



ALBERT RIVER VISION

RIVER HEALTH

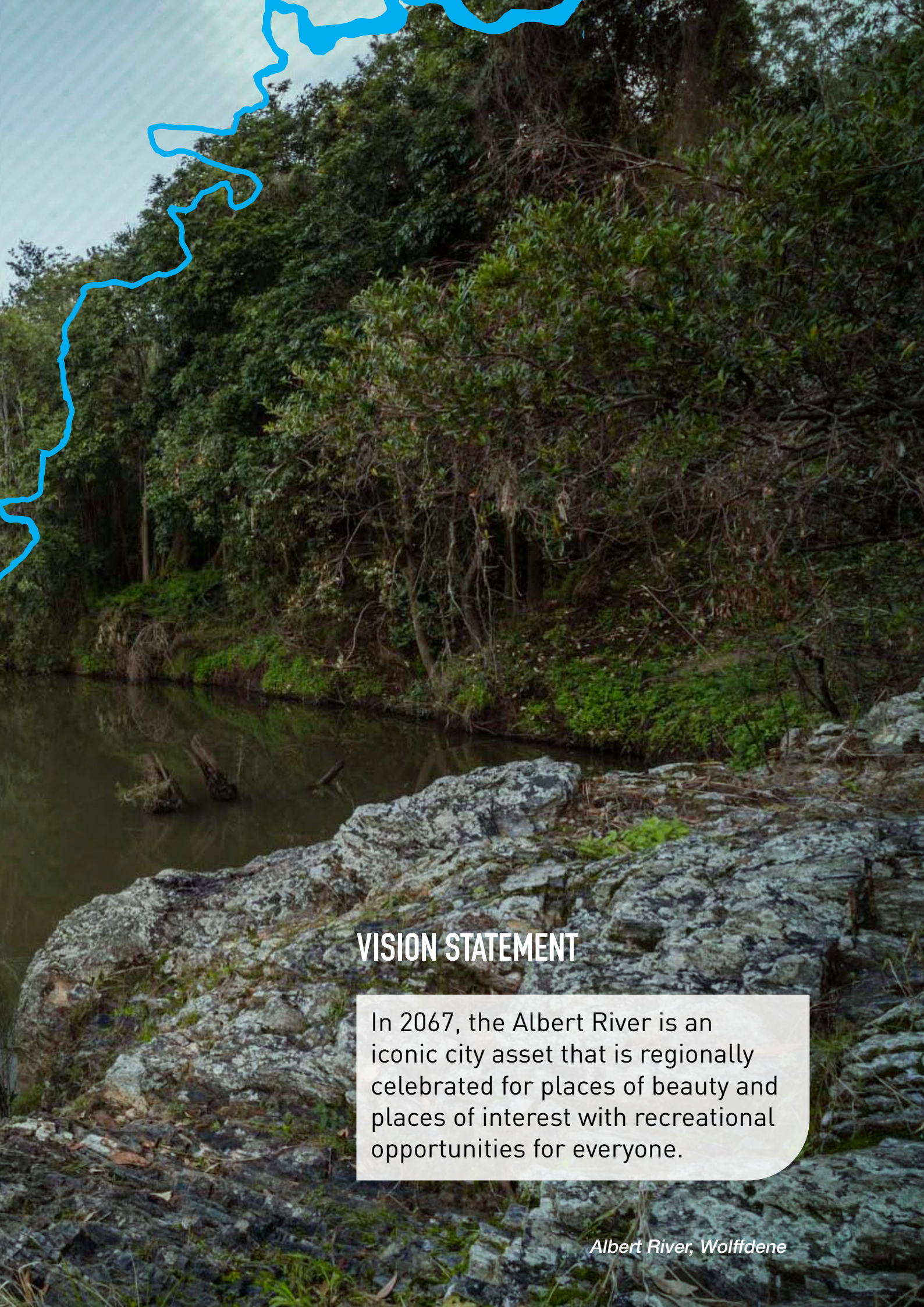
RIVER DESTINATIONS

RIVER PLAY



Logan City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, pays respect to Elders past and present, and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the City of Logan.





VISION STATEMENT

In 2067, the Albert River is an iconic city asset that is regionally celebrated for places of beauty and places of interest with recreational opportunities for everyone.

