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## Executive Summary

### *Background*

The Government is seeking advice on priorities for the types of local community infrastructure that could encourage economic development in local communities. Rather than a shopping list of individual projects, the Government is seeking strategic advice on the types of community infrastructure that may increase economic investment, improve the job opportunities in regional Australia and enhance the liveability of regional centres.

This advice is to include:

- road, rail and air transport status
- health services – hospitals and rural doctors capacity
- access to welfare and support services
- communication services
- utilities
- water storage capacity
- sporting and recreational facilities
- business services

### *Introduction*

In seeking advice from regional stakeholders on the priorities for the types of local community infrastructure that could encourage economic development in local communities, the Government was not looking for a “wish list” of individual projects.

RDA Sunraysia has therefore consulted and obtained regional strategic documents that have been created to address a range of community issues that have an impact on regional economic outcomes.

The Economic Profiles of the region can be found at:  
[http://www.smedb.com.au/regionaldata/economic\\_profile.asp](http://www.smedb.com.au/regionaldata/economic_profile.asp)

The documents outlined in Attachment B indicate a range of key strategies and projects developed by organisations within the community that will progress the region toward economic sustainability.

## Community Engagement & Outcomes

Community engagement comprised three consultative forums, and a web survey, and letters to over 40 key organisations within the region.

The forums were well planned to create opportunities for a diversity of voices to be heard on issues relating to future Federal Government regional programs.

Consultation included the current ACC Committee, Chief Executive Officers, General Managers, Mayors, Councillors, Company Executives and the general community from the following sectors:

- Local Government and Chambers of Commerce & Industry
- Manufacturing, Transport, Business and Industry
- Major Horticultural organisations
- Tourism & Arts
- Sport and Recreational groups
- Education and Employment
- Health and Disability
- Indigenous Services
- Welfare and Youth
- Past recipients of the Regional Partnerships grants
- Individual Community members

Participation Results:

Numbers attended forums	103
Numbers responses to surveys	41
TOTAL	144

## Attachment B - RDA WORKPLAN TASK 3

Provide advice on priorities for the types of local community infrastructure that could encourage economic development.

Projects/Plans	LGA/Locality	Others Involved	Timeframe to be delivered	Why is this priority for your organisation and thus your community?
<b>1.0 Road, Rail and Air Transport</b>				
<p><b>1.1 Road &amp; Rail</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">1.1.1 National Link – Connecting Australia’s Rail Freight Network, October 2008</a></p> <p><a href="#">1.1.2 Mildura Derailed Freight Rail Report, Sept 2008</a></p> <p><a href="#">1.1.3 Mildura Transport Strategy August 2004</a></p> <p><a href="#">1.1.4 Mildura Transport Plan, May 2005</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council – Mildura	<p>Mildura Rural City Council,</p> <p>Sunraysia Mallee Economic Development Board</p> <p>Ballarat Council,</p> <p>Geelong Council</p> <p>NSW and SA Councils</p>	2009 - 2015	<p>The north west corner of Victoria is a tri-state junction (NSW, South Australia and Victoria) and is a pivotal link in the national transport network given its close proximity to three states and its status as a freight gateway to and from the north and west of Australia. There is a high production of a range of minerals and agricultural produce in the area (all three states) that requires strong and efficient freight links to be competitive in the domestic and international markets. The region produces 95% of Australia’s dried vine fruit, 69% of table grapes, 55% of almonds, 33% of olives, 35% of citrus and 40% of Australia’s wine grape crush. The Murray Basin holds the world’s largest reserves of mineral sands and also contains the largest bentonite reserve in Australia, estimated to exceed 70 million tonnes. Mineral Sands drilling and exploration is ongoing (production was commenced in 2006) with some 80 million tonnes of deposits already identified and key mining operations have been established north and south of Mildura in NSW and Victoria. Currently a gap exists between the east west transcontinental rail line and the end of the existing Geelong-Mildura line. To close this gap in the network the National Link Project is proposed, consisting of an approximate 220 kilometre rail connection between the transcontinental line at Menindee and the northern end of the Geelong-Mildura line at Yelta (Mildura).</p>

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				<p>Project Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater freight efficiency</li> <li>• Supply security through redundancy</li> <li>• Environment and Amenity</li> <li>• Supporting National Logistic Initiatives</li> <li>• Resources</li> <li>• Agriculture and Horticulture</li> <li>• Commitment to regional and local development.</li> </ul> <p>Application submitted to Infrastructure Australia 15 October 08</p>

