

# Edi & Edi Upper Community Plan 2010/2011

## ***What is community planning & what does the Edi 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 Edi and Edi Upper hope to achieve a stronger sense of community through increased community events and activities to increase social connections and participation. They would like their projects to be achieved through everyone pulling together as a community.



Edi Upper Hall

## **Profile**

The rural location of Edi and Edi Upper 45.7km from Wangaratta and is referred to as the gateway to the King Valley. The King River's proximity to the Wangaratta-Whitfield Road provides ideal camping and recreation, particularly at 'the bridge' and 'the cutting'. The Edi and Edi Upper community do not necessarily relate to geographic boundaries (Meadow Creek Road, Black Range Road, Gentle Annie, King River). It is more that other areas relate to Edi and Edi Upper residents relate to neighbouring localities for services. In other words, the boundaries are quite fluid and residents in the King Valley are interconnected. The Edi Upper Hall and Tennis Courts provide a place for locals to gather for recreation. The school is also a community hub with facilities

such as the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and aquaponic tanks.



Figure 2 Community Champions – L-R Jim Kiely, Helen O'Donoghue, Stephen Lowe, Ken & Marg Jenvey, Therese Holmes & June Uebergang Absent: Peter Jewson, Suzanne Sims, Mick Cross, Lynne Dal Zotto & Pat Cook

## **Background**

The Edi and Edi Upper district community gathered at the Edi Upper Hall on Monday 19 July 2010 to progress their community plan. A follow up workshop on Monday 9 August 2010 was attended by the champions to develop aims & goals for their projects. The aims & goals are represented on the attached Action Plan.

## **What Community Groups exist?**

- Edi Hall & Recreation Reserve Committee
- Edi Upper Hall
- Edi-Blackrange Catchment Group
- Edi Upper Tennis Club
- Edi CFA
- King Valley Football

## **How do locals communicate?**

- King Valley Grapevine
- Edi Upper PS Newsletter

## **Community facilities...**

- Edi Upper Primary School –Edi Upper Hall
- King Valley Cemetery

## **What Community Events are held?**

- Australia Day Event
- Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser
- Red Cross Christmas in July
- Annual School Concert
- Junior Tennis Tournament

## What Memorials exist in your community?

Honour Board in the Edi Upper Hall

## Local Businesses

- Tourism
- Wine/vineyards
- Accommodation: Coorinya Cottage; Riverslea Cottage; Moodie Cottage
- KV Fine Foods
- Hay contracting, dairy, sheep & beef

## What attracts tourists to your area?

Recreation activities – river fishing, camping, motor cycling.

## What are the key features of your area?

King River & the Edi Cutting.

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

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## Existing Plans, Strategies & Programs...

Edi Upper Recreation Reserve Plan currently being developed.

## Themes from the community meeting

Building on hall precinct, ride on mower, road signage – alternate scenic route to Whitfield and accommodation, finish hall, roadside and outside lighting, play area, sandpits/swings, BBQ

area, safety fence on road side, playgroup & childcare, deck and veranda on front of hall, disabled access, community pizza oven at school, extend hothouse, community seedling growing, skate park in the King Valley, better area for river access & swimming, BBQ area, tables etc at Edi Bridge, better toilets, tennis court lights (Tennis Club in process of application), playground at the Hall & safe area for kids to play, learning exchange activities, Community /School – music program, aquaponics, community garden, after school care, community bus transport, community meal (monthly), cluster Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, cluster restaurant.