ALBERT RIVER VISION OUTCOMES

The Albert River will continue to provide many benefits for residents and visitors. It's a place of spiritual significance and a natural resource for drinking and irrigation, areas for leisure and recreational activities as well as a key wildlife corridor from the mountains to the bay.

The Albert River Vision is a 50 year vision from 2017 through to 2067. It was developed from ideas and feedback from the community and will:

- + support a healthy and clean river
- + allow for continued urban and population growth
- + create tourism and business opportunities
- + provide access for all abilities
- + inspire innovation and creativity for custodians now and for the future.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 2016, over a 10 week period, Council undertook community engagement to develop the Logan River Vision. During this period, a significant amount of feedback was shared on how the community would like to see the Logan River used in 50 years' time. Following successful development of the Logan River Vision 2017-2067, Council decided to develop a 50 year vision for the Albert River based on the key themes identified by the community: River Health, River Destinations and River Play.

In 2017, feedback was sought from the community on whether the themes identified in the Logan River Vision could be applied to the Albert River Vision. The response was overwhelmingly positive with many residents keen to see these same themes applied in a way that supported a more natural, recreational focused future for their river. The content of the Albert River Vision has been compiled from information received from the community of Logan. The concept sketches included in these pages are provided as examples of how the range of themes can be applied to achieve the vision for the Albert River.

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1 VISION



5 REACHES



3 THEMES

health destinations play

37 OPPORTUNITIES



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IMAGINE YOURSELF IN 50 YEARS' TIME: what would your reflections be of our Albert River?



We have come a long way since we started talking about the Albert River Vision 50 years ago. Everyone knows the Albert River and how important it is to our city. We all love talking about the different experiences we can have on our river.

Today there are more parklands along the river that are ideal for BBQs, picnics and games with the kids whilst overlooking the river. A new Albert River valley recreational trail allows people to travel the length of the Albert River by water or land, to learn about the historical, cultural and environmental values of the river along the way.

The reduction of weeds and increase in riparian vegetation has made the river much more

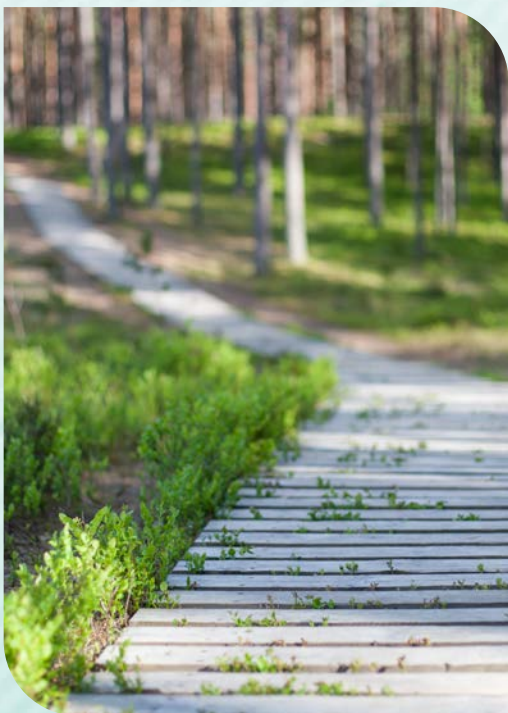
green and natural, which is not only beautiful to look at but also provides a home for our unique flora and fauna. Since the rehabilitation, platypus are now a common sight in the upper reaches, probably because of the increased food and habitat.

People living on the river's edge are now supported and encouraged to help protect and restore their banks which has helped keep the river clean and healthy. We now have much greater access to the river with increased pontoons, walkways and river trails and people are really starting to embrace the nature of the Albert River.

The increase in eco-tourism activities has been a really great thing for our city. More people are kayaking, fishing and camping and I think people are happier for it. I completed the Albert River adventure trail for the first time last week, it was a challenge to say the least but was incredibly rewarding.

I hope that by sharing my personal reflections, I have highlighted the many changes that have occurred along the Albert River over the past 50 years, since we started talking about the vision.





ALBERT RIVER REACHES

Through our conversations with you, we have identified 5 reaches along the river.

