

Springhurst Community Plan 2013/2014

What is community planning and what does the Springhurst 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 Springhurst hope to enhance the pride in their town through ongoing maintenance and making the playground safe. The establishment of a public toilet and improved roads, signage and drainage. They wish to preserve their quiet, rural location and maintain the Friday night social club activities at the Hall.

Profile

The rural community of Springhurst at the north end of the Municipality has a population of 188. Located 25.5km from Wangaratta and 44.5km from Wodonga, the township runs adjacent to the Melbourne - Sydney rail line and the Hume Highway and covers an area of 1.84km². Springhurst is the junction to the Riverina plains through the Rutherglen wine area and Corowa. The township of Springhurst obtains its water supply from Wodonga by pipe, via North East Water. This water supply is backed up by diesel generated pumps, which come into action when town power is lost.

Springhurst offers rural living with a strong sense of community spirit and connectedness, which is the main theme in the Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 vision plan. The hall, school and post office create the town hub. Friday Night Social Club provides a fun, friendly social gathering each week. The catering team cook and serve an inexpensive meal from the well equipped kitchen. Entertainment is provided amidst the ever present

social chatter – it's a great time to catch up with locals! The group was recognised for their success with being a finalist in the 2008 Regional Achievement Awards, Community of the Year category. The Tuesday night indoor carpet bowls is a popular activity; also senior citizens with their Wednesday afternoon functions and card nights, which link the farming and town community.

Many locals commute either by car or public transport to the surrounding towns to their place of employment.

Public land and a small amount of freehold land carry native vegetation; the area is adjacent to Barambogie Hills that is renown for the Regent Honey Eater. The remaining freehold land has been cleared either wholly or partially for pasture development.



Approximately 63% of the catchment area comprises freehold land held in property sizes ranging from 28 to 800 hectares which have been in the same family for generations giving support to the viability of the area. The major land use is sheep and cattle and dairy farming. Wheat, oats, barley, canola and other grain cropping is undertaken over a wide area of land.

Background

The Springhurst community held their first Community Planning workshop, facilitated by the Rural City of Wangaratta on Friday 7 November 2008. The community was well represented with approximately 140 meals being served before the

meeting. A Community Planning Review was conducted on 22 February 2013.

It is worth noting that the Springhurst Hotel was built in 1875, and the current Post Office building in 1900 which was intended to be the National Bank of Australia, but was never used as a bank.

Also of historical value is the Springhurst Butter Factory which was built in 1913.

Springhurst Railway Station opened in 1873 for goods traffic and was the former junction of the line to Wahgunyah. Although the track to Wahgunyah is still largely in place the junction has been removed. The station is still in use by V/Line Passenger trains with a second platform constructed on the standard gauge line as part of the North East Rail Revitalisation Project in 2009.



What Community Groups exist?

- Springhurst Recreation & Hall Committee
- Springhurst Recycled Teenagers-Line dancers
- Springhurst Senior Citizens
- Springhurst Rural Fire Brigade & Social Club
- Springhurst Carpet Bowls
- Springhurst Old Time Dancers
- Springhurst/Byawatha Land Care Group
- Springhurst Golf Course

How do locals communicate?

- Springhurst Bush Telegraph
- Noticeboard at Post Office
- Springhurst Primary School newsletter
- Notices distributed through mail box courtesy of post office



Community facilities

- Springhurst Primary School
- Springhurst Recreation Reserve Committee and Community Hall
- Springhurst Railway Station
- Naringa/Springhurst Cemetery

What Community Events are held?

- Friday Night Social Club
- Australia Day Ceremony
- CFA Junior & Senior Brigade Competitions
- Seniors' Tuesday Night Indoor Carpet Bowls
- Old Time Dance
- Scrap Booking
- Senior Citizens- Wednesday lunch and monthly Saturday night Cards
- Golf
- Rogaining (A sport of long distance cross-country navigation, involving both route planning and navigation between checkpoints using a variety of map types).

What Memorials exist in our community?

