

WOOMELANG



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Community Action Plan

COMMUNITY VISION

The Woomelang community desires a township that is welcoming, economically and environmentally sustainable, has strong and vibrant community groups and organisations, with excellent services for all residents.



"Breaking New Ground"

Woomelang & District
Development Association



Woomelang

OUR COMMUNITY

The Woomelang community is a small, rural community that is located in the Mallee region, largely represented by farming families. The town is located on the Sunraysia Highway, 359 kilometres North West of the state capital, Melbourne, 183 kilometres south east of Mildura. Woomelang is in the Local Government area of Yarriambiack Shire Council. The current population of Woomelang is approximately 193.

Woomelang was originally known as "Cronomby" after the natural waterhole that first attracted the early settlers to this area. When the railway line arrived, the Government constructed earthen dams or "Tanks" as they became known, which are still there today but have been cleaned out and linked together to create a popular picnic area, camping grounds and fishing spot.

Today, the town services a productive farming area, provides a range of excellent community and sporting facilities and is the base for a number of agricultural support businesses.

A good example of local ingenuity can be seen on the southern approach to the town where a shearing shed, constructed using recycled kerosene tins, stands as a monument to the war time shortage of building materials.

The Woomelang community has a slowly declining population with the majority of families having lived in the area over a long period of time. There are many active groups/clubs in the community and most community members are involved in several groups, these include:

Bowling Club,
Country Women's Association,
'Cronomby Court' Retirement Units Committee,
Development Association,
Football and Netball Club, (amalgamated with the nearby township of Lascelles), known as The Cats!
Golf,
Group School,
Historical Society,
Lions Club,
Landcare,
Memorial Hall Committee,
Playgroup,
Preschool,
Recreation Reserve Committee,
Senior Citizens,
Swimming Pool Committee,
Tennis Club

In addition to providing excellent medical care, the local Bush Nursing Centre is also an umbrella for many activity groups such as The Men's Shed, Book Club, Craft Group, Scrap Booking, Well Women's group and a twice weekly Walking group.

Woomelang has a very supportive community and are very active in developing and maintaining community assets and retaining vital services for the residents.

OUR COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

This plan has been prepared by the Woomelang and District Development Association with the assistance of Yarriambiack Shire Council. This plan was funded by the S.H.A.R.E. (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 put together 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 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 previous CAP projects

The following projects were gathered from community ideas presented at community forum in August 2010.

EXISTING

Project	Status	Votes
Travellers Rest Redevelopment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amenities • Shade • Historical display • Landscape theme 	Green = started	61
Pool Upgrade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifeguard Support • Concessions for seniors • Heating to prolong use • Major facility upgrade • Only sport facility for youth over summer 	Blue = completed	31
Re-activate Historical Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old photo's and historical display 		19
Gym <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor gym • Outdoor gym circuit 	Red = no action	13
Town Coordination & Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid overlapping • Aid cooperation between groups • Increased use of newsletter 		11
Conservation of Water from Brock St		11
Safer 'T' Intersection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particularly for harvest 		7
BBQ Upgrade		5
Signage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To major towns • For town facilities 		5
Website Development		4
Netball Court Re-surface		3
Accessibility of Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase usage 		3
Train Service Restored		3
Multi Purpose Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpet • Addition of Men's Shed 		3
Men's Shed		2
Beautification & Streetscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town entries • Streets 		2
Information Board		2
Water Railway Dam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking tracks • Bike tracks • Seating 		2
Childcare & After School Care		2

Card Nights		2
Solar Farm		2
M.P.C Grounds Upgrade		2
• Shade		
• Trees		
Market Garden		2
Tennis for Juniors		1
Paint the Silo with Blue Stipes		1
Brock St Tree Scape		1
Committees		1
• Shrinking		
• Shire involvement to aid AGM's and issues		
Preserving Old Buildings		1
• Court House		
• Post Office		
• Part of old shop		
• Railway Station		
Preserve Shearing Shed		1
Illuminated 40km Speed Limit Sign		1
Paint Balling		
Pictures at Hall		
Town Brochure		
Tidy Towns Entry		
Gallery/Cafe		
War Memorial		
• Currently have \$5000 to spend		
• Need man power to complete		
Hostel Level Accommodation		
• A step beyond independent living		
Redevelop Railway Station		
• Wayside stop for trucks		
• Tidy grounds around Station		
Small Welcoming Committee		
Population Increase		
Wayside Stop for Trucks		
Increased Hours for Tip		
Table Tennis		
Support for Senior Citizens		
• Increased seating around town		
Community Transport		

Our priority projects

The following projects have been gathered from community ideas presented at the Community Action Planning gathering in February 2013, discussions with members of the Woomelang and District Development Association and from previous community consultations. Individual projects have been clustered under a main heading where projects complement or make up part of a major project/focus.

