



MAY 2023

MINYIP

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

OUR TOWN

Yarriambiack Shire Dunmunkle Ward



Population of 525



Median age of 57



Median weekly household income of \$894



Film location of 'The Flying Doctors' & 'The Dry,' Minyip
Bushland Reserve, Saddler's Second Chance

Aboriginal for "Ashes", Minyip had its early origins as part of a squatter's "run" until the township was established in the early 1870's and the sale of town blocks in 1875 attracted emigrants and many South Australian farmers to the district.

The town flourished as a service centre for this productive wheat growing district and after a century of steady growth, was "re discovered" by Crawford Productions in 1984 as the town to be featured as "Coopers Crossing" in the long running television series "The Flying Doctors". Production ceased in 1989 but visitors from around the world still come to enjoy a stroll down memory lane.

The Silo Art Trail celebrates regional Australia in a modern and accessible artistic context. The silos have been strategically selected for maximum visual impact and to ensure visitors have the opportunity to engage with multiple communities and outback tourism destinations in the Wimmera and Mallee region.

Historically, silos are a place for the farming communities to come together during harvest, exchange news and stories and re connect with old friends while the grain is unloaded. Of late, changes in the agricultural industry have led to many communities losing active silo sites. The Silo Art Trail has provided an opportunity to reinvigorate decommissioned sites and celebrate local communities and farming history. Silos have been painted in Brim, Patchewollock , Sheep Hills, Rupanyup, Lascelles and Rosebery. Minyip is part is part of the Silo Art Trail as traffic passes to visit both Rupanyup and Sheep Hills.

OUR TOWN

Dunmunkle Lodge Inc. was established in 1979 and offers a relaxed rural environment for peaceful retirement living. We offer a variety of services, including residential aged care, and independent living. Dunmunkle Lodge is the biggest employer in the district.

Apart from being a wheat growing area, Minyip also grows lentils and chickpeas which are containerised and exported from Wimpack, a grain cleaning and packaging.

The town's St John's Lutheran Church is classified by the National Trust for its striking octagonal belfry. It also has a unique wooden ceiling and houses a magnificent Fuller pipe organ, the only one left of its kind in Australia. It was moved from its Kirchheim site, south west of Minyip in 1935 where it had been built in 1889.



There are many significant well maintained buildings within Minyip that make this township well regarded as a historic town. There are many sporting facilities for a small rural town – including golf, bowls, tennis, football, netball, cricket, Field & Game and swimming. Other community groups include CFA, U3A, Probus, CWA, Historical Society, Kinder and Primary School.

The town shares Australia's first Bendigo Community Bank Branch with Rupanyup. There are now more than 295 across the country.

The local shopping precinct includes Rupanyup/Minyip Community Bank, Minyip Meats & Country Cuts, Minyip Hotel, Minyip Post Office & Medical Supplies and IGA & X-Press. The Community Health Centre provides access to Allied Health practitioners. Emma's, originally used as offices for horse trading and also used in the production of the "Flying Doctors" was donated to the Minyip Progress Association in 1997. Emma's building is now utilised as a café.

The Farrar Monument is a tribute to William Farrar, considered to be the "Grandfather of Australian Wheat Breeding Industry". His work in breeding Federation wheat, changed the fortunes of wheat growers in this area.

COMMUNITY VISION

"The people of Minyip envisage a community that is tranquil, prosperous, progressive and offers an attractive lifestyle for all ages"

Our Community Action Plan:

- ✓ Enables our community to have a voice
- ✓ Demonstrates community planning
- ✓ Demonstrates opportunities for funding partners
- ✓ Helps develop project plans
- ✓ Connects us with stakeholders
- ✓ Informs local government of proposed projects

This plan has been prepared by Minyip Progress Association following consultation with the Minyip community.



PRIORITY PROJECTS

By inclusively representing the needs of the wider community, Minyip Progress Association has identified a list of priority projects for action.

Projects have been categorised according to project type while identifying their alignment with the strategic objectives of the Yarriambiack Shire Council:

- Red projects represent A Vibrant and Diverse Economy
- Yellow projects represent A Health and Inclusive Community
- Green projects represent A Robust and Thriving Environment



Health & Essential Services



Sport & Recreation



Economic Development



Environment & Sustainability



Education & Training



Tourism & Camping

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Minyip streetscape works



Key projects identified for the improvement of the Minyip streetscape to deliver social and economic benefits include footpaths, public gardens, nature strips, town entrances, painted power poles, the use of Christmas decoration brackets for other promotions, and a gutter for Main St between Foundry & McLeod St.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Minyip Wetlands & caravan park master plan



The development of an essential tourism asset as identified in the Minyip Caravan Park master plan. Key projects include permanent recreation water, tree planting, caravan park shade and cabins.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Housing estate



Addressing local housing through a housing estate that includes rental properties, new blocks for developments and window displays showing available housing or blocks.

Timeframe: Ongoing

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Industrial estate development



The rezoning of land to promote local business

Timeframe: Ongoing

Recreation Reserve upgrades



Enhancing health and social outcomes through the delivery of an electronic scoreboard, playground, sealed netball warm-up area, grass area, grand stand upgrade, toilets & change area, and larger Community area.

Timeframe: 2024-2027

Minyip arts projects



Various initiatives of Arts Minyip contributing to social and tourism outcomes via the installation of public artworks around town, events & workshops, youth projects and a new home for Arts Minyip.

Timeframe: Ongoing

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Emma's cafe



Ensuring the future of Emma's cafe as a centrepiece for tourism and economic activity through new outside amenities, wall repairs and painting.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Minyip fuel site works



Delivering the next stage of the Minyip fuel site will see the addition of a dump point for tourists, storage and visitor information.

Timeframe: 2024-2025

Show 'n Shine event



Ongoing support for development of this popular event attracting visitors to town is required. The addition of extra activities and increasing volunteerism will ensure its long-term future.

Timeframe: Annually

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Enhancing Minyip's tourism



Key projects identified to boost visitation to Minyip include promoting Minyip as the filming location of 'The Flying Doctors' & 'The Dry,' making postcards and visitor information available, window displays, street flags and 'Did you know?' information.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Gregson Park



Key projects identified to enhance Gregson Park include an information board, farm art sculptures, directional signage, indigenous tree planting and sugar gum maintenance.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Memorial hall repairs



Ensuring the future of an invaluable town asset through repairs to the front windows, exterior painting and re-blocking of the RSL room.

Timeframe: 2024-2025

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Bendigo Bank car park



A collaboration between Bendigo Community Bank, Minyip Primary School and Arts Minyip to deliver bollards, signage and a mural.

Timeframe: 2024-2025

Silos historical information board



Contributing to the silo art walk at the Minyip Caravan Park

Timeframe: 2024-2025

Historical society records & storage



Keeping Minyip's history relevant and improving an important tourism asset through the digitisation of the Historical Society's records and extending physical storage.

Timeframe: Ongoing

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Kinder gym



Enhancing a valuable asset that contributes to the health and wellbeing of Minyip through new storage and garden areas.

Timeframe: 2024-2025

Pioneer tribute at Emma's Cafe precinct



An initiative of Minyip Lions Club to enhance the historical, tourism and streetscape assets of Minyip via a tribute to Minyip's pioneers.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Minyip website



Enhancing the town website through relevant information and social media content to enhance social, economic and tourism outcomes for Minyip.

Timeframe: 2024