At the Springhurst School:

- Jubilee School Gates
- Lilliput Bell
- Time capsule
- WWI & WW2 Honour Boards

At the Springhurst Hall:

- Boralma Honour Roll
- Senior Citizens Board
- Clock (Bill Diffey)
- Sporting Clubs showcase and plaque

On the Triangle:

- War plaque on stone

- Anzac Plantation
- Peter Sloan Plantation near overpass

Services available to resident

- Springhurst Standpipe – stock water only
(Corner of McMahons Road and Three Chain Road)
- Springhurst Transfer Station
- Rail or bus service to Melbourne or Sydney either via platform 1 or platform 2 – three times per day
- Reticulated water service

Local Businesses

- Springhurst Post Office
- Fencing contractor
- Carpenter
- Glazier
- Small engine repairs
- Transport carrier
- Cleaning services
- Export cattle genetics
- Leather products
- Silo bag manufacturer
- Lilliput Winery
- Firewood & soil merchant
- Excavator & dingo contractor
- Venison farm
- Jewellery design and manufacture
- Bed & breakfast accommodation
- Self-contained unit accommodation
- Accountant
- Agronomic and editing services
- Primary production:
 - Prime lamb
 - Cereal grain
 - Beef production
 - Wool
 - Dairying
 - Horticulture

What attracts tourists to our area?

- Small winery – Lilliput Winery
- Springhurst Butter Factory
- Travellers looking for amenities – toilet, park, petrol station



What are the key features of our area?

- Roads suitable for cycling – regularly used by the Wangaratta Bicycle User Group.
- Locals regularly seen walking on roads.
- Good access to larger centres along freeway and easy access to Rutherglen (15.7km), Chiltern, Wangaratta, Albury.
- Quiet rural location. Strong community spirit and pride. Community very supportive and socially connected.

What's missing from our community?

- Dedicated bike track to join to other local towns such as Rutherglen, Chiltern & Wangaratta
- Public toilet
- Café/coffee shop
- Clear and correct road signage

Existing Plans & Strategies

- 2008/2009 Springhurst Community Plan

Links to other Communities – schooling, health, services and shopping

- Hospital – Wangaratta, Albury/Wodonga and Corowa
- Nursing Home, Health Clinic, Vet – Wangaratta, Rutherglen and Chiltern

- Secondary schooling – Wangaratta and Rutherglen
- Shopping – Albury/Wodonga, Wangaratta & Rutherglen & Chiltern

Themes from the community meeting

The community feel safe. There is a need for recreation activities and access to holiday programs for the kids/youth. Community pride is strong. Improved drainage in the town. Safe areas to walk and cycle. Hard rubbish collection twice yearly. Improved signage, a coffee shop and a bike path are all indicated as high priorities by the community.

Issues arising from the meeting held in February 2013:

Table 1 – rail trail, toilet, railway across road, round-a-bout beautified/mowed, playground upgraded & toilet, signage – lanes/general, fix up Anzac Rd signage, bus stop Nish Road, a pub, sport for youth, B & Bs

Table 2 – coffee shop/bakery, public toilets, nice garden/park, natural gas, rail trail from Springhurst to Rutherglen

Table 3 – seasonal fire prevention completed in a timely manner, railway Rd – upgrade McMahan’s Road to township, clean up Diddah Diddah Creek, upgrade 3 chain from Springs Rd to Boorhaman Rd, drainage levels, coffee shop/coffee, skip bin once per year, reservoir, tanks, town water pressure, by laws management, ongoing road maintenance, white lines – Genton/Gayer Rd

Table 4 – pre school & school children’s safety (footpath/bike path, crossing on Anzac Rd), public toilets, road-side fence at playground, proper road upgrade (ie graded), road marking clear on access Rd – (Bentons Rd) to Carragumungee

Table 5 – transport to Wangaratta for older residents, walking paths, attract industry, picnic area/parkland, bike path for kids, upgrade tennis courts

Table 6 – broadband available to all houses, tennis courts upgrade, more places for kids to play (e.g. skateboard ramp, park), natural gas

Table 7 – clean up Diddah Diddah Creek upstream from Anzac Rd bridge, especially rabbit control & remove exotic trees. Swimming hole, repair concrete culvert, walking tracks along Diddah Diddah Creek (through common), on Hume Freeway (Northbound) correct signage on Diddah Diddah Creek, pedestrian bridge over Diddah Diddah Creek at west end of common, protect & enhance remnant vegetation in common & replace exotic trees with native understory plants, toilet block, improve road surface Tu-Can Lane for pedestrians and extend to Alison Rd end (granite sand to be donated by mr Tom Wrighton).

Table 8 – white lines on access road (Bentons Rd) between cemetery & Carragumungee Rd, public toilet at rail station needs to be open or new ones built, BBQ-Playground, seating, expansion of current playground (seesaw, playgym) as it is used every day, rail trail from Springhurst to Rutherglen.

