

South Wangaratta Community Plan 2012/2013

What is community planning & what does the South Wangaratta community hope to achieve?

We hope to strengthen the social connections within our locality. We plan to achieve this by increasing the range of activities to be held at the South Wangaratta CFA station and Community Centre.

Profile

South Wangaratta Community comprises approximately 6650 ha of land, is bounded by the Warby Ranges, 15 Mile Creek and the Ovens River to the North.

In 1875 a State school was established followed by a Post Office situated south/south west of Wangaratta. South Wangaratta was then known for its self-reliance, its community spirit and was made up of general dairy and citrus farmers. In the mid to late 1900s, life style properties on small acreages and equine pursuits became prevalent in the district.

History

Prior to European settlement the traditional custodians of the Wangaratta South area were the Bangerang/ Pangerang Aboriginal clan.

This area provided a rich resource of permanent springs, abundant flora and fauna and shelter on the lee side of the ranges from the cold westerly winds especially during the colder months.

Seasonally large gatherings of clans occurred and corroborees were held near permanent springs in this area.



Following glowing reports by Hume and Hovell in 1824 and Major Mitchell in 1836 squatters soon moved to the area with herds of sheep and cattle.

This area was part of William Clark's 16,000 acre Ovens Crossing Place run and the side of the Warby Ranges was part of Benjamin Warby's Taminick Plains run of 23,000 acres.

In 1858 the Geodetic Survey of Victoria commenced and surveyors divided the colony into large squares from 640 acres to 30 acres (the majority ranged from 100 acre to 200 acre allotments in this area). These were soon taken up under certain condition by selectors who rapidly set about farming the land.

The rich fertile soil enabled a diverse range of agriculture to flourish in the area.

Initially dairying followed by in 1902 plantings of citrus and a range of fruit trees including apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, figs, walnuts and almonds.

In 1900 a vineyard was established and later on tobacco, flax and cereal crops were also successfully grown.

Sheep, cattle and pig production meant that early farms produced a wide and varied range of products.

The area was renowned for being a strong, active and self-reliant community.

The school, post office and a community hall hosted social events including balls, card nights, dances and meetings.

For many decades, the tennis courts, cricket ground and volunteer fire brigade gave entertainment and protection for the local community.

Today urban development has encroached on the amenity of the area, with many of the larger farming properties now divided into lifestyle blocks. South Wangaratta now includes Cox's Estate and Upper Wangandary. A new generation of residents are enjoying the scenic vistas of the Ovens and King valleys and the Alps.

Supplied by Rhonda Diffey, resident of South Wangaratta.

Background

Approximately eighty people attended the South Wangaratta Community Planning Meeting on Friday 7 September 2012 at the South Wangaratta CFA Station. A follow up workshop was held on Monday 1 October 2012. The information captured from these gatherings has formed the base of the South Wangaratta Community Plan. The champions and other interested community members have formed a group, known as the South Wangaratta Community Planning Group.



What's great about living in South Wangaratta?

Lifestyle

Peaceful & quiet

Convenient to town

Links to the Warby-Ovens National Park

Bird life

Community & friendship

Support from neighbours

Magnitude of views

Fresh produce



Community facilities...

Jubilee Golf Course

South Wangaratta CFA Station & Community Centre

Aldon Park Recreation Reserve

South Wangaratta Recreation Reserve

Wangaratta Equestrian Centre

What Community Groups exist?

South Wangaratta Social Group

South Wangaratta CFA

South Wangaratta Aero modellers

Wangaratta City Soccer Club

Beer O'clock – Upper Wangandary

Adult Riding Club

Pony Club

Neighbourhood Watch

Men's Shed

Cycling



How do locals communicate?

CFA phone tree
Lifestyle Warby Ovens Website (under development)
Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter
Upper Wangandary Facebook

What community events are held?

