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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 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

Emmas Building, Library and café



Ensuring the future of Emma's building as a social point for residents and visitors and to provide rest and recreation for travelers. Emma's building combines 3 elements:

- Smith Park Gardens and Rest Area.
- Indoor and outdoor Café
- Community Library, Meeting room and work Hub.

The following are required to achieve the required outcome.

Café

- Replacement of existing kitchen with new larger facility.
- Toilet facilities for patrons. (see library as well)

Smith Park

- Maintaining and enhancing the existing plantings
- Adding art works (murals and sculpture) within the park.
- Improving access and visibility to outdoor Café.

Library Facility

Extend existing library area to provide space for additional activities including children's activity area, additional library storage, meeting room with communication facilities, work hub, and new accessible toilet block to serve all 3 components of Emma's.



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, replanting of dead and removed trees from town entrance avenues, removal of dying trees from Main & Church Streets, providing accessible footpaths and crossovers throughout the town, and formalising street gutters and drainage to all residential properties.

Timeframe: Ongoing

Minyip Wetlands & caravan park master plan



Projects include.

- Maintenance and enhancement of wetland area including removal of Cobungi weed.
- Increase the amenity of caravan park areas with additional Landscaping, Wind breaks to key areas. Power and water to unserviced caravan parks . Shade structures to selected sites.
- Construction of a new laundry adjoining amenities block.
- Providing an additional 1 bedroom cabin
- Upgrade power supply to the park to enable planned developments.

Timeframe: Ongoing

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Recreation Reserve upgrades



Enhancing health and social outcomes through provision of sporting activities, developments in accordance with established masterplan, including tennis relocation, removal of old grandstand & establishment of helipad for emergency services.

Football / Netball

- Completion of new change rooms servicing football, netball and swimming, (in course of construction)
- Replacement upgrade of tower lights to football oval.
- New electronic scoreboard
- Nets for goal posts
- Childrens playground.

Swimming pool

Current pool whilst providing an essential acility to residents and visitors does not meet current standards and requirements in most areas, and requires major redevelopments. In particular.

- Change room Amenities , privacy and disabled access, family change rooms.
- Replacement of entrance and kiosk building, including appliances, addition of First Aid room.
- Replacement of equipment store
- Upgrade of water treatment systems
- Provision of disabled access to all areas of swimming pool park including pools.
- Replacement of pool kerb edging with wet deck edge
- Replacement of pool covers.
- Additional shade and shelter to pools and to dry areas.
- Add mechanized system for pool cleaning
- Additional water ctivities , splash park, water skides etc.
- Solar water heating to extend period of use of pools.

Timeframe: 2024-2027

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Minyip fuel site works



Delivering the next stage of the Minyip fuel site will see the addition of visitor information, historic display of old farm equipment, fencing works for a 1.8 metre high chain-link fence to provide secure par for caravans, enhancement of existing landscaping, and repairs to roof of Pivot shed.

Timeframe: 2024-2025

Mini Sheep Hills Silos



Provide location and suitable protection for display of scale model of the 'Sheep Hills Silos.'

Timeframe: September 2025

Housing



Addressing local housing including rental properties, Minyip currently has a shortfall in suitable housing which is inhibiting the ability of organisations to attract new skilled workers. Minyip Progress is a 50% shareholder in a new housing company tasked with providing new affordable housing.

Timeframe: Ongoing

PRIORITY PROJECTS

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

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

PRIORITY PROJECTS

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

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

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Historical society records & storage



Preserving Minyip's history is the society's main objective. To do so the following are required

- Continuing digitizing of records
- Additional storage area approx 75 sq ms
- Compactus storage
- Humidity control of storage areas
- Fire proofing of storage areas
- Establish multifunctional work areas.
- Toilets Facilities
- Kitchette

Timeframe: Ongoing

Kinder gym



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

Timeframe: 2025 - 2030

Probus Club



The Probus club provides social interaction for elderly and retired citizens. They make use of existing facilities in Minyip. The only item that would assist them is access to a self drive Community bus. They regularly have outings and driving is difficult for many.

Timeframe: 2025 - 2030

PRIORITY PROJECTS

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

The Minyip Field and Game Club



Weatherproofing and temperature control for the verandah, with a glass structure and sliding doors.

Timeframe: 2024-2025

Minyip Bowls Club



Upgrade the bowling green to a synthetic surface which will reduce maintenance costs, enhance durability and offer year-round play.

Timeframe: 2024-25
