

Cargo Community Plan 2021

IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE PUBLIC SPACES WE SHARE

Outcomes of a community meeting held on 18 May 2021

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ABOUT THIS COMMUNITY PLAN

Purpose:

- The Cargo Community Plan was originally developed in order for the Community to communicate to Council the infrastructure projects that it sees as priorities for improvement projects associated with the public spaces in Cargo Village.
- The Plan is not designed to address issues about residential, tourism or business development within the community.
- The Plan Review Meeting noted the significant number of projects identified in previous versions of the Community Plan which have now been completed and reference to these projects has been removed from this updated version.

Consultation: The Plan Review Meeting was publicised within the community and open to anyone who wished to attend. Community members and representatives of the Cargo Hall Committee, Cargo Football Club, Cargo Tennis Club, Cargo Market Group, Cargo Rural Fire Service and residents of the Village were in attendance.

Plan Development: The meeting discussed six key areas of the village and made suggestions for desired improvement projects. These areas include ongoing improvements and maintenance for the:

- Community Hall
- Children's Playground
- Sportsground
- Village Green
- Street sealing
- Storm water management

When all desired projects were identified the meeting prioritised them into a preferred order of works, *noting the order projects might be undertaken may need to change in response to timing of Council works or the availability of Council or Grant funding opportunities*. The meeting noted the following important issues around delivery of infrastructure projects:

- Cargo often has difficulties meeting the criteria set for most government grant funding
- The community needs to work closely with Council in order to be successful in attracting funding including sourcing long term cost quotes so project planning is well formed when grant funding opportunities are announced
- Some infrastructure projects are seen as routine town maintenance and should be funded and undertaken by Council as part of their overall responsibility to the community.

Circulation: The updated Community Plan is made available to Cabonne Councillors and staff as a reference tool to provide information about the priority projects that the Cargo Community would like to see undertaken and to support Council decision making around planning and budgeting for infrastructure upgrades within the community.

CARGO PLAYGROUND

Purpose: Play/recreation and rest area for children and families.

Comments: The playground is a very well used by local families and travellers. The playground is very popular and considered a critical asset for the community given the lack of critical mass for organised sport or recreations opportunities for children in Cargo.

A representative of the Cargo Fire Brigade was asked to follow up a request that the old 'clinic' building leased from Council by them be more regularly maintained e.g. the gutters are sprouting weeds and need a good clean out.

Proposed Future Projects	Community Priority	Lead/Partners	Funding	Quote required
Upgrade softfall and softfall edging	Priority 2	Council		
Street landscaping/garden on the outside the park fence.	Priority 4	Council		
Replacement of playground fencing to the same style as used on the play area of the Cargo Hall	Priority 1	Council/Progress Assoc.		
Re-instatement of a fence between the old 'clinic' building and the play area	Priority 3			
<p>Small splash park – small dish splash park with multiple sprinkler play apparatus. Water spray set on a timer. Water collected under splash park to be treated and recycled. (Water supply could be donated by Central Tablelands Water?). In the cooler months water would be disconnected and the splash park surface could be used as a mini skating/scooter space for small children.</p>	<p>Long term Priority 1: Cargo has a relatively high population of small children. Not all families have the resources to travel to Council pools on a regular basis and a splash park would be a very popular option as a place to cool off in the extreme summer heat. The idea has a high level of community support. A smaller version of the Forbes Water Park is a good example of what Cargo Community is seeking. See: https://www.wfbd.com.au/forbes-water-park</p>	<p>Council Central Tablelands Water Progress Association</p>	<p>Grant funding</p>	<p>Yes</p>



CARGO COMMUNITY HALL

Purpose: Venue for Cowra Mobile Pre-school, community nurse consultations, community and private functions, fund raising entertainment evenings, and school celebrations.

Comments: The Community Hall is the only community venue within the village where large indoor functions can be held and is the feature public building in the centre of the village. Management of the Cargo Hall will be returned to Cabonne Council as at 31 May 2021. All funds currently held by the Cargo Hall Committee will be returned to Cabonne Council.

Decisions about fees and hire conditions related to the Cargo Hall will rest with Cabonne Council.

