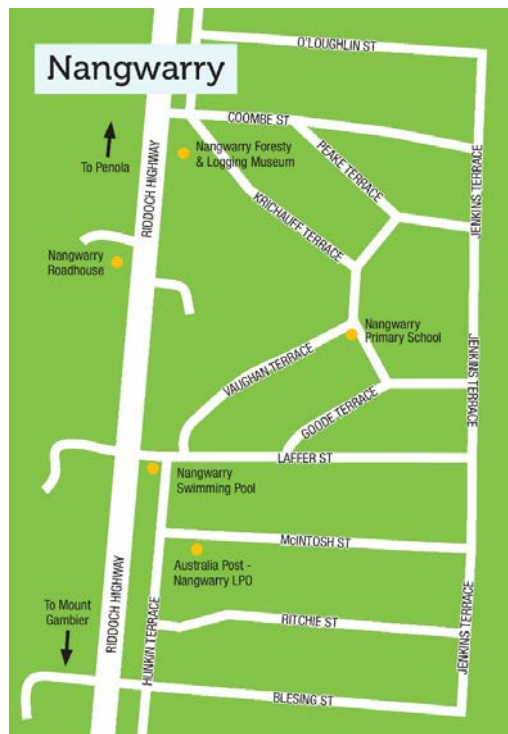




# Nangwarry Ten Year Community Town Plan



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## Executive Summary

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One of the most important roles of local government is to provide adequate community facilities and services to its residents and businesses.

The Community's vision and its overall quality of life are often tied to the availability and quality of these facilities and services.

The purpose of the Nangwarry 10 year Community Town Plan is to identify the positive attributes that make up our Community and provide recommendations from the Community that will assist with Council's future strategic direction for our town.

The Council's Comprehensive Community Plan and other strategic documents will be directly influenced by this plan and this document will help to ensure all Council activities are responsive to the views and aspirations of our community.

The Community outcomes and projects listed in this plan, will help shape Council's approach to the delivery of services, such as the importance of maintaining existing facilities and the construction of future developments.

These recommendations will also help to enhance, promote, and preserve those attributes, whilst working towards a sustainable, environmental, social and economic future for all.

The Community must balance the competing demands of maintaining existing facilities and constructing new facilities as well as considering the impact of population and economic growth on these facilities.

## The History of Nangwarry

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Origin of name: Aboriginal origin "ngrang ware" meaning path to the cave. It was first used as the name of a nearby homestead, "The Hundred of Nangwarry" (*Hundred, traditionally meaning 100sq miles or 64,000acres / 26,000ha*).

Early history shows that the "Hundred of Nangwarry" 1849 was farming land, predominately running stock such as horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry. It also included some land under orchards and some producing tobacco.

In 1938 approval was granted by Parliament to the South Australian Woods and Forest Department for the erection of a new Mill in the Penola Forest area (now known as Nangwarry). The primary reason for establishing this Mill was to produce seasoned board from 15-year-old thinnings to meet the high market demand. By the end of 1939 another Mill and Power Plant was built onsite which meant that instead of using diesel or steam driven equipment the Mill would generate its own electricity to power the machinery.

In the early years, the settlement of Nangwarry was managed in the same manner as an outback mining town of the period. The settlement was built by the Mill for Mill and Timber workers and their families. A great deal of responsibility was undertaken by early Mill managers and supervisors who not only ran the Mill but also acted as policeman, judge and Mayor in the town. The Nangwarry Mill was plagued by chronic labour shortages over the next 15 years due to World War II and accommodation problems.

The first 7 houses built in the area were completed in 1938 (*now demolished*). The original shop and boarding house, and the single men's living quarters were built in 1939. Another 12 homes were completed in 1940 and 10 more homes built in 1957. The single man's quarters (*now demolished*) in the settlement was a major source of disturbance, and in 1957 a full-time police officer was appointed for the settlement.

During the war years the Woods & Forests Mills were major contributors to the munitions program by producing cases for explosives and munitions. Feeling at the time indicates that this program would have been severely restricted without input from both Nangwarry and Mt Burr.

