



# Mathinna Township Plan

2022 - 2025



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## Introduction

Township Plans are developed with community and provide Council with an understanding of the needs of each community, as well as how community and Council can work together to achieve them.

The idea to develop township plans came from conversations Council staff had with communities when we consulted on the development of the Strategic Plan in 2017.

The first Township Plan was developed in March, 2019.

This second edition of the Mathinna Township Plan will guide activities over the next three years, from 2022 – 2025.

To develop this plan we consulted the Mathinna community through a “drop in session” and an online survey process. Further detail on the information from the community engagement process forms Appendix 1 to this Plan.

This Township Plan will replace the 2019-2021 Mathinna Township Plan, you can find a copy of this plan and a report of how we went achieving these activities on our website under My Community /Township Plans.

The themes from the previous plan compared to this plan have not changed a great deal with the community still focusing on community infrastructure and tourism

Some notable achievements from the previous plan include:

- Stormwater infrastructure upgraded in High Street, Mathinna
- Community infrastructure – completion of walking track around existing recreation area
- Footpath upgrade and installation of street furniture – High Street

## Mathinna – Our Town

An important part in developing the Township Plan is to understanding what residents love about their community and how they would like their community to look in 10 years’ time.

Based on residents answers to these survey questions we developed the below statements.

**Community Vision:** *The Mathinna Community most values their peaceful, simple lifestyle that has strong connections to the natural environment and the community.*

**Community Legacy:** *The community of Mathinna would like to see improvements to road access to the township.*

You can find a full report of all community consultation including how these statements were developed, on our website under **My Community / Community Consultation**.

## Community Engagement and Plan Focus

A common theme of the Mathinna community engagement activities was the need for maintenance works to be done on street infrastructure.

Themes include:

- Maintenance issues regarding drainage and roads
- Infrastructure to support community needs; and
- Working with the community to explore what events could be held within the township of Mathinna.

Some other matters raised were considered by Council as 'business as usual' and will be dealt with through existing Council activities.

To ensure all feedback was recorded and not lost we have included a copy of this in Appendix 2 along with items considered outside the scope of the Township Plan.

### The 2022-2025 Mathinna Township Plan will focus on:

- **Community infrastructure upgrades and maintenance; and**
- **Supporting tourism**

## Action List

Action	Who
<b>1. Supporting Tourism</b>	
1.1. Work with the community in assisting them to look at how they can run a local market in their community	<b>Council/Community</b>
1.2. Work with community to ensure that they have a voice on the Fingal Valley Destination Action Group so that signage and any other tourism issues are considered as part of any further projects throughout the Fingal Valley	<b>Council/Community</b>
<b>2. Community infrastructure</b>	
2.1. Renew street furniture	<b>Council/Community</b>
2.2. Work with young people in the community to identify recreational infrastructure	<b>Council/Community</b>
2.3. Revamp community pool	<b>Community</b>
2.4. Revamp bus shelter/picnic shed	<b>Council/Community</b>

## Reporting back to the Community:

We will report back to you on how we are progressing with these actions twice a year. An updated action list will be posted on Council's website and forwarded to those that are on Council's Mathinna Township Email Database. (If you would like to join this database, please email, [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au).)

Any feedback on these plans can be sent to [admin@bodc.tas.gov.au](mailto:admin@bodc.tas.gov.au)

The Mathinna Township Plan has a term of three (3) years – after this period, the action list will be reviewed.

Adopted by Council on XX

# Appendix 1

## Community Engagement

On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 we held a “drop in session” at Mathinna where Council officers met with community members seeking their feedback on the following issues:

- Infrastructure; and
- Other issues

Five community members attended this session.

During the Drop-in session period (11 March – 2 June 2022) a survey was available for community members unable to attend the Drop-in session. The survey received 244 responses from the Break O’Day Municipality – 10 of these were from Mathinna.

**Council heard from a total of 15 Mathinna residents.**

According to the 2021 Census, Mathinna has a population of 123.

While developing township plans we also asked residents to share with us what they loved about their community and how they would like their community to look in 10 years’ time.

The answers to these questions were used to develop a vision and legacy statement for each township and we would appreciate your feedback on these as well as the plan itself.

These statements will help Council to make decisions about your township based on whether they fit with the vision and legacy of each community.

The Community Vision and Legacy Statements for Mathinna are:

**Community Vision:** *The Mathinna Community most values their peaceful, simple lifestyle that has strong connections to the natural environment and the community.*

