicated or shared bicycle routes in Collie and generally it would be expected to utilise existing wide local streets so no changes are proposed at this time.

### 5.7. Street Furniture

There is no substantial need for street furniture as key facilities are spread out and tend to provide their own seating. If the sportsground is reactivated some replacement seating may be required. Some additional **240L Sulo Bins in the hotel car-park, Memorial Park, and Recreation ground** may assist.



Water storage dam to west of village



Drainage issues in hotel car-park (upgrades & gravel)



Recently updated bore water supply to Collie

### 5.8. Public Art

There is an opportunity for some limited public art in Collie (not costed) to provide visual interest, attract passing visitors, and highlight some of the history of the area. Collie is the gateway to Warren Shire from Gilgandra so there is potential to build on the sense of humour seen in the Warren Shire signs at the Mitchell / Oxley Highway intersection near Nevertire. The Collie Hotel is also a key focal point and could incorporate some larger rural sculpture or focal point that added to the marketing for the hotel and community events.

Some feedback has also been about creating a local 'women's/men's' shed in the medium to long-term to create a local meeting place, encourage village spirit, and contribute to village projects (not costed). This could be sited near the CWA Hall or Hotel.

## 6. Key Sites

### 6.1. Management Plan(s) & General Maintenance

For all Crown Lands (and also Council Community lands) ideally there would be a **Plan of Management** prepared that would guide all future decision making in these areas and include the community and Crown Lands Division in their preparation. As upgrades in Collie are of a limited impact/scale this should remain a longer-term goal.

Council should continue to support small villages with an **outdoors crew** attending a minimum of two (2) times a year working with the community for a couple of days on **maintenance, repainting and vegetation management/ replanting** of public spaces.

### 6.2. Collie (Memorial) Park

Collie (Memorial) Park is tucked away on the corner of the old school site at the intersection of Bundemar and Curban Streets. It is on Crown land. Other than the playground at the hotel, the unused sportsground, and the grounds of the CWA there are no other parks or meeting places in Collie. It is maintained by a local committee who is looking into grant opportunities.

It contains a memorial obelisk and plaques with paved walkway (good condition) with a strong geometric layout. There is a small flag pole to one side and two bench seats (good condition) either side of the walkway. When the school was running this would have been a good community focal point but now it is somewhat distant from the Hall and Hotel.

There are a few significant trees but not a lot of shade. There have been some recent scattered new plantings (difficulties with soil and water), but otherwise it is mostly grass. When visited in December 2017 it was in need of some minor landscape maintenance.

It may be worth preparing a **simple landscape/master plan** with the local community and CWA members to ensure there is a consistent approach for any future new plaques, memorials and landscape, ensure suitable species are planted that are appropriate to local conditions, low maintenance, and avoid any inconsistent 'cluttering'.

In the *Street/Public Domain Upgrades* Section above it highlights outcomes of the PAMP plan for accessibility, repeated here, as follows:

- a) **Construct an accessible parking space in front of the gates;**
- b) **Remove grass and reset shifted pavers (consider concreting);**
- c) **Construct paved area to two seats and add armrests and wheelchair space to side.**

Council's role should be to facilitate the community to manage the park. Subject to discussion with the community, some perimeter shade tree plantings and/or small ornamental planting beds may be suitable.



War Memorial Path (needs weeding/resetting pavers)



Seating (needs paved area to/around seating for access)



Memorial obelisk, path and flag-pole to one side



Entrance gates (add accessible car space / parking area)



Tree stumps suggest new plantings may be needed for shade



New plantings may need landscape plan / species selection



Water is available for irrigation

### 6.3. Recreation Ground/Oval

The recreation ground is located adjacent to Marthaguy Creek, north of Wonbobbie Street / west of Coonamble St. It consists of a large oval grass area (relatively flat) with an adjacent basic brick toilet block and a couple of bench seats (broken) under the trees.

It is unknown whether this ground is still in use for sporting events, most likely cricket. The ground itself appeared in December 2017 to have been mown relatively recently but there are no permanent fences or goals and the remaining grounds are partly overgrown.

Council should consult with the community as to demand and particular sporting needs, taking into consideration the larger range of better quality facilities in Warren only 30 minutes-drive away.

Regardless, it is still an important public feature and could form part of a walking trail around Collie and informal play area (with minimal maintenance).

