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SECTION 86 RURAL GROWTH STRATEGY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH, 2016  
Council Chambers,  
15 Stead Street, Ballan  
2.30pm

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MINUTES
SECTION 86 RURAL GROWTH STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 25 November, 2015
James Young Room, Lerderderg Library
215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
3.00pm

MEETING OPENING

Cr Sullivan welcomed all and opened the meeting at 3:02pm.

ATTENDANCE

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<td>Mr. Satwinder Sandhu</td>
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<td>Cr. Pat Toohey</td>
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ELECTION OF MEETING CHAIR

Cr Tom Sullivan was elected as Chair for the meeting held on Wednesday 25 November, 2015.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.
CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution:

Moved: Cr. Sullivan
Seconded: Cr. Comrie

That the Minutes of the Section 86 Rural Growth Strategy Committee Meeting for 21 October, 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED.

M2041 – COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORK

Community Infrastructure Framework

Introduction

File No.: 13/01/013
Author: Raeph Cumming
General Manager: Satwinder Sandhu

Background

A Social Infrastructure Plan is identified as a critical component of the Moorabool 2041 growth framework. Such a plan will identify the Shire’s most critical needs for community facilities, where they are needed, timing of delivery, as well as a funding and implementation plan for their delivery.

In October 2014, the Strategic and Sustainable Development (SSD) unit began pulling together Council’s existing social infrastructure planning work into a structured planning and delivery framework. The Community Infrastructure Framework (CI Framework) updates and builds on existing work by establishing an evidence-driven, highly flexible approach to identifying the Shire’s priority community infrastructure needs. This has been developed collaboratively across Council.

The key aims of the Community Infrastructure Framework are to:

- Identify, assess and prioritise Moorabool Shire’s current and future community infrastructure needs to 2041.
- Inform the design and delivery of multifunctional, strategically significant projects that meet a range of community service needs.
- Provide a basis for securing outside investment in infrastructure such as Government funding, development contributions, and delivery partnerships with the private, community and philanthropic sectors.

The CI Framework is not limited to the preparation of a single plan or report that serves as a snapshot in time. It is based on a system that allows officers to update, revise and report on the community’s need for services and facilities (work for which council has previously had to use consultants). The ultimate published expression of the Framework will still be a Community Infrastructure Plan, but one that is continually updated to reflect current priorities.

The CI Framework establishes internal cross-departmental processes, which ensure that community infrastructure projects are identified through a consistent assessment of evidence of service needs. Moorabool Shire Council’s (Council) internal Service Managers (Aged & Disability, Early Years, Community...
Development, and Sport, Recreation and Youth Development), Asset Managers and Strategic Planners work together to identify and deliver key infrastructure projects.

The CI Framework has been developed as an integral component of the Moorabool 2041 growth framework. Early findings are being used through the Small Towns Strategy to define a hierarchy of settlements in terms of their role in providing facilities and services to other towns. The Framework has also been effective in demonstrating how urban growth in Bacchus Marsh will impact upon services and create demand for new facilities or upgrades to existing facilities.

**Community Infrastructure Planning Cycle**

Appendix A outlines the broad operation of the CI Framework as a cyclical process involving several stages and key stakeholders, with key outputs and links to other plans. The core components are:

1. **Framework design**: a one-off stage defining how the Framework will operate and the core principles that will drive decision-making.

2. **Evidence base**: collecting the most relevant evidence that services will use to determine their infrastructure priorities. Storing this data in a database rather than a paper report.

3. **Needs analysis**: each service area interpreting the evidence to identify priority infrastructure needs. This stage provides a ‘pool’ of evidence based and worthwhile projects upon which to apply the CIP assessment.

4. **Strategic prioritisation**: firstly identifying where multiple service needs can be met through a single project, then strategically prioritising projects through the CIP process.

5. **Outputs**: publication of a Plan or report that sets out the Shire’s current and future infrastructure needs and the projects that will meet those needs.

This report primarily addresses stages 1 to 3. The process has yet to run a full cycle. The first complete iteration will conclude with Council endorsement of a Community Infrastructure Plan and the 2016-17 Capital Improvement Program in 2016. The process is currently coordinated by the Social Infrastructure Planner (within SSD) supported by the Framework Steering Group (SSD, service and asset managers).

**Framework Design – Key Principles and Objectives (DRAFT)**

The Framework is based on a set of key principles and objectives (see list below; these are described in more detail in Appendix B).

**Strategic planning principles:**
- Delivery of services
- Integrated planning approach
- Alignment of internal and external planning
- Co-location / integration of services and facilities
- Accessibly located facilities
- Equitable distribution of facilities
- Network and hierarchy of facilities
Facility-based principles:
• Functional / fit for purpose facilities
• Optimised use of facilities
• Multifunctional facilities
• Universally accessible facilities
• Social significance of facilities

Project-based principles:
• Responding to priority community needs
• Funding and delivery of facilities through partnerships
• Urban design (sense of place and community)
• Net community benefit
• Delivered in step with need

The principles and objectives described in Appendix B have guided the design of the planning cycle, tools and assessments. It is proposed that these principles and objectives will also guide the design and prioritisation of community infrastructure projects through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Scope of ‘community infrastructure’ included within the CI Framework

The full scope of community infrastructure in Moorabool Shire goes beyond the range of facilities currently owned and operated by MSC. While it is important to eventually include the full range of facilities available to the public, the Framework will initially focus on critical built infrastructure that is owned, operated or funded by MSC. It will also assess third party owned/operated facilities that provide critical services to the public.

The first component of work on the CI Framework will not include passive open space reserves but it is proposed to include these at a later date.

Appendix C defines which forms of infrastructure are included in the Framework and at which stage.

Community Infrastructure Database – Gap Analysis Tool

The Gap Analysis Tool supports stages 2 (evidence based) and 3 (needs analysis) of the Framework. It is essentially a database that allows officers to store, manipulate, and report on complex data.

The Tool enables officers to define planning standards (such as the target number of facilities per head of population) and compare that target with the existing situation. In this respect, the Tool largely replaces the need for further community infrastructure consultancy work.

This report is supported by a demonstration of the Tool, which will explain its operation and outputs in more detail.

The Gap Analysis Tool provides services and planners with sophisticated, structured and service-specific information to inform the identification of projects to meet infrastructure shortfalls.
Key findings

At this stage, all findings are draft pending Council endorsement of the Framework principles, objectives, planning cycle and Gap Analysis Tool. Broadly, preliminary findings suggest that:

- Compared to various planning standards, the Shire is underprovided for a range of infrastructure, most notably sport and recreation facilities. Access to facilities (in terms of travel distance) in Bacchus Marsh and surrounds is good, but there is insufficient capacity to meet the demands of the population. For small towns, the capacity of local facilities is good, but residents must travel much greater distances to access a full range of community infrastructure. Therefore, capacity is potentially the predominant issue for urban areas, while accessibility is the main problem in small rural communities.

- Existing service plans and strategies adequately plan for some future needs (e.g. kindergarten and MCH through the Municipal Early Years Plan) but additional plans will be required to plan for other service needs (such as library capacity and aged residential care).

- Travel time analysis shows that many services can be accessed by rural communities within 20 minutes’ drive time, but that towns in the west rely heavily on Ballarat.

- Council already owns and operates several facilities which are well located in terms of accessibility by communities and which may have substantial capacity to accommodate greater use by services and the community (in some cases negating the need for construction of new facilities).

- Council will need to ensure that major new developments adequately contribute towards the improvement of existing facilities, as well as contributing to the construction and operation of new facilities.

Policy Implications

The 2013–2017 Council Plan provides as follows:

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Strategy

Undertake social, health and recreation planning that increases our understanding of the needs of our communities now and into the future and articulates the role of Council.

Work in partnership with government and non-government service providers to deliver early year’s facilities and services.

Advocate, support and deliver youth development programs and services in partnership with other agencies.

Advocate, support and provide aged and disability services.

Ensure Council’s services and facilities are accessible.

Key Result Area

Community wellbeing.

Objective

Increase and encourage participation in a range of sport, recreation and leisure activities.

Strategy

Promote community health and wellbeing through the provision of recreation facilities, open space, programs and activities.

Key Result Area

Enhanced infrastructure and natural and built environment.

Objective

Effective and integrated strategic planning in place to create sustainable communities.

Strategy

Adoption of Moorabool 2041 Framework and vision.

Development of Urban and Rural Growth Strategies in conjunction with other related plans.

Advocate and lobby government for increased infrastructure funding and ensure state land use plans are in line with the Moorabool community needs.

Undertake integrated infrastructure and land use planning to guide future growth and development of our towns and settlements.

Key Result Area

Enhanced infrastructure and natural and built environment.

Objective

Ensure current and future infrastructure meets the needs of the community.

Strategy

Develop long term social and physical infrastructure plans and funding modelling as part of the Moorabool 2041 Framework including opportunities for development contributions.

Plan and maintain a long term and annual capital improvement program.

Construct physical infrastructure to appropriate standards.
Key Result Area: Enhanced infrastructure and natural and built environment

Objective: Management of assets and infrastructure.

