



# SUNNY CORNER

## Village Plan 2015



*Image: Old Stamping Mill remains*

## **Sunny Corner Village Plan**

The Bathurst Regional Local Government Area contains a number of villages. Village plans have been created for eight villages; Sunny Corner, Wattle Flat, Hill End, Peel, Rockley, Sofala, Trunkey Creek, 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 Sunny Corner 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 Sunny Corner community.

## **Introducing Sunny Corner**

Sunny Corner is 36 kilometres east of Bathurst and has an estimated population of 43 people living in 27 dwellings. (2011 Census, ABS 2011)

The Wiradyuri people are acknowledged as the traditional custodians of the land where Sunny Corner 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**

The naming of Sunny Corner dates back to the 1850's when two drovers were moving sheep from Rydal to Capertee. While looking for a place to rest overnight they came across a corner of land that the sun always seemed to shine on, so they camped there and the rest is history. Gold discoveries in the 1860's led to its rapid expansion with the population reaching 4,000 in the 1880's. As the village grew, schools, shops, hotels, a police station, and court house were built and canvas shelters were replaced by weatherboard houses. Contributing to the growth was the additional discovery of major reefs of silver underlying the gold, along with lead and copper.

The town was first named Mitchell in 1885 but was officially renamed Sunny Corner in 1887. Not much of the original village is left but reminders of its history can be seen in the remains of buildings scattered throughout. *Extract from 'A Guide to Bathurst & Lithgow Regional Villages'*

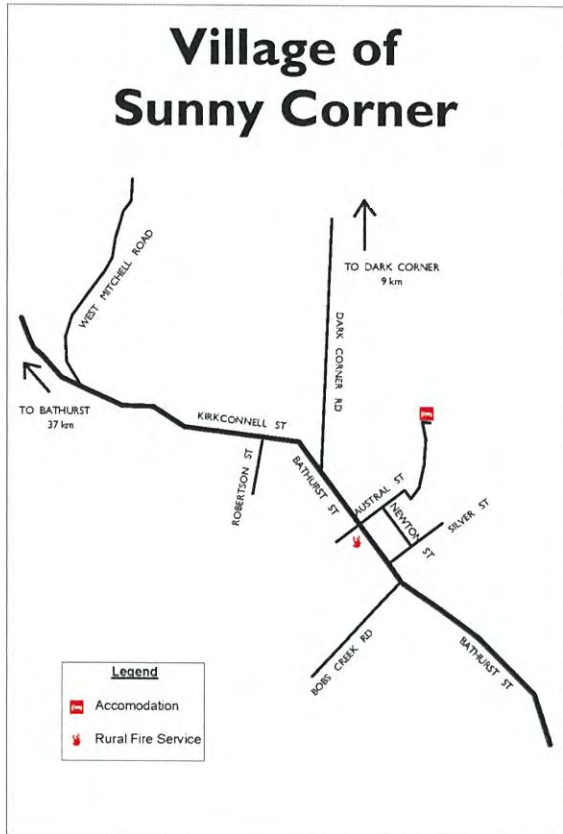
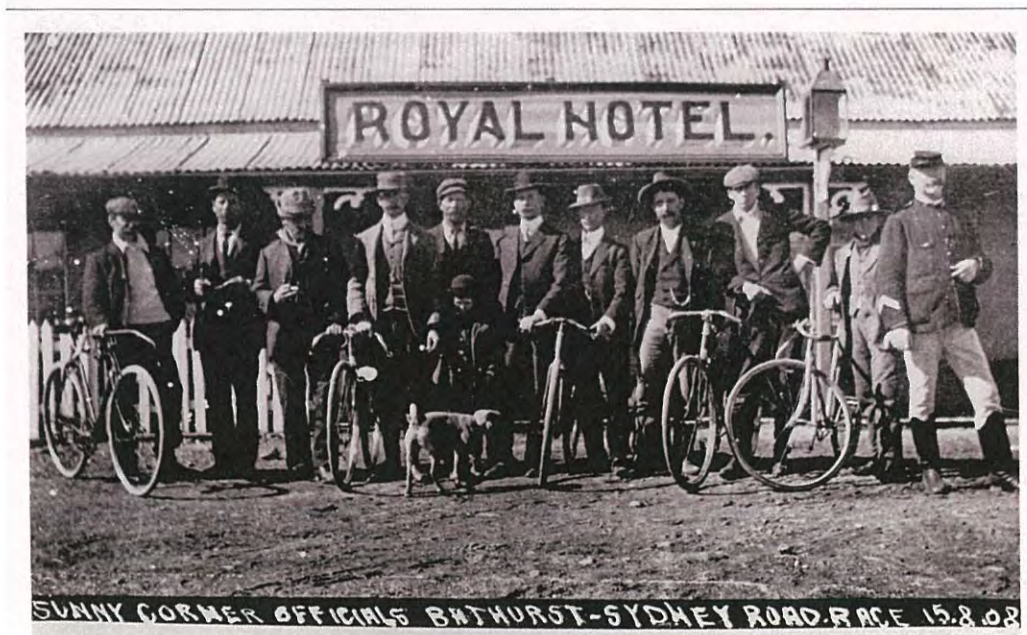


