

# Cheshunt Community

## Plan 2010/2011

### ***What is community planning & what does the Cheshunt 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 community of Cheshunt hope to achieve a closer knit community with many social activities to bring the wider community together.

### **Profile**

Cheshunt is a small, diverse rural community on the south eastern fringe of the Municipality approximately 50 kms from Wangaratta and 289 kms from Melbourne. Approximately 150 people live in Cheshunt which includes a diverse village that adjoins National Parks. Major north/south power lines drape the scenic ranges. The rich fertile soils and access to water from the King River support the viticultural industry. The community were impacted by bushfires in 2006 and some longer term residents recall the 1952 fires. Flood events during the 2010 Spring and 2010/11 Summer impacted severely on the business and farming sector while causing significant damage to the waterways.. The William Hovell Dam, King River, Queens Creek, Paradise Falls and Powers Lookout are popular tourist destinations. There are many well known wineries and they participate in food and wine festivals that offer a gourmet experience for locals and tourists throughout the year. The community is supportive of the Whitfield's proposed project to link their town to Cheshunt via a shared path. The Cheshunt Hall is a valued community facility and meeting place for locals. The General Store provides takeaways and smallgoods and includes a licensed post office.

Cheshunt is a place where people connect to nearby towns for schooling, recreation and employment. The locals enjoy a lifestyle balance of busy times and laid back times.



**View from Paradise Falls**

### **Background**

The Cheshunt community celebrated the Cheshunt Hall Kitchen Upgrade on 4 August 2009. There was lively discussion about the opportunities that may exist for increased usage of the refurbished hall. The participants were keen to get involved in Council's Community Planning Program to help progress opportunities to develop not only the hall, but other needs not specific to Council. A pre-planning meeting was held on the 5 November 2009 to prepare for the "all of town/district" meeting. At this meeting it was decided to delay the 'town meeting' as summer/autumn are harvesting times. It was decided that the community meeting be held on Wednesday 13 October 2010 at the Cheshunt Hall.



**Community champion's gathering**

## What Community Groups exist?

- Cheshunt CFA
- Cheshunt Gardening Club
- Cheshunt Hall Committee
- King Basin Landcare Group
- King Valley Craft Group
- King Valley Tourism Association
- King Valley United Red Cross
- King Valley Vignerons
- Whitfield RSL (includes Cheshunt)
- Wines of the King Valley

## How do locals communicate?

- King Valley Grapevine
- Whitfield Primary School Newsletter
- Rose River area has a 'phone tree'
- Walkie talkies are used & UHF radios

## Community facilities...

- Cheshunt Hall & Recreation Reserve (includes 24/7 accessible public toilet)
- Picnic area at William Hovell Dam

## What memorials & icons exist in your community?

- Old Cheshunt School Site Plaque
- Two honour boards at the Hall
- Two trees planted at the Hall to commemorate two nurses killed during the War
- Frank Ryan Memorial
- Keith Petersen Rotunda

## What community events are held?

- Australia Day event
- Cheshunt Flower Exhibition
- Cheshunt Picnic – last Friday in October
- King Valley Challenge (triathlon)
- Remembrance Day

## Services available to residents...

- Cheshunt Postal Service
- District & Private Nursing
- King Valley Courier Service
- Seniors Community Meals
- School bus – links primary students to Edi Upper (user pays) & Whitfield, secondary students to Wangaratta
- V-Line bus – links residents to Wangaratta



Memorial at the King River Camp

## Local Businesses

- Bettio Wines
- Boondaroo Breads & Piggery
- Chrismont Wines
- Ciccone Wines
- Erik's Seedlings
- Evolve – Typo Station
- Francesco Wines
- Glenmore Springs Accommodation
- King River Camp
- Maringa Olives
- Outdoor Education Group
- Pasta Della & Salami
- Pizzini Wines
- Politini Wines
- Primerano Wines
- Station Creek Wines & Restaurant
- Warrawee Apple Orchard
- Farming – beef, dairy, grapes, sheep, goats, nuts, pigs, deer and olives

## Existing Plans, Strategies & books

King Valley Masterplan 2002

Cheshunt & Degamero School record books

## What attracts tourists to your area?

- Bush walking & bike riding
- Food & Wine Festivals
- Fishing, deer hunting and outdoor recreation
- Four wheel driving
- Lake William Hovell
- Paradise Falls
- Wangaratta-Mansfield Tourist Route
- White water rafting
- Wineries & Restaurants