Strategy: Address the infrastructure renewal gap through prudent financial strategies and an accurate understanding of the renewal demand.

Delivery of the annual Capital Improvement Program.

Financial Implications

At this stage of the CI Framework, no direct financial implications arise. Later reports will address specific findings from the Framework that will impact on the funding of community infrastructure projects by Council, developers and other funding partners.

Risk & Occupational Health & Safety Issues

The Community Infrastructure Framework does not present any known risk or OH&S issues to Council.

Communications and Consultation Strategy

A separate communication or consultation strategy will be required to communicate the findings of the Framework to communities, developers and other service providers. Findings will also be included within the Small Towns Strategy, Urban Growth Strategy and other Moorabool 2041 publications.


In developing this report to Council, the officer considered whether the subject matter raised any human rights issues. In particular, whether the scope of any human right established by the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities is in any way limited, restricted or interfered with by the recommendations contained in the report. It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Officer’s Declaration of Conflict of Interests

Under section 80C of the Local Government Act 1989 (as amended), officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

General Manager – Satwinder Sandhu
In providing this advice to Council as the General Manager, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Author – Raeph Cumming
In providing this advice to Council as the Author, I have no interests to disclose in this report.

Conclusion

The CI Framework essentially provides officers with the means to carry out community infrastructure planning in a structured, evidence-driven and service-focused manner. The primary output from the Framework will be prioritised lists of infrastructure needs that have been developed through a collaborative cross-departmental approach.
The Framework is being presented to the S86 Urban Growth and S86 Rural Growth Committees to gather feedback on its design, and to test preliminary findings. Following endorsement of its design, more detailed findings will be developed and presented to the Committees over the coming months prior to preparation of a Community Infrastructure Plan.

Resolution:

Moved: Cr. Comrie
Seconded: Cr. Sullivan

That the S86 Rural Growth Strategy Committee:

Receives this report and provides feedback to officers on the core elements of the Community Infrastructure Framework discussed in the report, being:

a) Framework planning cycle
b) Key principles and objectives
c) Scope of community infrastructure
d) The gap analysis tool

CARRIED.

Report Authorisation

Authorised by:
Name: Satwinder Sandhu
Title: General Manager Growth and Development
Date: Friday 20 November, 2015

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION PROGRAM (DECEMBER 2015)

Andrew Goodsell, Acting Manager Strategic and Sustainable Development and Joe Morgan-Payler, Urban Designer provided the Committee with an overview of the Small Town Investigation and proposed Consultation process.

The Committee received the contents of the Small Town Investigation future schedule and process.

Rural Growth Strategy - Timelines

Andrew Goodsell, Acting Manager Strategic and Sustainable Development provided the Committee with an overview of the Rural Growth Strategy Timelines.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23 March, 2016
4.00pm
Council Chambers, Ballan
15 Stead Street, Ballan.

MEETING CLOSURE

The Chair thanked all and closed the meeting at 4.15 pm.
M2041 Small Towns Strategy – Work Program Update

Introduction

File No.: 13/01/013
Author: Damien Drew
General Manager: Satwinder Sandhu

Background

In July 2012, Council established the Moorabool 2041 project to develop a vision and planning principles to guide and manage future growth and development in the rural and urban areas of the Shire.

This report provides an update of the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy project achievements to date, lists the work completed on the development of the Strategy to date, and provides an anticipated timetable for the remainder of 2016.

A critical issue to be considered is whether the project can be successfully completed within the term of this Council, i.e., prior to the commencement of the 2016 Council Election caretaker period.

Currently the aim is to complete the project prior to the 2016 Council elections. A revised work program has been prepared, which seeks to ensure the greatest chance of success in achieving this timeline.

Moorabool 2041 and the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy

Moorabool 2041 is a process/framework aimed at documenting the opportunities, pressures and challenges facing the municipality. It is anticipated that the project will lead to a long-term vision to guide the development of the Moorabool Shire, whilst retaining its character and valued places, and ensuring that change provides new services and opportunities for residents.

The goal of the overall project is to develop a vision and strategic document that guides future sustainable development in appropriate locations in the Shire, addressing land use, amenity and lifestyle opportunities, whilst matching growth with the provision of physical and social infrastructure.

Moorabool 2041 will be a key document to:
- “Guide our planning scheme content to deliver sustainable development and the protection of our agricultural, environmental and cultural resources.”
- Plan for the augmentation of social and physical infrastructure and identify the role for state and federal governments in closing the infrastructure gap.
- Ensure that as the population grows, the employment and retail offer also grows to reduce the need to commute to Melbourne and Ballarat for work or personal services.”
Moorabool 2041 (M2041) has two key components – an Urban Growth Strategy based on Bacchus Marsh and a Rural Growth Strategy based on the smaller towns and settlements. Preparation of the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy is the key component of the Rural Growth Strategy and it aims to advance a sustainable network, or cluster, of thriving communities in the Shire.

The purpose of the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy (or STS – Small Towns Strategy) is to guide the effective future planning, infrastructure and social capacity of the Shire’s small towns and settlements. Although it was anticipated that a number of towns and settlements would have little or no potential for residential growth, equitable consideration was to be given to the future of each of the towns and settlements identified in the Strategy.

A priority list for the preparation of Structure Plans and/or Urban Design Frameworks for the townships will be outlined in the Small Towns and Settlement Strategy. It is noted that these projects for ‘non-growth’ towns and settlements would not require the Strategy to be implemented in the Planning Scheme.

The research, consultation and recommendations of the Strategy are intended to guide the revision of the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) to set clear policy direction regarding the future of the Shire’s small towns and settlements.

It is anticipated that a Planning Scheme Amendment will be prepared to modify the Local Planning Policy Framework of the Moorabool Planning Scheme to reflect the recommendations of the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy and introduce the Strategy as a Reference Document in the Scheme.

However, it is not anticipated that an amendment seeking to provide policy recognition to the Strategy would include the re-zoning of any land. This work will be undertaken in the subsequent stages of the planning process, which will include further community consultation.

**Matters beyond the scope of the project**

The STS will not produce:
- Structure Plans
- Urban Design Frameworks
- Any changes to the current boundaries of the townships and settlements, i.e., re-zonings.

Structure Plans provide a long-term vision and strategic framework to guide the future planning and development of settlements. They aim to ensure future development occurs in a co-ordinated manner, which considers the community aspirations together with the economic, environmental and social implications of development.

Structure Plans guide private development through consideration of Amendment requests to rezone land and planning permit applications. A key aspect of structure planning can be the directing of public infrastructure and service provision to support urban growth.
Furthermore, as precursors to planning scheme amendments, proponents would be required to prepare a number of specific studies to provide the necessary basis for the rezoning of land to enable further development in the small towns.

Urban Design Frameworks (UDFs) provide a finer grained level of detail than a Structure Plan and can guide how settlements function as places. Specific matters considered in a UDF can include civic design, from the management and design of signage to open space treatments, street trees, built form and streetscapes, car parking, and traffic and pedestrian movements.

**Significant components of the project completed to date**

To date, the STS has involved a detailed process of community consultation to identify issues affecting small towns and settlements, and to aid the preparation of ‘visions’ for five key investigation/service townships in the Shire. This consultation has led to community building within and across the townships and rural areas.

An update on the consultation undertaken to date will provided in a separate report.

In conjunction with the initial community conversations held in early 2015, Council released an Issues and Context Paper providing the background to the current issues and influences affecting towns and settlements in the Shire. Comments were received from a number of Government agencies and authorities in response to the Issues and Context Paper.

The other projects and initiatives undertaken include the following:

- Small Town Servicing Strategy (Dunnstown, Wallace and Bungaree) – Aecom.
- Land Supply and Market Audit for Western Moorabool Towns (Dunnstown, Wallace and Bungaree) – Urban Enterprise.
- West Moorabool Heritage Study – Stage 2 – Authentic Heritage Services and Wendy Jacobs.

The first project was an investigation of the capacity to service Bungaree and Wallace with reticulated sewerage, and the provision of water reticulation to Dunnstown. This report is complete and it gives a clear insight into likely costs and opportunities for growth in all three townships.

In late 2014, Urban Enterprise completed on behalf of Council a review of residential demand for small towns focusing on Bungaree, Wallace, and Dunnstown. This report explored the growth scenarios based on the provision of reticulated sewerage in Bungaree and Wallace, and timelines for growth having regard to the housing demand in the wider Ballarat area.

To assist with the improved identification of the development potential of 16 towns and settlements, Ecology and Heritage Partners were engaged to undertake environmental and cultural heritage assessments, which comprised two stages (preliminary desktop/literature review and on-ground assessments).
The intent of the project was to identify any significant values, which may be present and would need to be considered when assessing the development potential of the towns.

For the five larger towns investigated (Wallace, Bungaree, Elaine, Myrniong and Dunnstown) as part of the Environment Assessment Project, local environmental and cultural heritage values were identified, and the bushfire risk of these five towns was identified as low. Future development should be sympathetic to these values, but they should not present any significant barrier to the development potential of the towns.