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<p><b>1.2 Mildura Airport</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">1.2.1 Airport Master Plan 2000-2015</a></p> <p><a href="#">1.2.2 Mildura Airport Strategic Business Plan 2005 - 2010</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	<p>Mildura Airport Committee</p> <p>Federal/State Government</p>	2000-2015	<p>Mildura Airport is Victoria's largest and busiest regional airport, servicing over 170,000 airline passengers per annum from around 6,800 regular passenger transport aircraft movements. There are a further 6,200 general aviation aircraft movements which include a regular air freight service, charter, flight training, air ambulance, and refuelling and stopover visits by military aircraft.</p> <p>The Master Plan is a guide for the airport's facility growth into the future to ensure that the airport operates as a sustainable and user friendly resource, and provides the community with a functional and visually appealing gateway to the town and region.</p> <p>The Mildura Airport Strategic Business Plan was completed as part of a process to develop a planning document for the Mildura Airport.</p>
<p><b>1.3 Mungo National Park Road Access</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">1.3.1 Wentworth Shire Council Management Plan 2008-2012 (Major Projects and Capital Works Program)</a></p>	Wentworth Shire	Balranald Shire	2009-2012	<p>Mungo National Park is the only remaining World Heritage area in the country not accessible by a bitumen road. The Park is a significant tourist attraction; with in excess of 100,000 visitors each year and the majority of these visitors access the Park via Arumpo Road.</p> <p>Another significant road use is the transportation of grain from farming properties bordering the road. More than 100,000 tonnes of grain is transported along the Arumpo Road annually.</p> <p>A joint study is currently being undertaken by the Mildura Rural City Council and Wentworth Shire Council to develop a plan for the sealing of the road in the future. Cost is expected to be approx. \$20M.</p>

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<p><b>1.4 Pooncarie to Menindee Road Sealing</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">1.4.1 Economic Impact of sealing the Menindee Pooncarie Road, prepared by the Western Research Institute</a></p>	<p>Wentworth Shire</p>	<p>Central Darling Shire</p>	<p>2009-2012</p>	<p>The Menindee to Pooncarie road is a 123 km stretch of gravel road between the townships of Menindee and Pooncarie. If the road were to be sealed it would increase tourism by developing a tourism loop between towns and provide a positive impact on the local agricultural industry through reduced costs in transport. The economic impact alone would not only provide increased access to the labour market and reduce transport costs, but may actually provide jobs.</p>
<p><b>1.5 Rail corridor from Broken Hill through to Wentworth /Mildura Terminus.</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">1.5.1 Mildura AusLink Corridor Strategy Submission</a></p>	<p>Wentworth Shire</p>	<p>Broken Hill Mildura Rural City Council</p>	<p>2009-2012</p>	<p>It is the view of the group that the future challenges faced by the corridor will centre around the efficiency of rail along the corridor and at the Murray region nodes. In our estimation this will necessitate the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporation of the standardisation of the rail gauge with the current upgrading work on the Geelong to Mildura rail corridor.</li> <li>• Creation of a 24 hour freight gate/intermodal terminal and industrial park at Thurla and removal of the rail line from central Mildura.</li> <li>• Rerouting the Sturt Highway around Mildura to provide improved access to the Thurla terminal and the removal of heavy vehicle traffic from the centre of Mildura (including the provision of a new Murray River crossing to link to the Sturt Highway in NSW).</li> <li>• Completion of the rail loop around Mildura from Thurla to Yelta with a rail spurs to Mildura.</li> <li>• Airport for a consolidated rail, road, and air facility.</li> <li>• Development of a standard gauge rail link between the Mildura/Wentworth region and the Sydney-Adelaide (transcontinental) Corridor.</li> </ul>

