

# 3-5 Chillagoe Indigenous Community

## Our Community Vision

In 2021, imagine Chillagoe is a friendly, clean, safe town free of pollution. Our people are healthy and enjoy access to the natural environment for fishing, hunting and cultural activities.

Traditional artworks and heritage are cared for by local Aboriginal people and other community members in partnership together. There is no overcrowding with housing for all and Elders have lots of support.

We have formed good partnerships to create jobs, businesses and services that are owned by Aboriginal people.

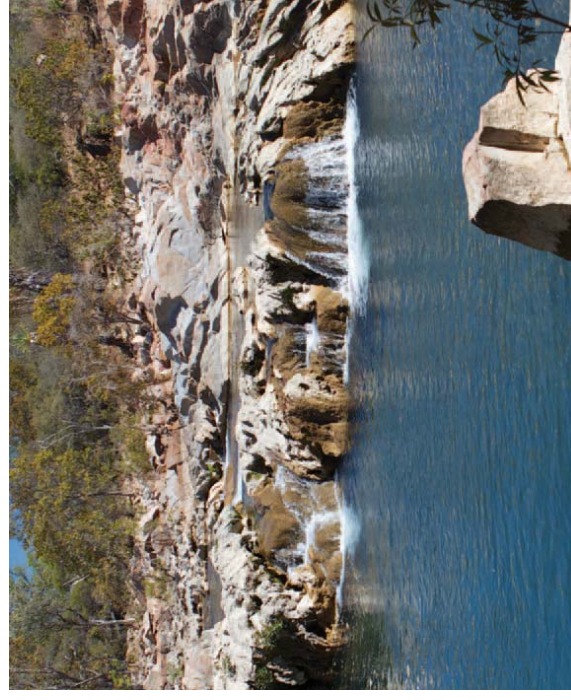
Our Chillagoe Indigenous Co-op is strong and speaks with a strong, clear voice to represent the interests of the Aboriginal people of Chillagoe.

**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.

### 3-5.1 Employment and training

- (i) Negotiate with employment services to identify achievable employment outcomes e.g. to explore jobs for Indigenous people in the mines. *Employment Services*
- (ii) Annual training calendar developed, promoted and delivered in the community. *Cairns Regional CDEP*
- (iii) Link training with mining job opportunities. *Cairns Regional CDEP*
- (iv) Facilitate and organize meeting with Kagara Mining Company and local employers to promote employment of local Aboriginal people. *Cairns Regional CDEP, Department of Communities, Indigenous Coordination Centre.*

- (v) Explore funding for training for people not on CDEP or income support payments. *Dept of Education and Training, Dept of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations*



Recreational areas such as Bogey Hole should be maintained regularly



Nearly all of Chillagoe's Aboriginal adult residents attended the Indigenous Planning Workshop on 31st May 2011

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

### 3-5.2 Sport and recreational facilities

- (i) Organise weekly delivery of Men's Health "Pit Stop" program. *Health Services*
- (ii) Bogey Swimming Hole maintained regularly to provide all year round access. *Volunteers, CDEP, Chillagoe Co-op, TRC*
- (iii) Greater access to community hall for Indigenous community to host music events, discos etc. *Indigenous Co-op, TRC*
- (iv) Upgrade Ten Acres Sports Field by building:
  - Toilet block
  - Shade shelter
  - Rainwater drinking tanks
  - Water fountain and bottle fill
  - Seating
  - Lighting
  - Gas or wood BBQ. *TRC, Community Project, CDEP Project, Lions Club, Businesses*

- (v) Investigate feasibility of organizing more sport and recreation activities including:
  - Annual Golf competition
  - Tai Chi classes
  - Activities at Ten Acres Sports Field. *Community members*

- (vi) Conduct Vacation Care Programs for ages 10-18 years including discos, music events, excursions, movies, sports. *Government funding programs, Youth at Risk Program, Mulungu Mums and Bubs Program, TRC Youth Development Officer, Student Work Experience, CDEP, Chillagoe School*

- (vii) Investigate feasibility of establishing funded Sport and Recreation Officer Position. *Indigenous Co-op*