Social Events at South Wangaratta CFA and Community Centre on the last Friday of each month, 6.30pm.
Xmas Party
Beer O'clock – Upper Wangandary

Local businesses

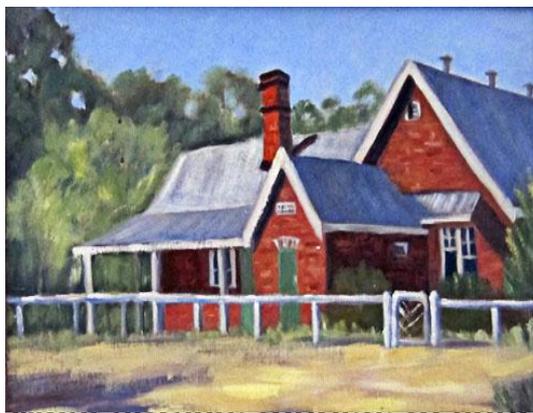
Orchards
Wineries
Olive groves
Horse studs
Cherry orchards
Coloured sheep
Cattle
Market gardens
Bed & Breakfast
Equestrian centre
Creative Retreats
Wangaratta Strength Fitness
Mosaic Magic
Tracey Toohey Design & Drafting
Symes Earthmovers
Pinkerton Security
Wangaratta Cranes
Suters Horizontal Boring

What memorials & icons exist in your community?

Honour Rolls at South Wangaratta
Community Centre

What are the key features of your area?

Warby-Ovens National Park
Stone Quarry
15 Mile Creek
Kangaroos
Views



What attracts tourists to your area?

Farm gate sales
Bed & breakfasts
Walking tracks
National Parks
Camping
Wineries
Aerodrome
Bike riding
Horse riding
Aero modellers
Speedway
Jubilee Golf Course
Warby Springs flora
Waterfalls: Salsbury, Staircase & Jubilee

Links to other communities – schooling & shopping...

Wangaratta
Glenrowan Primary School



Themes from the Community Meeting

This is a list of the individual needs identified at the planning meeting held on 7 September 2012, during the table based discussion:

South Wangaratta Action Group is not South Wangaratta, please change name to Yarrunga Action Group.

Bus needed 2 or 3 days per week.

Tennis Courts, multi sports complex.

Australia Day breakfast.

Riding trails through national parks.

More communication by Council, particularly grants.

More access to town water.

Easier access to health services and more information on what exists.

More support for home visits for people on their own.

Bike track for safety, also flashing head and tail lights on bikes.

Widen Taminick Gap Road for safety.

Control "hoons" at the corner of Taminick Gap and Warby Range Road.

Drains cleaned and roads fixed.

Signs – "South Wangaratta", concealed roads such as Taaffe Road.

Extend speed limit to 80km at corner Glenrowan and Gravel Pit Road.

Seal Delloro Road.

Weed and vermin control in State Park.

Speed restriction signs in school bus hours on Warby Range Road.

Better signage in Park – walking tracks.

Better education for local people living in Parks to prevent further infestation.

Walking tracks along roads so people can walk their animals safely, and also children home from school.

Introductory booklet and website to advertise events which could be given to newcomers.

Local phone and internet access – need broadband!

Widening of bitumen on Gravel Pit Road.

Bus service along Warby Range Road, connecting Glenrowan to Wangaratta CBD.

Economic viability – natural gas and town water.

Youth – transport.

Safety – signs to slow traffic, dust reduction, burn off and clean up roadside, cyclists, damaged roads, driver/cyclist education, signage at crossroads, boom gates at rail crossing on Shanley Street/Taminick Gap Road.

Health & Wellbeing – maintain, peace and tranquility, rezoning regulations, bike track/footpath, bus stops, no need for major infrastructure as we access Wangaratta for sport/leisure.

Transport – better roads, more public transport, bus shelter for kids, bike track, better information dissemination with bike road racing etc.

Glenrowan/transport into Wangaratta.

Horse track.

Emergency Planning – phone tree and CFA fire attach plan.

Heritage, Arts & Culture – honour boards, flags and history (train station, taminick & old school).

Sealing of Delloro Road .

Bike track.

Drainage.

Bus service for aged linked in with health services.

Transport in and out of town.

Need for a community newsletter and the neighbourhood watch newsletter to be delivered to Taminick Gap Road area.

Gentlemans Club.

Turning circles for fire trucks on Gerrett & Hilton (ask firies).

Junior fire brigade, same as at Springhurst.

School crossing signs at Gerret Road and the Willows.

Concealed road sign at 1156 Wangandary Road.

Rename Wanganderry to Wangandary Creek.

