



BEALIBA & DISTRICT OUR COMMUNITY 2030



OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

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- a community workshop; and
- draft plan feedback processes.

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OUR VISION

In 2030 Bealiba & district will be:

A community that celebrates its history and heritage, is closely connected, active, healthy and engaged with a stable population, growing tourism and access to services.

OUR TOWN

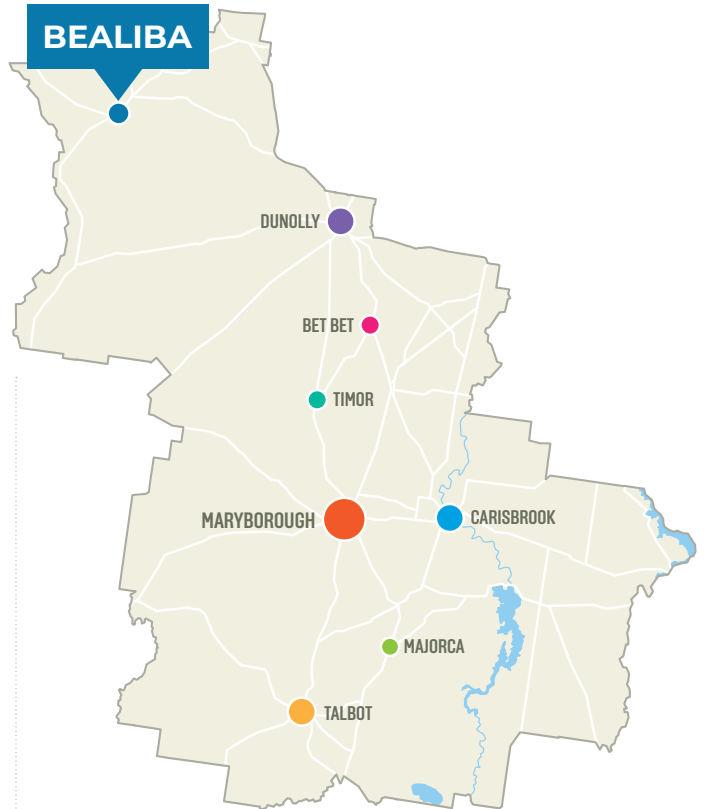
Bealiba is a rural township 170km north-west of Melbourne and about midway between Dunolly and St Arnaud.

Bealiba has its own Primary School, Post Office, Town Hall and other small businesses, historical and various societies, churches, active CWA, Pony Club, local tennis club, weekly indoor bowls and is part of the Natte-Bealiba football/netball club.

Our History

The Bealiba history is steeped in gold, timber and farming. Gold was first recorded in 1856 (The Evans Hotel was built soon after), followed by several small rushes. Thousands of tons of wood and timber products were first carted by horse and dray and then by rail to Melbourne during the late 1890s.

There are many buildings of historical significance standing today. Part of the original Town hall, Penningtons, Renshaws and other buildings are constructed from locally made bricks.



“I love the quietness – but for the bird calls, frogs and crickets.”

CENSUS SNAPSHOT



POPULATION: 206

- Male: 54.7%
- Female: 45.3%
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people: 1.4% (Victoria 0.8%)



AGE

- Median age in Bealiba: 57 years (Victoria 37 years)
- Children aged 0-14 years made up 12.6% of the population (Victoria 18.3%)
- 36.2% of the population are aged 65 years and over (Victoria 15.6%)



DWELLINGS

- 28.1% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)
- Median weekly rent: \$80 (Victoria \$325)



HOUSEHOLDS

- 52.7% were family households
- 24.9% (39 people) were living in single person households (Victoria 24.7%)
- 4.4% were group households
- 6% of households had no car



EMPLOYMENT

- 53.8% worked full-time (Victoria 57%)
- 26.9% worked part-time (Victoria 31.4%)
- 13.5% were unemployed (Victoria 6.6%)
- 5.8% were away from work (Victoria 4.9%)



INCOME

- In Bealiba 55% of households had a weekly income of less than \$650.00 (Victoria 20.3%)
- 0% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000 (Victoria 15.5%)



INTERNET

- 39.4% of households in Bealiba did not have access to the internet at home (Victoria 13.6%)

IN BEALIBA & DISTRICT WE LOVE ...

- The friendly and caring people
- Country living
- Peace and quiet
- History and heritage
- Local community activities
- Community connections
- Bush/nature/wildlife
- Bealiba Primary School
- Bealiba Hall
- Community bus
- Our safe community

KEY ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Population decline
- Changing demographic
- Ageing community
- Loss of local pub
- Poor mobile phone service
- Tired streetscape
- Maintaining ageing buildings/heritage buildings
- Lack of activities for children
- Limited childcare options
- Access to health and wellbeing services
- Lack of tourism
- Attracting and retaining volunteers
- Managing red tape
- Unemployment



OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- 1 OUR COMMUNITY**
- 2 OUR ECONOMY**
- 3 OUR ENVIRONMENT**
(BUILT & NATURAL)
- 4 OUR LEADERSHIP**

OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

A COMMUNITY WITH STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS, PRIDE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Hold regular community events, activities and get togethers' at 'community meeting points' e.g. hall, CFA shed, park etc.
2. Organise a regular monthly get together led by an outside person for community to gather around (e.g. pizza man, cheese, wine, music etc.).
3. Seek funding for the development of a Community House in Bealiba.
4. Explore the viability of a community 'pub' model at the community hall.
5. Develop a service/community group/information directory for residents.
6. Plan local activities that will increase community pride in Bealiba & district.

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Offer after school 'taster' recreational activities for children and young people.
2. Work together with health service providers to increase visiting health and community service activities for residents (especially for ageing residents).
3. Explore the viability of a long-day care/preschool model for Bealiba.
4. Advocate for quality GP and health service access in Central Goldfields Shire.
5. Explore the viability of a visiting GP service for Bealiba.
6. Seek funding for the installation of exercise equipment around the reservoir.
7. Advocate for free or cheaper pool entry/whole of shire season pool entry.
8. Work together with Council and road authorities to improve road safety through school zone speed limits and a pedestrian crossing.
9. Ensure the ongoing delivery of the community bus service in Bealiba and encourage active community use.

CELEBRATION OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE

1. Plan and deliver activities that capture, celebrate and promote local history and heritage.
2. Review the future needs of the Bealiba Museum.

“Our sense of community spirit could be built up.”

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Explore ways to increase tourism to the area and encourage drivers to stop in Bealiba.
2. Promote and enhance the Bealiba Ranges as a tourist destination.
3. Advocate for the return of the tourist train to Bealiba.
4. Seek funding to paint the silos in Bealiba and actively promote them as part of the Victorian silo trail.
5. Seek funding for the installation of railway themed art on the water tank at the railway station.
6. Seek funding for street art in Bealiba & district.

RELIABLE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

1. Advocate for improved mobile phone service and internet connection in Bealiba & district.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Promote the liveability of Bealiba and district.
2. Work together with Council to lessen red tape e.g. for planning and permit processes.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND CREATIVE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

1. Seek funding to install a commercial kitchen in the community hall to support social enterprise activities.
2. Explore the viability of offering cafe services from the Bealiba Hall on weekends.
3. Investigate new industry opportunities such as renewable energy and social enterprise projects that could increase local employment opportunities.

“Paint the silos and add them to the Victorian silo trail.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Work together with Council to improve and increase footpaths in Bealiba.
2. Install more shade and seating at the playground.
3. Work together with Council to maintain the Bealiba Town Hall, a crucial community resource for the town.

STREETSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AND WAYFINDING

1. Beautify the streetscape and town entrances in Bealiba.
2. Install updated town signage in Bealiba that will assist with guiding visitors.
3. Create a locally relevant tree plan with Council including addressing the challenges with current trees in the main street of Bealiba.

PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL HERITAGE

1. Work together with Council, Heritage Victoria and private owners to maintain, repair and manage heritage buildings in Bealiba.
2. Restore the horse trough and identify a suitable home for it.

PROTECT, MANAGE AND IMPROVE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Advocate to Council for improved and regular control of weeds e.g. control of bindii in the Bealiba playground.

“Bring back two or three planter boxes in the Main Street.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

1. Actively connect with Council's 'champion' for Bealiba to ensure leadership and support from Council with the Bealiba & District Community Plan and its identified community projects.
2. Actively lead the implementation of the Bealiba & District Community Plan.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise and support volunteers and actively encourage the creative involvement of new volunteers, especially younger and 'new' residents e.g. through volunteer tasters.
2. Review and consolidate community group structures in Bealiba and test creative group structures that could increase connections between groups and decrease volunteer burnout.
3. Create a yearly tidy towns presentation for Bealiba & district.
4. Gather and promote good news stories in the Bealiba community.
5. Source leadership resources and training for existing and aspiring volunteers.

“We have too many community organisations run by too few people.”

PUTTING OUR PLAN INTO ACTION

Implementation of the Bealiba Community Plan will be led by the local community.

Central Goldfields Shire Council's 'Champion' for Bealiba and district will attend meetings and offer guidance, advice and support wherever possible.

Relevant key stakeholders/project partners will be invited to work with the Bealiba community on shared priorities.

An action plan template has been developed to assist with project planning and regular review of community priorities.

