

Teesdale Community Plan 2022-2026

About our Town: Teesdale is a rural/residential town, 10km west of Bannockburn and 34km west of Geelong. Teesdale has an estimated population of 2308 living in 758 dwellings (ABS data). There are six reserves in and around the town, including Turtle Bend where concerts and community events are held.

Our Community Vision:

To retain the country feel of a low population density rural town, maintaining the bush feel with native indigenous flora and fauna.

Our Community Coordinators:

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| Beth Glover | Bianca Jarvis |
| Darren Laidlaw | David Bruce |
| Kerry Dalziel | Lana Epshteyn |
| Mayan Rowling | Michelle Hondow |
| Sophie Graham | |

Working Together:

We will utilise the talents and connection of the committee members to achieve the plan.

Start Date: Sept. 2022 **Finish Date:** Sept 2026

Achievements From Our Previous Plan:

A Half court for basket and netball at Turtle Bend Reserve and new public toilets.
A public notice board at the school and shop car parks
Local community events.



How We Developed the Plan:

To develop the Community Plan, ideas were solicited via an on-line and printed survey sent to Teesdale residents and through Facebook, the local newsletter (Leigh News) and made available at the Teesdale post office. Emails were also sent to contacts from groups/associations within the community. The survey was available from 24/6/22 until 1/8/22. **65 responses** were received with **131 different ideas**.

A public meeting ensued regarding the survey; this was advertised on posters displayed around the town. The meeting was held on 11/8/22. Twelve people attended. The ideas from the survey were discussed and further ideas added, before being voted on to establish a priority.

How to get involved:

We welcome anyone who would like to help make these projects a success! Please get in touch with (David dbruce5@yahoo.com.au)

Teesdale Key Priority Projects 2022- 2026

Upgrade Don Wallace recreation reserve facilities.

Benefit to the community:

Current facilities are substandard to Cricket Australia, AFL and Tennis Australia guidelines.

Activities proposed include:

Work with Sport and Rec. committee to refine and implement upgrade plan.

Project Partners:

Don Wallace Sport and recreation committee

SEED funding allocated to this project:

\$6000

Creation of bike/walking track to Bannockburn

Benefit to community:

To provide safe non-automotive access to Bannockburn shops, facilities and schools for recreational and transportation purposes.

Activities proposed include:

Advocate with council for a multi purpose track on the road reserve between Bannockburn and Teesdale.

Project Partners:

Bannockburn community coordinators.

SEED funding allocated to this project:

none

Upgrade the notice board at the store

Benefit to community:

Clear and up to date postings to facilitate communication within the community.

Activities proposed include:

Provide a lockable notice board with a box for submissions. The board should be easier to maintain with fold out instead of sliding windows.

Project Partners:

Teesdale General Store.

SEED funding allocated to this project:

\$1500

Revise speed limits through town

Benefit to community:

Improve Pedestrian safety.

Activities proposed include:

Advocate with Vic Roads to extend the 60kph zone and extending the 40kph school zone past the shop.

Project Partners:

Council and local Member of parliament.

SEED funding allocated to this project:

None

Pedestrian crossing at the store

Benefit to community:

Improve Pedestrian safety at the store.

Activities proposed include:

Advocate Vic Roads to install a pedestrian crossing between the store and car park.

Project Partners:

Council and local Member of parliament.

SEED funding allocated to this project:

None

No more subdivisions

Benefit to community:

Avoid the additional facilities required by higher population density losing the country town feel.

Activities proposed include:

Advocate with council to limit subdivisions

Project Partners:

Council

SEED funding allocated to this project:

None