

Killawarra Community Plan 2011/2012

What is community planning & what does the Killawarra 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 residents hope to develop Killawarra as a community with its own identity, not just be known as a location.

Profile

Killawarra is a fast growing location made up of the Kensington Park Estate, Walnut Grove and lifestyle properties ranging in size, though typically 100-200 acre farms. There are approximately 170 homes in the area with the natural borders of the Warby Ranges in the west and the Ovens River to the east.

Background

Some residents of Killawarra approached Wangaratta Rural City Council identifying themselves as a community that would benefit from developing a community plan. After several informal meetings a small group of enthusiastic residents with support from Council planned and hosted the Killawarra Community Planning Meeting. All residents were invited to attend on Sunday 10 April 2011 to start a discussion about their priority needs and aspirations for Killawarra's future development. A follow up workshop to further scope the identified needs into actions was held on Monday 16 May 2011 at Granite Gardens. The information captured at these gatherings forms the base for the Killawarra Community Plan.



Killawarra sign and many varied post boxes

What is great about Killawarra?

- Landcare
- CFA
- Location
- Distance from Wangaratta
- Good place to retire
- Cycling track to Wangaratta

What Community Groups exist?

- Killawarra CFA
- Warby Range Landcare Group

How do locals communicate?

- Mail drop
- The Chronicle
- CFA Newsletter -seasonal



Bike track to Wangaratta

Community facilities...

- Killawarra Fire Shed

- Killawarra Standpipe
- Killawarra Tennis Courts (disused)

What Memorials & icons exist in your community?

Warby Range Road Avenue of Trees sponsored by Palliative Care

Local Businesses

- Ledger Racing
- Granite Range Winery
- Killawarra Boarding Kennels
- Cleal Builders
- Ackerley Pest Control
- Glen O'Brien Concrete
- O'Maru Orchards
- Wandin Valley Orchards
- Farming - beef, cropping, sheep & deer

What attracts tourists to your area?

- Warby-Ovens National Park
- Ovens River
- Wineries
- Camping on the Lower Ovens
- Walking & riding tracks in and around the Warbys
- Cycling

What are the key features of your area?

Warby-Ovens National Park and its flora and fauna which include carpet pythons, koalas, wombats & lace monitors
Ovens River

Links to other communities – schooling & shopping...

Wangaratta

Themes from the community meeting held on Sunday 10 April 2011 at 1434 Yarrowonga Road, Killawarra

This is a list of the individual needs identified during the table brainstorming session:

Table One

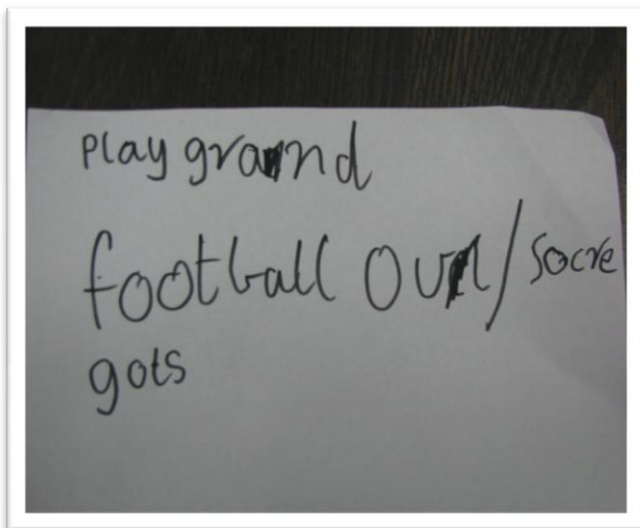
Bike and walking track sealed as it requires maintenance and upgrading;
Solar town, gas and sewerage;
Black holes for mobile phones and internet;
Rubbish bins down at the river;
Signs;
Tennis courts;
Comunity gathering place with picnic ground, playground, toilets, BBQ, CFA shed, rubbish bins;
Improved vegetation management along the river flats;
Remove dangerous tree; and
Right hand turning lane into Warby Range Road



Community meeting in Mr Ledgers shed

Table Two

Bus shelter – cnr Warby Tower Road;
 Bike and walking path extended;
 Community Centre with BBQ area, public
 toilets, play area, combine with CFA;
 Mens shed, tennis court & accommodate
 health services;
 Better internet and mobile phone reception
 Interrupted power supply;
 Kensington Park able to subdivide 5 acre blocks
 into 1 acre blocks;
 Consider sealing Warby Range Road behind
 Kensington and
 Childcare options, Bus Service, Meals on
 Wheels, Health Services, Bigger area for CFA
 shed.



Kids have needs too!

Better mobile phone service;
 Locality identification – road signs;
 Sealed and extended walk/cycle track;
 Community meeting place – multipurpose;
 Wider seal on Yarrawonga Road;
 Natural gas reticulation;
 Better access from Yarrawonga Road for new
 subdivisions; and
 Removal of fallen timber from road sides.

