

Capertee Community Workshop Outcomes

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Land West and North should be principally farming and grazing

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Rural residential should be clustered to minimise conflicts with farmers and grazing.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Sites suitable for mining coal and other minerals should be preserved from other development

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Rural development clusters should be released one at a time and only when council can provide necessary infrastructure. .

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- The cliffs surrounding the Capertee Valley are an important tourist asset

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- All land suitable for primary production to be retained free of subdivision

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Tar the road completely from Capertee to Mudgee Shire boundary to complete a tourist circuit.

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Maintain our community facilities in cooperation with Council.
- Cooperate with our neighbours to create or build a community spirit.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Provide good road access

Vision

We are defining the Capertee Valley.

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Villages developed and revived.
- Minimum 2 ha development around village.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Hospitality such as tavern, takeaway, coffee.
- Continue to encourage tourism.
- Zoning flexibility.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Recycling development such as plastic, metal. Been coming for 7 years.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- More of same in terms of block size-40 ha. Same rule across LGA .
- Lithgow and Rylstone LGA consistency across whole area.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Complete bitumen surface on tourist drive number two.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Town water. Not all agreed.
- Mobile phone and Internet service area -. Improve dramatically.
- Use of solar power on new developments.
- More vermin and pest control and weed control on government agency controlled land-National Parks and wildlife service, State forests, lands Department.
- Continue to protect the cliffs of the Wollemi and Blue Mountains National Parks
- Preserve our right to farm without hindrance or operations on the property.
- Aquifers and waterways.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- It would be disappointing to see the whole valley split into 40 ha. Variety of core and satellite development.
- No wind turbines or CSG.
- No heavy industrial development.
- Motorbike track.
- No restrictions on horticulture.

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Lobby for improved Council and community dialogue.
- Formal / semi-formal structure to be established to facilitate.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Council should consult, listen and act on community opinions.
- Better community consultation.
- Federal Government to continue roads to recovery program.

- State Government to improve pest and weed control in national parks. Especially Wollemi National Park.
- Bolster the EPA.
- Allow tourism and hospitality businesses in RU1 land.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- More international tourism in the Capertee area.
- Road from Palmers Oakey to Sofala through the Gulf must be maintained as weekend warrior's drive it anyway and expect locals to assist them with first aid and vehicle recovery. It is a safety issue.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Leave zoning in Capertee as it is.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Mines should return unused land with good soil so farmers can redevelop our rural areas.
- Water projects should be considered as without water no farming or other industries can survive.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Country or rural roads near the town should be given more attention.
- Improved mobile services.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Retain our native tree cover.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- More hobby farming. Small areas.
- Northern part of Palmers Oakey and Upper Turon is marginal land that is good for medium-sized hobby farms for tree change people that like the isolation. Electricity and phone lines are already there. A 50 acre block size is good. New Nimbin.
- Sky Master satellites will be very fast and starts in April or May.
- No wind farms.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Do not open cut mine as it would cause environmental problems and health issues for residents

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Encourage community members to volunteer some of their time for projects such as plant trees, etc.

- Have a yearly event to encourage visitors to come and enjoy the beauty of the area and by doing so contribute financially towards the development of the region.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- The Capertee Valley should be promoted for international tourism with more information about the Pearson's lookout and its history, fauna, flora and birdlife.
- Council should encourage tourist projects and facilitate the valley itself.
- Maintain the roads in the Upper Turon and Palmers Oakey in a safe condition.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Whitewash-the past rural strategy has not changed anything.
- No change required to land use strategy; LEP-go back to the original Rylstone LEP components.
- Tourists are essential.
- Mobile phone coverage for Internet as well.
- More hobby farms in appropriate areas, more people, more development.
- More agriculture on quality land.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Retention of existing viable farmlands.
- Encourage hobby farms in poorer agricultural areas.
- Mixture of block sizes: 5, 20 plus acre blocks. Larger blocks further from localities, villages. Near Glen Davis and Glenn Alice and Capertee.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Alternate energy-solar.
- On home is not necessarily a solar farm.
- Tourism and ecotourism.
- Birdwatching equals more trees.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Phone, Internet.
- Tarred roads.
- Maintain dirt roads.
- Garbage.
- One postcode for all localities in the valley.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Rural, visual. Capertee Valley and surrounds (concern water table and mining.)
- Birds, animals. Endangered species and additional trees.
- Plants, grassy boxwood land.
- Cliffs, pagodas.