Getting involved

If you would like to get involved in making Bealiba and district an even better place to live in 2030 contact:

Manager Community Partnerships

Central Goldfields Shire Council
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BET BET & DISTRICT
OUR COMMUNITY
2030



OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

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Developed and owned by the community, the plan captures the community's voice for what is most important for them.

Community planning commenced in October 2019 and was completed in April 2020.

Residents in and around Bet Bet and district were invited to share their input into the planning process in a variety of ways:

- an online survey
- community postcards
- a drop in session
- a focus group
- a community workshop; and
- draft plan feedback processes.

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OUR VISION

In 2030 Bet Bet & district will have:

- ✓ strong social connections
- ✓ access to health and wellbeing services
- ✓ support for ageing residents
- ✓ strong community leaders
- ✓ increased tourist activity
- ✓ affordable water
- ✓ access to public transportation
- ✓ reliable, fast and affordable internet and mobile phone service
- ✓ volunteers of all ages; and
- ✓ regular communication with Council.

OUR TOWN

Bet Bet is located 15 kilometres from Maryborough and 180 kilometres north-west of Melbourne.

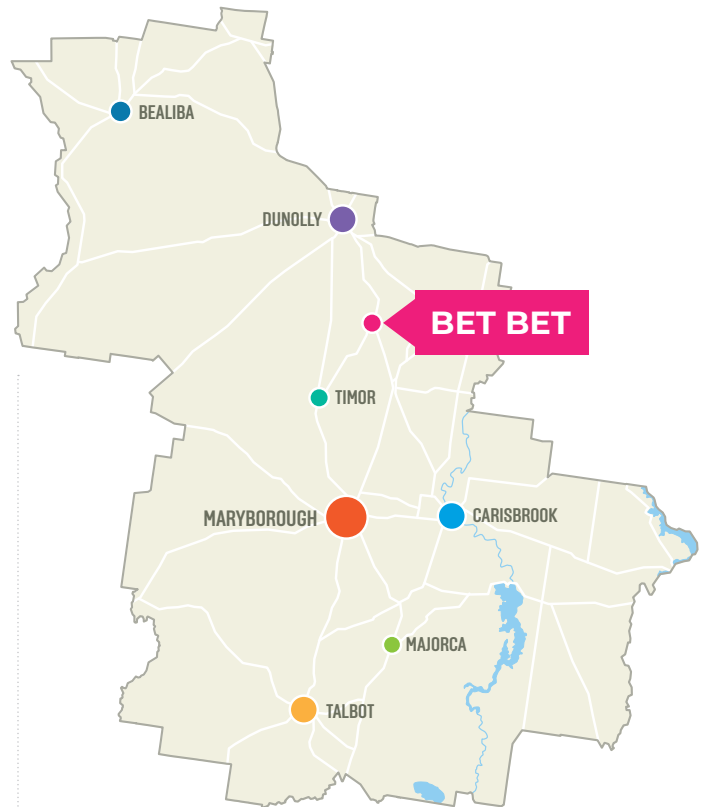
Bet Bet and district has its own Community Hall (Betley Mechanics Institute Hall).

Our History

The name Bet Bet is thought to have been derived from an Aboriginal word meaning place of red ochre.

Bet Bet is steeped in gold mining history. In 1910 after the mining boom the Bet Bet village slowly shrunk. The school closed in 1948, the Church of Christ closed in 1974, the railway station was de-staffed in 1976, and the general store closed soon afterwards.

On 19 January 1995, most of Bet Bet Shire was united with Maryborough city and most of Tullaroop and Talbot and Clunes Shires to form Central Goldfields Shire. The balance of Bet Bet Shire went to Loddon Shire.



“We have our own space here.”

CENSUS SNAPSHOT



POPULATION: 129

- Male: 49.6%
- Female: 50.4%
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people 3.1% (Victoria 0.8%)



AGE

- Median age in Bet Bet: 45 years (Victoria 37 years)
- Children aged 0-14 years made up 21.9% of the population (Victoria 18.3%)
- 19.7% of the population are aged 65 years and over (Victoria 15.6%)



DWELLINGS

- 17.8% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)
- 200/week was the median rent (Victoria \$325)



HOUSEHOLDS

- 74.5% were family households
- 25.5% (12 people) were living in single person households (Victoria 24.7%)
- 0% were group households
- 0% had no cars



EMPLOYMENT

- 44.2% worked full-time (Victoria 57%)
- 34.9% worked part-time (Victoria 31.4%)
- 7% were unemployed (Victoria 6.6%)
- 14% were away from work (Victoria 4.9%)



HOUSEHOLD INCOME

- In Bet Bet 28.6% of households had a weekly household income of less than \$650 (Victoria 20.3%) and 0% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000 (Victoria 15.5%).



INTERNET

- 28.8% of households in Bet Bet did not have access to internet at home (Victoria 13.6%).

IN BET BET & DISTRICT WE LOVE...

- The friendly people/community connections
- Community involvement
- Peace and quiet
- Betley Hall
- Central location
- Wide open spaces
- History and heritage
- Arts and cultural activities nearby
- Nearby access to shopping and services

KEY ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Population decline
- Ageing community/isolation
- Keeping the Betley Hall going
- Access to health care services
- Internet accessibility
- Lack of community leaders/volunteers
- Water supply and costs
- Council governance
- Red-tape and slow planning processes
- Access to public transport
- Road safety
- Employment opportunities
- Educational opportunities



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OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Hold regular community events aimed at strengthening community connections in Bet Bet and district.
2. Partner with community and health services to offer regular activities focussed on health and wellbeing, arts/culture and social connections from the Betley Mechanics Institute Hall.
3. Seek funding for play and musical equipment to run arts/cultural activities at the Betley Hall for children and young people.
4. Advocate for the community bus to include Bet Bet and district in its route.

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Offer activities and programs locally for children and young people e.g. talent nights at hall, running races, arts and cultural activities etc.
2. Advocate for increased community based and in-home services for ageing residents so that they can 'age in place'.
3. Advocate for improved access to health services in Maryborough e.g. more GP's and nurses, nurse practitioners, after hours and specialist health services, '13 SICK' service.
4. Advocate for workforce planning for the health sector.
5. Promote pharmacy prescription renewal services available in Maryborough.
6. Identify and plan for a designated 'heat retreat' area for residents on days of extreme heat.
7. Advocate to Central Goldfields Shire Council to lower the costs at the Dunolly standpipe so that costs are equitable with Coliban water authority charges.

CELEBRATION OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE

1. Gather, share and celebrate Bet Bet and districts heritage and history and recognise and respect Aboriginal culture.

“Water quality and supply is an important future issue.”

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Offer camping at the Betley Mechanics Institute Hall.
2. Advocate for increased frequency of rail services in Maryborough.

RELIABLE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

1. Advocate for reliable, affordable and high-speed internet services for Bet Bet and district.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Promote the liveability of Bet Bet and district, especially to young families.
2. Work together with Council to lessen red tape and waiting times e.g. for planning and permit processes and to apply a more consistent approach across the community.
3. Advocate for equitable resourcing for Bet Bet and district.

VIBRANT ECONOMY

1. Advocate for new industry and increased employment opportunities throughout Central Goldfields Shire.
2. Advocate for improved access to higher education in Central Goldfields Shire.
3. Advocate for the affordability of rates in Bet Bet and district.

“We need to further develop heritage and other assets to stimulate tourism into Maryborough and surrounds.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Seek funding for an electrical BBQ, seating and shade at the Betley Mechanics Institute Hall.
2. Seek funding for the sealing of Middle Bridge road.
3. Review and install new and updated town signage and beautify entrances for Bet Bet and district.
4. Review waste collection services and ensure equitable servicing and charges in Bet Bet and district.
5. Maintain Betley Mechanics Institute Hall, a vital and treasured community resource.
6. Explore ways to sustainably manage the operating costs of Betley Mechanics Institute Hall e.g. power, insurance, services, maintenance.
7. Advocate for dedicated grants to be made available to support the maintenance and running costs of community halls.
8. Review the OHS requirements for the Betley Mechanics Institute Hall.
9. Advocate for the lowering of speed limits on single lane roads in Bet Bet and district.
10. Address water supply challenges at the Betley Mechanics Institute Hall.
11. Explore opportunities for the redevelopment of the historic gardens at the old school site.

PROTECT, MANAGE AND IMPROVE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Advocate for regular roadside mowing and clean-up of roadsides and management of public spaces e.g. mowing and weed control.
2. Explore climate action/drought initiatives for Bet Bet and district.
3. Review Bet Bet Reserve usage and current signage and plan for ways that it could be activated e.g. free camping.

INCREASED TOWN PRIDE

1. Explore activities/initiatives aimed at increasing community amenity and pride in Bet Bet and district e.g. tidy townships.

“Power bills are our biggest expense at the hall.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

1. Actively connect with Council's 'champion' for Bet Bet to ensure leadership and support from Council with the Bet Bet & District Community Plan and its identified community projects.
2. Actively lead the implementation of the Bet Bet & District Community Plan.
3. Advocate for continued local opportunities to meet with Councillors in Bet Bet & district to share community concerns, ideas and aspirations e.g. listening posts.
4. Develop clear and agreed communication and processes between DWELP, Central Goldfields Shire Council and the Betley Hall Committee of Management.
5. Work together with Central Goldfields Shire Council to ensure affordable and appropriate insurances for the Betley Hall.
6. Source training and support to access grant opportunities and a clear Council contact point for Central Goldfields Shire Council specific grants.
7. Lobby the State Government for decentralisation to Central Goldfields Shire.
8. Advocate for consistent, transparent and timely communication between Central Goldfields Shire Council and the Bet Bet and district community.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise and support volunteers and actively encourage the involvement of new volunteers (especially young people) in Bet Bet and district.
2. Introduce more education and leadership scholarships for rural schools.