Image: War Memorial



SUNNY CORNER OFFICIALS BATHURST-SYDNEY ROAD RACE 15.8.08  
 Road race officials waiting at Sunny Corner, NSW, 15 August 1908. Photo by George C. Fraser, per Colin Ferguson, Palmers Oakey, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

## Present Day

Today Sunny Corner is home to people from all walks of life who enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the countryside but are within easy reach of major regional facilities. The village is surrounded by pine forests and natural bushland that provide ideal conditions for car rallying and off-road driving. *Extract from 'A Guide to Bathurst & Lithgow Regional Villages'*

Some of the community capital and infrastructure of Sunny Corner includes:

- Community Hall.
- Rural Fire Service.
- War Memorial.
- Recreation Ground..
- Children's Playground.
- Picnic spaces.
- Waste Management Facility.
- Sunny Corner and District Progress Association Inc.
- Sunny Corner Historic Site Trust.



*Image: Rural Fire Service facility/shed*

## **The Sunny Corner Community**

Information for this plan regarding 'what people love about Sunny Corner' and 'the preferred future for Sunny Corner' has been gathered using a variety of methods. This has included consultation with community members in 2010, annual Council meetings held in Sunny Corner, as well as ongoing dialogue with village groups, associations, and individuals. The information that has been gathered through ongoing consultation has been used to develop the Sunny Corner Village Plan as well as the objectives, strategies and actions contained in the Bathurst 2036 Community Strategic Plan.

## **What people love about Sunny Corner**

Residents of Sunny Corner 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 community of Sunny Corner identified the cohesion of their community as one of its greatest assets. They acknowledged that some residents have a long association with the village while others have moved to the community more recently. They felt that this made for a good mix of residents and identified Sunny Corner as a great place to raise a family.

### Our Environment

The rural setting, peace and quiet and privacy of the district was also identified as another advantage of living in Sunny Corner. Residents loved the village atmosphere that allows for freedom and solitude with space and the ability to walk freely. The rural environment brings the community close to nature, particularly the forests that surround the village that provide a beautiful green backdrop, magnificent views, and clean air.

### Our Community Groups, Organisations and Services

The existence of a range of community groups and organisations was also identified as important to the Sunny Corner community. Residents were keen to support these groups by volunteering their time and resources. Groups and organisations that were identified included Sunny Corner & District Progress Association, Rural Fire Service and the Sunny Corner Historic Site Trust.

## Our Facilities

The importance of the community's facilities were highlighted as assets and important elements to the community. The Meadow Flat Public School was also viewed as an important focal point for the community, as it services local families.

