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Stories of Palmwoods



Place Making Palmwoods

The purpose of this Mesterplan is to define the blueprint for the 'look and feet' of the Palmwoods streets and public spaces. It draws inspiration from the town's identity, character and community values.

This Masterplan applies core place making principles with a focus of people, place, and partnerships. Place making is an integrated approach to working with communities to create meaningful and activated places. It is a powerful and holistic process of understanding, facilitation, innovation and activation that grows unique, resilient and vibrant communities.

This Masterplan has been developed in collaboration with the Palmwoods community following an extensive engagement process that occurred between November 2013 and August 2014.

Key objectives of the Masterplan are to:

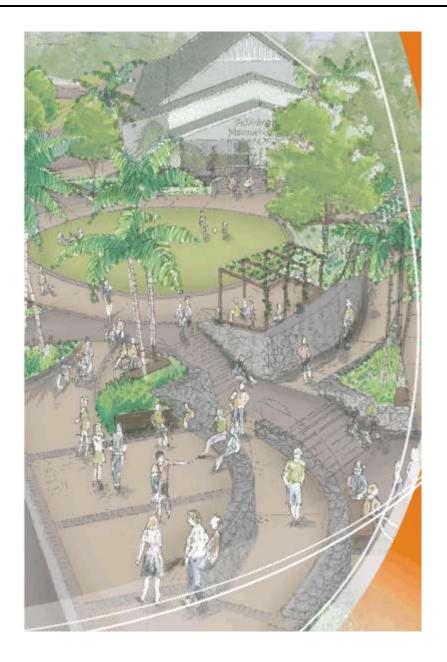
- To provide traffic calming outcomes and safe pedestrian crossing facilities
- To develop a new Town Square as the 'civic heart' of Palmwoods
- To connect the retail precincts of Margaret, Main and Church Streets through vibrant, active, shady, pedestrian and cycle friendly streets and public spaces
- To develop community gathering/seating points, and more outdoor dining opportunities
- To develop a streetscape planting and infrastructure palette that reflects the Palmwoods country town character

The Masterplan is aligned with legislation and the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014, supporting Palmwoods role as a Local (Full Service) Activity Centre. The Masterplan provides strategic direction and guidance for:

- The public domain and open space network.
- Streetscape improvements provided as part of the development application process.
- Identifying future projects, partnerships and potential funding sources from all levels of government and the private sector.
- The delivery of public infrastructure through council's Capital Works Program:
 - \$2.5million Priority Streetscape Improvements (2017/18 Financial Year - subject to council budget process. NOTE: approx \$2.0M construction budget).

With respect to the development process, the Palmwoods local plan code in the Sunshine Coast. Planning Scheme 2014, requires development adjacent to identified primary streetscape treatment areas to provide streetscape improvements to complement existing and proposed streetscape works in the local area.

The Place Making Palmwoods Public Domain Masterplan will be a key referral document upon which those streetscape works will be designed and constructed, and will inform the conditions of approval for refevant development applications.

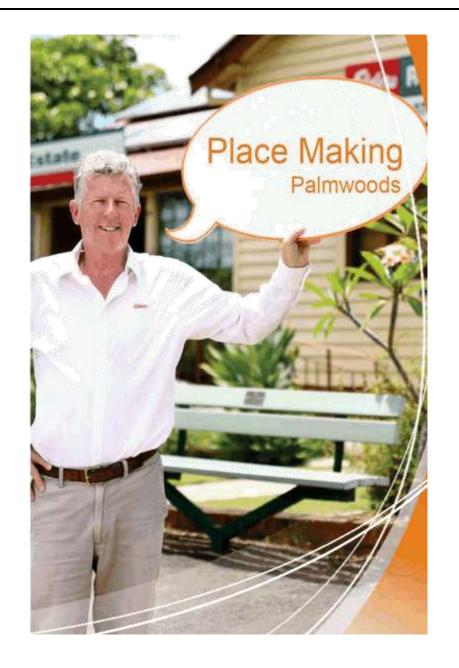


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1.0 Introduction





Palmwoods

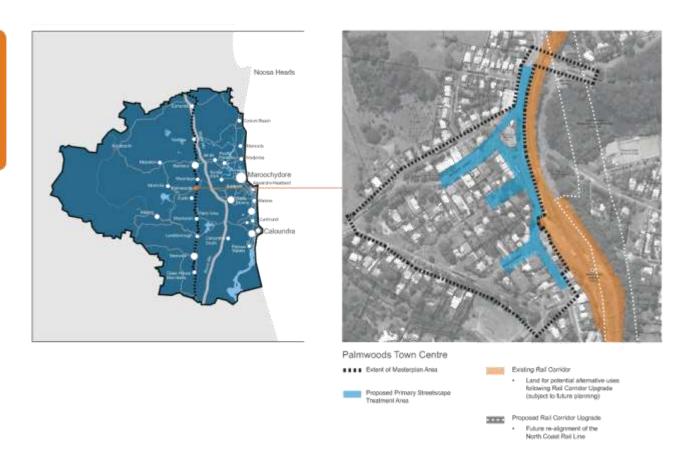
Palmwoods is located in the central part of the Sunshine Coast on the North Coast Rail Line intractately south of Nambour and Woombys. Palmwoods is set within a pictureague rural and natural landscape on the footbils of the Backall Range. Palmwoods is characterized by an undulating topography and is surrounded by large arress of productive rural land. It is believed that Aboriginal pathways, or wasking tracks were once located through and behind Palmwoods, linking the coast to nearby Eudio and Mooloolah (Kerry Jones, 2014).

Palmwoods is named after the Piccabeen Palm groves that grew in abundance in the area. Settlement of the area dates from the 1880s, with land used mainly for timber-getting, farming and citrus growing. Growth took place during the late 1800s, spurred by the opening of the railway line in 1891. Significant residential development did not occur until the post-war years, with rapid growth from the 1970s.

The Painwoods Town Centre is based along Main Street and Margaret Street and has a traditional main street character with a number of older buildings that provide a strong sense of history. The town centre services local residents and nearby rural residential areas, whilst also providing tourist services to visitors.

The North Coast Rail Line is planned to be subject to re-alignment and duplication, with the proposed new alignment through Palmwoods shifting the rail line and station to the east and freeing up existing rail land for alternative uses and potential improvements to the town centre (subject to future planning).

The extent of this Masterplan is focused on the Public Domain areas located to the west of the existing rail alignment, future proofing infrastructure improvements within the proposed Primary Streetscape Treatment Area (as nominated in the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014).





Place Making



Project Purpose

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Project Methodology

The Place Making Palmwoods Public Domain Masterplan is to be delivered through a staged process of community engagement, detail design and construction delivery of priority works to occur between the 2013 - 2018 financial years (subject to councils budget approval process).

