

# Binnaway

## Community Action Plan



**BUILDING OUR**  
*Warrumbungle*  
**COMMUNITIES**  
**2022-2026**

# Foreword



The creation of the Binnaway Action Plan began during an extended period of drought with the recognition of a greater need to work together as a community. In 2020, Building our Warrumbungle Communities group was formed. After several Covid related delays, a series of events were held in May 2021 in every town across the Warrumbungle Shire, resulting in the development of Action Plans for each community in the Shire.

Facilitation of the community engagement process, community public events and preparation for the plan was undertaken by Peter Kenyon from the Bank of I.D.E.A.S, assisted by a group of passionate drivers who made up the Building Our Warrumbungle Communities team. More than 560 people took the opportunity to attend the 18 community gatherings across the Shire, to share ideas and collaborate, bringing together their passions and visions for the future of each community. Having identified our wealth of assets - people, physical environment, institutions, cultural, economic and social networks - we considered what we needed to retain, regain, change or create.

Based on the richness of our community's history of working together for the betterment of all, the Binnaway Action Plan focuses on our future. It will provide a map for short term projects, detailing goals to pursue and ideas to nurture and grow. It lays the groundwork to utilise funding and volunteer manpower, to augment and commence many community projects. Our objective is to create a prosperous and attractive locality for everyone to enjoy, and to foster our vision of an affordable, safe and family-friendly community in the heart of the Warrumbungles, that attracts new residents, visitors and business opportunities.

## Acknowledgements



Input into the Binnaway Action Plan came from dedicated community members across the Binnaway area. This initial valuable community contribution was then refined by a core group of volunteers. We thank them all for their engagement.



We acknowledge the Gamilaroi and Wiradjuri people, the traditional custodians of the land of the Binnaway district. We pay respect to the elders both past, present and emerging, extending our respect to all Aboriginal people.



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# Our Story



The name Binnaway is thought to derive from an Aboriginal term which means peppermint tree. Binnaway is home to the Kamilaroi Aboriginal people. Descendants of the traditional people of the Kamilaroi nation continue to be part an important part of Binnaway's community.

The present town of Binnaway forms part of the old 16,000 acre Mowabla lease run, first occupied in 1848, by William Lawson. The first settler was Charles Naseby in 1869. A plan for the town was laid out in 1876, with the village boundary being proclaimed on June 10th, 1908.

The first train came to Binnaway on the 2nd April, 1917 when the population of Binnaway was around 200, and by 1933 the population had increased to 861. In the following years Binnaway became an important rail junction and grain receival area, with the two large silos being built to store the many acres of wheat grown. The historic Railway Barracks and the recently constructed outdoor Railway Museum are a testament to the history of rail in this town.

What a sporty bunch the first pioneers were! Cricket was being played since 1895, Polo in the early 1900's, Horse Racing in 1904, Football in 1910, The Rifle Club in 1911, Tennis in 1912 and the Binnaway Bowling Club which opened in 1955. Many of these clubs are still a part of Binnaway today. The Golf Club is now also a well-attended venue as is the upgraded showground for a thriving agricultural show and highly sought after equine events.

These sporting groups continue to welcome new members with open arms.

Binnaway's claims to fame include: Frank Bourke's White Rose Orchestra, "The Shiralee", and Jack Renshaw.

Binnaway remains a lively town with small but committed groups working hard for the community and visitors alike to keep services going and create future projects like silo art, sport, festivals and more. The town is known for its friendliness and open hearted welcome to all.

# Our Vision

An affordable, safe and family-friendly community in the heart of the Warrumbungles that attracts new residents, visitors and business opportunities.