### 3-5-3 Appropriate housing

- (i) Undertake assessment of Chillagoe Indigenous housing needs. *Dept of Communities, Cairns and District Regional Housing Corporation*

- (ii) Housing application forms to be available at CDEP office and Post Office. *Dept of Communities*

- (iii) Regular housing needs and maintenance assessments to be conducted by Chillagoe housing providers with regular repairs and maintenance performed. *Dept of Communities, Cairns and District Regional Housing Corporation*

- (iv) Install rainwater tanks to existing social housing in Chillagoe. *Dept of Communities, Cairns and District Regional Housing Corporation*

- (v) Conduct regular Tenant Union Information Sessions. *CDEP, Tableland Tenancy Advice Service*

- (vi) Request environmental safety assessment of houses with identified issues. *Housing Tenants, TRC*

- (vii) Conduct assessment of available land for future housing. *TRC, Dept of Communities, Dept of Environment and Resource Management*

- (viii) Increased outreach services to assist residents with housing issues. *Dept of Communities*

- (ix) Appropriate housing is designed and built to suit Chillagoe Indigenous population i.e. single men and women, Elder cottages, duplexes, 5 to 6 bedroom homes for large families. *Dept of Communities, Cairns and District Regional Housing Corporation, Developers*

- (x) Appropriate ongoing planning and funding for housing infrastructure in Chillagoe happens. *Dept of Communities, Cairns and District Regional Housing Corporation, TRC*

### 3-5.4 Improve health services

- (i) Regular fortnightly clinics to be delivered by Indigenous Health Service providers including offering more child and adult health checks and provide a visiting dental service. *Mamu Remote Health Services, Queensland Health, Royal Flying Doctor Service*

- (ii) Conduct health partnership action meetings between Indigenous community and health services. *Mamu Remote Health Services, Queensland Health, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Chillagoe Indigenous Community*

- (iii) Investigate options for community transport for specialist health appointments. Conduct community meeting to discuss transport issues and making better use of the Patient Transport Scheme. *Chillagoe Co-op, Queensland Health*

- (iv) Conduct more and improved Health Programs: school programs, preventing chronic disease, men and women's health issues. *Queensland Health, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Mamu Remote Health Services, Queensland Health, Royal Flying Doctor Service*

### 3-5-5 Town infrastructure

- (i) Install rain water tanks in social housing at Chillagoe. *Dept of Communities, Cairns and District Regional Housing Corporation*

- (ii) Review location of rain water tanks and connection to house water supply in Cairns Regional Housing houses. *Cairns and District Regional Housing Corporation*

- (iii) Talk with landlords of private rental properties regarding installation of rainwater tanks. *Community*

- (iv) Investigate ways to improve water quality and supply for current and future demands. *TRC*

- (v) Identify tenure and blocks zoned rural where horses can be agisted. *TRC*

- (vi) Enforce horses being restrained on fenced property in suitable paddocks and not on town blocks. *TRC*

- (vii) Investigate TRC block at bottom of airstrip and its availability for horse agistment (The State Paddock). *Community, TRC*

- (viii) Install a cement footpath on the right hand side of Queen St heading to Mareeba: start at National Park Office at the corner of Cathedral St through to Dinosaur Park. *TRC, Dept of Transport and Main Roads*

- (ix) Improve storm water drains on Queen St beside new footpath, from King St to Queen St to Tower St. *TRC, Dept of Transport and Main Roads*

- (x) Investigate feasibility of introducing a household rubbish collection service including the possibility of contracting CDEP to operate the service. *TRC, CDEP*

- (xi) Investigate feasibility of creating a heavy vehicle bypass for Queen St due to health and safety issues. *TRC, Dept of Transport and Main Roads*

- (xii) Negotiate with TRC for the installation of street lighting for Atherton St, Knowe St, Hospital Ave, Aerodrome Rd, Frew St, Ten Acre Sports Field. *TRC, Community*

### Community Participation

No community participation benchmark set as Chillagoe is a small community. 30 residents participated in the Indigenous planning workshop to develop this plan.