5 RIVER PLAIN

A river plain and estuary that is healthy, green and connected

4 RIVER EXPERIENCES

An eco-tourist hot-spot

3 URBAN RIVERSIDE

A river for our residents

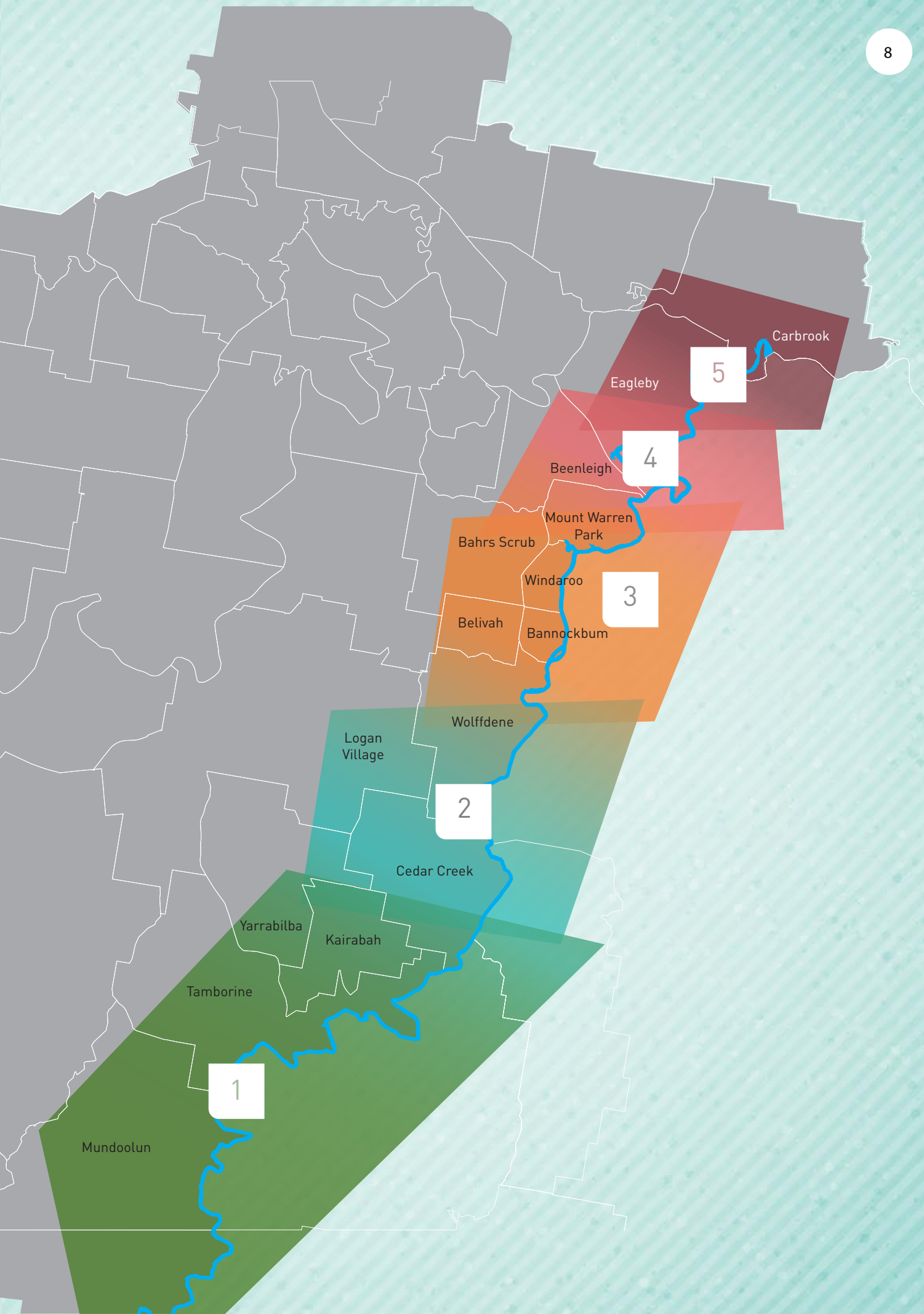
2 LIVING WITH NATURE

A place to live in natural beauty

1 RIVER VIEW

A place of sustainable production and rural lifestyle

*A river reach is a general term for a length of a stream or river. The beginning and ending points may be selected based on geographic features, historical knowledge, landmarks or other reasons. Each river reach has its own name and localised vision.