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<b>1.6 Sealing of Wentworth Aerodrome Runway</b>	Wentworth Shire	Wentworth Shire Council  State/Federal Government	2009-2012	<p>The Wentworth Aerodrome is the only aerodrome in the western division of New South Wales without a sealed runway. Currently only propeller aircraft under 5700 kilograms use the runways at Wentworth Aerodrome.</p> <p>If the runway was sealed charter planes would have the option of landing at Wentworth rather than the busier Mildura Airport. Additionally, if the propose Solar Tower goes ahead, the aerodrome may be used for freight purposes. An opportunity may also exist as a training facility due to negotiations recently between Kestral Aviation College and Sunraysia Institute of TAFE. Discussions have occurred between these organisations to develop a pilot training school at Mildura Airport – one of the busiest regional airport in Australia.</p> <p>There is potential to ease the congestion at Mildura Airport and provide training at Wentworth for some of the 300 students expected each year.</p>
<b>1.7 Houseboat Waste Disposal Facilities</b>	Wentworth Shire	Wentworth Shire Council  State Government	2009-2012	<p>The upgraded facility will improve the waterway amenity by providing a much faster pump out time for houseboats and river boats and the risk of water pollution would be reduced.</p> <p>Operators and users have requested better facilities. The Shire encourages visitors to the region and this in turn supports local businesses and tourist attractions which would benefit.</p>

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<b>2.0 Health status – Hospitals and Rural Practitioner Capacity</b>				
<p><b>2.1 Health &amp; Education Strategic project</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">2.1.1 Tri-State Regional Health Education &amp; Accommodation Project.</a></p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council - Mildura</p>	<p>Mildura Base Hospital Mildura Rural City Council La Trobe University Monash University Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (SIOT) Mallee Division of General Practice, Sunraysia Community Health Services, Mallee Track Health &amp; Community Service, Robinvale District Health Service, Sunraysia Area Consultative Committee, Federal &amp; State members of Parliament, Mallee Family Care Northern Mallee Primary Care Partnership, Wentworth Shire Council, SMEDB</p>	<p>2009-2012</p>	<p>Rural health services across Australia are in crisis, often a major barrier to services and service delivery is the inadequate or outdated health related infrastructure. Issues that contribute to or exacerbate the problem include: an ageing health workforce; the serious shortfall in the numbers of health workers to deliver the services needed; and real problems with recruitment and retention of health related professionals including primary care practitioners, dentists, nurses and allied health professionals such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists and oral hygienists. These problems are more pronounced in rural and regional areas. As a result, health profiles of rural people are well behind those of their urban counterparts. The infrastructure deficiencies that underpin the poor health outcomes in rural and remote communities urgently need to be addressed.</p> <p>It is expected that these projects will provide a significant multi-faceted educational presence focused on addressing the critical nursing and allied health workforce needs of rural and regional Victoria.</p> <p>The two infrastructure projects are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The construction of a regional health education accommodation facility, to be located in the regional centre of Mildura.</li> <li>• The construction of a regional health education facility in the Mildura city.</li> </ul> <p><b>Application submitted to Infrastructure Australia 15 October 08</b></p>

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<p><b>2.2 Murrayville aged Care independent living accommodation</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">2.2.1 Murrayville Community Plan 2008</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council - Murrayville	<p>Mallee Track Health and Community Service</p> <p>Murrayville Hospital board.</p> <p>Mildura Rural City Council</p>	2009 - 2015	<p>The Murrayville community planning process showed that our community's number 1 priority was to provide independent living aged care accommodation for our senior residents. Currently the only accommodation provided for this section of the community is 100km away. This has a detrimental effect on the town's economy and affects the health of the residents who have to leave family and friends.</p> <p><b>Project:</b> Community owned aged care homes that will cater for our aging population and keep older residents in their home community with family and friends.</p>
<p><b>2.3 Northern Mallee Primary Care Partnership - Strategic &amp; Community Health Plan 2006- 2009</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">2.3.1 Northern Mallee Primary Care Partnership – Strategic &amp; Community Health Plan 2006-2009</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Various local government & health services	2006-2009	The Northern Mallee PCP builds stronger partnerships to support and enhance primary care services in our region through leadership and collaboration to achieve quality services which will enable better community health and wellbeing.

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<b>3.0 Sporting and Recreational Facilities</b>				
<p><b>3.1 Mildura Major Sporting Reserve Master Plans</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">3.1.1 Mildura Sporting Reserve Master Plan &amp; 2008 Review</a></p> <p><a href="#">3.1.2 Recreation Strategy Volume 1, 2008 – 2018</a></p> <p><a href="#">3.1.3 Recreation Strategy Volume 2, 2008 - 2018</a></p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>Sporting Bodies</p>	<p>2008-2018</p>	<p>In 2004 Consultants were employed to review current and future trends, including demographic data that would affect the use of major recreation reserves. The objectives of the project were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review existing reports and information relating to Mildura Recreation Reserve, Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex and Mansell Reserve</li> <li>• To review current and future trends, including demographic data that will effect the use of major recreation reserves</li> <li>• To analyse and review existing use of major recreation reserves</li> <li>• To involve key stakeholders and community and identify needs and expectations</li> <li>• To develop a long term plan with strategies, priorities and rationalisation for Mildura Recreation Reserve, Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex and Mansell Reserve, and</li> <li>• To provide recommendations on management options for the Reserves.</li> </ul> <p>Mildura Recreation Reserve, Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex and Mansell Reserve make an important contribution to accommodating a broad mix of sporting participation throughout the Mildura Region.</p> <p>Collectively, the Reserves accommodate 42 different user groups, which provide 13 different sporting activities.</p> <p>In 2008 a review of the plan is being conducted that has highlighted the need for some significant developments. This is to be completed by early 2009.</p>

