



HILL END

Village Plan 2015



Image: Village of Hill End – Old General Store (centre of picture)

Hill End Village Plan

The Bathurst Region contains a number of villages. Village plans have been created for eight villages; Hill End, Peel, Rockley, Sofala, Sunny Corner, Trunkey Creek, Wattle Flat, and Yetholme. Each village has its own, unique history, community, and assets; however they also share commonalities in their past, present, and the opportunities and challenges that each will face in the future.

The Hill End Village Plan will act as a guide for future planning and development for the community. This plan identifies the preferred future, opportunities and challenges, and aligns with *Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan* through its strategies and objectives which have been developed in consultation with the Hill End community.

Introducing Hill End

Hill End is 86 kilometres north of Bathurst via Sofala, 75 kilometres via Turondale and has an estimated population of 46 people usually resident in 46 dwellings. (2011 Census, ABS 2011)

The Wiradyuri people are acknowledged as the traditional custodians of the land where Hill End is situated. Wiradyuri people are of the goanna totem and are the people of the three rivers – the Wambool (Macquarie), the Kalari (Lachlan) and the Murrumbidgee. They have lived on these lands for more than 40,000 years.

History of the Village

Gold may have been discovered in Hill End as early as 1852 but between 1871 and 1874 it experienced a boom, turning the small rural and mining community into one of the largest inland towns in NSW, with its population rising to 8,000. The total recorded amount of gold mined during this period exceeded 62,200kg. The most famous find was the Holtermann nugget discovered by Beyers and Holtermann in 1872. It was estimated that the gold content was 3,000 ounces and the value was £10,000.

After the boom the village continued as a quieter but still active community. In the 1950's some of the country's leading artists, including Donald Friend and Russell Drysdale discovered the beauty of the region, an aspect of the countryside that still attracts artists today. *Extract from 'A Guide to Bathurst & Lithgow Regional Villages'*