Urgently need advisory signs that there are school children in the area on sections of Wangandary Road.

Reduced speed limits on sections of Wangandary Road to 80kmph from 1156 Wangandary Road to 815 (The Willows).

Rock fall prevention plan.

Fruit fly, Pattersons Curse and St Johns Wart information and planning support.

Local Government to lobby State

Government to maintain fox bounty.

Transport – Community bus service (willing to pay).

Economic viability – farm gate, South Wangaratta services directory for local tradesmen.

Improve mobile reception tower.

Heritage, Arts & Culture – history board in community park.

Environment – weed control and litter reduction.

Lifestyle – Bridle path (for walkers, dogs, bikes & horses).

Community park, meeting place with bbq, toilets and drinking water.

Signs to walking tracks and natural features.

Picnic facilities.

Street lighting.

Newsletter.

Safety – fenced bridle path.

Tree maintenance, road signage, road maintenance and drains fixed.

Phone tree for emergencies.

Fire station numbers.

Neighbourhood Watch (what houses – safety?)

Police patrols on speedway nights.

Horse tracks/bridle.

Bike tracks/walking (away off the roadside).

Community nursery access to native trees.

Noticeboard.

Community contact for older residents.

Community events calendar.

No town water.

Annual get together – Australia Day.

Centre white line to Gravel Pit Road (narrow part 1km).

Historical markers at school and hall site.

Road signs saying South Wangaratta at Shanley Street and Gravel Pit Road.

Walking track/bike track along Warby Range Road which are linked to bus stops.

Home help.

Area developed (lifestyle blocks, remove 100 acres) 5-10 acre blocks.

Opportunity for community interaction.

National broadband.

Definition of South Wangaratta.

Extension of bike path into town.

Some roads sealed to enable circuits for bikes (Ryans).

More rubbish bins at community facilities – sports grounds.

Historical markers where school, hall and tennis courts use to be

A celebration gathering once a year – getting to see your neighbours.

More parking and town water at the fire station.

SOUTH WANGARATTA COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2012/2013

P: Indicates priority with 1 being the highest

Infrastructure

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Bridle Path (P4)	Jennifer Burchat Judi Turk	<p>Gather information via a survey to identify suitable roads for horse riding and the needs of horse riders using these roads. Use this information to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify ways the existing horse friendly roads and tracks may be linked. 2) Enhance the suitability of existing roads for horse riding. 3) Develop a map of horse friendly roads and tracks in the area. 4) Overcome issues that prevent horse riders from riding on public roads around South Wangaratta. 5) Raise awareness with the Council of the need to consider the horse riding community of South Wangaratta in future planning and road building. 6) Provide information to 	<p>Enhance the existing suitability of South Wangaratta as a horse riding area for residents. Identify or develop suitable parking points for cars with floats.</p>	<p>RCoW-Infrastructure RCoW-Community & Recreation Wangaratta Equestrian Centre Wangaratta Turf Club Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE</p>

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		horse riders regarding safe riding / road rules/ community courtesy.		
Roads <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning circle 	Mike O'Shea	Need to identify an adequate turning circle in the event of an emergency in the Warby Ranges.	Turning circle/s established on Gerret and Hilton Roads.	RCoW-Infrastructure Region 23 CFA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage 	Rhonda Diffey	Need to respond to lack of drainage along Wangandary Road.	Wangandary Road Drainage Plan established.	RCoW-Infrastructure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burn off 		Improve drainage along Gravel Pit Road. Need to work together to achieve fuel reduction. Improve road safety to address dust, near misses, increase in usage as a thoroughfare to freeway.	Burn off on Warby Range Road.	South Wangaratta CFA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seal Delloro Road • Seal section of Walker Road 		To mitigate dust and complete unsealed section.	Delloro Road sealed and small section not sealed along Walker Road to be completed.	RCoW-Infrastructure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sealing to Cox's Road 	Cheryl Valentini		Sealing completed of Shanley Street at Cox's Road.	

