

Barunah Park 2021 – 2024 Community Plan

What is Community Planning

Community Planning is a process where community members come together and take action to improve their community.

Community members develop a community plan that outlines projects they will undertake to make their town a better place to live.

- Council supports the community planning program by providing an external professional facilitator who assists communities in the development of their plan.
- Council also provides seed funding to assist with the delivery of the community plan.

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, volunteered their time to coordinate the development and implementation of their community plan with the Barunah Park community.

- Are you interested in volunteering with us to achieve our community plan?
- Would you like to volunteer for one or more of our projects?

To learn more, contact our local Volunteer Community Coordinators:

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Barunah Park Community Planning Schedule

Year the Community Plan was adopted 2021

Year the Community Plan starts 2021

Year the Community Plan finishes 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

How was our plan developed

Due to Covid-19 in 2020 it was not possible to hold a community forum where we would normally develop our community plan.

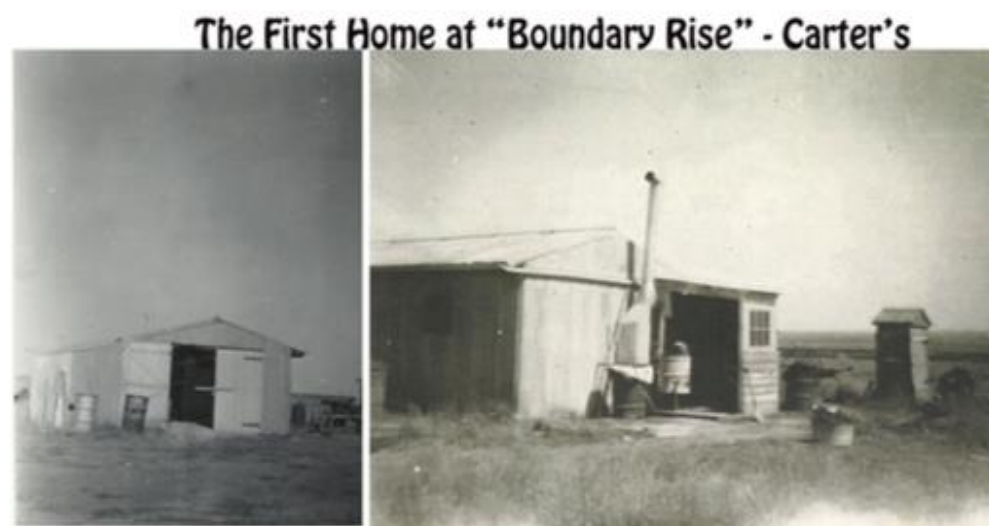
A variety of engagement methods were however undertaken to consult with our community members.

- The community worked together virtually, talking about project ideas, activities, and things they wanted to advocate for as a community.
- Residents also completed a survey sent out by the Council as a way for our community to provide feedback.
- These discussions enabled us to formalise our community plan.

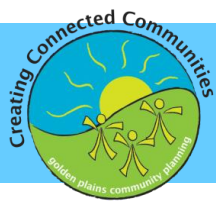
Summary of previous achievements

Work undertaken in our previous community plan allowed us to commence work on a replica Soldier Settlement Hut.

- The Settlement Hut allows our community to celebrate the history of so many families in the area.
- At this stage, we are well advanced with the project and we will be continuing our work on the Settlement Hut project as a key project in our 2021 - 2024 community plan.
- Our previous community plan also supported us to bring our community together through events held at the hall. This created opportunities for our community to share time together.



The “Hut” & surrounds home from Feb 1951 - 1953



Barunah Park 2021-2024 Community Plan Key Projects

Connecting our Community

Project Outline:

We will work to increase opportunities for Barunah Park community members to come together, meet and enjoy activities in each other's company. This will involve supporting an annual Community Celebration along with other events organised by our community.

- We will look to improve the Barunah Park Hall as a welcoming place. This will include improvements to the hall acoustics, which are currently very poor.
- Volunteer working bees, with a BBQ lunch provided.

Benefit to community

These activities will help bring people together and further strengthen our community resilience.

By identifying projects where different parts of our community can pitch in, we hope to break down isolation, and ensure all Barunah Park people feel connected to our community.

Seed funding allocated to this project: \$2,000

History and Heritage

Project Outline

We will continue to build and deepen awareness of our local area history and heritage by completing a replica Soldier Settlement Hut.

- We will work together to finish the replica Soldier Settlement hut through volunteer working bees.
- We will work together to achieve different aspects of the soldier settlement experience.
- We will identify ways that encourage community members to support our efforts in progressing the Soldier Settlement project.

Benefit to community

The project will support our community to both acknowledge and celebrate Barunah Post World War II history through the Soldier Settlement program.

This project is a way for us to tell stories about our history, the project will be used as a centre piece for bringing our community together.

Seed funding allocated to this project: \$ 4,500



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 projects

Project Outline:

We will work together to address bigger picture issues of concern with our community and raise these with the appropriate authority.

Issues of importance to Barunah Park residents include:

- **Mobile Internet Access:** advocate for better reception so that the community can be better connected and have the same opportunities as those available to other surrounding areas.
- **Roads:** work together as a community to ensure that Council hears 'one voice' regarding the state of roads in our area. A priority is to ensure roads have regular maintenance to ensure our safety.
- **Identify Issues:** we will work together to identify issues of importance to Barunah Park residents and put pressure on authorities to ensure we get the services and support that we deserve.
- **Connect with Council and/or DELWP:** to advocate for funds to support local environmental initiatives.

Benefit to community

If we make progress in addressing long standing issues faced by our community, we believe that we will encourage people to become more active in projects occurring around our community.

Seed funding allocated to this project: Nil.

(External funding will be sought for projects if/when required.)

Environment

Project Outline

The Barunah Park hall area is barren and prone area for weed infestation.

- We will work to rehabilitate the area as well as continue to mobilise the community around key environmental issues.
- Through small projects, as well as larger projects we will seek support from the Shire or DELWP to address priority environmental issues in our area.

Benefit to community

The hall is an important community asset. Efforts to beautify the area will enhance its appeal, and hopefully contribute to it being used more frequently.

Seed funding allocated to this project: \$1,000