## Our History

The long and varied history of the village of Sunny Corner and surrounding area was identified as a strength. Of particular significance was the recognition of the importance of oral and family histories that can be traced back to the very earliest settlement of the area. The artistic heritage of the community that continues through to today was also valued.

## Our Economy

The community identified the proximity of the village to shopping and services in Bathurst and Lithgow as a strength. They also felt that their proximity to Sydney was also an asset. They felt that the relatively low cost of living attracted a range of individuals to make Sunny Corner their home.



*Image: Historic House*

## The Preferred Future for Sunny Corner

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

- Various contamination issues being addressed and rectified;
- The restoration of the heritage values of the community, with basic infrastructure such as footpaths and drainage in centre of the village;
- Beautification including good signage, beautiful gardens, and water made available for use on gardens;
- Improved phone service, improvement to NBN coverage to areas not currently covered, and transport services;
- Improved roads and good driver behaviour;
- A vibrant community with established community events especially the re-establishment of Sunny Corner Sunday. There would be many activities in the hall;
- Establishment of a gallery/coffee shop/meeting place at the hall;
- Maintenance of natural bushland where bush remnants and wildlife are protected.
- Weeds would be controlled.

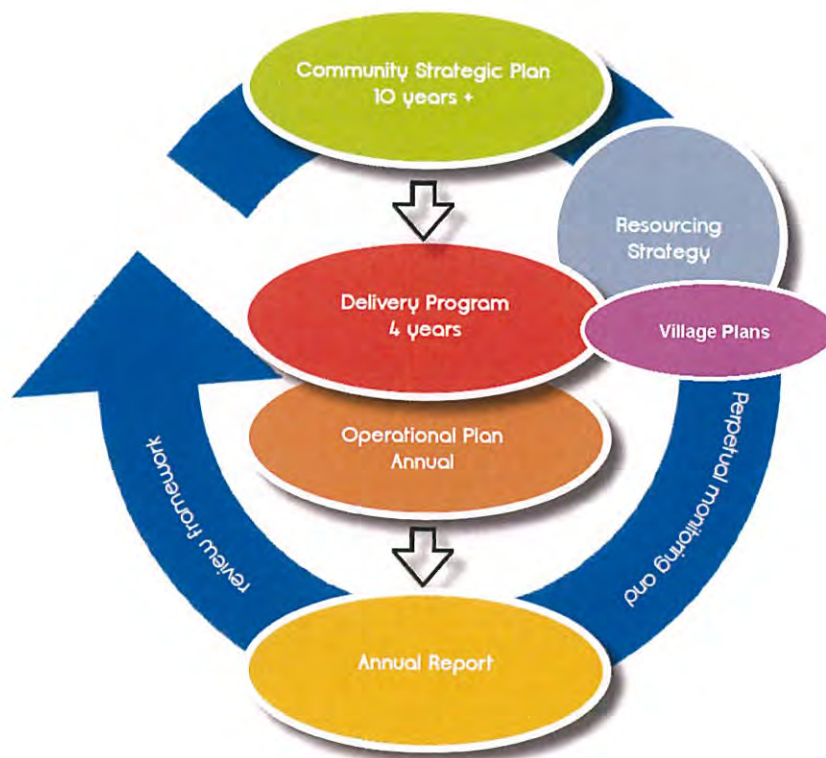
Actions are included in the Community Strategic Plan that seeks to deliver on the preferred future for Sunny Corner.