Booking the Cargo Hall will be managed (potential sub-contracted) by Cabonne Council.

The Hall Committee has not had the resources to supervise pick up and return of furniture that is privately hired and therefore has not had sufficient oversight to ensure that the new furniture purchased at significant expense is not being removed from the building. The hire of furniture for external use does not provide significant income and the committee suggests that Council offer the old furniture for sale locally as an opportunity for a purchaser to offer the furniture as a private hire venture. This will remove responsibility for storage, maintenance and hire of the old furniture from the Council/Hall Committee and ensure the new furniture is maintained and preserved well into the future.

Proposed Future Projects	Community Priority	Lead/Partners	Funding	Quote required
Installation of retaining wall (with garden terraces?) on the western side of the building including behind the men's shed	IN PROGRESS	Council		
New industrial grade stove & dishwasher	IN PROGRESS			
Upgrade Toilet facilities (very dated)	Priority 1			
Air conditioning for main hall (mainly for heating in colder months) would at least 3 units	Priority 2			

CARGO SPORTSGROUND

Purpose: The Cargo Sportsground is well utilised by the Cargo Football Club and is also used by other groups for boot camp activities and other community events. It has some fixed seating, a kiosk, toilets and change-room facilities and some shelter structures.

Work in recent years has seen some valuable improvements to the sportsground, but the community is keen to continue improvement of the amenity of this important space.

**The community has noted increased visitation by caravan travellers could be further enhanced by installation of a dump point to encourage self-sufficient caravan campers to stay overnight in the village. The football oval is seen as the logical location for casual camping.

Proposed Future Projects	Community Priority	Lead/Partners	Funding	Quote required
Additional perimeter seating	Priority 2	Council/Football Club		
More tree planting around the perimeter	Priority 3	Council/Football Club		
**Installation of a caravan dump point	Priority 4	Council/Progress Assoc.		
Next stage extension of Cargo Bike Path network from Cargo Village Green to the Cargo Sportsground	Priority 1			
Widening of road to permit passing opposite entrance gate	Routine Council maintenance	Council/Football Club		
Replacement of old perimeter fencing with a picket fence	In line with Council works in other towns - unified oval fencing across LGA	Council		

CARGO VILLAGE GREEN

Purpose: The Cargo Village Green is the feature green space and park land for the village. It is well utilised by the community and by travellers. It has toilet facilities, an new electric BBQ and covered seating space in progress. The Village Green also incorporates a flagpole and commemorative plaque acknowledging servicemen originating from Cargo. The Village green is enhanced by a parking bay. The area also contains elements of the Cargo Bike Path network, the tennis courts and associated building and the school bus stop. It contains established trees and is a popular stopping point for travellers. The site is also used for Cargo Australia Day celebrations each year.

Comments: The Village Green is a lovely area but is seen as a space with unused potential to further enhance village life.

The Tennis Club is very keen to get the courts re-surfaced to a standard that will encourage casual and organised tennis competition. The community considers that this area could become a very useful multi-purpose asset. With an appropriate surface the courts could be used not only for tennis but also for lawn bowls which would be appealing for older residents and a removable putt-putt golf installation could also be created which would be a popular activity for children. Using this area as a multi-purpose zone is a very exciting innovation concept for an area that has languished for many years.

Expanding the flagpole/commemorative plaque to include a more substantial structure that incorporates a Servicemen Honour Roll is also a project the community would like to progress. Now that the Cannon has been moved the Progress Association plans to work with Council to design and get quotes for a suitable structure so funding from the National War Memorial grant process can be sought.

Commencing the next stage of the Cargo Bike Path to the Sportsground is much desired. There is potential then for this path to be developed into a 'Fitness Path' that could end with fitness facilities at the Cargo Sportsground - similar to the Fitness Path facility located in the Canowindra sportsgrounds.

The Progress Association has long desired to further develop the Village Green area, however projects discussed with Council staff in years past but have always been discouraged due to the lack of a plan of management for the area. Council staff have advised that a plan of management is underway for many years.

The Orange Wine Region major sign (located in the Village Green & installed without community consultation) is damaged and deteriorating – who is responsible for upgrade of this sign?

