

Carboor Community Plan 2009/2010

What is community planning & what does the Carboor community hope to achieve?

A Community Plan talks about the key issues facing a community and recommends strategies that Council and/or agencies could implement to address your identified needs. The Carboor community hope to address social, economic and environmental issues to enhance the sustainability and liveability of their community.

Profile

The Carboor district with a population of approximately 70, covers a narrow valley 37.7km south east of Wangaratta and 277km from Melbourne. Fertile soils and bush crown land are crossed by the Hurdle & Scrubby Creeks. Farming includes beef, sheep, dairy, cropping & hops. There is a strong dairy community. Once a self sufficient community with a creamery, pub and butchery, have since closed due to remoteness. Transport is a priority issue. Tall plantation timber support the saw mill and bee keeping industries. The community actively reduce the risks associated with living in the bush and a in the process of developing a safety plan.

The recently refurbished supper room and hall is a regular meeting place for locals. The annual Australia Day event is well attended. A post 2006/07 bushfire event, Cinema Under the Stars attracted several hundred people. Carboor won the 1905 football grand final!

Background

A town meeting attended by 18 residents was held on Sunday 30 August 2009 at the Carboor

Soldiers Memorial Hall. From this meeting, the community identified their priority needs.

MAPPING THE COMMUNITY...

What Community Groups exist?

Carboor Bobinawarra Landcare Group
Carboor Recreation Reserve Committee
Carboor Rural Fire Brigade
Carboor Soldiers Memorial Hall & Recreation

How do locals communicate?

Carboor Community newsletter
Carboor-Bobinawarra Landcare newsletter

Community facilities...

Carboor Soldiers Memorial Hall & Supper Room

What Community Events are held?

Australia Day celebration
Annual Christmas Party (1st Saturday in Dec)

What Memorials exist in Carboor?

Carboor Soldiers Memorial Hall
Honour Board in Hall
Hurdle Creek State School Historic Site
memorial stone & plaque

Services available to residents...

Mail – RSD
Seniors bus to Moyhu Planned Activity Group
Senior & junior school bus
Rubbish & recycling collection

What Businesses operate locally?

Alpine Logging
Box Logging
Fencing & hay carting contractors
RV Aquiline

Existing Plans & Strategies

Agricultural Land Use Strategy
RCOW 2030 Vision

Carboor-Bobinawarra Landcare Group – Local Area Plan, 2004
Fire Plan 2009 – work in progress

What are the key features of your area?

One road valley surrounded by crown land forest. Hurdle & Scrubby Creeks.

Links to other communities – shopping schooling

Preschool – Wangaratta & Beechworth
Primary education - Milawa P.S. –dedicated school bus from hall to Milawa and Cathedral College via High School bus
High School - Wangaratta

Community Planning Town Meeting 30 August 2009



What is good about Carboor?

Senior Citizens bus
Strong community
Good community
CFA (effective)
Community Resources: diverse
Proactive
Self-sufficient – equipment & skills
School bus run – primary & secondary
Good roads
Proximity – Beechworth & Wangaratta
Long valley
Landcare – Carboor –Bobinawarra group

Daily mail service
Television reception

Themes from the community meeting 30 August 2009

Environment –

- roadside vegetation, remove or burn,
- water supply, clean & secure (evacuation point),
- solar power – use hall roof space

Agribusiness –

- maintain existing businesses
- effect of climate change
- alternative options
- soil health, production through group buying
- DPI – animal health
- Self sufficient – explore ideas
- Cooperative –sharing/barter
- Right to farm without worrying about lifestyle impacts
- Keep properties at a sustainable size

Safety -

- Evacuation plan
- Evacuation points
- Communication phone tree/radio
- Keep all roads safe in fire season
- Need turning lane at Snow Road/Carboor Everton Road
- Open up cross roads at Kneebones Gap/Carboor-Everton Road
- Road access – north & south
- Cost of fuel – green travel & shared trips

Community Activities –

- Social functions
- Senior citizens – isolated persons, hall services (Ovens & King CH)
- Youth Group
- Playgroup/kinder (mobile)

- Communications
- Local newsletter

Infrastructure –

- Mobile phone coverage
- Broadband internet
- SEC – too many spikes in power – blows up appliances

Transport –

- Public transport to Wangaratta
- Gravel roads – better maintenance
- School buses – need to be maintained – very early/very late
- Open up Water's Lane so it's safe in an emergency
- Get rid of amco railing – makes corners too narrow especially with farm equipment

Social-

- Activities for older residents

Health

- Clinic at hall once/week

Community building-

- Social activities
- Events – eg Xmas, Australia Day
- Fire prevention awareness & actions
- Extensions b/w hall & supper room (santa claus speed humps)
- Improvements eg. Toilet block will enable more events
- Play equipment at the Hall

CFA

- Single most important activity which binds our community

Carboor History

- Documentation of history being compiled

School bus

- Importance of this service being maintained
- Only travels as far as the Hall

Roadside vegetation

- Guidelines for maintaining community safety, re planting of roadside vegetation

- This is a single access community in and out of the valley. Everyone's safety is affected by this. Easier to prevent than to cure.