*Image: Mary Wright's Cottage: Uninhabited*

## 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 allgning 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](http://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
<b>Community Outcomes</b>		
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 Sunny Corner

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 Sunny Corner. 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 Sunny Corner 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
2012/13	Sunny Corner & District Progress Association Inc – Improvement of heating for Sunny Corner Village Hall	\$7,730
2013/14	Sunny Corner & District Progress Association Inc – Upgrade of toilets & shelter at Sunny Corner Recreation Ground, including materials and hardware	\$1,425
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$9,155</b>



*Image: Sunny Corner State Forest*

## Other Village Works Undertaken in Sunny Corner

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

Year	Project	Funding
<b>Roads</b>		
2005/06	Sunny Corner Rd Recon, widen, realign and seal (0 – 2.3 km)	\$425,000
2005/06	Recon, widen, realign and seal (1.6 – 3 km) Sunny Corner Rd	\$871,575
2006/07	Recon, widen, realign and seal (0.8 – 1.6 km) Sunny Corner Rd	\$180,000
2007/08	Recon, widen, realign and seal (11.2 – 13.2 km) Sunny Corner Rd	\$671,023
2007/08	Recon, widen, realign and seal (2.3 – 7.8 km) Sunny Corner Rd	\$766,897
2007/08	Road works, Cupitts Lane	\$72,508
2008/09	Recon, widen, realign and seal (7.8 – 8.3 km) Sunny Corner Rd	\$348,878
2008/09	West Mitchell Rd Recon, widen, realign and seal (0.4 – 0.8 km)	\$33,502
<b>Reseals</b>		
2007/08	Sunny Corner Rd (3.4 – 7.7 km)	\$166,897
2007/08	Sunny Corner Rd (2.3 – 3.4 km)	\$40,749
2008/09	Sunny Corner Rd (8.3 - 10 km)	\$25,328
20013/14	West Mitchell Rd (3 – 3.6 km)	\$13,300
<b>Other Projects</b>		
2006/07	Contamination Expenses	\$51,000
2007/08	Construction of new transfer station	\$160,508
2007/08	2006/07 Tip Rehabilitation	\$31,497
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,858,662</b>

## Ongoing Commitment to Sunny Corner

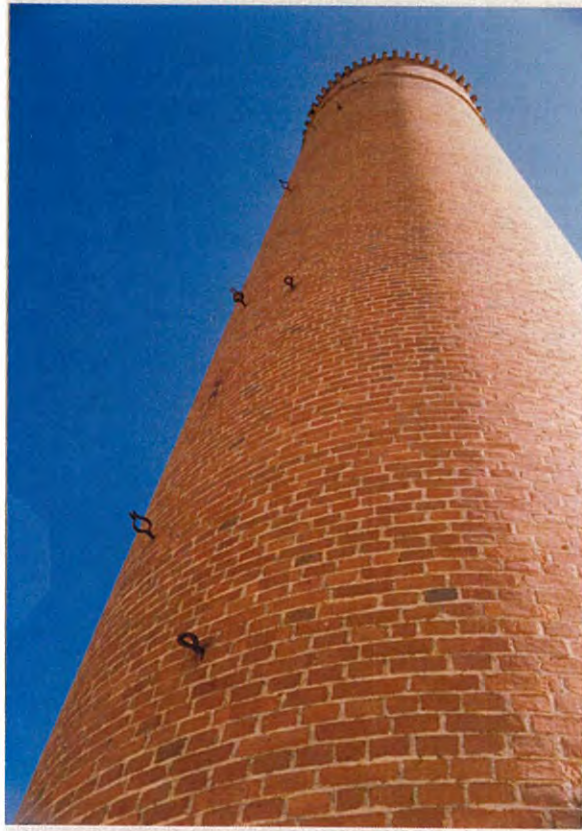
Bathurst Regional Council values all members of the broader community. Council has made an ongoing commitment to continue to support Sunny Corner through ongoing consultation and investment into the infrastructure and amenities of the village. A strategic and advocacy approach will be maintained reflected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



Image: Sunny Corner Hall



Image: Remains of former building – Royal Hotel



Sunny Corner mine, NSW, 1985. Old chimney stack. Photo Vicki Powys.



Image: Roadside mailboxes

## **Attachments**

- 1 Village Map, including village and property boundaries, and crown roads.
- 2 Aerial Village Map, including village and property boundaries.