Priority projects action plan

Project	Key actions	Resources needed	Est cost	Key stakeholders	Partners	Status
Woomelang Lions Park, Gloucester Ave ...						
Incorporating:						
<i>Lions Caravan Park Upgrade</i> Votes - 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toilets and shower Sprinkler system, light poles, power outlets, signage, trees planted, vege patch and fruit trees for travellers 	-Funding -Master plan -Working bees	\$40,000 +	-Lions Club -YSC		-\$40,000 grant received -Permit granted -Bldr to be engaged
<i>Jackie Mac Corner Development</i> Votes - 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of toilet Seating, shade areas to create welcoming and family friendly area 	-Funding -Master plan	\$60,000	-WDDA -YSC		-\$60,000 grant received -Works commenced
<i>Pioneer Tribute to Original Land Selectors</i> Votes - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Jackie Mac or Lions Park Wall with map of blocks and names of families and dates Paved area with engraved pavers? Seating around town with inscriptions? Avenue of trees down Brook St median strip 					
<i>RV Dump point</i> Votes - 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lions Park 					

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Development of Shopping Precinct & Old Shop @ 69-75 Brook St Woomelang ...						
Incorporating:						
<i>Travellers Rest Monument</i> Votes - 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monument reflective of our agricultural and pioneering past ie Melang 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Master plan -Working group -Funding source 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -WDDA -Community 	YSC	Land titles secured Planning to commence 2013
<i>Service Station near Shops</i> Votes - 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of 24hr fuel Signage for travellers 	Master plan Permit	100k+	WDDA	Mortimer's Petroleum	Container donated Plans developed
<i>Preserve Old Shop Front</i> Votes - 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If possible to preserve the bldg in new development 	Funding			YSC	Yet to begin
<i>Post Office</i> Votes - 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move into 69-75 Brook St to allow Grocery Store to expand grocery lines and the Post Office to build its stationery and giftware 					
<i>69-75 Brook St Development</i> Votes - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcase of local arts/crafts/produce Tourist information outlet 					
<i>Old shop front</i> Votes - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too expensive to keep, retain old windows for storage elsewhere 					
<i>Street Scaping</i> Votes - 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main St i.e. Trees, seating, grapevines 					

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Cronomby Tanks Free Camping & Fishing ... (& Tourism)						
Incorporating:						
<i>Town Entrance Signage</i> Votes - 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • i.e. Hot food/fuel/cold drinks/accommodation etc • Free Camping • Fishing & walking tracks 					
<i>Path from Shops to Cronomby Tanks</i> Votes - 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign posted and sealed footpath / bike track from Jackie Mac to Cronomby Tanks 					
<i>Cronomby Tanks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent water supply • Complete walking tracks • Further develop for campers 					
<i>Tourist Survey and Tourism Marketing Strategy</i> Votes - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do they come from • What demographic are we catering to? • Want info to enable towns to cater to appropriate groups 					

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<i>Memorial Hall Upgrade</i> Votes - 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New kitchen installed Air conditioning upgrade 	-Master Plan -Working Group -Funding source identified		-Hall -Community	YSC	
<i>Motorbike areas in town for kids</i> Votes - 21						
<i>Diving Board at Pool</i> Votes - 11						
<i>Environmental concerns and traffic safety raised with Gran Corp</i> Votes - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T intersection Dust from bunkers 					
<i>Skate park at Footy Oval</i> Votes - 9						
<i>Men's Shed</i> Votes - 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restumping 					
<i>Bus Shelter for students</i> Votes - 8						

<p><i>Population boost to return to Town status</i></p> <p>Votes - 6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • i.e. Attract industry to the area 					
<p><i>Disco</i></p> <p>Votes - 6</p>						
<p><i>Multi-purpose Centre</i></p> <p>Votes - 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension for quiet activities/gentle exercise groups • Carpet cleaned • Dishwasher • Backyard make over • Paint 					
<p><i>Tidy Towns Committee reformed</i></p> <p>Votes - 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To oversee street scaping 					
<p><i>CFA signage for Total Fire Ban Days</i></p> <p>Votes - 3</p>						
<p><i>Emergency Evacuation Point signage at hall and oval</i></p>						
<p><i>Retirement Units</i></p> <p>Votes - 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trim tree at front driveway 					

Fuel Container location Votes - 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns over dust, noise, traffic in lane, effect on adjacent homes and large trucks filling bowzers 					
Signage for footy oval Votes - 1						
Australia Day Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locally based community leaders ie Lions Pres, WDDA Pres, CWA Pres etc 					
Motorcross Show at the Oval						
Festivals						
Cemetery Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove & replace due to bad trimming by Powercor – 					
Clean up Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole town participates in Clean Up Australia Day 					
Man-made Lake @ Old Golf Course						
Enforcement of local bylaws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front yards Vacant blocks Abandoned houses 					
Separate Tennis Courts						
Restore train Station						

Other community projects

In addition to our community priority projects, we also have a number of other projects that are important to us.

- Community Transport
- War memorial upgrade
- Pictures at Hall
- Preservation of old buildings
- Shrinking of town committees

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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