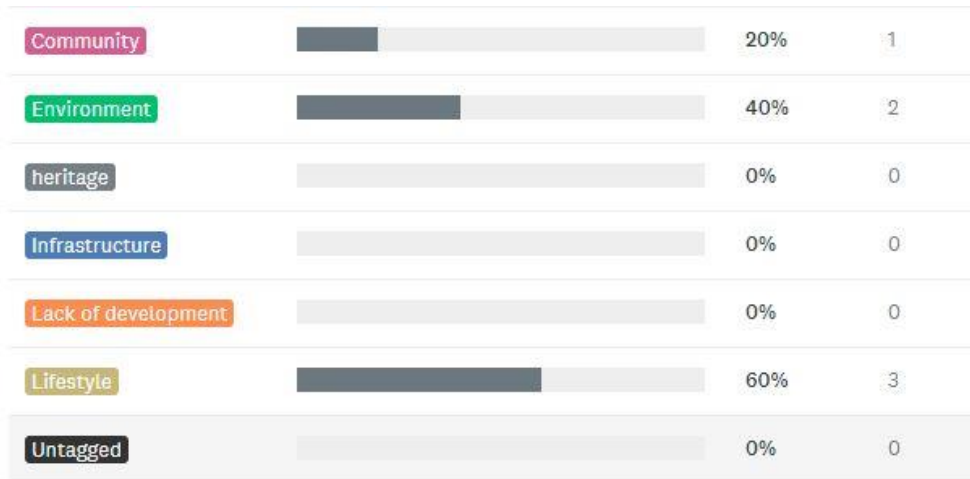
**Community Legacy:** *The community of Mathinna would like to see general improvements to the town’s infrastructure that would also foster better tourism.*

The above statements were developed from Community feedback as shown over:



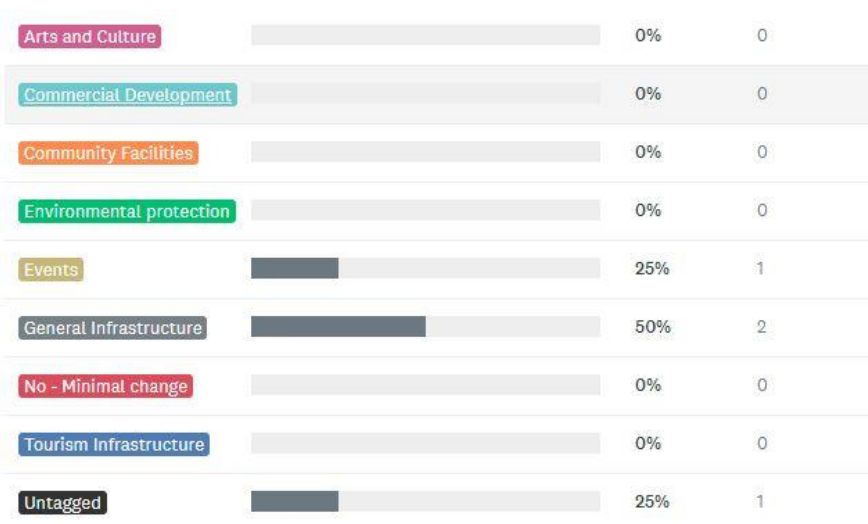
## Grouped answers to Question 5.

What do you most love about your community?



## Grouped answers from Question 7.

How would you like your community to look in 10 years' time?



Comment direct from community member.

***"All gravel roads sealed drain work to be completed the top end of the town maintained"***

You can find a full report of all community consultation on our website under **My Community / Community Consultation**.

## Appendix 2

### Business as Usual Activities

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special waste collection – hard waste</li> <li>• Refuse dump at Mathinna</li> </ul>	<p>Review and discuss with Council</p> <p>Illegal dumping at Mathinna is a significant matter. Tasmanian EPA/Council to raise with affected land owner.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jubilee trees – Recreation Ground – maybe not so mature with tree guards and stakes as wind is an issue – deciduous trees are best</li> <li>• Trees for shelter</li> </ul>	<p>Comments noted</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage – 3 days camping inside BBQ shed – but still must be daily use allowed if people are camping in same</li> </ul>	<p>Council is currently working on a By-Law which will address this issue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grass mowing top end of Mathinna</li> <li>• Roadside mowing and shoulders as well</li> </ul>	<p>Council to review its Green Zone mowing regime and we talk to Council re strategies to encourage community participation</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage issues – 38 High Street – flooding occurs along High Street on the Recreation Ground side</li> </ul>	<p>Monitor in high rain events</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge – Bent Street – needs replacing</li> </ul>	<p>Complete - Bent Street bridge works completed in June 2022.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mangana street – comes out behind the Church needs some repair work – can it be sealed</li> </ul>	<p>Maintenance work already completed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extend footpath in High Street to the old school</li> </ul>	<p>Noted for future external grant funding projects</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where pipes have crossed the road – it is still gravel – are they going to be sealed</li> </ul>	<p>Maintenance work already completed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fix bridge in Butler Street and seal</li> </ul>	<p>We are looking at alternative culvert options for the Butler Street bridge – sealing of Butler Street is not warranted from a usage and cost perspective.</p>

## Activities Outside Township Plan Scope

Comment	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caravan dump site</li> </ul>	No infrastructure to support - and a considerable operational cost to maintain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upper Esk – 5 Bridges – have a look at it – in flood plain – rocks are an issue</li> </ul>	Bridges were inspected in June, 2022 – no concerns were identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Roses Tier Road and Mathinna Plains Road – they are in poor condition</li> <li>Seal all gravel roads</li> </ul>	<p>Mathinna Plains Road has been sealed in two sections with a third section to be sealed programmed. Sealing of Roses Tier Road given forestry activity is not a viable option for the Council.</p> <p>Unsealed roads with requests for sealing are assessed on a case by case basis and decisions made by Council accordingly.</p>