For the 11 smaller towns/settlements assessed as part of this project, native vegetation and bushfire risk varies greatly, and the development potential of each of these towns/settlements will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis as, in several instances, the native vegetation and bushfire risk will present a significant barrier to development.

Additional information on potential sites of heritage significance within the small towns, including Wallace and Bungaree have been assessed as part of the West Moorabool Heritage Study which will be reported to Council in April. Future development should be sympathetic to these values and the appropriate controls implemented to ensure the enhancement of cultural and environmental values, which provide each settlement with a sense of place.

The information from all three studies described above will form an important evidence base to support the development of the Draft Strategy, and provide a basis for the community to continue to discuss their towns’ futures.

Additional work

Further investigation is being commissioned in relation to the provision of reticulated sewerage to the key investigation towns, with the exception of Elaine (which is not identified as a likely sewering priority). It includes an investigation of the feasibility of providing reticulated sewerage to Dunnstown and Myrniong, which did not form part of the earlier investigation undertaken in partnership with Central Highlands Water.

The focus of the work is to undertake further investigation of the issues involved with sewering Bungaree, Wallace, Dunnstown and Myrniong, including the likely costs of the infrastructure works, and whether appropriate funding models can support these initiatives.

In turn, the funding models will give Council greater clarity on the necessary scale of development needed to underpin the business case for development in the towns.

A key reason for commissioning the work is due to Central Highlands Water advising that it is unlikely to support the provision of centralised sewerage solutions for the small towns.

It is expected to have this work well progressed in the next 4 weeks with reports to follow.
Project Timeline

For a Strategy of this nature, both the time and resources available to complete the project are limited.

A critical issue to be considered is whether the project can be successfully completed within the term of this Council, i.e., prior to the commencement of the 2016 Council Election caretaker period.

Currently the aim is to complete the project prior to the 2016 Council elections. An examination of the work program and time available has revealed that there need to be changes made to the project milestone dates, to ensure the greatest chance of success in achieving the project timeline.

In addition, the current scheduling of meetings of the Section 86 Rural Growth Committee Meeting and Ordinary meetings of Council are unlikely to provide sufficient time to achieve the project milestones.

From Monday, 29 February, 2016, there are only approximately 45 working days available to complete the draft Strategy and meet the reporting deadlines, to enable its consideration at the scheduled Section 86 Rural Growth Committee Meeting on Wednesday, 25 May, 2016. In addition, the final Community Consultation Report needs to be completed within this period.

Therefore, it is considered that the next Section 86 Rural Growth Committee Meeting should be rescheduled to Wednesday, 22 June, 2016. This would extend the time available to complete the draft Strategy to approximately 63 working days.

It is anticipated that the Draft Strategy would then be made available for public comment between Tuesday, 5 July, 2016 and Wednesday, 4 August, 2016.

The deadline for reports to be completed for the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday, 7 September, 2016, is Wednesday, 17 August, 2016. This timeline would only allow 11 working days for the review of submissions, preparation of the Final Strategy and the Council Report. It is considered that this work cannot be completed within that timeframe.

If a Special Meeting of Council was to be held prior to commencement of the election caretaker period, e.g., around Tuesday 20 September, 2016, it would provide eight (8) additional working days to review submissions and finalise the Strategy. This timeline is still not ideal, however, it provides a better opportunity for the successful completion of the Strategy.

Even with this extension of time, the timeline would be dependent on a low number of uncomplicated submissions being received, and only minor changes being required to finalise the Strategy.

A copy of the revised project timeline is contained in Attachment 1.
Proposed Changes to Meeting Schedules:

- The Section 86 Rural Growth Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 25 May 2016 should be rescheduled to 22 June 2016.

- The Section 86 Rural Growth Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 27 July 2016 should be cancelled, as it will be held during the Draft Strategy consultation period.

- The CORM meeting should be held on Thursday 15 September 2016, with a report deadline of Wednesday 7 September 2016.

- A SMC should be scheduled prior to commencement of the election caretaker period, say around Tuesday 20 September 2016, to provide more time to review submissions and finalise the Strategy.

- In addition, the Section 86 Rural Growth Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 28 September 2016 could be cancelled.

Assumptions

Due to the time available to complete the project prior to commencement of the 2016 Council Election caretaker period, the work program is based on the following assumptions:

- There will not be any further consultation with residents of the ‘non-growth’ towns and settlements until release of the Draft Strategy.

- The Section 86 Rural Growth Committee can approve the release of the Draft Strategy for public comment, without the need for it to be presented to an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

- The Draft Strategy needs to be robust, given that the time to review submissions and prepare a final document is extremely tight.

- A Final Strategy will only be able to be presented to Council prior to the 2016 Election, if there is a small number of submissions, which have very little complexity, and very few changes are required to finalise the Strategy following the consultation period.

- The 2016 Election caretaker period will be for a period of no greater than one month.

- If the Final Strategy is to be considered by Council prior to the 2016 Election, time will not be available to enable its presentation to the Section 86 Rural Growth Committee, or an Assembly of Council.
Policy Implications

The 2013 - 2017 Council Plan provides as follows:

**Key Result Area**  
Enhanced Infrastructure and Natural and Built Environment

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Financial Implications

There are no immediate financial implications associated with the consideration of this report.

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Funding for further stages of the work program to complete the preparation of the Small Towns Strategy has been included in the 2015/16 Budget.

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There are no immediate risks associated with the consideration of this report.

The STS will address issues and community aspirations in relation to future development, growth and planning matters in the Municipality.
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Council can only consider strategic directions for land use in the Shire, which align with the broader State Government planning policies, including the Central Highlands Regional Growth Plan. Otherwise, there is a risk of the preparation of a planning scheme amendment not being supported by the Planning Minister.

There are risks to achieving completion of the project prior to the 2016 Council elections. Both the time and resources available to complete this project and other strategic projects in Council’s work plan are limited.

A significant amount of officer time will be required to manage and prepare the draft Strategy. While this work is being prepared, there may be requests for other tasks to be undertaken, which could then delay the completion of the Strategy.

Therefore, to ensure the greatest chance of success in achieving the project timeline, the project manager will need to be dedicated full time to the preparing the Strategy.

Community Engagement Strategy

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Progress on the STS has highlighted the successful significant contribution of local communities. A significant number of people have participated in the development of the Strategy to date, through selected approaches to community participation.

It is an important strategic planning project for the Moorabool Shire, which will require significant input from staff across Council, resources, and strong Councillor support, to ensure its successful completion and implementation.

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State Government support for the STS will be important in achieving the ultimate implementation of the Strategy through the Planning Scheme Amendment process.

Further work, including structure plans and urban design frameworks will be prepared where appropriate for the small towns and settlements, following the adoption and implementation of the Strategy.
Recommendation:

That the Section 86 Committee resolves to:

1. Note this report and the progress to date on the development of the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy.

2. Acknowledge that the project timelines are ambitious and progress will be reviewed at the next Committee Meeting.

3. Reschedule the Section 86 Rural Growth Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 25 May 2016 to Wednesday 22 June 2016.

4. Cancel the Section 86 Rural Growth Committee Meetings scheduled for Wednesday 27 July 2016, and Wednesday 28 September 2016.

5. Note that a request may have to be made to the Mayor to schedule a Special Meeting of Council in September 2016, prior to commencement of the election caretaker period, to enable consideration and adoption of the final Strategy.
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Date: Fri 4/03/16

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- Split: Context Report
- Milestone: Engagement Phase - meetings, workshops, visits
- Summary: Consultation Report

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- Manual Summary Rollup: Growth scenario testing

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- Finish-only: Prepare draft Small Towns Strategy

- Date: 4/03/16
M2041 Small Towns and Settlements Strategy – Community Consultation Update

Introduction

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Background

Since the beginning of February 2015, Council has conducted a significant program of community consultation within the municipality as part of the preparation of the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy (STS).

A key aim of the community consultation program is to engender local support and a sense of ownership of the Strategy amongst all citizens’, not only key stakeholders.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the consultation activities, which have occurred following the completion of the initial Community Conversations in August 2015.

Since August, the following activities have been undertaken:

- Circulation of the town summaries from the initial Small Towns Community Conversations held in 2015;
- Community visioning workshops in the five key service towns held in December 2015; and
- The Draft Community Consultation Feedback Report has been released for public comment. The comment period closes on Tuesday 15 March, 2016.

Council officers are currently collating and evaluating the findings from the community visioning workshops held in the five key service towns during December 2015.

Community Conversations - Town Summaries

As the Committee is aware, Council Officers recorded the key issues raised during the Community Conversations, which were compiled into a summary document for each workshop.

A number of community members registered their attendance at the Community Conversations and provided either email or postal addresses to enable Council to keep them informed of the progress of the Strategy.

As part of the continuing engagement program with the small town communities in the Shire, the town summaries from the Small Towns Community Conversations were circulated ahead of the release of the draft Community Consultation Report for the STS.
Summaries of the conversations from each of the workshops were placed on Council’s Have Your Say Moorabool engagement portal in September, 2015, and registered participants were advised by email or posted a copy of the relevant summary.

The purpose of making the summaries publically available was to enable attendees to confirm whether they include the important information about the towns, and accurately record and reflect the discussions held at the workshops.

