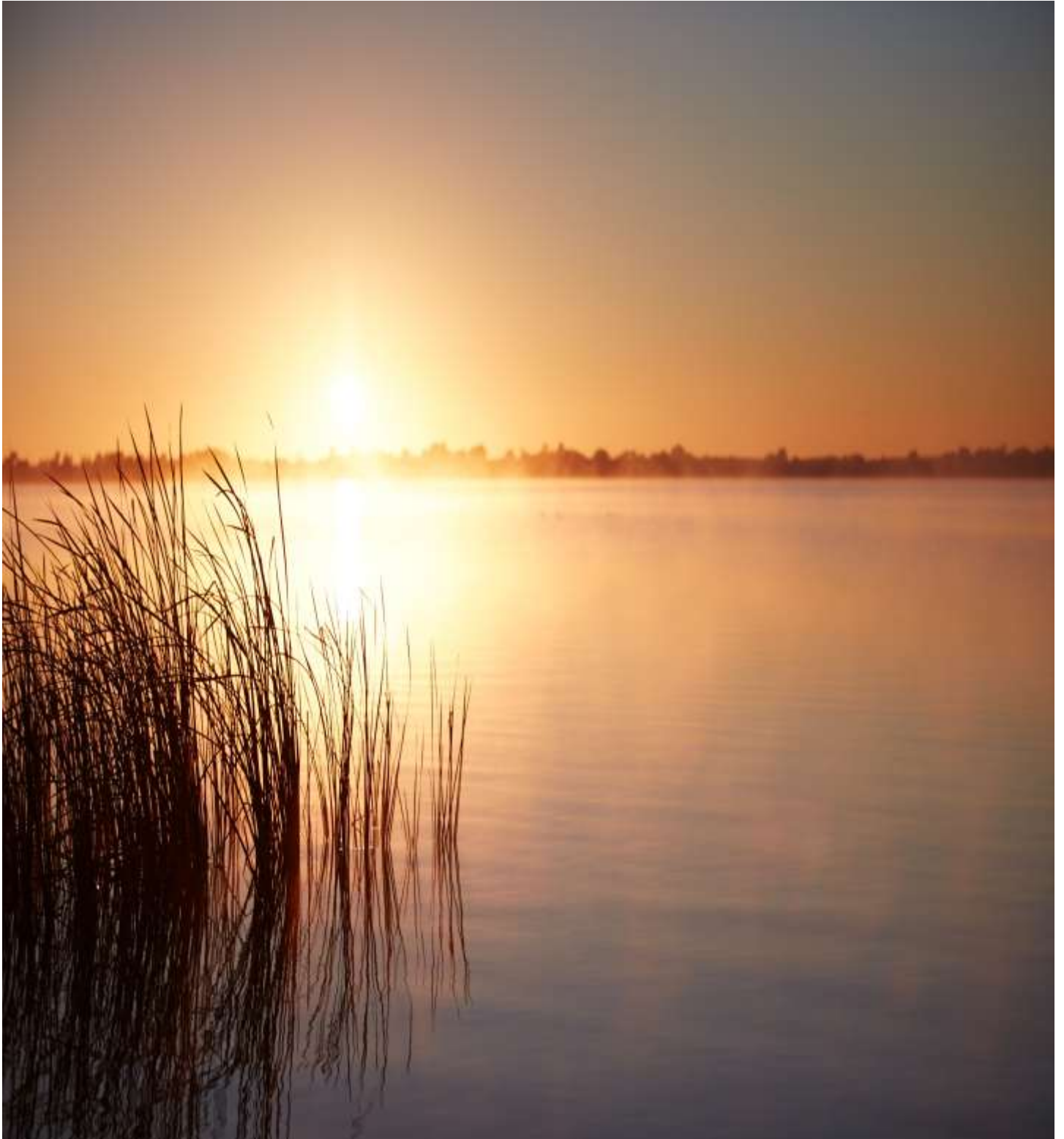


LAKE BOGA

COMMUNITY PLAN 2021-2025





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.



LAKE BOGA AND DISTRICT

Situated just 16km south of Swan Hill, Lake Boga is a vibrant country town, with a rich, proud past and promising and positive future. To the South of Lake Boga lies the fertile land of Tresco, known for producing the best fresh fruit and table grapes in Australia. To the west lies the open plain of the sandy wheat belt Mallee, while to the east of the town lays one of the best fresh water lakes in Australia. Continue north and you will discover the Mighty Murray River and the modern city of Swan Hill. Lake Boga has an abundance of nature diversity, a rich cultural and a proud history. Although the town is small, it is accommodating for all your essential needs, in a relaxed environment, where the community are friendly and welcoming.