- Environmental areas, water table, creeks, this should be preserved and protected.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Existing use; have hobby farms on appropriate land. Wine, olives, nursery.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Mining - no.
- Water overuse of water, visual, pollution, economy.
- No CSG.
- No trail bikes.

Adhere to the Rylstone LEP as agreed some years ago at council meeting.

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- One community in the Capertee Valley. Currently there are five groups. Need one voice one vision.
- Engage with Council.
- Proportional expenditure of funds raised to be used here.
- Support council (and council support us).
- We promote our home. Get off your arse and promote.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Need ward voting to achieve local voice.
- Listen and act on community voice.
- Improved transport facilities.
- Improve and maintain roads.
- Diversity of business (not only mining). Agriculture and horticulture, tourism, ecotourism, hobby farm etc not just mining and power stations.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Development that employs people

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Rural residential where suitable to have rural lifestyle-like choice

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Any developments that emphasises young people-tourism, agriculture

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Mobile telephone coverage.
- TV coverage.
- NBN.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Gardens of Stone,
- All rare wildlife.
- Heritage.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- More of the same in line with existing environment.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- No

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Have a voice, speak up, work to communicate across the community to view this and push the view to Council.
- Winner take all not acceptable.
- Maintain respect for others and ensure a balanced approach

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Too much Government interference.
- Ensure Government and other authorities are held to account for their judgements and decisions

Vision

- Service facilities-Capertee: facilities powered sites for tourists. Needs a post office.
- Environment and water.
- No open cut mines.
- TV services need improvement.
- Put the Mudgee mail rail service back on.
- Public transport urgently needed-only school bus available.
- Subdivide the lot.
- Weed control is a major problem-we spend five months each year chasing each especially serrated tussock grass.
- Rates/levy for Lithgow swim Centre never get to use it.
- Ability to subdivide or sell blocks under 100 acres example property has two titles 1x40 acres 1x128 acres. Can't do anything with 40 acre block.
- No to types of developments.
- Inappropriate land-use no development.
- None to rural residential development.
- No to more economic development.
- Public transport that no more shops or business in Rylstone / Kandos are needed.
- Environmental. No.
- Future land use. No.
- Farming basically dead-no real agricultural/cattle farms any more.

- Local government should have power to enforce Weed control.
- Better roads especially Marangaroo area Glen Davis Road.
- Telephone service-regular interruptions lack of service no mobile reception.

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Put free barbecue in park and make it for campers.
- Upgrade park to cater for travelling public.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Rebuild highway between Blackmans Flat to Ilford.
- You will not get tourists up a lousy highway.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Current planning. No intensive agriculture.
- Possibility of intensive agriculture.
- Oberon and Guyra have the same altitude and have tomatoes, lettuce, hydroponics etc.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Stranded small blocks should be given to building permits (not 100 acres cast in stone).
- Only have rural residential development with road access preferably only around major towns with water etc so that no new services are required.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Attempts to retain the larger holdings-diversity-keep the rural aspect as a reason.
- People to move to the area on the existing subdivisions.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Phone service.
- More attention to road verges particularly the Glen Davis area (tourism attraction).
- Rural roads need more attention.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- National Parks State forests to be maintained not made bigger.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Status quo.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Keep existing mines no large scale open cut mines.
- No CSG because there is no CSG in the valley.

