

HOPETOUN



2021

COMMUNITY VISION

The Hopetoun community envisage a township that is welcoming, visually vibrant, economically durable, environmentally sustainable and adequately resourced.

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Our community

HOPETOUN is situated on the Yarriambiack Creek in the Southern Mallee, 121 kilometres north of Horsham, 90 kilometres south of Ouyen and 61 kilometres north of Warracknabeal.

The town is recognised as 'The Gateway' to Victoria's Mallee region and takes its name from Lord Hopetoun who was Victoria's first Governor and Australia's first Governor General. He was a frequent visitor to the area as the guest of pioneer Edward Harewood Lascelles.

The town's population is approximately 555 and for the past two decades has experienced a population loss of about 1.4 percent annually. The major employers are the community services sector, 29.8%; wholesale and retail sectors, 17.8 percent and agriculture, 16.6 percent. Although the area has an ageing population, volunteerism in the Southern Mallee township is much higher than the state average.

Natural features within easy reach of the township are Wyperfeld, Hattah-Kulkyne and Murray-Sunset National Parks, which protect more than one million hectares of natural habitat and are home to countless species of flora and fauna. Hopetoun has a semi-arid climate with cool winters and at times extremely hot summers. Clear cloudless skies are a climatic characteristic.

The townspeople have access to three churches: Catholic, Lutheran Church and the Southern Mallee Co-Operative Parish which comprises the Baptist and Uniting churches. There are many sporting organisations and more community groups than usual for a town of Hopetoun's size.

The town has an administration centre – Gateway BEET (Business Education Employment and Tourism) which is also an agency for several government authorities including Centrelink. The Neighbourhood House currently house Historical society, Patchwork and is Management of the Gym and Hopetoun Mens Shed.

Our community ACTION plan

This plan has been prepared by the Gateway BEET with the assistance of Yarriambiack Shire Council. This plan was funded by the SHARE (Sustainable, Healthy, Adaptable, Resilient and Engaged) Program, which was initially funded by the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development and Yarriambiack Shire Council.

Community projects are essential to maintain and develop rural townships and enhance lifestyle for residents.

The Community Action Plan details how the vision and ideas articulated by the community could be achieved. We can use our Action Plan to:

- Enable all community members to have a voice;
- Organise project plans;
- Display community planning;
- Promote individual projects for prospective funding;
- Connect with stakeholders; and
- Inform Local Government of proposed projects.

What's important to us

- Providing opportunities and supporting a sense of belonging and connectedness in our friendly community.
- Supporting opportunities for employment, businesses and tourism.
- Ensuring people have access to appropriate services.
- Identifying and responding to the aspirations of our community.
- Providing a variety of sporting, recreation and leisure activities for all our residents.
- Enhancing our environmental sustainability so we can make a difference and create a sustainable future for generations to come.

Our priority projects

The following projects were gathered from ideas presented at a community meeting held on May 2019, discussions with members of the Gateway BEET and from previous community consultations. The projects and status are updated regularly.

Priority Projects Action Plan

PROJECT	KEY ACTION	PARTNERS /CONTACTS	STATUS
AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADDITIONAL AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 	YSC YOUTH NHH GATEWAY BEET	HPTN NHH/ONGOING
CARAVAN PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADDITIONAL POWERED SITES 	YSC	Shire applying for funding to improve all c/parks in Shire
COMMUNITY RADIO STATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LOBBY TO HAVE JJJ RADIO COVERAGE BEGIN COMMUNITY BROADCAST IN COMBINATION WITH SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS 	HP-12	
CORRONG HOMESTEAD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROOF TO PROTECT EXISTING EQUIPMENT ATTRACT VISITORS TO THE PRECINCT STORAGE/SHED 	HOPETOUN & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY	
ELECTRICAL SUPPLY BUILDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MURAL ART/STREET PUBLIC LOOKOUT, MUSEUM, VERTICAL GARDEN ARTStay Accommodation and Artspace 	YSC	
EMPTY SHOP WINDOWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECORATED WINDOWS PROVIDING HISTORICAL, TOURIST AND BUSINESS INFORMATION DECALS 	SHOP OWNERS	Streetscape
EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MUSIC FESTIVAL OR SIMILAR 		
FOOTPATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOUNTAIN TO LAKE 2020 WILL SEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE FOOTPATH – didn't happen 	Hierarchy??	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENSURE THE FOOTPATH CONTINUES 		
FOUNTAIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLANS/DESIGNS FOR NEW FOUNTAIN UPGRADE/REVAMP ENLARGE AS PREVIOUS HEIGHT CONSISTENCY IN WATER WORKING 	RAV/YSC	PLANS REQUIRED SEEK FUNDING (INCLUDE IN STREETScape)
FRONT BOWLING GREEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLLEY BALL SEATS ALL ABILITIES PLAYGROUND/NATURAL ENVIRONMENT/activities area EXERCISE EQUIPMENT CONNECT WITH LAKE LASCELLES 	BOWLING CLUB	
GATEWAY BEET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UPGRADE INTERNAL FACILITIES TO A MODERN AND FUNCTIONAL SPACE 	GATEWAY BEET /PARTNERUP	
GOLF CLUB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UPDATE FACILITIES MINI GOLF 	GOLF	
HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RETAIN SERVICES IMPROVE TECHNOLOGY TELEHEALTH IMPROVEMENTS ATTRACT QUALIFIED NURSES MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR SKILLED PROFESSIONALS FULLTIME DOCTOR SERVICES 	RURAL NORTHWEST HEALTH ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS	ONGOING
HISTORICAL SITE MARKERS STREETScape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FURTHER SITE MARKERS OVER AND ABOVE ALREADY IN PLACE HISTORICAL TRAIL 	Streetscape	
HOUSING AUDIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RATE IN ARREARS PROPERTIES 	YSC	ONGOING
INCREASED BUSINESS PRECINCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN 	GATEWAY BEET YSC	ONGOING
INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEASIBILITY STUDY COMPLETED CONTINUE IDENTIFICATION OF SUITABLE INDEPENDENT ACCOMMODATION OPPORTUNITIES 		STUDY COMPLETED (SOME PVTE COMPLETED)
LAKE LASCELLES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LARGE SCALE WOOD CARVINGS SCULPTURES FROM EXISTING DEAD TREES SURROUNDING THE LAKE. IMPROVED CYCLING-WALKING TRACK AROUND THE LAKE 	Funding applied	

