

3.4 Chillagoe

Our Community Vision

In 2024, imagine Chillagoe is still a small remote town with its unique lifestyle, history and heritage preserved.

Our parks, gardens, town facilities and services, such as Chillagoe Hospital and the Hub, are maintained to a high standard for use by residents and tourists. We still have our strong community spirit, reflected in our volunteers, clubs and community events, including thriving community markets and the annual rodeo.

Our highly valued natural resources and environment continue to offer opportunities in mining and outback adventure tourism, sustaining local businesses and inviting investment in our town leading to enhanced community capacity and assets.

Our Aboriginal heritage also offers opportunities for Indigenous businesses in cultural and environmental tourism.

Chillagoe remains accessible with good roads and a well maintained airstrip.



Community planning meeting held during the Chillagoe Markets, Saturday 25th June 2011

Chillagoe district population: 377
Chillagoe Indigenous Population: 75
(20% of total population)
ABS 2006 Census Usual Residents

Community Priorities ~ This plan reflects the aspirations of local residents. Council and other community partners will use these aspirations to guide future planning and consider which actions they can implement.

3.4.1 Animal control

- (i) Conduct regular animal control patrols including at night. **TRC**
- (ii) Ensure stricter enforcement of animal control regulations. **TRC**
- (iii) Address health issues in infected and sick dogs. **TRC, Queensland Government**

3.4.2 Sport and recreational facilities

- (i) Explore funding options to employ a Sport and Recreation Officer. **Community, Chillagoe Alliance**
- (ii) Upgrade existing sport and recreation facilities including:
 - Upgrade 10 Acre Sports Field including installing lights
 - Install lighting in playground behind hall
 - Clean out swimming hole at the weir
 - Install power points and street lights in front of hall. **TRC, Queensland Government, Community, Businesses**
- (iii) Upgrade Rodeo grounds with tree planting and new toilet block. **TRC, Rodeo Committee, Queensland Government, Community, Businesses**
- (iv) Investigate feasibility of building a multi purpose sport and recreational facility at the Rodeo grounds. **Community, Businesses, Chillagoe Alliance, Rodeo Committee, Sporting Club**

Community Participation

No community participation benchmark set as Chillagoe is a small community. 75 residents participated in the community planning workshop, Indigenous planning workshop and regional survey to develop the Chillagoe plans.

3.4.4 Expand library

- (i) Investigate feasibility of expanding library. **TRC, Community**
- (ii) Conduct more activities for children in the library. **TRC**

3.4.5 Town infrastructure

- (i) Maintain vacant blocks and enforce regular mowing and other maintenance. **Property Owners, TRC**
- (ii) Improve drinking water quality and supply. **TRC**
- (iii) Upgrade town infrastructure:
 - More street lighting
 - Better storm water drainage in town. **TRC, Dept of Transport and Main Roads**

3.4.6 Upgrade industrial area

- (i) Investigate feasibility of upgrading electricity and water infrastructure in the industrial area. **TRC, Property Owners, Ergon Energy**

3.4.7 Retain town character

- (i) Raise awareness amongst business owners about local identity, history and special features and characteristics to encourage preservation of buildings and promote local history and identity. **Chillagoe Alliance, Community, Business Owners**
- (ii) Record and promote the town history, climate, diversity, proximity to International airport and unique geographic location. **Chillagoe State Primary School**

Promoting Chillagoe's mining heritage is an important community aspiration. Photo courtesy: Sue Colman