Image: Holtermann Collection



Image: Village Shop



Image: Beufoy Merlin Lookout

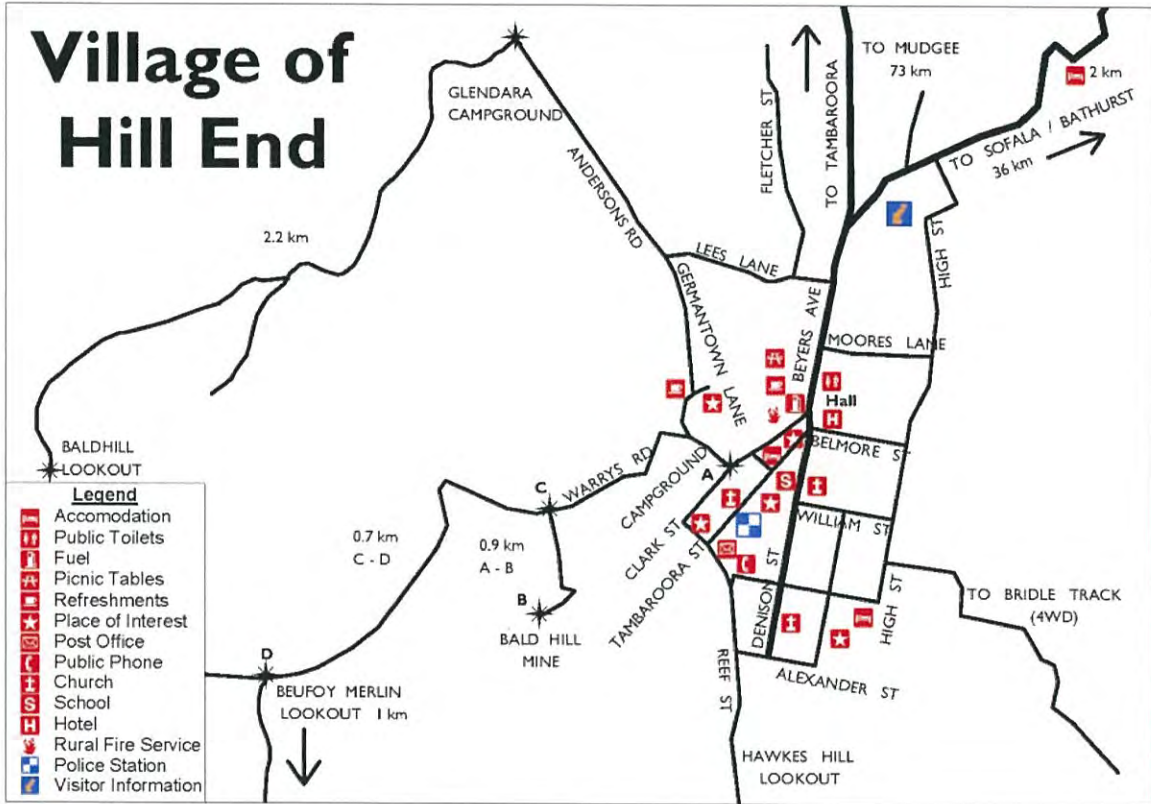


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Present Day

In 1967 Hill End was proclaimed an Historic Site to be managed by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service with the aim of protecting some of the buildings and artefacts in and around the village. Visitors can still see many of the original buildings that have been restored and adapted for other uses. *Extract from 'A Guide to Bathurst & Lithgow Regional Villages'*

Some of the community capital and infrastructure of Hill End includes:

- Hill End Public School.
- General Store.
- Rural Fire Service.
- Public Hotel.
- Playground.
- Tennis Court/s.
- Public Toilets.
- Picnic Facilities.
- Community Hall.
- Community History Space.
- Waste Management Facility.
- Cemetery – Private.
- Bathurst Mobile Library service to the village.
- Community Health Service.
- Hill End and Tambaroora Progress Association.
- Hill End Artist in Residence Program.
- National Parks and Wildlife Service.
- History Hill Museum.
- St Paul's Presbyterian Church.

The Hill End Community

Information about 'what people love about Hill End' and 'the preferred future for Hill End' has been gathered using a variety of methods. This has included consultation with the Hill End community in 2010, annual Council meetings held in Hill End, and ongoing dialogue with village groups and associations. The information that was gathered through consultation has been used to develop the objectives, strategies, and actions in the Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan.

What people love about Hill End

Residents of Hill End have identified the following key assets as important elements that make their community strong with its own sense of place. These assets were also identified as essential to maintain and enhance into the future.

Our People

The Hill End community identified the ability of the residents to band together to take care of and look out for those in need as important. They reflected on the fact that the village has a vibrant social life with friendship and companionship recognised as central to their quality of life. Comments were made regarding the fact that the community contains a wide range of individuals from various backgrounds and that there is a spirit of acceptance that also recognises and respects individual privacy.

Our Environment

The peace and quiet that enhances the quality of life for the residents was also identified as an asset for the community. The surrounding natural and historic landscapes, the wildlife, and the distinct seasons that include snow in the winter were identified as some of the reasons they have chosen to make Hill End their home.



Image: National Park area

Our Community Groups, Organisations and Services

The existence of a range of community groups and organisations was also identified as important to the Hill End community. Residents were keen to support these groups by volunteering their time and resources. Services including the resident Police Officers, Hill End and Tamboora Progress Association, and visits by Community Health and the Bathurst Mobile Library were also valued.

Our Facilities

The importance of the community's facilities were highlighted as assets and important elements to the community. The residents also identified the Artist in Residence program overseen by the Bathurst Regional Art Gallery as significant, by providing opportunities for artists from various parts of Australia and the world to live and work in their community.

Our History

The historical integrity of the village, which has been recognised nationally for its significance, is an important element that makes the Hill End community a unique place. Residents identified the heritage buildings, trees, stories, mining and artistic history as meaningful to their identity as a community. They acknowledged the need to preserve this history for future generations as an important focus into the future.

Our Economy

The community of Hill End identified the importance of tourism to their economic development and sustainability. They drew a direct link to the historic value of their village and its natural environment as an attraction of tourists to Hill End. They also identified the artistic talent of many people in the community and saw the local galleries as key assets that also attracted visitors. The importance of maintaining the rural economy was highlighted as a means of supporting the families that live both in the village and surrounds.