Proposed Future Projects	Community Priority	Lead/Partners	Funding	Quotes required
New BBQ /shelter space	IN PROGRESS			
Additional picnic tables/seating	IN PROGRESS			
Installation of drinking fountain	COMPLETED			
Resurface of tennis court area to create multi-purpose recreation facility	Priority 3	Council/Tennis Club/Progress Assoc.		
Extension of the bike path/footpath from the walking bridge to the toilet block	IN PROGRESS			
Major extension of the bike path from the tennis court building point to the sportsground via Belmore Street.	Council Bike path plan 3	Council/Progress Assoc.		
Construction of Honour Roll incorporating existing flagpole and commemorative plaque	Priority 1	Council/Progress Assoc./Dept Veteran Affairs	'Saluting their Service' ongoing grant scheme	Yes
Additional tree planting in all areas of Village Green precinct	Priority 2	Council		

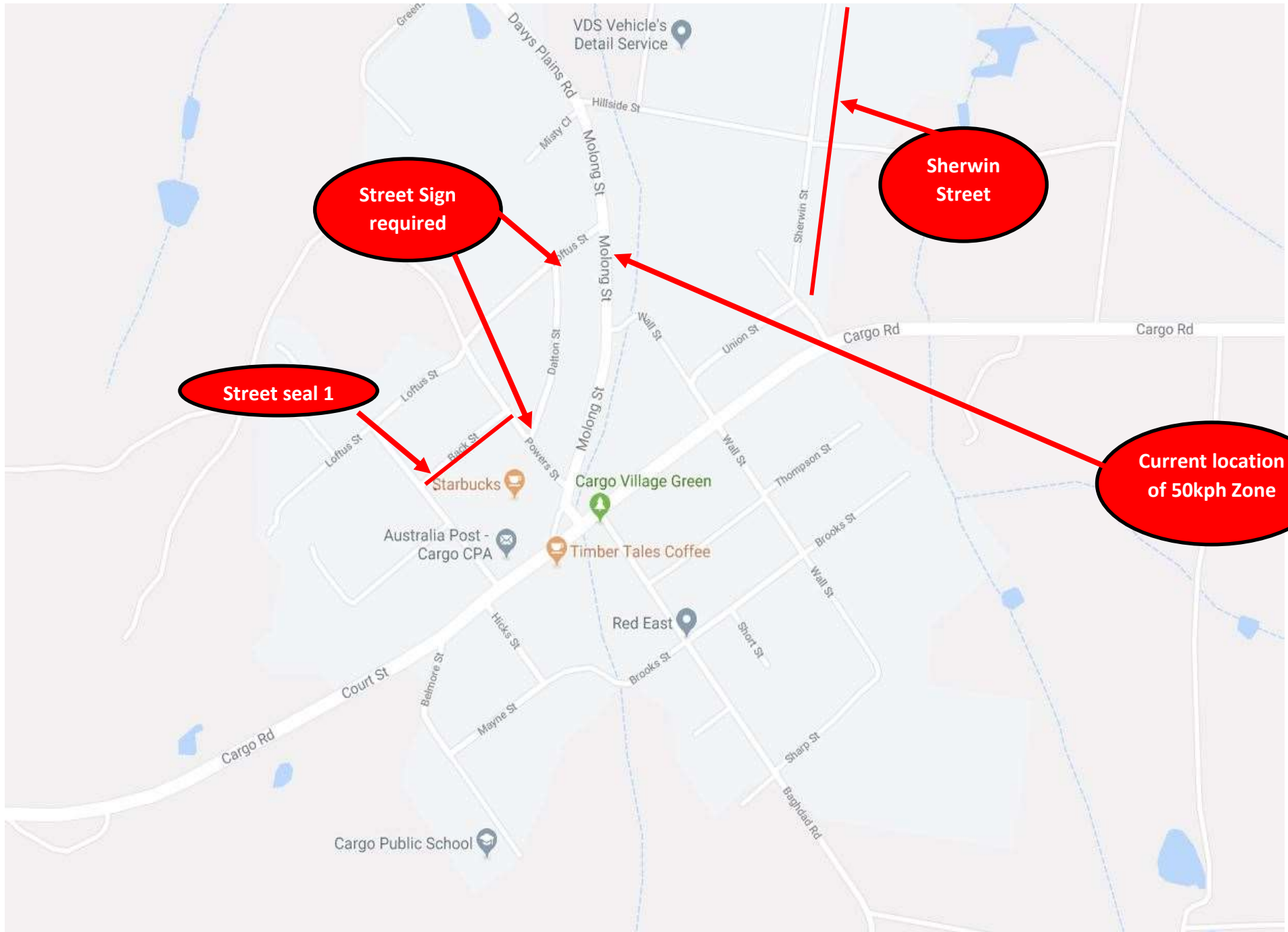
STREET SEALING / SIGNAGE / SPEED LIMITS

Comments: Street sealing across all of the Village is almost complete. Back Street remains a priority – it is understood it has been postponed until a plan for the ongoing storm water issue in this area has been considered by Council?

Ongoing residential development to the North of Cargo has seen the residential area extend well beyond the current 50kph speed zone. This is causing a lot of concern for residents living on the perimeter of the village and outside the 50kph zone in this area. Pedestrian traffic, animal movements and children cycling are frequent in this area. There is particularly concern for parents of children utilising the bus stop at the Davys Plains Road/Misty Close/Hillside St intersection. This bus stop is located on a slight bend in the road and cars frequently speed through this area at 100kph when a number of small children are waiting for the bus or walking home from the bus stop.

A significant number of drivers use Hillside Street as a short cut to access the Cargo/Orange Road and technically they can do 100 kph right through because there is no 50kph sign before this point. Sherwin Street is residential and has a significant problem with speeding.

Street Sealing	Community Priority	Width Options
Back Street (see map on Page 9)	Priority 1	Minor thoroughfare – 3m seal sufficient
Street Signs	Community Priority	
Northern end of Dalton Street (at intersection of Dalton/Loftus Street & at intersection of Dalton/Power Street) – Dalton Street is split across Cargo and the northern end of the street is not sign posted. This is causing issues for emergencies services and for delivery drivers. (see map on Page 9)	Priority 2	
Other Street Issues	Community Priority	
