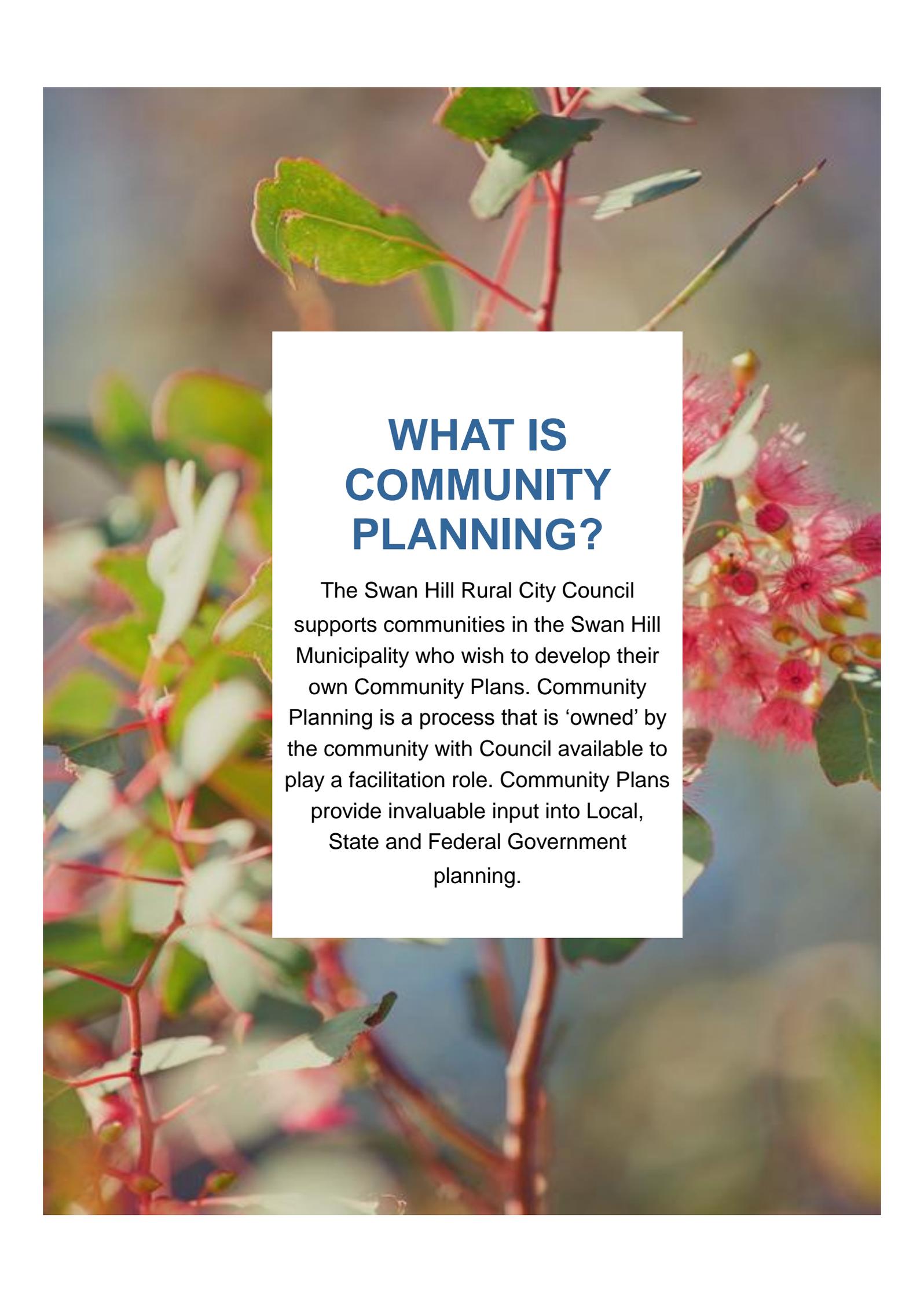


# BOUNDARY BEND

COMMUNITY PLAN 2017 - 2021





## **WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING?**

The Swan Hill Rural City Council supports communities in the Swan Hill Municipality who wish to develop their own Community Plans. Community Planning is a process that is 'owned' by the community with Council available to play a facilitation role. Community Plans provide invaluable input into Local, State and Federal Government planning.



## BEAUTIFUL BOUNDARY BEND

“**Boundary Bend**” – named for the river bend, at the point where the boundary fence between Narrung and Yungera Pastoral Stations met with the Murray River. Boundary Bend has a significant place in history in relation to the early explorers of this area.

In 1830, Captain Charles Sturt followed the Lachlan River to its junction with the Murrumbidgee River. He then followed the Murrumbidgee downstream until he entered what he called “*a broad and noble stream*”, at a point just a few kilometers upstream from where Boundary Bend is today. He named this “*stream*” the “**Murray**”.