VISION THEMES

There are three vision themes that were developed from feedback:

+ **River Health**

+ **River Destinations**

+ **River Play**

These themes are explored in more detail on the following pages.





This concept sketch provides examples of how the range of themes can be applied to achieve the vision for the Albert River.

river health

A river:

- + that is a healthy and clean resource
- + we respect and are proud of
- + that is well planned and managed
- + where partnerships are rewarded and promoted.

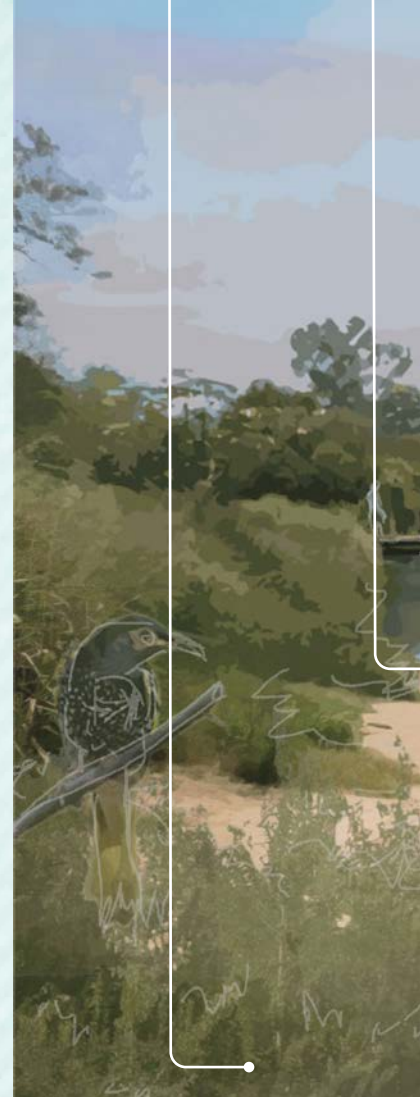
Imagine a 16 year old dropping a line into the Albert River

“It’s nice to be on the water again which looks really clear today! I wonder if that has anything to do with the improvements they did upstream when I was a kid, surely that’s counting for something.

I’m heading upstream to fish for Australian Bass today, I’ve never done any sport fishing before but I thought I would give it a crack. My uncle was saying they have been restocking the Albert River with Bass for years and that landholders are involved too. I haven’t gone upstream for a long time, but I can see that landholders have been planting trees along their banks which is great to see. I’m using sub surface lures today that should do the trick.”

Wildlife viewing spaces

Partnership with landholders for river restoration



World-class policy for sustainable development along the river

Migratory terrestrial, water and shorebird species promotion and protection

Platypus monitoring and education

Green corridor

Mangrove protection and restoration



river destinations

A river that:

- + we all know and love
- + represents local identity and is regionally recognised
- + supports the local and regional economy
- + acknowledges historical and current connections to the river
- + is sustainably designed and protected.

Imagine a local enjoying a riverside experience in 50 years' time

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It's so nice to enjoy a restaurant meal made with Albert valley produce after a beautiful day cruising out to the Southern Bay Islands from the Albert River. The restaurant in Beenleigh is just a few minutes away from the cruise launch spot in Eagleby and we ran into other families who had been on the boat with us. We all marvelled at how perfect the weather had been and how lucky we were to spot dugongs and sea turtles around Karragarra Island. Next time we'll have to try exploring the river further upstream to see if we can spot platypus.

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Canoe trail



Iconic landmarks

Trail linkages to Mt Tamborine

Sustainable infrastructure

Partnerships with businesses for river edge opportunities

Fantastic riverside parks

Eating and drinking spaces



river play

A river that:

- + connects people and is accessible for everyone
- + provides fun, innovative activities for everyone
- + allows partnerships to form with the community
- + expresses the character and identity of the 'place'
- + balances activation and community priorities

Imagine an 8 year old experiencing the Albert River in 2067

Wow! Dad just told me that they have opened a new horse riding adventure trail along the Albert River. I can't wait to go this weekend, I have never been horse riding before. I think it's going to be so fun! I hope while we are riding next to the river I will get to see a platypus, I have never seen one before but I am told that the trail is the best place to see them. I always see plenty of wildlife along the river, it must be because it is so natural and green. I love that there is so much bushland along the river, it's very unique and unlike anywhere else I have been.

