



# Batesford Community Plan 2017 -2020

## 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.

Golden Plains Shire Council supports Community Planning by providing a professional facilitator who assists communities, as well as grants to help implement the projects in the community plan.

Currently 22 communities across the Shire are helping make their towns a great place to live through community planning. To learn more about community planning visit the [goldenplains.vic.gov.au](http://goldenplains.vic.gov.au).

## Community Coordinators

Local residents known as Community Coordinators, volunteer their time to coordinate the development and implementation of a community plan. The following community members are Community Coordinators for this Batesford Community Plan.

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Please contact your Coordinators for more information about this plan or for the date of upcoming meetings that you are welcome to attend.

**Date plan was adopted**

June 2017

**Plan start date**

June 2017

**Plan finish date**

June 2020



## Celebrating Batesford



*"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 Des Phelan, Mayor**



## How was this Plan developed?

Preparation to develop this community plan commenced in March 2017. The Batesford community were asked for ideas and projects via a survey distributed to each resident.

A public forum was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April at which those present voted to establish the top priorities for the Plan. From this process the following Projects were established as the priorities for the Batesford Community Plan 2017 – 2020.

# 2017-2020 Community Plan Key Projects

## 1. Park with Playspace area

Park with a playspace area which may include such things as:

- Picnic and Barbecue facilities
- Rotunda
- Up to date equipment
- A safe community space with an enclosed area
- Bike park

**SEED Funding allocated \$3000**

## 2. Natural assets, open spaces & heritage

- Promotion of natural assets
- Support of local heritage with Batesford's history highlighted
- Ensure future developments meet the needs of the community regarding open space allocations, designs and developments

**SEED Funding allocated \$1500**

## 3. Community Events

More Batesford Community events to increase community involvement and connectedness.

Include youth specific events to bring young people together.

**SEED Funding allocated \$3000**



## 4. Street lighting

Explore the possibility of more street lighting in keeping with current heritage style lighting.

## 5. Road safety

Address road safety concerns by advocating for such things as:

- Speed limit changes to 60km/h throughout Batesford town
- Safe pedestrian crossing for school children

## 6. River access developed

River access developed including playspaces from railway line to Fyansford

## 7. Paths and trails

Connecting paths and trails for walking and cycling to make it easier to exercise and to use for safe active transport.

Including:

- Footpath from Batesford to Ballan Road
- Median strips and safe zones for pedestrians and cyclists that need to cross the road



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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