After the War ended, many displaced Europeans who fled their own countries came to Australia and were employed under two-year Government contracts in essential services - one of which was the timber industry. In the late 1940 – 50's the Nangwarry Mill staff included Estonians, Finns, Latvians, Czechoslovakians, Lithuanians and Slovenes.

The Nangwarry Recreation Trust was formed in 1942 to administer the local sporting facilities. In 1949 a recreation hall (*Football club rooms*) was built in the town and in 1970 the local swimming pool was completed with the help of \$6000 from the Mill (Woods & Forests Dept).

In 1944 an attempt was made for the settlement of Nangwarry to be proclaimed a town, however, this failed but in 1970 when the South Australian Woods and Forests Department handed the settlement area to the South Australian Housing Trust, the move towards township status began again. Nangwarry was officially proclaimed a town on October 17th, 1974.

From the late 1950s improvements in Mill equipment and plant continued to increase the quality of timber products produced. In 1975, Nangwarry Mill became the largest producer of framing timbers in Australia.

In the Ash Wednesday fires of 1983, about a quarter of the Departments South East forest plantations were burnt. For the next six years Nangwarry and the other Mills were used to process the scorched logs which were stored under sprinklers or in Lake Bonney.

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# Nangwarry Today

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Nangwarry is unique in that it is surrounded on all sides by pine plantations. It is economically dependent on forestry, timber, transport and the agricultural industries. It is home to the 2017 Telstra Medium Size Business of the Year, LV Dohnt and Co.

## Population and Employment

Nangwarry has a population of 520 people (ABS 2016 Census), which is 6 more than the 2011 Census. The medium age is 43 (ABS 2016 Census) while the medium age was 39 in the 2011 Census. 55% of the population are male with 45% female with 23% of the population aged 0-14 years and 17% of the population is aged over 65 years. There are 134 families (ABS 2016 Census) compared to 145 (ABS 2011 Census) which is 11 less families. Couple families with children make up 36% of families while 40% of families are without children and 19.3% of families are one parent families. 26.2% of the population is attending an educational institute of these 34% are in primary school, 10.4% secondary school and 5% in tertiary or technical institute.

Recreational activities include football and netball, hiking in the nearby forests, BMX track, swimming and playground.

## Community, Sport and Education

The Arboretum Trail walk passes 1,000 metres through small groves of mature forest trees. Information signs are posted at various points along the trail that describe the development of forestry in the South East. The Arboretum, mainly planted in 1934 provides a practical comparison into the growth of various pine and eucalypt species and native wildlife may also be seen along the trail.

The walk is classified as easy pace, distance 1,000 metres and takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. Pets are allowed in the forest but must be under control at all times or kept on a leash. Horse riding requires a permit from the Ranger.

## Nangwarry Saints Football Club

Despite being formed just after World War II Nangwarry had to wait until the 1990s before emerging as a force. The 1991 season brought the club's first ever senior grade grand final appearance. Nangwarry's long awaited breakthrough first premiership finally arrived in 1993 courtesy of an 18.12 (120) to 8.9 (57) grand final defeat of Mount Burr. The remainder of the 1990s saw the Saints involved in three more grand finals, all of which were won.

## Nangwarry Netball Club

The Nangwarry Netball Club is a family friendly club that encourages all members of the local community to get involved in the community. They encourage everyone to take part in physical activity. The club has a mentor system in place and focus on junior participation in sports. The Netball Club has had a lot of success over many years winning a number of premierships in all grades.

### Nangwarry Swimming Pool

The Pool was established forty years ago by the community. Council has commenced refurbishment works to bring the pool up to current standards. The committee has been working with Council to reopen the asset in time for the 2018/19 swimming season.

### Nangwarry Forestry & Logging Museum

The museum collection includes old logging machinery, including the first ever Log harvester in the south-east of South Australia, old swing saws, an original log truck built on an American ex-war vehicle (1947) as used in the SE until the 1970s. Visitors can see a reconstructed accommodation (single man quarters) hut as used by post-war refugees who were given work in the local Mill. There are albums of photos and documents to browse of old mills and their employees that give an insight into the culture of the times. DVDs of logging in the Snowy Mountains, logging in the south east and the management of the Plantation forests in the south east are available for viewing or sale. Free tea and coffee is included in the entrance fee as we like people to stay a while and share their stories.