MEMORIAL HALL UPGRADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CUPBOARDS IN THE BAR ROOM • FIREPLACE BLOCKED OFF IN THE UPSTAIRS ROOM • KITCHENETTE IN THE UPSTAIRS ROOM • LIFT LIGHTING UPGRADE CULTURE CENTRE FILMS/ART/THEATRE 	MEMORIAL HALL COM YSC	
OLD PRIMARY SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INVESTIGATE COMMUNITY IDEAS • LEADERSHIP SCHOOL • PURCHASE PROPERTY • RENOVATE FOR AG SCHOOL OR COLLEGE • RENOVATE FOR B&B OR IND LIVING. • VET PLANNING PROGRAM • LOBBY TO CHANGE THE APPROACH OF HOW THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SELL ABANDON SCHOOL PROPERTIES 	EDUCATION DEPT/RDV	ONGOING SOME ENQUIRY DELAY IN GOV'T PROCEDURE
PLUMPTON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UTILISE PLUMPTON AS WILDLIFE PARK/ANIMAL FARM/ZOO OR CONSERVATION PARK • GO CARTS ON TRACK AMUSEMENT/ENTERTAINMENT 	COM	
POULTON PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEATING • EXERCISE EQUIPMENT/STATIONS • MODULAR PUMP TRACK – BIKE, SKATE ETC • ALL INCLUSIVE PLAY AREAS 	YSC	SEEK FUNDING
POWER POLE ART	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POSSIBLE ARTWORKS DISPLAYED IN STREETS 		
REC RESERVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIGHTS 		
RECREATION RESERVE SHADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PURPOSE BUILT SHADE OVER NEW OUTDOOR AREA LOOKING OVER THE NETBALL COURT 	REC RESERVE COM	PLANS AND QUOTES REQUIRED
SKATE PARK SHADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSTALL A PERMANENT STRUCTURE OVER THE SKATE PARK TO PROVIDE ALL YEAR USE - BEAUTIFY 		PLANS AND FUNDING REQUIRED
SKI CLUB AMENITIES UPGRADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMENITIES UPGRADE • LANDSCAPING 	SKI CLUB LAKE COM	

SOLAR POWER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HALL BOWLING CLUB 	CLUB COMMITTEE	
STREET ART WALLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GARDENS/SCULPTURAL, PAINT BLANK WALLS AND FENCES 		
STREETSCAPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENCOURAGE BUSINESS OWNERS TO CONTINUE SHOPFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IDENTIFY AREAS IN THE STREET THAT COULD BE IMPROVED ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS 	GBEET/	
STREETSCAPES –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KINETIC SCULPTURE, INTERACTIVE ART. FLAGS IN STREETS FOR VIBRANCY/PERSONALITY/CHARACTER FOR SEASONS. BOLLARDS WITH LIFE AND COLOUR. 	GBEET/ PROGRESS	PART ACTIONED FURTHER FUNDING SOUGHT
TRAIN TURNPIKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STATION RECREATED OR SIMILAR HISTORICAL FEATURES REINVIGORATED 		
WATER PARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INTRODUCE WATER SLIDE OR SPLASH PARK 		
(OTHER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STREET ART – STONE, STEEL, WOOD, INTERACTIVE, MUSICAL KINETIC, MOSAIC, LAND ART, WIND SOLAR. 		
(OTHER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LARGEST FLYING FOX FROM SILOS CLIMBING CENTRE – ABSEILING, CLIMBING WALLS WATER PARK 		

To be added

Project Name	Actions	Timeline	Contact Person
Cemetery/Lioness	Rotunda recognizing Lioness' service		Jenn Stephens
Silo projection	Projection events	April	Brian decker

Scout Hall	Take over for camp kitchen to cpark		
Tennis/Bowls Toilets (Shire owned)	Shared by Bowls and Tennis need refurb re gates cisterns basins painting etc.		
Tennis Club	Lights on back court allow finals games		

Timeline Actions & Subcommittees

Silo subcommittee – Brian Decker, Suzie Hallam, Jenn Stephens

Power house subcommittee – Daryl Burdett, Barb Hallam, Tom Huf, Mez, Jane

Shopfront windows – Nina Gould plus....

Trees – planting Austin street: - Daryl Burdett, Jane, Graeme, other volunteers

Scout Hall/Bowls Tennis toilets – Robyn Bellinger, Jacki Hogan plus.....

Cemetery Rotunda: Jenn Stephens and Lioness ladies – plans and rough estimate rec'd.

Example only

More information

**If you would like more information about the community action plan or
would like to be involved in community activities here are some useful
contacts.**

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