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

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Springhurst Community Action Plan Reviewed – February 2013

Priority Need	Community Leadership	Aim	Goal	Review
Young Children Activities & Playground	Julie Bowers Nicky Madden Kevin Atteridge Saralee Thorpe Liz Brooker Paula Williams Leanne Howlett Jason Brooker	Provide recreational activities for the Springhurst children & youth.	Establish a playground at the Recreation Reserve. Establish youth activities	Achieved
Bus – Wangaratta	Lucie Van Aken	Provide accessible transport for seniors to Wangaratta	Transportation needs of local seniors met.	Not Viable at this stage
Natural Gas	Daryl Seager (Scoota)	To provide an alternative energy supply to the town	Gas connected	Not Viable at this stage
Town Clean Up & Skip	John Murphy	To encourage residents to work together in dealing with waste and maintaining a tidy town and community pride.	Springhurst Clean Up Day implemented.	Achieved
Weed Control “War on Weeds Project”	Faye McKenzie	Eradicate weed population within Springhurst township as per plan.	Community and agency involvement to activate and maintain weed eradication over 2-3 years.	Achieved
Springhurst Hall Upgrade	Springhurst Hall Committee	To provide ongoing maintenance and upgrading of Springhurst Hall to meet the needs of user groups.	Springhurst Hall upgraded.	Car park stage of this project has been achieved

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Street lights at hall	Jason Brooker	To provide external lighting at the Springhurst Hall.	A safety light installed at the Springhurst Hall.	Achieved
Bus Shelter	Sara Tynon	To provide shelter for school bus travellers in Springhurst.	Bus shelters erected in a location that meets the highest need.	Achieved Two Bus Shelters have been erected
Road grading	Harvey Benton	To achieve an ongoing level of road maintenance in the Springhurst district.	To achieve road maintenance annually.	Ongoing project
CFA Shed	Tony Tynan	To have the CFA fire shed in a central location.	CFA fire shed relocated to central location in Springhurst.	Achieved

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Priority Need	Who will champion?	Aim	Goal	Stakeholders
Public Toilet	Rudy Kramer Harvey Benton Norman Benton	Provide a toilet for public use.	To have toilet open to our community, many visitors from the freeway and bike riders.	Vic Rail
Rail Trail	Jason Brooker Stuart Maxwell Ted Fishman	To attract visitors and tourists from Chiltern, Rutherglen & Wangaratta and broader afield, as a central point for rides.	Link into the Murray to Mountains Rail Trail.	Rail trail committee
Roads	Harvey Benton John Murphy	Identify town and side roads to be graded. Centre line down Benton Road	To have safe travel	Vic Roads RCoW - Technical Service Officer
Diddah Diddah Creek	Kevin Atteridge Frank Harbottle	To clean it up.	To have a clean and safe and picnic area.	DSE
Walking Tracks	Tom Wighton Warrick Hill Jeff Hirth	Safe access for the children to get to school.	Walking track along Anzac Road and School Road.	RCoW - Technical Service Officer
Playground	Liz Brooker Jenny Murphy	Make playground safe from road traffic.	Fence the corner of Anzac Road and School Road.	RCoW – Manager Facilities & Open Spaces
Youth	CFA	Maintain a youth group.	A youth group is coordinated by CFA.	CFA

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Community Recreation Hub	Kevin Atteridge	To maintain the recreation centre for use.	Netball, tennis and basketball is a proactive in the community	Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee
Reservoir – Water Volume	Kevin Atteridge Frank Harbottle	Increase current volume from the water supply and maintain reservoir.	The water volume is increased and able to cope in need for fire fighting and community use. Reservoir is maintained.	N E Water
Coffee Shop	Sue Maxwell Stuart Maxwell	Establish a coffee shop for tourism.	Increased tourism and employment for locals.	B & B owner
Fire Prevention	Mark Connor Kevin Atteridge	Strengthen the relationship between CFA, RCoW and community	A safe community.	CFA RCoW – Emergency & Aerodrome Officer
Town Drainage	Warrick Hill Tom Wighton Kevin Atteridge	Get rid of water laying in drains and passing through properties – particularly in certain parts of Anzac Road and service road where water is lying in the drain and then other areas where flooding occurs into private properties.	The communities, including cyclists, have safe passage.	RCoW – Technical Service Officer
Signage – directional and speed	Kevin McMahon Harvey Benton Kevin Atteridge	Correct signage across the entire district.	Emergency services and community are able to be located, therefore safe.	Vic Roads RCoW - Technical Service Officer
Local Laws	Kevin Atteridge Frank Harbottle	Upgrade the local laws to suit the community.	Keep the township clean and safe to access.	RCoW - Enforcement

