

# Lowood Futures Strategy

## DRAFT Concept Master Plan

Somerset Regional Council (Council) is preparing the Lowood Futures Strategy. The Strategy will:

- Outline opportunities to become a regionally attractive destination and secure new investment.
- Provide a vision and concept master plan that amplifies the town's unique brand and identity.
- Identify the priority policy, development and infrastructure responses required to achieve the vision and master plan
- Be developed collaboratively with the community, business and government stakeholders.

Council has worked with members of the local community to develop a Vision and Concept Master Plan to guide the Lowood Futures Strategy. The Concept Master Plan is presented at a Township scale and at a Town Centre scale (see opposite page).

### Vision

In the future, Lowood will embody:

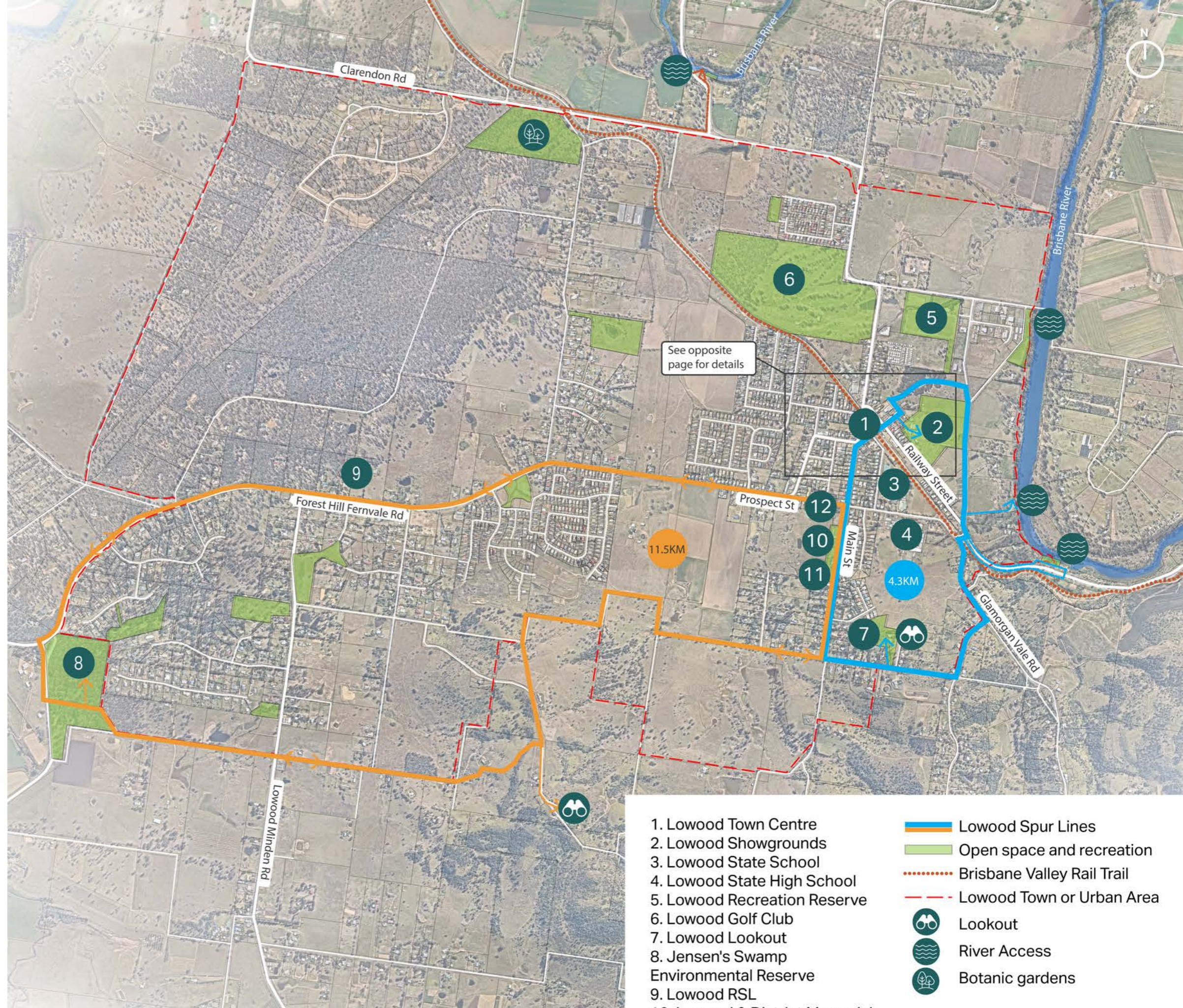
- Green and botanical character
- Destination with genuine experiences
- Friendly vibe
- Community pride and ownership

### Township Master Plan Opportunities

- Town Centre**  
Reinforcing the Town Centre as the community heart of Lowood and planning for its future evolution (See opposite page for more detail)
- Lowood Spur Lines**  
Creation of route/s off the Brisbane Valley Rail that connect local destinations such as the Town Centre and natural attractions such as the Brisbane River, to attract visitors and encourage people to spend more time in Lowood
- River Access**  
Facilitating access to Lowood's greatest natural asset, the Brisbane River
- Housing**  
Housing will continue to be provided within the urban area of Lowood as the town grows

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- 1. Lowood Town Centre
  - 2. Lowood Showgrounds
  - 3. Lowood State School
  - 4. Lowood State High School
  - 5. Lowood Recreation Reserve
  - 6. Lowood Golf Club
  - 7. Lowood Lookout
  - 8. Jensen's Swamp Environmental Reserve
  - 9. Lowood RSL
  - 10. Lowood & District Memorial Bowls Club
  - 11. Lowood Swimming Pool
  - 12. Lowood Police Station
- Lowood Spur Lines
  - Open space and recreation
  - Brisbane Valley Rail Trail
  - Lowood Town or Urban Area
  - Lookout
  - River Access
  - Botanic gardens

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## Centre Master Plan Opportunities

- 1 Lowood Train Station**  
Celebrating the railway history of Lowood provides inspiration for the master plan, with the train station as a central marker.
- 2 Community Hub**  
Potential new building to bring government services together and provide a hub for the local community
- 3 Green Botanic Core**  
Building upon Clock Park and recent planting, establish a green botanic character in the town centre including trees, landscaping, BBQ areas, playgrounds and an event lawn
- 4 Market Hall**  
Potential multi-purpose indoor/outdoor space for markets, events or community workshops
- 5 Brisbane Valley Rail Trail**  
Harnessing the visitor attraction of the BVRT by creating places for people to stop and spend time and improving crossings
- 6 New Connections**  
Creating a people focused centre with tree-lined footpaths and a new east-west connection between Michel Street and the Showgrounds via. Station Street with the Lowood Train Station as the centre point where it meets the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail
- 7 Car Parking**  
Relocating and formalising car parking in the centre will provide convenient access to destinations around town
- 8 Development Opportunities**  
Utilising existing available land for future retail, dining, office, short-term accommodation opportunities, allowing development to happen over time

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