“We need good consistent advice, every time I ask a question I get a form.”

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- community postcards
- a drop in session
- listening posts
- a focus group
- children's drawing activities
- roving interviews
- a community workshop; and
- draft plan feedback processes.

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OUR VISION

In 2030 Carisbrook & district will be:

A strongly connected, safe, active, healthy and sustainable community that cherishes and maintains its heritage and history and natural environment, has well-maintained and functioning infrastructure and a flourishing local economy.

OUR TOWN

Carisbrook is located 7 kilometres from Maryborough, 40 kilometres from Castlemaine and 163 kilometres north west from Melbourne.

Carisbrook, on the Tullaroop creek has a number of local assets: a recreation reserve, a primary school, tennis courts, a harness racing club, post office, churches, general store, pub, service station, a cafe and local newspaper.

Carisbrook has many historical sites of note today such as the bluestone gutters, the log police lock-up and the Carisbrook Anglican Church.

Our History

Carisbrook provided services to miners during the gold rush era. The first store opened in 1853 and an Anglican church and school began in 1855. There were bakeries, a brewery, a flour mill, four hotels, brickyards and several stores when Carisbrook was proclaimed a borough on 7 August 1857.

Matilda (Tilly) Aston (1873-1947), blind writer and teacher, was born in Carisbrook, living there until 1882 when she enrolled as a boarder at the Melbourne School for the Blind. There is a cairn in Carisbrook commemorating Tilly Aston.

On 1 October 1915, when the borough’s population was fewer than 1000, it was united with Tullaroop shire and in 1995 with Central Goldfields Shire.



“Neighbours are kind and helpful to each other.”

“The lack of full-time employment makes people move to look for work.”

“We have good facilities – sports, school services, café, pub.”

CENSUS SNAPSHOT



POPULATION: 1115

- Male: 50.1%
- Female: 49.9%
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people: 0.4% (Victoria 0.8%)



AGE

- Median age in Carisbrook 44 years (Victoria 37 years)
- Children aged 0-14 years made up 20.7% of the population (Victoria 18.3%)
- 17.9% of the population are aged 65 years and over (Victoria 15.6%)



DWELLINGS: 488

- 13.7% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)
- Median rent: \$165/week (Victoria: \$325)



HOUSEHOLDS

- 71.9% were family households
- 24.5% (104 people) were living in single person households (Victoria 24.7%)
- 3.5% were group households
- 4.1% of households had no car



EMPLOYMENT

- 53.7% worked full-time (Victoria 57%)
- 35.9% worked part-time (Victoria 31.4%)
- 6.4% were unemployed (Victoria 6.6%)
- 4.1% were away from work (Victoria 4.9%)



INCOME

- In Carisbrook 30.6% of households had a weekly household income of less than \$650 (Victoria 20.3%) and 3.7% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000 (Victoria 15.5%)



INTERNET

- 21.3% of households in Carisbrook did not have access to internet at home (Victoria 13.6%)

IN CARISBROOK & DISTRICT WE LOVE...

- The people
- Sense of community
- Great local assets and facilities
- Local primary school
- Country/rural living
- The central location
- History and heritage
- The natural environment
- Community safety
- Small country town
- Train service

KEY ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Ageing community
- Access to health care services
- Flood mitigation
- Maintaining heritage
- Transportation
- Climate change
- Lack of activities for children and young people
- Council governance
- Community and Council partnerships
- Equitable access to resources/funding
- Maintaining community infrastructure
- Volunteering



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OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND TOWN PRIDE

1. Hold regular community events and activities focussed on strengthening community connections.
2. Offer regular recreational and social activities for children and young people: explore rotating activities throughout the Shire with community bus support.
3. Seek funding for the development of a 'Carisbrook Town App' where community and visitors can access information on news, events, contacts for local groups, visitor and shop-local information.
4. Seek funding for the development of a community garden in Carisbrook.
5. Plan local activities such as 'tidy towns' and 'Clean up Australia' that will increase community pride in Carisbrook & district.

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Work together with health service providers to increase visiting health and doctor services and health promotion/group activities for residents (especially for ageing residents, women and those that are isolated or under-resourced).
2. Explore community transport models that could better support ageing and isolated residents with their medical needs e.g. 'community Uber'.
3. Advocate for quality GP and health and wellbeing service access (e.g. mental health and drug and alcohol services) in Central Goldfields Shire.
4. Offer a range of free recreation activities for residents in Carisbrook.
5. Seek funding to install water bubble taps/water stations around town.
6. Develop an arts precinct with local arts/cultural activities.
7. Seek funding for the installation of outdoor exercise equipment in Carisbrook.
8. Seek funding for the re-development/restoration of the town hall as a multi-use 'community centre' with community house, visiting health clinic rooms, exercise classes, recreation and social activities and a community garden.

CELEBRATION AND PROMOTION OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE

1. Update heritage information boards in Carisbrook.

"I've been here for seven years and still have to travel out of town to see a GP because none of the doctors in Maryborough are taking new patients."

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Conduct annual events that will bring tourism into Carisbrook.
2. Develop tourism route opportunities locally (e.g. heritage, culture, food, agriculture) and promote Carisbrook as a tourism destination.
3. Expand opportunities for agriculture-based tourism e.g. paddock to plate, farmgate, markets etc.
4. Seek funding for a dump-point and work together to make Carisbrook an RV friendly town.

VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY

1. Investigate opportunities for more local employment opportunities, including jobs for people with special needs.
2. Explore the viability of renewable energy and sustainability projects e.g. solar and renewable energy.
3. Investigate ways to attract new industry to Carisbrook that could increase local employment opportunities.
4. Advocate for more frequent and reliable rail services and accessible transportation.
5. Strengthen ‘shop-local’ and ‘source local’ support for local businesses in Carisbrook.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Promote the liveability of Carisbrook and district.
2. Work together with Council to lessen red tape e.g. for planning and permit processes.
3. Create an overall town plan for new stages of urban expansion in Carisbrook.
4. Plan for housing that can accommodate the downsizing needs of ageing residents.

“The district’s historic building becoming more widely known, and the Carisbrook becoming part of a cultural tourism route, with food venues along the route.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Maintain, extend, connect and improve footpaths in Carisbrook.
2. Seek funding to extend walking and cycling path networks.
3. Seek funding for streetscape renewal in Carisbrook.
4. Seek funding for a skate park in Carisbrook.
5. Seek funding for a splash-park in Carisbrook.
6. Plan for water security and improved domestic water quality for Carisbrook and district.
7. Complete the funded recreation reserve building project.
8. Create a plan for the future development and promotion of the Brian Dowie Conservation Reserve, including investigating a free camp/caravan area.
9. Install recycling/rubbish bins in key areas of Carisbrook.
10. Work together with Council to maintain sport and recreation facilities in Carisbrook.
11. Seek funding to improve netball facilities in Carisbrook.
12. Maintain community buildings in Carisbrook so that they can continue to be used into the future.
13. Seek funding for an off-leash dog park in Carisbrook.
14. Review town signage in Carisbrook and update and improve where required.

FLOOD MITIGATION

1. Work together with Council and key stakeholders to address flood mitigation needs in Carisbrook including installation of the levee, drainage and regular cleaning of the creek and drains.
2. Seek funding for the installation of a new bridge.

PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL HERITAGE

1. Work together with Council, Heritage Victoria and private owners to maintain, repair and manage heritage buildings and bluestone drains in Carisbrook.

PROTECT, MANAGE AND IMPROVE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Seek funding for further development of the creek so it can be used more by community members and visitors
2. Develop a community advisory committee to create a locally relevant tree plan with Council for Carisbrook.
3. Explore climate action/drought initiatives including those that assist with community safety.

“Brian Dowie Reserve is a beautiful location, a great family outdoor space to develop and promote.”

“We need planning processes that support growth.”

“Total solar power, flash-flooding development, much more social housing.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

1. Actively connect with Council’s ‘champion’ for Carisbrook to ensure leadership and support from Council with the Carisbrook & District Community Plan and its identified community projects.
2. Actively lead the implementation of the Carisbrook & District Community Plan.
3. Develop and implement a local structure focussed on improving community decision making on local matters.
4. Advocate for equitable allocation of resources e.g. grant funding across the Central Goldfields Shire.
5. Create partnerships with industry, community organisations and all levels of government that have shared priorities with the Carisbrook Community Plan.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise, promote and support volunteers and actively encourage the involvement of new volunteers, especially younger and ‘new’ residents.
2. Encourage, support and build the capacity of local leaders in Carisbrook.
3. Develop and activate a process with Council for active support with grant-seeking and fund raising for local community groups.

“I would like more opportunities for volunteers to be recognised and celebrated.”

“I’d like to see Council governance improvement and trust and transparent communication to build back respect.”

“We need more community input into decision making – perhaps a more formal process such as a community committee that meets quarterly.”