Be a local Hero – buy & promote

- Support local product & industries in order to maintain identity and the survival of our communities

Lifestyle community

- Effects on the community as a whole
- Amount of involvement, or not from individual families moving into the valley
- Weakening resources and adding to workload

Sustainability

- Decentralisation – solar power, energy forms, biothermal

Viable farms

- Crucial to survival of farming industries

1. Carboor's Vision Community Plan

2. Rural landscape & Environment

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholders
Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decentralisation • Co-operative • Water • Power sources • Solar power 	Jean Box Michael Hedderman	Provide a source of energy for the hall with feedback into the grid	Solar panels on hall roof	RCOW - Environment Unit Solar Hart
Electricity (currently stretched to the limits) no more power coming into Carboor	Sue Box Robin Box	Power supply that meets the growing needs of the district	Upgrade of power supply to Carboor Upgrade of power supply to Carboor Hall – in progress	SP Ausnet Electrician RCOW

3. Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholders
Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events • Support for seniors & youth • newsletter 	Robin Box Glen Mitchell	Improve communication throughout Carboor community Provide opportunities for social gatherings	Carboor Community Newsletter – completed Dance classes – ongoing A community event – to be developed	A newsletter Completed \$250 grants provided

4. Economy – how can be develop business opportunities?

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Agribusines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining farming lifestyle • Animal & soil health 	Allan Roman Geoff Bussell	Maintain farming as a business into the future	Land size viable for agribusiness with limitation on lifestyle blocks.	Ag Land Study – Matthew Woodward, RCOW - Strategic Planner Alpine Valley's

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • viability • DPI 				Agribusiness DPI
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5. Safety & Accessibility

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholders
Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside • Communication • Evacuation plan 	Robin Box	To improve safety and reduce risks	Establish a safety plan for the Carboor district	CFA SES Police RCOW
Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile phone • Next G & beyond 	Glen Mitchell	To improve all non-existent coverage and investigate feasibility of coverage in the future	Mobile reception established	Telstra Optus Aurecon Group
Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public & School bus 	Sue Box	Increase availability of cost effective transport	Coordinated King Valley transport times with O&K bus School bus route extended	Transport Connection Officer, School Bus Coordinator @ Wangaratta High School Dept of Infrastructure

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Carboor - COMMUNITY PLANNING

Strategy #1: Provide an efficient power supply to meet the growing communities' needs

Rural landscape & Environment

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	ACTION BY
Provide a source of energy for the hall with feedback into the grid	Encourage the expansion of renewable power. -Facilitate uptake of solar energy by community through partnership programs.	To enhance community understanding of conservation values and provide opportunities to experience and contribute to the environment . -Support community based climate change and sustainability initiatives.	Sustainable Management Plan	RCOW Solar Hart
Power supply that meets the growing needs of the district			Sustainable Management Plan	SP Ausnet Electrician

Strategy #2: Improve communication to increase community connectedness

Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	ACTION BY
Improve communication throughout Carboor community Provide opportunities for social gatherings	Support activities that engage people with share special interests. -Celebrate important community milestones.	To support our community to be resilient. -Expand the range of festive community events to enhance the liveability of the Rural City of Wangaratta		RCOW

		and create opportunities for the community to come together.		6.
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Strategy #3: Maintain farming as a business that reflects current trends

Economy – how can we develop business opportunities?

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	ACTION BY
Maintain farming as a business into the future opportunities?	<p>Facilitate and support sustainable rural business opportunities.</p> <p>-Explore alternative, sustainable farming practices.</p> <p>Ensure that the long term viability of the agricultural sector is not diminished due to soil degradation.</p> <p>-Work with Landcare, DPI and NECMA to ensure good community understanding of soils behaviour and ability to monitor and improve soil health</p>	<p>To undertake a strategic approach to land use planning to provide balanced outcomes for growth, existing land use environment, heritage and community aspirations.</p> <p>-Implement the Agricultural Land Strategy.</p> <p>-Investigate the impacts of climate change on land use and how the outcomes may be incorporated into the Planning Scheme.</p>	Agricultural Land Study	RCOW Alpine Valley's Agribusiness DPI

Strategy #4: Provide safe and accessible communication that includes emergency plans

Safety & Accessibility

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<p>To improve safety and reduce risks</p> <p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside • Communication • Evacuation plan 	<p>Promote a high level of community safety.</p> <p>-Continue input into the Traffic Liaison Group.</p>	<p>To promote a high level of community safety.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Identify and enhance the core elements which contribute to community safety and liveability in the Rural City of Wangaratta.</p>	<p>Municipal Emergency Management Plan</p>	<p>RCOW CFA SES Police</p>
<p>To improve all non-existent coverage and investigate feasibility of coverage in the future</p>	<p>Advocate for improved telecommunications and technology.</p> <p>-Support and promote Government Broad Band provision for rural areas.</p>	<p>To invest in and deploy proven Information management System to ensure effective access to information and services.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Investigate opportunities to provide improved telecommunications into the Rural City of Wangaratta, comparable with metropolitan access.</p>		<p>RCOW Telstra Optus Aurecon Group</p>
<p>Increase availability of cost effective transport</p>	<p>Undertake a detailed Transport</p> <p>-Connectivity of townships.</p>	<p>To investigate and implement infrastructure opportunities that support community aspirations</p> <p>-</p> <p>Continue to work with the Transport Connections Project to develop a Transport Action Plan and</p>		<p>RCOW Transport Connection Officer School Bus Coordinator</p>

		address identified public and community transport gaps.		
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