Image: Holtermann Collection

The Preferred Future for Hill End

Residents saw the future of Hill End in ten years as a cohesive village community where people can enjoy a peaceful rural lifestyle including:

- A community that continues to value and build on its authentic history;
- Improved and appropriate tourism facilities, attractions, and accommodation;
- A thriving, diverse, and sustainable village economy that meets the needs of the residents and visitors to the community;
- A cohesive and welcoming community that encourages young people and families to make Hill End their home;
- A community that provides a range of suitable accommodation and services for residents at all stages of their life;
- Adequate mobile phone coverage and internet access;
- A village that is ecologically sustainable with renewable energy and access to local produce.

Actions are included in the Community Strategic Plan that seeks to deliver the preferred future for Hill End.



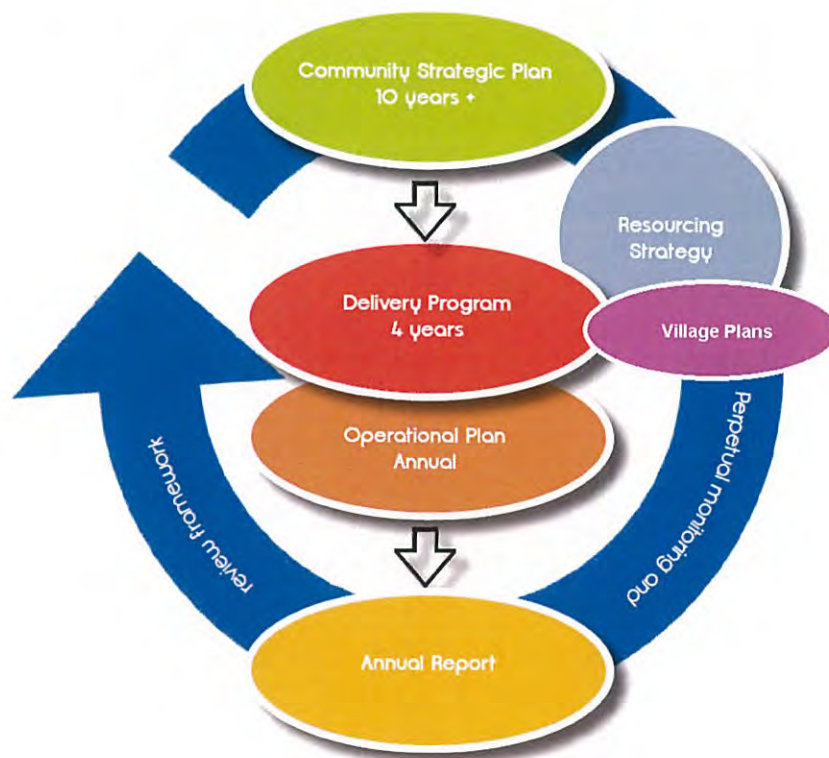
Image: Abandoned Church



Image: Golden Gully

How this plan integrates with the Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan

In February 2013 Bathurst Regional Council adopted *Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan (CSP)* in line with the NSW Government requirements. Bathurst 2036 was developed using an asset based approach and outlines a number of objectives, strategies and outcomes that represent the priorities for the whole Bathurst Region community. Village plans have been developed for eight villages aligning with the objectives and strategies identified in Bathurst 2036. The reporting and resourcing has also been incorporated into the CSP. The village plans include additional information relating to the unique qualities of each Village, and the views and ideas of the residents.



Further planning documents relating to the villages can be found on the Bathurst Regional Council's website: www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au including:

- Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2014
- Development Control Plan 2014
- Bathurst Regional Archaeological Management Plan 2012
- Bathurst Regional Heritage Strategy 2014 - 2017

Objective and Strategy

The objectives and strategies contained in the Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan reflect the needs and strengths of the community as a whole. The strategies and actions identified in the plan are reviewed every four years through consultation with the community.

