

Myrrhee Community Plan 2010/2011

What is community planning & what does the Myrrhee 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 Myrrhee hope to achieve enhanced social interaction, tourism and recreation.

Profile

Myrrhee is a small picturesque rural community located 46kms from Wangaratta and 14kms from Whitfield. Named after the aboriginal meaning for wind, the Boggy and Fifteen Mile Creeks meander through the rich fertile farming country. The community believe they enjoy a great climate, friendly people, a well resourced school, a well maintained recreation reserve and hall. There is a good connection between the school and the hall. Many Friday nights see pizza baked at the school's wood fired oven by the students and delivered to the crowd at the Hall where a film night or just socialising happens with a glass of local wine!

Background

The community were invited to attend a community planning meeting on Sunday 15 August 2010 to discuss their priority needs. A follow up workshop was held on 20 September 2010 to establish aims and goals for the projects. Information from these gatherings has provided a base for the Myrrhee Community Plan.

What Community Groups exist? Myrrhee CFA

- Myrrhee Hall Committee
- Myrrhee Recreation Reserve Committee
- Myrrhee Tennis Club



Myrrhee Recreation Reserve

How do locals communicate?

- King Valley Grapevine Newsletter
- Myrrhee Primary School Newsletter

Community facilities...

- Myrrhee Hall
- Myrrhee Primary School & pizza oven
- Myrrhee Recreation Reserve with BBQ & playground
- Myrrhee tennis courts

What Community Events are held?

Myrrhee Happy Hour at the Hall, although not as yet on a specific time frame.

What Memorials exist in your community?

- Honour Boards at Hall and School
- Willowbank Primary School –historic marker

What Memorials Existing Plans, Strategies & Programs...

- Greta Valley Landcare Local Area Plan
- Myrrhee Centenary School (Book)
- Myrrhee Community Submission to Telstra 2010
- Myrrhee Rec Reserve Strategic Plan (draft)

Local Businesses

- B&Bs: Tynants, Mt Bellevue, Casa Luna
- Boggy Creek Winery
- Capewood Furniture
- Elleslie Hop Farm
- Symphonia Winery
- Merkels Winery-Toombullup
- Karithia Walnut Farm
- Fergusons Engineering
- Flanigans Contracting
- John Bartlett Engineering
- Myrree Wellbeing
- Reiters Horse Training & Campdrafting
- Fifteen Mile Creek Camp
- Shanley Signs
- Thistledale Trenching

What are the key features of your area?

- Boggy Creek & Fifteen Mile Creek
- Mt Bellevue
- Local Vineyards

Links to other communities – schooling & shopping...

Wangaratta, Benalla, Whitfield and Moyhu

Themes from the community meeting held on Sunday 15 August 2010 – these are some of the individual ideas put forward at this table based discussion.

Table 1 - Mobile phone coverage, tourist signage to recognise toilets & BBQ, shade cloth on playground, floor tiled in kitchen area of recreation reserve kitchen, dam the Fifteen Mile Creek, public transport for community – especially elderly, creek erosion benefits, more community events such as dancers and caberet, hall projector, drop down screen, tv aerial for desktop box & laptop for hall, tennis court reseal, improve lighting at recreation reserve.

Table 2 – lack of mobile reception (more would be good), faster internet – especially in bushfire season, put locality back in postcode book, line marking on road for safety, seal Benalla-Whitfield Road, sign indicating toilets at Recreation Reserve, audio visual equipment (screen, projector, surround sound with DVD) in hall for all to use – private, school & CFA etc. Sign – Hall for Hire, more communication with community, what’s on & where, Grapevine to be delivered to all community, mobile library, bike & walking tracks, pool at 15 Mile Creek Camp, clean up Recreation Reserve – Creek to create nature walk (remove blackberries)

Table 3 – Fast internet service, mobile service, Doctors/Nurse service at Moyhu clinic, bike track – Moyhu to Recreation Reserve, public transport, support for local small business, line marking for road to Moyhu, seal road to Whitfield, sign to public toilets

These needs were then prioritised and champions (community members attending the meeting) were nominated to progress the needs of projects which are detailed on the action plan attached.

\$5,000 Community Planning Grant

The attendees decided to allocate the \$5,000 towards the purchase of entertainment and IT equipment for the Hall.