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Invite our friends and relatives to visit and expound on the attributes of the district.
- Encourage people to stay here-clean public toilets. Travellers.
- Maintain a voice example lobbying council etc to remain viable.
- Support and interact with community meetings and be active in local projects.
- More of these type of meetings in the different communities to be attended by council members.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Council should be more accommodating to any proposal no matter what size. There should be a dedicated Council officer to identify and encourage small business-retail opportunities in the village.
- Incentives rate relief; ground availability at reduced rates; payroll tax relief.
- A National Park office in the local Government area fully staffed and holding activities such as in the Warrumbungles. Campgrounds for travellers and backpackers.
- Listen to community concerns be less concerned with politically correct agendas.
- Have some Council meetings at these communities not just in Lithgow.
- Clean up the Ben Bullen reserve it is an eyesore.
- Take more interest in the out-of-town communities.
- Fix up the commodities that are taken for granted-mobile services, Weed spraying on rural roads, rail services, bus services to rural centres

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Managed tourism (not too big) under control through local community.
- Definite no, no, no open cut mines.
- No coal seam gas. No, no.
- Encourage hobby farming.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Rural residential that is currently subdivided should be allowed building permits.
- Rural blocks close to towns should be allowed reasonable subdivision compatible with building permits. And connection to electricity grid should not be compulsory. Solar is to be encouraged.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Encourage hobby farming.

- Encourage small businesses such as managed tourism, bed and breakfasts and cafes.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Improve mobile / Internet services.
- Encourage rail services back to the area.
- Encourage / improve bus services to Mudgee and Lithgow.
- Improve garbage facilities. Keep Capertee tip.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- All waterways in Capertee Valley includes Coco Airly and Capertee River.
- Coalmines to be very careful around rock areas.
- No large wind turbines in Capertee area or at least appropriately placed.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

No comments recorded

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- No nuclear/bio waste areas.
- No open cut coal mines or CSG.
- No further expansion of national parks.
- Protect existing environments and national parks

Actions

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Protect the land.
- Slash the open areas and keep the weeds under control.
- Attend these kinds of meetings.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Leave me alone; I'll be happy with a minimum of council restrictions or interference.
- Listen to the ratepayers.
- Improve public transport to Mudgee and Lithgow.
- Be original think of some kooky ideas.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Ongoing responsible land use that enables future development and employment opportunities.
- Less government interference over land use.
- Zoning that could restrict for farm use or development.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Rural residential should be balanced.
- Small rural blocks should be close to urban areas. (Five acres)
- Other subdivision blocks are already in farmland areas and providing opportunities (100 acres) for development. Agriculture. Building. Local schools. Shops.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Coal.
- Tourism-rail.
- Better road system and transport.
- Any economic development should be supported by the community and its facilities.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Improved mobile phone and Internet access.
- Road services.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Enhance flora and fauna within national park boundaries that already exist.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Ongoing opportunities for farming.
- Create opportunities through development and employment of young people so that our community can be enhanced and strengthened.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- None other than those that are unacceptable to residents (nuclear dump sites, etc)

Actions

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- As a community member we could monitor and scrutinise any recommendations that come before council that represent a change of policy to or direction that affects our current and preferred lifestyle (it could even come out of this meeting)

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Consult in a meaningful way that provides fair and practical legislation and community development in a balanced way.
- Employment growth in mines

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Tourism-ecological, Heritage, landscape, birdwatching, four-wheel-drive and camping.

- National parks, State forests, the pagodas, etc.
- Encouragement of Internet based business and employment.
- Tree changers.
- Remote workers.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Smaller rural blocks surrounding the town hub to allow more social integration further away from the centre of town.
- The larger blocks further away.
- Similar to the way Portland has developed.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Bed-and-breakfast, coffee shops, E-business / employment.
- Encourage decentralisation of back-office Government processes, home-based employment.
- Regeneration of old mine sites

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Internet,
- Broadband,
- Mobile coverage,
- Medical services (doctors),
- Education facilities for children and adults.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- National parks, State forests,
- Capertee Valley,
- Clean water and air,
- Protect the views
- Gardens of Stone.
- Lake Lyall,
- Lake Wallace

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Hobby farms and sustainable farming.
- Tree changers, wind farms, bicycle tracks, horse riding, trail in appropriate areas.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Open cut mining and CSG, quarrying,
- No heavy industry-pollution

Actions

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Support local business.
- Join progress association and local action plan.

