

Oxley Community Plan 2012

Oxley Community Vision

Oxley endeavours to build a strong and healthy local community, rich in social and cultural opportunities and supported by appropriate infrastructure and services to satisfy the needs of a growing community.

The development and revision of the Oxley Community Planning is being driven by the Oxley Residents' Association.

Profile

Oxley is a thriving little semi-rural community situated alongside the King River, on the Snow Road, 13.2km SE of Wangaratta and 253km NE of Melbourne. The surrounding district remains a grazing and dairy-farming area. Vineyards, wineries and gourmet food producers have also become an important part of the landscape. Oxley is part of the renowned Milawa Gourmet Region and is one of the first rural towns outside the Wangaratta CBD that leads to the King and Alpine Valleys. The diverse community of 275 residents is represented by the Oxley Residents' Association. The Oxley Shire Hall (1875) is an iconic building in the district, restored and valued by the locals. The Oxley Recreation Reserve with its River Red Gums and old deciduous trees provide a welcome shady retreat for picnickers and horse riders.

Background

An initial Oxley Community Planning Meeting was held on 29 May 2009 at the Oxley Shire Hall which generated 64 themes/ideas for the Community Plan. A survey was distributed to all residents' in July 2011, asking them to prioritise these 64 themes, with results collated and displayed in October 2011. The list of prioritised themes resulting from the collation of the surveys has formed the basis for the Oxley Community Plan and is included in this document.



What community groups exist?

The Oxley community has a number of active community groups driven solely by volunteers. These groups include:

- Oxley Shire Hall Committee of Management
- Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
- Oxley Residents' Association
- Oxley Rural Fire Brigade
- Milawa-Oxley Rotary Club

What is good about living at Oxley?

Oxley is valued for its beautiful natural surrounds, strong sense of community and close proximity to Wangaratta, to which many residents commute for work. The township is well supported by a number of local businesses. Residents value living in Oxley for its rural environment, scenery, access to the King River, sense of space and facilities including the Shire Hall, Recreation Reserve and local park. Bicycle tracks linking Oxley to Wangaratta and Milawa are well used and provide the opportunity for residents to safely commute for work and play. Oxley is a friendly rural community, with a diverse group of residents and an increasing number of young families who are drawn to Oxley for the wonderful lifestyle that it has to offer.

Oxley's community facilities

- Oxley Shire Hall
- Oxley Memorial Park, playground & toilets
- Oxley Primary School
- Oxley Recreation Reserve and clubrooms
- Wangaratta-Oxley-Milawa bicycle paths
- Stan Allan Picnic Area

What community events are held?

- Oxley Bush Market
- Milawa/Oxley Australia Day Celebration
- Remembrance Day service
- Oxley Picnic Day
- Various social functions - movie nights, trivia nights and casual meals in the park
- A Feast of Art show
- Wangaratta Choristers Christmas performance



Local businesses

- Oxley General Store & Post Office
- Oxley Service Station (fuel & repairs)
- King River Café & Accommodation
- Ciavarella Oxley Estate Winery
- John Gehrig Wines
- Read's Vineyard
- Sam Miranda King Valley Wines
- King Valley Free Range Gourmet Pork
- Blue Ox Berries
- Willandra Orchid Nursery
- Ballingarry Lavender
- Will Oaks Bed & Breakfast
- Settler's Boutique Accommodation
- King Valley Limousines



What memorials exist in your community?

- Cenotaph in Memorial Park
- Honour boards in the Oxley Shire Hall

How do locals communicate?

- Noticeboard at The Oxley Shop
- Oxley Primary School Newsletter
- Oxley Website www.oxley.vic.au

Services available to residents

- Reticulated water service
- Sewerage to part of the town (in planning)
- Bus service to Wangaratta (some days)

What attracts tourists to your area?

Tourists are drawn to Oxley for its excellent local food, wine and fresh produce. The Oxley Bush Market draws visitors from afar every year on the November long weekend. The area is popular with cycling enthusiasts who regularly use local paths and can link up with the more challenging Murray to Mountains Rail Trail.