Six years later, Major Thomas Mitchell set out on his third expedition to see if the Darling River drained into a lake or another river. He followed the Murrumbidgee to a large creek just above the junction with the Murray, where he left half his men at a base camp. He travelled west down this creek and along the Murray, to its junction with the Darling River. He returned to his base camp and proceeded, not only to find the Murrumbidgee junction, but to cross the Murray into Victoria, at a point about 1.6 kilometres downstream from the Murrumbidgee junction. From here he discovered and named many places in Victoria, including Swan Hill.

In 1951, Boundary Bend was the first Victorian town to celebrate the re-enactment of Captain Charles Sturt’s exploration of the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers. Mr Anthony Sturt, grandson of the explorer, planted two Currajong trees in the corner of the property next to the Caravan Park, in commemoration of this occasion.

As you travel the length of the Murray River on the Murray Valley Highway from Wodonga, there are very few places you can actually see our iconic River.

Boundary Bend is the exception, with several magnificent viewing areas.

Boundary Bend is well known for its great fishing. It’s known as “**Cod Country**”. The community annually releases large numbers of Murray Cod and Murray Perch fingerlings into the River, to ensure that this continues.

Along this stretch of the River, there are several sand bars located on the inside of the River bends. These are ideal camping and fishing spots with gentle access to the River.

Celebrating significant people of the Murray, a **bollard** of early settler and riverboat captain, **Archie Conner**, stands proudly, overlooking our wonderful piece of the picturesque Murray River with those magnificent sweeping sand bars, just opposite the Caravan Park.

Slightly downstream from the caravan park is the **boat ramp**, which can accommodate most fishing and recreational boats.

Facing the highway as you pass through town is the **Boundary Bend Hall**. This building started life in the early 1950’s as a recreation hall for workers building the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electricity scheme. It was transported in pieces to Boundary Bend in 1956 and erected in the centre of town. It has been modernised over the years, but still retains its original structure.

Boundary Bend Primary School was closed some years ago and the School building transported to Robinvale Consolidated School. The old School site has been re-developed by the local community into a modern, picturesque and recreational **Community Park**.

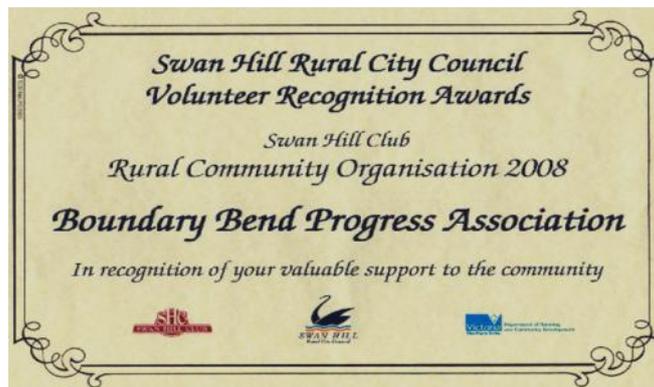
Boundary Bend boasts one of the largest and most modern Olive groves and Oil processing facilities in



## BEAUTIFUL BOUNDARY BEND

Australia. The processing plant is situated at the southern entrance to town. Group tours can be arranged, but by appointment only. There are also large Almond plantations, where you will see almond trees stretching for miles, and Boundary Bend's famous, delicious citrus fruits, which can be purchased from roadside stalls.

Park your car under the beautiful, shady trees beside the road; take time to stroll along the river bank and savour the tranquillity that the Murray River at Boundary Bend provides, free of charge, while you enjoy some wonderful small-town country hospitality.



# BOUNDARY BEND PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

## MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN

Boundary Bend Progress Association Inc. have been elected by the community to manage the Plan.

It is the responsibility of the Focus Groups to plan and implement projects as identified by the community.

Community Plan reports and updates on each project are to be presented by Focus Groups at scheduled Progress Association meetings.

(For further details refer to the Boundary Bend District Community Plan 2009)

## COMMUNITY PLAN STATEMENTS

1. The Boundary Bend Memorial Park is a long term project identified by and fully supported within the community. Through the community plan the park and its activities will be supported to grow.
2. The Boundary Bend Public Hall is a valued community asset and improvements will be implemented as opportunities arise.
3. The Boundary Bend community will continue to run and support community events, fundraisers, social days and evenings, creating a healthy and connected community.
4. The Boundary Bend Progress Association and Council's Youth Support Officer to work closely with the youth who reside in the district to Identify youth projects to be included in the community plan.



