

Community Action Plan

Woomelang





Community Vision

The Woomelang community desires a township that is welcoming, economically and environmentally sustainable, has strong and vibrant community groups and organisations, with excellent services for all residents and visitors.

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Our Community

The Woomelang community is a small, rural town that is located in the Mallee region, largely represented by farming families. The town is located on the Sunraysia Highway, 359 kilometers North West of the state capital, Melbourne, 183 kilometers South East of Mildura. Woomelang is in the Local Government area of Yarriambiack Shire Council. The current population of Woomelang is approximately 191.

Woomelang was originally known as "Cronomby" after the natural waterhole that first attracted the early settlers to this area. When the railway line arrived, the Government constructed earthen dams or "Tanks" as they became known, which are still there today but have been cleaned out and linked together to create a popular picnic area, camping grounds and fishing spot.

Today, the town services a productive farming area, provides a range of excellent community and sporting facilities.

A good example of local ingenuity can be seen on the southern approach to the town where a shearing shed, constructed using recycled kerosene tins, stands as a monument to the war time shortage of building materials.

Our Community

The Woomelang community has a slowly declining population with the majority of families having lived in the area over a long period of time. There are many active groups/clubs in the community and most community members are involved in several groups, these include:

Bowling Club, Bush Nursing Centre, Country Women's Association, Retirement Units Committee, District and Development Association, Historical Society, Lions Club, Landcare, Memorial Hall Committee, Recreation Reserve Committee, Senior Citizens, Swimming Pool Committee, Tennis Club, State Emergency Service and Country Fire Authority.

In addition to providing excellent medical care, the local Bush Nursing Centre is also an umbrella for many activity groups such as The Men's Shed, Craft Group, WOW (Women of Woomelang).

Woomelang has a very supportive community and are very active in developing and maintaining community assets and retaining vital services for the residents.

Our Community ACTION Plan

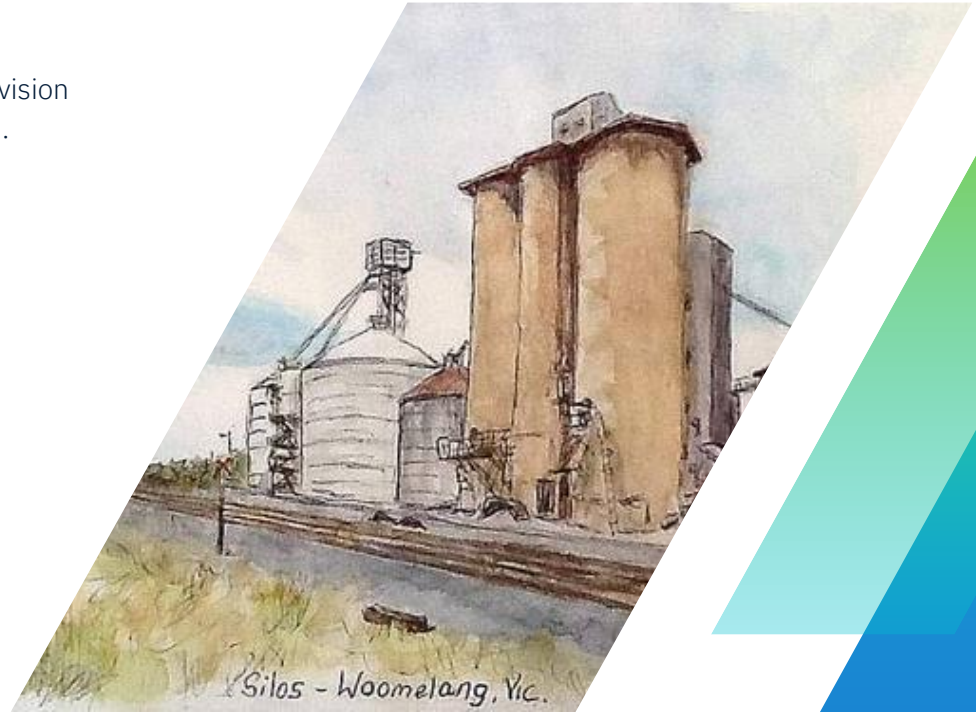
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This plan has been prepared by the Woomelang & District Development Association with the assistance of the Yarriambiack Shire Council.

