

Response to *Draft Delivery Program 2017-2021, Operational Plan 2021/2022 and Detailed Budget 2021/2022*

The following comments can be read in partnership to the accompanying document *List of Requests for Bangalow to Byron Shire Council's Budget and Operational Plan 2021/2022*. This list was developed in consultation with the Bangalow Progress Association.

We support the values identified by the Byron Shire Community Solutions Panel, and for the last two budget cycles have aligned our own priorities with the values of safety, connectivity and equity in particular.

Bagalow specific items

We note and support the following projects specific to Bangalow identified in these two documents:

- DP 1.1.3.19 Deliver Rifle Range Road Intersection upgrade (rollover from last year)
- DP 3.2.2.1 Community Gardens 33 Charlotte Street
- DP 4.1.1.4 Review and update Bangalow DCP (rollover from last year)
- Skate Park \$40,200
- Pathway Bangalow Pool Park \$70,000
- Bangalow Historical Trail – labelled 'new'

We also recognise that two other significant projects that do not appear in these drafts are currently being prepared to shovel ready status:

- Works package BA001 in Bike and PAMP Plans – upgrade path along north side of Byron Street and over Snows Bridge (Priority A)
- Shared path along railway corridor from Rifle Range Road to town centre (Priority A). See Council resolution on 27 May 2021 Item 13.15:

That Council:

1. *Supports further investigation of design options for a shared path from Rifle Range Road to Bangalow utilising the rail corridor, west of Bangalow Railway Station.*
2. *Supports staff to commence discussions with the Bangalow Showgrounds Committee regarding the possible position and placement of a shared path through the showgrounds.*
3. *Supports an application to TfNSW and John Holland for the construction of a shared path within the rail corridor and along the rail line west of Bangalow Railway Station.*

We request that you read the accompanying document *List of Requests for Bangalow to Byron Shire Council's Budget and Operational Plan 2021/2022* to consider other projects that we would like to see in your 2021/2022 budget.

Focus on accessibility

Bagalow applauds the focus on accessibility evident in the *2021/2022 Operational Plan*. Bangalow scores very low as an accessible village with the following factors contributing to its inaccessibility.

- a) Footpaths and ramps in the Heritage Conservation Area (with the highest volume of use in the village as it includes the CBD) do not conform to current accessibility standards and are in a general state of disrepair.
- b) The topography in parts of the village limits accessibility.

We therefore support urgent implementation of all DP Actions identified as DIAP items, and for Bangalow a specific focus on:

- 1.1.3.2 Access ramp and footpath upgrade & renewal program. Please invite _____ from Bangalow to consult with you on this.
- 1.1.3.4 Replace damaged footpaths
- 1.6.35 Accessibility upgrades to all bus stops/shelters
- 2.2.1.3/4/5 Please invite _____ from Bangalow to consult with you on all accessibility audits/planning and implementation of projects.

New/upgrade paths

We support:

- DP 1.3.1.1 'Seek and apply for grants that deliver prioritised Pedestrian and Access Mobility Plan (PAMP) and Bike Plan facilities across the Shire.'

We make special mention here of the urgent need to build/upgrade at least another three footpaths in Bangalow that will ensure the safety of children and parents as they access school and childcare, and will link to the rail corridor shared path:

- Works Package BA004 in Bike Plan and BA005 in PAMP Plan – new shared path on southern side of Raftons Road (Priority A)
- Works Package BA009 in PAMP Completion of footpath on western side of Rifle Range Road (Priority C but an essential link to the rail corridor shared path)
- Works Package BA007 in PAMP – upgrades to Granuaille Road (Priority A)

We also support:

- DP 1.2.3.3 New Developers Contribution Plan being aligned with not only the values of the Community Solutions Panel but also the Bike and PAMP Plans, with a focus on Priority A works packages.

The rail corridor

Constructing a shared path on the rail corridor from Rifle Range Road to the town centre as per the Draft Community Concept Plan tabled as Attachment 2 in Item 13.15 to Council meeting Thursday 27 May 2021 is the one project that will provide safe, flat, accessible, off road connectivity for most Bangalow residents. We therefore support the following items:

- DP 1.3.1.2 Provide a quarterly update report on the outcome of discussions with State government and agencies about the multi-use of the rail corridor, including any policy developments and funding opportunities identified
- DP 1.3.1.3 Develop a governance model to support rail corridor activation.

We would like to add to DP 1.3.1.2 a requirement for those reports to be made available to the Place Planning Collective and the community.

Events

Bangalow is an 'event' village, with some events being well managed and others not. When events are not managed well the impact on residents can be significant and negative. This is particularly the case

with the management of traffic and parking. We support the following DP and request that traffic and parking management be an essential item in Council's management of events in Bangalow.