Project Objectives

- To provide traffic calming outcomes and safe pedestrian crossing facilities
- To develop a new Town Square as the 'civic heart' of Palmwoods
- To connect the retail precincts of Margaret, Main and Church Streets through vibrant, active, shady, pedestrian and cycle friendly streets and public spaces
- To develop community gathering/seating points, and more outdoor dining opportunities
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2013/2014 - Community Engagement and Public Domain Masterplan

The Masterplan was delivered through three stages with each stage focused around community and stakeholder engagement:

- · Stage 1 Values and Identity
- Stage 2 Community Workshops
- Stage 3 Development of the Place Making Palmwoods Public Domain Masterplan

Key Community Issues:

The following is a summary of key issues identified during the community workshops:

- · Segregated commercial precincts
- Lack of community civic space
- · Traffic speed and safety on Margaret Street
- Dangerous road intersections
- Improve pedestrian pathways / crossing points / access / toilet / lighting
- Retaining the village's historical identity / character
- Residents are not shopping local
- Need more landscaping and shade in town
- Lack of entry statements and poor town signage
- · Capture passing tourist market

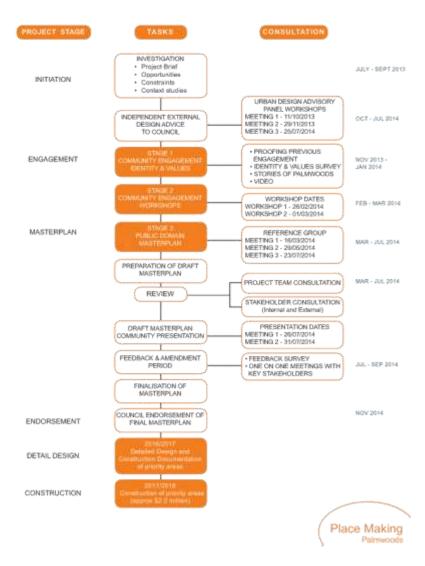
The Public Domain Masterplan was subsequently developed to address these community issues.

2016/2017 - Detailed Design

- Confirm construction priority area(s) relevant to budget available
- Detailed Design and Construction Documentation of priority area(s)

2017/2018 - Construction

 Construction of priority streetscape works \$2.5million (2017/18 Financial Year subject to council budget approval process) NOTE: approx \$2.0M construction budget





Corporate Plan

The Sunshine Coast Council Corporate Plan 2014-2019 outlines Council's assirational vision for the Sunshine Coast.

To be Australia's most sustainable region - vibrant, green, diverse.

This Masterplan demonstrates Council's corporate initiative of place making to create and protect towns with unique and individual identities.

The following adopted council strategies, plans and policy documents, have been considered in the development of this Masterplan.

- · Sustainable Transport Strategy 2011-2031
- Active Transport Plan 2011-2031
- Sunshine Coast The Natural Advantage: Regional Economic Development Strategy 2013–2033
- Rural Futures Strategy 2013
- Open Space Strategy 2011
- . Biodiversity Strategy 2010
- Waterways & Coastal Management Strategy 2011
- Recreation Trail Plan 2012
- Public Art Policy 2011
- Festival Season Strategy 2010-2015
- Community Events and Celebrations Strategy 2010
- . Youth Strategy 2010-2015

Related Projects (separate from Masterplan)

The Masterplan is focused on the Public Domain areas of Palmwoods streets and open spaces located to the west of the existing rail corridor. This Masterplan is separate from the following related projects:

- Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 (private land areas)
- Future State Government rail corridor upgrade
- · Future private developments

Design Parameters

- Margaret Street is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transport & Main Roads (TMR)
- The Palmwoods Memorial Hall land is owned by the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) and managed by the Palmwoods Memorial Hall Association.
- Availability of future Capital Works Budgets and alternative grant funding opportunities









Sunshine Coast Open Space Strategy 2011

The strategy provides the following future directions for Palmwoods, supporting the potential development of a Town Square:

- Consider opportunities for a local recreation park and civic space in the town centre to activate the community hub in Palmwoods
- Community hub parks should contain good physical and visual connectivity with active areas, civic spaces and commercial and community facilities including cafés, restaurants, etc.





What is Place Making?

Place making is an integrated approach to working with communities to create meaningful and activated places. It is a powerful and holistic process of understanding, localitation, innovation and activation that grows uniking on a place's unique identity and character to enhance the way people think so they develop a sense of place and beconging.

There are a number of key principles that support council's place making vision:

- community values and people are at the heart of place making
- engaging and collaborating with stakeholders and community
- · building community capacity to take action
- the 'look and feel' of our community centres should reflect the values of the people and place
- achieving integrated and sustainable place outcomes.

Place Making Themes

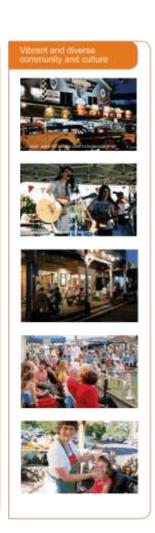
Results from the Community Identity and Values Survey have informed the following key place making themes to help guide the development of the Masterplan:

- · Connecting the community
- · Local heritage places
- · Natural environment and sustainable living
- · Vibrant and diverse community and culture











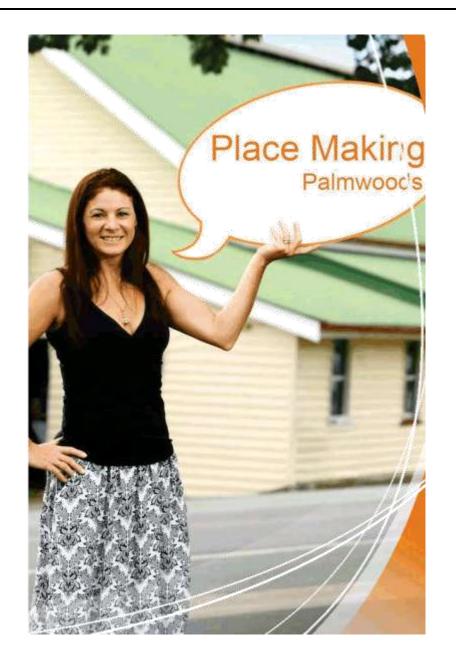
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Community Engagement





Engagement Summary

The Place Making Palinwoods Public Domain Masterplain has been delivered through three stages, with each stage focused around community and stakeholder engagement. This collaborative and participatory community engagement process has resulted in a resounding 96% support for the Draft Masterplain when presented to the community in July / August 2014.

Stage 1 - Community Engagement Values and Identity

Proofing the previous engagement:

Between November 2013 and January 2014 council completed one on one meetings with key stakeholders comprising of Palmwoods businesses and community groups. In total six groups and fourteen businesses participated testing the previously developed plans and proposals for Palmwoods that occurred between 2002 - 2008.

Identity & values survey:

The survey was open to the Palmwoods community from 26 February to 31 March 2014. The survey was managed through survey monkey and completed by 85 people. Council is currently undertaking an online survey with a focus of how the youth of Palmwoods would like to use a future Town Square and flexible spaces.

Stories of Palmwoods:

Council completed a series of interviews with residents for compilation of the 'Stories of Palmwoods'. These stories will be used to inform the Masterplan and may guide future themes for a public art brief and potential interpretive projects.

Video:

A show reel of what people said about Palmwoods is available to view on youtube www.youtube.com/ watch?v=1H-ycHmmMZA.



Stage 1 - Results

Survey results have strongly identified Palmwoods as a country town with heritage character. There is also a substantial link to the railway and alternative living. Locals appreciate the laid back lifestyle in Palmwoods and feel they are part of a connected and friendly community.

The people of Palmwoods are a diverse mix with a strong presence of young families and retired people. This includes multi-generational families still living in the town. Participants also identified farmers and people seeking alternative or sustainable lifestyles.

The community vision for the town is to maintain its village and historical character with an active public space and connected walking paths. Respondents also expressed a desire to be able to shop and socialise locally. Improved landscaping, trees, community events and markets are also a priority.