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.



Silos - Woomelang, Vic.

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COMMUNITY
is about doing something
TOGETHER
that makes belonging
MATTER

”

What's Important to Us

Our objectives are...



Ensuring people have access to quality health, essential services and housing



Supporting job, business & economic development



Providing quality and varied education & training



Providing a variety of sporting, recreation and leisure activities for all our residents.



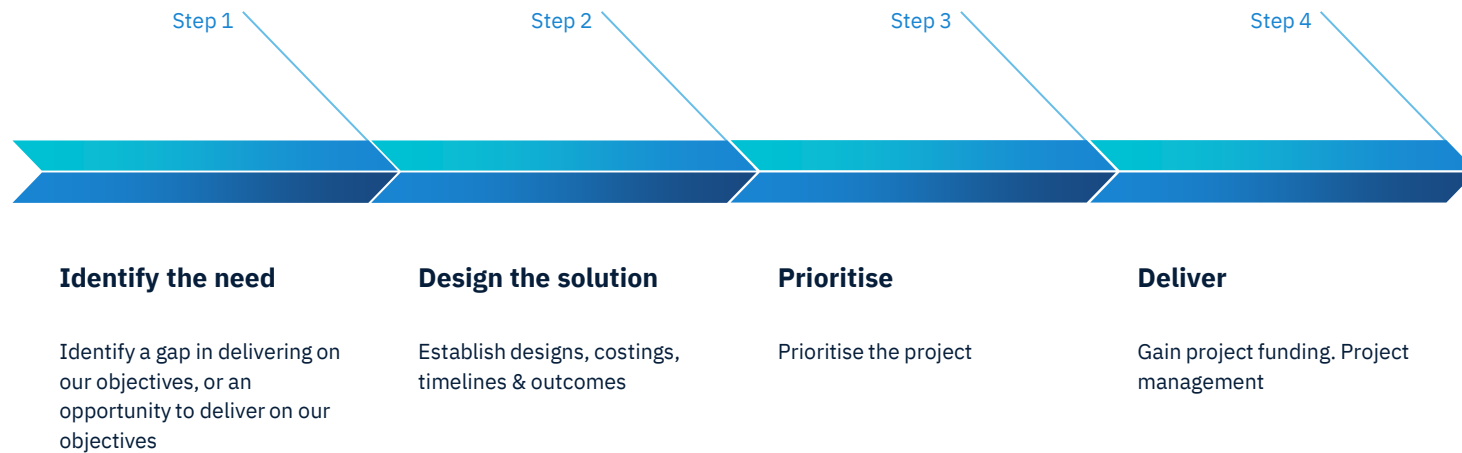
Providing a liveable, inclusive and sustainable community



Our Priority Projects






The following projects have been gathered from community ideas together with consultation with the Woomelang & District Development Association and the assistance of the Yarriambiack Shire Council

Our Process




Small Projects

<\$15k

Project Name	Group(s)	Objectives					Timeline	Priority (Low, medium, high, critical)	Status
									
Historic wagon Shelter to be built to protect the wagon going in Jackie McC Park	Historical Society							High	Funding secured. Waiting on Builders quotes and construction.
Town Promotion & Marketing Woomelang Website	WDDA Business's							Medium	Need to re-establish our town website. Investment required. Signs at the Avenue of Honour? Other signs around town?
Combine Corner	WDDA							Low	Finish landscaping around field bin and extending front garden bed. Funding required.
Historic building plaques Install plaques on relevant buildings detailing history	Historical Society							Low	Historical Society draft walk and signs completed. Darrell Boxall working on Photos on blank fence's project. Funding required.