Council received 22 replies in response to the circulation of the town summaries. Overall, the respondents confirmed that the Town Summaries reflected the comments made during the Community Conversations. Additional comments were provided on feedback forms, which have been returned to Council.

Key comments made on the feedback forms included:

- Blackwood – The need for the town to be sewered to enable building to occur.
- Dunnstown – The need for reticulated water and sewerage to be provided to the town.
- Elaine – Land to build on is not available in the town.
- Gordon – Footpaths are needed as there are more vehicles and pedestrians on the roads.
- Korweinguboora – In addition to internet access issues, there are problems with mobile phone coverage.
- Lal Lal – Additional observations were made in relation to traffic issues, motorbikes on public roads and in the forest, the Clarendon – Lal Lal Road walking track, and the feasibility of some suggestions in relation to tourism opportunities and speed limit reductions.

Five respondents expressed views that the Town Summaries, either only partly, or did not adequately, reflect the comments made during the Community Conversations, as follows:

- One resident of Elaine identified that the summary did not mention the Lal Lal Wind Farm.
- A Clarendon resident expressed concern that residents of the town did not have the opportunity to meet as a community.
- One respondent from Lal Lal commented that the town does not want a coalmine, and that a bypass is required to resolve traffic and pedestrian safety problems.
- Another Lal Lal resident stated that the emphasis appears to be on Ballan and there is a lack of consideration for residents of small towns.
- One respondent from Dunnstown queried why a report has not been prepared in relation to the feasibility of building two to three storey dwellings in the town to cater for older residents.

The completed feedback forms are included in Attachment 1.
All of the comments in response to the Town Summaries will be considered as part of the preparation of the final Community Consultation Feedback Report for the STS.

In addition, the community comments and final Community Consultation Feedback Report will guide the development of the Draft Strategy.

**Central Highlands Water**


CHW has confirmed their previous advice that funding has not been set aside in its current 2013/18 Water Plan for the provision of new water supply and sewerage services to small townships.

In addition, CHW commented that in relation to the potential sewering of small townships, consistent with previous advice, there is now an emphasis to explore the potential to manage with existing on-site wastewater systems and to find innovative solutions. That is, an alternative to a traditional default to a centralised sewerage solution funded primarily by the relevant water authority.

A copy of the correspondence from CHW is included in Attachment 2.

**Community Visioning**

The initial community workshops held between February and August 2015 had a focus on gaining an understanding of the major issues affecting each community necessary to be addressed in the STS.

It was determined that a further round of consultation needed to occur in five key investigation/service towns to elicit community aspirations to enable the development of ‘visions’ for each of the towns for 2041.

Development of a vision is an essential element of a plan, which seeks to ensure that a community creates the future it desires.

A ‘vision’ is a reflection of the broader community aspirations for the future in a range of areas. It intends to represent a consensus view of the future and can identify a number of directions to achieve a preferred future.

Furthermore, vision statements seek to raise aspirations without being unrealistically ambitious or inappropriate for the local area.

Many organisations, groups and individuals in the community will be responsible for achieving the actions and objectives of the future directions: everyone has a role in achieving a community vision, and Council alone cannot achieve them.
In December 2015, Council held community-visioning workshops in five key investigation/service towns, as follows:

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The comments recorded by attendees at the December workshops have been compiled into a document and a copy is provided in Attachment 3.

In addition, the information gathered, including visions prepared by community members, at the workshops will guide the development of the town visions to be included in the Draft Strategy.

**Key Findings**

The key findings from the visioning activity undertaken at each workshop are as follows:

**Bungaree**

**Vision**

- *This concept needs a population sufficient to access sewerage & gas (whatever that population is).*
- *A sustainable town enables someone to come to the town, access/build a house, enable young families to live, to maintain Schools, to provide for older folk to leave the farmhouse but not necessarily the area.*
- *To support small business.* (19 Votes)

**Dunnstown**

Two visions prepared at the Dunnstown workshop received a similar level of support from the attendees.

**Vision 1**

*I would like to see moderate growth with Dunnstown have around 500 residents. A tree boulevard would be a welcoming touch (non-native) linking the Mount (Mt Warrenheip) to the town with some walking track for people.*

*A train station, which suits the town, would be great for both Ballarat people to visit the town and Dunnstown people to travel to Ballarat.*

*It would be lovely to see Dunnstown as a tourist attraction with some local food places or markets. Sewerage and Water would be vital for the growth of the town.*
It would be great if the town could keep that nice village feel. (14 votes)

Vision 2

I would like to see Dunnstown have the capability to expand to a size of up to 1,000 to 2,000 people.

To do this I feel that we at least need both water and gas supplied to the area.

The reason I feel that we need to expand is because to a point I feel that the town is dying to a point that our facilities are not fully utilised.

I also would like to know what the capabilities area of using self-contained septic systems in the unlikely event of sewerage coming to the town. (12 votes)

Elaine

Vision 1

The most favoured vision for Elaine is considered to consist of a list of township improvements, rather than a forward-looking statement:

- Farmers Market
- Introduction of an “Aussie Produce Tasting Centre”.
- Expansion of local General Store.
- Tourism Boards
- Walking trails to encompass “Gold History”.
- Improve entry and exit to make truck access easier and safer. This applies to tourist campers/trailers & vans.
- Heritage facades on the businesses (or “area specific” frontage).
- Encourage the movement of the Mechanics Hall to the Church.
- Widen the Highway opposite shop (Ballarat bound) from Produce Store to Railway line.
- Internet and TV coverage to be improved considerably please. (15 votes)

Vision 2

In the future, the township will grow at a small, but steady pace, much more than it has in the last 50 years. The proximity to Ballarat, Buninyong, Geelong and Melbourne will ensure the village becomes more vibrant.

It will retain its agricultural emphasis, but the township hub will grow as inevitably, the population will expand and more people decide to live in the area.

With terrific transport prospects, (Midland Highway and Geelong/Ballarat railway line) access has excellent opportunities to expand the town and give people living here easy access to bigger cities with all services.

There will be small businesses and it will be known as a stopping point for travellers along the Highway and Railway Line. (7 votes)
Myrniong

Vision

A rural community made up primarily of rural farms and large lifestyle properties, surrounding and supporting close (not sprawling) town centre, sustaining a vibrant social and involved community of people who ‘look out’ for their neighbours, welcome visitors. A Village, which provides opportunities to share in the peaceful rural lifestyle and experiences without changing and destroying it. Where extensive services are provided from accessible centres of Bacchus Marsh and Ballan and via high-speed internet. (11 votes)

Wallace

Vision

Gateway to Ballarat. (9 votes)

Draft Community Consultation Feedback Report

The Draft Community Consultation Feedback Report, was on display and available for comment until Tuesday 15 March, 2016. Release of the report was deferred due to the scheduling of the community consultations in December.

As the Committee is aware, the report outlines the findings from the community engagement activities undertaken between February and August 2015, including the 13 community conversations held in the Shire, 553 completed post card surveys, and 12 primary school visits.

All community members who registered their attendance at the earlier Community Conversations and the December workshops have been informed of the release of the Draft Community Consultation Feedback Report.

To date, one response in relation to the release of the Report has been received from a resident of Korweinguboora. The resident has commented that the Report appears to represent the discussions regarding Spargo Creek and Korweinguboora.

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The 2013 - 2017 Council Plan provides as follows:

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**Financial Implications**

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By understanding the community’s needs and priorities, Council can better plan and organise activities, and allocate resources in the future.

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The Town Summaries from the initial Community Conversations were circulated in September 2015 to enable the attendees at the community workshops to confirm whether they include the important information about the towns, and accurately record and reflect the discussions held.
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**Recommendation:**

**That the Section 86 Rural Growth Strategy Committee resolves to:**

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2. Receive and note the responses in relation to the circulation of the Community Conversations Town Summaries, which occurred in September 2015.

3. Note that all of the responses received in response to the circulation of the Town Summaries and release of the Draft Community Consultation Feedback Report will be considered as part of the preparation of the final consultation report for the Small Towns and Settlements Strategy.

4. Note that the findings from the visioning workshops will guide the development of the town visions to be included in the Draft Small Towns and Settlements Strategy.
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<td>Great community spirit, a pretty rural town in a great position.</td>
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<td>Dunnstown already has the town ie.: school, church and I feel strongly that with was put in place it can only enhance the town.</td>
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<td>Dunnstown is ideally situated from Ballarat and I have been 10 minutes from Melbourne</td>
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Small Towns Consultation – Dunnstown Community Conversation
24 February 2015
Meeting Notes

Total Community Attendees - 24

The following is the information we received at the Community Conversation.

Council
- Council and Central Highlands Water (CHW) commissioned a sewer and town water infrastructure feasibility study, which identified potential to potential to provide town water to Dunnstown (approx. $1.6M) and sewer to Bungaree and Wallace. Sewer for Dunnstown wasn’t costed, as it was considered less viable. Bungaree and Wallace are effectively almost one town and therefore more economical to sewer.
- If Dunnstown is to be further developed to more than a minor degree, then sewerage reticulation would be required due to potable water supply catchment.
- Would need sufficient critical mass to justify the expense of infrastructure.
- Retail and other services also require sufficient critical mass to ensure viability.
- Any growth would likely be of small scale, but needs to be contained.
- If sewer was to be provided, the town would need to be developed to regular urban densities in order to ensure sufficient lot yield without unduly infringing on agricultural land. There would be no constraints on lot size unless a minimum lot size was specified in a schedule to the zone, as is the case for Gordon.
- The area is based on agriculture.

