

# MINYIP



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## Community Action Plan

### COMMUNITY VISION

COMMITMENT

LEADERSHIP

PASSION

The people of Minyip envisage a community that is tranquil, prosperous, progressive, aesthetically vibrant and offers an attractive lifestyle for youth.

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## OUR COMMUNITY

Aboriginal for "Ashes", Minyip had its early origins as part of a squatter's "run" until the township was established in the early 1870's and the sale of town blocks in 1875 attracted ex-miners and many South Australian farmers to the district.

The town flourished as a service centre for this productive wheat growing district and after a century of steady growth, was "re-discovered" by Crawford Productions in 1984 as the town to be featured as "Coopers Crossing" in the long running television series "The Flying Doctors". Production ceased in 1989 but visitors from around the world still come to enjoy a stroll down memory lane.

## SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE COMMUNITY

The town's St John's Lutheran Church is classified by the National Trust for its striking octagonal belfry. It also has a unique wooden ceiling and houses a magnificent Fuller pipe organ, the only one left of its kind in Australia. It was moved from its Kircheim site, south west of Minyip in 1935 where it had been built in 1889.

There are many significant well maintained buildings within Minyip that make this township well regarded as a historic town.

There are many sporting facilities for a small rural town – including a BMX track, golf, bowls, tennis, football, cricket and swimming.

The town shares Australia's first Bendigo Community Bank Branch with Rupanyup. There are now more than 295 across the country.

Emma's, originally used as offices for horse trading and also used in the production of the "Flying Doctors" was donated to the Minyip Progress Association in 1997. Emma's building is now utilised as a café.

The Farrar Monument is believed to be the only monument of its kind in Australia, to William Farrar, the "Father of Federation Australian Wheat Industry".

## OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

This plan has been prepared by the Minyip SHARE Committee with the assistance of the Yarriambiack Shire Council. This plan was funded by the SHARE (Sustainable, Healthy, Adaptable, Resilient and Engaged) Program, which was jointly funded by the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development and the 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 to our friendly and safe community.
- Supporting opportunities for employment, businesses and tourism.
- Working together on community projects and having a place to meet our family and friends.
- 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.
- Enhancing our environmental sustainability so we can make a difference and create a sustainable future for generations to come.

# Our Priority Projects

The following projects have been gathered from community ideas presented in community postcards distributed in September 2012, discussions with members of the Minyip SHARE Committee and from previous community consultations.

## PRIORITY PROJECTS ACTION PLAN

Project	Description	Key stakeholders	Status
A & P Society 2014 Show	Provide a concert at the Minyip A & P Society Show.	A & P Society	Ongoing
Arts Project Painted Power Poles	Painted power poles around the Minyip shopping precinct.	Minyip Progress Association Powercor	
Bushland Reserve Resurfacing	Resurface the Bushland Reserve with bluestone mix.	Minyip Lions Club	Funding secured
Church St Pipe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install relevant pipe works for water recycling system in Church Street to fill wetlands dams, oval and bowling greens</li> <li>Solar Pump</li> </ul>	Minyip Progress Association	Planning underway
Coopers Crossing Event	To create an event to celebrate 30 years since the "The Flying Doctors" was created. Form working group to examine viability and scope ideas for event.	Community & ex-community members Past cast & crew	New project
Cricket Club	Replace practice nets.	Rupanyup/Minyip Cricket Club	Quotes obtained Seeking funding
Emma's Building Amenities Upgrade	Upgrade the amenities in the middle section of Emma's including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disabled door access</li> <li>Block out blind office section</li> <li>Ramp</li> <li>Concrete upgrade – back of building</li> <li>Solar Panels</li> <li>Heating and cooling in Office area</li> </ul>	Minyip Progress Association YSC	Working group established Contractors engaged Works commenced Quote for solar panes obtained - \$6,000 to \$10,000
Golf Club Upgrade	Upgrades	Minyip Golf Club	Project to be scoped

<b>Industrial Estate Development</b>	<p>Develop an Industrial Estate in Minyip to retain and attract new businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rezone land</li> </ul>	<p>Minyip Progress Association YSC</p>	Initial stage
<b>Minyip Walking Trails</b>	<p>Developing a walking track linking the interesting points and buildings in the town including the Wetlands and Donald Road Bushlands.</p>	<p>Minyip Progress Association YSC</p>	Planning stage
<b>Minyip Website</b>	<p>Obtain sponsors or develop subscriptions. Update information. Recruit local people with IT skills.</p>	<p>Minyip Progress Association Local Businesses</p>	Ongoing
<b>Recreational Reserve Upgrade</b>	<p>Develop Master Plan to incorporate future upgrades and new projects including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amenities</li> <li>• Netball Shelter</li> <li>• Playground</li> <li>• Timekeepers Box</li> <li>• Clubroom Upgrade</li> </ul>	<p>Minyip Recreation Reserve Minyip Murtoa Football Netball Club Minyip Cricket Club YSC</p>	<p>Recreational Reserve Improvements Committee established Currently seeking volunteers and project funding</p>
<b>Senior Citizens Building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Roof</li> <li>• Guttering</li> <li>• Fascia</li> </ul>	<p>Minyip Senior Citizens YSC</p>	Ongoing
<b>Silo Stormwater Catchment</b>	<p>Installing system to utilise water captured from silos to be used to irrigate oval.</p>	<p>Minyip Progress Association YSC</p>	Ongoing
<b>Streetscape</b>	<p>Streetscape Plan Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpaths</li> <li>• Public Gardens</li> <li>• Garden Beds</li> <li>• Nature Strips</li> <li>• Town Entrances</li> </ul>	<p>Minyip Progress Association YSC</p>	New project
<b>Tourism</b>	<p>Promotion and marketing of Minyip's tourism icons, facilities and attractions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Cards</li> <li>• Self serve tourist Information</li> </ul>	<p>Minyip Progress Association YSC</p>	Ongoing
<b>Truck Stop</b>	<p>Create truck parking in close proximity to the Wetlands and Caravan Park to allow use of the existing facilities.</p>	<p>Minyip Progress Association YSC</p>	Planning stage

Walking Tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Link walking tracks to the main street.</li> </ul>		
Welcome Packs	<p>Create welcome packs for new residents to include relevant information including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism brochures</li> <li>• Services available</li> <li>• Community groups and organisations</li> </ul>	Minyip SHARE Committee	Ongoing
Wetlands & Caravan Park	<p>Promotion and marketing to increase visitation. Continuing development including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solar hot water</li> <li>• Tree planning</li> <li>• Connection of town water</li> <li>• Upgrading picnic facilities</li> <li>• Information board / wind break for BBQ area</li> <li>• Foldaway clothesline</li> </ul>	Minyip Progress Association YSC	Ongoing YSC Community Assistance Grant

## MORE INFORMATION

**If you would like more information about the Minyip Community Action Plan or would like to be involved in community activities here are some useful contacts.**

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