

WOORINEN

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.



WELCOME TO THE BOUNTIFUL WOORINEN & DISTRICTS

Woorinen South and District is a community of some 600 people (2016 Census) located 10kms to the North West from Swan Hill. It is a bountiful area surrounded in horticulture farms, producing a variety of cereal grains, stone fruits, grapes, nuts and vegetables. During the season, fruit freshly picked from the trees is available for sale direct to the public.

The community of Woorinen South and District supports a Pre-School with a Maternal Health Centre attached and an active Primary School. We have a Post Office/General Store, Tavern, upholstery and landscaping businesses. We also have a privately owned historical museum relating to Woorinen South and District, available for viewing by appointment and a Bush Reserve for a gentle stroll through for both two and four legged friends. We have a children's playground, skate park and adult gym. We also have a Community Hall with BBQ Facilities attached, which holds a variety of functions. An oval which every year, in the first week of April, Mallee Steam & Oil Machinery Club, hold their annual rally and the Woorinen & District Progress Association assist with gate duty. Also, important to our town, is our Fire Brigade who are active in our community and as a way of saying thank you, every Christmas Day they turn out with Father Christmas to deliver surprises to our local youngsters. Our community also has a very active Football, Netball

and Cricket Clubs. The Woorinen Football and Netball Club now have their new, recently opened clubrooms, after an unfortunate fire 2 years ago. The WDPA allocated funds towards the rebuilding of the new Club House and we also assist with Gate Duty for the Football/Netball Clubs on their home games. This is our annual fundraiser.

The Woorinen & District Progress Association (WDPA) in its various forms has been operating since November 2001. Action and Progress Groups were started by the Swan Hill Council by means of remaining connected to their communities and to help them focus on what the various communities need.

Over the years, improvements have been made in Woorinen South and in the more recent years we have seen, a Skate Park developed with input from the teenagers of the day, with a mural painted and two penny farthing bike stands out the front entrance. An upgraded playground for the children along with a Bubble Tap and more recently an adult gym installed, next to the children's playground.

After the school was refurbished, the WDPA in conjunction with the SHRCC arranged for the Library/Bus indentation in Bright Street. Woorinen South's town entrance signage has been replaced along with refurbishment of Public Toilets at the back of the Community Hall along with appropriate signage.



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A town notice board has also been raised outside the local Post Office and General Store, with a street map of our community and district on the back.

Domestic Waste Water Management for Woorinen South is ongoing and important to our development. Negotiations with SHRCC and Lower Murray Water are ongoing and this includes improvement work to be done on Monday Street. Some \$28,000 has been allocated from the 2018/19 Budget for this work.

WDPA also has future plans for the area including the development of a walk way on the land along the railway line.. Negotiations are underway between SHRCC and Vic Track to enable us to develop the area from the entrance of the town to the land at the bottom end of Station Street.

The WDPA is also looking for a building that we can use to develop a co-op shop/café/craft and possibly an Art Hub. Also on the list is an RV Park, Art Work on the Wheat Silos, modifications to the Community Centre, Footpaths, improvement on the Church Road Bridge and another Family Fun Day.

Over the years the community has changed, people have come and gone, businesses have changed, moved on or closed down but this community exists. The residents love living here and are proud of their community.

The children feel safe and are comfortable enough to approach any local for help. They support the efforts of

the WDPA and what they have accomplished overtime. Also thanks needs to be given to the Swan Hill Rural City Council, because as we have cared, so too have they responded and now every month we have council cutting the verges and grass into the town entrances along with the lawn around the Community Centre and the Oval. The Councillors or their representatives attend our meetings regularly and always leave our monthly meetings with a list of objectives to action.

Woorinen South & District whilst small is an active community in which residents take pride.

**“We are a
thriving,
growing, and proud
community”**



WOORINEN & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN

The Woorinen and District 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 projects are to be presented by Focus Groups at scheduled Woorinen and District Progress meetings

(For further details refer to the Woorinen District Community Plan 2011/12)

COMMUNITY PLAN STATEMENTS

1. The Woorinen District Primary School will provide, where appropriate, school facilities for community use
2. The Woorinen District Primary School will continue to produce a community newsletter. The newsletter is to be supported by local groups, services, clubs and residents.



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MEDIAN AGE



50%
PARTICIPATED IN
VOLUNTRY WORK

4%

UNEMPLOYED

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2018/19

Major Projects

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/Partners
WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT & MONDAY ST	1.Monday Street Curb & Channelling. 2.Water levels to be checked by LMW after No 1 is completed. 1.Decision on Sewer System suitable for WS Monday—Council to upgrade the road in 2018/19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC • Lower Murray Water
ROADWORKS	<p>CHURCH ROAD CULVERT This is underway but currently stalled. Powercor needs to remove power pole before further road works can commence.</p> <p>WOORINEN-GOSCHEN ROAD Council to look at road from Station Street to Bulga Road</p> <p>WOORINEN-SWAN HILL ROAD Repaired but a watch being placed on the road after rain</p> <p>STATION STREET Council to look at condition of road outside No. 6 Station Street – passing road traffic throwing up stones onto the verge.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC • Engineering • WDPA
COMMUNITY HALL & STORAGE	Add Veranda to the front of the building and add two rooms at one side of the building. This would create better use of the hall for committee meetings, medical services and storage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDPA • SHRCC • Engineering
FOOTPATHS	To be looked at once Waste Water Management problem has been resolved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC • WDPA
LAND DEVELOPMENT	This could include the block at the end of Smith Street and the Reserve currently owned by DELWP which is a fire hazard to the township.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DELWP • SHRCC

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Council Support

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/Partners
SCHOOL CROSSING	School Crossing required in front of the Primary School. Currently under review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDPA • SHRCC • Woorinen PS
MOBILE INTERNET & COMMUNICATIONS	Constant conversation with our Member of Parliament Mr Andrew Broad regarding the intermittent reception and poor broadband width for internet and mobile services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDPA • SHRCC
WALKING TRACK	As Vic Track is taking time to reply, we need to look at alternative ways of creating a walking track within the township.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VicTrack • SHRCC • WDPA •
WOORINEN PRIMARY SCHOOL TANK PAINTING	Re paint the tiger on the tank at school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDPA
NEWSLETTER		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDPA
CO-OP SHOP	Finding a suitable place to open a Co-op Shop, Café, Art Hub, Craft, Local Produce and possibly an extension to SHRCC Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDPA
SILO ART	Movie Nights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WDPA • SHRCC-creative strategy
TAP FOR TRACTOR GROUNDS	Need to re-instate tap to enable the grounds to be maintained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LMW • SHRCC • MSO&M

Events

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/Partners
FAMILY FUN DAY/WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to Events Support Fund • WDPA



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