There is also a feeling the town could be promoted as a tourism stopover and a gateway to the hinterland. Improved entry statements and wayfinding signage are also desired.

Slowing down traffic and creating a more pedestrian friendly environment in the town centre is part of the community's vision for Palmwoods. There is also interest in promoting the town as a precinct for education, creativity and local produce.

Partnerships between business, the community and council have been identified as key components to help Palmwoods advance. Developing a coordinated plan for precinct events, programs and funding opportunities is also identified as key priority.

Figure 1: How would you describe the identity of Palmwoods?

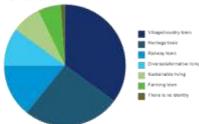
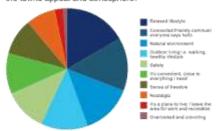


Figure 2: What do you love about Palmwoods, what is the towns appeal and atmosphere?







Stage 2 - Community Engagement Workshops

Council invited the community to provide input into the Place Making Palmwoods Public Domian Masterplan, with workshops hald at the Palmwoods Bowls Club on 26 February and 1 March 2014. The workshops were formatted around three themisd tables for community discussion and feedback.

- Table A: Masterplan Concept Diogram
- Table B: Town Square
- Table C: Margaret Street

In total 75 participants attended the two workshops, providing clear direction for the development of the Draft Masterplan.

Stage 2 - Results

Table A: Masterplan - Concept Diagram

Community Issues:

- 1.1 Segregated commercial precincts
- 1.2 Poor town navigation
- 1.3 Uptake of sustainable transport options
- 1.4 Car parking areas
- 1.5 Lack of pedestrian lighting

Workshop Discussion

 There was strong feedback for the need to improve pedestrian connections across the road network (particularly Margaret Street). Consider through block connections in future planning. Investigate future off-street car parking.

Design Response

Refer to appendix for community workshop plan.



Table B: Town Square

Community Issues:

- 2.1 Lack of town heart
- 2.2 Lack of community spaces
- 2.3 Lack of shade
- 2.4 Poor toilet block location
- 2.5 Retention of significant views

Workshop Discussion

- There was full support for developing a Town Square. This open space would provide a large flat open area for community events and social gatherings.
- The supported concept allows for a two-way street in front of the heritage shops with parallel car parking. The option for a one-way street was investigated and deemed not feasible, due to the need for a large vehicle turn around facility at the eastern end of Hill Street (impacting on existing car parks and significant trees).
- Vehicle access from Main Street to the square is unachievable due to technical engineering constraints. However, access for all users is enabled through pedestrian ramps and stairs.
- Following investigation the potential toilet block relocation below the Town Square was deemed not feasible due to visual surveillance, safety and cost issues. However, beautification of the existing toilet block and the potential future relocation to the east of the current site, would improve views and the open space area to the north of the Memorial Hall.

Design Response

Refer to appendix for community workshop plan.









Table C: Margaret Street

Community Issues:

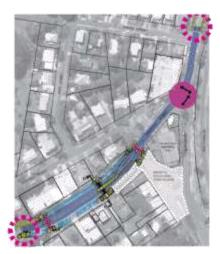
- 3.1 Reduce speed on Margaret Street
- 3.2 Lack of safe pedestrian crossing opportunities
- 3.3 Dangerous intersections

Workshop Discussion

- In the first workshop Council presented two options for Margaret Street. Option one included centre median street tree planting with parallel parking to the north side of the street, and nose-in angled parking to the south. Option two explored nose-in angled parking to both the north and south sides of the street. Strong feedback was provided to not change the existing road layout adjacent to Ricks Diner.
- Following feedback from the first workshop, a third option was sketched for Margaret Street. This was based on a simplified option for the street that looked at retaining the existing parking and centre median line marking, with two improved pedestrian crossing facilities: One opposite Rick's Diner and the other in front of the Heritage Bank/ Post Office. This third option was the preferred option when presented at the second workshop.
- There was overall support for a 40 km/h zone through town on Margaret Street with only some negative feedback.

Design Response

Refer to appendix for community workshop plan.



Stage 3 - Community Engagement Public Domain Masterplan

Palmwoods Masterplan Reference Group:

Three reference group meetings were held with 38 interested community members attending:

- Meeting 1 (16/03/2014) Presented survey results and development of design brief for the Town Square and Margaret Street.
- Meeting 2 (29/05/2014) Presented draft plans for feedback and further development of options for the Town Square.
- Meeting 3 (23/07/2014) Presented Draft Public Domain Masterplan

Public Domain Masterplan

Community Presentations

Two community presentations of the Draft Masterplan were held on Saturday 26th and Thursday 31st July 2014.

Draft Masterplan Survey

From Saturday 26th July to Monday 18th August, the Draft Masterplan was subject to a three week notification period, during which two information sessions were held with the community to obtain one-on-one feedback. Council officers also met with individual business owners to the Main Street heritage shops to identify specific feedback and issues. Overall, 58 survey respondents were received on the Draft Masterplan, with 96% support for the proposal.





Community Engagement

Summary of Draft Masterplan Feedback

ITEM	DRAFT MASTERPLAN FEEDBACK	RESPONSE	FINAL MASTERPLAN AMENDMENTS
1.0	Car Parking		
1.1	Concern with loss of car parking to allow for the Town Square	 Relocation of car parks to immediately adjoining locations on Hill and Margaret Streets Masterplan achieves a no net loss of car parking throughout the vitiage centre Masterplan promotes active transport modes through the provision of shady pathways and improved connectivity to encourage people to walk or cycle, rather than drive between shops. 	Review car parking designations and durations in town and install parking signage accordingly
1.2	Potential future 90 degree car parking to Hitl Street received some negative feedback	90 degree parking deleted from Masterplan	90 degree parking deleted from Masterplan
2.0	Road Safety		
2.1	Concern with road safety on Margaret Street	Reduce road sign speed to 40km/h on Margaret St Reduce actual vehicle speeds along Margaret St through: Side friction — Landscaping with street trees on side of road and centre median Road humps Dappted light of trees and landscaping colour Increased number of safe pedestrian crossing facilities: Kerb extensions Raised hump (wombat) crossing near Ricks Diner, with pedestrian crossing Pedestrian refuges Kerb build outs at Main and Margaret St intersection Potential future intersection upgrades (subject to TMR approval) Landscape entry treatments to calm traffic and signify village centre environment	N/A
2.2	Potential future traffic signals at the Main St and Margaret St intersection received some negative feedback	 The Masterplan proposes an improved realigned intersection at Main St and Margaret St (not dependent on traffic signals) A round-about facility is not feasible due to the constrained road reserve space (pinch point between rail corridor and shops) 	N/A
2.3	Feasibility of potential right turn manoeuvre into Margaret Street from the Town Square road connection	Subject to Department of Transport and Main Road approval dependant on: Raised pedestrian crossing and reduce speed limit to Margaret Street	N/A
3.0	Two-way verses one-way road		
3, f	Discussion regarding option for a two-way road verses a one-way adjacent to the Main Street heritage shops and the proposed Town Square	Council met one on one with business owners along the Main Street heritage shops, who had a preference for a one-way road option Council tested both options and confirmed preference for a two-way road configuration. Agreement was achieved with all current business owners to retain the two-way road configuration: The following issues were identified with a one-way road configuration: vehicle/truck turn-around required on Hill Street: rubbish service to both sides of street harmen head not viable due to truck size removes minimum 8 car parks loss of possibly 2 trees amenity of street worsened, not heritage high cost of turn around facility as Hill Street is too steep requiring costly levelling and retaining = impact on Town Square financial schelvability One way does not increase car parks overall One way = Less vehicle movements = Reduced sense of activity in front of shops = potential business trade decrease and vitality Delivery access to shops impacted Difficult reverse parking on right side Not traditional Main St outcome Lacks legibility for visitors Low vehicle numbers (Current VPD = 120 and Future VPD = 210). Note: VPD = Vehicles Per Day (8VPD x 20 units with 75% access eastern end of Hill St) The two-way road configuration meets AustRoads Standards & retains existing memorial pavers	N/A