# Our Goals

- To actively promote and showcase our community as a great place to stop, stay, experience, and reside, especially through a vibrant and welcoming town centre
- To support, promote and celebrate active community participation and volunteerism
- To retain strong sporting and cultural clubs, competitions, facilities, and traditions
- To facilitate opportunities and experiences that builds upon local assets and the capacities and creativity of all community members
- To conserve, promote and share knowledge of our district
- To create an environment where our young people feel involved, supported and empowered, and will consider returning to our community for work, business, family and lifestyle opportunities
- To preserve, maintain and strengthen our community assets and heritage



# Our Guiding Values

Our guiding values represent the fundamental values and beliefs we share as a community. They help foster trust, respect, collaboration and unity.

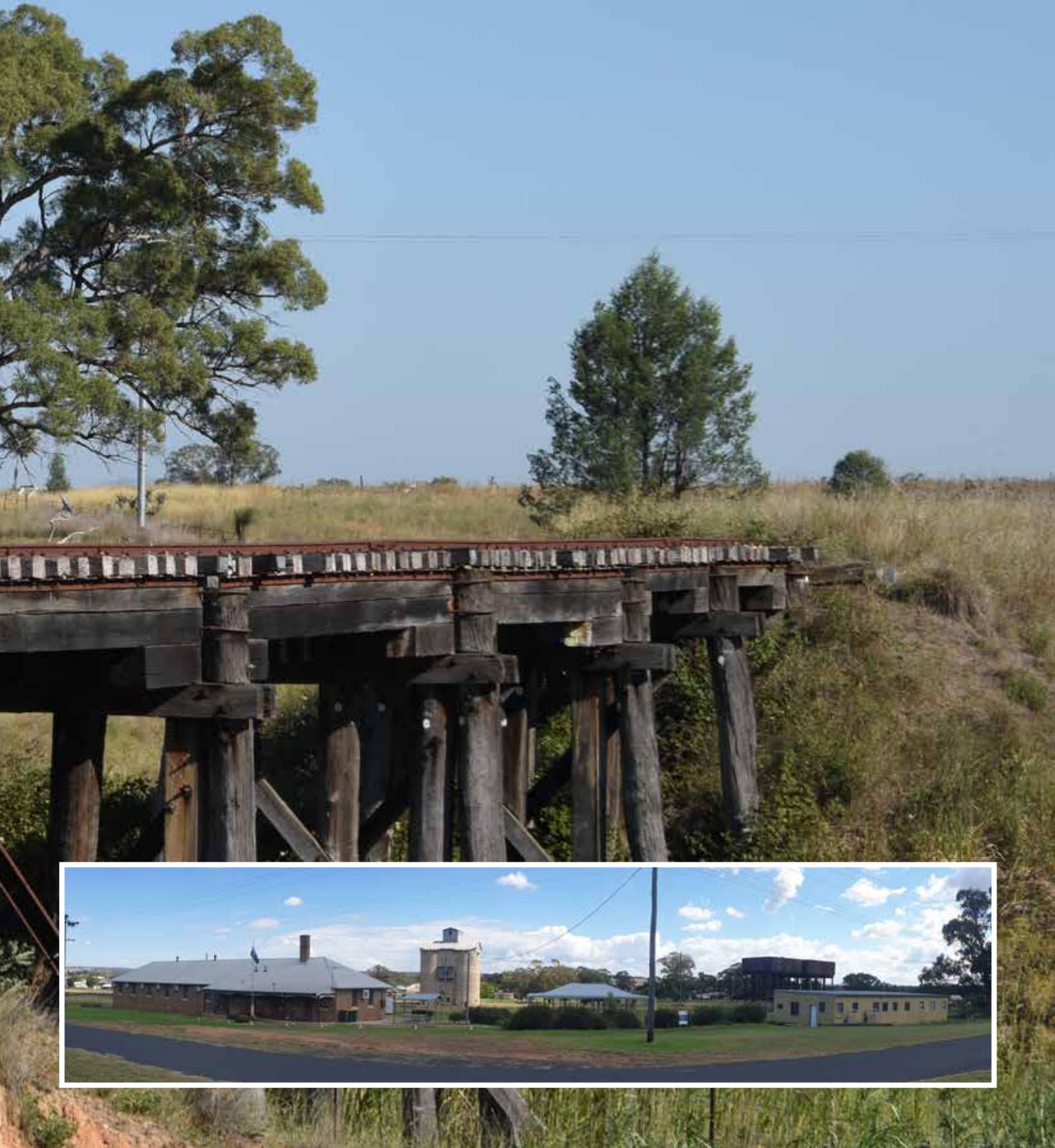
- Caring
- Inclusion & Diversity
- Connection
- Innovation
- Respect for Heritage & Environment
- Community Pride & Safety