Community
- Concern expressed about the ‘industrial’ wind farms already approved for the area: huge landscape impact; potential health impacts; huge consequences for community. This is the most significant planning issue for the area.
- Power bills are too high.
- Younger generation unable to build dwellings on family farms due to regulation.
- Older people are leaving town/area due to lack of services; some would like to move into town if possible.
- The primary school is struggling with declining enrolments.
- How do we keep our community together?
- Dunnstown is a country community; all interested in one another; totally different to city people.
- Good strong community.
- Need to keep the small community together.
- Dunnstown is effectively a suburb of Ballarat.
- Council cannot say it is pro-development, as it has cancelled building permits in the past.
- Walsh quarry: the biggest issue will be the likely future use for landfill.
- Dunnstown is a great place but the town is dying.
- Should try to maintain what we have.
- Should we be planning for 50-100 years into the future, rather than 26 years?
- Lots of younger people live in Dunnstown; not here tonight; need to engage them.
- Cannot have growth and protection of farmland.
- What will it cost the community for infrastructure provision?
• Catchment water quality: CHW will not allow further significant development without sewer.
• This is one of the most stressed catchments in the state; finite resources.
• Limited funds for infrastructure: CHW will favour servicing of developing areas in Ballarat.
• Road infrastructure is vitally important; urgently need to maintain/upgrade our roads.
• Future arterial road planned from Warrenheip to Buninyong; the sooner this is built the better. The planned roads will not be wide enough to cater for traffic in 25 years’ time.
• Warrenheip is therefore the best location for a future station, at the junction of the Geelong line.
• Agree that we should drive our own destiny.
• Why was sewer for Dunnstown overlooked in the CHW feasibility study? The local creek is flowing with sewage.
• Essential infrastructure such as sewer and town water would be great; it will help the town to prosper. Could the pipelines be designed to cater for a population of 2,000 to 3,000 people rather than 10,000?
• How many people should we plan for? Community needs to see some scenarios, to see what the town might look like with 500, 1,000, 1,500, & 2000 people.
• Gordon is considered to be a good case study, a hidden treasure of the Shire, it has a population cap of 800 due to sewer system.
• We do not want to develop all available land like what is occurring in Ballarat.
• Need to look at small towns in Europe which have high rise; this would enable us to accommodate more people in town without encroaching on farm land.
• The European village concept is worth exploring; no fences, open space, Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) housing, trail networks (e.g., rights-of-way through farms).
• Right-of-way trail concept: could consider linking landmarks, such as, Mt Warrenheip, Mt Buninyong, and Lal Lal Falls. Who would be responsible for construction and maintenance? Ratepayers?
• Can we consider three-storey development in order to minimise town footprint expansion?
• Open space is the most critical thing for towns. Adelaide is a good example; Ballarat is a bad example.
• There will be a railway station in Dunnstown again one day, but might be many years away.
• Dunnstown recreation reserve committee of management is proud of what we have:
  • Football, cricket, netball, tennis clubs, and Pilates classes.
  • Have received grants to upgrade facilities in the past.
  • Has prepared a five (5) year plan for updating the hall and facilities. Would like Council support to help implement the plan.
• The tiny towns of western Moorabool, such as, Yendon do not get a mention in the small towns study. Yendon has a number of 1-2 acre lots, which could offer potential for further development.

Future meeting was requested to consider growth scenarios for Dunnstown.
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Total Community Attendees - 16

The following is the information we received at the Community Conversation.

Community Comments

- Community is frustrated by the fact that there is vacant land in town, but is has been difficult to obtain permits to build houses due to potable catchment issues. There is a waterway through the centre of town, which presents some difficulties due to setback requirements for effluent disposal.
- Badly need reticulated water. Town water comes to Lal Lal and Meredith. Currently residents rely on tank water. It does not rain often and bore water is too salty. Have to cart water in at least once or twice a year. Cannot go through a year without getting water in.
- Community wants reticulated town water supply, as living with tank water presents some challenges, particularly during drier periods.
- Town water was planned in 1970, but rejected by the Shire of Buninyong. 1980s
  - 700mm average rainfall.
  - Early 1980's drought.
  - 2 tanks at Flagstaff Hill and gravity feed to Elaine.
  - Pipe from Mt Doran.
  - Could over capitalise and be too expensive, a bore in the town with a Desalination Plant could be more feasible?
- Community has no great desire for town growth, but wishes it would not be so difficult to develop existing lots in the Township Zone.
- Very happy for growth.
- Elaine has a post office, general store, hotel, community hall and a recreation reserve with good facilities.
- Elaine has a glass works business which seems to be doing ok.
- No school in Elaine, but there is a reliable school bus service to Meredith, Lal Lal and Scoburn.
- When the school closed it killed the town. Hardly bucket club Tennis club CFA are homely
- Primary School - three (3) buses take children from Elaine to School.
- Kindergarten in Meredith.
- People travel to Ballarat for services.
- Public transport;
  - Existing bus service from Elaine to Ballarat and Geelong; not well used by residents of Elaine.
  - Future passenger rail service desirable, but no station
  - V-Line use to have a passenger line but now just freight. Will be needed if the town gets bigger. There is a bus twice a day to Ballarat and Geelong.
- No seniors groups.
- Access to rural base aged care facility people in the country have to go to the city for care. Aged care in a rural setting.
- No local services to cater for the ageing population.
- Church had plans to build 70 retirement homes.
- More help for seniors living on their own, i.e., help with collecting firewood, cleaning spouting, etc. Do Care run by the Uniting Church where volunteers visit people living alone.
- Aged care facilities would create jobs.
- Most people live 8 to 10 kilometres out of town so there are more than just 60 people in Elaine. At least 200 – 300 people live in the district.
- Has a recreation reserve, cricket club and cricket pavilion, tennis courts and tennis club.
- Has a cricket team.
- No organised activities to bring people together. Lack of community. Church has closed. Not many young people participate.
- Street names are confusing. There are three (3) Mount Doran Roads. Clarendon-Blue Bridge Road changes name three (3) times.
- Elaine is the hub for the 3334 postcode.
- Towns need more small businesses to build upon, highway traffic, public toilets could help.
- Notice of meeting letter was not well distributed – shop owner confirmed that most people got a letter.
- Activities to draw people to the area.
- Water catchment issues – creek causes issues, lack of sewer.
- Community Spirit – needs some growth to sustain it, the same people do everything.
- Small projects could provide an impetus for the town.
- A Rail Trail between Geelong and Ballarat could be developed in stages.
- Should Elaine become a RV (recreational vehicle/caravan/campervan, etc.) friendly town? - There is the Hunts Bridge Camping Ground on Elaine-Egerton Road, Morrisons.
- Lack of house lots – one (1) acre approx. – need to rezone some land, but need to protect agricultural land surrounding the town, there should not be five (5) acre lots/rural living development.
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<td>3. Is there something extra you would like to add? The community should share the benefits of Wind Farms etc.</td>
<td><strong>I don't think the whole community is against windfarms. Whereas fracking is a definite no-no. Therefore the brown coal issue is important also a no-no.</strong> Motor-bikes definitely an issue in the forest. Need better management to avoid environmental damage caused by taking short-cuts between tracks.</td>
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<td>Community Centre, Rural Residential, Small Blocks</td>
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<td>Community service in primary school, hall, lifestyle, farming pursuits.</td>
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<td>Diversity in environmental areas, historic sites, falls, township street character – although is changing as landscape trees removed.</td>
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<td>Do not commonly use services 10 min away (Brimbin) rather travel 20 mins (Ballarat) to more conveniences with planning.</td>
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While I agree with most comments made, some of which are realistic and a more sensible, practical and sustainable option should be pursued.