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<p><b>3.2 Aquatic Facilities Redevelopment Strategy</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">3.2.1 Aquatic Facilities Redevelopment Strategy.</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p> <p>State Government</p>	2006 - 2011	<p>A report was commission by the Mildura Rural City Council on all their aquatic facilities within the Local Government Area.</p> <p>Swimming Pools in Mildura Rural City Council have been identified as key “Community Infrastructure” and local provision of facilities in identified key locations has been a long term service Council and residents have supported. The user surveys completed at each facility validate and support the community highly values the ongoing operation and improvement of swimming facilities.</p> <p>The overall purpose was to identify a strategic direction for Council, in partnership with the local and broader community, for an integrated corporate approach to provision of Council’s eight swimming pools for the next five years and beyond.</p>
<p><b>3.3 Upgrading Showgrounds Pavilion</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">3.3.1 Wentworth Showgrounds Management Committee Business plan for upgraded facilities</a></p>	Wentworth Shire	<p>Wentworth Shire Council</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>Community Groups</p>	2009-2012	<p>The Wentworth Show Grounds has a long and colourful history, being a focal point for community sport, recreation, social events, and celebrations. It holds a strong place in local history and remains as one of the few traditional country shows still operating in Australia.</p> <p>The outdoor areas cater for a diverse range of activities. The horse race track is a high profile use, and the grassed oval area is used by a variety of clubs.</p> <p>Additionally, large events are often a feature – these include the Country Music Festival, Tractor Rallies, and Art Displays, and these events contribute to the economy of the region via the tourism industry.</p>

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<p><b>3.4 Murrayville: Recreational Facility Redevelopment</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">3.4.1 Murrayville Community Plan 2008</a></p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council - Murrayville Victoria</p>	<p>Mildura Rural city Council</p> <p>Sporting Clubs.</p> <p>Mallee Track health and Community service.</p> <p>State/Federal Government</p>	<p>2008 - 2011</p>	<p>Decline in population and an increase in the community's average age has meant that traditional team sports are often no longer viable. Redeveloping the facilities to cater for new sport or passive exercise is our community's high priority.</p> <p>The Redeveloping of present sporting facilities to cater for a changing sporting demographic with an emphasis on getting more people active in both team and passive sport.</p>
<p><b>3.5 Mildura Bicycle Strategy</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">3.5.1 Mildura Bicycle Strategy</a></p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p> <p>State Government</p>	<p>2001 - 2009</p>	<p>A Strategy to identify existing cycling infrastructure, the preparation of a 10 year program of works to achieve an ideal cycling infrastructure with an emphasis on connectivity of facilities, establishment of priorities and cost estimates for proposed works with a detailed works program for the first three years and an increase in the participation rate of cycling within the municipality.</p> <p>The Rural City of Mildura contains a large regional population with an active cycling club for competitive cyclists as well as a great number of tourist destinations. It is envisaged that the bicycle plan will not only cater for the local residents but also that facilities will be provided to form another valuable tourist asset in the form of both training routes and recreational facilities.</p>

