



# Cape Clear, Illabarook and Rokewood Junction Community Plan Snapshot 2023-2027

## About our Towns:

Our three towns of Cape Clear, Illabarook and Rokewood Junction are experiencing an exciting era. In the last Census data taken in 2021, the three towns had a combined total population of 223 people, currently we have people building new homes and people moving into the area into existing houses also. With the local school, recently having major renovations and upgrades completed, seeing the uptake of new families into the area. With people venturing out and making social connections, it's great to be able to offer new opportunities for all residents with a large range of interests.

## Our Community Vision

As the Cape Clear, Illabarook and Rokewood Junction Community Coordinators we strive for opportunities for the community to get involved and connected for health and wellbeing whilst building community capacity.

## Our Community Coordinators

The Community Coordinators talked with the community to identify projects important to the towns based on the energy the different members of the community had to contribute. They thank the communities for their thoughts and aspirations for towns' futures.

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## Start Date:

May 2023

## Finish Date:

June 2027

## Achievements From Our Previous Plan:

- Refurbishment of the lighthouse
- Historical Signage and tourist map in Lions Park
- Winter Solstice Bonfire Night and Bush dance continue to grow
- Tai Chi classes ongoing and well supported



## Our Community Planning process

Preparation to develop the plan commenced in May 2023 with eleven Community Coordinators coming forward to lead the process on behalf of the community.

## Working Together

As Community Coordinators and for those who have shown interest in the implementation of the plan, we will undertake to learn more about those in our community who want to contribute to the implementation of projects as our plan is rolled out and reach out to residents and our hard-working established groups as we go.

This is a plan for all who live and work in Cape Clear, Illabarook and Rokewood Junction.

*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.*



# Cape Clear, Illabarook and Rokewood Junction Priority Projects 2023-2027

## Defibrillator (AED) machine access

*Activities proposed include:*

Work with the Cape Clear Primary School to move the AED to an external wall so it can be accessed when required as well as training for community members on its use.

*Benefit to community:*

As a critical community asset, knowing that a working defib machine is accessible and ready to use creates peace of mind for our residents who do not have a doctor or hospital close by. It reduces the need for multiple phone calls to activate the CFA truck and access the School after hours.

*Project Partners:*

Cape Clear School, funder

## Help a Neighbour Project

*Activities proposed include:*

History sheet, Welcome Pack, Food collecting, Lift to Town, Sharing firewood, Who Needs - Who Helps, Newsletter, Notification of hot and cold extreme weather days, Community Phone Tree, CFA Phone Tree

*Benefit to community:*

Living out of in the country creates difficulties for the elderly or people with needs. This project we hope will allow people to stay longer in their local community. It will create benefits for the whole community.

*Project Partners:*

Residents, project coordinators

## Environmental locations advocacy - Roadsides and Happy Valley Crossing

*Activities proposed include:*

Advocacy with Parks and Council to “clean it up” and make it clear of weeds and hazards. Permanent fireplaces for safer campfires at the Crossing. All making it safer for visitors and campers. Community working bees to assist is what our community said it would like to do for the Crossing and the Cape Clear Cemetery.

*Benefit to community:*

The area will be cleaner and safer as a destination to visit and stay which will enhance visitor numbers to the area. We would love visitors to see how great our local environment is and make it a destination.

*Project Partners:*

Council, Parks and Residents

## Social events

*Activities proposed include:*

Solstice Bonfire, Bush Dance, Yacht Race, Thursday Coffee Days, Heat Health days, Hot and Cold Relief days Car Boot Sale, Tai Chi

*Benefit to community:*

Improved community connections with mental health benefits and friendships, social gathering in a safe family environment. Our events attract many visitors to the area boosting social and economic activity

*Project Partners:*

Residents and visitors

## RV and Camping facilities

*Activities proposed include:*

Toilet and shower block, water and powered sites, BBQ facilities, Local trails and sightseeing brochures

*Benefit to community:*

It will attract visitors to the area boosting economic activity. We get to share our environmental and historical assets with visitors

*Project Partners:*

Residents, DECCAA, Campers and Tourists

## Community garden

*Activities proposed include:*

Hire garden plots near Recreation Reserve with community plots Free to pick community garden at Lions Park, Liaise with School, Food swap for excess near Lions Park, Specific interest workshops, Tool training, helping others with their personal gardens

*Benefit to community:*

Community connections and social Interactions in a productive and fun environment. Fresh produce available for whole community at swap.

*Project Partners:*

Council, Residents, Gardeners, DEECA

*We welcome anyone who would like to help to make these projects a success!  
Please get in touch with any of the Community Coordinators*