Table Four

Bike track – extend to at least Peechelba, then
 stage and continue as per masterplan;
 Community Centre/meeting place/sports;
 Could be incorporated in new fire station with
 economic dual purpose;
 Transport – school bus stops & bus shelter;
 Public bus transport -Yarrawonga Road,
 Corowa and Yarrawonga;
 Road shoulders on roads dangerous; and
 Tourism promotion – connecting tracks.

The community were asked how they could allocate a \$5,000 community planning grant to a particular need in the community.

\$5,000 Community Planning Grant

The community members requested that
 Council hold the funds with preference going
 towards the potential community centre. A
 decision will be made by the participants once
 the project aims and goals are established.

Table Three

Killawarra Community Action Plan 2011/2012

Infrastructure

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Community Meeting Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFA • Mens shed • BBQ & family area • Playground • Toilet 24/7 link to bike track • Sports • Health services • Carparking 	Ian Sheldrick Bill Johnson Veronica Lanigan (playground)	To combine Rural City of Wangaratta resources with CFA to establish a joint meeting place	Meeting place established	RCoW-Community & Amenity CFA Region 23 VicRoads DSE Ovens & King Community Health Services Community Groups
Sealed shared path <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extend from Walnut Grove to Peechelba then to Boorhaman & Rutherglen 	Dawn Johnson Emma Cleal Merrin Henderson	To link Killawarra (Walnut Grove) to Peechelba via a shared path (Longer term plan to Boorhaman and Rutherglen)	Sealed shared path established	RCoW VicRoads TAC Cycling clubs Yarrowonga Road residents DSE Parks Vic Peechelba community
Locality identification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signage where Killawarra begins & ends 	David McCabe	Provide signage where Killawarra begins and ends on Yarrowonga Road	Location signage erected	RCoW VicRoads

Safety & Accessibility & Transport

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
River Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • end of Warby Range Road • Francis Road 	Sue Sheldrick Mel Craig Wendy Daly	Improve river access via National Park. Identify best access points for walkers, fishers, boats, riders etc	Clearly defined access to river markers installed. River access maintained & infrastructure to support it.	Goulburn Murray Water NECMA RCoW
Bus Shelter – Warby Range Road	Bill Johnson	Identify most popular locations.	Shelters erected.	RCoW - Infrastructure
Transport Services connecting locals to Wangaratta.	Bill Johnson	Include bus transport from Killawarra on the current transport route.	Killawarra residents have regular bus transport to Yarrawonga or Wangaratta.	Transport Connections Project O&K Community Health

Environment & Sustainability

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Ovens River Cleanup	Sue Sheldrick Mel Craig Wendy Daly	To investigate the removal of obstructing trees and general rubbish removed.	Reasonable clear river and rubbish bins installed at entrance.	NECMA RCoW-Environment (Clean up Australia Day)
Solar Community & Cooperative	Sue Sheldrick Travis Ledger	To provide information to the community on cost, benefits and availability.	To have solar panels fitted for the benefit of the householder and the environment.	Solar North East

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION- KILLAWARRA COMMUNITY PLAN

Rural landscape & Environment

COMMUNITY ISSUE	2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK	COUNCIL PLAN LINK	STRATEGIC PLAN LINK	STAKEHOLDER
<p>To investigate the removal of obstructing trees and general rubbish removed.</p> <p>Goal: Reasonable clear river and rubbish bins installed at entrance.</p>				<p>NECMA RCoW-Environment (Clean up Australia Day)</p>
<p>To provide information to the community on cost, benefits and availability of Solar Panels.</p> <p>Goal: To have solar panels fitted for the benefit of the householder and the environment.</p>	<p>Facilitate uptake of solar energy by community through partnership programs (e.g. Towong model).</p> <p>Assess the needs and develop renewable energy targets for the community.</p>	<p>Support community based climate change and sustainability initiatives.</p>		<p>Solar North East</p>

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riders etc. Goal: Clearly defined access to river markers installed. River access maintained & infrastructure to support it.				
Identify most popular locations for a bus stop. Goal: Shelters erected.	Work with other levels of government and community agencies to identify and address transport issues.			RCoW - Infrastructure
Include bus transport from Killawarra on the current transport route. Goal: Killawarra residents have regular bus transport to Yarrawonga or Wangaratta.	Work with other levels of government and community agencies to identify and address transport issues.	Partner with neighbouring municipalities and other agencies to advocate for flexible transport options to support identified need. Continue to work with the Transport Connections Project to develop a Transport Action Plan and address identified public and community transport gaps.		Transport Connections Project O&K Community Health

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<p>To link Killawarra (Walnut Grove) to Peechelba via a shared path. (Longer term plan to Boorhaman and Rutherglen.)</p> <p>Goal: Sealed shared path established.</p>	<p>Continue the current mapping exercise to identify any gaps in cycle and pedestrian infrastructure.</p> <p>Plan and develop a shared use system of pathways throughout the municipality.</p>	<p>Plan a network of shared paths designed to provide walking and cycling access between townships and community facilities.</p>		RCoW VicRoads TAC Cycling clubs Yarrawonga Road residents DSE Parks Vic Peechelba community
<p>Provide signage where Killawarra begins and ends on Yarrawonga Road.</p> <p>Goal: Location signage erected.</p>				RCoW VicRoads