## What are the key features of your area?

- Bush – flora & fauna
- Gateway to the mountains
- King River and its tributaries
- King Valley
- Paradise Falls
- Rose River
- William Hovell Dam

## Links to other communities – schooling & shopping...

- Primary School – Whitfield
- Secondary School – Wangaratta
- Senior's Community Meals – Edi Upper
- King Valley Recreation Reserve
- Mansfield & Wangaratta - shopping
- Tolmie – employment

Rotunda at Lake William Hovell



## Themes from the community meeting

### Table One

Cycling track from Whitfield to Lake William Hovell, Swimming Hole/area and camping facilities for the bridge, restock Lake with fish, signage for local stopping areas.

### Table Two

Health and wellbeing, emergency health team, medical emergencies, increase GP clinic at Whitfield, transport, maintain roads-especially school bus route, youth-bike track between Cheshunt & Whitfield, movie nights, playground, swimming area, table & chairs at BBQ area.

*These needs were then prioritised and champions (community members attending the meeting) nominated to progress the needs as projects which are detailed on the Action Plan attached.*

## \$5,000 Community Planning Grant

The community planning participants decided to allocate the grant towards the refurbishment of the supper room and use the funds as leverage to attract further funds to complete the project.



Lake William Hovell

## Cheshunt Community Action Plan 2010/2011

### Infrastructure & Environment

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Cycling track to Lake William Hovell	Thomas Moritz	To link Cheshunt to Lake William Hovell via cycling path.	Cycling path established.	RCoW Dept of Planning & Community Development.
Communication - Mobile & broadband	Les Smith	To improve mobile phone coverage.	Telecommunications tower upgraded to secure phone/internet coverage to outer areas.	Optus Telcos
Streetscape -plant ornamental trees	David O'Brien	To improve the ascetics of the town.	Streetscape planted with trees.	RCoW King Valley Masterplan
Cheshunt Hall Supper Room upgrade	Julie White	To improve utilisation of Hall for community use.	Supper Room upgrade for meeting space.	RCoW-Community & Amenity

### Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Increase GP Clinic services	Refer to existing group in the district.	To support the Whitfield community champion's project to retain & increase GP Clinic services.	Support provided to Whitfield community champion.	O&K Community Health RCoW
Movie night at the Hall	Julie White Dianne O'Brien	To provide an opportunity for locals to socialise.	Movie night held.	Community
Play activity area at the Hall	Lyn Gina Martinello	To encourage tourists and locals to recreate at the Hall.	Play activity installed at the Hall.	RCoW-Community & Recreation

## Economy – how can we develop business opportunities?

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Zoning	Paul Bettio	To enhance development and growth opportunities through rezoning.	Cheshunt to be included as a growth area in the Agricultural Land Study.	RCoW-Planning & Economic Development
Private caravan park	David Steer	To investigate accommodation opportunities in the district.	Report on potential accommodation opportunities in the district.	DSE RCoW
Provision of potable water	Paul Bettio	To attract businesses to Cheshunt.	Access to potable water at Cheshunt.	RCoW NE Water Goulburn Murray Water
Restock Lake William Hovell with fish.	Gina Martinelli	To improve Lake William Hovell dam. Enhance tourism and recreation participation.	Restock lake with fish. (completed)	DSE NECMA GM-Water

## Safety & Accessibility & Transport

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Community Safety - Safety Plan - Form SES Group - CERTeam - CPR training	Laurence Mason-Jones	To improve community's capacity to respond to an emergency.	Community upskilled in safety procedures.	Ambulance Victoria RCoW – Emergency Management