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Community Engagement

Summary of Draft Masterplan Feedback

TEM	DRAFT MASTERPLAN FEEDBACK	RESPONSE	FINAL MASTERPLAN AMENDMENTS
4.0	Town Square		
4.1	Community preference for Option 1 - Town Square layout	Delete Option 2 - Town Square layout from the Masterplan	Delete Option 2 - Town Square layout from the Masterplan
4.2	Maximise soft surfaces, shade and greenery in the Town Square	 Design review of Option 1 - Town Square area to confirm feasibility of increasing grass area Design review of shade trees and garden bed planting to the Town Square 	During the detail design stage investigate options to maximise soft surfaces, shade and greenery in the Town Square
4.3	Potential roof/shade structure to the Town Square pergola	 The Intention of the proposed pergola structure is to maintain significant views from the Town Square to the surrounding landscape There was also feedback requesting the Town Square to be a flexible space, with no need for roof to structure 	N/A - No roof structure to be added
4.4	Improve outdoor dining opportunities	 The Masterplan aims to promote outdoor dining to frontage of the heritage shops and other areas throughout Palmwoods Opportunity for street activation and markets to the road area adjacent to the Town Square during temporary road closure 	N/A
5.0	Natural Environment and Sustainable Living		t e
5.1	Planting palette should reflect the local regional ecosystem, be easily maintainable, considers opportunities for edible plants (eg. citrus trees and sensory garden beds) and attractive flowers and foliage to create interest.	 Masterplan officers met with Park Maintenance crew and confirmed planting palette options and approval for use of edible plants and sensory species, including plants with attractive flowers and foliage 	Amend Masterplan planting palette and add notation to promote this use.
5.2	Opportunity for potential subsoil water tank below the Town Square for storm water harvest and irrigation	 Include in the Masterplan as a proposal, subject to budget constrains or change in maintenance practice 	During the detail design stage investigate options for underground water tanks to the Town Square
6.0	Heritage Character & Community Identity		
6.1	Feedback to maintain the community values of a country town and heritage character, combined with a vibrant and diverse culture	 Provision of the Town Square improves opportunity for community events and connection The Masterplan streetscape infrastructure patette aims to reflect the community values of a country town and heritage character The Masterplan identifies potential streetscape art opportunities to celebrate local stories and people 	N/A
7.0	Poor Accessibility, Legality and Connectivity	Sendon Marine	3
7.1	Issue with segregated commercial precincts	The Masterplan aims to improve accessibility, legality and connectivity through: Improve pathway connections around town to consider all users (includes mobility scooters) Improve pedestrian road crossing opportunities Consider future cross-block connections Increase shade to pathways with trees and more awnings Increase pathways lighting Provide improved on and off road bike pathways and bike parking Relocate tolist block once it reaches the end of serviceable life to open vista to Memorial Hall Book end the town with entry treatments and streetscape (andscaping to create a destination)	N/A
7.2	lasue with navigation around town	Signage investigation required to determine sign types that reflect the character of Pelmwoods including: Pedestrian wayfinding signage Vehicle signage Heritage signage / trail Community notice board Potential Community Public Art project (beautification of the existing toilet facility)	Include signage investigation in Masterplan
8.0	Business Vitality		
8.1	Issue with residents not shopping local and potential to capture the passing tourist market	 The Masterplan aims to support business vitality Street activation / tourism potential Town Square events such as markets, festivats or outdoor cinema can promote the visitor and tourism potential of Palmwoods. The diverse people and culture, country town atmosphere, heritage character and sustainable lifestyle can create a point of difference as a key destination and gateway to the hintertand Streetscape infrastructure upgrades to improve amenity and desire for passing trade to stop and spend locally New shopping development may improve business confidence and vitality once developed 	N/A



3.0 Place Making Themes



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Connecting the Community - Active Transport Network





Masterplan Objectives

Connecting the community is key objective of the Masterplan, with this chapter identifying potential future active and sustainable transport networks. These plans show current and potential future access networks for all-ability pedestrians, mobility scooters, bicycles, public transport, vehicles and parking to decrease the dependence on private vehicles and encourage a modal shift where possible.

Provision of active transport networks such as walking and cycling contain multi-layered community benefits including improved town centre vibrancy, healthy lifestyles and contribution to the overall sustainability of the

Associated Strategies

- Sustainable Transport Strategy 2011-2031
- Active Transport Plan 2011-2031

Design Response

Local Centre Zone (as per Planning Scheme 2014)



Primary Active Street Frontage (as per Planning Scheme 2014)



Community Facilities Zone (as per Planning Scheme 2014)



Open Space Network



Future Town Square



Potential formal zebra pedestrien crossing

Potential informal pedestrian crossing facilities (pedestrian refuges, kerb build-outs, ramps)



Pedestrias / cycle linkage



Potential future pedestrian through-block



On-road cycle facilities



Bicycle Racks Railway Station



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Bus Stop



Tollet

Place Making



Connecting the Community - Wayfinding & Pedestrian Signage









Design Response

♦••• Pedestrian / cycle linkage

Potential future pedestrian throughblock connection

Major Arrival Points

Decision Points

Informations Signs

Direction Signs

Illuminated Sign (Power Required)

Pictograms

NOTE: Images show Council's Regional Wayfinding Signage Suite 2 - Timber and Aluminium. Refer to Chapter 5.0 Character Patettes for investigation into sign types that reflect the character of Palmwoods.

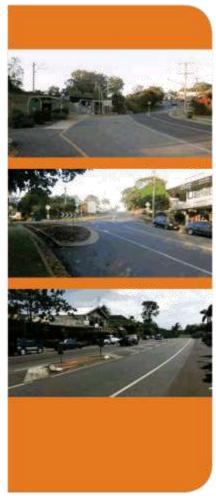
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Place Making Palmwoods Public Domain Masterplan



Connecting the Community - Vehicle Circulation





Masterplan Objectives

The Masterplan has identified improvements for traffic calming, vehicle navigation, circulation and safety with the aim of capturing and servicing potential visitors. The community has identified a strong desire to reduce vehicle speed limits along Margaret Street with improved formal and informal pedestrian facilities.

Associated Strategies

Sustainable Transport Strategy 2011-2031

Design Response

700

Future Town Square

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Existing speed limit 50km/h zone

Potential speed limit reduction 40km/h zone

Ristain existing speed limit

geog

Potential traffic califning device (asphalt speed cushion)



Potential gateway / entry point



(With planting and Kerb build outs)



Potential intersection improvement



Potential formal zebra pedestrian crossing to Margaret Street



Potential informal pedestrian crossing facilities (pedestrian refuges, kerb build-outs, ramps)







Connecting the Community - Vehicle Parking





Masterplan Objectives

Vehicle parking management is fundamental to an integrated transport network. A car parking plan has identified existing and potential future on-street and off-street car parking opportunities.

