



Meredith Community Plan 2024-2027

About our Town

Meredith is in the North-east of the Golden Plains Shire and has an estimated population of 821 residents and 235 families (ABS, 2021). Meredith is situated along the Midland Highway, making it accessible by road from Geelong and Ballarat. Meredith represents a blend of historical significance, community spirit, and rural tranquility, making it a unique and charming destination within Golden Plains Shire.

Our Community Vision

Our vision for the Meredith is:
“A vibrant, safe and connected community.”

Start Date: September 2023

Finish Date: June 2024

Achievements From Our Previous Plan:

- Opportunities for young people - new skate park.
- Activities and events to bring the community together.
- Maintenance and upgrading of parks, creeks, and walking paths.

Our Community Planning Process

Preparation and plan development commenced in September 2023. Initially there were three Community Coordinators leading the process on behalf of the community. These Community Coordinators discussed improvement opportunities, ideas, and initiatives that might benefit the Meredith community over the next four years. The Meredith Community was asked for ideas and projects via an online survey shared via Facebook and communications networks. The draft Plan was then prepared and shared with the community for comment before being finalised.

Our Community Coordinators

Bridget Dyer, Cheryl Gilbert, Madeline (Maddi) McColl, and Lucy Banks. With input from Angela Brown and Nich Brown.

The Community Coordinators thank the community for sharing thoughts and aspirations for the future of Meredith.

“This is a plan for everyone who lives, works, plays and has a connection to Meredith.”

Working Together

Community Coordinators will continue to liaise with interested community members as we move into the implementation phase of the community planning process. We will attempt to identify and connect with individuals and community groups who would like to contribute towards the successful implementation of the priority projects over the next four years.



Meredith Key Priority Projects 2024-2027

Improve recreational spaces and amenities in Meredith

Activities proposed include:

Install a gate on Wilson Street between the fences. Provide shade over the picnic table, and a BBQ with shelter or a shaded area with BBQ.

Benefit to community:

Improve community and child safety and increase access to family-friendly amenities.

Project Partners:

Council, local MPs, recreation space user groups, community groups, community, and contractors.

Seed funding: \$2,500

Establish a community market in Meredith

Activities proposed include:

Organise a community market or farmers market where people can sell any products, held quarterly or at the start of each weather season. May involve a BBQ fundraiser, animal farm, moon fairy, stalls (food, produce, craft), school or kinder bake sale, and community BBQ. Co-ordinate with a community event to encourage attendance.

Benefit to community:

Bring the community together, increase community connectedness, and raise funds for local worthy causes.

Project Partners:

Council, local MPs, community groups, schools, stall holders, community garden, and contractors.

Seed funding: \$2,000

Install welcome to Meredith signage

Activities proposed include:

Install large and small signage, artwork, or art installations at both ends of the town. May involve a localised theme such as a ram or a design competition.

Benefit to community:

Creates a formal and welcoming entry to Meredith.

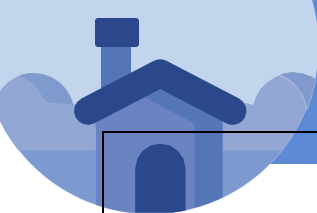
Project Partners:

Council, local MPs, Meredith Historical Interest Group, community groups (such as Advance Meredith Association), schools, and contractors.

Seed funding: \$1,000

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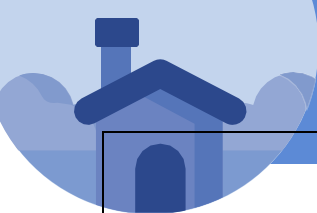




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<p>Develop a local program of community activities and events</p> <p>Activities proposed include: Arrange community activities and events for primary school students through to senior citizens. May involve a low-cost camp, inter-generational holiday program activity, tennis camp, walking group, cooking skills, bee keeping skills, and/or establishing a Women’s Shed. Volunteers may also share skills or teach others.</p> <p>Benefit to community: Improve community wellbeing and connections and provide access to a variety of activities, including affordable activities, locally.</p> <p>Project Partners: Council, local MPs, community groups (such as Advance Meredith Association, CFA, YMCA, Senior Citizens Groups), schools and school holiday program providers, community garden, and contractors.</p> <p>Seed funding: \$4,000</p>	<p>Advocacy - Access to medical centres and services in Meredith</p> <p>Activities proposed include: Advocacy to Council and local MPs and engaging the community.</p> <p>Benefit to community: Having access to general practitioners, mental health and wellbeing services, and allied health services, on a permanent, visiting, or pop-up basis.</p> <p>Project Partners: Council, local MPs, investors, medical providers, community groups, and the community.</p> <p>Seed funding: \$Nil</p>	<p>Advocacy - Road conditions and road safety in Meredith</p> <p>Activities proposed include: Advocacy to VicRoads and Regional Roads Victoria via Council and local MPs and engaging the community.</p> <p>Benefit to community: Improve current road conditions, decrease potholes, and improve line marking.</p> <p>Project Partners: Council, local MPs, VicRoads, community groups, and the community.</p> <p>Seed funding: \$Nil</p>
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<p>Advocacy - Transport services in and around Meredith</p> <p>Activities proposed include: Advocacy for train access to Geelong and Ballarat, more frequent buses into and out of Meredith. Community bus or minibus service like a shuttle bus running from Bannockburn to Meredith, Buninyong to Meredith and return.</p> <p>Benefit to community: Increased access to public and general transport services in and around Meredith. Reduced reliance on use of private vehicles.</p> <p>Project Partners: Council, local MPs, VicTrack, local commercial transport services, and community.</p> <p>Seed funding: \$Nil</p>	<p>Advocacy - Food, retail, and dining options in Meredith</p> <p>Activities proposed include: Advocacy for fast-tracking the establishment of a supermarket (such as IGA or Foodworks), specialty shops, and a café.</p> <p>Benefit to community: Increased access to local fresh food offerings, retail, and dining options.</p> <p>Project Partners: Council, local MPs, investors, traders, shop owners, and community.</p> <p>Seed funding: \$Nil</p>	<p>Advocacy - Safer pedestrian movements in Meredith</p> <p>Activities proposed include: Advocacy to retain the supervised school crossing and install a new pedestrian crossing (with flashing lights) between the post office and pub. Reduce traffic speed in targeted areas to increase pedestrian safety. Install a speed hump with give way to pedestrian signage at the crossing near the store and roadhouse.</p> <p>Benefit to community: Improve community and child safety.</p> <p>Project Partners: Council, local MPs, VicRoads, and community.</p> <p>Seed funding: \$Nil</p>
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