SPRINGHURST - COMMUNITY PLANNING

Community will lead and action all of the following projects

Rural Landscape & Environment

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
To clean up Diddah Diddah Creek. Goal: To have a clean and safe and picnic area.	The rural waterways are enhanced to contribute to a healthy rural environment.	Develop a long term strategy for enhancing the passive recreational use of waterways, including the Ovens and King Rivers as a major attraction and focus with a minimal impact on the natural environment.	DSE

A Vibrant and Healthy Community

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
Maintain a youth group. Goal: A youth group is co-ordinated by the CFA.	Work with young people to further develop activities for youth.	Maintain involvement in local and regional youth networks, in health, education and other interventional service areas.	CFA
To maintain the recreation centre for use. Goal: Netball, tennis and basketball is proactive in the community.	Maintain and further develop key sporting, cultural and recreational opportunities, including Yarrunga pool and rural recreation reserves/halls.	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.	Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee

Safety & Accessibility

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>Make playground safe from road traffic. Goal: Fence the corner of Anzac Road and School Road.</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 – Manager Facilities & Open Spaces</p>
<p>Safe access for the children to get to school. Goal: Walking track along Anzac Road and School Road.</p>	<p>Identify and develop infrastructure which supports and facilitates linking people to their community e.g. meeting places, walking tracks, information technology, neighbourhood playgrounds, and transport.</p> <p>Continue the current mapping exercise to identify any gaps in cycle and pedestrian infrastructure.</p>	<p>Plan a network of shared paths designed to provide walking and cycling access between townships and community facilities.</p>	<p>RCoW – Technical Service Officer</p>
<p>Strengthen the relationship between CFA, RCoW and community. Goal: A safe community</p>	<p>Promote a high level of community safety</p>	<p>Work with other agencies to develop and implement approaches to enhance and strengthen community resilience and safety.</p>	<p>CFA RCoW – Emergency & Aerodrome Officer</p>

Infrastructure

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>Provide a toilet for public use.</p> <p>Goal: To have toilet open to our community, many visitors from the freeway and bike riders.</p>			Vic Rail
<p>Road grading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To raise urgent road safety matters through the CAR reporting system. -To refer road maintenance issues (potholes & grading) to Council's Maintenance Program. -To register a request for resheeting & sealing to Council's Manager of Technical Services. 		Plan and provide Infrastructure / roads to meet rural community needs.	Vic Roads RCoW - Technical Service Officer
<p>Increase current pressure from water supply and maintain reservoir.</p> <p>Goal: The water pressure is increased and able to cope in need for fire fighting and community use. Reservoir is maintained</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>Council to maintain a significant advocacy role in all water security issues.</p>	Advocate to relevant authorities for the reticulation of water and sewerage provision in townships.	NE Water

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<p>Get rid of water laying in drains and passing through properties – particularly in certain parts of Anzac Road and service road where water is lying in the drain and then other areas where flooding occurs in private properties.</p> <p>Goal: The community, including cyclists, have safe passage.</p>		<p>Develop and implement the Domestic Waste Water Management Plan.</p>	<p>RCoW – Technical Service Officer</p>
<p>Correct signage across the entire district.</p> <p>Goal: Emergency services and community are able to notify exact position of emergency, increasing safety for residents and visitors</p>			<p>Vic Roads RCoW – Technical Service Officer</p>
<p>Upgrade the local laws to suit the community.</p> <p>Goal: Keep the township clean and safe to access.</p>			<p>Community RCoW - Enforcement</p>

Economy

Community Issue	2030 Community Vision Link	Council Plan Link	Stakeholder
<p>To attract visitors and tourists from Chiltern, Rutherglen & Wangaratta and broader afield, as a central point for rides.</p> <p>Goal: Link into the Murray to Mountains rail trail.</p>	<p>Continue the current mapping exercise to identify any gaps in cycle and pedestrian infrastructure.</p>	<p>Plan a network of shared paths designed to provide walking and cycling access between townships and community facilities.</p> <p>Review Council's Cycle Tourism Strategy, taking into consideration the: Warby Range Road and opportunities with the Warby Ranges; and Oxley to Whitfield Rail Trail.</p>	<p>Rail trail committee</p>
<p>Establish a coffee shop for tourism.</p> <p>Goal: Increased tourism and employment for locals.</p>	<p>Formally position the North East region as the pre- eminent cycle tourism destination in Australia.</p>	<p>To support and encourage a sustainable, innovative and resilient tourism sector.</p>	<p>B & B owner</p>