



# Garibaldi 2021 – 2024 Community Plan

## What is Community Planning?

Local people are the experts when it comes to local communities and that is why community planning works so well. Community planning is a grass-roots approach to shaping the future of our community.

- Community Planning is a process that brings people together to consider issues and take action to improve their community.
- Community members develop a plan that outlines projects they will undertake to make their town a better place to live.

Golden Plains Shire Council supports Community Planning by providing a professional facilitator to assist communities through the process, as well as providing seed funding to help implement the projects in the plan.

Currently there are 23 plans community plans across 31 communities working to make their townships an even better place to live through community planning. To learn more about community planning visit

<https://www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/residents/my-community/community-services/community-planning>

## Volunteer Community Coordinators

Local residents known as Volunteer Community Coordinators volunteer their time to coordinate the development and implementation of the Garibaldi community plan for our community.

Community Coordinators work with local residents, groups and others who are passionate about a particular project in the community plan and they work together to action it.

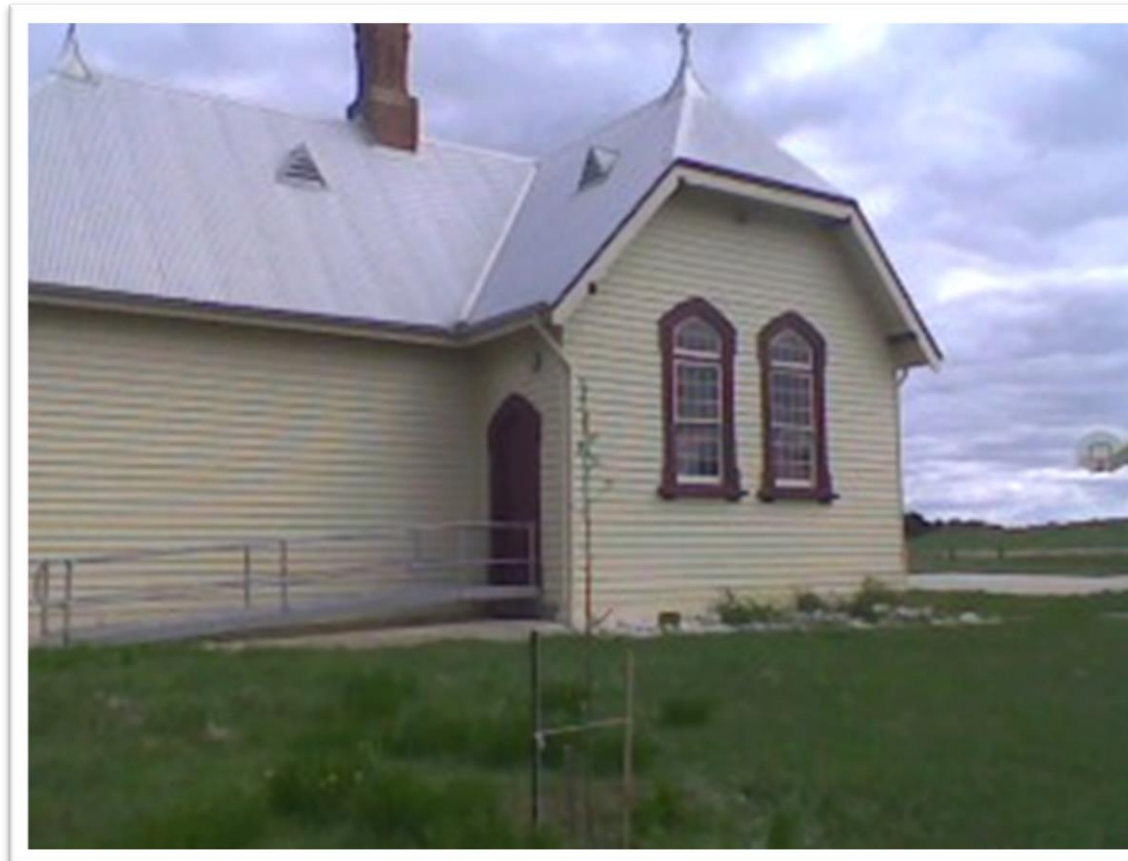
- *Are you interesting in working with us to achieve our community plan outcomes?*
- *Would you like to volunteer for any of the projects in our plan, or become a volunteer community coordinator? We would love to hear from you.*
- *Contact Miranda for further information.*

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**Date our plan was adopted in February 2021**

**Plan start date: 2021**

**Plan finish date: 2024**



*“We couldn’t be prouder of Golden Plains Shire Community Coordinators, and everyone involved in community planning – they go above and beyond for their communities and they’re a big reason why Golden Plains is such a great place to live and visit” Cr Owen Sharkey, Mayor*

## How was this Plan developed?

As we started our journey of developing a new community plan in 2019, we were able to consult with local residents to get ideas for our 2021 – 2024 Garibaldi community plan.