PUTTING OUR PLAN INTO ACTION

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Getting involved

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DUNOLLY & DISTRICT OUR COMMUNITY 2030



OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

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- listening post
- a focus group
- children's drawing activities
- a community workshop; and
- draft plan feedback processes.

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OUR VISION

In 2030 Dunolly & district will be:

**A sustainable,
healthy, connected,
economically viable
and vibrant community
that values and
celebrates its history
and heritage.**

OUR TOWN

Dunolly is located 24 kilometres from Maryborough and 182 kilometres north west from Melbourne.

Dunolly has many assets that are important for the town and the surrounding district. **Physical assets** include the recreation reserve, bowls club, golf club, tennis courts, swimming pool, the Neighbourhood House and Arts Hub, the Senior Citizens building, the Rural Trans-action Centre, the RSL, CFA and the SES, The Historic Precinct, museum, Gordon Gardens and the Rene Fox garden are also significant public places.

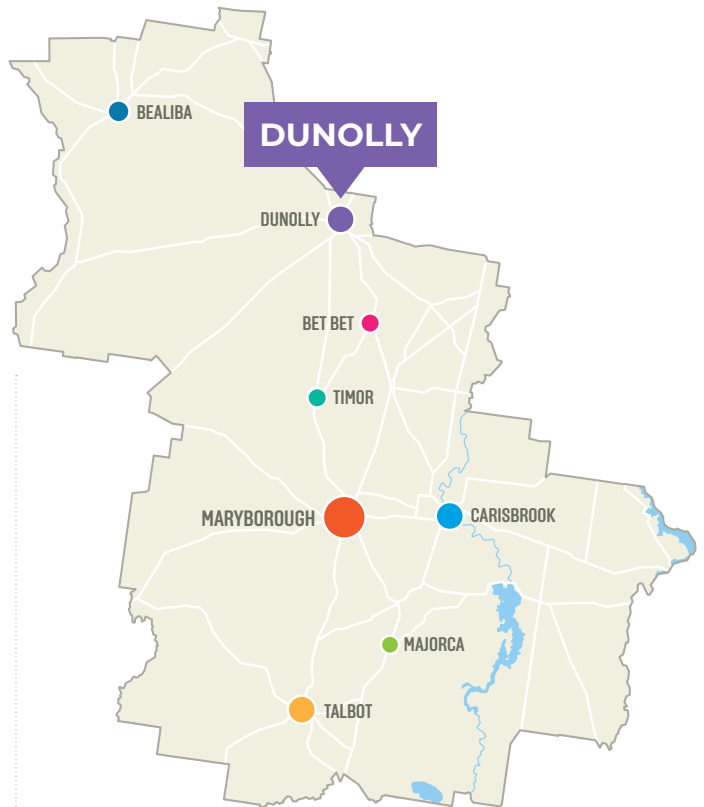
Community assets of note include the preschool, primary school, post office, medical clinic, hospital and residential aged care facility. Dunolly and district has a number of **business assets** including the supermarket, garage, collectible shops, butcher, cafés/ eateries, pub, pharmacy, caravan park, motel, B&B’s and other small businesses.

The community groups and sporting clubs, and diverse cultural assets such as arts and craft groups, the weekly community newspaper, the historical society and churches also enrich the community.

Our History

The Central Victorian town of Dunolly is located on the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung people who called the area Lea Kuribur.

During the Gold Rush of the 1850s, Dunolly and the surrounding district, more gold nuggets were discovered than anywhere else in Australia and became known as the “Golden Triangle”. Gold found in the area included the largest gold nugget in the world, the 69 kilogram “Welcome Stranger”, which was found in nearby Moliagul. A replica of the famous nugget can be seen at the Goldfields Historical and Arts Museum. The allure of gold still brings prospectors to Dunolly from far and wide trying to find their fortune.



“Dunolly is a comfortable, safe and friendly town with caring individuals.”

“We have magnificent heritage buildings here.”

The Dunolly Historic Precinct today incorporates a number of historic buildings: the 1884 town hall on Broadway and the 1863 courthouse, stables and lockup, and 1950s police station on Market Street.

CENSUS SNAPSHOT

The Census snapshot data for Dunolly included below reflects the area in the map pictured (SSC-ABS Census area).



POPULATION: 893

- Male: 51.5%
- Female: 48.5%
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people: 1.6% (Victoria 0.8%)



AGE

- Median age in Dunolly is 57 years (Victoria 37 years)
- Children aged 0-14 years made up 11.8% of the population (Victoria 18.3%)
- 32.5% of the population are aged 65 years and over (Victoria 15.6%)



DWELLINGS: 519

- 19.8% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)
- Median rent: \$153/week (Victoria: \$325)



HOUSEHOLDS

- 51.8% were family households
- 43.9% (183 people) were living in single person households (Victoria 24.7%)
- 4.3% were group households
- 4.3% of households had no car



EMPLOYMENT

- 45.3% worked full-time (Victoria 57%)
- 36.3% worked part-time (Victoria 31.4%)
- 13.7% were unemployed (Victoria 6.6%)
- 4.7% were away from work (Victoria 4.9%)



INCOME

- In Dunolly 51.5% of households had a weekly household income of less than \$650 (Victoria 20.3%) and 4% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000 (Victoria 15.5%)



INTERNET

- 29.7% of households in Dunolly did not have access to internet at home (Victoria 13.6%)



IN DUNOLLY & DISTRICT WE LOVE...

- The friendly and caring people
- Small country town setting
- Community connections
- Good local facilities
- The central location
- Peace and quiet
- History and heritage
- The natural environment/bushland
- Community pride
- Safety
- Arts/cultural activities
- Local bakery

KEY ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Ageing community
- Declining population
- Limited public transportation
- Climate change adaptability
- Poverty/disadvantage
- Access to health and wellbeing services
- Limited housing options
- Boredom
- Community leadership
- Lack of activities for young people
- Isolation
- Road upkeep/safety
- Attracting and retaining volunteers
- Support for local business



OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- 1 OUR COMMUNITY
- 2 OUR ECONOMY
- 3 OUR ENVIRONMENT
(BUILT & NATURAL)
- 4 OUR LEADERSHIP

OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Plan and deliver intergenerational activities/events and projects e.g. technology.
2. Hold regular community events/activities focussed on strengthening community connections.
3. Install a community notice board in Dunolly e.g. at the new library.
4. Welcome new residents to Dunolly and district.
5. Hold a yearly community 'Expo' to promote community services and groups to the wider community.
6. Offer social sports that aren't tied to formal competitions.
7. Offer arts/cultural workshops and activities for residents of all ages.

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Develop a Dunolly service directory and promote to community members so that there is a stronger understanding of what is available for residents.
2. Encourage residents to drink tap water through the installation of bubble taps/water stations in Dunolly.
3. Advocate for adequate GP and health and wellbeing service access in Dunolly and in the Central Goldfields Shire.
4. Explore creative community transportation models that could be trialled in Dunolly.
5. Work with Council and health stakeholders to improve/increase service delivery for elderly residents so that they can be supported to live at home as long as possible. Review meals on wheels delivery barriers to improve access.
6. Advocate for extended pool hours in Dunolly: especially during extreme heat days.
7. Extend the offering of local sports (beyond football).
8. Explore ways to train more local residents in aged care support services.
9. Seek funding for a Men's Shed in Dunolly.
10. Identify heat retreat' and bushfire safety areas for residents on days of extreme heat and fire danger.

"If you are interested you will be welcomed and included in Dunolly."

"We need services so that our ageing community can age in place."

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Install a caravan dump point and work together to make Dunolly an RV friendly town.
2. Promote and enhance tourism in Dunolly.
3. Review the available food outlets for weekend visitors and plan options to support increased access for visitors.
4. Explore the viability of a dedicated visitors information centre in Dunolly.
5. Plan an annual festival or event to attract tourists to Dunolly.

VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY

1. Explore ways to increase support for local businesses e.g. shop local campaigns etc.
2. Advocate for high speed 5G internet services in Dunolly.
3. Explore the viability of having free town Wi-Fi in Dunolly.
4. Examine ways to attract new industry to Dunolly to build the economy and increase employment.
5. Explore solar/ renewable energy schemes that could make energy more affordable for residents.
6. Advocate for an easier and more efficient building permit process.
7. Advocate for improved public transportation services in Dunolly e.g. passenger rail, more community bus services.
8. Advocate for a business support officer position at Council to support business/economic development.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Promote the liveability of Dunolly and district.
2. Explore initiatives to encourage new residents and business to move to Dunolly and district e.g. rate relief.
3. Develop a welcome refugee policy for Dunolly and district.
4. Build independent living housing in Dunolly to accommodate the needs of downsizing and single person residences (Independent Living Project).

“We need more infrastructure and investment in the region to encourage young people to stay in the area.”

“We need to make it attractive for businesses to start up in Dunolly.”

“Suitable housing for older town and district residents as proposed by the Independent Living Units Project.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Complete the Dunolly Library Project so the community has access to good local library services.
2. Seek funding for new clubrooms/ community hub and playground at Deledio Reserve.
3. Improve accessibility for all abilities into buildings in Dunolly.
4. Seek funding for heating for the Dunolly pool.
5. Seek funding for the installation of air conditioning at the Town Hall.
6. Work together with Council to improve, extend and connect footpaths in Dunolly.
7. Explore the feasibility of creating mountain bike trails in Dunolly and district.
8. Install additional seating and tables in Gordon Gardens and Rene Fox Memorial Garden.
9. Seek funding for an additional public toilet facility in Dunolly.
10. Review community access to the Dunolly Town Hall and seek ways to increase community use.
11. Seek funding for the installation of lighting at the tennis courts.
12. Extend walking and bicycle and horse trails in Dunolly and district.
13. Upkeep roads to ensure safety, including grading of dirt roads e.g. Alice street where water stand-pipe is located.

STREETSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION AND SIGNAGE

1. Update the streetscape and install new entrance signage in Dunolly.
2. Improve town and directional signage in Dunolly and explore adding speed limits on the road in Broadway.

PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL HERITAGE

1. Review and plan for the future needs of the Dunolly Museum.
2. Protect, promote and maintain the history and heritage of Dunolly and district.

PROTECT, MANAGE AND IMPROVE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Examine ways to adapt to dry conditions and ensure access to good quality water for residents.
2. Explore innovative ideas for waste management e.g. recycling/reuse.
3. Advocate for the bush/bush activities to continue to be open and accessible for community members and visitors.

“Given the age of the population and the fact the park is used for the weekly food truck night, one table is not sufficient.”

“We need more footpaths around town for people and gophers, we shouldn’t have to go on the road.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

1. Actively connect with Council’s ‘champion’ for Dunolly to ensure leadership and support from Council with the Dunolly & District Community Plan and its identified community projects.
2. Strengthen leadership from Central Goldfields Shire with community development processes, governance and grant seeking.
3. Connect with other towns in the Shire who may have shared/common community planning goals/activities.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise, support and celebrate volunteers and actively encourage the creative involvement of new volunteers. Especially younger and ‘new’ residents.
2. Build young people’s leadership skills and experience through training, mentoring and involvement in community projects and initiatives.
3. Strengthen connections, communication and relationships between community groups in Dunolly and work together to avoid duplication.
4. Actively lead the implementation of the Dunolly & District Community Plan.
5. Source grant writing and governance training and support for community groups and volunteers.
6. Hold a yearly community dinner/get together/picnic for volunteers.

“Getting volunteers to run groups and events is a challenge.”

“Council project committees should be welcoming and have diverse membership including those with a disability.”

“Be transparent with community about what the Shire is doing and where money is spent.”

PUTTING OUR PLAN INTO ACTION

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An action plan template has been developed to assist with project planning and regular re-view of community priorities.

Getting involved

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MAJORCA & DISTRICT
OUR COMMUNITY
2030



OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

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Residents in and around Majorca and district were invited to share their input into the planning process in a variety of ways:

- an online survey
- community postcards
- a drop in session
- a focus group
- roving interviews
- a community workshop; and
- draft plan feedback processes.

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OUR VISION

In 2030 Majorca & district will have:

- ✓ strong community connections
- ✓ a sustainable population
- ✓ well maintained community infrastructure
- ✓ high speed internet
- ✓ access to health and wellbeing activities and services
- ✓ volunteers of all ages
- ✓ celebration of arts, culture and history
- ✓ regular access to community transportation; and
- ✓ strong connections and communication with Council.

OUR TOWN

Majorca is located 11km south of Maryborough and 171km north west of Melbourne.

Majorca and district has its own Town Hall, community barbecue and playground.

Majorca has a number of historically significant buildings and sites and distinctive bluestone guttering.

Our History

Majorca was founded in 1863-towards the end of the Victorian gold rush-after two prospectors struck gold at nearby McCullum’s Creek. Two months later, there were 250 stores and restaurants catering to a population of around three to four thousand, although many shops and residents soon returned to nearby Maryborough.

Majorca was sustained for over 50 years through gold mining, including the Kong Meng Mine. It is now a rural area consisting mainly of farmland and the Tullaroop Reservoir which helps provide water to Maryborough.



“The Majorca Hall is a great asset for the community.”

“People don’t know each other like they used to.”

CENSUS SNAPSHOT



POPULATION: 211

- Male: 54.5%
- Female: 45.5%
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people: 3.2% (Victoria 0.8%)



AGE

- Median age in Majorca 46 years (Victoria 37 years)



DWELLINGS: 87

- 13.8% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)
- Median rent: \$200 (Victoria: \$325)



HOUSEHOLDS

- 58% were family households
- 38.3% (31 people) were living in single person households (Victoria 24.7%)
- 3.7% were group households
- 3.7% of households had no car



EMPLOYMENT

- 40.7% worked full-time (Victoria 57%)
- 34.9% worked part-time (Victoria 31.4%)
- 17.4% were unemployed (Victoria 6.6%)
- 7% were away from work (Victoria 4.9%)



INCOME

- In Majorca 40.3% of households had a weekly household income of less than \$650 (Victoria 20.3%) and 5.6% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000 (Victoria 15.5%)



INTERNET

- 27.6% of households in Majorca did not have access to internet (Victoria 13.6%)

IN MAJORCA & DISTRICT WE LOVE...

- The friendly community
- Peace and quiet
- Small rural community
- Country living
- Majorca Town Hall
- History and heritage
- Park
- Arts and cultural activities
- Access to health services and hospital nearby
- Nature
- Lovely sunsets
- Starry skies
- Diversity of activities

KEY ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Isolation
- Population decline
- Ageing population
- Retaining history
- Streetscapes
- Communication with Council
- Lack of hard rubbish collection
- Public transportation
- Access to affordable high-speed internet
- Lack of volunteers/ageing volunteers
- People don't know each other
- Lack of community connections
- Management of weeds
- Difficult to attract funding/support
- Lack of bridge safety/road safety



OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- 1 **OUR COMMUNITY**
- 2 **OUR ECONOMY**
- 3 **OUR ENVIRONMENT**
(BUILT & NATURAL)
- 4 **OUR LEADERSHIP**

OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Continue to hold regular community events/activities that could strengthen social connections between residents.
2. Advocate for the community bus to come to Majorca and district once a week.
3. Explore creative community transportation ideas that could better support residents with transportation challenges.
4. Install an accessible community noticeboard for Majorca and district.

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Offer regular health and wellbeing activities in the Majorca Hall for residents e.g. yoga, meditation, art physical activity.
2. Seek funding for the development of a community garden.
3. Seek funding for shade over the Majorca playground.
4. Explore funding opportunities for a local community-based art studio.

CELEBRATION OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE

1. Gather and share local history with both residents and visitors.

“Our playground need shade for children and families.”

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Seek funding for history/heritage signage in Majorca and promote Majorca in the History Trail.
2. Explore funding opportunities for street art and include Majorca in the Arts Trail.

RELIABLE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

1. Advocate for high speed and affordable internet and mobile phone services for Majorca and district.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Promote the liveability of Majorca and district.
2. Advocate for equitable resourcing of outlying towns.

“We can only get internet on a toggle and it is very expensive.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Seek funding for improved playground equipment and area e.g. new plantings.
2. Seek funding for the installation of seating out front of the town hall.
3. Advocate for a wider bridge and review the entrance to the bridge and signage and address road safety concerns.
4. Seek funding for improvements at the Majorca cemetery e.g. toilets, fencing, weed control and road improvements.
5. Maintain the Majorca Hall, a vital community resources.

PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL HERITAGE

1. Clear out the bluestone gutters in Majorca on a yearly basis.

BEAUTIFY STREETSAPES AND ENTRANCES

1. Beautify and enhance the streetscapes in Majorca.

PROTECT, MANAGE AND IMPROVE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Increase plantings in Majorca and district e.g. shade trees, edible plantings.
2. Control weeds e.g. bindii, cape tulip and other weeds in Majorca and district.

“Our cemetery needs some attention.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

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2. Actively lead the implementation of the Majorca & District Community Plan.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise and support volunteers and actively encourage the creative involvement of new volunteers.
2. Source training and support from Council to access grant opportunities for Majorca and district.

“Everything is left to the same people all the time.”

PUTTING OUR PLAN INTO ACTION

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MARYBOROUGH & DISTRICT OUR COMMUNITY 2030



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OUR VISION

In 2030 Maryborough & district will have:

- ✓ strong community connections
- ✓ excellent community and recreational infrastructure
- ✓ a growing and sustainable population
- ✓ excellent health and wellbeing services
- ✓ a thriving local economy
- ✓ growing volunteerism
- ✓ a strengthened focus on the early years
- ✓ local access to post-secondary education
- ✓ frequent public transportation in Maryborough and to nearby larger centres
- ✓ high speed and affordable internet
- ✓ increased town pride
- ✓ a range of housing options to suit residents needs
- ✓ strengthened environmental sustainability and flood and preparedness; and
- ✓ strong connections and communication with Council.

OUR TOWN

Maryborough is located 65 kilometres north of Ballarat, 70 kilometres from Bendigo and 168 kilometres north-west of Melbourne.

Maryborough has a number of sporting facilities and significant historical buildings dating back to the goldmining era of the 1850s.

Other key assets of note are the library, Town Hall, the Railway Station, the wide range of local shopping, Lake Victoria and the Goldfields Reservoir and nearby Paddys Ranges State Park to name a few.