- ure of idea for old train station to be used as cafe as it would be hard to be viable practically or long term sustainable.
- Midland Hwy in Clarendon should not be speed reduced, rather proper planning to address the issues such as opening back roadway easements, or service road to the new housing on the highway so as to not negatively affect this main arterial roadway.
- Trucks on Skeltons Road? - I live on this road corner and suspect this may be very occasional when logging from the pine plantation occurs.
- The pine plantation border, the western side of my property and regard it as probably my best neighbor to have. I am very apprehensive about the windfarm, mines and fracking and their neighbourhood impact.
- After having two close calls with trucks in one week on Clarendon - Lal Lal road I am concerned and in favor of alternative route for them on East side of Ballarat joining the Midland to the Western Highways.
- Tourism could be improved with a better coordinated approach and maintenance of historic sites such as blast furnace area.
- As we did, others have moved to Lal Lal for its environment attributes, but have concerns for its diversity in flora and fauna as more housing progression leading to clearing and fire hazard removal of habitats for birds and animals and subsequently leaving an unnatural environment of gum trees only.
- Motorcycles should not be an issue as majority of them including myself are registered + licenced, and conscious of neighbors and others encountered in the environment.
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<td>WALKING TRAIL MADE BY COUNCIL ON CLARENCE RD LAL-LAL RD STOPS AT ROSSCO ROAD, WHEN WILL IT BE FINISHED AT EAGLE HAWK RD? PROMISED BY TOM SULLIVAN</td>
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<td>IN LAL-LAL WE ALL NEED A CAR</td>
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<td>Residential community, Community service centre, Hotel, workshop + hall + school.</td>
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   Cars and trucks do 100kph not 80 due to flooding of the area, footpath too close to the road | Lal Lal does not want a 100kph speed limit. Need to bypass Lal Lal as it has become a short cut for those travelling to Geelong from Ballarat, and those travelling from Western Hwy to the Midland Hwy. | |
   Acreage. | |
| 5. In your view, what is the role of this town/locality? E.g., Community service centre / residential community / agricultural town | Lal Lal pub - These areas need landscaping to make Lal Lal more inviting to tourists. | |
| 6. What are the features, which define the locality's character or identity? | YES | NO |
| 7. Do these features need to be protected?                              | YES | |  |
| 8. Are you happy to take a 10-minute drive to basic services and facilities? E.g., general store. | YES | NO |
| 9. What are the basic services and facilities, which need to be provided within a 10 drive of your home? | Lal Lal pub - These areas around the pub and crossing need landscaping to make Lal Lal more inviting to tourists. | |
| 10. Do you travel to these facilities in your own car?                  | YES | | |
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<td>Public transport, medical facilities, General store, petrol station, reliable communication system, police station</td>
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<td>Depend on family and friends. No dependable public transport in the area</td>
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23rd November 2015

Mr Andrew Goodsell
Senior Strategic Planner
Moorabool Shire Council
PO Box 18
Ballan VIC 3342

Dear Andrew,

Moorabool Shire Small Town and Settlement Cluster Strategy Context Report

Thank you for providing Central Highlands Water (CHW) with an opportunity to provide input into the above study which will see Council undertake, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders, a comprehensive analysis of the opportunities and constraints to development within the small towns and settlements in the Moorabool Shire.

CHW notes that there are several of these townships where CHW supplies reticulated water and to a lesser extent sewerage and that there is a substantial proportion of the municipality that is located within proclaimed drinking water catchments.

CHW recognises that there are a number of constraints and challenges associated with the provision of services to these areas and that any strategies prepared by Council for further development will need to be cognisant of these challenges.

I confirm previous advice that CHW has no funding set aside in its current 2013/18 Water Plan for the provision of new water supply and sewerage services to small townships.

In relation to the potential future sewerage of small乡镇ships, consistent with previous advice, there is a growing emphasis to first explore the potential to manage with existing on-site wastewater systems and to find innovative solutions. That is, as an alternative to a traditional default to a centralised sewerage solution funded primarily by the relevant water authority.

CHW welcomes the opportunity to work collaboratively with Council on the development of its strategies in coming months, as discussed in Section 13.1 of the Context Report, and to provide input and advice when requested. CHW would also wish to have the opportunity to comment on the final draft strategy prior to its public release.

Please continue to liaise with Stephen Carter on 5320 3123 scarter@chw.net.au in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Clark
General Manager Customer & Community
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN?

- Bungaree’s exceptional community spirit.
- Nice and Quiet.
- The social aspect of the community.
- Residents do know one another and care about how people are keeping.
- History – there are many stories shared between the older residents and young. Proud to be a Bungaree resident to see the recent change and success.
- Location to major City.
- Community feel.
- Farming district.
- Location – Ballarat, Melbourne, Geelong and Surf coast.
- History.
- Rural Setting.
- The existing facilities/infrastructure.
- The Community.
- The recreation facility.
- Town Water.
- Community, lifestyle, close to Ballarat and Melbourne facilities.
- A spacious, comfortable density, acknowledging much more room for growth.
- Community strength.
- Capacity to know neighbours, comfortable lifestyle.
- Community feel.
- Community Centre.
- School.
- Churches.
- Historical Society.
- CFA.
- Bungaree Community Centre.
- Our Community (people).
- Local Store.
- Football/Netball Club.
- Rural Community – lots of community activities.
- Peace and Quiet.
- Very Welcoming.
- Friendliness.
- Services – eg. Sport, church school, shop & post office.
- Closeness to Ballarat.
- Quiet and peaceful.
- The country area and locals that are still there.
- Easy access to Ballarat and areas.
- Proximity to Ballarat.
- Sporting facilities.
- Social connection between people.
- Rural feel.
- Closeness to Ballarat – far away when you need it and close enough to be handy.
Lifestyle, friendliness, everyone knows everyone, great community spirit.
General Store, Schools & Community Centre.
Access to Ballarat.
Rural/Town attitude.
Community Centre & Activities.

WHAT DON’T YOU LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN?

• Planning restrictions to town growth due to lack of basic service infrastructure (sewer).
• Lack of safe freeway access.
• Needs more trees.
• Better access to Highway (Freeway)
• Water pooling on roads
• From our recent Planning Application experience there seems to be a gap in whether growth is an option or not. As residents we don’t know whether there is the capacity to change.
• Nothing.
• Difficulty in finding blocks to build a house.
• The restrictions on growth.
• No sewerage.
• Western Highway access.
• Highway access to Ballarat.
• Lack of footpaths.
• Insufficient size to sustain (long term) local community, namely shop, hotel, sports club, local employment, community.
• Lack of growth.
• Lack of building blocks.
• Poor Roads.
• Fortnightly rubbish collection.
• Funding larger areas of the Shire.
• Not having natural gas going through the town.
• Not enough walking tracks.
• Highway access.
• Difficult to build due to Catchment/Planning Permit restrictions.
• No natural gas.
• No natural gas.
• Exit of our locals who age and have no facilities to keep them here.
• No chance of our young to build here.
• Restriction imposed by Authorities.
• Chance to grow was taken away, then told Town not big enough to warrant services.
• Nothing really. We wouldn’t live here if we didn’t like it.
• No public transport.
• No Railway Station.
• Freeway access at Leigh Creek.
• Access to the Freeway.
• Facilities such as gas.
• Few employment opportunities for young people apart from farming.
• Slow trucks as they enter town.
WHAT SHOULD CHANGE?

- The ability to increase population through subdivision.
- Access to Freeway.
- In some ways we need to engage more with Bacchus Marsh and the East as this is where the services are managed from. We seem to have a much closer relationship with Ballarat.
- Allow more residential buildings in the area.
- Freeway access.
- Street scaling.
- Funding for Bowling Club.
- More support for community facility.
- Public Transport.
- I would like to see growth in blocks to build within the township zone.
- I’d like to see the sewerage put in to facilitate the town grow to a small village.
- We need more young families.
- Highway access to Ballarat!!
- Footpaths.
- Make the process for building permits easier.
- Sensible growth, need to balance residential/township development with need to maintain lifestyles. By this I mean not cheap development, but commitment to sensible and long term growth.
- Water Board restrictions.
- Building restrictions.
- Gas.
- Highway.
- New facility for the future of the School.
- Sewerage.
- Safer access to the Freeway on the Western end of Bungaree.
- A proper on and off ramp from the freeway, getting more dangerous each year, traffic faster and more numerous.
- The access on to the freeway travelling west is a serious accident waiting to happen.
- Access to Freeway.
- Sewerage to enable growth.
- Gas bought across from Wallace.
- More growth – availability of building lots to encourage young families in, help the School remain open.
- Plant trees.
- Better access to freeway.
- Retirement facilities.
- Sewerage.
- Slow or divert heavy traffic.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KEEP?

- St John’s Anglican Church.
- School and other services.
- Everything.
- The landscape.
- Community feel.
- The Community feel.
- General Store.
- Football/Netball Club.
- Churches.
- All the things I like about the town.
- N/A. It is really about how we collectively grow and develop for the future.
- Recreation Reserve.
- Rural feel.
- School.
- Historical Society.
- Shop (local).
- Keep focus on farmland.
- Larger lot sizes.
- The quiet atmosphere, although not against some more houses around the town. Maybe double population and natural gas and some practical septic system.
- The locals that forged this town to make it what it is today.
- To do this we need infrastructure.
- The capacity to determine own future.
- Keep Bungaree the way it is, a great community to live in, but encourage growth.
- Community involvement.
- Accessibility to help make change.
BUNGAREE 2ND ROUND WORKSHOP – 14 DECEMBER, 2015

VISION

1. Town that is sustainable.
   - This concept needs a population sufficient to access sewerage & gas (whatever that population is).
   - A sustainable town enables someone to come to the town, access/build a house, enable young families to live, to maintain Schools, to provide for older folk to leave the farm house but no necessarily the area.
   - To support small business.  (19 votes)

2. I would like to see Bungaree as a thriving small town village within the township zone of along the Bungaree/Wallace Road. It should have sewerage and natural gas, good access to the freeway. We need to keep School, General Store, Churches, Hotel, sporting teams all going.  (9 votes)

3. I would like Bungaree to be a town where, if they wish, my children could buy or build a house and stay within the area. I’d like to be able to grow old within the area and catch the bus or train into Ballarat, to access health care and services in my old age. More development in the Industrial area of Bungaree to encourage local employment. Development largely limited to the Main Street.  (7 votes)

4. Double the population to 400 with house size blocks made available along the Main Road. Also this will make facilities such as the Recreation Reserve, School, and shop within walking distance and reduce traffic. More community feel about it. Breaking up established farms into 5 acres should be avoided as it will destroy the rural feel of Bungaree.  (6 votes)

5. The peace and quiet of Bungaree is the most valued aspect of the township. The small and cohesive community is its most important and valued resource. Our vision for this small and idyllic hamlet to improve the environment to ensure better amenities for community, whilst retaining our most valued small community and peaceful way of life.
   Maybe two small housing estates the type that was previously sold to encourage growth.  (6 votes)

   - Support with district schools, community centres
   - Development that promotes and sustains our rural urban character
   - Liveability.
   - Having options that respect different requirement and life requirements.
   - Small town atmosphere.
   - Neighbourhood character  (1 vote)
CURRENT CONDITIONS
General improvements. Low potential for new facilities and infrastructure.