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<b>4.0 Major Community Infrastructure</b>				
<p><b>4.1 Deakin Avenue Master Plan</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">4.1.1 Deakin Avenue Master plan</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	2006 - 2015	<p>The study aims to provide "a vision for the future development of this important Mildura Icon" (extract from consultant's brief from MRCC, July 2005) The study forms an achievable and suitable strategy to guide the ongoing landscape management and stewardship of the verge and median of this historical Avenue.</p>
<p><b>4.2 Mildura Riverfront Master Plan</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">4.2.1 Mildura Riverfront Master plan, March 2005</a></p> <p><a href="#">4.2.2 Mildura Riverfront Master plan, Marina Precinct</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p> <p>State/Federal Government</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Private Investment</p>	2005-2020	<p>The intent is to realise Mildura's potential as a City by the River, to provide a quality environment and built structures that complement each other and integrate well with the surroundings. The result will be community focussed with a range of existing activities retained and intensified to further celebrate and express the richness of the heritage, environment, culture, leisure, entertainment and particular identity of Mildura as Victoria's most significant inland river city.</p> <p>The design celebrates this relatively modern history, draws attention to the riverboat past whilst including all existing uses; yet importantly seeks to signify a new beginning for Mildura as Victoria's foremost northern river city.</p> <p>The riverfront is therefore seen as a cohesive and grand landscape element, through which a number of defined activities and opportunities are found and developed, stimulating the <b>Riverfront Park</b> as a lively and integrated part of the city. As a part of the City, the connections back to the Mildura CBD are a key component of the success of the Riverfront Park.</p> <p>The <b>economic benefits</b> that are expected to be generated from the</p>

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				<p>Master Plan are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entertainment and Functions</li> <li>• Residential Housing and Resident Spending</li> <li>• Visitor Accommodation and Visitor Spending, including tourism</li> <li>• Employment generation</li> </ul>

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<p><b>4.3 Mildura Arts Centre Precinct</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">4.3.1 Feasibility Full Summary Report.</a></p> <p><a href="#">4.3.2 Economic Analysis – Mildura</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council.  State Government  Federal Government  Private Investment	2007- 2020	<p>The Mildura Arts Centre precinct re-development will involve capital investment worth an estimated \$18 million, resulting in estimated direct employment during the construction phase of the project of approximately 250 persons, and a further 400 jobs created indirectly in the wider economy as a result of multiplier effects.</p> <p>On-site commercial activity is estimated to be approximately \$860,000 per annum, providing ongoing employment on-site of 12 persons, and with further indirect employment created elsewhere in the economy. The development will also improve the range of social and cultural facilities available for the local and regional population, with potential for additional visitation to Mildura and associated expenditures.</p> <p>While employment generation in Mildura is a positive outcome, the most attractive aspect of the Mildura Arts Centre proposal is its <i>value for money</i> outcome in terms of visitation to this cultural precinct. The analysis presented in this report projects total attendance at the Art Gallery and Theatre venues within the Mildura Arts and Culture precinct in the first year of full operations to be approximately 69,620 people. Thus, the funding request for \$6 million from each of Federal and State Governments, matched with \$6 million by Local Government, translates to total funding per attendee of \$259. This can also be expressed as an \$86 contribution per attendee by each funding partner.</p>
<p><b>4.4 Upgrading Midway Centre</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">4.4.1 Midway centre, Buronga</a></p>	Wentworth Shire	Wentworth Shire Council  Community User Groups  State/Federal	2009-2012	<p>The Shire of Wentworth is undertaking a project to upgrade the Local Environment Plan (LEP) over the Buronga and Gol Gol areas to provide for the anticipated development of the twin townships over the next 20 30 years.</p> <p>The growth of the area indicates that the project should consider not only the growth of the needs of the immediate townships, but also the</p>