Community meeting in progress

***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 attendees decide to allocate the community planning grant to the following groups:

**Edi Upper Primary School** - \$2,500 towards a pizza oven (budget to be developed)

**Edi Upper Hall** - \$2,500 towards a BBQ.

## Edi & Edi Upper Community Action Plan 2010/2011

### Rural landscape & Environment

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
River access with tables, BBQ & toilet at Edi Bridge	Therese Holmes	To provide community facilities for locals and tourists.	Clean, attractive recreation area with more tables and chairs, BBQs, garbage collection (at peak times-public holidays).	DSE RCoW NECMA

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

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Skate Park in the King Valley area	Lyn	To provide a recreation activity for the youth.	Skate Park established in the King Valley.	RCoW - Recreation Planner
Annual Come & Try Day	June Ubergang	Provide an event for all community to come together for a meal.	New friendships. Increased social and recreational activity by residents.	RCoW – Community Planning, Grants
Pizza Oven & Community Meals	Edi School Council	Enhance the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and increase social connections.	Woodfired pizza oven constructed. Cooking classes established. Increase in social gatherings.	RCoW – Community Planning, Grants
Community Music Program	Mick Cross	Investigate funding options for a community music program.	Funding secured for community music program.	Viterra Community Grant

## Infrastructure

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Signage – road & tourism (refer to Mansfield-Wangaratta Master Plan).	Pat Cook	To improve directional road and tourism signage in the Edi district.	Road and tourism signage erected.	RCoW – Economic Development & Infrastructure
Hall improvements: - BBQ area - Safe play area - Outside lighting - Tennis lights & resurfacing - Play equipment	Helen O’Donoghue Susan Sims	Enhance the community hub at the Hall to increase social & sporting activities.	Attractive BBQ area with outside lighting. Playgroup formed and equipment to support group.	RCoW – Community & Health



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## COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

### EDI AND EDI UPPER - COMMUNITY PLAN

#### Rural landscape & Environment

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>To provide community facilities for locals and tourists.</p> <p>Goal - Clean, attractive recreation area with more tables and chairs, BBQs, garbage collection (at peak times-public holidays).</p>	<p>Plan and develop a shared use system of pathways throughout the municipality.</p> <p>Enhance and expand existing programs around bush regeneration of natural open space reserves.</p>	<p>Develop a long term strategy for enhancing the passive recreational use of waterways, including the Ovens and King Rivers, as a major attraction and focus.</p>	<p>Wangaratta Recreation Parklands Masterplan.</p>	<p>DSE RCoW NECMA</p>

#### A Vibrant and Healthy Community

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>Provide an event for all community to come together for a meal.</p> <p>Goal - New friendships. Increased social and recreational activity by residents.</p>	<p>Establish new events and build upon existing events such as: Township socials (e.g. Springhurst and Greta).</p> <p>Support activities that engage people with shared special</p>	<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.</p>		<p>RCoW Community</p>

	interests (e.g. sport, cultural, heritage, gardening/ environment) and promote these to the community. Celebrate important community milestones.			
Enhance the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and increase social connections.  Goal - Woodfired pizza oven constructed. Cooking classes established. Increase in social gatherings.	Identify and develop infrastructure which supports and facilitates linking people to their community is e.g. meeting places, walking tracks, information technology, neighbourhood playgrounds, and transport.	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
To provide a recreation activity for the youth.  Goal: Skate Park established in the King Valley.	Work with young people to further develop activities for youth.	Create opportunities and encourage young people to have input into decision making on issues affecting them.	Youth Strategy	RCoW - Recreation Planner
Investigate funding options for a community music program.  Goal: Funding secured for community music program.				Viterra Community Grant

**Infrastructure**

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<p>Enhance the community hub at the Hall to increase social &amp; sporting activities.</p> <p>Goal - Attractive BBQ area with outside lighting. Playgroup formed and equipment to support group.</p>	<p>Work with young people to further develop activities for youth.</p> <p>Continue to work with the community and relevant agencies to identify barriers to social participation and identify strategies to address these.</p>	<p>Continue to upgrade facilities to ensure communities have access to a place to meet for social, recreational and learning opportunities.</p>	<p>Rural City of Wangaratta Recreation Strategy</p>	<p>RCoW Community</p>
<p>To improve directional road and tourism signage in the Edi district.</p> <p>Goal: Road and tourism signage erected.</p>				<p>RCoW – Economic Development &amp; Infrastructure</p>