Existing plans, strategies & programs

- Oxley Township Draft Masterplan 2006
- Oxley Recreation Reserve Management Plan 2004
- Oxley Street Tree Program (RCOW 2009)

Ranked priority themes from the community survey

Sixty four themes were generated at the initial Oxley Community Planning Meeting. Surveys later distributed to all households asked residents to prioritise each theme from 1 to 5 (where 1 was 'not important' and 5 was 'very important'). Fifty three surveys were returned, representing over a third of the total number of households surveyed in Oxley. The results of the survey were compiled to obtain a 'priority score' and then a 'town ranking' for each theme, which has been listed below in a number of categories. These prioritised themes form the basis of the Oxley Community Plan.

Town Ranking	Theme	Priority Score
Rural Landscape and Environment		
5	Very careful consideration given to future sub-division to protect lifestyle, ambience, water supply and environment	224
7	Maintain rural/small town feel (e.g. nature strips, roadside vegetation)	221
9	More responsible pet owners (e.g. dogs within fenced boundaries)	220
12	Maintain farming in harmony with town feel and economy	213
14	Weed control on Public and Council land, including road reserves and Recreation Reserve	209
20	Keep rural sized blocks for character (greater than 0.5 acre)	197
35	Beautification of the entrances to Oxley	177
42	More street trees	164
43	Beautification/facilities at Stan Allan Reserve	163
Infrastructure and Amenity		
1	Increased proportion of Council rates returned to rural areas	237
3	Security of water supply and quality, capacity to meet population growth	230
6	Continued development/maintenance of roads and drainage infrastructure	224
11	Connection of natural gas	216
24	Complete road seal in town	187
25	Sewerage system for town	187
28	Shade sail over BBQ/playground	183
36	Widening of Oxley Meadow Creek Road to make width consistent	177
38	Fix drainage and parking at Memorial Park	174
39	More seating and tables at the park/playground	172
40	Fix the tennis courts at Recreation Reserve	168
46	More post office boxes or longer post opening hours	160
49	Energy efficient town – solar farm and self sustainable use	155
50	Fix reserve oval at Recreation Reserve	155
51	Extend childrens playground	154
57	Property for usage of community for developing solar electricity	147
58	Underground power	143
60	Roadside mail delivery	140
Community - Young, Senior, New Families and Residents		
4	Support and maintain Oxley Primary School	227
17	Formulate community strategic plan document	204
19	Continued support and recognition of existing community organisations	200
21	Improved community use/sharing/better coordination of community infrastructure	195
22	Activities to support elderly citizens	193
23	Continued attraction of families to Oxley	188
26	Improved community involvement and participation in town social activities	186
29	Activities to support local youth	183
31	More town social activities (e.g. movie nights, BBQs, etc.)	182

Town Ranking	Theme	Priority Score
Community - Young, Senior, New Families and Residents (continued)		
32	Activities to support primary school students	182
33	Encourage broader/multiple use of Recreation Reserve	180
34	Activities to support secondary school students	178
37	Activities to support play groups	175
44	Community Information Board online for social, tourism, safety information	162
47	Recognition for people in the community	160
48	Walking track along river in Crown Land Reserve to Smith Street or Rec Reserve	157
52	Further develop the Oxley community website	154
53	Run more local events in conjunction with Council events	153
62	Develop a skate park/bike jumps/BMX track	137
63	Develop a community garden	130
Economy - Business, Industry and Tourism Development		
30	Continue to develop/sponsor closer links with Milawa Gourmet Region	183
41	Expansion of produce (e.g. microbrewery, café, olive shop)	165
54	Grocery store	151
Safety and Accessibility - Communication and Transport		
2	Telecommunications – improved mobile and broadband coverage	234
10	Fire planning – consult CFA and Fire Brigade	218
13	Develop a Community Emergency Plan	212
15	Managing fire prevention/fuel management	208
16	Emergency plan developed with or by relevant authority	208
18	Public transport to Wangaratta and Milawa	201
27	Installation of CFA water tanks at Recreation Reserve	185
45	Bike track along Oxley Meadow Creek Road from town to Rec Reserve	162
56	Consideration of street lighting	148
59	Bike track to King Valley	142
61	Solar lighting on walking/bike tracks for tourism benefit and local use	140
64	Review of speed zones (80km to Wang-Whitfield Road corner)	119
Arts, Culture and Heritage		
8	Preservation of town history and heritage	221
55	More art and culture events in town	151