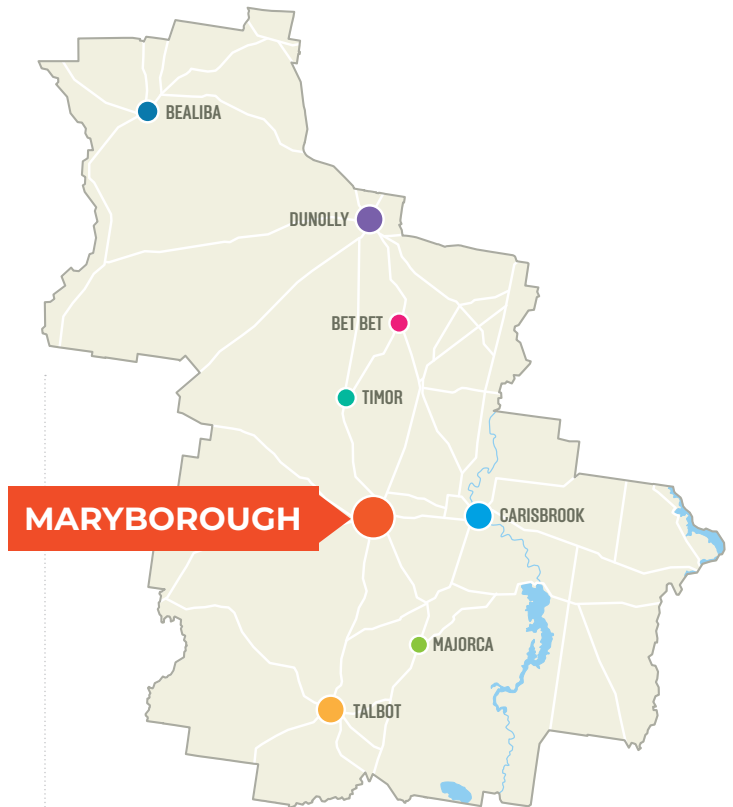
Our History

The area was originally inhabited by the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

The first Europeans to settle were the Simson brothers, who established a sheep station, known as Charlotte Plains, in 1840. Gold was discovered at White Hill, 4 kilometres north of Maryborough in 1854, leading to prospectors rushing to the area. At its peak Maryborough is reported to have had a population of up to 50,000 people.

The last gold mine in Maryborough closed in 1918. In 1924 the Maryborough Knitting Mills opened, which established the town as a centre for the wool industry, Maryborough became a city in 1961.

In 1995 the Central Goldfields Shire Council was created from the former City of Maryborough, Shires of Tullaroop, Bet Bet and Talbot and Clunes.



“Specialist are all out of town, hard to see someone. Doctor waiting lists are ridiculous.”

“I love the determination that people have to make our region great again.”

“It’s a friendly place to live and work; you are not just a number.”

CENSUS SNAPSHOT



POPULATION: 7921

- Male: 47.8%
- Female: 52.2%
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people: 1.6% (Victoria 0.8%)



AGE

- Median age in Maryborough 50 years (Victoria 37 years)
- Children aged 0-17 years made up 15.8% of the population (Victoria 18.3%)
- 30.3% of the population are aged 65 years and over (Victoria 15.6%)



DWELLINGS: 3774

- 10.7% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)
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HOUSEHOLDS

- 59.3% were family households
- 37.4% (1263 people) were living in single person households (Victoria 24.7%)
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INTERNET

- 29.8% of households in Maryborough did not have access to internet at home (Victoria 13.6%)

IN MARYBOROUGH & DISTRICT WE LOVE...

- The people
- Community spirit/connections
- Peace and quiet
- Country/rural living
- The central location
- History and heritage
- The shopping and cafés
- Community and recreational infrastructure
- Natural environment/bushland
- Local activities and events
- Affordable living
- Services and supports
- Good schools
- The weather

KEY ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Unemployment
- Local Government Governance
- Access to health care services/lack of GP's
- Access to higher education
- Lack of activities for children/young people
- High speed internet access
- Attracting industry/business
- Drought/climate
- Support for local business
- Ageing community
- Red-Tape
- Maintaining heritage buildings
- Attracting tourism
- Volunteering
- Access to public transport
- Housing needs
- Perception of Maryborough
- Entrenched disadvantage
- Retaining young people
- Maintaining community infrastructure



OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- 1 **OUR COMMUNITY**
- 2 **OUR ECONOMY**
- 3 **OUR ENVIRONMENT**
(BUILT & NATURAL)
- 4 **OUR LEADERSHIP**

OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Create opportunities to strengthen community connections amongst residents.
2. Plan together with children and young people to offer regular low cost-no cost activities/programs/events.
3. Advocate for support for existing community groups through fee relief for use of assets, rubbish removal and printing/administration support.
4. Offer more arts/culture activities in Maryborough.
5. Offer intergenerational programs/activities to address ageing and isolation.
6. Continue to welcome and include new residents to Maryborough and district.

“If we focus our efforts on the 40ish babies born each year to first time parents in the shire and ensure those families get the very best support available we would be well on the way to turning around the disadvantage experienced in this community.”

OUR COMMUNITY

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Advocate for adequate GP services in Maryborough.
2. Explore the viability of an after-hours GP clinic in Maryborough.
3. Advocate for improved promotion and use of telehealth options that could better connect residents with specialist health care services.
4. Review parking needs for the hospital and local medical clinics to better support access for ageing residents.
5. Seek community input into the masterplan for the new hospital.
6. Seek ways to increase healthy eating in Maryborough and district e.g. farmers markets, food swap, gardening support
7. Increase the delivery of funded dental services for eligible residents.
8. Seek funding for shade over play areas and the outdoor pool.
9. Support early childhood development and the first 1000 days of a child's life.
10. Continue to offer sport and recreational opportunities and encourage active lifestyle choices.
11. Advocate for improved access to mental health services in Maryborough for children, youth and adults.
12. Advocate for free or reduced fee pool entry for all in Central Goldfields Shire.
13. Work with police and key community stakeholders to trial initiatives that could lower crime and drug use.
14. Continue to plan together for an age and dementia friendly community.
15. Increase services and support for residents who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
16. Review current and future housing needs for Maryborough and seek investment and partnerships that support affordable rental housing, creative housing ideas, social housing and increased home ownership opportunities.
17. Increase positive perceptions of Maryborough through the promotion of positive stories.
18. Seek funding for the installation of accessible drinking fountains/stations.
19. Improve the quality of tap water and promote the benefits of drinking tap water.
20. Deliver more health and wellbeing community programs for older residents.
21. Expand and promote community garden and edible planting projects.
22. Increase breastfeeding friendly places and promote breastfeeding.
23. Advocate for a headspace service in Maryborough.
24. Provide in home services that will support ageing residents to 'age in place'.
25. Develop campaigns/initiatives to encourage more off-screen time for children and youth.
26. Consider ways to promote available community services to residents so that they are easy to understand and access.
27. Continue to welcome and include new residents to Maryborough and district.

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Plan and promote events and activities that would draw visitors to Maryborough and district e.g. Energy Breakthrough, experience Maryborough event.
2. Promote, protect and maintain the history and heritage of Maryborough and district.

VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY

1. Work together to attract investment and new industry to Maryborough and district.
2. Encourage shop-local campaigns that would increase support for local businesses
3. Explore and develop incentives aimed at attracting new business and industry to Maryborough and district.
4. Explore ways to increase the availability and affordability of rental housing for residents and social lending models for home ownership.
5. Advocate for an increase in public transportation services for Maryborough and district and promote the bus from home to station.
6. Review the transport needs of secondary and tertiary students and advocate for services that support students to reside in Central Goldfields.
7. Offer programs and campaigns aimed at boosting employment and assisting unemployed residents to find work including youth, middle aged residents and those that are longer term unemployed.
8. Investigate renewable energy schemes that could assist residents with lowering their power costs.
9. Create a masterplan for the aerodrome and regain CASA registration.
10. Seek funding for streetscape beautification in Maryborough.
11. Explore creative ways to activate empty shopfronts in Maryborough e.g. short-term use. social enterprise, shop front services, window displays etc.
12. Advocate for the delivery of University and TAFE courses in Maryborough through face to face and video options.
13. Advocate for less red tape to better enable development, growth and investment.
14. Explore opportunities to strengthen the night and weekend economy in Maryborough.
15. Advocate for the affordability of rates in Maryborough and district.

OUR ECONOMY

RELIABLE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

1. Advocate for reliable mobile phone coverage and fast internet for Maryborough and district.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Promote the liveability of Maryborough and district.



“More industry to provide increased job opportunities. Increased medical services. More frequent public transport services.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Seek funding for a splash/ water park in Maryborough that is fenced and is free to use.
2. Advocate/work in partnership with Council and VicRoads to ensure a safe road network.
3. Create a plan for the improvement of footpaths in Maryborough and district.
4. Review street lighting and add lighting in community areas where it is needed.
5. Redevelop the outdoor pool and add solar heating.
6. Maintain and extend bicycle and walking tracks in Maryborough and district.
7. Seek funding for the installation of BBQ facilities at all parks.
8. Review shade needs at key outdoor places e.g. parks, playgrounds, pools and create a plan for improvements.
9. Consider all ability access and female/family friendliness when planning recreation and community infrastructure.
10. Using the Recreation and Open Spaces Plan maintain and develop open spaces and recreation infrastructure that meets the needs of Central Goldfields residents.
11. Explore creative ways to encourage and support community members to increase town pride e.g. tidy towns.
12. Link medical and retail hubs with pedestrian, cycle and mobility scooter pathways.
13. Seek funding for an off-leash dog park in Maryborough.
14. Activate and revamp the Town Hall e.g. seating.