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Signage Road signage (P3) Information board at Quarry(P1) Tourist signs (P1)	Jenny Glover	To improve signage in providing directional and information.	Informative signage installed.	RCoW-Infrastructure Parks Victoria

Community – Young, Senior, Families, New residents

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up roadside collection Definition of South Wangaratta Communication about grants 	Rick Cleeland	To mitigate rubbish and dumping across our local boundaries. To involve locals in locating South Wangaratta boundaries. To be better informed about grant opportunities that relate to South Wangaratta priorities.	Roadsides and entry points of the State Park are free from rubbish. Locals know their locality boundaries. Registered with Easygrants Newsletter.	RCoW-Environment RCoW-Infrastructure RCoW-Community & Recreation RCoW- Community & Recreation
Social gatherings (P2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia Day 	Paul Hoffman Ian & Tom Paydon	To hold an annual event to meet your neighbour.	Know your neighbours.	Local community RCoW-Community & Recreation RCoW-Events Officer
South Wangaratta CFA Station site (P2)	Paul Hoffman Jarrod Toomer Ian Paydon	To develop the CFA station as a community centre with enhanced facilities at the site. Town water to the Fire Station.	Signage, seating, rubbish bins and noticeboard established at site. Water at the Fire Station	South Wangaratta CFA and local community

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Community Information (P1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar • Noticeboard • Newsletter • Services Directory 	John Emslie Annie O'Shea Tanya Maxwell	To explore methods of communication for a better informed community.	Communication methods established.	RCoW-Community & Recreation FRRR & other grant opportunities
Services – home help, finding out what is available	Ian Paydon	To improve awareness of the health services available for rural residents.	An information session held for local residents.	RCoW-Home & Community Care Services Ovens & King Community Health Services Northeast Health

Economy & Tourism

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Broadband (NBN)	Annie O'Shea Rebecca Weir	To improve internet speed and reduce downtime.	Broadband services equal to metropolitan.	RCoW-Economic Development Telstra Link with other rural communities lobbying government Local politicians

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Zoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifestyle • Planning consistency • Primary Production 	Rhonda Diffey	To maintain the semi-rural amenity. To support primary industry.	No prescriptive overlay on South Wangaratta locality. Increased awareness of primary production and the impact on zoning and rating.	RCoW-Planning
National Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeds & vermin 	Jarrold Toomer	To work with Parks Victoria and landowners to eradicate weed and vermin.	Weed and vermin eradicated from locality.	Parks Victoria

Safety & Accessibility & Transport

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Bus Service	Doug Vickery	To explore public transport needs and potential bus route.	A once a week bus service along Warby Range Road to Wangaratta and return.	Department of Transport North East Transport Connections RCoW-Community & Recreation Ovens & King Community Health Services

Arts, Culture & Heritage – events, preservation group, projects

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
History (P1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historical interpretive signage Collect & research oral history 	John Emslie Rhonda Diffey Graham Colston	To identify and mark historical sites in South Wangaratta. To capture and promote local history.	Historical markers installed. Local history recorded and displayed.	RCoW-Cultural Development Wangaratta Historical Society

Other....

Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholder
Fruit Fly	Jarrold Toomer	To eradicate fruit fly.	South Wangaratta a fruit fly free zone.	DEPI Landcare VFF

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

SOUTH WANGARATTA - COMMUNITY PLAN

Infrastructure

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<p>Range Road between Colson Drive and Lindner Road.</p> <p>Goal: Enhance the existing suitability of South Wangaratta as a horse riding area for residents. Identify or develop suitable parking points for cars with floats.</p>			
<p>Need to identify an adequate turning circle in the event of an emergency in the Warby Ranges.</p> <p>Need to respond to lack of drainage along Wangandary Road.</p> <p>Need to work together to achieve fuel reduction.</p> <p>Improve road safety to address dust, near misses, increase in usage as a thoroughfare to freeway.</p> <p>Goal: Turning circle/s established on Gerret and Hilton Roads. Wangandary Road Drainage Plan established.</p> <p>Burn off on Warby Range Road.</p> <p>Delloro Road sealed and small section not sealed along Walker Road to be completed.</p>		<p>Work with emergency services and other agencies to develop a proactive approach to planning for crisis situations.</p> <p>Participate in and promote community safety forums such as Neighbourhood Watch and the Community Safety Committee.</p>	<p>RCoW-Infrastructure Region 23 CFA</p>