# Our Challenges

- Community involvement
- Negative attitudes
- Declining population
- Lack of employment
- Lack of services eg medical/doctor etc
- High unemployment
- Limited hours at the swimming pool
- Poor/declining connectivity eg mobile/internet
- On farm generational structure eg. Only one generation on a property
- Corporate owned farms that were previously family owned/multi-generational
- Lack of rental housing
- Local businesses competing with businesses from nearby towns, when travelling to access services







# Our Assets

## Physical

Swimming Pool  
Parks  
Oval/Footy Oval  
Bank Building  
2 Pub Buildings (Royal/Exchange)  
2 Clubs  
River fitness equipment  
Showground  
Grain Silos x2  
Skate Park  
Racecourse  
Golf Course  
Bowling Greens  
Town Hall  
Len Guy Park  
Hairdresser  
Craft Shop  
Railway  
Landscape - Physical Beauty  
Gift Shop/Post Office  
Garage  
Bilby Blooms  
Bowling Club  
Campground  
Empty Shops  
Medical Centre  
IGA  
Chemist  
Newsagency  
Railway Barracks  
Main Street  
River  
Neat & tidy Streets  
Tennis Courts

## Economic

Bilby Blooms  
IGA  
Christmas tree event - Lions Club  
Abattoir  
Railway Bowls Day  
Produce Store/Rural Supplies  
Pub/Hotel  
Binnaway Race Day  
Garage/Servo  
Craft Shop  
Church Car Boot Sale  
Cattle Markets  
Footy Games  
Local Raffles  
Dart Comps  
Young Judges  
Local Binnaway Show  
Horse/ Cowhorse Events  
Car Show and Shine  
Lawnmower Races  
Pharmacy  
Newsagency  
Clubs  
Farms  
Meyers Motors  
Railway Workers  
Bowling Club  
Post Office  
Laundromat  
Stock & Station Agent  
Real Estate  
ARTC Depot  
Coffee Shop

## Social Networks

Golf Club  
Footy Club  
Bowling Club  
Rifle Club  
Jockey Club  
Show Committee  
Binnaway Progress Association  
Lions Club

P & C Committee  
Tennis Club  
Boxing Gym  
Men's Shed  
Young Judges  
Swimming Pool  
Oval Activities/Sports  
Youth activities

# Our Assets

## Institutions

Joblink Plus  
Mission Australia  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
Connect 5  
Barnardos  
Mackillop  
Binnaway Central School K-12  
Binnaway Preschool  
Library  
Binnaway Progress Association  
Men's Shed  
Post Office  
Health Centre  
Church of England  
Gina Rhinehardt  
Medical Centre  
Community Nurse  
Rifle Club  
Rural Fire Service  
Police  
BCS P&C  
Show Committee  
Jockey Club  
Lions  
Craft Shop  
Trainlink Bus  
Council Depot

## Cultural

Railway Barracks & Museum  
Len Guy Park & ANZAC Memorial  
ANZAC Parade  
Australia Day Service & March  
Christmas tree event - Lions Club  
Solar System Drive  
Flagpoles  
Railway Bowls Day  
Binnaway Show  
Binnaway Race Day  
White Rose Orchestra Historical Display  
Bilby Blooms