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<a href="#">Gol Gol building use. Management Review Project Brief</a>		Government		potential to provide a regionally significant facility, with the capacity to draw attendances to functions and events from out of the region.
<p><b>4.5 Mildura Public Open Space Strategy</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">4.5.1 Mildura Rural City Council Public Open Space Strategy</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	On-going	To create a diverse and integrated network of public open space for recreation and conservation of natural and cultural environments, and to meet the needs of MRCC residents and visitors a report was commissioned to identify a strategic direction for Council, in partnership with the local and broader community for an integrated corporate approach to Public Open Space provision for the next 5 years and beyond.
<p><b>5.0 Community – Small Rural Towns</b></p>				
<p><b>5.1 Murrayville Community Plan 2008</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">5.1.1 Murrayville Community Plan 2008</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council  Murrayville Community  Mallee Track Health and Community Service  State/Federal Government	On-going	<p>On the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 the Murrayville community established its first community plan identifying the key improvements necessary for the future of Murrayville.</p> <p>The Murrayville Community Plan 2007 was a major step forward for a coordinated effort within the town for the community to think as a whole in terms of key projects and initiatives. In June 2008 the Murrayville Community reviewed its plan and ratified the extensive planning work commenced in 2007, and the significant steps that had taken place since that time to meet community expectations.</p> <p>The Murrayville community now acknowledges that is now has a direction and vision for those projects that have been identified.</p> <p>Community priorities identified:</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aged care facilities and services</li> <li>• Upgrading of Caravan Park</li> <li>• Upgrading the rail line</li> <li>• Recreation Reserve development</li> <li>• Wetlands on Duthie's Oval</li> <li>• Scale model of planets along the highway.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>5.2 Murrayville to Ouyen railway line upgrade.</b></p> <p>See Reference Material: <a href="#">5.1.1 Murrayville Community Plan 2008.</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council - Murrayville to Ouyen	<p>Victorian State Government.</p> <p>Grain Company's.</p> <p>Local farming community.</p> <p>Mildura Rural City Council</p>	2009 -	<p>The Murrayville to Ouyen freight railway line is currently closed due to the lines disrepair. Changes in farming practices have meant expected grain tonnages have doubled along this line in the past 5 years. Carting this grain by road increase costs to the environment and the economy.</p> <p>Redeveloping this very important freight link to a standard that is at least able to cart the vital grain harvest.</p> <p>Standardisation of the rail gauge would provide a vital freight link between the states</p> <p><b>Premier John Brumby has since announced a \$38.7 million upgrade of the State's rail network to increase grain export productivity. The funding will include the upgrade and the re-open of the Ouyen to Murrayville rail line.</b></p>
<p><b>5.3 Walpeup Community Plan 2006/2007</b></p> <p>See Reference Material: <a href="#">5.3.1 Walpeup Community Plan 2006/2007</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	<p>Mildura Rural City Council,</p> <p>Walpeup Community,</p> <p>Mallee Track Health and Community Service</p> <p>State Government</p> <p>Federal Government</p>	2006 and ongoing	<p>The Walpeup Community Plan is a Mallee Track Health Service initiative in conjunction with Mildura Rural City Council and promotes 'bottom up' planning by better local coordination of community activities and use of resources. Community Planning in Underbool aims to increase the number of local groups and people participating in community decisions and actions, resulting in more relevant and effective programs, projects and services, and thus a better quality of life for local residents.</p> <p>Community priorities identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mallee Research Station Development</li> <li>• Recreation Reserve Development</li> <li>• Hall Upgrade</li> </ul>

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<p><b>5.4 Underbool Community Plan 2007</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">5.4.1 Underbool Community Plan 2007</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	<p>Mildura Rural City Council.</p> <p>Underbool Community</p> <p>Mallee Track Health and Community Service</p> <p>State/Federal Government</p>	2007 and ongoing	<p>The Underbool Community Plan is a Mallee Track Health Service initiative in conjunction with Mildura Rural City Council and promotes 'bottom up' planning by better local coordination of community activities and use of resources. Community Planning in Underbool aims to increase the number of local groups and people participating in community decisions and actions, resulting in more relevant and effective programs, projects and services, and thus a better quality of life for local residents.</p> <p>Community priorities identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial Hall Refurbishment</li> <li>• Water Recycling</li> <li>• Outen Park Facilities Improvements</li> <li>• Improve Sport and Recreation opportunities and facilities.</li> <li>• Increase Recycling of general waste.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.5 Merbein Community Plan 2007</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">5.5.1 Merbein Community Plan 2007</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council - Merbein	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p> <p>Merbein Community</p> <p>State/Federal Government</p>	2007 and ongoing.	<p>The Merbein Community Plan is a Mildura Rural City Council initiative that promotes 'bottom up' planning by better local coordination of community activities and use of resources. Community planning in Merbein aims to achieve more local people and groups participating in community decisions and actions resulting in a better quality of life for local residents.</p> <p>Community Priorities identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Entrances/Treatments – development of a 'town entrance'</li> <li>• Indoor Sports Precinct</li> <li>• Water Sustainability – recycling of water, including stormwater.</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Library and Historical Centre</li> <li>• Natural Gas</li> <li>• Pedestrian and Bike Safety</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.6 Ouyen Community Plan</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">5.6.1 Ouyen Community Plan</a></p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council - Ouyen</p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council.</p> <p>Ouyen Community</p> <p>Mallee Track Health and Community Service</p> <p>State/Federal Government</p>	<p>2008-2030</p>	<p>The Ouyen Community Plan was developed from a partnership project between the Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Mallee Track Health and Community Service as a component of the Victorian Governments Rural Futures Initiative. This drought initiative is designed to support Victoria’s rural communities to proactively prepare and respond to pressures and change.</p> <p>Community Priorities identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar Towers Power Generation</li> <li>• Recycling Park</li> <li>• Retirement Village</li> <li>• Recreation Facilities for young and older members of the community</li> </ul>
<p>Community Plans for:</p> <p>. Nangiloc/Colignan/Red Cliffs</p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p>		<p>Community Plans under development.</p>