Car parking change management plant

Potential signage and village car parking pamphlet to increase awareness of all public and private car parking opportunities.

- Promote business owners and staff to park away from priority car parks.
- Review car parking designations and durations in town and install parking signage accordingly.
- Identify potential future public land for offstreet car parking.
- Community to encourage car parking change management actions.
- Negotiate with Queensland Rail (QR) regarding potential future car parking opportunities to east of the existing rail alignment.

Design Response

Existing on-street and off-street car parking

Proposed reconfigured car parking to polential Town Square area

Potential additional on-street car parking

Existing railway station car parking

Potential future off-street car parking
Potential future parking and pedestrian.

connection to the east of Main Street (subject to future cell realignment and planning, Queensland Rail)

Potential future informal temporary gravel car park (Queensland Rell)

> Ratain current informal car parking to east of Main Street

Parking located on private land

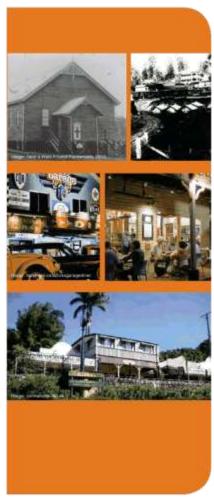
Railway Station

Bus Stop

Place Making



Local heritage places / Vibrant and diverse community and culture





Masterplan Objectives

The Masterplan identifies the local heritage places within Palmwoods, and seeks to support a vibrant and activated town centre with diverse community culture.

Potential future Town Square

The Masterplan responds to the community's strong desire for a new Town Square to be developed as the 'civic heart' of Palmwoods. The Town Square would provide a vibrant community hub park and flexible space for events and activation.

Stories of Palmwoods

Council completed a series of interviews with residents for compilation of the 'Stories of Palmwoods'. These stories have been used to inform the Masterplan and may guide future themes for a public art brief and possible interpretive projects.

Community Networks

- · Local business and property owners
- · Local papers, websites and social media
- Palmwoods Progress Association
- Palmwoods Memorial Half Association
- · Palmwoods Living History Society
- Palmwoods and District RSL
- · Paimwoods Bowis Club Inc
- · Palmwoods/Woombye Lions Club Inc

Associated Strategies

- Community Events and Celebrations Strategy 2010
- Festival Season Strategy 2010-2015
- Public Art Policy 2011
- Youth Strategy 2010-2015
- Open Space Strategy 2011

Design Response



Town Square - Civic Heart Consmunity event space

Local Centre Zones

Diverse activity and community culture.



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Local heritage place



Local heritage apportunity (funding apportunities to be identified)



Integrated public art opportunities

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Appendix A

Natural environment and sustainable living





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Masterplan Objectives

The Masterplan aims to support Palmwoods as a sustainable Local Activity Centre. The community has a strong interest in promoting the town as a precinct for sustainability, creativity and local produce. Council's CommunityHub provides an online networking portal to promote events and existing programs such as:

- Living Smart Palmwoods (Council event)
- Caring for your bushland (Council program)

Local organisations / initiatives

- · Lifestyle cafés, local produce, retail and holistic therapies
- · Compass Institute Inc.
- Palmwoods.net.au

Existing marketing initiatives for promotion of the regions fresh food:

- · 'Seasons of the Sun'
- 'Local Harvest'
- · Sunshine Coast Destinations
- Hinterlandtourism.com.au

Associated Strategies

- · Biodiversity Strategy 2010
- Waterways & Coastal Management Strategy 2011
- + Open Space Strategy 2011
- Recreation Trail Plan 2012
- Rural Futures Strategy 2013

Design Response

Open space areas

Character and native vegetation areas Opportunity to strengthen wildlife corridor through street tree planting

Potential future Town Square to support local

community sustainable initiatives and events Potential future open space area located to

north of CWA Hall (existing road reserve)

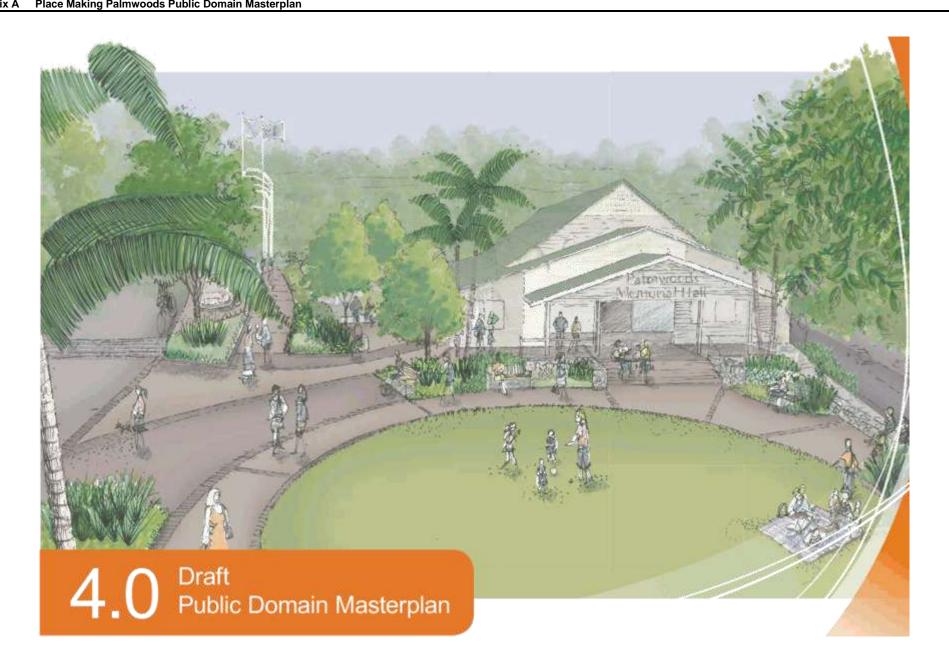
Protection of significant character trees

Potential stormwater drainage improvements with future rail re-alignment.





Waterway / Stream





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Masterplan Purpose

The purpose of this Musterpten is to define the blueprint for the 'look and feet' of the Pairtwoods streets and public spaces. It draws inspiration from the town's identity, character and community values

Key objectives of the Masterplan are to:

- To provide traffic calming outcomes and safe pedestrian crossing facilities
- To develop a new Town Square as the 'civic heart of Palmwoods
- To connect the retail precincts of Margaret, Main and Church Streets through vibrant, active, shady pedestrian and cycle friendly streets and public spaces
- To develop community gathering/seating points, and more outdoor dining opportunities
- To develop a streetscape planting and infrastructure palette that reflects the Palmwoods country town character
- Inform State and Federal Government of the Palmwoods community's desire for future infrastructure.
- Identify future projects, partnerships and potential funding sources from all levels of government and the private sector.
- Inform the delivery of priority public infrastructure through council's Capital Works Program:
- \$2.5million Priority Streetscape Improvements (2017/18 Financial Year - subject to council budget process. NOTE: approx \$2.0M construction budget).