A specific objective (see below) that includes a range of strategies and outcomes has been specifically targeted to the opportunities and challenges identified for the Villages and rural settlements in the Bathurst Regional Local Government Area.

Objective 17: To encourage living, vibrant and growing villages and rural settlements

No.	Strategies	Key Partners
17.1	Implement the adopted Rural Strategy through the Local Environmental Plan to provide for the concentration of new living opportunities within and close to the existing villages and settlement areas and provide for ongoing major review in each 10 year period.	Government Agencies
17.2	Implement provisions within the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan to provide a strong village system that includes housing choice, viable business and tourism opportunities, adequate transport systems and a concentration of community services.	Government Agencies
17.4	Continue to provide for and promote the village improvement program.	Government Agencies, Village Communities, Community Groups
17.5	Facilitate ongoing communication opportunities with each village locality.	Village communities, Community Groups
17.6	Provide outreach Council services to village and rural settlements where appropriate (e.g. library services, artistic programs, subsidised transport for children).	Village and Rural Communities
17.7	Advocate for the provision of relevant State and Federal Government services and facilities to village and rural locations (e.g. cultural, health and telecommunications).	State and Federal Government Agencies, Services Providers
17.8	Maintain infrastructure within and to rural and village locations in accordance with Council's Asset Management Plans.	Government Agencies
17.9	Continue to support new and existing cultural, community and recreational services and programs in rural and village locations.	Government Agencies, Village Communities, Community Groups, Service Providers
Community Outcomes		
Shared vision and community priorities for the individual villages.		
Establishment and maintenance of sustainable infrastructure and services.		
Good communication with village and rural settlement communities.		
Village growth is appropriate and sustainable.		

Bathurst Regional Council's Commitment to Hill End

Since the amalgamation of Bathurst City Council and Evans Shire Council in 2004, Bathurst Regional Council has committed a range of resources to enhancing the amenities of Hill End. These have included support for community celebrations, through to developing and maintaining infrastructure in roads and community facilities.

The following outlines funding allocated to the Hill End community through the Village Improvement Program (VIP). This program provides funding to villages to develop infrastructure based on the annual allocation as determined by Council.

Year	Project	Funding
2005/06	Construction of fixed playground and purchase of play equipment	\$28,500
	Rehabilitation of community tennis courts	
2006/07	Community hall kitchen refurbishment	\$33,250
2007/08	Royal Hall - Store room, internal painting, external painting, stage machinery refurbishment, electrical work	\$28,600
2008/09	Construction disabled persons ramp to the Hill End Health Clinic, Denison Street	\$14,319
2009/10	Beyers Avenue Extension - semi mature trees, stakes, guards, fertiliser, etc, arborist	\$17,700
2010/11	Installation of stage lights and repair and refix curtains in Royal Hall	\$9,865
2011/12	Not applicable	\$0
2012/13	Not applicable	\$0
2013/14	Hill End & Tambaroora Progress Association Inc – two lockable storage cupboards for use in Royal Hall	\$1,425
Total		\$133,659.00



Images: Great Western Store (Holtermann image & current image)

Other Village Works Undertaken in Hill End

In addition to the Village Improvement Program, Bathurst Regional Council has undertaken other works to improve the amenities of Hill End and its surrounding area, including;