\$5 000 Community Planning Grant

At the Community Planning Meeting in 2009, the community was asked how they could best allocate a \$5,000 Community Planning Grant. The attendees listed the following priorities: Website, Skate Park, Upgrade Park (shade sail), Feasibility study on natural gas, Feasibility on solar energy for community needs, Establish broader use & activities at Recreation Reserve.

Based on the ranking of themes above, the project from this list selected to receive the \$5 000 Community Planning Grant was the shade sail over the BBQ/playground at the Oxley Memorial Park.



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Rural Landscape and Environment

Priority Need	Champion	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Maintain rural small town feel in harmony with agriculture	Oxley Residents' Association (Don Heath, Graham Abotomey) Joan Maher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage future subdivision and zoning • Beautification of streets and entrances to Oxley 	To keep Oxley as a small rural village with large house block size (minimum 0.5 acre), nature strips, tree lined streets and surrounded by a rural landscape	RCOW
Town ambience	Oxley Residents Association (Sally Day)	To encourage responsible pet ownership in the town	To have the enforcement officers from the RCOW educate residents regarding their role as pet owners	RCOW (Enforcement Officer)
Improvements to Stan Allan Reserve	Oxley Residents' Association (Janet Heath)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved drainage • Designate parking and picnic areas and formalise vehicle access • Weed control • Revegetation • To support recreational users (swimming and fishing) 	To create a beautiful, natural reserve for the enjoyment of locals and tourists	RCOW North East CMA Vic Roads DSE CFA
Weed control on public and private land	Arthur Parker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To clarify the responsibility for weed control on roadsides • To control noxious and State listed weeds on roadsides 	To improve awareness of local weeds and to manage and prevent the spread of current weeds	RCOW DSE/DPI Landcare

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Infrastructure & Amenity

Priority Need	Champion	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Continued investment by RCOW in town infrastructure	Oxley Residents' Association (Bruce Uebergang)	To maintain strong communications with RCOW and to ensure all funding opportunities are identified.	To make councillors aware of the town priorities and funding needs through the auspices of the Oxley Residents' Association.	RCOW
Water supply	Oxley Residents' Association (Don Heath, Tony Ciavarella)	To have a guaranteed and reliable supply of quality water.	To undertake a review of the current water supply system to ensure treatment plant and storage capacity meet current and future needs.	RCOW North East Water State Government
Road sealing	Oxley Residents' Association (Don Heath)	To complete the road seal program of the Oxley township.	To complete the priorities for road sealing in accordance with the agreed road sealing program supplied to Council.	RCOW
Drainage	Oxley Residents' Association (Bruce Uebergang, Don Heath, Sally Day, Graham Abotomey)	To provide adequate drainage to ensure trafficability and public health requirements are met.	To have the Council Engineer review drainage and formalise a program for rectifying problems.	RCOW
Natural gas	Oxley Residents' Association (Bruce Uebergang, Sally Day)	To investigate opportunities for the connection of natural gas to Oxley.	To get Oxley on the State Government 'priority towns' list and seek funding for a gas connection for the town.	RCOW State Government Local industry Town residents Gas service providers
Sewerage	Oxley Residents' Association (Bruce Uebergang, Sally Day, Jason Mullins)	To have the township of Oxley seweraged using an appropriate system.	To have a sewerage system operational by the end of 2012.	RCOW North East Water State Government

