

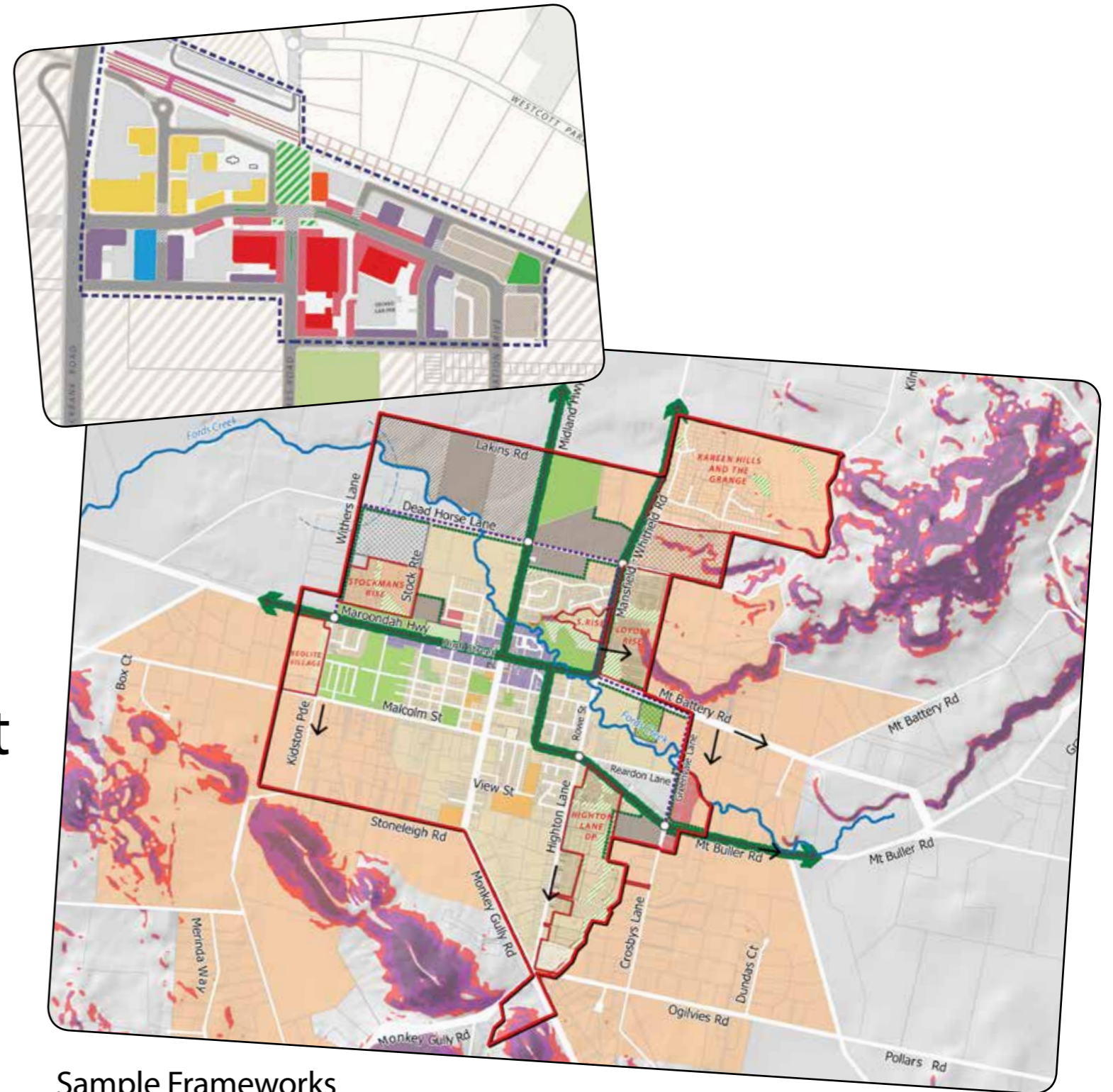
PART 1

COMMUNITY INPUT RECAP

Community workshop #1 recap

Local Area Plan and Infrastructure Assessment

- A blueprint for the future.
- An integrated and holistic land use and framework plan to guide future development and infrastructure provision in Brown Hill.
- Community input is critical.
- Will set a direction to better protect community and environmental features.



Sample Frameworks

'The things I love about Brown Hill are...':

- Semi-rural context/big backyards/large blocks
- Bushland backdrop/bush and nature reserves/trees/birdlife/wildlife
- Walking tracks/parks and open spaces
- Community atmosphere/Brown Hill newsletter/Brown Hill festival/strong sense of community/country atmosphere
- Proximity to City and freeway/Village within a city
- Sporting and community facilities (Russell Square/playgrounds/pool/kindergarten)

'The things I imagine for Brown Hill are...:'

- More retail offerings such as a small local supermarket, cafes/restaurants, medical/pharmacy
- Return of a Post office
- Better utilization of Water Street (very wide gravel verges)
- More footpaths and better pedestrian access [under freeway, along Water Street and Daylesford Road as examples]
- New development that maintains the character of Brown Hill/sensible infill/thoughtful infill/housing developments that take advantage of natural assets/quality homes
- Better public transport (bus network)
- Ongoing community atmosphere and social interactions
- Better bicycle infrastructure

'The things to retain in Brown Hill are..:'

- Bushland and semi-rural feel [in Emerging Brown Hill]/larger blocks
- Sporting facilities, parks and playgrounds including pool, Cricket Club, hall
- Trees (including heritage trees)
- Walking tracks/green space
- Sense of community/country feeling

Issues and concerns

- Density and over-development [infill in Established Brown Hill and outer limits in Emerging Brown Hill]
- Loss of trees through development
- Lack of services and shops (no vibrant commercial centre, kindergarten at capacity)
- Lack of public transport
- Not enough pedestrian and cycling infrastructure (e.g., footpaths, bike paths)
- Emergency and bush fire risk (no community emergency plan)
- Road safety, traffic and parking including increase in traffic, safety at intersections, and particularly on Water Street and on Daylesford-Ballarat Road

Community Workshop #1

Aspirations

- Maintaining community (e.g., community garden, community dinners, farmers market)
- Upgrade community amenities (e.g., pool, a second cricket oval)
- Improve Water Street functionally (bike lanes) and aesthetically (trees)
- Protect natural assets such as Yarrowee River corridor
- Bring back post office
- More retail offerings such as cafes/small businesses/co-working space
- Keep minimum lot sizes [in Emerging Brown Hill]
- Maintain heritage feel [in Established Brown Hill]
- Protect ridgelines
- Keep Brown Hill connected through walkable neighbourhoods, effective public transport, good access to natural assets, community connections

Community Workshop #1: What do you value?

- The semi-rural context, larger blocks and space
- Close proximity of nature reserves/creek corridors/reservoirs and the bushland backdrop
- Recreational amenities through nature reserves, along creek corridors and through parks
- Sense of community that is felt through the Brown Hill newsletter, Brown Hill Festival and other community events. Being close to Ballarat while maintaining a country atmosphere is very important to many people.