## People

Kevin Stewart  
Marcus Nolan  
Marcus - State/National Runner  
Community volunteers  
Craft Shop People  
Larry & Pam  
Horse people  
Show people  
Boxing Gym - Merv & Penny Medley  
Shooting - Ainsley, Bernie (Champ)  
Bowls  
Tennis  
Jockey Club  
Men's Shed  
Bilby Blooms  
Aquarobics  
Cycling Group  
Railway Heritage group  
Progress Association  
Artists  
Farmers  
Truck Drivers  
Builder  
Camp Ground  
Rail Employees  
Abattoir workers  
Community Development Coordinator  
Sporting Groups  
Rural Fire Service - Volunteers  
Rail Heritage/Progress Volunteers  
Youth Worker

Young Judges  
Wheat  
Rail  
Silos  
Grandstand  
Jack Renshaw  
The Shiralee  
Rail heritage Museum  
Craft Shop



# Our Strategies & Actions

## Theme One

## Local Tourism Development

### ACTIONS

# 1

1. Investigate, plan and create Silo Art on the two Silos
2. Investigate and consider creating smaller murals around town
3. Investigate a New Festival eg. Beard & Moustache, Beer & Beard
4. Join the Central West Cycle Trail
5. Promote Cyclist Accommodation

Timeframe: Short Term

### LEAD GROUPS

Binnaway Progress Association  
Warrumbungle Shire Council

### OTHER PARTNERS

Binnaway Barracks  
Binnaway Tourism/Hospitality Operators  
Lions Club  
Binnaway Community Groups



# Our Strategies & Actions

## Theme Two

## Building Community Connections

### ACTIONS

# 2

1. Form a Community Leadership Group
2. Establish Community owned Café
3. Establish Town/Community Markets
4. Investigate and commence Monthly Dinner Dances at the Hall
5. Create a Communication Board

Timeframe: Short - Medium Term

### LEAD GROUPS

Binnaway Progress Association, Lions Club

### OTHER PARTNERS

Binnaway Show Society



# Our Strategies & Actions

## Theme Three

## Enhancing Lifestyle & Population Attraction

### ACTIONS

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1. **Improve Medical Services eg. Doctor, MPS, Aged Care, Nurse practitioner**
2. **Improve Police service**
3. **Create Community Bus Service**
4. **Consider Town Sewage options**
5. **Investigate ways to increase pool utilisation and consider options to diversify to use as a multi-purpose facility**
6. **Maintain, improve and develop Swimming Pool and all Sporting Facilities**
7. **Continue expansion and development of Showground facilities**
8. **Renew play equipment in Len Guy Park**

**Timeframe: Medium - Long Term**

### LEAD GROUPS

**Binnaway Progress Association  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
Binnaway Show Society  
Binnaway Sporting Clubs and Groups**

### OTHER PARTNERS

**Western Area Health District  
NSW Police  
WSC Community Care**



# Our Strategies & Actions

## Theme Four

## Town Entrance, Beautification & Signage

### ACTIONS

# 4

1. Make any new trees fruit or nut trees - adopt a tree idea
2. Conduct a complete signage audit, identify what needs rejuvenating, replacing and creating
3. Install improved signage as identified
4. Improve appearance of town entrances
5. Investigate and consider creating smaller murals around town eg. Including at town entrances - Tennis Club

Timeframe: Medium - Long Term

### LEAD GROUPS

Warrumbungle Shire Council  
Binnaway Progress Association

### OTHER PARTNERS

Local Businesses  
Community Groups and Service Organisations



# Our Strategies & Actions

## Theme Four

## Youth Development & Retention

### ACTIONS

1. Retain Youth Development Officer Program, working directly with local Youth in engagement for Youth led ideas, activities and projects
2. Develop and promote kids/youth activities and development eg. Games/sport on Sat Mornings, mini-Olympics, obstacle course, athletics etc