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Priority Need	Champion	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Solar	Helen Taylor	To increase the volume of solar electricity generation in Oxley.	To investigate opportunities for installation of solar technology in Oxley for residents' and community resources.	RCOW State Government Solar NE
To improve public facilities at Oxley Memorial Park	Oxley Residents' Association (Bruce Uebergang)	To provide facilities that meet the social and recreational needs of the community.	To install shade sails over the playground, shelter over the BBQ and more tables and seating at the Oxley Memorial Park.	RCOW State Government (DPCD)
To improve facilities at the Oxley Recreation Reserve in line with their Strategic Plan	Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee of Management (Dianne Feldtmann, Joan Maher)	To improve facilities to build utilisation and broader usage of the Oxley Recreation Reserve.	Build dressage arenas, refurbish the tennis courts, improve access track to the river and improve facilities with an undercover picnic area.	RCOW DSE Crown Land Management DPI Moyhu Pony Club Benalla Carriage Drivers Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee of Management
To maintain and enhance the Oxley Shire Hall	Oxley Shire Hall Committee	Continued restoration and improvements of the Oxley Shire Hall and grounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the parking and vehicle entrance facilities to the Hall through sealed access Re-establish the heritage fencing surrounding the Hall grounds To install solar power to offset hall electricity usage 	RCOW DSE Crown Land Management

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Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

Priority Need	Champion	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
To support the Oxley Primary School	Oxley Primary School - Jeremy Campbell (Principal), Representative from School Council Bruce Uebergang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To build a strong relationship between the Primary School and the Oxley community. To maintain viable enrolment numbers. 	To improve communication between the wider community and the Primary School. To promote and support school events and functions.	Oxley Primary School Oxley Residents' Association
To build social connectedness in our community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth activities Social events (movie nights, BBQs, etc) Support elderly citizens Childrens playgroup 	<i>Youth</i> - Darcie Pegler, Tate Pegler <i>Social</i> - Oxley Residents' Association Social Sub committee (Dianne Feldtmann) <i>Playgroup</i> - Pam Bertalli	To provide social events to gather the community together.	To identify the needs of the specific social groups in the Oxley community. To organise social events on a regular basis to draw the community together.	RCOW Youth Council NESAY Oxley Residents' Association
Walking track along the King River linking the Snow Road to Smith Street	Oxley Residents' Association (Sally Day)	To establish a shared path along the King River for passive recreational use.	To investigate an alignment for the path and seek funding for construction.	RCOW DSE Crown Land Management Land holders North East CMA

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Safety & Accessibility – Transport & Communication

Priority Need	Champion	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Telecommunications	Oxley Residents' Association (Bill Bowers)	To have reliable broadband and mobile phone services within Oxley.	To have service providers recognise the poor mobile service coverage within the township and to formulate a plan to rectify the coverage.	RCOW Local businesses Emergency service organisations Telecommunications service providers
Community Emergency Plan.	Oxley Residents' Association (Tony Ciavarella, Neil Brock)	To develop a Community Emergency Plan.	To liaise with Council and Emergency Services to develop a township Emergency Plan. To impart this knowledge to the Oxley community and have them understand appropriate responses in an emergency.	RCOW Community Support North East Emergency service organisations DHS State Government
Fire prevention and suppression in the Oxley area.	Rural Fire Brigade, Tony Ciavarella (Captain)	To protect life and property.	To have land owners undertake fire prevention works and understand their obligations and fire risk in the community. To install CFA fittings on water tanks at the Oxley Recreation Reserve.	Broad Community Emergency Service organisations. Oxley Recreation Reserve CFA
Improved communication	Oxley Residents' Association (Sally Day, Jamie Boatwood, Tony Ciavarella)	To improve communication at various levels (within the Oxley community, within the district, community to council).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve awareness and use of the Oxley website • Improve links to the Oxley website from external sites • Continue to communicate with various groups for mutual benefit. (e.g. Milawa Gourmet Region) • Formally invite Councillors to bimonthly Oxley Residents' Meetings. • Improve Councillors 	RCOW Milawa Gourmet Region Rural Fire Brigade King Valley Tourism Association Oxley Residents' Association Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

Priority Need	Champion	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
			knowledge of the Oxley community and its achievements.	