If it were to be used at least twice a year for sports, form part of a walking trail, or for informal camping then only minor upgrades are suggested including **toilet repairs** (not costed) and a couple of **new bench seats/ bin under the trees** combined with some limited mowing. There could also be some **additional shade tree plantings** in and around the toilet block for environmental outcomes and amenity.

### 6.4. Informal Camping

Increasingly travellers are interested in locating free or 'by donation' camping ground around NSW that have the potential to provide some additional income to local businesses and services but also require some support. They are particularly useful when aligned with 'destination' locations or on tourist trails. Advertising on camping and 'grey-nomad' websites and word-of-mouth may improve usage.

One possibility is the Crown Land adjacent to the tennis courts. This has the benefit of being easily visible from the highway, adjacent to the hotel/accommodation/playground/tennis courts and could provide new toilet facilities as a truck/public rest area along with a tree planting scheme to provide shade and green 'gateway' to Collie. The challenges are potential need for a new vehicle access/egress to the Oxley Highway (RMS approval) and proximity to the highway noise and other dwellings. This should be investigated further with the community (not costed).

An alternative is the Recreation /Sports Ground could be used for camping (and some feedback suggests it is often used for this purpose). A location near the creek and under the trees is attractive as it is away from the highway. However, as there is little water flow in summer, there are no shower or quality toilet blocks (would need substantial upgrade), and it is a distance from activities and services at the hotel (not costed).

## 7. Planning Controls & Growth

### 7.1. Zoning (Land Use)

The key planning controls are in *Warren Local Environmental Plan 2012* that applies Zone RU5 Village to the settlement. A Village Zone is a suitable category at this time. The settlement is surrounded by Zone RU1 Primary Production. There are no Zone R5 Large Lot Residential areas around or near the settlement.

The settlement has a minimum lot size of 2000m<sup>2</sup> for most of the lots except for recreation land, the hotel, and some adjacent lots along the highway frontage that have no minimum lot size.

### 7.2. Crown Land & Growth Opportunities

This Plan does not consider changes to zoning or lot size boundaries but it is assumed there is sufficient area for residential and other land use growth at this time.

Some of Collie's Village Zone is actually Crown land but this generally covers recreation and community sites, roads, and some land that is drainage affected. There appears to be a large number of vacant lots outside the Crown land that could provide residential growth (if required) (subject to land ownership and other constraints).

**Council does not currently have a geospatially aligned high resolution (min. 50cm) aerial photograph of the area that covers Collie** (the aerial photos in this report are taken from SIX Maps and roughly aligned). It is suggested that **purchase of this aerial and confirmation of its alignment would assist Council and the Community**. If the aerial photo does not accurately align with lot boundaries the **village may need to be resurveyed** by the NSW Government (aerial photos in this plan have been adjusted by estimate only) (not part of this plan).

## 8. Relevant Documents List

- Council's (July 2015) *Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP)*;
- High Ground Consulting (2011) *Warren Shire Thematic History*;
- High Ground Consulting (2011) *Community Based Heritage Study*;
- R.M Brennan's *Across the Black Soil Plains and Keep the Billy Boiling*.



Recreation ground viewed by Coonamble St/Collie Bridge



Recreation ground viewed from Wonbobbie St / entrance track



Recreation oval flat and recently mown



Basic toilet block not inspected internally (check if repairs needed)



Old BBQ/worn seating (needs replacement if demand)

