

BEULAH



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Community Action Plan

COMMUNITY VISION

Proud of our past and committed to our future.

Enhancing the skills and lifestyle of our local residents and visitors to the region.



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OUR COMMUNITY

Beulah is a small farming community situated 382kms north-west of Melbourne in the Mallee on the Henty Highway, 93kms north of Horsham and 216kms south of Mildura.

The town site stands on what was once Brim Sheep Station. When the area was opened up for closer settlement many selectors came from the Wimmera district, including the McKenzie family who settled land just north of the present town site, in 1882. Devout Presbyterians, they named the township after a place-name in the Bible (Isaiah 62: 4).

The McKenzie land was subdivided in 1890, a survey conducted and the town was officially proclaimed in 1891. That year the local school had a population of 50. The railway line was extended from Warracknabeal in 1893 for the benefit of local graziers.

OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

This plan has been prepared by the Beulah Historical, Learning and Progress Association with the assistance of the Yarriambiack Shire Council. This plan is supported by the SHARE (Sustainable, Healthy, Adaptable, Resilient and Engaged) Program, which was jointly funded by the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development and Yarriambiack Shire Council.

Community projects are essential to maintain and develop rural townships and enhance lifestyle for residents.

The Community Action Plan was drafted to detail how the vision and ideas articulated by the community could be achieved.

We can use our Action Plan to:

- Enable all community members to have a voice;
- Organise project plans;
- Display community planning;
- Promote individual projects for prospective funding;
- Connect with stakeholders; and
- Inform Local Government of proposed projects.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US

- Providing opportunities and supporting a sense of belonging and connectedness in our friendly community;
- Supporting opportunities for employment, businesses and tourism;
- Ensuring people have access to appropriate services;
- Identifying and responding to the aspirations of our community;
- Providing access to a variety of sporting, recreation and leisure activities for all our residents; and
- Enhancing our environmental sustainability so we can make a difference and create a sustainable future for generations to come.

OUR COMMUNITY PROJECTS PRIORITISED

The Beulah Community Planning Forum was held on July 10, 2013 at the Beulah Memorial Hall with approximately 40 attendees from the local community and Yarriambiack Shire Council. The Forum was a platform for community members to discuss, identify and prioritise projects and initiatives to assist with planning the future directions of Beulah.

Project Name	Points
Tennis Netball Shed Upgrade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shower • Amenities • Path from playground to netball courts 	17
Creek/Weir Pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widen south end • Basic playground • Better walking track 	15
Football Sheds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate ovens from RNWH • Parking zones including disabled • Door to ladies toilets • Amenities upgrade • Air conditioning 	15
Support School Bus Route	12
Community Co-op Hardware	10
ATM	10
Community Gym	8
Footpath Upgrades	6
Safer Driveway Gutters	6
Beulah Business Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resheeting of car park 	5

Defibrillators – ALL Sporting Clubs	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TV Reception • Cost effective wireless broadband for farmers 	5
Creek <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layer of clay to assist with retaining water 	4
Larger PAG Room	4
Sewage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smells in Phillip's 	4
School Oval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replant • Water 	3
Swimming Pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Fence 	2
Creek Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting on camp kitchen • Lighting for caravan park 	2
Beulah Business Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding support 	2
Bowling Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting 	1
Town Signage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update entrances • Additional directional signs from Horsham • Replace damaged green Vicroads sign south of Beulah 	1
Beulah Memorial Hall Upgrade	1
Streetscape Shopping Precinct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees 	
Rural North West Health Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential use feasibility study 	
Ongoing Netball Court Resurfacing	
Improve Back Road Maintenance	
Men's Shed	
Small Playground – Bell/Gladstone Street	
Lifeguard Funding & Vic Swim	
Painting Multipurpose Centre	
Reconfiguring Caravan Park Entrance	
Creek Music Festival	

BEULAH HISTORIC LEARNING & PROGRESS ASSOCIATION PROJECT ACTION PLAN

Project	Description	Status
Annual Monster Garage Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held annually on Easter Monday • Located at the Beulah Business & Information Centre • Continued growth of the event • Additional promotion and marketing • All goods are donated • Catering includes coffee and cakes • Advertising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facebook - Mail Drop - Roundabout - Up The Creek - Media Release (Local Papers) 	Fundraising target annually - \$2000
Art Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community mosaic project – streetscaping 	Funding Required
Beulah Business & Information Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial Kitchen Upgrade to allow for cooking classes and community production • Continued funding for ongoing sustainability • Gardens • Gopher • Re-gravel car park 	Planning & funding required
Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage required to advertise town facilities 	
Streetscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going improvements and beautification of the main street • Tree planting • Playground • Re-surfacing roads • Street lighting 	Planning & funding required
Welcome Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting required 	
Hall Costumes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costumes are available for hire. • Storage is limited. 	

Railway Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leased from Vicktrack for the Patchwork Group • Lease funding required 	
Hairdressers Air-conditioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install a new air-conditioner 	

OTHER COMMUNITY ROLES

In addition to our community priority projects, there are a number of other roles the Association performs which are important to us.

Various roles performed by the association:

- Publishing a weekly community newspaper 'The Roundabout'
- Operating the Beulah Post Office & Historical Society
- Managing the Beulah Business & Information Centre which performs the following functions:
 - providing exercise classes & equipment
 - providing adult learning classes
 - facilities for meetings, conferences and workshops
 - café & social meeting place
 - facilities for businesses (accountant, hairdresser, CentreLink, government departments)
 - arranging guest speakers at the Centre
 - hosting community events
- Tourism promotion and maintenance of facilities
- Market days
- Liaising with other community groups and assisting with funding applications

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the community action plan or would like to be involved in community activities here are some useful contacts.

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