We did this by way of a survey and having a discussion table at our 2019 community Christmas party. We also gathered feedback on issues that are important to them and we talked about possible projects.

There were also other informal opportunities at community gatherings to obtain input on our community plan.

**2020 Covid restrictions:** due to Covid-19, it was not possible to hold a community forum to finalise our community plan. During this time however we made contact via email. We provided information about the plan and asked for community members to endorse the community plan.

During this process and through consultations with Golden Plains Shire we also decided that Garibaldi and Grenville would move to having their own community plans rather than a combination plan.

## Summary of previous achievements

Our achievements from our previous plan:

- We were able to support the refurbishment/improvements of the Garibaldi Hall: External painting, chimney repair, second water tank, weed spraying, path upkeep, tree planning, picnic tables, lighting improvements, kitchen equipment and floor sealing. *This enabled us to further enhance its suitability as a place where our residents want to come together. We utilised the hall as a focal point for programs, events, and projects.*
- We held virtual social connection sessions during covid lockdown periods.
- We held exercise programs: Cross Training, Tai Chi and Pilates.
- Artistic programs: Card making, oil painting and cooking classes.
- Educational programs: Wine appreciation and Spanish culture programs.
- Social Programs were held on last Friday of the month: Happy hours, Pizza and Trivia, Card & Curry, Christmas in July, and an end of Year Community Christmas Night.

# Garibaldi 2021 – 2024 Community Plan Key Projects

## Community Connectedness

### Project Objective:

Our aim is to support activities that help bring our wonderful community together. Creating opportunities to ensure our more isolated community members are able to be active in community events.

### Support for community events:

**Social gatherings:** 'Christmas in July' and our Annual Christmas BBQ  
(Allocated of funds: \$500)

### Come and Try Nights:

Come together and have fun sharing our skills and trying out new ideas, through classes such as bread-making, art classes, coffee making or whatever we choose.  
(Allocated of funds: \$1,250)

### Open Hall Book Exchange:

Creation of a book exchange located in the back-storage room of the Hall. The book exchange will be open 7 days a week, accessible to all communities' members and all ages.  
(Allocation of funds: \$500)

### Upkeep of the Community noticeboard.

Keeping our community connected via the upkeep of community information and promotion of events.  
(Allocation of funds \$150)

### Development of a quarterly hard copy newsletter

Communication and promotion of activities, local resources, ideas and keeping community connected.  
(Allocation of funds \$500)

### Information gathering

Seek information on local volunteer community groups e.g. The Rokewood community bus.

### Benefit to community

These activities aim to keep our community connected with each other, with the hope that this supports a sense of belonging and people lending each other a hand. *Knowing our neighbours is particularly important in a place like Garibaldi given the fire risk we face.*

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2900**

## Support for Garibaldi Hall Upkeep

### Project Objective:

Garibaldi Hall is an important community hub for our community; *however, it is also old and in need of constant maintenance.*

While volunteers are available to help maintain the hall, a small fund is needed to cover day to day costs related to materials needed for the maintenance of the hall and to ensure it does not fall into disrepair.

### Activities to be considered for inclusion and funding within plan:

- A small fund to cover the costs of materials required to keep the hall clean, safe and in working order.

### Benefit to community

The hall is our community hub, by keeping the hall in good working order and attractive place for community groups to meet, we will strengthen its role as a much valued and loved community asset.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$4,000**

## History and Heritage

### Project Outline:

Garibaldi area has a rich history that the community are proud of and we would like to continue to celebrate and promote our history and heritage.

### Activities:

- Support for new/improved historical signs and markers.
- Capturing of our history.

### Benefit to community

It is important to know where we come from. If we are not careful, we will lose a lot of our stories and living knowledge. This project seeks capture our history, ancestry and invites people into the area through story and lived history.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$250**

*Disclaimer: If major changes to the Community Plan projects need to be made within the life of the plan, Coordinators will conduct public process before making these changes.*

## Advocacy

### Project Objective:

There are several bigger picture issues that our community would like to advocate on and influence. These are long term projects that the community will support through engagement of different external stakeholders.

- Road improvements and safety.
- Mobile phone black spots.
- Improvement of facilities at Garibaldi Hall.
- Connection with Shire and/or DELWP to see if there are any funds or collaboration available to support local environmental initiatives.

### Benefit to community

Working together to address complex issues will help enhance our community resilience and help promote self-reliance in terms of having a better understanding how to affect decision-making at different levels of government.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: NIL**

## Environment

### Project Outline:

We love the environment we live in and will work to mobilise our community around key environmental issues through small projects.

- Repainting of our local bus stops.
- Small scale clean-up events.

### Benefit to community

By connecting people to our local environment, we hope people will take greater ownership and become more active in the beautification and management of our community.

- Protecting wildlife, their habitat and local flora is important, as is fire protection through cleaning up rubbish.

This project will help create beautiful places for people to enjoy.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$350**