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# ACTION PLAN

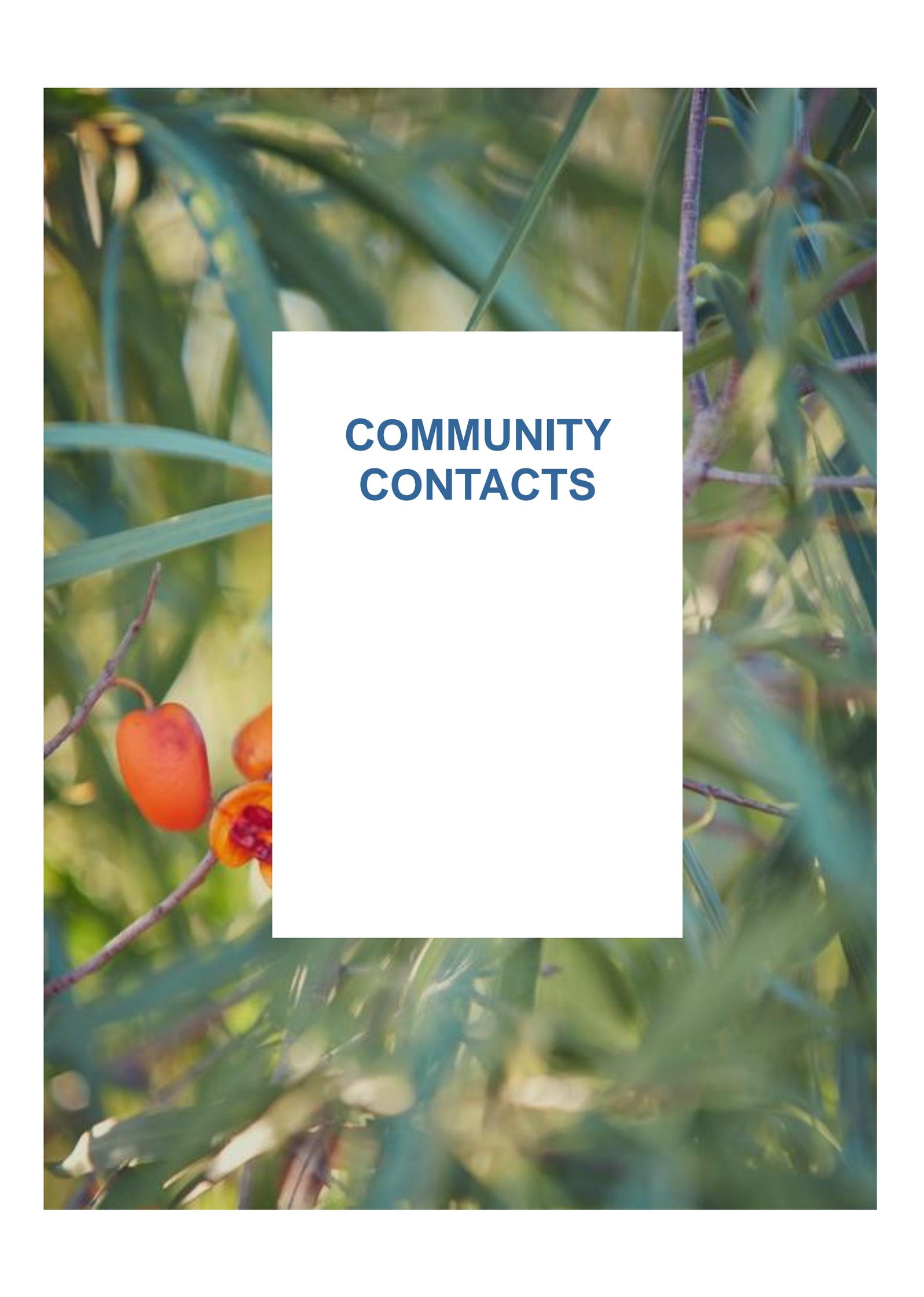
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## Council Support

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/ Partners	Timeframe	Budget
<b>BOOSTING BOUNDARYBEND</b> • <b>WALKING TRACKS—LOOP AND TRACK ALONG HWY</b> • <b>MEDIAN STRIP</b>	Submit project to SHRCC Major Projects plan Support from SHRCC EDU department Lake Boga Inc to advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SHRCC</b></li> <li>• EDU</li> <li>• BBPA</li> </ul>	2021	
<b>DUMP POINT</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SHRCC</b></li> <li>• EDU</li> <li>• Private investor</li> <li>• Planning/ Engineering</li> <li>• BBPA</li> </ul>		
<b>MEMORIAL PARK UPGRADES</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SHRCC</b></li> <li>• Parks &amp; Gardens</li> <li>• BBPA</li> </ul>		
<b>YOUTH PROJECT</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SHRCC</b></li> <li>• BBPA</li> </ul>		

**OTHER  
PROJECTS &  
INITIATIVES**





# **COMMUNITY CONTACTS**