

## **Strategic Outlook 2023-2028**

### **Background**

The Murrumbateman Progress Association (MPA) has supported the Murrumbateman community since its formation on 2 March 1936 as the Murrumbateman Agriculture Bureau and Progress Association. It was renamed the MPA in 2014. It operates as a not-for-profit association and promotes the rural-residential lifestyle, activities and services for the Murrumbateman community.

### **Our vision – *What we want for Murrumbateman***

A vibrant and sustainable Murrumbateman region community.

### **Our purpose – *The reason the MPA exists***

Working for the benefit of the Murrumbateman community through representation and advocacy of its interests.

### **Our objectives – *The outcomes we want to achieve for Murrumbateman***

- Provide a forum where the community can involve themselves in issues pertaining to Murrumbateman
- Be an umbrella body to act on issues of general concern to the whole or significant portion of the community
- Promote the development of facilities, activities and infrastructure that benefits the whole community
- Facilitate engagement with and between Murrumbateman community groups
- Promote, run and support community events and interest groups
- Inform the community about issues and events
- Attract and recruit membership that's representative of the community
- Serve as a community voice with local, State and Federal government.

### **Our principles – *The values and practices we apply to everything we do***

- Good governance and compliance
- Open and fair engagement
- Integrity
- Inclusivity
- Adaptability
- Respecting and valuing the traditional owners of this land
- Respecting all people in our community
- Commitment to the environment
- Transparent and accountable financial management

## **Our strategies – *What we do to make it happen***

### **Advocacy and representation - *We work with governments and other stakeholders to:***

- Represent the community views on significant planning, development, recreation facilities, heritage and environmental issues, provision of services and at local government advisory committees
- Convene public meetings and/or facilitate consultation on issues of community interest
- Act as the responsible body for special interest and affiliated community groups by providing legal and statutory cover, representation and support
- Organise or assist a range of community social, fund-raising activities and events
- Assist in the management and facilitate maintenance of community lands
- Progress work on issues/events through working groups (WG) or sub-committees (SC)
- Provide advice and support for community groups in seeking grant funding.

### **Activities and deliverables - *What we deliver (but not limited)***

- Promotion of social events
- Recreation facilities (WG)
- Master planning consultations
- Village Markets (SC)
- Community information sharing
- Menshed (SC)
- Murrumbateman Field Days
- Christmas Carols (WG)
- History Group (WG)
- Outdoor movie screening

### **Projects – *What we are planning or supporting***

- Development and delivery of recreation facilities in Murrumbateman (through community influenced agreed priorities)
- Events and activities that bring the community together
- Promoting and supporting local businesses, sports, and community groups
- Monitoring, supporting or applying for grants to deliver facilities and improvements in Murrumbateman
- An agreed Murrumbateman Masterplan that reflects the community's changing needs and future growth areas
- Endorsed and funded maintenance program for facilities, infrastructure and community lands
- Lobbying for construction of a new Murrumbateman Community Hall

### **Our Finances - *We manage MPA Finances by:***

- Applying sound, legal and transparent accounting processes
- Seeking income and funding sources for infrastructure, facilities and activities
- Producing an annual budget and financial plan that shows how funds are used for community benefit.