

# Enfield Community Plan 2011



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## **1. About Enfield,**

The name Enfield was first recorded in the geographical area around 1861, with the Enfield Gold Mining Company mining in the Garibaldi area. However the area we now know as Enfield, has also been known as Whim Holes and Little Hard Hills. Their names indicate the link the area has with its rich gold mining heritage. There was an extensive Chinese population in the area at the peak of the gold rush and rich pickings were to be had. Canadian Whim hole gold miners also applied their skills and a memorial can still be found on the intersection of the Colac Ballarat road and Hanson road. Later history shows that the Harrison family operated a Eucalyptus Oil Distillery and the remains of the cooling pond and distillery can be found east of the intersection of Incolts road and Colac Ballarat Road. The Enfield State Forest and Park have been a rich source of timber for the gold mining era and the remains of many alluvial diggings can still be found extensively throughout the area. The area of Woodlands Estate and the Enfield Farm Estate was originally a part of Jack Clarke's farm. Sheep grazing, apple and pear orchards have been a part of Enfield's rich agricultural history. Enfield has had several hotels, a post office and a school over the years, the only surviving business is the Little Hard Hills Hotel. The hamlet of Enfield is nestled between the Enfield State Park and the Enfield State Forest.

The area mainly consisting of small acreages, attracting those looking for a tree change as it is only 20 minutes out of the centre of Ballarat, with an hour to Geelong and an hour and a half to Melbourne. With a population of 361, it's a great place to live.

Enfield's population is primarily residential small acreage living. The population is spread across 4 geographic locations .

1. Between Clarkes Road and Incolts Road this includes residents from Hansons Road
2. Between Incolts road and the Little Hard Hills Hotel on the Colac Ballarat Rd
3. The Farm Estate entering the Colac Ballarat Rd at Melaleuca Drive
4. Woodlands Estate, entering the Colac Ballarat Rd at Clarkes Road and Woodlands Rd

The Colac Ballarat Road is the spine of Enfield, linking the 4 residential areas. The demographic profile of the residents of Enfield , primarily, are families working at other destinations and residing in Enfield, and retirees.

## **2. The Community Plan**

The Community Planning Group members are:

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The Enfield Community Plan will be administered by a Community Planning Group with their main role to:

1. Attract wider community involvement.
2. Identify community sentiment and direction to projects, works and events that are needed and wanted by the community
3. Achieving positive outcomes for the Enfield Community.

Any member of the community can become a member of the Planning group at any time.

### 3. Community Priorities.

The Enfield Community Plan identifies the main areas of concern and interest focusing on the development and progression of :

- a. Developing community infrastructure
- b. Providing a safer community and living environment
- c. Maintaining public lands, roadways and other infrastructure.

#### **A. Developing Community Infrastructure**

##### **1. Public toilet facility at the Harrison reserve**

(1)The Harrison Reserve is located on Briardale Avenue in the Woodlands Estate. It is the main community and recreational facility available to the community in Enfield. It consists of a Community Hall, a soft fall playground, a skate park, as well as an undercover BBQ facility.

The Reserve does not have a Public toilet facility and this greatly impedes and limits the use of the reserve by the community. This has been identified one of the main areas of concern.

(2) Enfield has only one sporting club that being the tennis club which is currently located at the north end of the township. There is one court that is in disrepair. It is proposed that the club and courts be relocated to the public land located at Glynwood Close and Woodlands Rd.

##### **2. Linking Enfield, roads, foot paths and tracks**

(1) The main population centres of Enfield are the Woodlands Estate and the Farm Estate. These estates are located beside one another; however there is no road, path or track that links the two estates, apart from along the Colac Ballarat road. It is proposed that the estates be linked by a road linking Inglewood drive in the Woodlands Estate and Grevillea road in the Farm Estate.

(2) A safe walking track along the Colac Ballarat Road linking the community

(3) The Enfield Footpath plan to be open to community consultation before any further implementation.

## **B. Providing a safer community and living environment.**

- (1) The speed zone along Colac Ballarat Road to be reduced to 70 or 80 Km from the bend north of Clarkes Road to Incolts Road.
- (2) Safer access to the Colac Ballarat Roads from Clarkes Road, Woodlands Road and Melaleuca Roads.

## **C. Maintaining public lands, roadways and other infrastructure**

- (1) Maintenance of table drains and road side reserves. Remove all trees from table drains so that they can function properly
- (2) Road maintenance, filling in potholes and clearing noxious vegetation from the roadside.
- (3) Maintaining the up keep of public lands. Harrison Reserve, North Avenue Reserve and the Glynnwood Crt and the Campbell Crescent reserve.

## **4. Other Administrative Matters**

### **Administration and processes**

The community planning group retains the right to establish procedures that will manage community affairs when implementing the community plan. These procedures will be developed to ensure transparency and democratic processes.

### **Alterations to the Community Plan**

Since the Community plan has been established through a public process, any alterations to the Community plan also need to be undertaken through a public process. The community planning group therefore reserves the right to establish the procedures associated with any proposed change in order to retain the Community plan as a vibrant, flexible and dynamic document.

### **Review of the Community Plan**

The Community plan will be reviewed approximately every two years through a public process to be determined by the community planning group.

### **Dispute Resolution**

In the event of any dispute, all parties concerned should meet, discuss and resolve the matter as soon as possible. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, they must hold a meeting in the presence of a person nominated through the Golden Plains Shire Council.