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### Nangwarry Primary School

Student enrolment has been stable over the years. The school is classified as Category 2 on the DECD Index of Educational Disadvantage. Configuration involves 3 classes: Reception/Year 1, Years 2/3/4 and Years 5/6/7. The school has a preschool on-campus, and collaborative work between the Preschool and Early Years staff is proactive and supports early childhood learning.

## Why the need for a Town Plan?

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The idea of a *Nangwarry Community Town Plan* arose out of initial general discussions between Wattle Range Council staff and the Community. Essentially, the *Nangwarry Community Town Plan* provides:

- An opportunity to articulate the issues that are important to Nangwarry based residents.
- A clear blueprint for the future development of the Nangwarry Township and the surrounding region.
- A basis to attract local, state, and potentially, federal funding to help achieve identified community priorities and projects.
- A more co-ordinated approach for the social, cultural and economic development of the township and surrounding enterprises.
- An opportunity to enhance the reputation of Nangwarry as a tourism destination.

## Vision Statement

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The Town of Nangwarry seeks sustainable growth that protects our natural and historic resources, while preserving our values, qualities and culture.

## Mission Statement

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To promote and improve our quality of living, enhance our sense of community, and preserve the integrity of our small-town and to promote its heritage of the timber industry from which our town was established.

## What Makes Nangwarry unique?

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Nangwarry is nestled in the heart of South-East's beautiful pine plantation and offers residents friendly services including a Primary School, Post Office, Doctor's clinic, Roadhouse, Serv-Wel and recreational facilities including playground, football, netball, swimming pool and BMX track. Nangwarry has a culturally diverse background and is a uniquely small town with large community and family values. Nangwarry has affordable housing and is close to major towns with great employment and higher learning opportunities.

## Location

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Nangwarry is situated 20kms south of Penola on the Riddoch Highway. The distance to Adelaide is 402km, to Melbourne is 426km, to Beachport via Millicent is 82km and to Mount Gambier it is 32km.



## Products and Services

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Nangwarry offers the following:

- BMX track
- Serv-Wel / Bottle shop
- Roadhouse
- CFS
- Timber Businesses
- Forestry
- Hiking tourists
- Horticulture
- Livestock grazing
- Football & Netball Club
- Forestry & Logging Museum
- Medical Clinic
- Playground with BBQ facilities
- Swimming Pool
- Post Office
- Primary School

## Who do we need to attract to Nangwarry?

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- Families
- Tourism enterprises
- Industry / Business
- Events / Festivals

## Marketing & Promotion

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At present there is a social media or website presence from:

- Nangwarry Forestry & Logging Museum
- Nangwarry Football & Netball Club
- Nangwarry CFS
- BP Nangwarry
- Growing up in Nangwarry
- Nangwarry Community Page
- Nangwarry Pool Committee
- Australia Post
- Nangwarry Primary School
- LV Dohnt & Co
- Nangwarry Station
- Wattle Range Council web site & events

In the near future we hope to form a Nangwarry Progress Committee to market and promote the Nangwarry Community.

## Appendix

### Nangwarry Projects

Time Line: A = 1-2 years B = 3-4 years C = 5-8 years D = 9-12 years E = 13-17 years F = 17-20 years OG = On Going

#### Look and Feel of Nangwarry

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
A	Map of town with points of interest	Progress Committee - Council	
A	Finish painting around the public toilets	Council	
OG	Improve lighting for laneways and lights at each street end	Progress Committee - Council	
A	Tidy up swamp areas	Clean up Australia day project	

#### Social Media and Nangwarry Advertising & Promotion Progress Committee

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
OG	Face Book advertising	Progress Committee update and improve exciting page	
A	Community Connect	Council	Free
OG	TV, Radio and paper advertising	Progress Committee - Council	Free as part of community connect
B	Free Wi-Fi	Progress Committee - Council	

