

Shelford Community Plan Snapshot 2022-2026

Shelford is a township set in the southeast of the Golden Plains Shire, and 106km west of Melbourne. Shelford's residents are few, yet they have a great sense of the history of the district and are involved in the Community. They have a sense of belonging and actively participate in the day-to-day life of Shelford.

Our Community Vision:

All residents feel important, included and come together to create a collaborative village.



Start Date: June 2022 Finish Date: June 2026

Projects completed or activated:

- Defibrillator has been moved outside, maintained and first aid training for the use the machine is being organised.
- Duck race continues to be a pre-eminent event for Shelford and the Shire
- River quality monitoring training being undertaken.
- Partnering with Landcare to bring in a contractor to eradicate weeds.

Our Community Coordinators:

The Shelford Progress Association Inc (SPA) act as Community Coordinators to facilitate the Community Planning process. They would like to acknowledge the families, individuals and community groups of Shelford for their participation and enthusiasm.

How We Developed the Plan:

Following the review of the previous planning process we determined to ensure there was more communications with the community, engaging more volunteers to help with the plan and it's implementation and ensure the plan covered the longer term aspirations of Shelford.

The SPA supported the planning phase of the community planning process including:

- Developing a survey
- Planning and funding the community forum event.
- Distributing the survey via hard copy and online means, and
- Ensuring hard-to-reach residents all had access to the survey and the community forum.

In total, 182 ideas were put forward by 263 residents. This represents 15.2% of Shelford's population or 52% of families¹. In the community forum, everyone worked together to discuss the validity of ideas in the context of the needs of the whole community and voted on priorities.

We will work collaboratively to achieve our collective goals.

This community plan has been developed by our community, for our community with support and assistance from Non-Profit Training and Golden Plains Shire Council Officers.

Shelford Key Priority Projects 2022-2026

Rejuvenating our Halls

Activities proposed include:

Resolving the current building issues, repair, restore, renovate, and reopen for multipurpose use including meetings and events.

Benefit to community:

The space that would be suitable for hire to external users for private functions and external activities that benefit residents while also generating revenue. A place to display a local honour board and pictorial displays that reflect and acknowledge our community's past. With a history of local flooding and fire, a facility for our community to provide a space that has a functional kitchen space, toilets, heating and cooling for emergency service personal and displaced.

Project Partners:

Hall Committee, DEECA, GPSC

A playful place

Activities proposed include:

Relocate, makes safe, improve the playground so it cater sfor all ages through risk based play

Benefit to community:

Children in Shelford don't have an engaging outdoor play space and our aim is to provide this for the benefit of both children and adults. Investment in the relocation and upgrade of Shelford's play space and equipment will provide residents and visitors with meaningful opportunities to connect as a community socially and physically, through play, in an attractive natural setting.

Project Partners:

Recreation Reserve CoM, DEECA, Cricket Club, GPSC, community

Advocating for safe roads

Activities proposed include:

Create and implement an advocacy plan to seal the roads in town, improve gravel roads, fix potholes, improve drainage, (especially from the Manse estate and the main road), address dangerous gully east of town, and introduce safer speed limits through town.

Benefit to community:

A well designed and maintained roads network in and around town will help keep residents and visitors safe, while creating a more attractive and welcoming environment.

Project Partners:

VicRoads, GPSC

Maintaining life on our River and Common

Activities proposed include:

Maintaining a walking track along the river and the common from the swimming hole to North Street. Make improvements on the common: picnic tables, seating, bubblers, dog poo bags, barbecues, shade areas, sculptures and gym equipment.

Benefit to community:

Our river and common are great public spaces – they connect our community through events and casual recreation, bonding people over shared experiences. We are proud of these spaces and the joy they bring.

Project Partners:

DECCA, community groups, other funders, Landcare

Developing the Cricket Club as a facility for all

Activities proposed include:

Improve the Cricket Club rooms to include male and female change rooms, expanded seating and a full kitchen.

Benefit to community:

As the only sporting body in Shelford, updated facilities would expand the sports/activities on offer to cater for all genders, ages, and interests, and provide a safe, secure environment to meet modern standards. We aim to grow the club, provide a bigger social hub and fitness outlet, and generate more revenue to feed back into this key cultural asset.

Project Partners:

Cricket Club, Recreation Reserve CoM, DEECA, GPSC, Victorian Government, Federal Government

Renew the loo

Activities proposed include:

Refurbishing the public toilets including adding a path from the car park

Benefit to community:

A public toilet provides private space within a larger public place that supports physical and mental health and hygiene. People use toilets to administer essential medication, care for young children, support others to use the facilities, find a quiet place to rest, breastfeed infants, access drinking water, to wash hands and attend to personal hygiene.

Project Partners:

Recreation Reserve CoM, DEECA, GPSC

We welcome anyone who would like help to make these projects a success! Please get in touch with (Name and email/telephone number)