Update town entrance signs (the existing signs have out-of-date population stats) Is Council considering updating Cabonne Branding and town signage styles? Priority	Priority 3	
Moving Village Speed Limit Signage on Davys Plain Road	Community Priority	Actions
Move 50kph sign on Davys Plains Roads out to the 'Welcome to Cargo' sign near the cemetery - speeding before and after the current 50kph sign is an increasing issue made worse by the fact that there is significant residential development between the current sign and the cemetery. (see map on Page 9)	High Priority	Need letter from community with residents signatures etc to support Council's request to RTA to move sign (Jill to organise)
Speeding along the full length of Sherwin Street is becoming a significant danger to the residents. Speed management (speed humps or blisters) needs urgent consideration. (see map on Page 9)	High Priority	



STORM WATER MANAGEMENT – MAJOR PRIORITY

Cargo Village has major issues with the flow of storm water throughout the village during heavy rain events. During storm events the flow of water impacts many areas and continues to get worse with each storm event as water is finding new flow paths as the ground is eroded. Council is aware of the need for road closures in the centre of the village over the years following major storm events and the community acknowledges that the landscape of the village will always be a problem as storm water has no-where else to go but through the centre of the village.

However, Council may not be aware that some areas of the village are badly impacted by storm waters overflowing the streets and inundating the grounds of a number of properties. In these areas it is believed that some works to improve storm water drainage will dramatically lessen the damage incurred on private property.

The problems have been exacerbated in recent years by:

- a lack of grass cover due to drought conditions,
- the flow of storm water being re-directed as a result of groundworks associated with residential development which has changed the normal course of storm water causing flows in areas where there has not previously been a problem,
- table drains that have filled over many years and no longer contain or direct water flow.

Except for a small amount of guttering in the main street of the village Cargo has very little in the way of storm water infrastructure.

Action	
A major investigation by Council engineers during or immediately post a heavy rain event would assist development of a plan of works to improve how storm water is managed to avoid future damage to private property. It is critical that Council liaise with the community on this issue and review the situation during a heavy rain event so areas of key concern can be properly identified.	