## 9. Summary Action Table (Subject to Community Consultation)

| No.                                  | Item Description (Indicative Timing: Short (1-3 years) / Medium (3-5 years) / Long (>5 years))                                                                          | Indicative Timing |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ENTRANCE DESIGN &amp; SIGNAGE</b> |                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| 0                                    | Safety signs for bus stop/crossing (Coonamble/Wonbobbie Sts) with review of traffic calming                                                                             | Short             |
| 1                                    | Key Facilities Signs (White on Blue) on Oxley Highway both approaches to Coonamble St (incorporate Sign to The Collie Hotel) - seek RMS approval                        | Medium            |
| 2                                    | Entrance street trees planted both sides of Oxley Highway 100-200m either side of Coonamble St (maintaining sight lines at intersection) - seek RMS approval            | Medium            |
| 3                                    | Central (tourist) information board - add additional narrow panel between with village map, brief history, and key sites/places of interest                             | Medium            |
| 4                                    | Relocate / add signage to Hall / Memorial Park to intersection of Coonamble / Bundemar Streets & improve local street signage                                           | Short             |
| <b>STREET UPGRADES</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| 5                                    | Approach RMS re acceleration/turning lanes or speed reduction on approach to Coonamble St/Trangie Road (possible expanded entry/exit for truck parking and camp ground) | Short             |
| 6                                    | Drainage upgrades to Collie Hotel carpark and re-gravel - 50*20m                                                                                                        | Medium            |
| 7                                    | Extend bore water main lines to ring mains (distances to be determined) & review water pressures, water quality & stable supply/connections for all existing dwellings. | Short             |
| 8                                    | Review, clean & re-level roadside drainage swales and drainage to dam                                                                                                   | Short             |
| 9                                    | Seal Wambianna St (Coonamble to Calga St) 4.5m seal/100m & drainage                                                                                                     | Medium            |
| 10                                   | Seal Inglega St (Coonamble to Calga St) 4.5m seal/162m & drainage                                                                                                       | Medium            |
| 11                                   | Seal Wonbobbie St ((Coonamble to Calga St) 4.5m seal/283m & drainage                                                                                                    | Medium            |
| 12                                   | Seal Calga St (Wambianna to Wonbobbie St) 4.5m seal/444m & drainage                                                                                                     | Long              |
| 13                                   | Upgrade Bundemar St / Oxley Highway intersection seal                                                                                                                   | Long              |
| 14                                   | Upgrade Bundemar St seal 4.5m seal/456m & drainage                                                                                                                      | Long              |
| 15                                   | Walking trail around Collie perimeter ~1.8km gravel/1.8m wide                                                                                                           | Long              |
| <b>LANDSCAPE UPGRADES</b>            |                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| 16                                   | Street tree master plan (Coonamble to Calga Streets) with irrigation points                                                                                             | Medium            |
| 17                                   | Planting of street trees in verge 80-100 trees + protectors                                                                                                             | Medium            |
| 18                                   | Feature tree planting near tennis courts & Memorial Park                                                                                                                | Medium            |
| 19                                   | Review landscape / maintenance upgrades for Collie General Cemetery                                                                                                     | Medium            |
| <b>STREET FURNITURE</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| 20                                   | 240L Sulo Bins / post mounted - Hotel carpark & recreation ground                                                                                                       | Short             |
| 21                                   | Shade cover over Collie Hotel playground                                                                                                                                | Medium            |
| 22                                   | Concrete paved areas around public phone and post box for accessibility                                                                                                 | Medium            |
| 23                                   | Metal bench seats with arm rests painted (& possible shade shelters added) - Recreation ground                                                                          | Medium            |
| 24                                   | Public art installations / fixing (provided by community)                                                                                                               | Long              |
| <b>COLLIE (MEMORIAL) PARK</b>        |                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| 25                                   | Maintenance/mowing of landscape & reset path pavers                                                                                                                     | Short             |
| 26                                   | Master / Landscape / Management Plan for Park (seek Grant Funding)                                                                                                      | Short             |
| 27                                   | 240L Sulo Bins / post mounted                                                                                                                                           | Medium            |
| 28                                   | Metal bench seats with arm rests (possibly with shade shelter)                                                                                                          | Medium            |
| 29                                   | Paved areas under seating                                                                                                                                               | Medium            |
| 30                                   | Formalise parking adjacent to park (gravel + signage) 10m*10m                                                                                                           | Medium            |
| 31                                   | Shade tree planting and landscape beds                                                                                                                                  | Medium            |

| No.               | Item Description (Indicative Timing: Short (1-3 years)/ Medium (3-5 years) / Long (>5 years))                                                                                                                                 | Indicative Timing |
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| <b>NOT COSTED</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |
| 32                | Approach NSW Government Land & Property Information to get an updated aerial photography (geo-rectified) for the village on Council's system and confirm alignment with lot boundaries, village zone, and strategic planning. | Short             |
| 33                | More regular Council waste collection days, including collection of green waste and bulky items and general clean-up of roads/lanes                                                                                           | Ongoing           |
| 34                | Approaching local land owners to clean-up private land                                                                                                                                                                        | Ongoing           |
| 35                | Cleaning and reshaping drainage lines including removal of cedar trees                                                                                                                                                        | Ongoing           |
| 36                | Review of Marthaguy Creek bank stability and erosion                                                                                                                                                                          | Ongoing           |
| 37                | Women's/Men's Shed (possibly near CWA Hall)                                                                                                                                                                                   | Long              |
| 38                | Review potential for camping ground/truck rest area off Oxley Highway (either near Tennis Courts or at Recreation/Sports Ground)                                                                                              | Long              |