Arts, Culture and Heritage

Priority Need	Champion	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Preserve town history and heritage.	Oxley Residents' Association (Neil Brock, Tony Ciavarella, Dianne Feldtmann)	To compile and maintain local records, documents and photographs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To participate in the development of the Oxley Plains history. To continue to display and develop collection of photographs and documents at the Oxley Shire Hall. To seek funding to establish an archive and preserve existing documents of the former Oxley Shire. 	RCOW Heritage Victoria Milawa Historical Society Wangaratta Historical Society
Greater number of arts and culture events in Oxley.	Oxley Residents' Association (Janet Heath)	To encourage performances and exhibitions in Oxley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To talk to Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre and RCOW Tourism Officer about promoting the Hall facilities. To increase usage of the Hall for a greater number of arts and culture events. 	Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre RCOW Tourism Officer

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OXLEY - COMMUNITY PLAN

Rural Landscape and Environment

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>Maintain rural small town feel in harmony with agriculture.</p> <p>Goal: To keep Oxley as a small rural village with large house block size (minimum 0.5 acre), nature strips, tree lined streets and surrounded by a rural landscape.</p>	<p>Deliver zoning changes through the Planning Scheme.</p>	<p>As part of the community planning process, develop structure plans for individual townships.</p>	<p>RCOW</p>
<p>Town ambience</p> <p>Goal: To have the enforcement officers from the RCOW educate residents regarding their role as pet owners.</p>			<p>RCOW – Enforcement Officer</p>
<p>Improvements to Stan Allan Reserve.</p> <p>Goal: To create a beautiful, natural reserve for the enjoyment of locals and tourists.</p>		<p>Develop an Open Space Strategy and review the Recreation Strategy.</p> <p>Promote opportunities for nature based recreational activities.</p> <p>Assist with the development of strategic plans for recreation reserve Committees of management.</p>	<p>RCOW North East Catchment Management Authority Vic Roads DSE CFA</p>
<p>Weed control on public and private land.</p> <p>Goal: To improve awareness of local weeds and to manage and prevent the spread of current weeds.</p>	<p>Assess possible expansion of riparian health programs in other towns.</p> <p>Implement roadside vegetation and weed works within Council control.</p>	<p>Implement guidelines and actions from the Roadside Conservation Management Strategy in Council operations and assist community to work to these guidelines.</p>	<p>RCOW DSE/DPI Landcare</p>

Infrastructure & Amenity

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>Continued investment by RCOW in town infrastructure.</p> <p>Goal: To make councillors aware of the towns priorities and funding needs through the auspices of the Oxley Residents' Association.</p>	<p>Develop structure plans for three townships, determined by and linked to the overarching Housing / Population strategy and priority for water and sewer.</p>	<p>As part of the community planning process, develop structure plans for individual townships.</p>	<p>RCOW</p>
<p>Water supply</p> <p>Goal: To undertake a review of the current water supply system to ensure treatment plant and storage capacity meet current and future needs.</p>	<p>Connect with and advocate to other agencies / authorities including North East Water (NE Water), North East Catchment Management Authority (NECMA), Goulburn Murray Water (GMW), Department Primary Industry(DPI) etc. to achieve the 2030 Community Vision.</p> <p>Develop structure plans for three townships, determined by and linked to the overarching Housing/ Population strategy and priority for water and sewer.</p>	<p>Facilitate investigations into a long term secure water supply for Wangaratta and district.</p> <p>Advocate with relevant authorities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · water security and quality for Wangaratta; and · reticulation of water and sewerage provision in rural townships. 	<p>RCOW North East Water State Government</p>
<p>Road sealing.</p> <p>Goal: To complete the priorities for road sealing in accordance with the agreed road sealing program supplied to Council.</p>			<p>RCOW</p>
<p>Drainage</p> <p>Goal: To have the Council Engineer review drainage and formalise a program for rectifying problems.</p>			<p>RCOW</p>