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<b>6.0 Water, Utilities and Environment</b>				
<p><b>6.1 Environment Awareness Strategy /Environmental Strategy</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">6.1.1 Environmental Awareness Strategy</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	2007-2011	<p>MRCC seeks to provide increased environmental awareness through a range of communications as well as supporting community action and behavioural change toward ecologically sustainable living. Council will support and implement an integrated education program that includes key areas such as waste management, biodiversity, air pollution, urban design, public open spaces and water conservation and pollution. Many of the actions undertaken are sourced from various strategies and plans adopted by Council.</p>
<p><b>6.2 Greenhouse Action Plan</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">6.2.1 Greenhouse Action Plan</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	2007-2012	<p>A report to assist Mildura Rural Council to reduce green house gas emissions.</p> <p>Mildura Rural Council has worked with the community to introduce measures to endeavour to reduce green house gas emissions.</p>
<p><b>6.3 Sustainable Water Use Plan</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">6.3.1 Sustainable Water use Plan</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	2006 -2010	<p>Mildura Rural City Council (MRCC) sought to develop a Sustainable Water Use Plan (SWUP) in accordance with the Victorian Government's White Paper on 'Securing Our Water Future Together'. The SWUP focuses on Council assets only and aims to set objectives and targets for water use reduction;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detail a series of actions for achieving these targets over a 5 year period; and</li> <li>• Support the broader objectives of MRCC's Environment Strategy related to water management.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>6.4 Waste Water Facilities</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">6.4.1 Wentworth, Dareton and Namatjira Sewerage Scheme Options Development Report</a></p>	Wentworth Shire	Wentworth Shire Council	2009-2012	<p>This will provide early detection of systems that pose a risk to public health and the environment, and will allow remediation of such systems prior to failure. By these means, the strategy aims to provide protection to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health</li> <li>• Surface water quality</li> <li>• Groundwater quality</li> <li>• Land systems</li> <li>• Flora and fauna species</li> </ul>
<p><b>6.5 Sunraysia - Solar Energy Capital</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">6.5.1 Solar System Information</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	<p>Solar Systems</p> <p>Mildura Rural City Council</p> <p>Victorian Govt</p> <p>Federal Govt</p>	2010 and ongoing	<p>A \$420 million large-scale solar power plant – the biggest and most efficient solar photovoltaic power station in the world - is to be built in north-west Victoria.</p> <p>Australian company Solar Systems will demonstrate its unique, world leading design incorporating space technology in a 154MW solar power station connected to the national electricity grid.</p> <p>The power station will use high performance solar cells originally developed to power satellites. Solar Systems has developed the capability to concentrate the sun by 500 times onto the solar cells for ultra high power output.</p> <p>The Victorian power station will generate clean electricity directly from the sun to meet the annual needs of over 45,000 homes with zero greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The Australian Treasurer Peter Costello announced a \$75 million grant to the project under the Federal Government's Low Emissions Technology Demonstration Fund (LETDF). Solar Systems was one of more than 30 companies that bid for \$500 million under the LETDF</p>

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				<p>program, which aims to foster competitive technology that will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</p> <p>The Victorian Premier Steve Bracks announced that the Victorian Government will also support the project with a grant of \$50 million; recognising the significant benefits that the project will bring to the State.</p> <p>The station will be built in north-west Victoria. Solar Systems will build the power station across a number of different sites and will consult with local Government and communities about appropriate locations. Solar Systems has formed a new company – Solar Systems Generation Pty Ltd to construct the station.</p> <p>The project is also important for Victoria’s and Australia’s economy. It is expected to create approximately 950 new jobs at the peak of construction and be a catalyst for a new industry that will create more than 10,000 permanent jobs.</p>