Fantastic riverside parks



Multi-use recreational trails for horse, mountain bikes, etc.

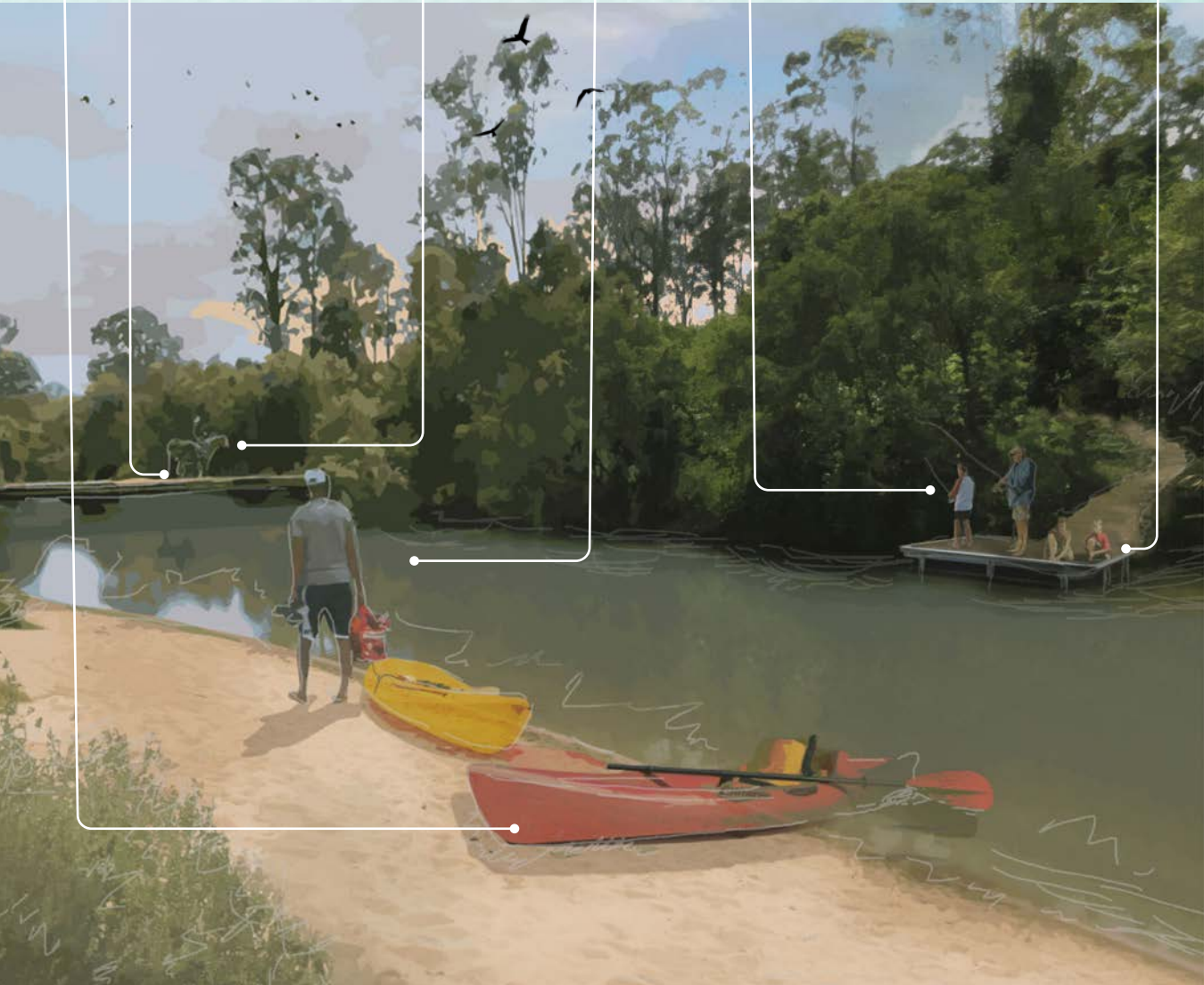
Canoe trail

Links to cycle network

Improved fishing facilities

Safe swimming areas

Floating pontoon



OPPORTUNITIES

This table highlights the many and varied opportunities along the entire length of the river that were identified from your ideas. These opportunities will assist with future decisions and projects that occur along the river. Over the next 50 years new opportunities will present themselves and these will be guided by the three themes of the Albert River Vision.