<p>Natural gas</p> <p>Goal: To get Oxley on the State Government 'priority towns' list and seek funding for a gas connection for the town.</p>			<p>RCOW State Government Local industry Town residents Gas service providers</p>
<p>Sewerage</p> <p>Goal: To have a sewerage system operational by the end of 2012.</p>	<p>Commence provision of reticulated water and sewerage services to small towns in 20 km radius of Wangaratta.</p>	<p>Advocate with relevant authorities for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · water security and quality for Wangaratta; and · reticulation of water and sewerage provision in rural townships. 	<p>RCOW North East Water State Government</p>
<p>To improve public facilities at Oxley Memorial Park.</p> <p>Goal: To install shade sails over the playground, shelter over the BBQ and more tables and seating at the Oxley Memorial Park.</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>Encourage collaborative use of community and education facilities. Review and implement Council's Public Playground Facilities Consolidation Strategy. Assist with the development of strategic plans for recreation reserve Committees of Management.</p>	<p>RCOW State Government (DPCD)</p>
<p>To improve facilities at the Oxley Recreation Reserve in line with their Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Goal: Build dressage arenas, refurbish the tennis courts, improve access track to the river and improve facilities with an undercover picnic area.</p>	<p>Review and implement Recreation Strategy, Rural Recreation Reserve Review and Parklands Master Plan Stage 1.</p>	<p>Develop an Open Space Strategy and review the Recreation Strategy.</p> <p>Assist with the development of strategic plans for recreation reserve Committees of Management.</p>	<p>RCOW DSE Crown Land Management DPI Moyhu Pony Club Benalla Carriage Drivers Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee of Management</p>
<p>To maintain and enhance the Oxley Shire Hall.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: To improve the parking and vehicle entrance facilities to the Hall. • Re-establish the heritage fencing 	<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. Provide advice and assistance in</p>	<p>RCOW DSE Crown Land Management</p>

<p>surrounding the Hall grounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To install solar power to offset hall electricity usage. 		<p>regard to heritage building's and places.</p>	
<p>Solar</p> <p>Goal: To investigate opportunities for installation of solar technology in Oxley for residents' and community resources.</p>	<p>Ensure relevant staff remain current with significant research and development of solar powered technology.</p> <p>Advocate for and identify financial incentives to allow businesses and households to develop renewable energy capacity.</p> <p>Facilitate uptake of solar energy by community through partnership programs (e.g. Towong model). Assess the needs and develop renewable energy targets for the community.</p>	<p>Identify and evaluate options for renewable energy generation within the Rural City of Wangaratta.</p> <p>Advocate for appropriate support and response to the social needs related to climate change.</p>	<p>RCOW State Government Solar NE</p>

Community – Young, Senior, Family, New Residents

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>To support the Oxley Primary School.</p> <p>Goal: To improve communication between the wider community and the Primary School. To promote and support school events and functions.</p>	<p>Conduct a needs analysis of current and future learning and education requirements within Wangaratta for the municipality, city and broader region.</p> <p>In partnership with other agencies, maintain a high standard of service delivery/educational, health and recreation services to families and children.</p>	<p>Promote the concept of life-long learning in partnership with education providers.</p> <p>Encourage collaborative use of community and education facilities.</p>	<p>Oxley Primary School Oxley Residents' Association</p>

<p>To build social connectedness in our community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth activities Social events (movie nights, BBQs) Support elderly citizens Childrens playgroup <p>Goal: To identify the needs of the specific social groups in the Oxley community. To organise social events on a regular basis to draw the community together.</p>	<p>Work with young people to further develop activities for youth.</p> <p>Support activities that engage people with shared special interests (e.g. sport, cultural, heritage, gardening/ environment) and promote these to the community.</p>	<p>Maintain involvement in local and regional youth networks, in health, education and other interventional service areas.</p> <p>Review and implement Council's Public Playground Facilities Consolidation Strategy.</p>	<p>RCOW Youth Council NESAY Oxley Residents' Association Oven's and King Health</p>
<p>Walking track along the King River linking the Snow Road to Smith Street.</p> <p>Goal: To investigate an alignment for the path and seek funding for the construction.</p>	<p>Plan and develop a shared use system of pathways throughout the municipality.</p> <p>Identify and develop infrastructure which supports and facilitates linking people to their community is eg. Meeting places, walking tracks, information technology, neighbourhood playgrounds and transport.</p>	<p>Plan a network of shared paths designed to provide walking and cycling access between townships and community facilities.</p>	<p>RCOW DSE Crown Land Management Land holders North East Catchment Management Authority</p>