Community

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<p>To mitigate rubbish and dumping in all entry points of the State Park. To involve locals in locating South Wangaratta boundaries. To be better informed about grant opportunities that relate to South Wangaratta priorities.</p> <p>Goal: Roadsides and entry points of the State Park are free from rubbish. Locals know their locality boundaries. Registered with Easygrants Newsletter.</p>		<p>Enhance community understanding of conservation values and provide opportunities to experience and contribute to the environment.</p>	<p>RCoW-Environment RCoW-Infrastructure RCoW-Community & Recreation Parks Vic</p>
<p>To hold an annual event to meet your neighbour.</p> <p>Goal: Know your neighbours.</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>Celebrate important community milestones.</p>	<p>Celebrate with the community by supporting and enhancing existing events including Australia Day, Keep Australia Beautiful Awards, Seniors Festival, Community Pride and specific youth events and expand the range of festive community events to create further opportunities for the community to come together.</p>	<p>Local community RCoW-Community & Recreation RCoW- Events Officer</p>

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<p>To develop the CFA station as a community centre with enhanced facilities at the site. Town water to the Fire Station.</p> <p>Goal: Signage, seating, rubbish bins and noticeboard established at site. Water to the Fire Station</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>South Wangaratta CFA and local community</p>
<p>To explore methods of communication for a better informed community.</p> <p>Goal: Communication methods established.</p>	<p>Promote personal communication i.e. face to face forums using strategies appropriate to those participating.</p>	<p>Investigate opportunities to provide improved telecommunications, incorporating broadband and mobile telephone coverage.</p>	<p>RCoW-Community & Recreation FRRR & other grant opportunities</p>
<p>To improve awareness of the health services available for rural residents.</p> <p>Goal: An information session held for local residents.</p>	<p>Support a strategy for health services provision within the region to be led by health authorities and agencies. In partnership with other agencies, maintain a high standard of service delivery/ educational, health and recreation services to families and children.</p>	<p>Support the development of integrated health provision.</p>	<p>RCoW-Home & Community Care Services Ovens & King Community Health Services Northeast Health</p>

Economy

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>To improve internet speed and downtime.</p> <p>Goal: Broadband services equal to metropolitan.</p>	<p>Support and promote Government Broad Band provision for rural areas. Ensure community information is accessible and in numerous forms / languages.</p>	<p>Investigate opportunities to provide improved telecommunications into the Rural City of Wangaratta, comparable with metropolitan access.</p>	<p>RCoW-Economic Development Telstra Link with other rural communities lobbying government Local politicians</p>
<p>To maintain the semi-rural amenity.</p> <p>Goal: No prescriptive overlay on South Wangaratta locality.</p>			<p>RCoW-Planning</p>
<p>To work with Parks Victoria and landowners to eradicate weed and vermin.</p> <p>Goal: Weed and vermin eradicated from locality.</p>	<p>Develop a plan to provide protection for threatened remnant native vegetation. Develop a plan to provide protection for threatened remnant native vegetation. Develop showcase and incentive approaches to recognise and reward landowner work to conserve habitat that contributes to overall environmental health for the Rural City of Wangaratta community.</p>		<p>Parks Vic</p>

Safety and Accessibility

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<p>To explore public transport needs and potential bus route.</p> <p>Goal: A once a week bus service along Warby Range Road to Wangaratta and return.</p>	<p>Develop a strategic plan for transport and traffic improvements and planning from recommendations of the transport and traffic study.</p>	<p>Partner with neighbouring municipalities and other agencies to advocate for flexible transport options to support identified need.</p>	<p>Department of Transport North East Transport Connections RCoW-Community & Recreation Ovens & King Community Health Services</p>

Arts, Culture and Heritage

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<p>To identify and mark historical sites in South Wangaratta.</p> <p>Goal: Historical markers installed.</p>	<p>Support cultural groups to develop opportunities to celebrate their heritage.</p>	<p>Work with the communities in townships to identify and preserve local character.</p> <p>Provide advice and assistance in regard to heritage buildings and places.</p>	<p>RCoW-Cultural Development Wangaratta Historical Society</p>

Other

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
To eradicate fruit fly. Goal: South Wangaratta a fruit fly free zone.			DSE Landcare VFF



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.