Timeframe: Short - Medium Term

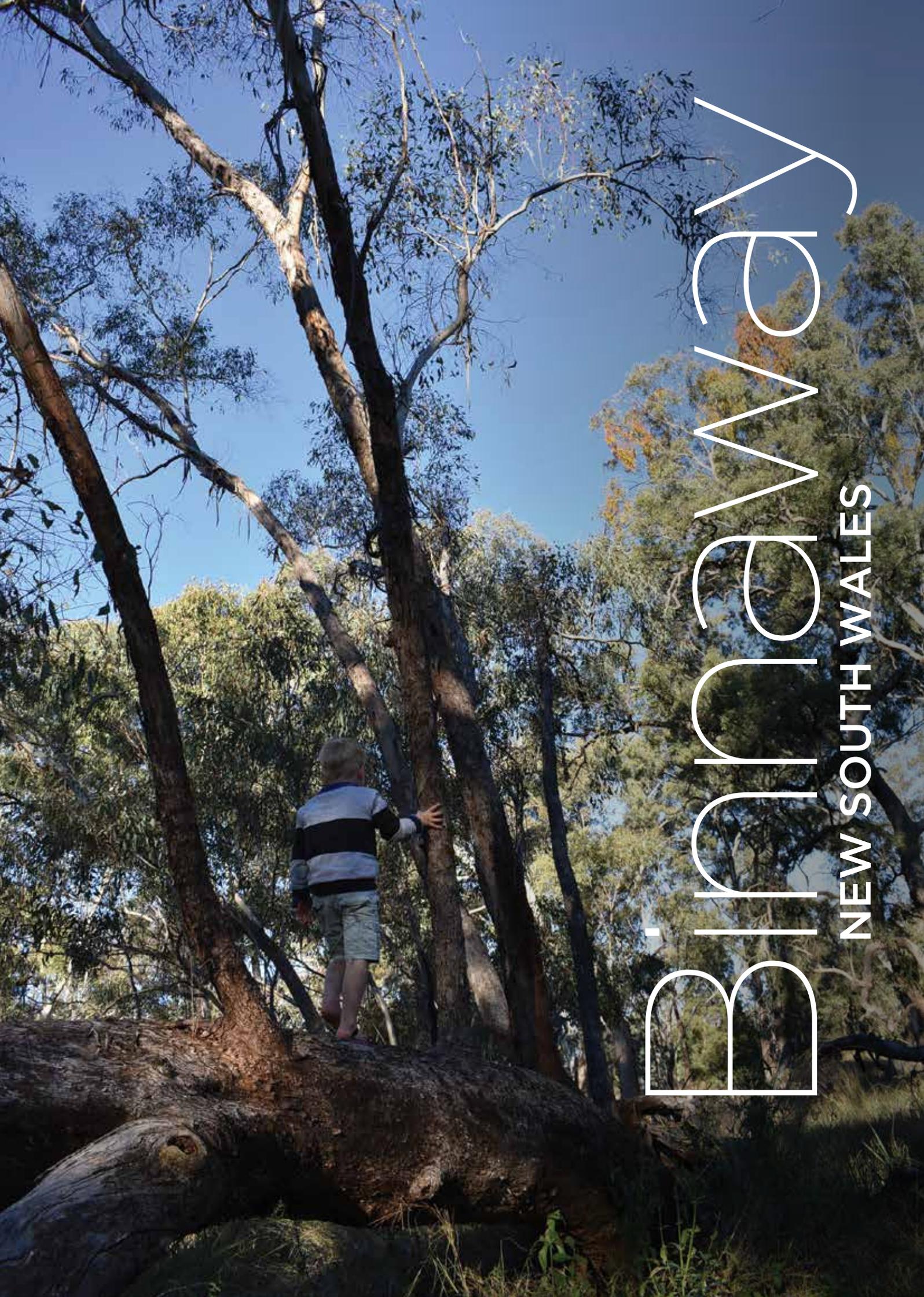
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Mackillop





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NEW SOUTH WALES