



REDESDALE

COMMUNITY PLAN 2018-2023



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the third Redesdale Community Plan 2018-2023. The last plan review was held in 2013 and a number of items on that plan have either been completed or remain works in progress.

Redesdale is a small township lying at the crossroads that lead to Heathcote, Kyneton, Bendigo and its closest neighbour Mia Mia. To reach Mia Mia, one has to cross the Campaspe River over the town's unique and famous iron lattice truss bridge. People from far and wide have recently celebrated the Redesdale Bridge's 150th birthday.

Redesdale also lies within picturesque rolling granite hills and is surrounded by thriving sheep farms, vineyards, olive and walnut producers and many other small businesses.

The people are energetic and enthusiastic and in the five years since the last plan, the hotel, café, and studio - gallery have opened after unwelcome protracted closures.

The Redesdale and District Association has again taken the lead in reviewing and renewing the plan after community consultation through a community survey and workshop assisted by the City of Greater Bendigo.

The success of the community plan relies on the commitment and participation of the community and it is hoped that those who are able will work hard to make it a success.

ACTION PLAN

Theme 1: Community connection and collaboration

1. Build stronger connections between community members and groups	a. Maintain communication efforts using a range of media, including Bridge Connection, Kyneton print media and local networks.
	b. Support the development of community meeting facilities as part of the Redesdale Community Precinct development.
	c. Undertake deliberate activities to bring community groups closer.
	d. Promote stronger ties with Mia Mia through sharing information and collaboration.
2. Emergency preparedness	a. Continue advocacy for improved access to digital media and mobile phone coverage.
	b. Maintain collaboration with CFA and assist, where possible, the CFA's effort to increase the preparedness of local residents for emergencies.

Theme 2: Activities and events

1. Plan collaboratively for successful offering of regular events	a. Continue to support recurring events.
2. Trial some informal gatherings as a means of welcoming and connecting community members	Community suggestions have included:
	a. Collaborative events with Mia Mia such as social tennis and cricket matches.
	b. Erect and operate a neighbourhood book exchange structure in an accessible place.
	c. Movie nights.
	d. Casserole nights.
	e. Camp Oven Cook Off.
	f. Cooking classes.
	g. Craft classes.
	h. Christmas gathering.
	i. Roadside walking rubbish collection event.
3. Foster opportunities for organisations and businesses to offer events in local settings.	a. Council supported events such as "Summer in the Parks" outdoor movie nights.
	b. Food, wine, arts and music events in partnership with local people and enterprises.
	c. Tai chi, exercise and yoga classes.
4. Support local philanthropy	Convene or support fundraising and other efforts as agreed.

Theme 3 : New initiatives requiring advocacy

1. Progress further development of the Redesdale Community Precinct	a. Facilitate wide community engagement to finalise the design and ensure the priorities of different user groups are accommodated.
	b. Participate in decision making to achieve an agreed management model.
2. Advocate for new opportunities to encourage visitation to the area.	a. Investigate the potential and feasibility for a pedestrian link between Redesdale and Mia Mia.
	b. Partner with Mia Mia to investigate the feasibility of increased off-road activities such as; cycling, walking, orienteering and horse-riding in Mt Lofty and other areas of public land and a possible Loop the Lake walking and cycling track.
	c. Advocate for improved signage in designated locations.
	d. Create opportunities to document, store and display local historical artefacts and locations.

Theme 4 : Infrastructure and services requiring ongoing advocacy

1. Road and traffic services, safety and upgrades.	a. Advocate for public transport opportunities and other community-based transport initiatives.
	b. Speed limitations.
	c. Pedestrian and cycle safety.
2. Protection of forest areas.	a. Partner with relevant agencies to increase community and visitor awareness.
	b. Revegetation.
3. Local indigenous recognition	
4. Small business support	
5. Upgrades to recreational and sporting facilities	Identify specific priorities based on expressed need and use these as the basis for advocacy, such as a tennis rebound wall, off-leash dog walking area and cricket practise net.
6. Increase the attractiveness of town entrances and roadsides	a. Beautify the roundabout on Lyell Road.
	b. In collaboration with relevant partners increase awareness about responsibility for and management of noxious weeds.

WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING?

Community planning is a process undertaken by a community where they work together to explore and document what is important to them about their locality and its future. A Community Plan is a document that sets out these priorities. Periodically a Community Plan will need revision as community priorities change or when the community decides.

The City of Greater Bendigo supports and assists communities across the municipality who wish

to develop and revise their own Community Plan. The views and priorities in each plan are those of community members who took part in its development.

Community Plans are a valuable source of advice about local priorities used by Local, State and Federal government and other organisations.

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