Medium Projects

\$15k-\$80k

Project Name	Group(s)	Objectives					Timeline	Priority (Low, medium, high, critical)	Status
									
Future of the Recreation Reserve	Rec Reserve Committee WDDA Shop, Tennis & Pool WDBNC							High	Planning required to determine future direction for the recreation reserve.
Woomelang Streetscaping On-going improvements and beautification of the main street Planter Boxes Street/Building Murals Historical Photos Combine Corner	WDDA							Medium	Streetscape funding secured and funding required for ongoing works.
Cronomby Tanks Beautification Weed & Pest Control Native Plantings Entrance Creation Seating & Tables Creative Lighting Project Information Signage	WDDA Landcare						4 Years	Medium	Funding secured. Landcare and WDDA implementing project outcomes such as weed control etc.
Shearing Shed Restoration Restoration Lighting upgrade (Barcaldine tree of knowledge)	Historical Society WDDA							Medium	Ongoing. Lighting upgrade funding secured, needs installing.






Large Projects

>\$80k

Project Name	Group(s)	Objectives					Timeline	Priority (Low, medium, high, critical)	Status
									
Shop Kitchen Rec Reserve Kitchen Bowls Club Kitchen	WDDA Rec Reserve Committee Bowls Club							Critical	Funding required.
Footpaths around Town Railway Station to Shop Cronomby Tanks to Town Centre Access to WDBNC Around the Silo Art	WDDA YSC							Critical	Funding required.
Community Units Project Retirement Housing Expansion	Retirement Units							High	Funding secured for two new retirement units. Waiting on building to begin. Funding required to continue social housing expansion in town.
When Opportunity Knocks – Op Shop Project New premises required	Historical Society							High	Move into newly refurbished Railway Station.
Synthetic Bowling Green	Bowls Club							High	Funding secured. Works to begin March.

Large Projects

>\$80k

Project Name	Group(s)	Objectives					Timeline	Priority (Low, medium, high, critical)	Status
									
Primary School Use	WDDA							Medium	Need to find a future use for the school buildings and land.
Swimming Pool Ongoing maintenance Lifeguard support Additional volunteer lifeguards required Promote the use of the pool for all residents	Pool							Medium	Funding required for ongoing upgrades and maintenance.
NBN Wireless Tower	WDDA YSC							Low	YSC & WDDA are continuing to lobby for the infrastructure.

Event calendar

Month	Week	
Jan	1	
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Feb	1	
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Mar	1	
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Month	Week	
Apr	1	
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May	1	
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	5	
Jun	1	
	2	
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BALL??
MUSIC EVENT??

Event Calendar

Month	Week	
Jul	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
Aug	1	
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Sep	1	
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Month	Week	
Oct	1	
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Nov	1	
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	5	
Dec	1	
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FLOWER SHOW
SUNDAY

Community Representatives

Group	Rep	Contact
WDDA		
WDBNC		
Shop		
Historical Society		
Retirement Units		
Rec Reserve		
Pool		
SES		
CFA		
CWA		
Tennis Club		

Group	Rep	Contact
Bowls Club		
Lions Club		
Landcare		
Hall		

Version History

- 28/4/2021 – new version created
- 20/2/2023 – updated ready for WDDA review

Appendix A: Project checklist

Background

Objective

How will the project be delivered?

Other options

Task	Progress	Notes
Raised with Progress	Yes / No / n/a	
Quotes obtained	Yes / No / n/a	
Site map	Yes / No / n/a	
Concept design	Yes / No / n/a	
Technical designs	Yes / No / n/a	
Shire Expression of Interest	Yes / No / n/a	
In-kind labour confirmed	Yes / No / n/a	
Community group funding confirmed	Yes / No / n/a	
Other funding confirmed	Yes / No / n/a	
Budget breakdown	Yes / No / n/a	
Approvals/planning obtained	Yes / No / n/a	
Total project budget		= \$

