



# Cape Clear, Illabarook and Rokewood Junction Community Plan

## What is Community Planning?

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 grants to help implement projects in the plan.

Currently 22 communities across the Shire are working to make their townships even better places 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>

## Community Coordinators

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

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**Date plan was adopted**  
**December 2019**

**Plan start date**  
**January 2020**

**Plan finish date**  
**January 2023**



*"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?

Initial efforts to develop this community plan started in August 2019 when the Cape Clear, Illabarook and Rokewood Junction communities were asked for ideas and projects via a survey. On 9<sup>th</sup> November, a public meeting was held at the Cape Clear Hall to discuss and progress ideas gathered through the survey. This allowed over 20 Cape Clear residents (women, men and children) to contribute to development of this community plan. The plan was then refined at a meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> with some of the Community Coordinators and distributed via email to the public meeting attendees.

## Summary of previous achievements

Many residents and local partners have worked together to implement past Community Plans. Together they achieved a lot including:

- Starting up a walking group
- Men's Health education
- Tai Chi classes
- Band sessions at Illabarook
- Cape Clear Yacht Race
- Bore dug at Cape Clear Hall
- Winter Solstice community celebration
- Supported disabled access at Cape Clear and Illabarook Halls
- Support to Historical Society

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



# 2020-2023 Community Plan Key Projects

## Community Connectedness

### Project Outline:

To support activities that bring the community together including opportunities for more isolated community members. This project takes into consideration the needs of Illabarook and Rokewood Junction residents as well as Cape Clear.

*Activities to be considered for inclusion and funding within plan*

- Support to community events
  - **Winter solstice** \$500
  - **Community Activity Nights** – both bigger ‘louder’ nights as well as options for quieter events that suit people simply seeking company or an opportunity to spend time with people – including purchase of a popcorn machine and/or coffee machine \$1200
  - **An annual movie night** – maybe at cosier Illabrook Hall
- **Community noticeboard** to promote events (past funding)
- **Revamp Lions Park** – painting boat, rotunda, tables and seats, including fixing seats \$1000, seek extra funding.

*Ideas for advocacy*

- Seek support for ‘community meals’ funding, with focus on supporting housebound to get out of their homes on a regular basis
- Support for further develop of community halls
- Seek information on local volunteer community groups eg. The Rokewood community bus.

Benefit to community – To get a better idea of who lives in the community eg who is isolated and needs support - these events can act as a needs analysis of the community as well as fundraising for the future. Quietly creating a sense of inclusion and a way to share local news including fire safety information.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2700**

## Health and Wellbeing

### Project Outline:

To support the community to exercise, be healthy and enjoy the local environment. Many activities already occur but not all of these are well known by the broader community – which keeps participation down. We will better promote these activities with the aim of them becoming more financially sustainable, and also contribute to community connectedness.

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

- Tai Chi \$1300
- Support to reestablishment of cricket club (or at least allowing kids to do cricket training in local area) \$1000, seeking additional funding
- Better use local media to promote activities

*Ideas for advocacy*

- Seek funding through VicHealth for local recreation activities
- Regular visit of a Community Nurse from Hesse Health to Cape Clear
- First Aid training (possibly through GP Shire)

Benefit to community – Having truly local sporting activities is important because it involves young people and old in healthy, accessible lifestyles. It develops connection between community members as well as those from other nearby centres.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2300**



## History and Heritage

### Project Outline:

The area has a rich history (the Cape Clear Post Office is 150 years old) that the community would like to better celebrate and promote.

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

- Support for new/improved historical signs and markers-\$300
- Coordinate with school in relation to ANZAC and Remembrance Day’s celebration-\$200
- Display Evening for Historic Society -\$500

*Ideas for advocacy*

- See if there is support available to undertake the ANZAC Day activity, including transport for school children to memorial site

Benefit to community – It’s important to know where we come from. If we are not careful we will lose a lot of the stories and living knowledge. This project area fills an internet gap about ancestry and invites people in to the area through story and lived history.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1000**

## Big Picture Advocacy

### Project Outline:

There are several bigger picture issues that the community would like to advocate around. These will be long term projects that the community will support with various external stakeholders.

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

- Road improvements
- Public liability insurance to help allow for bigger events to occur
- Hard rubbish collection
- Funds to paint Illabarook Hall

Benefit to community – These advocacy issues promote pride in the area as well as safety.

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

## Environment

### Project Outline:

To mobilise the community around key environmental issues through small projects as well as larger advocacy projects.

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

- Small scale clean-up events or infrastructure (possibly in partnership with school?) \$1000
- Fix fence at the cemetery – seeking additional funds from other grants -\$500

*Ideas for advocacy*

- Connect with Shire and/or DELWP to see if there are any funds available to support local environmental initiatives
- Investigate options for better using water in reservoir

Benefit to community – Cleaning up the area generally aids pride. Protecting wild-life and their habitat and local flora is important as is fire protection through cleaning up rubbish. This project creates beautiful places for people to enjoy.

**SEED funding allocated to this project: \$1500**

**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.