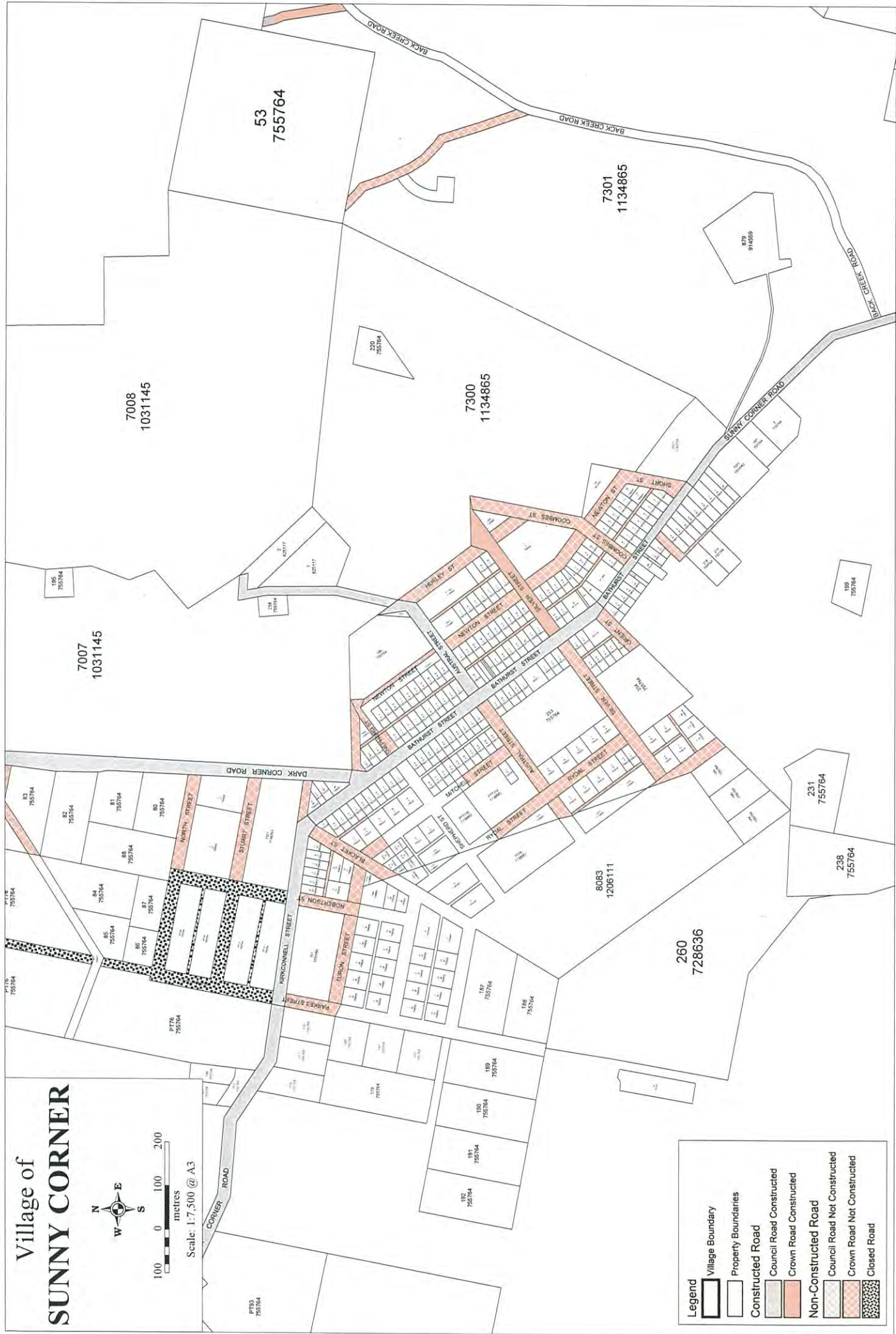
# Village of SUNNY CORNER



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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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