Safety and Accessibility

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>Telecommunications</p> <p>Goal: To have service providers recognise the poor mobile service coverage within the township and to formulate a plan to rectify the coverage.</p>	<p>Support and promote Government Broad Band provision for rural areas.</p> <p>Promote Community groups through Council's communication channels (e.g. community directory, website etc.) All users are well informed of the relevant community service networks that</p>	<p>Investigate opportunities to provide improved telecommunications into the Rural City of Wangaratta, comparable with metropolitan access.</p>	<p>RCOW Local businesses Emergency service organisations Telecommunications service providers</p>

	are available throughout the municipality.		
<p>Community Emergency Plan</p> <p>Goal: To liaise with Council and Emergency Services to develop a township Emergency Plan. To impart this knowledge to the Oxley community and have them understand appropriate responses in an emergency.</p>		<p>Work with emergency services and other agencies to develop a proactive approach to planning for crisis situations.</p> <p>Support communities in identifying their needs to achieve recovery from crisis situations.</p>	<p>RCOW Community Support North East Emergency service organisations DHS State Government</p>
<p>Fire prevention and suppression in the Oxley area.</p> <p>Goal: To have land owners undertake fire prevention works and understand their obligations and fire risk in the community. To install CFA fittings on water tanks at the Oxley Recreation Reserve.</p>		<p>Support communities in identifying their needs to achieve recovery from crisis situations.</p>	<p>Broad Community Emergency Service organisations. Oxley Recreation Reserve CFA</p>
<p>Improved communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: Improve awareness and use of the Oxley website. • Improve links to the Oxley website from external sites. • Continue to communicate with various groups for mutual benefit. (e.g. Milawa Gourmet Region) • Formally invite Councillors to bimonthly Oxley Residents' Meetings. • Improve Councillors knowledge of the Oxley community and its achievements. 	<p>Support the development of locality based websites/domains.</p> <p>Continue to seek more creative ways to communicate with groups who do not often engage.</p> <p>Establish electronic notice boards in CBD and rural townships.</p> <p>Promote community groups through council's communication channels. (eg community directory, websites etc)</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 Milawa Gourmet Region Rural Fire Brigade King Valley Tourism Association Oxley Residents' Associaton Oxley Recreation Reserve Committee of Management</p>

Arts, Culture and Heritage – events, preservation groups, projects

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>Preserve town history and heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: To participate in the development of the Oxley Plains history. • To continue to display and develop collection of photographs and documents at the Oxley Shire Hall. • To seek funding to establish an archive and preserve existing documents of the former Oxley Shire. 	<p>Commence a community-wide collection of oral and written accounts of historical events and features - capture the record and publish it using emerging technologies.</p>	<p>Support cultural groups to celebrate their heritage.</p> <p>Provide advice and assistance in regard to heritage buildings and places.</p>	<p>RCOW Heritage Victoria Milawa Historical Society Wangaratta Historical Society</p>
<p>Greater number of arts and culture events in Oxley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal: To talk to Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre and RCOW Tourism Officer about promoting the Hall facilities. • To increase usage of the Hall for a greater number of arts and culture events. 	<p>Increase community art in rural townships.</p> <p>Facilitate Local Partnerships program delivery in visual art, performing art and cultural development outreach programs into other designated municipalities and rural townships.</p>	<p>Increase community arts and culture delivery in townships across the Rural City of Wangaratta.</p>	<p>Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre RCOW Tourism Officer</p>



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If you would like to know more about the Rural City of Wangaratta's Community Planning Program, please contact the Community Planning Officer on 5722 0824.