Masterplan - Area 1





Design Response

Bioycle radio

Wayfinding signage

Local heritage opportunity Environmental opportunity Existing railway corridor

Potential intersection upgrade

Gateway / Entry Point

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pedestrian refuges, kerb build-outs, ramps Potential future traffic signals / pedestrian crossing Car parking areas Potential future pedestrian connection (subject to

Potential centre median planting

Potential informal pedestrian crossing facilities,

future rail realignment and planning) Outdoor dining areas Shaded seating areas

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Masterplan - Area 2





Gateway / Entry Point

Existing railway corridor

Potential intersection upgrade

Integrated art opportunity

Local heritage opportunity

Environmental opportunity

pedestrian refuges, kerb build-outs, ramps

Potential centre median planting

Car parking areas:

Potential intersection improvements

Retain current informal car parking

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Potential shaded seating areas

Potential future toilet block relocation

Potential traffic calming rumble strips

Potential link to Station Mesters House

Potential beautification of existing toilet block



Masterplan - Area 3



Car parking areas

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Bicycle racks

Wayfinding eignage

Local heritage apportunity

Polential future pedestrian throughblock connection

Geteway / Entry Point

Potential intersection upgrade

Existing railway corridor

- pedestrian refuges, kerb build-outs, ramps
- Potential shaded seating areas Potential open space area to north of CWA Hall (existing road reserve)
- Existing playground to south of CWA Hall
- Car perking areas
- Potential future informal gravel car park (Queensland Rail)



Town Square - Detail Plan



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Perspective 1 - Yourn Square Area



Perspective 2 - Activation to south of Memorial Hall

- 1. Improved pedestrian connection with steps and all-
- abilities access ramp
- Pedestrian crossing facilities Traffic calming rumble strips
- Gutdoor dining areas to heritage shops on existing
- Activation to southern edge of Memorial Half
- Potential future half information centre
- Family friendly grassed picnic area.
- Shaded seating areas with roix of clear trunk trees and Piposbeen Palms to retain views
- Pergola / climbing plants with opportunity for heritage interpretation / public art
- 10. Flexible space / seeling area / lookout point

- 12. Potential beautification to existing toilet block
- 13. Potential future toilet block relocation to open vista to hall
- 14. Car parking areas
- 15. Retain current informal car parking 16. Potential future car parking and pedestrian connection
- 17. Potential link to future development and Station Masters House
- 18. Potential underground water tanks to Town Square Bicycle recks
- Wayfinding signage
- Integrated art opportunity

Design Principles

- Return existing paying and stops to frontage of heritage stops. Minimise impact to existing Memorial Clock, heritage paying and retaining wall Maximite open space area with single.

Future detail design stage

- Explore options to maximise soft surfaces, shade and greenery in the Town Square
- Explore uptions for integration of 7 Senses design principle



Note

- 1. This Masterplan identifies high level conceptual design and functional areas of the Town Square. The detail design of priority streetscape areas is scheduled for 2016/2017 with construction in 2017/2018 (subject to future funding allocation).
- The Palmwoods Memorial Hall land is owned by the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) and managed by the Painwoods Memorial Hall



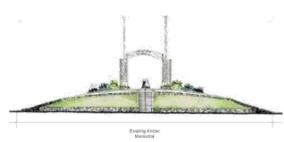
Town Square Activation - Cross Sections



Town Square Normal daily function



Town Square - Normal daily function



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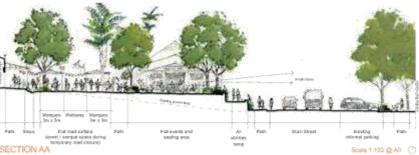




Town Square Event space during temporary road closure

- Flat events area

 - * Pop-up events * Family friendly + Flavible spaces + Outdoor dining



Town Square - Event space during temporary road closure



The Anzac Memorial is managed by the Pairswoods and District RSL and the Palmwoods Memorial Hail.





Town Square Activation - Inspirational Images

Street activation / tourism potential

Town Square events such as markets, festivals or outdoor cinema can promote the visitor and tourism potential of Palmwoods. The diverse people and culture, country town atmosphere, heritage character and sustainable lifestyle can create a point of difference as a key destination and gateway to the hinterland.

Pop-up events - '7 Senses' example

The 7 Senses Street Day is a national event to demonstrate the importance of sensory engagement in daily life. Streets can be places that engage our 7 senses and in doing so create healthier and happier communities that include people of all abilities and wellness, and cultivate activity and play. Opportunity exists to hold similar pop-up events within the Town Square (refer to website www.7senses.org.au).

Flexible seating

During street events flexible seating areas can provide opportunities to invite conversations, build relationships between adults and children; children and children; and adults and adults.

Street activation / tourism potential











Pop-up events - '7 Senses' example













Flexible seating













Community Actions

Community driven events and participation will help support a vibrant and activated flow centre. The following table outlines community ideas that could be considered for implementation by the community with countil support.

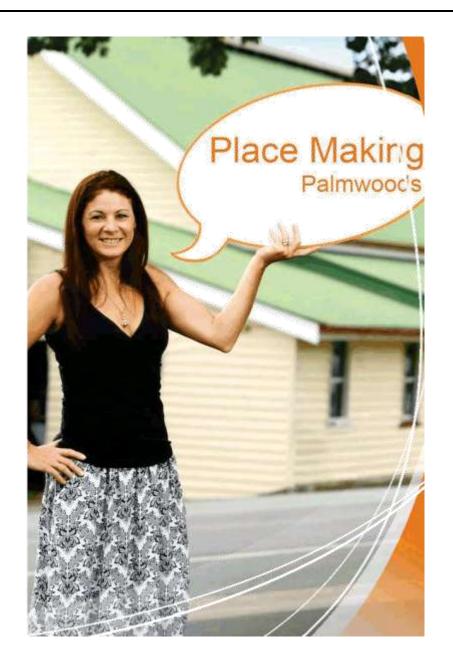
	Action	Statementstatem
7 Senses Day	Annual event to promote street activation prior to future construction of the Town Square: Promotion of 7 Senses design approach Town Square detailed design phase	Palmwoods Progress Association Palmwoods Memorial Half Association Local business and property owners Local papers, websites and social media
Palmwoods Anzac Memorial Project	Community driven project and investigation of potential grant opportunities and funding models for the Palmwoods Anzac Memorial including: Ultimate vision for Anzac Memorial (usable flat area, seating and landscaping)	The Palmwoods Memorial Hall land is owned by the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) and managed by the Palmwoods Memorial Hall Association
Paintwoods Memorial Half Improvements	Community driven project and investigation of potential grant opportunities and funding models for improvements to the Palmwoods Memorial Hall including: Activation to southern edge of Memorial Hall Potential future hall information centre	The Palmwoods Memorial Hall land is owned by the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) and managed by the Palmwoods Memorial Hall Association
Beautification of toilet facility	Potential Public Art Community Project requiring submission and approval by Council. Community-led projects may include: Public Art Community Project / Artistic signage to toilet block wall Garden bed planting or climbing trellis structure to front of toilet block wall Combinations of the above	Palmwoods Progress Association Palmwoods Memorial Hall Association Sunshine Coast Council
Heritage Walk	Community driven project and investigation of potential grant opportunities and funding models for Hentage signage and trait. Refer to councils WALK Sunshine Coast Hentage Trait example project in Buderim.	Palmwoods Living History Society Palmwoods Progress Association Palmwoods Memorial Half Association Sunshine Coest Council
Parking	Community to encourage car parking change management actions including: Potential signage and village car parking pamphiet to increase awareness of all public and private car parking opportunities Promote business owners and staff to park away from priority car parks	Palmwoods Progress Association Local business and property owners Local papers, websites and social media
Existing community initiatives	Continue to support a vibrant and activated town centre with existing community and local business initiatives	Pairrwoods Progress Association Pairrwoods Memorial Hall Association Pairrwoods Living History Society Pairrwoods and District RSL Pairrwoods Bowlis Club Inc Pairrwoods/Woorebye Lions Club Inc Local business and property owners Local papers, websites and social media

