

Inverleigh Community Plan 2023-2027

About our Town: Inverleigh is a vibrant and connected community with a growing population. Located at the junction of the Leigh and Barwon Rivers, the town has a vast number of natural features that makes it a sought after place to live, work and play. Inverleigh has a strong network of groups and clubs with a range of local facilities that support the community.

Our Community Vision:

The Inverleigh community cares for and respects its natural resources and its heritage, while looking to the future with its planning for development. Inverleigh strives for the perfect combination of community and country character, while retaining a quiet country atmosphere. Inverleigh is a good place to live, work, play and raise a family.

Our Community Coordinators:

Our Community Plan was coordinated by members of the Inverleigh Progress Association Inc. (IPA) including, Mrs Deborah Morrison, Mrs Hilary Hamilton and Mrs Luanne Thornton. Assistance was provided by many members of the Inverleigh community.

Working Together:

The Inverleigh community worked together to contribute to the development of the Community Plan. The IPA was assisted by members of the community and a range of groups in developing the plan and reviewing its content. The community will need to work together to achieve the identified priorities and where necessary the IPA will provide support and guidance to the groups needing assistance to progress their projects.

Start Date: 2023 Finish Date: 2027

Achievements From Our Previous Plan:

- Installed the two Inverleigh town entrances
- Developed a new Play Space at Yerrum Yaluk Bun
- Renewed the old town lock up and river pump shed
- Published a new community phone directory
- Published the monthly Leigh News magazine

How We Developed the Plan:

The Inverleigh community completed an extensive survey in 2021, which enabled the development of the Community Plan. With the results from over 200 residents collated on a variety of local topics we had a fantastic starting point to draft the plan.

A community group workshop with representatives of many local groups was facilitated by the IPA to develop a Community Vision and the action plan list. To collate feedback on the draft Community Plan, it was published on the IPA website, in the Leigh News and on social media, plus members of the IPA spent time in the community gaining further feedback. The final version of plan reflects the contributions made by the community as a whole.

Future Aspirational Projects:

- Development of an Inverleigh Youth Precinct – new Skate Park, Bike Pump Track and Basketball Court
- Leigh River – extension and maintenance of the existing Leigh River walking tracks and upgrades to river access points
- Inverleigh streetscape improvements including trees, drainage, parking, pathways & bollards
- Improve road safety in Inverleigh and surrounds
- Provision of electric car charging points
- Inverleigh Nature Conservation Reserve – preserve and enhance the natural features
- Victoria Park – new building and public amenities including the provision of a public dump point
- Inverleigh Public Hall – undertake improvements to the hall and increase storage capacity
- Lawson’s Park – maintain as an open community space
- Ongoing development of the Sporting Complex

How to get involved:

We welcome anyone who would like help to make these projects a success! Please get in touch with the Inverleigh Progress Association Inc.

Email: leighnews@bigpond.com Website: www.inverleigh.org.au



Inverleigh Key Priority Projects 2023- 2027

Community Social Event

Activities proposed include:

Organise a community social event to include as many residents as possible.

Benefit to community:

Provides an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate Inverleigh. It would be a chance to welcome new residents. It would also provide the opportunity for local Community groups to promote themselves and gain memberships.

Project Partners: IPA, Community Groups, GPSC

SEED funding allocated to this project: TBD

Historic Train Station Restoration

Activities proposed include:

Restoration of the Inverleigh Railway Station.

Benefit to community:

Preserves the historical value of the station. Enhances the visual amenity of the site and adds value to Inverleigh as a town cultural site. Creates an improved visual impression for tourists that alight from the Ghan and other passing passenger trains.

Project Partners: IPA, Historical Society, GPSC

SEED funding allocated to this project: TBD

Town Centre Gazebo

Activities proposed include:

Improve the area around the Town Centre Gazebo to eliminate trip hazard and improve accessibility.

Benefit to community:

Improves accessibility and safety when moving around the site. Increases the visual amenity of the Gazebo and represents a site that the community is proud to have information displayed.

Project Partners: IPA, GPSC

SEED funding allocated to this project: TBD

Community Bike Racks

Activities proposed include:

Provide bike racks that are located strategically around town.

Benefit to community:

Encourage more people to use bicycles around the township and beyond. Good for physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Project Partners: IPA, GPSC

SEED funding allocated to this project: TBD

Community Garden Beds

Activities proposed include:

Upgrade and maintain the community garden beds & work with RSL to enhance landscape around War Memorial.

Benefit to community:

Improve the visual amenity of the various Inverleigh Garden beds and remove the existing OH&S hazards. Improve the accessibility to the War Memorial and ensure that the site is easily maintained.

Project Partners: Community, RSL, IPA, GPSC

SEED funding allocated to this project: TBD

Local History Preservation

Activities proposed include:

Inverleigh Historical Society – raise awareness and preserve history through the installation of visual guides and updated printed material.

Benefit to community:

Improve the knowledge and understanding of Town and District history for locals and visitors.

Project Partners: Historical Society, IPA, GPSC

SEED funding allocated to this project: TBD