# COUNCIL CONSIDERATION - CHESHUNT COMMUNITY PLAN

## A Vibrant and Healthy Community

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>To encourage tourists and locals to recreate at the Hall.</p> <p>Goal: Play activity installed at the Hall.</p>		<p>Implement the 2010-2013 Rural City of Wangaratta Tourism Industry Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Review and implement Council's Public Playground Facilities Consolidation Strategy.</p>	Tourism Industry strategic Plan.	RCoW – Community & Recreation
<p>To support the Whitfield community champion's project to retain &amp; increase GP Clinic services.</p> <p>Goal: Support provided to Whitfield community champion.</p>	Support a strategy for health services provision within the region to be lead by health authorities and agencies.	Work with the health service sector in developing an integrated approach to service delivery and health planning.	Community Wellbeing Plan.	O & K Community Health RCoW
<p>To provide an opportunity for locals to socialise.</p> <p>Goal: Movie night held.</p>		Expand the range of festive community events to enhance the liveability of the Rural City of Wangaratta and create opportunities for the community to come together.		Community

## A Thriving Economy

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>Private Caravan Park -To investigate accommodation opportunities in the district.</p> <p>Goal - Report on potential accommodation opportunities in the district.</p>	<p>Review and implement key actions of the Economic Development Strategy</p>	<p>Implement the Wangaratta Economic Development Strategy.</p>	<p>Economic Development Strategy.</p>	<p>DSE RCoW</p>
<p>To improve Lake William Hovell dam. Enhance tourism and recreation participation. Goal - Restock lake with fish. (completed)</p>	<p>Community to identify local attractions and features from community planning.</p>	<p>Implement the 2010-2013 Rural City of Wangaratta Tourism Industry Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>Rural City of Wangaratta Recreation Strategy</p>	<p>DSE NECMA Goulburn Murray - Water</p>
<p>To enhance development and growth opportunities through rezoning.</p> <p>Goal: Cheshunt to be included as a growth area in the Agricultural Land Study.</p>		<p>As part of the community planning process, develop structure plans for individual townships.</p>		<p>RCoW – Planning and Economic Development.</p>
<p>To attract businesses to Cheshunt.</p> <p>Goal: Access to potable water at Cheshunt.</p>	<p>Review and implement key actions of the Economic Development Strategy</p>	<p>Implement the Wangaratta Economic Development Strategy.</p>	<p>Economic Development Strategy.</p>	<p>RCoW N E Water Goulburn Murray Water</p>

## Safety & Accessibility

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>To improve community's capacity to respond to an emergency.</p> <p>Goal - Community upskilled in safety procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety Plan</li> <li>- Form SES Group</li> <li>- CERTeam</li> <li>- CPR training</li> </ul>		<p>Implement where appropriate, or review where needed, Council's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Fire Prevention Plan;</li> <li>· Municipal Emergency Management Plan;</li> </ul>	Municipal Emergency Management Plan.	Ambulance Victoria RCoW – Emergency Management

## Infrastructure

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>To link Cheshunt to Lake William Hovell via cycling path.</p> <p>Goal: Cycling path established.</p>	Plan and develop a shared use system of pathways throughout the municipality.	<p>Implement the key actions of the Cycle Tourism Strategy in collaboration with Alpine and Indigo Shires.</p> <p>Plan a network of shared paths designed to provide walking and cycling access between townships and community facilities.</p>	Cycling to the Future – Bicycle Path Strategy	RCoW Dept Planning & Community Development.



<p>To improve mobile phone coverage.</p> <p>Goal - Telecommunications tower upgraded to secure phone/internet coverage to outer areas.</p>	<p>Support and promote Government Broad Band provision for rural areas.</p>	<p>Investigate opportunities to provide improved telecommunications into the Rural City of Wangaratta, comparable with metropolitan access.</p>		<p>Optus Telcos</p>
<p>To improve the aesthetics of the town.</p> <p>Goal: Streetscape planted with trees.</p>	<p>Increase street tree planting within townships and open space reserves for shade, visual impact and as carbon offsets.</p>	<p>Develop and implement landscape strategies for main roads, key township entrances and Council buildings.</p>		<p>RCoW King Valley Master Plan.</p>
<p>To improve utilisation of Hall for community use.</p> <p>Goal: Supper Room upgrade for meeting space.</p>	<p>Maintain and further develop key sporting, cultural and recreational opportunities, including Yarrunga pool and rural recreation reserves/halls.</p>	<p>Continue to upgrade facilities to ensure communities have access to a place to meet for social, recreational and learning opportunities.</p>		<p>RCoW – Community &amp; Amenity.</p>

If you would like to know more about the Rural City of Wangaratta's Community Planning Program, contact the Community Planning Unit on 57220824 or 5722 0828.