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Character Palettes





Planting Themes

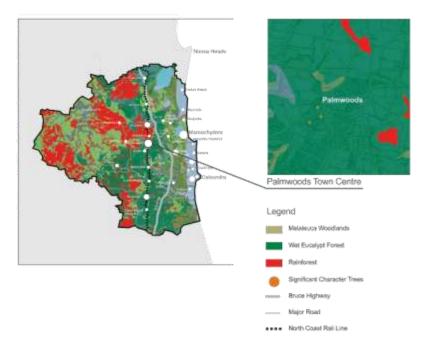
The Palmwoods lown centre traverses a range of vegetation types including Melaleuca Woodlands. Wet Eucalypt Forest and Rainforest with Piccabeen Palms (Source: Department of Environment and Hentage Protection, DEHP).

Street planting will contain predominantly native species providing habitat corridor links. Street tree and garden bed planting to be informal and natural in style, planted in large garden bed areas avoiding tree grates.

Stands of the Piccabeen Palm are located throughout Palmwoods, significant in the naming of the town. Opportunity exists for mixed planting of shade trees and Piccabeen Palms with clear trunks to retain views.

Kolora Park contains significant stands of Blackbutt (Eucalyptus pitularis) and provides a sense of arrival when traveiling west bound from the Woombye - Pairwoods Road. The waterway edges located at lower elevation display a natural predominance of Melaleuca wetland species. Significant character trees are also located on Fewfrell and Hill Streets.









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Feature Plants

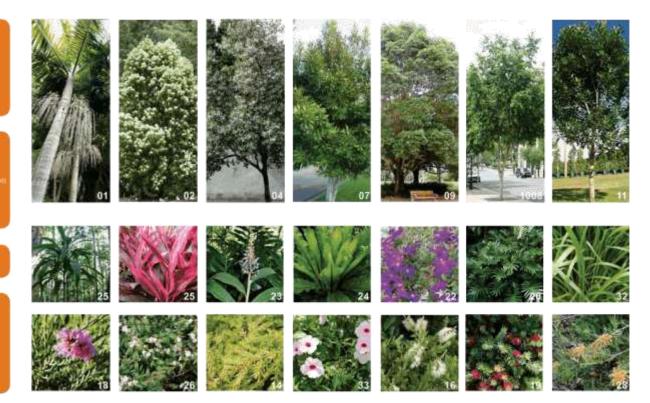
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Note

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- Refer to following table for potential adiable plants, bush lucker and sensory species requiring further investigation during the detail design stage.









Edible Plants / Bush Tucker / Sensory Species - Indicative

Summary of potential edible plants requiring further investigation

	COMMON NAME	MEIGHT	ORIGIN	NOTES:
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SHRUB			3	R
Alpinia caerulea	Native Ginger	3m	Eastern Australia	Produces fragrant white flowers, which attract birds, followed by long lasting round blue fruit. Fruits & roots have a refreshing lemon ginger taste and are edible.
Austromyrtus dulcis	Midyim, Midgenberry	1m	East coast from central New South Wales to northern Queensland	The fruits are berries containing 3-9 pale brown seeds. They are white and covered in small blue black spots, giving the fruit a mauvish appearance. The fruit are edible and have a sweet taste.
Carissa ovata	Currant Bush	1-2m	East coast from Calms to north-eastern NSW	Berries are edible, but only when fully ripe; they have a sweet flavour, but the milky sap of this plant – and its unripe fruit – is polsonous, as typical for the Apocynaceae.
Davidsonia pruriens	Davidson's plum	1-6m	North east Queensland and southwards to north-eastern New South Wates	The tree is cultivated to a limited extent for its sour fruit, which is used to make jam, sauces, cordial and wine,
Melastoma Affine	Blue Tongue	2m	Queensland	Flowers followed by blue-black fruit with a sweet, edible flesh which stains the mouth.
Pipturus argenteus	Native Mulberry	1-6m	North east Queensland to eastern New South Wales	Fruit is whitish, fleshy and mulberry-like.
Rubus pervifolius	Native Raspberry	1m	Eastern Australia	Semi deciduous, perennial shrub with scrambling, prickly stems. The red fruit is pleasantly flavoured and can be eaten out-of-hand or used in sauces and jams.
SMALL TREE				
Citrus australis	Native Lime	6m	Queensland	Edible fruits are spherical or slightly pear-shaped, 25–50 mm across, with a thick green or yellow skin and pale green pulp.
Eugenia reinwardtana	Beach Cherry	2-6m	Northern Queensland	The tree is cultivaled to a limited extent for its edible sweetish fruit that is often eaten out-of-hand, used to flavour drinks and candies, or as a preserve.
Ficus fraseri	White Sandpaper Fig	6-15m	New South Wales and Queensland	The rounded figs are 1 to 1.5 cm long and start out yellow in colour, maturing to orange-red between May and February in the species native range. They are edible, but insipid.
Microcitrus australasica	Finger Lime - Grafted	2-6m	South east Queensland and northern NSW	The finger time has been recently popularized as a gourmet bushfood. The fruit juice is acidic and similar to a time, used for marmatade, pickles and dried as a flavouring spice.
Pouteria eerwah (Planchonelia eerwah)	Black Plum	4-10m	South eastern Queensland	The species name is derived from Mount Eerwah near Eumundi in Queensland. The dark red-purple to black fruit are oval to globular.
Syzygium oleosum	Blue Lifly Pilly	4-15m	North east Queensland	The fruit can be eaten freshly picked from the tree or cooked.
LARGE TREE				
Backhousia citrlodora	Lemon Myrtle	10-15m	South eastern Queensland	The common name reflects the strong femon smell of the crushed leaves. Used in the native foods industry for the feaf and culinary use.
Macadamia integrifolia	Smooth-shelled Macadamia	20m	South-eastern Queensland	Fruiting varieties are normally grafted on M. tetraphylla rootstock. 'Kakea' and 'Keauhou' are two Hawaiian varieties grown in Australia.
Planchonetia Australis	Black Apple	10-12m	Queenstand and New South Wates	Masses of black, plum-like fruit containing red flesh and attractive shiny brown seeds
Syzygium anisatum	Aniseed Tree	45m	New South Wales	Contains an aromatic leaf that has an essential oil profile comparable to true aniseed.
Syzygium australe	Brush Cherry	18m	Coastal regions in Queensland and New South Wales	The pleasantly sour fruit are also eaten fresh or cooked. The fruit can be used to make jams and jellies.
Syzygium Luehmannii	Small Leaved Lilly Pilly	15m	Near Cairns in tropical Queensland	Omamental tree for shelter and shade. The dense nature of the foliage makes it suitable for hedging and topiary. Use the tasty fruit for jams.
Syzygium crebrinerve	Purple Cherni	45m	Queensland	Fruit flesh is unpalatable to humans, being dry and tasteless, but is ealen by many rainforest birds
Sterculia quadrifida	Peanut Tree	7-10m	North east Queensland	Seed pods are orange outside and orange or red inside when ripe. These pods contain up to 8 black seeds that are edible and task like raw peanuts.