Year	Project	Funding
Roads		
2006/07	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 14.188 - 14.300	\$350,000
2007/08	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 21.744 - 25.500	\$600,000
2007/08	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 16.200 - 17.162	\$105,000
2008/09	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd Spring Creek Bridge	\$449,773
2008/09	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 31.800 - 32.859	\$192,000
2008/09	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 27.500 - 32.000	\$600,000
2009/10	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 25.670 - 31.000	\$800,000
2010/11	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 0.510 - 3.100	\$600,000
2011/12	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 5.048 - 6.720	\$600,000
2012/13	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 8.900 - 10.510	\$800,000
2013/14	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 6.720 - 7.800	\$800,000
2014/15	Reconstruct and seal Hill End Rd 6.500 - 10.500	\$800,000
Upgrade		
2007	Upgrade and seal town streets (William, Thomas, High, Denison, Bowen)	\$93,354
2012	Upgrade and seal Moores Lane	\$10,000
Reseals		
2007/08	Hill End Road 34.946 - 36.868 km	\$32,397
2011/12	Hill End Road 25.670 - 30.715 km	\$156,276
2012/13	Hill End Road 13.000 - 14.000 km	\$18,383
2012/13	Hill End Road 37.141 - 41.610 km	\$84,023
2012/13	Hill End Road Various locations	\$198,967
2014/15	Hill End Road 12 - 13 km	\$56,661
Other Projects		
2008/09	Replace Timber Bridge 4 Warrys Rd (1)	\$137,500
2009/10	Replace timber culvert 80 Warrys Rd (1)	\$90,000
2012/13	RFS shed contribution (2)	\$16,380
(1) 50% share cost with National Parks and Wildlife		
(2) Council also contributes 11.7% to all vehicle purchasing and maintenance of all RFS vehicles and equipment.		
Total		\$7,590,634

Ongoing Commitment to Hill End

Bathurst Regional Council values all members of the broader community. Council has made an ongoing commitment to continue to support Hill End through ongoing consultation and investment into the infrastructure and amenities of the village. A strategic and advocacy approach will be maintained reflected in the strategies, objectives, and outcomes identified in *Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan*.



Image: Royal Hotel

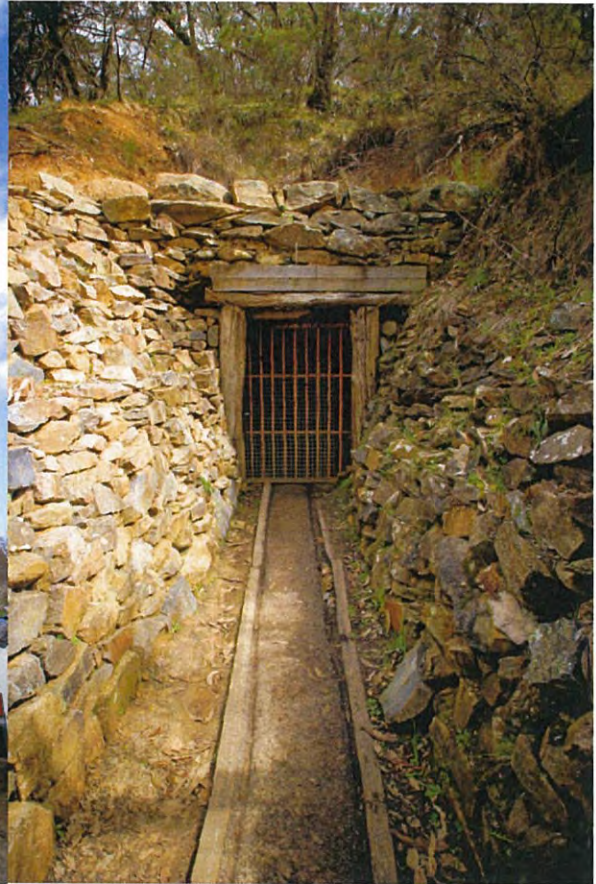


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Image: Holtermann Collection (School)



