

# RUPANYUP COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN



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## Community Action Plan

### COMMUNITY VISION

The community of Rupanyup aspires to have a township and district that is welcoming, environmentally rich, aesthetically pleasing, vibrant and economically prosperous.



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## OUR COMMUNITY

Rupanyup is a Wimmera town of approximately 400 residents in the centre of a progressive farming region. It is in the state's mid west and is 45 kilometres east of the Wimmera's regional centre, Horsham.

Rupanyup, located on Dunmunkle Creek, was first surveyed in 1873 and originally known as Lallat, an Aboriginal word meaning "branch hanging over water".

The town is on the Wimmera Highway and has a wide main street lined with sugar gums, lemon-scented gums and other eucalypts in a central median strip which are an important source of shade during the area's hot summers.

Rupanyup relies heavily on agriculture and agri-related industry. Although a small community, it is close-knit and resilient and has a history of proactive community development. Significant community projects include the Community Centre, Woods' Farming and Heritage Museum, Bendigo Bank's First Community Bank, walking tracks and the Memorial Park featuring caravan facilities.

The Rupanyup Minyip Community Bank has been established for 15 years and delivered over \$750,000 to local community projects. These funds have provided the base for attracting significant external funding to the community, addressing priorities and supporting community organizations.

## OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

This plan has been prepared by the community with the assistance of the Rupanyup & District Consultative Committee and 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 for community participation;
- Supporting a sense of belonging and connectedness to 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 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; and
- Maintaining our community assets and infrastructure.

## COMMUNITY PLANNING FORUM

Approximately 30 local residents attended the Rupanyup Community Planning Forum in October 2013 where they discussed, identified and prioritised projects and initiatives to assist with planning the future directions of Rupanyup.

Project No.	Project Name	Points	Project No.	Project Name	Points
1	Dunmunkle Health Stonehaven Nursing Home	48	2	Developing Retailing • Supermarket	41
3	Maintain/Enhance Service Levels • Education • Health	12	4	Woods' Farming & Heritage Museum	12
5	Housing & Accommodation • Promote Rental Opportunities • Donald Mineral Sands	11	6	Railway Station Restoration	9
7	Town Drainage • Stuart Street Guttering	9	8	Town Beautification • Main Street • Old Houses • Town Entrances	5
9	Men's Shed	5	10	Town Communications	5
11	Aging Communities & Independent Living Support Program • U3A • Low Cost Group Meals	3	12	Community Resource Audit	3
13	Arts & Crafts Gallery	2	14	Sewerage	2
15	Rupanyup Website Upgrade	1	16	Back to Rupanyup Event	
17	Community Centre • West Entrance • Payment of Debt		18	Community Garden • Volunteers	
19	Energy Saving & Alternative Energy Generation • Gas/Other		20	Industrial Estate Development	
21	Mt Rupanyup Redevelopment		22	Oval Lighting	
23	Roller Derby • Training Space		24	Senior Citizens • Disabled Toilet	
25	Swimming Pool • Solar • Shade		26	Tennis Court Lighting	
27	Time Capsule		28	Tourism Opportunities • Town Promotion • Attractions	

29	Walking & Bike Tracks		30	Bowling green resurfacing with artificial turf	
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## PRIORITY PROJECTS & ACTION PLAN

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

Project	Key actions	Key stakeholders	Status
<b>Art &amp; Craft Gallery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showcase local talent and to give the many travellers who pass through Rupanyup an excuse to stop</li> </ul>		
<b>Community Garden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project Plan</li> <li>Funding required</li> <li>Location</li> </ul>	Consultative Committee. Garden Committee. School	Project underway
<b>Developing Retailing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conceptual plan for developing new community retail precinct – engage new officer to manage project</li> <li>Feasibility study</li> <li>Buy local campaign including business and services directory</li> <li>Business development program</li> <li>Link into town beautification project</li> </ul>	RDCC Community Businesses	Planning underway Project brief done for Community Retail Precinct Project.
<b>Education – School &amp; Kinder.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor Primary School Council issues</li> <li>Monitor declining enrolments</li> </ul>	Rup P.S. Rup Kinder Community	2013
<b>Energy Saving &amp; Alternative Energy Generation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar</li> <li>Wind</li> <li>Bio Diesel - plans shelved &amp; committee folded 2013 due to lack of support</li> </ul>	Consultative Committee YSC VFF	Feasibility Study required
<b>Health Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain/enhance service levels</li> <li>Dunmunkle Health Services review</li> </ul>	Dunmunkle Health Services.	2013

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attract local doctor</li> </ul>	Community	
<b>Housing &amp; Accommodation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of community housing needs and opportunities</li> </ul>	YSC Community Emmett's RDCC	Feasibility Study required Regional Report available in Aug 2013.
<b>Industrial Estate Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure appropriate land</li> <li>• Secure funding for services</li> </ul>	YSC Consultative Committee Wimmera Grain Co.	Feasibility Study Completed
<b>Maintain/enhance service levels – education and health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dunmunkle Health Services Review</li> <li>• Local doctor</li> <li>• Monitor Primary School Council Issues</li> </ul>	Community	2013
<b>Men's Shed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build shed</li> <li>• Plan what activities will be available</li> </ul>	Men's Shed Committee. Woods' Museum RDCC	Grant applied for
<b>Mt Rupanyup Redevelopment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walkway up to a Rotunda located on the summit Native plants and gardens line the walkway and surround the area</li> </ul>	Lions	Plans underway
<b>Oval Lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade lighting at the Recreation Reserve oval</li> </ul>	Rec Reserve Committee. Football/ Netball Club	
<b>Railway Station Restoration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure building</li> <li>• Master Plan</li> </ul>	Community	
<b>Rupanyup Community Centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning &amp; construction of West entrance</li> <li>• Payment of debt on facility</li> </ul>	Rup Community Centre C'tee.	2014 2013-17
<b>Rupanyup Swimming Pool</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement &amp; extension of shade areas</li> <li>• Solar power needed for pump shed</li> <li>• Maintenance of existing facility</li> </ul>	Rup Pool Committee. YSC	2014
<b>Sewerage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town sewerage construction</li> <li>• Consideration of financial impact on ratepayers and community</li> </ul>		Planned for 2015?

<b>Town Beautification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community consultation</li> <li>• Design plans and costings</li> <li>• Implementation plan</li> </ul>	YSC Community REACH RDCC Lions	Funding applied for Planning underway Project underway
<b>Town Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review current communication methods</li> <li>• Implement communication outcomes</li> </ul>		
<b>Town Promotion &amp; Tourism</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town brochure - done</li> <li>• Postcards</li> <li>• Website development and promotion - done</li> </ul>		Keep up-to-date
<b>Walk &amp; Bike Tracks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meandering trail linking Rupanyup, Minyip and Murtoa via back roads and railway reserves</li> </ul>		
<b>Woods' Farming &amp; Heritage Museum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friends of the Museum Group established</li> <li>• Develop strategic plan for the Museum and the group</li> <li>• Develop an operational plan including a volunteer management plan</li> <li>• Museum promotion and marketing plan</li> <li>• Design and costings for museum extension</li> <li>• Cataloguing training to be undertaken</li> </ul>	RDCC Friends of the Museum Group Woods Bros	Extensions to be completed. Cataloguing training booked.

## MORE 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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