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Materials Palette - Inspirational Images

Summary

The surrounding natural environment and country town character provide inspiration for the materials palette. The existing heritage paving and steps to the Mein Street shops are to be retained. The palette will aim to complement the existing, with further material suppliers and test panels to be finalised during the detail design phase.

Surface Finish Inspiration











Materials Inspiration



















Note

Materials palette is indicative only requiring detail design development and internal approval by council.





Materials Palette - Inspirational Images

Queenslander Architecture

Palmwoods unique tin and timber character of the town and surrounding neighbourhood is dominated by Queensiander architecture. The Queenslander is defined primarily by architectural characteristics of climate-consideration including raised vertical sturnes, veranda spaces and pitched roof. The characteristic corrugated from roofs could withstand tomental rains and cyclonic winds. Timber was typically used for weatherboard cladding and simple architectural detailing.

Existing Character















Fencing and Signage

Fencing and signage character seeks to reflect the traditional Queensiand and Australiana style. The use of natural moterials such as timber, steel and stone aim to reseed and not complete with the unique Queenslander architecture.

















Palmwoods Memorial Hall

The Patrowoods Memorial Hall contains significant areas of Victorian style detailing. This ornate steel detailing and white fencing should be maintained around the RSL Memorial.

RSL Memorial Character









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Materials Palette - Inspirational Images

Public Art / Story Telling

Public art and story telling can contribute to the vitality, character and identity of Palmwoods as well as entrancing the community's sense of place.

The 'Stories of Palmwoods' will guide future themes for a public art brief and possible interpretive projects. Creative opportunities will be strongly influenced by the key place making themes:

- Local Heritage Places
- · Natural environment and sustainable living
- Vibrant and diverse community and culture

Types of public art

Public art may comprise of stand alone artworks or may be incorporated into built form, infrastructure, or open space and can be:

- Integrated into the design of the built or natural environment or within functional infrastructure
- Literary, visual, acoustic, multi-media, interactive, craft or design
- Interpretive art, where the art describes, educates and comments on issues, events or history
- Ephemeral art, which is intended to be a temporary installation

Creative Places











Pergola / Greening Walls







Seating











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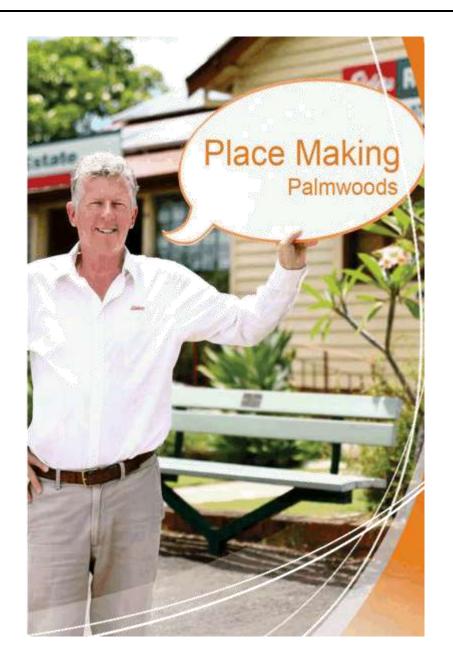


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6.0 Implementation Plan





This Mesterplan provides the clusprint for development of the public domain, ensuring continuity of the open space and streetscape environment. The Masterplan will be implemented in a staged approached through future public and private investment projects.

Council Projects

The Place Making Palmwoods Public Domain Masterplan is to be delivered through a staged process of detail design and construction delivery of priority works to occur between 2016 - 2018 (subject to councils budget approval process).

2016/2017 - Detailed Design

- Confirm construction priority area(s) relevant to budget available
- Detailed Design and Construction Documentation of priority area(s)

2017/2018 - Construction

 Construction of priority streetscape works \$2.5million (2017/18 Financial Year subject to council budget approval process) NOTE: approx \$2.0M construction budget

Development Assessment and Conditions

The Masterplan identifies the Primary Streetscape Treatment Area consistent with the Palmwoods Local Area Plan of the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014. Through the development application process. opportunity exists for council to work with landowners and developers of key sites to deliver contributed assets that contribute to the setting, character and identity of Palmwoods.

The requirement to provide streetscape improvements in accordance with council requirements is a common condition of development approval (depending on the scale, location and setting of the proposed development). The Masterplan provides locally relevant and tailored design guidance to inform streetscape treatments proposed or required to be undertaken as part of the development application proposes.

State Government Projects

The Queensland Infrastructure Plan 2011, outlines future rail infrastructure investment including the following planned project within Palmwoods:

 North Coast Rail Line Duplication and Palmwoods Station Upgrade

Partnership Opportunities:

The Place Making Palmwoods Public Domain Masterplan will support future grant applications and provide the framework for potential future partnerships and joint initiatives between the Sunshine Coast Council, Queensland State Government, Federal Government, the community and the private sector:

Potential State Government Grants

 South East Queensland Cycle Network Program (50/50 Contribution)









- Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program
- Black Spot Program (Department of Transport and main Roads, TMR)

Potential Service Provider Partnerships

 Community Powerline Enhancement Program (50/50 Contribution)

Partnership Opportunities (State Government / Council)

- Land for potential alternative uses following Rail Comidor Upgrade (subject to future planning)
- Potential future informal gravel car park (subject to Queensland Rail)
- Traffic coliming to Margaret Street (Investigate funding opportunities and partnerships with TMR - eg. Black Spot Program)
- Improved pedestrian crossing facilities to Margaret Street (Investigate funding opportunities and partnerships with TMR - eg. Black Spot Program)

Potential intersection improvements

 Investigate potential funding opportunities and partnerships with State Government, council and/or the private sector

Palmwoods Memorial Hall

- Community driven project and investigation of potential grant opportunities and funding models for improvements to the Palinwoods Anzac Memorial and Hall
- NOTE: The Palmwoods Memorial Half land is owned by the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) and managed by the Palmwoods Memorial Half Association





Potential Funding Sources

Implementation of the Palmwoods Public Domain Masteepilan relies on both public and private investment. The adjacent plan outlines the various projects and potential funding sources from State Government, council and the private sector.



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Legend

Palmwoods Streetscape Improvements Council Future Capital Works Projects (subject to change)

Detail Design of priority areas (Town Square)

2016/17 FY Budget \$75,000

Construction of priority areas (Town Square)
- 2017/18 FY Budget \$2,500,000

Primary Streetscape Treatment Area

Development Assessment and Conditions

State Government Project

Future Rail Corridor Upgrade of the North Coast Rail Line (Queensland Rail)

Partnership Opportunities (State Government / Council)

Land for potential alternative uses following Rail Corridor Upgrade (subject to future planning)

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Potential future informal temporary gravel car park (subject to Queensland Rail)



 Traffic calming to Margaret Street (Investigate funding opportunities and partnerships with the Department of Transport and Main Roads - eg. Black Spot Program)



Improved pedestrian facilities to Margaret Street (Investigate funding apportunities and pertherships with the Department of Transport and Main Roads – eg. Black Spot Program)

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