

Background Information

The Goulburn Mulwaree Local Government Area (LGA) includes the three urban areas of Goulburn, Marulan and Tarago.

The City of Goulburn is located approximately at the centre of the LGA and plays a key role in servicing the region and the surrounding rural industry. It includes key local social and financial services and infrastructure, and major employers such as the police academy and the high security gaol. The city also serves as an important transport hub, located on the Sydney to Melbourne route.

Marulan is located approximately 30km east of Goulburn and is the largest village in the LGA. It is predominantly residential, yet supports a variety of industrial uses and services the highway. The village is an important employment base for the LGA. It also provides key social services such as schools, childcare facilities and shopping.

Tarago is the smallest of the urban centres and is located approximately 40 km south of Goulburn. The village has been targeted for future growth.

Urban Growth in the Local Government Area (LGA)

Both Goulburn and Marulan have experienced limited population growth in recent times. Council is seeking to encourage population and employment growth across the whole of Goulburn Mulwaree into the future. Factors supporting growth include the current population characteristics, employment and business development opportunities, land availability, proximity and accessibility to the major urban centres of Sydney and Canberra, and the impact of the Sydney-Canberra Corridor strategy.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council has identified Goulburn and Marulan as growth centres to be developed in the short to medium term. Encouraging growth will include the promotion of industrial and commercial development.

Tarago is currently experiencing growth pressure. As capacity is reached in the urban areas around Canberra, Tarago presents an opportunity for residential development with strong employment links to Canberra. The township of Tarago has been identified by Goulburn Mulwaree Council as a growth area in the longer term, with the growth potential subject to connection to the sewerage system.

Growth and the links to water management

Growth potential in all three urban areas is intimately linked to the availability of water and quality of the water management system. Residents have cited shortfalls in water supply as restricting the development and investment potential in the LGA. It is recognised by both Council and the community that a quality water supply is critical when determining future development and community wellbeing in the LGA.