Myrree Champions

Myrree Community Action Plan 2010/2011

Environment

| Priority Need | Who will champion? | Aim | Goal | Stakeholder |
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| Water Catchment & Storage | David Evans | Improve upper catchment water rights. | Water efficiency and security in Upper Catchment. | GM-Water |

Economy

| Priority Need | Who will champion? | Aim | Goal | Stakeholder |
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| Tourist Potential Fish stocking annually Open gardens Indigenous culture | Geoff Lacey | To increase tourism potential. | Have an open garden event. Identified indigenous culture. Fishing | RCoW LIN Open Garden Scheme DPI |

Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

| Priority Need | Who will champion? | Aim | Goal | Stakeholder |
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| Hall - Projector - TV aerial - Desktop box - Dvd surround sound - Laptop - Heating | Chris Lindsay Jane Lindsay | To provide IT equipment at the Hall to increase hire bookings and community involvement. | IT equipment installed at Myrree Hall. | RCoW – Community Planning |
| Social Interaction -Pizza film night -Landcare meeting with public speaker | Donna Handcock Carol Kurnert | To create a community fun calendar. | Calendar is distributed to community and regular events occurring. | Community Landcare |

Communication

| Priority Need | Who will champion? | Aim | Goal | Stakeholder |
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| Communication - Mobile phone - Fast internet | Carmel O'Byrne Geoff Lacey David Evans | To lobby Telstra to consider a mobile tower in Myrree. | Put together a submission and present to Telstra to consider. | Telstra RCoW |

Infrastructure

| Priority Need | Who will champion? | Aim | Goal | Stakeholder |
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| Bike/Walking Track | Geoff Lacey (school) Rec Reserve COM June Lindsay | To link the school and hall by a safe path. | Share path established. | RCoW TAC |
| Signage -Hall & Rec Reserve | Joe Northey Chris Lindsay | To identify where community facilities are located. | Entry signage installed. | RCoW |
| Recreation Reserve - Playground shade sail - Reseal tennis courts | Joe Northey Don Lindsay | To improve the infrastructure at the Rec Reserve that includes play ground shade sail and reseal tennis courts. | Playground shade sail erected and tennis courts resealed. | RCoW Rec Reserve committee of management DPCD |



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.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION-MYRRHEE COMMUNITY PLAN

Rural landscape & Environment

| COMMUNITY ISSUE | 2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK | COUNCIL PLAN LINK | STRATEGIC PLAN LINK | STAKEHOLDER |
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| <p>Improve upper catchment water right.</p> <p>Goal: Water efficiency and security in Upper Catchment</p> | <p>Develop a long term blueprint with a focus on rural waterways.</p> | <p>Actively support the Wangaratta Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee to advocate for: water security and quality for Wangaratta.</p> | | <p>GM-Water</p> |

A Vibrant and Healthy Community

| COMMUNITY ISSUE | 2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK | COUNCIL PLAN LINK | STRATEGIC PLAN LINK | STAKEHOLDER |
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| <p>To provide IT equipment at the Hall to increase hire bookings and community involvement.</p> <p>Goal: IT equipment installed at Myrrhee Hall</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>Continue to upgrade facilities to ensure communities have access to a place to meet for social, recreational and learning opportunities.</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 Planning</p> |

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| <p>To create a community fun calendar.</p> <p>Goal: Calendar is distributed to community and regular events occurring.</p> | <p>Continue to seek more creative ways to communicate with groups who do not often engage.</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>Community</p> |
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A Thriving Economy

| COMMUNITY ISSUE | 2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK | COUNCIL PLAN LINK | STRATEGIC PLAN LINK | STAKEHOLDER |
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| <p>To increase tourism potential.</p> <p>Goal: Have an open garden event. Identified indigenous culture. Fishing</p> | <p>Community to identify local attractions and features from Community planning.</p> | <p>Develop environmental tourism opportunities including the Warby Range / Ovens River National Park.</p> | <p>Tourism Industry Strategic Plan</p> | <p>RCoW LIN Open Garden Scheme DPI</p> |

Safety & Accessibility

| COMMUNITY ISSUE | 2030 COMMUNITY VISION LINK | COUNCIL PLAN LINK | STRATEGIC PLAN LINK | STAKEHOLDER |
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| <p>To lobby Telstra to consider a mobile tower in Myrree.</p> <p>Goal: Put together a submission and present to Telstra to consider.</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>Telstra RCoW</p> |

Infrastructure

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| <p>To link the school and hall via safe path.</p> <p>Goal: Share path established</p> | <p>Plan and develop a shared use system of pathways throughout the municipality.</p> <p>Continue input into the Traffic Liaison Group.</p> | <p>Develop an action plan to promote cycling and walking as an alternative to vehicle use, including: bike stations; bike racks; and signage.</p> | | <p>RCoW TAC</p> |
| <p>Signage to identify where community facilities are located.</p> <p>Goal: Entry signage installed.</p> | <p>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.</p> | | | <p>RCoW</p> |
| <p>To improve the infrastructure at the Rec Reserve that includes play ground shade sail and reseal tennis courts.</p> <p>Goal: Playground shade sail erected and tennis courts resealed.</p> | <p>Revise, update, implement and regularly evaluate the Rural City of Wangaratta Recreation Plan.</p> | <p>Assist with the development of strategic plans for recreation reserve committees of management.</p> | <p>Rural City of Wangaratta Recreation Strategy</p> | <p>RCoW Rec Reserve committee of management DPCD</p> |