- DP 2.1.71 Support event organisers in the delivery of events.

Growth

We support in particular the following:

- DP 4.1.1.2 Continue to implement actions from the *Bangalow Village Plan Part B*
- DP 4.1.1.4 Review and update *Bangalow DCP*
- DP 4.1.3.14 Progress Style Guide for Low Rise Medium Density Housing Code

We support the ongoing funding and support from Council for the Place Planning Collective.

With respect to Style Guides – we need a special section for rural developments.

Governance

We support particularly all strategies that will engage the community meaningfully and improve cross-directorate collaboration within Council. This is particularly important for Infrastructure projects. We would like to see a co-design model adopted such that community stakeholders (via the PPC) are, alongside staff, co-designers of works packages from the outset. The current model of seeking community feedback at the end of a design process can be inefficient and does not always ensure the best possible outcome.

- DP 5.1.2.2 Implement inclusive Community Engagement Policy
- DP 5.6.1.2 Enable participatory leadership to develop organisational responses to key community issues.

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2021/2022**

	Item	Consultation	Priority	Notes
	Paths			
	Shared path along railway corridor from Rifle Range Road to town centre	BPA CoC Bangalow Primary School Bangalow CCC Lions Club Men's Shed Park Trust Bowling Club Parklands NRRT	Priority A in PAMP and Bike Plans	See rationale in Bangalow Village Plan, and Bangalow Movement Strategy. See support for Draft Community Concept Plan (Attachment 2) Rifle Range Road to Bangalow Shared Path. See resolution@ Item 13.15 Council meeting 27 May 2021: That Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports further investigation of design options for a shared path from Rifle Range Road to Bangalow utilising the rail corridor, west of Bangalow Railway Station. 2. Supports staff to commence discussions with the Bangalow Showgrounds Committee regarding the possible position and placement of a shared path through the showgrounds. 3. Supports an application to TfNSW and John Holland for the construction of a shared path within the rail corridor and along the rail line west of Bangalow Railway Station.
2.	BA001 Bike Plan and PAMP Plan – upgrade path on northern side of Byron Street from Station Lane to sportsfields	BPA Bangalow Land & Rivercare Feros Village Wheelchair user	Priority A in PAMP and Bike Plans	Council resolved on 25 March 2021 to develop this project to shovel ready status in anticipation of relevant grant submissions.
3.	BA004 Bike Plan and BA005 PAMP Plan – new shared path on southern side of Raftons Road	BPA Children's Centre	Priority A in PAMP and Bike Plans	Currently no footpath on either side of Raftons Rd. CCC has been lobbying for years for a path to improve safety of access for drop off/pick up of children.
4.	BA009 PAMP Plan	BPA CoC	Priority C in	Completion of footpath on western side of Rifle Range Road (Priority C but an

			PAMP Plan	essential link to the rail corridor shared path)
5.	BA007 PAMP Plan		Priority A in PAMP Plan	Upgrade path etc to improve safety of access for drop off/pick up of children at new child care centre on busy Granuaille Road <9,000 vehicle movements per day (2016).
Parking				
3.	More signage to Heritage House peripheral carpark	BPA Parklands Heritage House		We have to decide signage and location. Need to consult with Heritage House & Parklands further.
4.	Complete Bodpave surface on Heritage House peripheral carpark			This carpark turns to mud very quickly without completion of the surface. Current surface is eroding.
5.	New bitumen carpark at front of Bowling Club	BPA Bowling Club Sports associations		This item should be prioritised.
6.	New peripheral car parks to west of Granuaille Rd:	BPA Chamber of Commerce		See map presented to Place Planning Collective in May 2020.
Speed zones				
7.	50km/hr Lismore Rd/Rifle Range Rd	BPA RRRd residents		Do we pursue this with TfNSW or is it a lost cause?
8.	30km/hr Pedestrian Friendly Shared Zones	Chamber of Commerce BPA Public School 2 x childcare centres		Ideas so far include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Station St including intersection at Men's Shed and Deacon Street either side. b. Ashton Street/Deacon Street c. Market Street d. 2 x child-care centres e. Byron Street at urban centre
Accessibility				
8.	New access ramp at top of Station Street gate to Showground	Showground Wheelchair user		No accessible access to people on wheels for 90% of the time when main Showground gates are closed.
Design/concept plans				
9.	Design plan for CBD	Chamber of Commerce BPA Wheelchair user		Design plan to include landscaping, street furniture, public art guidelines, garbage bins, lighting, 2 x parks, toilet block, colours, commercial signage guidelines etc.

10.	Design plan for 3 x entrances to Bangalow			Have a consistent design for all three gateways into the village.
	Signage			
11.	Information signage to key sites	Heritage House Parklands Men's Shed A&I Hall		

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