	OPPORTUNITIES	REACHES				
		1	2	3	4	5
river health	1. Partnerships Partnerships with river edge land owners to support sustainable farming practices, river restoration activities and bank re-establishment	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	2. Partnerships River stewardship partnerships with river edge schools, sporting, community groups and individuals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	3. Recovery Re-establish the riverbank and local creeks with vegetation	Yes	Yes	Yes		
	4. Recovery Marine plant protection and restoration, especially mangroves and salt marsh			Yes	Yes	Yes
	5. Recovery Provide real-time water quality data to the community, both onsite through bridge displays or solar powered buoys	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	6. Recovery Implement on-ground actions for long term river recovery, to create a connected green corridor and improve water quality	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	7. Recovery Fish habitat protection, education and recovery and waterway barrier removal		Yes			
	8. Education and Culture Endangered species (<i>Gossia gonoclada</i> / Angle-stemmed Myrtle) protection, education and recovery		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	9. Recovery Explore nutrient offsetting opportunities for existing sewerage treatment plants				Yes	
	10. Education and Culture Migratory bird habitat protection, education and recovery				Yes	Yes
	11. Active Edge Provide spaces and facilities for bird watching eco-tourism				Yes	Yes
	12. Education and Culture Platypus monitoring and education	Yes	Yes	Yes		

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river destinations	13. Landmark Iconic landmarks that reflect the reaches identities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	14. Wayfinding Innovative wayfinding and art installations or pavement marking to educate, promote and inform residents and visitors about the reaches recognised values	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	15. Tourism Riverside temporary or permanent entertainment precincts that may include local businesses, eating and drinking facilities and performing areas				Yes	
	16. Tourism Events and festivals to celebrate social, cultural and environmental values of the river	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	17. Partnerships Partnerships with local chefs, farmers and growers, organisations and individuals dedicated to the area's agriculture for culinary tourism / farm-to-plate program	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	18. Partnerships Spaces for community events and markets				Yes	
	19. Innovative Design and Planning World-class planning & policy for sustainable development along the river where appropriate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	20. Active Edge Investigate opportunities for short-term stay parkland for campers and recreational vehicles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	21. Destinations Investigate sites for solar farms	Yes				
	22. Play Investigate trail linkages from Plunkett to Mt Tamborine for horse, cycle, hiking, etc.	Yes				

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river play	23. Access River infrastructure at key parks to allow river access and connection to the river. Improving boat ramps and pontoons for a range of vehicles and all abilities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	24. Active River River based community health and wellbeing programs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	25. Active River Designated safe swimming areas	Yes	Yes			Yes
	26. Active Edge Park community infrastructure to include green wall shelters, solar lighting, camping facilities, exercise circuits, adventure play grounds, event spaces, water and barbecue facilities	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	27. Active Edge Key locations that provide fishing infrastructure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	28. Active Edge A fitness event space and area to promote health and fitness opportunities				Yes	
	29. Active Edge Ride sharing hovercraft port or taxi service					Yes
	30. Active River Promotion of eco-tourism (tinnie hire, guided tours, on-river bikes, kayak and self-guided river trails)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

