



Meredith Community Plan 2018 -2021

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 23 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.

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 Meredith 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 May 2018

Plan start date May 2018

Plan finish date May 2021

Celebrating Meredith



"The Golden Plains Shire Community Coordinators are the unsung heroes in our local communities – they empower everyone involved in community planning to create shared goals and a vision for their communities. Their dedication and passion builds the foundation for strong and resilient communities. We are very proud of our Community Coordinators for their contribution to making our Shire such an amazing place to live and visit."

Cr Helena Kirby – Mayor, Golden Plains Shire Council



How was this Plan developed?

Preparation to develop this community plan commenced in January 2018. The Meredith community were asked for ideas and projects via a survey distributed throughout the community.

23 surveys were completed with approximately 63 suggestions provided. A public forum was held on the 16th of March at which approximately 56 people attended, further suggestions were made and then those present voted to establish the top priorities for the Plan.

From this process the following 7 Projects were established as the priorities for the Meredith Community Plan 2018 – 2021.

2018-2021 Community Plan Key Projects

Accommodation / Land Zoning

Advocate for the review of the current land zoning / planning to consider:

- More residential land blocks available
- Rural residential land blocks 2-5 acres available
- Accommodation options and supports for the older people in our community eg independent living units, lifestyle facility etc

Young People

Engage and provide opportunities for young people of all ages.

Support their ideas which include:

- BMX track
- Mountain Bike Bush trail
- More sporting opportunities for teens and young adults
- Other suggestions which unfold when engaging with young people

SEED funding allocated: \$500

Community Engagement

Support activities / projects that enhance the sense of village ambience, community engagement and connectedness, ensuring sustainability is considered in all projects.

These may include:

- Australia Day celebration
- Annual Staughton Street Party
- Golden Plains Shire markets twice a year at Meredith
- 1918 Armistice Centenary Celebrations
- Christmas Carols
- Anzac Day

SEED funding allocated: \$2,500



Parks, Creeks & Paths

Beautification, upgrade and ongoing maintenance of Parks, Creeks and Paths to promote recreation and an appreciation of the natural environment and the area's history.

This includes:

- Coolebarghurk Creek
- Pioneer Park
- Police Paddock
- Meredith Walking Trails

SEED funding allocated: \$2,000

Support Community Groups

Support community groups to increase participation and become more sustainable.

These groups may include, but are not limited to:

- CFA
- History Group
- CERT
- Car Club
- Community Centre
- Lions Club
- School, kindergarten, playgroups
- Churches etc

Asset Upgrades

Advocate for upgrades to Staughton Street and Wallace Street, in keeping with the heritage community style.

These upgrades include

- Street parking
- Gutters and Drains
- Maintaining Blue Stone Kerbs
- Heritage Lighting

Support Local Business & Tourism

Support local businesses to maximise their potential by gaining support needed to:

- Respond to the community's needs
- Increase the profile of the town
- With support from Council, utilise the Music Festivals, car rally's, cycling races, art exhibitions as opportunities to increase trade and future tourism
- Present the Town as a tourist town
- Review needs and responsibilities for Town Beautification re weeding, septic, public toilets etc
- Increase profile of Meredith using such things as
 - Social Media / Website
 - Community Radio & Podcasts
 - Electronic Noticeboards
 - Signage
 - Apps etc

SEED funding allocated: \$2,500

The Meredith Community Plan is proudly supported by



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