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<b>7.0 Agriculture and Business Services</b>				
<p><b>7.1 Water for Permanent Plantings</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">7.1.1 Letter to Minister Albanese</a></p> <p><a href="#">7.1.2 "Water: Community Challenges and Possible Assistance Packages"</a></p> <p><a href="#">7.1.3 Mallee CMA – Drought Impact Study</a></p>	<p>Mildura Rural City Council</p>	<p>Horticultural Industries</p>	<p>Immediate Action</p>	<p>The letter to Minister Albanese outlines the current situation facing the Sunraysia regions permanent plantings and due to the lack of current water allocations.</p> <p>The purpose of the “Water: Community Challenges and Possible Assistance Packages” was to provide information/notes to Sunraysia ACC regarding the regional impacts of:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Positive and Negative Impacts of Water Reform</li> <li>2. Social Issues of Water Reform</li> <li>3. Community implications</li> <li>4. Short and Long term issues</li> <li>5. Structural adjustment and Third part impacts</li> </ol> <p>The Drought Impact Study was commissioned by the Mallee Catchment Management Authority (Mallee CMA). The study was initiated by SunRISE 21 and supported by Lower Murray Water (LMW) and the First Mildura Irrigation Trust (FMIT) with the provision of irrigation supply information.</p> <p>The purpose of the study is to establish, with a high degree of confidence, areas of irrigated plantings in the pumped irrigation districts that have gone out of production as a result of being ‘turned off’ (i.e. not irrigated). The pumped districts comprise Mildura, Merbein, Red Cliffs and Robinvale with a total irrigable area of 16,230 hectares in 2006 and an estimated 1,843 properties.</p>

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<b>8.0 Welfare and Support Services</b>				
<b>8.1 Mallee Family Care</b> See Reference Material:  <a href="#">8.1.1 Mallee Family Care Strategic Plan 2006-2009</a>	Mildura Rural City Council	South West New South Wales	On-going	<p>Mallee Family Care's services operate across both the Southern and Northern Mallee which includes the areas covered by Mildura Rural City Council, Swan Hill City Council and areas within the Gannawarra Shire, the Shire of Wentworth and the Shire of Balranald.</p> <p>Mallee Family Care was established in 1979 and is charged with the challenge of assisting vulnerable families in North West Victoria and South West New South Wales. In less than 30 years, this organisation has established itself as a well regarded provider of services in family support, community law, mental health, care for the disabled, relationship counselling and community development.</p>
<b>8.2 Older People</b>  See Reference Material:  <a href="#">8.2.1 Older People Feasibility Full Summary Report</a>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	2004-2010	<p>Mildura Rural City Council has a significant and growing aged population. The needs of older people have changed significantly in recent years, as have government policies and levels of funding, resourcing and service provision. It is therefore, extremely important that Council ensure that its effort in the provision of services and facilities for its older community have kept pace with changing needs and trends and will continue to do so in the future.</p> <p>Council is one of the major providers of services to the community and as a community leader should play a major role in addressing the issues surrounding the ageing population. It is vital that we have a strategy in place that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifies the major aged care issues facing our community</li> <li>• defines the role Mildura Rural City Council will play in addressing the issues</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• describes how Mildura Rural City Council will work with other agencies.</li> </ul> <p>The major findings were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there is a growing demand for accessible, affordable and relevant aged care services</li> <li>• we lack an accessible, affordable and comprehensive transport system</li> <li>• older people are at risk of physical and social isolation</li> <li>• we have a lack of suitable housing and accommodation options for older people</li> <li>• there is a lack of information available about services, activities and opportunities for older people</li> <li>• older people are concerned about feeling safe</li> <li>• we need to place greater emphasis on the health and well-being of older people</li> </ul>

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<p><b>8.3 Mildura Social Indicators, 2008</b></p> <p>See Reference Material:</p> <p><a href="#">8.3.1 Social Indicators Study 2008</a></p>	Mildura Rural City Council	Mildura Rural City Council	2008 and On-going	<p>The present publication testifies to the seriousness of Council's commitment to basing its social planning on tangible evidence. In 2006 <i>Mildura Social Indicators</i> presented data on the general profile of the region, the presence of different forms of social distress, health problems and strengths, community safety, the structure of the regional economy, the educational progress of young people and qualifications of adults, and the use made of cultural repositories (essentially the Art Gallery and local libraries).</p> <p>The picture that emerged from that data review has assisted in the region's dealings with other levels of government and has attracted the interest of other regional councils, particularly in Victoria. More importantly, the data has encouraged discussion between different local organisations and branches of government services leading to a range of new, collaborative community initiatives. Some of these are aimed at reducing what are considered to be problems of one kind or another; others relate more to expanding life opportunities where previously they have been in short supply or not accessed by sections of the Mildura community.</p>

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## Water, Utilities & Environment

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