

# Peechelba Community Plan 2013/2014

## ***What is community planning & what does the Peechelba 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 Peechelba hope to achieve a planned approach to developing their rural town with a greater representation of groups working together for the common good.



## **Profile**

The north east township of Peechelba (270km N Melbourne) is located in a broad acre cropping and sheep growing district situated between the regional cities of Wangaratta (20.5km) and Yarrawonga (35.5km).

The township is well located between the northern end of the Warby Range and Killawarra Forest and the Ovens River. With approximately 61 houses in the township itself, some on normal residential size allotments whilst others enjoy larger acreages, the town is well serviced by a cooperative water scheme that allows the residents some certainty to develop their gardens and lawns.

The Recreation Reserve is well equipped with a community centre, multi-purpose court, rotunda and bbq and the bushland walking track servicing the town residents and farming community. Residents also have access to the Peechelba Hall

located in the Moira Shire. Public transport links residents to Wangaratta and Yarrawonga.

## **Background**

In order to provide a forum for advancing the community planning process and to advocate for the township and the broader Peechelba community, it was decided to form the *Peechelba District Community Development Group Inc.* which is essentially an umbrella group comprising representatives of the following community organisations:

- Peechelba Bushland Reserve Committee
- Peechelba Rural Fire Brigade
- Peechelba Water Supply Co-operative Ltd
- Peechelba Memorial Hall and Recreation Reserve Committees
- Peechelba Craft Group

The Peechelba District Community Development Group Inc. have developed action plans to progress their short and longer term projects.



## **What Community Groups exist?**

- Peechelba Bushland Reserve Committee
- Peechelba Fire Brigade
- Peechelba Craft Group
- Peechelba District Community Development Group Inc.
- Peechelba Water Supply Co-operative Ltd
- Peechelba Progress Association (Moira Shire)
- Peechelba Memorial Hall Committee (Moira Shire)

## How do locals communicate?

For a number of years the Bushland Reserve Committee and the Water Cooperative each put out newsletters however this has now been consolidated into the ***Peechelba Newsletter*** which is distributed around the whole district twice yearly.

There is also a Community Notice Board at the Bushland Reserve.

## Community facilities

- Bushland Reserve with Rotunda, BBQ, walking track, seating and picnic area
- Community Centre
- Multi-purpose Court
- Peechelba Memorial Hall

There are two alternative walks available within the township:

- *Town Walking Track* follows Yarrowonga Road from Church Street, along Wilby Road to Everitt Road
- *River Walk* commences at Golding Street and Follows Ovens River and billabongs to Frosts Road



## What Community Events are held?

- AFL Grand Final Day
- Community Meals
- Children's Christmas Party

## What Memorials exist in your community?

- 2 x Honour Rolls (housed at the Wangaratta RSL Club)

## Services available to residents

- Tues & Thurs bus Wangaratta-Yarrowonga

## Local Businesses

- Peechelba Feedlot
- Farming

## What attracts tourists to your area?

- Ovens River – camping and fishing
- Killawarra Forest – bush reserve
- Warby Ovens National Park



## Existing Plans & Strategies

- Peechelba Master Plan – November 2005
- Peechelba Community Plan 2008/2009



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If you wish to know more about Community Planning, or to become involved in the Peechelba projects, please contact:

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## PEECHELBA COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2013/2014

*Community will lead and action all of the following projects*

### Infrastructure

Priority Need	Community Leader	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
<b>Walking Track in National Park with companion pets.</b>	Ray Butters	To have access in to the National Park to walk with companion pets.	Parks Victoria to declare a special use zone for Peechelba community.	Parks Victoria
<b>Re establishment of walking track with dogs in the National park</b>	Brian Lawrence	Walking track to be maintained by Parks Victoria.	A maintained track.	Parks Victoria
<b>Road Sealing</b>	Brian Lawrence	To have Frosts and Everett Roads sealed. <i>(Investigate sealing program)</i>	To have Frost and Everitt Roads on the roads sealing program at no cost to the residents.	RCOW
<b>Mail Service</b>	Cassey McGibbon	Get the mail contractor to stop to pick up mail or have a postal box installed.	Community can post mail.	Australia Post
<b>Township</b>	Ray Butters Brian Lawrence	What are the boundaries, how do we become a town? Consistency in zoning.	Peechelba declared a town with with consistency zoning.	

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

Priority Need	Community Leader	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
<b>Playground</b>	Casey McGibbon	Playground equipment established at Recreation Reserve to encourage young families to move to Peechelba	Well used play ground and increase young families in community.	Recreation Unit, RCOW PDCDG
<b>Upgrade kitchen, heating and cooling in the community centre</b>	Brian Lawrence	Upgrade to allow for greater catering capacity for community activities.	Increased use of the community centre.	RCOW community grants.

### Safety and Accessibility

Priority Need	Community Leader	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Speed Restriction 80-60km	Ray Butters	70km signs erected on Yarrawonga Road. 50km signs for Frost & Everitt Road.	Reduce speed for safety.	VicRoads RCOW
IT Communitication	Brian Lawrence	Improve mobile and NBN.	Peechelba doesn't have a black spot and has 21 <sup>st</sup> century communication.	Telstra NBN Co

## PEECHELBA - COMMUNITY PLANNING

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### Infrastructure

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<p>To have access in to the National Park to walk with companion pets.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Parks Victoria to declare a special use zone for Peechelba community.</p>			Parks Victoria
<p>Walking track to be maintained by Parks Victoria.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> A maintained track.</p>			Parks Victoris
<p>To have Frost and Everett Roads sealed. <i>(Investigate sealing program)</i></p> <p><b>Goal:</b> To have Frost and Everitt Roads on the road sealing program at no cost to the residents.</p>		Develop and implement management plans; incorporating rolling capital works and cyclic maintenance programs for Council's infrastructure including roads.	RCoW
<p>Get the mail contractor to stop to pick up mail or have a postal box installed.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Community can post mail.</p>			Australia Post

What are the boundaries, how do we become a town? Consistency in zoning.  <b>Goal:</b> Peechelba declared a town.			RCoW
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### A Vibrant and Healthy Community

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Playground equipment established at Recreation Reserve to encourage young families to move to Peechelba.  <b>Goal:</b> Well used play ground and increase young families in community.	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.	Develop a Play Space Strategy which examines the distribution and diversity of the play network, play and recreation opportunities for young people and the development of a “regional” play space.	RCoW
Upgrade Community Centre heat & cooling and the Kitchen and to allow for greater catering capacity for community activities.  <b>Goal:</b> Increased use of the community centre.	Community infrastructure, such as halls, other facilities, recreation reserves and sporting precincts throughout the Rural City of Wangaratta, continue to provide an essential base from which we get together and undertake initiatives to improve wellbeing.	Upgrade facilities to ensure communities have access to a meeting place for social, recreational and learning opportunities subject to budget process and successful grant funding including: ☑ Moyhu Community Hub; ☑ Everton Hall and precinct; and ☑ Wareena Hall.	RCoW DSE

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<p>70km signs erected on Yarrawonga Road. 50km signs for Frost &amp; Everitts Road.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Reduce speed for safety.</p>			<p>RCoW VicRoads</p>
<p>Improve mobile and NBN.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Peechelba doesn't have a black spot and is 21<sup>st</sup> century communication.</p>	<p>Advocate for improved telecommunications and technology</p> <p>Support and promote Government Broad Band provision for rural areas.</p>	<p>Investigate opportunities to provide improved telecommunications, incorporating broadband and mobile telephone coverage.</p>	<p>Telstra NBN Co</p>