Image: Old General Store



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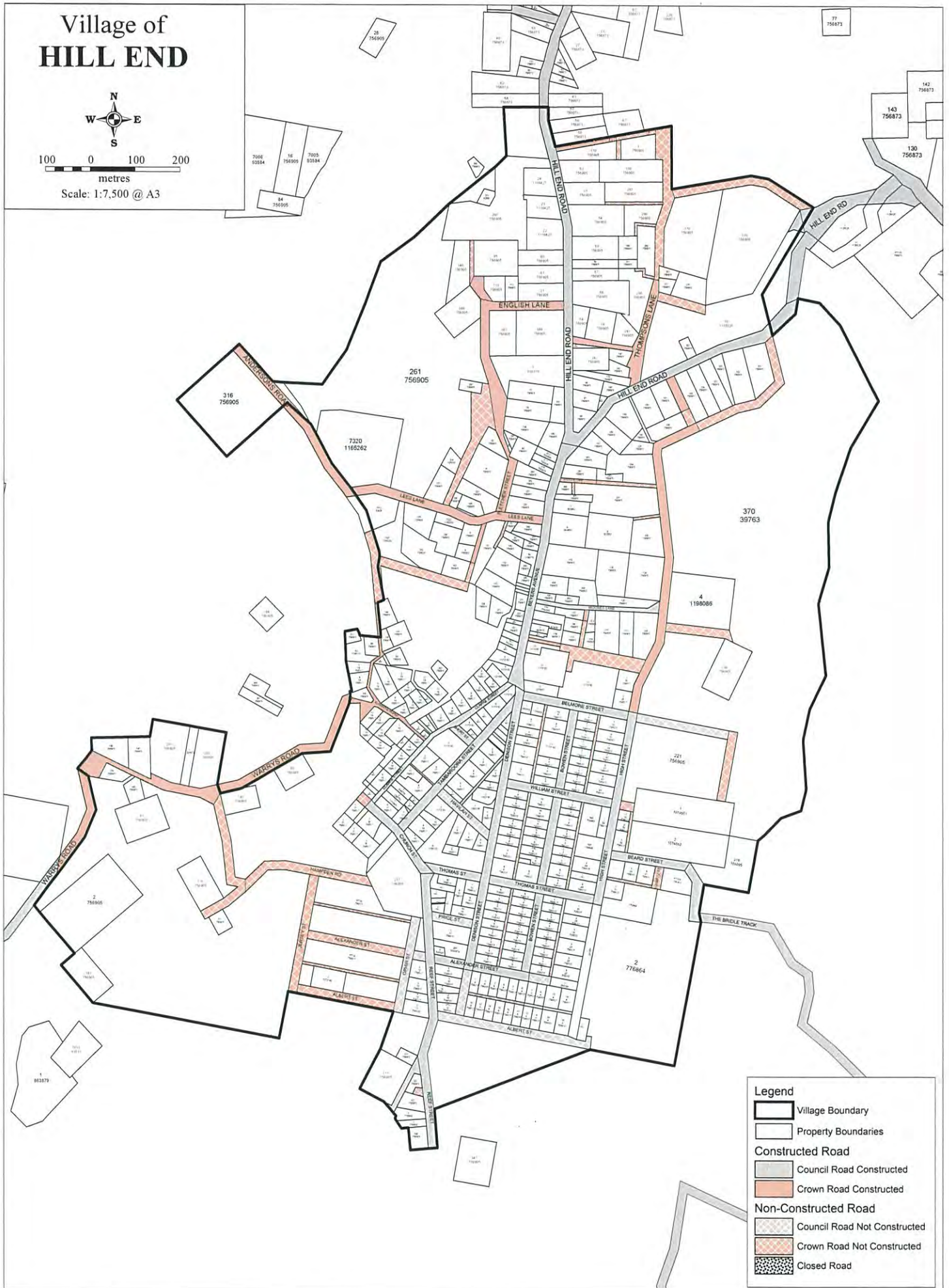
- 1 Village Map, including village and property boundaries, and crown roads.
- 2 Aerial Village Map, including village and property boundaries.
- 3 Development Control Plan 2014.

Village of HILL END



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Scale: 1:7,500 @ A3



Legend

- Village Boundary
- Property Boundaries
- Constructed Road**
 - Council Road Constructed
 - Crown Road Constructed
- Non-Constructed Road**
 - Council Road Not Constructed
 - Crown Road Not Constructed
 - Closed Road