MODERATE CHANGE
Some potential for new facilities and infrastructure. Example settlement: Gordon

HIGH CHANGE
Good potential for new facilities and infrastructure. Example settlement: Ballan
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN?

- Sense of Community.
- Agricultural connections.
- Natural Landscape of area and entry to town.
- History.
- Turbine Free.
- The position of the town.
- The location.
- The surrounding landscape.
- The people (community).
- Church, School, Football Ground, the Pub Building.
- School.
- Granite Creek.
- Community Centre.
- Location.
- Lived here all my life.
- “Was” an excellent, vibrant town.
- Great School, Recreation Reserve and Community Building.
- Lifestyle, something has to change on Granite Creek which is full of human waste.
- Lifestyle, community spirit.
- Close to Ballarat.
- Rural Outlook.
- Lifestyle.
- Rural.
- Close to Ballarat.
- Footy Club.

WHAT DON’T YOU LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN?

- That perhaps it is too small at present.
- The truck traffic.
- The growth restrictions due to water catchment.
- Trucks.
- Almost degenerating into a Retirement Village. “Through Restrictions” young people unable to build in the town.
- Community Spirit.
- No Main Water, gas and sewer system.
- Hasn’t any landscaping e.g. trees leading into town to say we belong to Dunnstown.
- Central Highland Water.
- Wind Farm being built in the area.
- Size.
- No Infrastructure.
- Wind farm too close.
- No water.
- No sewer.
WHAT SHOULD CHANGE?

- Like to see tree planting and gateways to town.
- Walking Trails.
- Erect historic signs and photographs to encourage visiting and reflect a pride.
- Signage to reflect the character of the town.
- Hopefully we can get more growth in the town so that our services can survive. Perhaps slowing the trucks down.
- Need a train stop.
- Love the idea of a tree boulevard.
- Sewerage to the town.
- More Trees.
- Expand the township boundaries.
- Should be Government funding towards Water Supply.
- Water Board attitude.
- Without population School closes, Community closes.
- Like to see village concept.
- Allow subdivision for town to survive into the future.
- Walking & Cycling tracks.
- Next generation to build houses.
- Older generation help with transport and services to stay in their homes.
- More Development.
- Size.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KEEP?

- All.
- Embrace the wonderful community and farming enterprises, including boutique industries e.g. Inglenook paddock to plate.
- Visitors to meet farmers and buy direct.
- Keep our services.
- All the Historical Buildings.
- School, Church Community Centre.
- Keep semi-rural with town to develop around eating town.
- School, Church & Sporting venue.
- Families connection with in the towns e.g. next generation to build houses.
DUNNSTOWN 2ND ROUND WORKSHOP – 9 DECEMBER, 2015

VISION

- To maintain the wonderful farming connection of paddock to plate. To encourage other to share in the riches of the community. To provide a pride of the community by physically making the layout with appropriate autumn and tree boulevards, historic signage, walking trails etc.

- To not industrialise the landscape with wind turbines and to not be faced with decaying turbines across the landscape upon returning in 25 years. No turbines here!

- To enhance the beautiful and wonderful features of the town and surround landscape.

- To have a lovely railway station that draws others to the area and to allow people to commute to Melbourne and Ballarat. With a beautiful village environment and commuters that can drive and board the train will encourage others to want to come and live in this beautiful community. (7 dots)

Dunnstown in 25 years

- I would like to see moderate growth with Dunnstown have around 500 residents. A tree boulevard would be a welcoming touch (non-native) linking the Mount (Mt Warrenheip) to the town with some walking track for people.

- A train station which suits the town would be great for both Ballarat people to visit the town and Dunnstown people to travel to Ballarat.

- It would be lovely to see Dunnstown as a tourist attraction with some local food places or markets. Sewerage and Water would be vital for the growth of the town.

- It would be great if the town could keep that nice village feel. (14 dots)

- I would like to see Dunnstown have the capability to expand to a size of up to 1,000 to 2,000 people. To do this I feel that we at least need both water and gas supplied to the area.

- The reason I feel that we need to expand is because to a point I feel that the town is dying to a point that our facilities are not fully utilised.

- I also would like to know what the capabilities area of using self-contained septic systems in the unlikely event of sewerage coming to the town. (12 dots)

- Like to see a village concept where rural and urban can live side by side. (1 dot)

- A rural farming area value adding of farm produce.

- A touch of diversified farming and tourism of farms. (1 dot)

- Railway Station to see community able to access public transport to Ballarat on a day to day use, eg. Getting to work. .

- That the town is 5,000 strong.
CURRENT CONDITIONS
General improvements. Low potential for new facilities and infrastructure.

MODERATE CHANGE
Some potential for new facilities and infrastructure. Example settlement: Gordon

HIGH CHANGE
Good potential for new facilities and infrastructure. Example settlement: Ballan
TOWNSHIP ATTRIBUTES

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN?

- Location.
- History.
- Pub.
- The locals – community spirit.
- Location
- History (Gold, Railway, Wool)
- Quiet, laid back.
- Quiet & friendly.
- A quiet place to live.
- Country, quiet.
- Sports facilities for families.
- Campers at Hunts Bridge.
- Shop & Quiet.
- Post Office.
- Hall.
- Its location on the Highway.
- The Mt. Doran State Forest.
- Its agricultural background.
- The local people.

WHAT DON’T YOU LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN?

- Not a lot of trade.
- No public toilet.
- No signage.
- Public Transport.
- Lack of truck stops.
- Lack of public toilets.
- Lack of Exposure.
- No public toilets.
- No Avenue of Honour.
- No Signage.
- Have no complaints, as people get older perhaps day bus to Ballan for meal and meeting other people.
- Lack of opportunity for young people.
- Not enough speed sign and speed limits.
- Presentation.
- Telstra – Communications.
- Shocking Roads.
- Not enough speed signs.
- The lack of town hub.
- Lack of houses & businesses.
- Very little town hub growth in last 30 years.
WHAT SHOULD CHANGE?

- Provision of truck stops.
- Provision of Public toilets.
- Wind farm!
- Install History Boards (Tourism)
- Open up space between Railway Crossing and General Store.
- Play area.
- Recreation Reserve – Slip Lane.
- Dual Highway.
- Significant signage.
- Move Mechanics Hall to Church area.
- Public Toilets.
- Green Grass with play and rest area.
- Enlarge the service lane.
- Better mobile phone reception – have to move around outside to hear.
- Day trips.
- Toilet Block at Hunts Bridge, very lovely camp ground.
- Telephone reception.
- Water Supply.
- More services to Seniors when needs farm assistance and sickness.
- Bore for water.
- Road blockages by farmers.
- Would like to see more trees in the Main Street.
- More houses & businesses.
- Walking tracks around town streets.
- Train Station from Ballarat to Geelong.
- Public toilets in Main part of town.
- A bore in township.
- A tree-lined entry into town.
- Large Elaine town signs.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KEEP?

- The Pub.
- Service lane is essential.
- The history.
- Pub.
- Recreation Reserve.
- Post Office Shop that it stays is really a good service.
- General Store.
- Produce Store.
- Post Office Store essential.
- New Business?
- Sport Ground & Store.
- Hall Meeting Place.
- The businesses in the town.
- Shop, farm supplies, sports facilities, community hall.
- Sports Ground.
- Shop.
- The General Store.
- Hotel.
- Hall.
- Recreation Reserve.
- Elaine Farm Supplies store.
1. In the future the township will grow at a small, but steady pace, much more than it has in the last 50 years. The proximity close to Ballarat, Buninyong, Geelong and Melbourne will ensure the village become more vibrant.

It will retain its agricultural emphasis, but the township hub will grow as inevitably the population will expand and more people decide to live in the area.

With terrific transport prospects (Midland Highway and Geelong/Ballarat railway line) access has excellent opportunities to expand the town and give people living here easy access to bigger cities with all services.