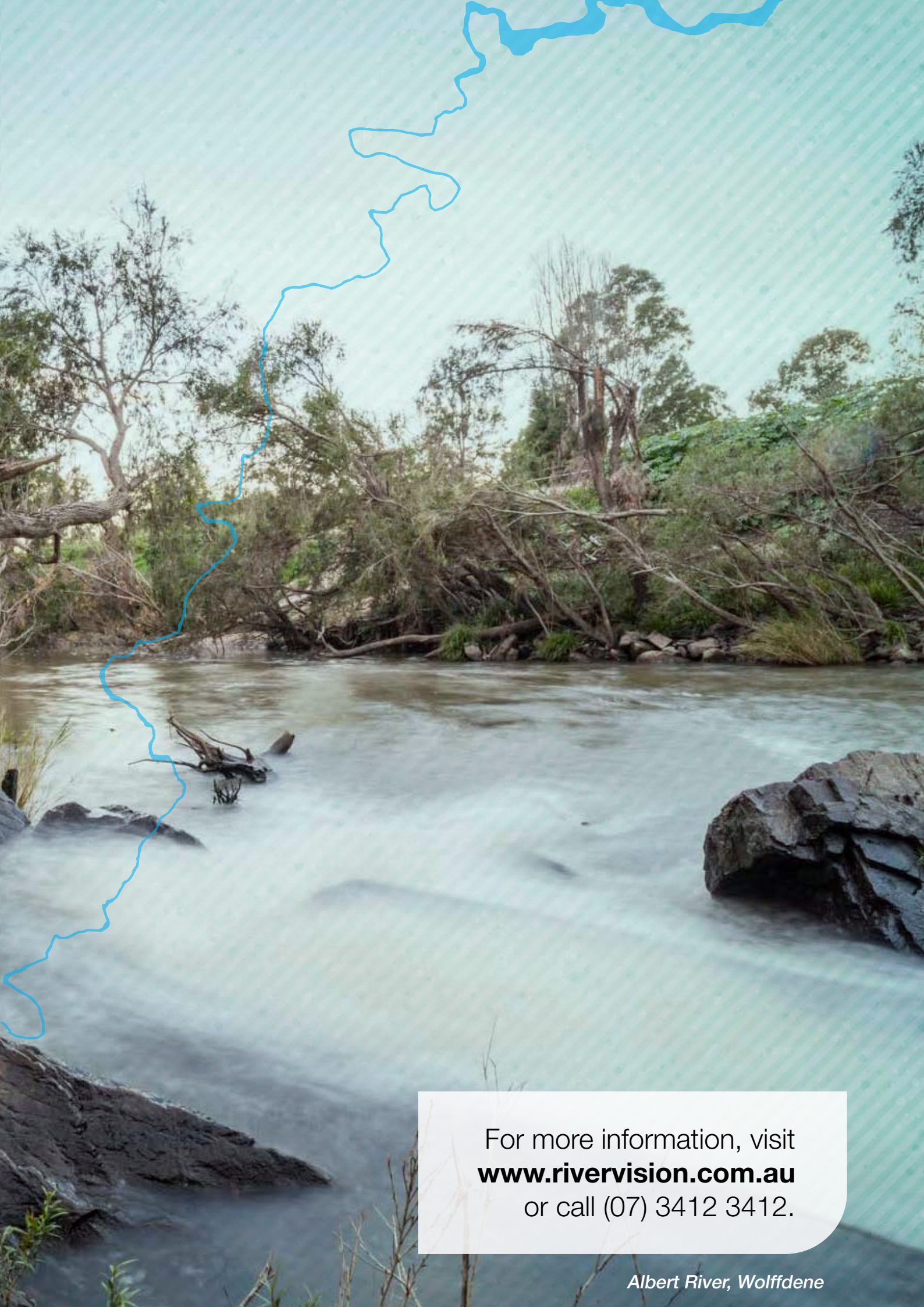
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31. Connect Multi-use pathways and recreational trails for all user groups i.e. horse, mountain bike, tinnie trails in open space areas, boardwalks and floating walkways linking to existing cycleways	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
32. Connect An Albert Valley Trail linking Logan City Council with Gold Coast and Scenic Rim including a range of experiences such as endurance challenges and food trails	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
33. River Connect A designated short-term mooring facility				Yes	Yes
34. Partnerships Encourage individuals and organisations to implement on-river and river-edge activities (health and wellbeing, recreational fishing, tourism and environmental programs)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
35. Innovative Design and Planning Innovative river edge parks to provide spaces and facilities that respond to the existing environment, site and community needs and expectations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
36. Education and Culture Extend the Public Art and Heritage Trails and ensure all trails include indigenous cultural heritage sites and stories	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
37. Education and Culture Wildlife and scenic viewing spaces along the river	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

IMPLEMENTATION

The Albert River Vision will be at the forefront of council's planning, policies and strategies. It provides a basis for council to promote the community's vision and priorities to neighbouring councils, state and federal government and the private sector. An Albert River Vision Implementation Plan has been developed for opportunities over the next 12 months and during the 2018/2019 period, a three year implementation strategy will be developed. Progress on implementation will be reported back to the community via council's website on an annual basis.

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The Albert River Vision has been developed by Logan City Council, guided and informed by key stakeholders from government, industry, non-government organisations, research institutions and the wider Logan community.



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