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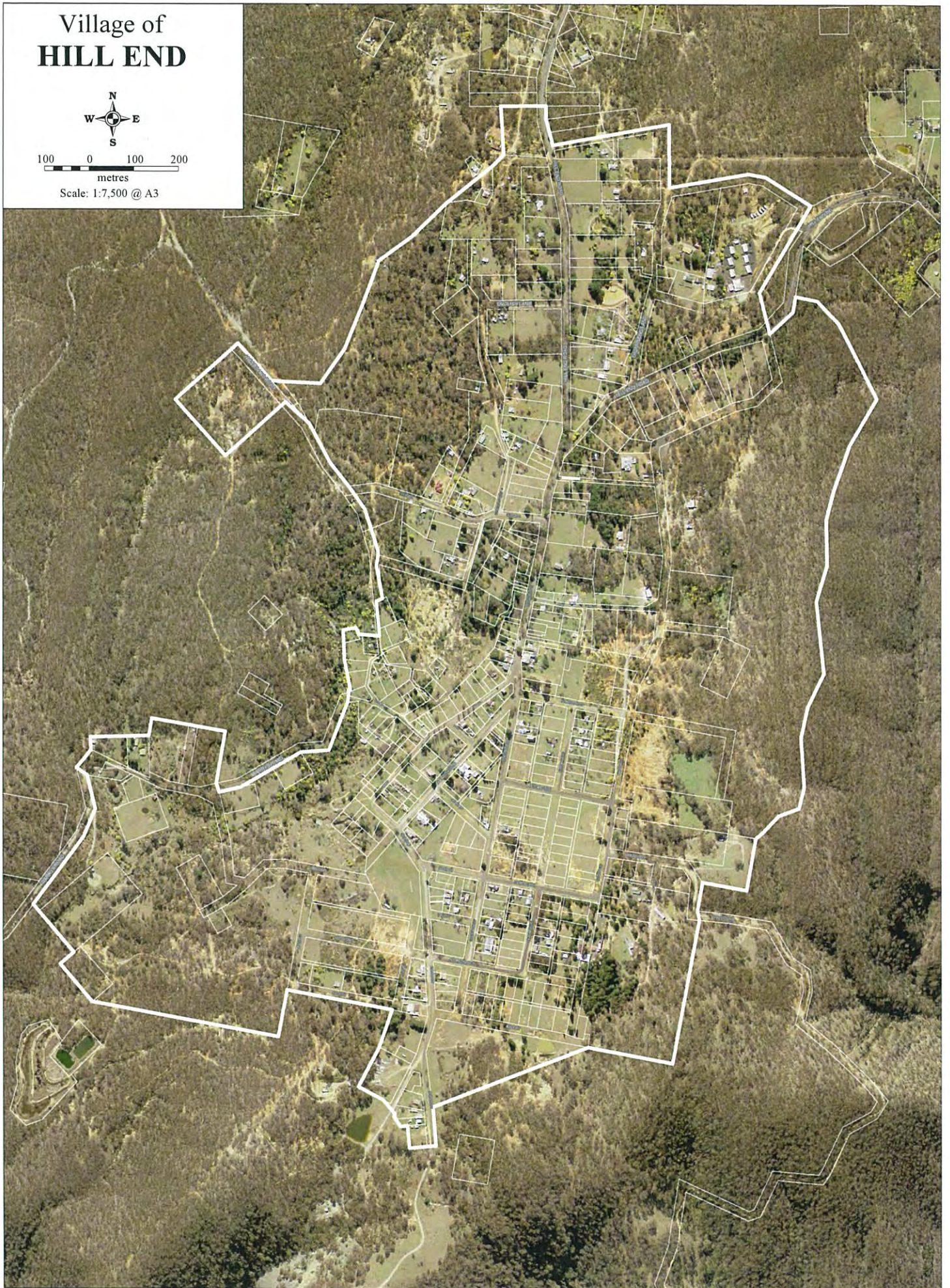
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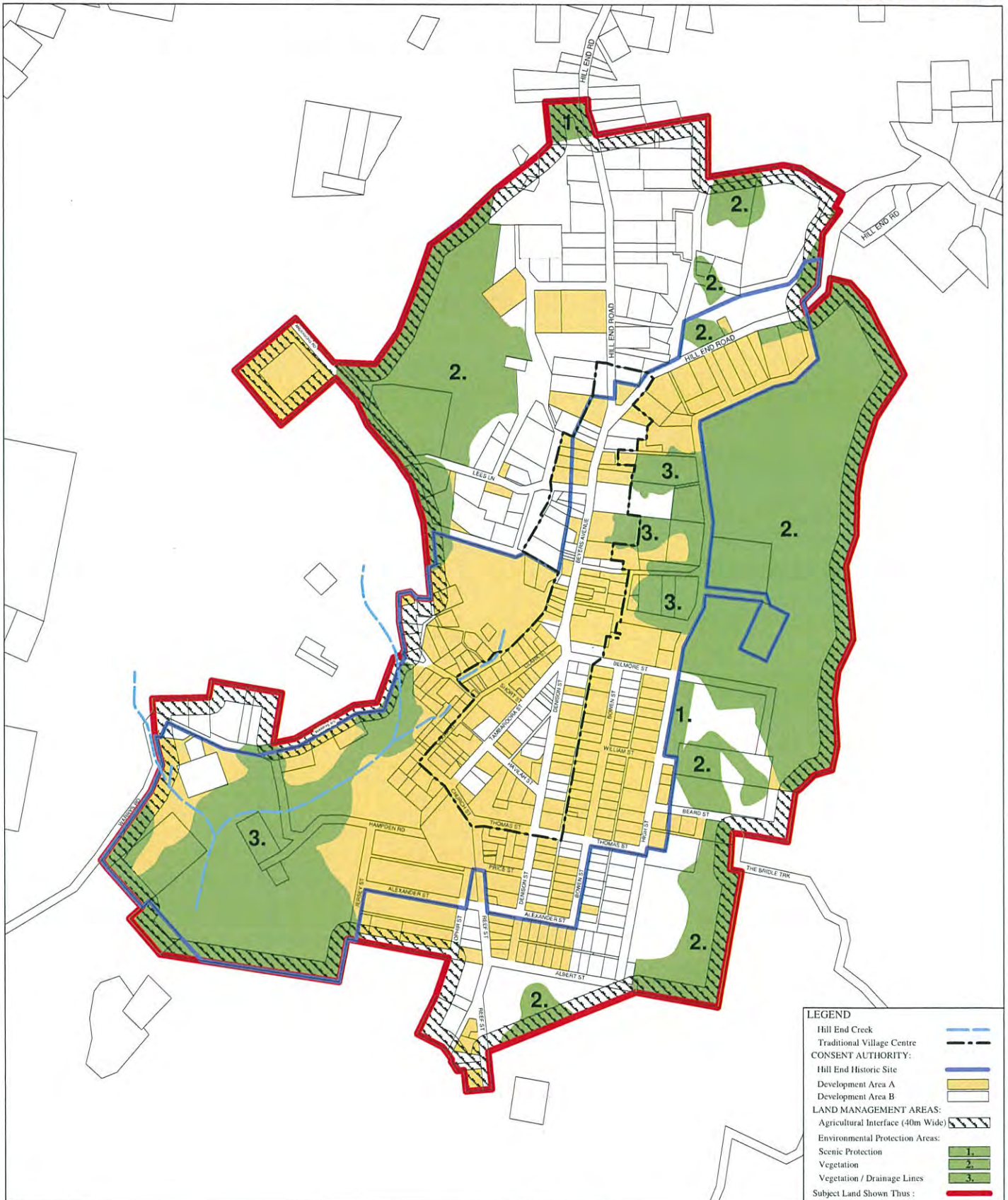
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BATHURST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN 2014

MAP No. 21 - HILL END



LEGEND

- Hill End Creek — — —
- Traditional Village Centre
- CONSENT AUTHORITY:
- Hill End Historic Site
- Development Area A
- Development Area B
- LAND MANAGEMENT AREAS:
- Agricultural Interface (40m Wide)
- Environmental Protection Areas:
- Scenic Protection 1.
- Vegetation 2.
- Vegetation / Drainage Lines 3.
- Subject Land Shown Thus:

ADOPTION DATE:		
AMENDMENTS		
No.	DATE.	DESCRIPTION.

LOCALITY: HILL END

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979

BATHURST REGIONAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.

SCALE: 1:12,000

NORTH

CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 AND REGULATIONS

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GENERAL MANAGER. DATE: