

WARRACKNABEAL



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Community Action Plan

COMMUNITY VISION

The Warracknabeal community will continue to create opportunities for economic growth and development for the ongoing sustainability of the township.



Yarriambiack
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Warracknabeal

OUR COMMUNITY

Warracknabeal is an agriculturally based community of around 2,500 people situated in the Wimmera region of central western Victoria. The town has evolved on both sides of the Yarriambiack Creek, a tributary of the Wimmera River, 56 kilometres north of Horsham, the Wimmera's regional centre. Warracknabeal is the major centre for the Yarriambiack Shire which encompasses 13 separate communities within the Wimmera Southern Mallee.

Warracknabeal is situated at the centre of one of the states significant broad acre grain production areas. Wheat and barley are the most widely grown crops, however the production of oilseeds, legume crops and hay is steadily increasing in the area.

The climate in Warracknabeal is Mediterranean having mild to cool winters, warm to hot summers with an average annual rainfall of around 430mm, mainly falling during the winter months.

Warracknabeal is serviced by Rural North West Health Services, Warracknabeal and St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Warracknabeal Secondary College, as well as the Warracknabeal Special Developmental School and Woodbine Adult Services which provides specialised services for intellectually disabled people.

Warracknabeal has excellent shopping with two supermarkets, a pharmacy and a large range of retail outlets, food shops, hotels, motels and restaurants.

OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

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

The Community Action Plan was drafted to detail 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 have been gathered from community ideas presented in a community planning forum in May 2019, ideas from the community and members of the Warracknabeal Action Group.

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Project	Key actions	Shovel Ready	Key stakeholders	Status	Funding/ Costings
No 1 24/7 Access Gym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located in a central point 		YSC WAG	YSC is currently discussing the opportunity for 24-hour access to the existing gym located in the stadium. Floor being done. \$20K to do a plan Sport and Rec Grant 2 for 1 to be applied for. Plans are in place for the gym February 2020. \$72K from drought funding going towards this project. (Anytime Fitness)	
No 2 Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cabins / Caravan Park or Showgrounds Caravan Park upgrades required Airbnb Free camping – Showgrounds 		YSC WAG Showground Committee	Free Camping at the Show Ground (Adam is working on this) YSC looking at funding from Great Outdoors al to put a masterplan in place for the Caravan Park, cabins would be in this plan Camp Kitchen has been put in.	
No 3 Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Civic Sign located outside the Tourist Information Centre needs to be removed as it doesn't advertise local businesses 		YSC WAG	YSC to investigate. WAG Local Businesses Board – This has been investigated and the contract runs until August 2020 so will do something then.	
No 4 Anzac Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master Plan Development New shared Amenities Redeveloped Pool Kiosk 		Anzac Park CoM Pool Committee YSC	There will be a Master Plan done and there is a meeting in February with all of the Users to get this going. Local Sports infrastructure money	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pump Track 			Added the Pump Track as this is the perfect place for it to be situated.	
No 5 Childcare Centre Hours/Kinda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The existing hours are not adequate 		Uniting Care YSC	They have added an extra day now a Thursday	
No 6 Community Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting Solar Lease/Ownership Electronic Watering System 		Community Garden Committee WAG	Quotes Required Investigate future community ownership	
No 7 Court House Redevelopment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Artist in residence program Arts Hotel Nick Cave Statue – funding required Location for Cave Foundation 		Working Heritage (Ross Turnbull) YSC	Business Case currently being prepared for an artist in residence program. The Business Case will assist in future funding applications to redevelop the precinct. Money to put Toilets in Stage 2 \$170K confident to get this	
No 8 Early Years Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new education hub 		YSC Community	Review existing plans. Funding required \$40K for planning, designs to be done for extension of the building submit this in March 2020	
No 9 Education Precinct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Werrigar St School site 		YSC Community	First stage completed Funding required for stage 2	
No 10 Empty Shops New Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not appealing Incentives to develop and occupy Attracting new businesses 		Shop Owners WAG YSC	Townscape have that on their agenda to work on this.	
No 11 Fire Hazard Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notify YSC of possible fire hazard properties 		YSC	Ongoing Council can only issue notices during the fire declared season They have been doing this.	

<p>No 12 Travellers Rest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans have been developed for Rotary Park Designated park for dogs 		<p>Rotary Roteract</p>	<p>Some funding has been secured. WAG will attend a Rotary meeting to chat re plan and see where they are up to.</p>	
<p>No 13 Hospitality Weekends</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekends and public holidays there are very few businesses open to service the local community and visitors 		<p>Shop Owners WAG</p>	<p>This was done before Christmas by Jodie Taylor and very successful then the Sunday before Christmas and Boxing day we had another van. Kaz did 2 days just before Christmas. This will be ongoing based on the response from the Community and a vote at WAG. YSC will organise a powerpoint outside of the Tourist Info Centre Furniture – Debbie Bish will look into some to use Once up an running maybe advertise more such as aim at the Caravan and Camping people.</p>	
<p>No 14 House & Business Numbering</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repaint numbering on kerbs for houses and businesses 		<p>Service Clubs CFA</p>	<p>CFA are currently repainting numbers. CFA have completed this from all of the people that asked. David Ward has checked and they will be doing it again later in the year.</p>	
<p>No 15 Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Shortage Complete housing audit and land availability Independent Care Low Cost Housing Estate Development 		<p>WAG YSC</p>	<p>YSC is working on this with Rural Councils Victoria. Need \$40K to hire a consulting firm. Woodbine 16 more staff so more accommodation is needed Woodbine 1.4 million. Jessie H said Rural Councils Vic are looking into this and they are trying to get \$40k for a consultant to look into this</p>	
<p>No 16 Lake Whitton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure lease/ownership Recreational Lake Environmental Precinct Free Bush Camping Walking Tracks Small Wetlands area 		<p>GWM Water Community Groups WAG</p>	<p>Ongoing Some meetings have happened and the biggest barrier is the cost and allocation of water.</p>	

<p>No 17 Lions Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets/Baby Change Room Camp Kitchen 		<p>Lions club</p>	<p>This has been suggested so WAG and YSC need to discuss with the Lions Club. Dianne and John to go to a meeting to present the plan and chat about the park with them</p>	
<p>No 18 Public Amenities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Change Facilities 		<p>YSC</p>	<p>YSC to investigate. There is one in the disabled toilets also there is one at the Ladies Rest Rooms</p>	
<p>No 19 Railway Station</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelopment Plans Required 		<p>Victrack WAG</p>	<p>Ongoing Lobby VicTrack to repair Jessie H said hard work dealing with VicTrack</p>	
<p>No 20 Roads/Footpaths</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Werrigar Hotel to Masonic Lodge – Kelsall St 		<p>VicRoads YSC</p>	<p>Ongoing YSC said this is not in the budget they will follow it up with next years budget</p>	
<p>No 21 Silo Painting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mural Painting on silos located near water tower 		<p>YSC GrainCorp Suggested to approach Townscape and Arts Council</p>	<p>This has been mentioned but it has also been said lets do something different to attract people.</p>	
<p>No 22 Street Lighting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street Lighting review to identify inadequately lit areas 		<p>YSC</p>	<p>Note: The standard street lighting is one light every 2nd pole in residential areas. Specific locations should be identified. Unlit streets should be a priority as some streets have no power poles. YSC are discussing this with Powercor. Priority is the crossing</p>	
<p>No 23 Townscape</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans required Bins down the main street Entrance Town Signage To major attractions Creek Information Signage 		<p>Townscape Committee YSC Community Groups</p>	<p>Ongoing - Signage is currently being worked on.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor information at the Werrigar 				
No 24 Tourist Information Centre Upgrade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelopment of the existing Tourist Information Centre 		YSC	<p>They now have their own group with some new faces which is good. FRRR funding they didn't get. Looking at getting the white I sign</p>	
No 25 Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballart Horsham Nhill appointments Uber/Taxi/Community Taxi 		Health Services Woodbine	Ongoing	
No 26 Welcome pack and night for new comers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Pack Annual Welcome night 20th March 2020 		WAG	A small group have been working on this and almost have the pack ready to go and next is to organise the information night.	
VET Clinic (Completed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vet Services and improved facilities 		Private Business	Has been in place for 3 months now	
No 27 Yarriambiack Creek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Track Upgrades – accessibility for Bikes Exercise Equipment 		Creek CoM	The current creek committee is looking for new members and help Andrew Morcom is the President so may need to go to one of their meetings to see if we can help.	
No 28 W'Beal Brochure/Town Map	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warracknabeal Brochure Town Map 		WAG Tourism Committee	We only added this and will work on this at a later date David Ward was looking into this.	

WARRACKNABEAL ACTION GROUP – PURPOSE

In addition to our community priority projects, we also assist with other projects that are important to us, as well as performing other supportive roles in the community.

Meetings Held: Second Tuesday of the month, 6pm the Shire Council Offices. All welcome.

The main role performed by the Warracknabeal Action Group (WAG) is assisting with the administration of several other community groups. In particular, WAG assists other groups with their annual accounting tasks and obligations. Generally the various groups manage their own projects, but may also receive assistance from the Group with funding applications. Our financial management role includes allocating to projects, funds received from the local Bendigo Community Bank. The committee organises the annual Christmas Festival for the community that is a major event bringing together many groups and residents.

The Group operates as an 'umbrella' organisation for several unincorporated groups including the Community Garden, Nick Cave Sub Group, Townscape, Christmas Decoration Committee and Christmas Festival committee. Other groups often carry out activities under the name of Warracknabeal Action Group, which also provides them with insurance cover they do not generally have.

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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