### Nangwarry Celebrations and Events

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
OG	Homemade movie & photo slide show festival 2nd or 3rd weekend in January	Progress Committee - Council	
OG	Yearly Car Boot Sale - July - \$5 per boot money to go into the community hall	Progress Committee - Council	
OG	Glowing mushrooms trail/tours	Progress Committee	
OG	Family fun day Charity fundraising	Progress Committee	
OG	Hold public/community events	Progress Committee	
OG	ANZAC Day	Progress Committee	
OG	Australia Day moved around between Kalangadoo and Nangwarry	Progress Committee	
OG	Functioning forestry industry	Progress Committee	
OG	Country show	Progress Committee	

### Nangwarry Assets & Infrastructure

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
A	Chlorine upgrade and painting of the Nangwarry pool	Wattle Range Council	
A	Seal the road into the pool & football/netball club	Football / Netball / Pool Committee - Council	
A	Truck parking near the BP & across from BP	Council- Progress Committee	
	Last fire refuge - sprinklers updated	Completed	
OG	Street lighting, especially one light end of each street	Council - Progress Committee	
OG	Improved water quality - Calcification - Damaged appliances e.g. kettles	SA Water - Progress Committee	

OG	Tidying up swamp areas		
	- Install a table & shelter - Board Walk	Council - Progress Committee	

B	RV friendly area - RV area friendly near football oval	Council - Progress Committee	
	- Power		
	- Hot showers/toilets		
	- Dump point for blackwater		
	- Free Wi-Fi		
A	Bigger signs for museum	Council - Museum	
OG	Attract new industry into old mill site CHH	Progress Committee	
OG	All the Street kerbing finished	Council - Progress Committee	
OG	Slow down cars around town by installing speed humps	Council - Progress Committee	
C	<b>Park:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Shade over equipment</li> <li>- Toilets</li> <li>- Running water sprinkler / drink fountain?</li> <li>- Jumping pillow &amp; adventure playground</li> <li>- Complete loop at bike track</li> </ul>	Council - Progress Committee	
	Men's Shed	Progress Committee / Museum Committee	
B	Extend current walking track to circle whole town Seating along walking path	Council - Progress Committee	
B	<b>At Football / Netball Club:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gate shed – entrance of footy</li> <li>- Bitumen road from gate to old road &amp; south club</li> <li>- Draining SW corner of clubrooms</li> <li>- Toilets on hill at oval</li> <li>- Drainage SE end of oval in Vaughan Terrace</li> <li>- Level out concrete in front of ladies change rooms</li> <li>- Update change rooms</li> <li>- Surrounds of netball courts level out</li> <li>- Hot water system netball</li> </ul>	Council - Progress Committee – Football and Netball Club	

	<b>Swimming pool:</b>		
B	Gym in pool area similar to what Port Mac has in change rooms	Council - Progress Committee -Pool Committee	
B	Beautification and redevelopment including plantings, BBQ, picnic tables & shade for the Nangwarry Pool	Save the Nangwarry Pool	
C	Small playground near pool – football / netball can use as well on home games	Council - Progress Committee	
C	Disabled access for pool	Pool Committee	
	Ramp and water chair		
	Change room with hoist		

### Nangwarry Community Projects

Time Line	Project	Working Groups	Other Comments
<b>OG</b>	Public transport service for:		
	People without licences to have access to employment, medical, social and shopping	Progress Committee	
<b>OG</b>	Encourage and attract businesses and services to the town, especially that cater for the ageing population e.g. transportation to/from Mt Gambier and Penola, medical, in-house care, and home handyman; services e.g. maintaining lawns and gutters for those that are no-longer able to do it themselves	Progress Committee	
	Elderly-friendly infrastructure (e.g. footpaths and kerbs)	Progress Committee	
	Community to consider nominating people for volunteer awards to be awarded during volunteer week.		
	The Nangwarry Primary School students proposed a bike track around town		
	The Nangwarry Primary School students proposed lane way access and curbing		

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