The history of the region goes back thousands of years, where the Aboriginal Wamba Wamba people occupied the surrounding lakes, due to the availability of water and food. The Koorie culture can be evidenced by the large numbers of middens or cooking ovens throughout the region. The first white man to see Lake Boga was Major Thomas Mitchell, as he explored upstream along the Murray River from the Darling River junction, during his famous 1836 "Australian Felix" expedition. On the 21st June 1836, Major Mitchell sighted the lake and named it Lake Boga, but as he did not record his reason, conflicting theories evolved about its origin. 'Boga' is an ancient English word meaning rainbow, and it has been generally accepted that the rainbow which ap-

peared on the foggy morning the lake was sighted, inspired its name. After years of uncertainty and drought, in 2010 Lake Boga was reinstated as part of the Mid Murray Storage system for the Murray Darling River Basin, ensuring the lakes future as a fresh water holding pond, for irrigators down stream on the Murray River. Today the lake covers approximately 2000 acres and holds in excess of 37,000 mega litres and encompasses a variety of aquatic recreational activities such as skiing, yachting, canoeing, fishing and swimming.

LAKE BOGA ATTRACTIONS

LAKE BOGA FLYING BOAT MUSEUM

During World War II Lake Boga was Australia's principal flying boat repair base. Today an old Catalina aircraft has been restored by members of the Lake Boga Lions Club, and rests beside the lake at Catalina Park in a recently constructed hangar. The Lake Boga Flying Museum features the historic Catalina Aircraft. The museum is located in the hangar and a secret communications bunker built during World War II. The Repair Depot serviced aircraft from Australian, US and Dutch Air Forces. Aircraft serviced includes Sunderland, Glen Martin Mariners, Kingfishers and Walrus aircraft as well as Catalina's. The Commercial Hotel in Lake Boga also houses a collection of memorabilia dating from those war days.

PLANETARIUM & OBSERVATORY/

BOGARTZ GLASS STUDIO

Welcome visitors and locals to a unique experience and explore the stars and planets in the clear dark skies of North Western Victoria at the Planetarium and Observatory on the Murray Valley Highway in Lake Boga. This complex also incorporates the Bogartz Glass Studio.

OLD TRESKO PUMP

Another feature of Lake Boga's early history is an Old Tresko Pump from the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, originally installed in 1904 to supply irrigation water to Mallee farms. The site of this pump is located on the Murray Valley Highway; adjacent to the Lake Boga Caravan Park.

BIRD WATCHING AND WILDLIFE

Lake Boga and District is a paradise for birdwatchers with 68 species of birds having been identified in the area. Flora and fauna abound with the turtle lagoon complex being a favourite place for bird watching. On the west side of town is Round Lake with its varied bird-life and rare fish and adjacent to this is the well renowned Tresko West Bushland Reserve, which was locally known as "The Daisy Patch".

SUPPORT LOCAL CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

Lake Boga also has a variety of active sports clubs that welcome visitors all year round. The Lake Boga Golf Club, situated just 3km out of Lake Boga, has a beautiful 18 hole golf course (winter only). The Ski Club and Yacht Club both have facilities overlooking the Lake, while the town has proactive family orientated fishing club. Complimenting these clubs, Lake Boga has state of the art new tennis courts (with lighting facilities), new Primary School / Preschool amenities, Community Centre with a modern kitchen and indoor basketball arena, modern sporting facilities for football and cricket activities, an active Bowling Club and a skate park precinct. Lake Boga also has many proactive organisations and clubs that are the back bone of the town, such as CFA, Lions Club, Landcare, CWA, Red Cross and Sea Scouts.



LAKE BOGA INC.

MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN

Lake Boga Inc. have been elected by the community to manage the Plan.

It is the responsibility of Lake Boga Inc. focus groups to plan and implement projects as identified by the Community in this plan. Community Plan reports and updates on each project are to be presented by focus groups at scheduled Lake Boga Inc. meetings. (For further details refer to earlier Lake Boga District Community Plans dated 2008/2009 and 2011/2013)

COMMUNICOMMUNITY PLAN RE-VIEW & CHANGES TO THE PLAN

The Community Plan is to be reviewed on an annual basis through a Public Meeting process. Once the Lake Boga District Community Plan is finalised, the document is not to be altered. If alterations are necessary, written notice is to be given to the Secretary of the Lake Boga Inc. at least sixty days before a scheduled meeting of Lake Boga Inc. Further, that not less than two thirds of Lake Boga Inc. members attending the meeting shall vote in favour of the alteration.

LAKE BOGA STATISTICS



985

Total population

47

MEDIAN AGE

19.2%



PARTIPATED IN VOLUNTRY WORK

4%

UNEMPLOYED

ACTION PLAN

2021-2025

Major Projects

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/Partners
SWAN HILL LAKE BOGA ACTIVE PATH	Submit project to SHRCC Major Projects plan Support from SHRCC EDU department Lake Boga Inc to advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC • SHRCC—EDU • Lake Boga Inc
ACTIVE PATH AROUND LAKE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC • Lake Boga Inc • SHRCC—EDU • Engineering
NEW PUBLIC TOILET/UPGRADE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC • Lake Boga Inc • Engineering
TURTLE LAGOON UPGRADE (BOARDWALK)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC • Lake Boga Inc • Engineering