There will be small businesses and it will be known as a stopping point for travellers along the Highway and Railway Line. (7 votes)

2. 
- Trees lining town. (2 votes)
- Drive in rest area, caravans etc. (4 votes)
- Caravan for coffee stop.
- Signs.

3. 
- Farmers Market
- Introduction of an “Aussie Produce Tasting Centre”.
- Expansion of local General Store.
- Tourism Boards
- Walking trails to encompass “Gold History”.
- Improve entry and exit to make truck access easier and safer. This applies to tourist campers/trailers & vans.
- Heritage facades on the businesses (or “area specific” frontage).
- Encourage the movement of the Mechanics Hall to the Church.
- Widen the Highway opposite shop (Ballarat bound) from Produce Store to Railway line.
- Internet and TV coverage to be improved considerably please. (15 votes)
TOWNSHIP ATTRIBUTES

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT THE TOWN?

- I love the views, the silence, and peace.
- The Community.
- The School.
- The Church.
- The name.
- Country atmosphere.
- Peace and quiet.
- The sense of community.
- Landscape.
- Peace & Quiet.
- The undulating scenery.
- The space – peacefulness.
- Its rural feel.
- Proximity to Ballarat and Western Melbourne.
- “The Plough”.
- Country views and serenity.
- Peaceful.
- Rural Lifestyle.
- Scenery.
- Country feel.
- I like the old heritage look of it and the farming.
- Sense of community (shown through events such as “Music in the Park”)
- The welcome sign (i.e. the pipe-artwork)
- The forests.
- Space.
- Community.
- Age mix.
- Country connection.
- The base of facilities present to build upon.
- Size, quietness.
- The surrounding rural farmland and lack of development.
- Welcoming community and a willingness to get involved.
- The Plough – a successful business we can be proud of.
- The surrounding rural farmland and lack of development.
- Family amenities – Recreation Hall, Reserve, Tennis Courts.
- Access to Bacchus Marsh and Ballan.
What don’t you like about the town?

- No public transport at all.
- Not much for teenagers.
- Internet.
- Too small.
- Lack of facilities & services.
- Poor internet access.
- Lack of public transport.
- Rubbish at Pykes Creek Reservoir.
- The messy/untidy look from the freeway (back of houses) is unsightly.
- Lack of public pathways to outer areas.
- Lack of more formal facilities to keep and build sporting clubs around.
- Landscaping of town centre.
- That Pykes Creek Reservoir is drained and not an adequate supply of water is left for an attraction for the area.
- Very poor internet service.
- It would be nice if the Ballarat/Airport shuttle stopped.
- Lack of sporting Clubs/opportunities.
- Under-utilisation of facilities, i.e. Recreation Reserve.
- Lack of signage for facilities/views.
- Lack of internet.
- The lack of services, lack of internet.
- No footpaths so you can go for a walk.
- No NBN.
- No small General Store/Café.
- Lack of internet access (up Mt Blackwood)!!
- The fact that the Plough menu has not changed in the five years I have lived here!
- Lack of water, i.e. public standpipe.
- Fire Risk.
**WHAT SHOULD CHANGE?**

- Internet.
- Sustainability, planned growth.
- Access to the internet (better access).
- More consistent speed limits (lower when passing residential areas).
- Greater youth and sporting facilities.
- More access to the internet.
- Allow more development, eg. Subdivision and allow the town to grow.
- Biking & Walking Tracks.
- More community events/to get to know each other.
- Biking/Walking tracks (safe, off the road).
- Secondary School.
- General Store – small supermarket.
- Oval for junior sports.
- Maybe a larger population so we can bring in more services like, Secondary Schools, Milk Bar.
- Public transport access.
- Inter-community consultation (possibility of combining with other small towns nearby to run events).
- Bus shelter for school travellers.
- Vision set and built upon.
- Improvement of present facilities.
- Small amount of development.
- Facilities for aged/downsizing.
- Transport options to adjoining towns and Parks.
- A bus a couple of times a day to and from Bacchus Marsh and Ballan.
- Small General Store/Café.
-Telecommunications.
- Ability of others to come and visit/experience without changing it.
- NBN
- Mark Mills Menu!
- Café/coffee shop.
- Some community festival to replace ‘Music in the Park’.

**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KEEP?**

- To be honest I live it just the way it is.
- Rural aspects.
- Size.
- Country & Community feel.
- Everything is nice how it is.
- Avenue with trees.
- Peace & Quiet.
- The old look of the town.
- Community events, community ‘feel’.
- Space (i.e. physical views, tree scape.
- Community Village feel.
- Farming commercial us of land.
- Community involvement.
- Small town (village) feel.
- The rural farm scape up Mt Blackwood and to the North of town.
MYRNIONG 2ND ROUND WORKSHOP – 15 DECEMBER, 2015

VISION

1. A rural community made up primarily of rural farms and large lifestyle properties, surrounding and supporting close (not sprawling) town centre, sustaining a vibrant social and involved community of people who 'look out' for their neighbours, welcome visitors. A Village which provides opportunities to share in the peaceful rural lifestyle and experiences without changing and destroying it. Where extensive services are provided from accessible centres of Bacchus Marsh and Ballan and via high speed internet.  (11 votes)

2. - Myrniong would have access to the public transport network.  (3 votes)
   - It would have retained its rural setting, with an emphasis on the natural beauty already here (i.e. the views).
   - There will exist diversity in the events that are run, working with the surrounding small communities to surge tourism for these times but not permanently.
   - Residential expanse but not an expanse in the facilities but utilisation of already existing ones (of those within Myrniong itself and surrounding communities) and creation where there is lack.

3. My vision would be to see a more picturesque town.
   - Tidy gardens/flower beds.  (1 vote)
   - Walking paths.  (1 vote)
   - Lighting – Street Lighting.
   - A ‘wow’ factor that entices people to visit or move here, i.e. (Statue, nice feature)
   - Community events where people share life/special occasions together.
   - Ballarat shuttlebus pick up/drop off point!
   - Nice cemented edges on side of roads, leading up to paths (more presentable).
   - More trees planted.
   - Gas supply.
   - Better telecommunication service.
   - Picnic area (community meeting place with cover to shade/keep dry in rain).
   - Somewhere to buy milk locally.
   - Botanic Park with flowers etc and sportsfield/tennis court.

4. - To make the town attract more people to come to it and enjoy the scenery and the views.
   - To have enough residents to have our own services like, restaurants, parks, jobs, buses, shops and not need to go elsewhere.
   - The town to keep the old farming look to it.  (2 Votes)
   - To have enough people in it to have sports activities for our kids and to have enough kids in the town to make our own teams.  (1 Vote)
   - To have parks and places for younger people that don’t drive to have somewhere to go close by.  (2 votes)

5. A small township of defined size with a strong connection to its farming heritage and ongoing rural lifestyle. A town well connected to its surrounding hamlets by path and track. The great landscape of lake and hills maintained and enhanced through greater utilisation and access. A community that caters for family and retires alike keeping all within its communities.  (3 votes)
6. The future of Myrniong would be
   - To continue with the village feel and character.  (1 vote)
   - To embrace its heritage and educate locals and visitors alike, including historical drive, walks etc.
   - To be supplied with services by Bacchus Marsh and Ballan as they grow.
   - To have a small regular bus services connected Ballan and Bacchus Marsh to Myrniong.
   - To have NBN available to all.  (6 votes)

7. My vision is to continue strong sense of community.
   - For the town to retain its rural setting with rolling hills.
   - Some form of public transport.
   - More things for teenagers.
   - Internet that works.  (3 votes)

8. A place that has retained its “Village” (small town) and country feel that still provides a safe and inviting place for children to grow up. Which has not been left behind in terms of basic telecommunications necessary for business and education. (3 votes)

9. To preserve the rural setting of the town.  (1 vote)

10. I would like to see Myrniong grow, allow more subdivision.  Allow houses on acreages less than 100acres.

11. Myrniong will remain a country lifestyle/getaway to Melbourne and Ballarat.
CURRENT CONDITIONS
General improvements. Low potential for new facilities and infrastructure.

MODERATE CHANGE
Some potential for new facilities and infrastructure. Example settlement: Gordon

HIGH CHANGE
Good potential for new facilities and infrastructure. Example settlement: Ballan
Wallace Community Consultation Round 2 –
Tuesday 8 December 2015

Vision (Voted in priority)

- Gateway to Ballarat (9)
- Distinctive village feel where growth is managed (2)
- Tourism flourishing around themes of food, wine, heritage (1)
- Connection between Wallace and Bungaree (Walking/bike) (1)
- Alternate affordable, quiet and relaxed country lifestyle
- A small thriving rural township where all people have easy access by foot and by bicycle to all features and facilities.

What will Wallace look like in 25 years?

- Farmers Market/Local Produce
- Community Usage – Hall? Upgraded and utilised by locals.
- Tidy Town – Overgrowth on Naturestrips
CURRENT CONDITIONS
General improvements. Low potential for new facilities and infrastructure.

MODERATE CHANGE
Some potential for new facilities and infrastructure. Example settlement: Gordon

HIGH CHANGE
Good potential for new facilities and infrastructure. Example settlement: Ballan