- Engage with Council, become proactive.
- Develop networks with like-minded people.
- Clean up Australia, tidy towns, participation.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Listen to the local people and support small business.
- Transparency.
- Infrastructure-federal and state funding for rural areas.
- Promote local festivals (iron-fest etc)
- Make national parks more accessible

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- No wind farms. No mining on prime agricultural land or affecting water and environment.
- No coal seam gas.
- No nuclear waste.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Keep current land size restriction.
- Maintain RU1 zone.
- Locate any rural residential at current villages / urban area.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Return of Post Office

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Post office, incorporating banking and bill pay.
- Mobile phone and Internet.
- Capertee railway station restored.
- Maintain tips.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Scenic quality especially Capertee Valley.
- Water quality and quantity.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Rural as presently in RU1 zone.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- Excessive noise-motorbikes, shooting.
- Actions destructive to the environment. (can include too many trees).
- Industry pollution.

Actions

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Lobby councillors, state and federal members.
- Make representations.
- Stay informed-Council to keep us informed.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Listen to what we have to say and act on it.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- IGA or general food store.
- Transport suitable for locals-us.
- Correct address for emergency service.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

- Minimal development for township. Move it 2 to 3 km out.
- Zone to stay the same.

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Tourism focusing on local resident participation

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Better communication system for locals-us
- Never mind 10 to 20 years time what about tar on our roads now?
- Can our rail station be restored?
- Kerb and guttering and fix potholes and drainage

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Care and respect for old buildings.
- Keep our tip open.
- How can we be more informed about Crown land (what is happening?)
- How can our wildlife be more protected from tourists such as on trail bikes.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- Park area beautified and kept clean.
- More trees and streetscape.
- Power underground.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- No CSG, no uranium storage,
- No wind farms.
- No large development.

Actions

Act like an Aussie not America

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Participate and communicate within the community with respect and without barriers.
- Not be narrow minded.
- Do not disrespect another.
- Be responsible for your actions and not rely on Council to do very little around the town.
- Many hands make light work.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Council has to be responsible for the Castlereagh Highway.
- Local Government needs to listen to the residence. No outsiders or weekend warriors.
- Local for local.
- Community equal residents that live here.
- Listen to all.

Vision

What types of Development do you want to see in the future?

- Rural residential development within Capertee area. 5, 10, 20 acre blocks.
- People for RFS, P and C, progress, school.
- New businesses more employees.
- Tourism example open fossicking areas.

How much Rural Residential Development should there be? Where should it be located?

No comments recorded

Do you want to see more economic development? If so, what types?

- Support of local jobs.
- No more national parks.

Are there any services or facilities that you need in your area?

- Better Internet and mobile phone coverage.
- Better postage services.
- Keep Capertee tip open.

Are there any environmental attributes that should be conserved? What are they?

- Protect the access to all government-controlled land.
- Maintain the option to subdivide larger land lots.

What types of future land uses would you like to see?

- No more national parks.
- National parks need to be developed.

- Speed limit on gravel roads to protect roads and users.

Are there any uses that are inappropriate? Which ones?

- No wind farms.
- Improve rest area

Action

What actions can you as a community member do to achieve your vision for the future?

- DA has been lodged for 24 cabin / tourism development.
- Continue to actively promote and encourage tourism in our area.
- Maintain membership RFS, progress, Capertee P and C.
- Evaluate and seek business opportunities in the area.
- Maintain good communication between local community local Government State Government and federal Governments.

What should the Council, State & Federal Government do to achieve your vision for the future?

- Be flexible in planning laws.
- Streamline all Government processes.
- Keep the community in the loop-good and open communication.
- Listen. Implement local community wishes / ideas.
- Provide ideas for growth as well as funding.
- Improved transport and roads.
- Unified tourism approach.