Community Planning

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/Partners
CLEAN UP OLD MOTELS	Write to motel owners requesting clean up and offering community support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Boga Inc • SHRCC—CP
SILO ART		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Boga Inc • SHRCC—CP • SHRCC—EDU • SHRCC—Creative Strategy
COUNCIL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE	Council P&G team to be questioned RE: progress of updating schedule, P&G invited to attend Lake Boga Inc. meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Boga Inc • SHRCC—P&G
ACTIVATE LB COMMUNITY CENTRE	Working party to meet and recommend change to Community Centre fee structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Boga Inc • SHRCC—EDU • SHRCC—CP
POP UP SEASONAL ACTIVITIES		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Boga Inc • SHRCC-EDU

ACTION PLAN

2021-2025

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/Partners
FISH HABITAT PROJECT	Provide letter of support to application for funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Boga Inc
HIGHWAY/PEDESTRIAN/RAILWAY CROSSING—DIRECTLY CONNECT MARRABOOR TO MVH		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Boga Inc • SHRCC—CP • SHRCC—Engineering • Vic Track • VicRoads
FITNESS /LEISURE EQUIPMENT AROUND LAKE	Arrange for SHRCC works team, to install seating and bike racks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC—CP • Lake Boga Inc
FOOTPATHS IN TOWNSHIP (URBAN)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC—Engineering • SHRCC—CP • Lake Boga Inc
SCULPTURES, BOLLARDS, MURAL ART WORK	Working group to plan next project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC—CP • SHRCC—Creative Strategy • Lake Boga Inc
TOWN ENTRANCE TREATMENTS (SIGNAGE)	To consider action through working bees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC—CP • Lake Boga Inc

Events

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/Partners
MUSIC/FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL ON FORSHORE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC—Event Support Fund • Lake Boga Inc • EDU
SPLASH IN EVENT	Discuss with Lions Club RE: possible application for Council support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC—Event Support Fund • Lake Boga Inc
AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT—FIREWORKS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHRCC—Event Support Fund • Lake Boga Inc • EDU



OTHER PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

The following items maybe considered for inclusion in the Action Plan at a later date:

Art and Culture

- Silo art
- Sculptures, bollards, totems (pelican theme)
- Wall Art (toilet blocks, buildings)
- Art and Culture Trail (photos/history sign)
- Preserve heritage buildings (bolder wood)
- Town Entrance treatments
- War graves cemetery (seal Road)
- Way side stops maps/directory
- Koori cultural recognition, Koori story



Tourism and Business Development

- Better use IT for marketing
- Multi-facet marketing
- Encourage pop up seasonal activities
- Farm tours (kilter)
- Package bus tours
- Catalina road sign and access from Hwy
- Bus service from swan hill
- Signage to town shops
- Encourage industry/business precinct
- Carp catching competition
- Fresh fruit produce market
- Attract TV show
- Free WIFI
- Promote 2nds fruit
- Attract a motel
- Mural on car park fence
- Rep on Swan Hill Inc group
- LP chamber of commerce
- LB App
- Develop truck stop
- Weather station
- Paddock to plate Murray trail
- Photo opportunity for Chinese tourist



OTHER PROJECTS & INITIATIVES

Festivals & Events

- Carp-a-rama
- Town Christmas party
- Market fresh produce
- Boat cruise tour from Caravan Park
- Rename Swan Lake
- Triathlon/swim/water activity
- Australia Day fireworks
- Start gazing festival dinner around lake
- Easter yacht regatta
- Water activity park
- Wakeboard championships
- Bird watchers convention
- Activate community centre
- Utilise yacht club park
- Sports club carnivals
- Driving range with fish food golf balls
- Better communication of events
- Link all clubs- rotating dinner

Recreation Facilities/infrastructure

- Bird Hides
- Footpaths in town
- Toilet blocks
- Bus shelter-v/line
- Stop train
- Floating fountain
- South end irrigation and improvement
- Removal of grain shed
- Solar lighting lake and entrances
- Pedestrian foot bridge/boardwalk turtle lagoon
- Highway/rail crossing/town linkage to Hwy
- Track around lake (all way) including stead counters
- Car park at round lake
- Free camping, dump point
- Delineation markers around lake
- Improved signage
- Bike track to swan hill

- Speed limit reduction on Hwy
- Pop up book library
- Renovate rest area at shops
- Drinking taps
- Highlight pump/ Britten skate park/ repaint road sign
- Tourism info @ retail outlets
- Fitness equipment
- Open space art gallery
- Laneways turned into gardens
- Open water swim comp
- Hire equipment-bikes canoes
- Disabled toilet on lake
- Place toilet blocks with showers
- Community garden lane way signage
- Vertical garden on soil shed
- community garden extension

Community Pride and beautification

- Marraboor St corners-garden/planter boxes
- Trees in nature strips
- Increase mowing around lake
- Signs- take rubbish home and carp disposal
- Marraboor St- play equipment update
- Clean up old motels
- Council buy block in Marraboor St
- Decorate tree for Christmas
- Tidy towns comp
- Encourage sustainable living
- Street competition
- Community clean up- more rubbish bins/dog bags
- Remove boat ramp (unsuited)
- Weed action-box thorns
- Maintain swim zones
- Ebenezer hill clean up
- Repair jetty



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