“Focus more on outdoor infrastructure, like bike paths.”

“Have a splash park in Maryborough so everyone can cool down in our dry hot summer.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL HERITAGE

1. Maintain and protect heritage buildings in Maryborough and district.

PROTECT, MANAGE AND IMPROVE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Plan environmental sustainability initiatives focussed on less waste, climate action and flood, bushfire and drought preparedness.
2. Create a tree plan for the replacement of trees as they near their lifespan and water large trees.
3. Conduct regular tree audits to ensure tree safety around town.
4. Ensure green spaces are available year-long for residents and visitors to enjoy.
5. Source water to keep Goldfields Reservoir and Lake Victoria useable all year long.



“We need a sustainability plan to guide through the effects of climate change.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

1. Actively connect with Council’s ‘champion’ for Maryborough to ensure leadership and support from Council with the Maryborough & District Community Plan and its identified community projects.
2. Actively lead the implementation of the Maryborough & District Community Plan.
3. Identify ways to strengthen and maintain transparency and communication between residents and Local Government.
4. Revamp Central Goldfields Shire Council website so that it is community friendly and easy to use.
5. Encourage community voice and local decision making through engagement and consultation.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise, support and raise the profile of volunteers and community groups and actively encourage the involvement of new volunteers, especially younger and ‘new’ residents.
2. Develop a volunteer ‘skill bank’ to connect Central Goldfields Shire residents with volunteering opportunities.
3. Build the leadership skills of young people in Maryborough and district.
4. Build the leadership skills and capacity of residents to become local leaders.
5. Gather and promote good news stories about community groups, volunteers and leaders in the Maryborough community.
6. Build the capacity of community volunteers through training and mentoring e.g. governance, human behaviour, food handling, grant writing etc.

“Community groups need more support and more volunteers.”

“Be much more open with council decisions and be prepared to listen and not think all the decisions made are the right ones.”

“I believe we need to afford locals better opportunities to make decisions regarding their future.”

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TALBOT & DISTRICT OUR COMMUNITY 2030



OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

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- a focus group
- roving interviews
- a community workshop; and
- draft plan feedback processes.

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OUR VISION

In 2030 Talbot & district will have:

- ✓ sewerage
- ✓ a growing and sustainable population
- ✓ strong community connections
- ✓ well maintained and protected heritage and community buildings
- ✓ a vibrant economy
- ✓ high speed internet
- ✓ access to local health and wellbeing services
- ✓ volunteers of all ages
- ✓ an arts and culture precinct
- ✓ well-attended primary school and pre-school; and
- ✓ strong connections and communication with Council.

OUR TOWN

Talbot is located 15 kilometres south of Maryborough, 50 kilometres north of Ballarat and 130 kilometres north west of Melbourne.

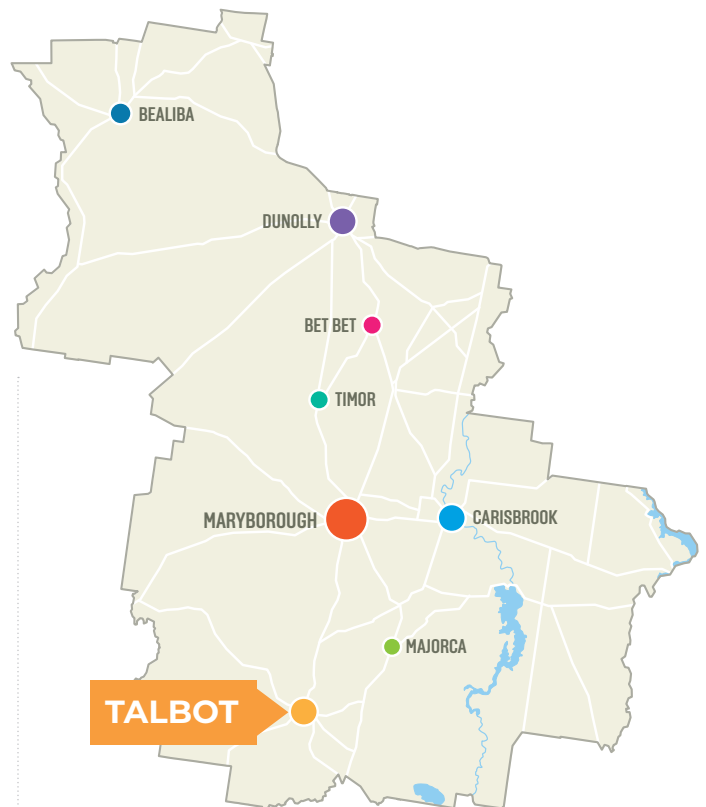
Talbot and district has its own Primary School and Preschool, community halls, sporting facilities, golf course, museum, pool, post office, local doctor, library and a range of small businesses.

Talbot has two successful monthly markets that bring a large number of visitors to the town.

Our History

Talbot was settled in the Victorian gold rush and was most populated in the 1850's and 1860s. Today Talbot has a population of 442 (ABS Census, 2016). The town retains many historically significant buildings today: the Old Court House, the Primitive Methodist Church, the Talbot Town Hall and the Court House Hotel to name a few.

The Talbot walking tour map identifies over 40 sites and buildings.



“We love living in Talbot. The natural environment is to be treasured. The history of the little gold town is special and forever a drawcard for visitors, family researchers, etc.”

“Talbot’s future is severely compromised by lack of sewerage.”

CENSUS SNAPSHOT



POPULATION: 442

- Male: 57.2%
- Female: 44.2%



AGE

- Median age in Talbot: 55 years (Victoria 37 years)



DWELLINGS: 258

- 19.4% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)
- Median weekly rent: \$123 (Victoria: \$325)



HOUSEHOLDS

- 54.5% were family households
- 41.6% (84 people) were living in single person households (Victoria 24.7%)
- 4% were group households
- 7.8% of households had no car



EMPLOYMENT

- 45.1% worked full-time (Victoria 57%)
- 32.3% worked part-time (Victoria 31.4%)
- 14% were unemployed (Victoria 6.6%)
- 8.5% were away from work (Victoria 4.9%)



INCOME

- In Talbot 42.3% of households had a weekly household income of less than \$650 (Victoria 20.3%) and 0% of households had a weekly income of more than \$3000 (Victoria 15.5%)



INTERNET

- 25.5% of households in Talbot did not have access to internet (Victoria 13.6%)

IN TALBOT & DISTRICT WE LOVE...

- The friendly/nice people
- Community connections/participation
- Peace and quiet
- Good facilities
- Small country town feel
- History and heritage
- Markets
- Medical car service
- Local Doctor
- Talbot Provodore
- Central location
- Talbot Primary School
- Acceptance of diversity

KEY ISSUES/CHALLENGES

- Lack of sewerage connection
- Population decline
- Attracting families
- Ageing population
- Climate change
- Restoring/retaining history and heritage
- Loss of local business
- Ageing school facilities/keeping school open
- Access to health care services
- Lack of activities for children and young people
- Road upkeep/safety
- Volunteering
- Red-tape and lengthy planning processes
- Promotion of tourism
- Public transportation
- Access to high speed internet



OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- 1 **OUR COMMUNITY**
- 2 **OUR ECONOMY**
- 3 **OUR ENVIRONMENT**
(BUILT & NATURAL)
- 4 **OUR LEADERSHIP**

OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Offer and promote regular community activities and events that provide opportunities for strengthened social connections in Talbot and district.
2. Support and maintain community groups and clubs in Talbot and district.
3. Plan together with children and young people to offer regular low cost-no cost activities/programs/ events in Talbot.
4. Offer regular arts, music and culture opportunities for residents of all ages.
5. Develop a dedicated public facility at the library that offers residents computer and Wi-Fi internet access and print and scanning services.
6. Design and offer a playgroup at the Talbot Primary School.

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Explore ways to improve access to chemist services for Talbot and district e.g. home delivery options/local pick up location.
2. Maintain medical care services for Talbot and district residents who require support with accessing medical appointments.
3. Advocate for improved access to quality health and wellbeing services in Central Goldfields Shire.
4. Maintain and seek to expand quality GP services in Talbot.
5. Seek funding for the development of a community gym for Talbot and district residents.
6. Promote and deliver regular health and wellbeing activities in Talbot and district, especially those focussed on ageing residents.
7. Develop shared fire plans and strategies for checking in on neighbours in fire danger periods e.g. phone tree set-up.
8. Broadly promote recreation facilities that are available in Talbot e.g. pool, tennis courts etc.
9. Review pool use/fees and opening times and trial ways to increase pool use by all age groups of the community.

“Our playground need shade for children and families.”

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Increase tourism in Talbot e.g. through regional arts, food, markets, events and festivals.
2. Promote the museum and increase history/heritage tourism in Talbot e.g. through genealogy/family history.

RELIABLE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

1. Advocate for 5G connectivity in Talbot and district.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Advocate for sewage with heritage overlay guidelines for Talbot.
2. Promote the liveability of Talbot and district and sustainably grow its population.
3. Promote and support the Talbot Primary School so it can thrive and grow.
4. Work together with Council, YMCA and the Department of Education and Training to explore sustainable models for the Talbot Pre-School to support its re-opening in 2021 and ongoing future viability e.g. bush kinder model.
5. Seek ways to promote family friendliness and grow the number of families living in Talbot.
6. Advocate for Council to declare the Shire a welcome refugee zone and explore the viability of refugee settlement in Talbot and district.
7. Explore creative subsidised housing models and partnerships that could encourage young families to live in Talbot.

VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY

1. Increase passenger rail services to Talbot; especially on weekends.
2. Increase support for and grow local businesses in Talbot.
3. Investigate renewable energy project opportunities for Talbot and district and ensure heritage overlays are applied e.g. hydronic heating in public buildings.
4. Advocate for equitable resourcing/focus on smaller outlying towns.
5. Simplify planning processes and reduce costs and remove red tape and bureaucratic barriers to growth.
6. Advocate for the affordability of rates in Talbot and district.
7. Explore incentives and opportunities to attract new businesses and industry to Talbot and district.

“I love the entrepreneurial enterprises in Talbot like the Provedore, the Observatory, the Gallery and Ralph’s Station Nursery.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Explore the viability of a shared multi-use sporting facility in Talbot.
2. Upgrade and maintain playgrounds and sporting and recreation facilities in Talbot.
3. Seek funding to update the netball courts at the Talbot football ground.
4. Develop the arts precinct in Talbot.
5. Seek funding for the installation of new toilets at the Town Hall.
6. Maintain the Town Hall; a vital community resource.
7. Install additional drinking taps/water stations in key community spaces.
8. Seek funding for a pool upgrade and shade at the Talbot pool.
9. Seek funding for the upgrade of the caravan park including installation of a dump point.
10. Advocate to Council for regular grading and maintenance of dirt roads and a local roads advisory structure.
11. Seek funding for the extension of walking and bicycle tracks in Talbot and district.
12. Improve footpaths and plan for future footpath needs.

PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL HERITAGE

1. Protect and maintain heritage buildings in Talbot and district.
2. Seek funding for the restoration of the Leader building in Talbot.

BEAUTIFY STREETSAPES AND ENTRANCES

1. Beautify and preserve the streetscape in Talbot.
2. Upgrade and beautify signage and town entrance signage for Talbot.

PROTECT, MANAGE AND IMPROVE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. Plan environmental sustainability initiatives focussed on less waste, climate action and drought preparedness.
2. Advocate for a stronger focus, clear policies and leadership on climate change action and adaptability throughout Central Goldfields Shire.
3. Advocate to Council for reduced tip fees and longer opening hours.
4. Advocate to Council for improved and regular maintenance of gardens, weeds, roadsides and entrances and for new plantings in Talbot and district.
5. Educate residents about fruit fly in home gardens.

“Maintain the heritage overlay on the town in order to preserve its charm and character and to avoid having inappropriate modern looking developments.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION

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2. Actively lead the implementation of the Talbot & District Community Plan.
3. Identify and implement ways to strengthen and maintain communication between residents and Local Government.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise, support and celebrate volunteers and actively encourage the involvement of new volunteers (especially youth) through flexible and creative volunteer offerings.
2. Strengthen relationships and communication between community groups in Talbot and district.

“We are scratching for volunteers.”

“Please visit your smaller towns and talk to residents and families. Listen to what they have to say and do something about the issues they raise.”

PUTTING OUR PLAN INTO ACTION

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TIMOR & DISTRICT
OUR COMMUNITY
2030



OUR COMMUNITY PLAN

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Community planning commenced in October 2019 and was completed in April 2020.

Residents in and around Timor and district were invited to share their input into the planning process in a variety of ways:

- an online survey
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- a drop in session
- a focus group
- a community workshop; and
- draft plan feedback processes.

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OUR VISION

In 2030 Timor & district will have:

- ✓ strong community connections
- ✓ a stable population
- ✓ well maintained and safe community facilities
- ✓ tourist activity
- ✓ reliable and affordable internet and mobile phone service
- ✓ good access to health and wellbeing services
- ✓ volunteers of all ages
- ✓ strong connections and communication with Council; and
- ✓ community pride.

OUR TOWN

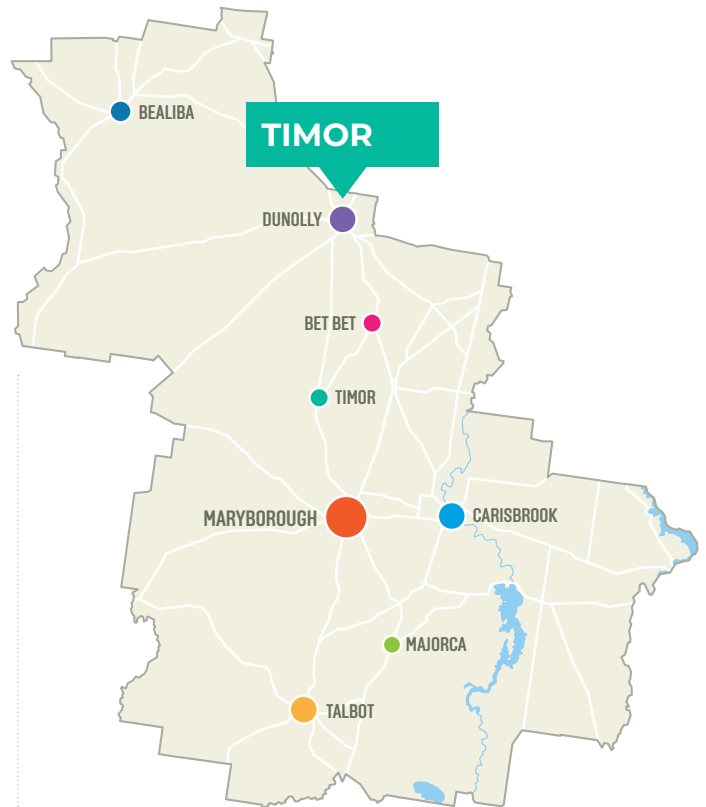
Timor is located 11 kilometres north of Maryborough and 179 kilometres west of Melbourne.

Timor and district has its own Primary School, Community Halls (Bowenvale Hall and Wareek Hall), Cemetery, Tennis Courts, Playground and public toilets.

Our History

Timor was settled in the Victorian gold rush by prospectors. The town was first known as “Cox Town” after the butcher who has earlier constructed a bridge across Bet Bet Creek and built the nearby “Bridge Inn”, until it was surveyed under the name “Timor”. The general store, established in 1852, and the school was established in 1863.

The Grand Duke mine and Timor jail are significant historical sites in Timor and District.



“We need more community based events designed to bring all residents together.”

“Improve access to health care services.”

CENSUS SNAPSHOT

The information provided below is for the Census defined area of Timor (see map). An additional area of ‘Timor West’ is also available on Census which is an additional population of 24 people (this has not been included below).



POPULATION: 58

- Male: 48.3%
- Female: 51.7%



AGE

- Median age in Timor: 54 years (Victoria 37 years)



DWELLINGS

- 13.8.1% of dwellings were unoccupied (Victoria 11.7%)



HOUSEHOLDS

- Average of 2.1 people per dwelling
- Average of 2.2 cars per dwelling



EMPLOYMENT

- Due to small population, no information was available



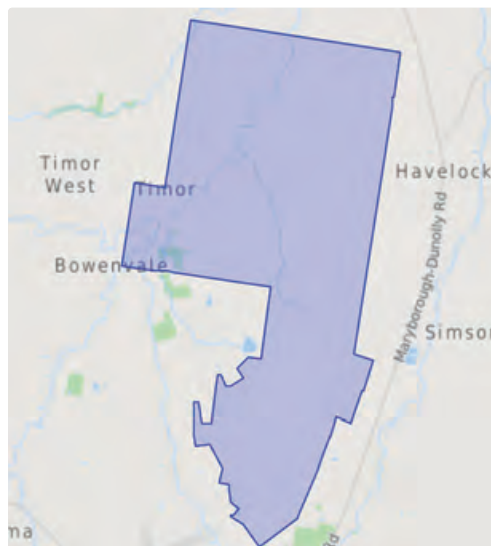
INCOME

- In Timor the average weekly household income was \$1041



INTERNET

- Due to small population, no information was available



IN TIMOR & DISTRICT WE LOVE...

- The friendly/nice people
- Community support
- Safe community
- Good facilities
- Country town atmosphere
- The Community Halls (Timor and Wareek)
- History and heritage
- Bush/farming environment
- CFA/volunteering
- Nearby access to shopping and services

KEY ISSUES / CHALLENGES

- Population decline
- Retaining youth
- Poor internet/mobile phone services
- Road upkeep
- Lack of employment opportunities
- Lack of confidence in Council governance
- Having family friendly and accessible facilities in local shopping centre and at key places
- Access to health care services
- Access to good quality potable water



OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- 1 OUR COMMUNITY**
- 2 OUR ECONOMY**
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OUR COMMUNITY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

STRONG SOCIAL CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Plan regular community activities and events that provide opportunities for social connections in Timor and district e.g. social tennis, community BBQ's.
2. Explore ways to retain and involve young people in Timor & district.
3. Advocate for family friendly, accessible facilities in local shopping centres and key facilities in Maryborough e.g. the shopping centre, library and hospital.

A HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY

1. Improve access to GP and health and wellbeing services for Timor and district residents.
2. Work together with health service providers to increase visiting health and community service activities for residents (especially for ageing residents).
3. Explore ways to improve access to transportation for residents, including creative community models.
4. Advocate for an after-hours GP clinic in Maryborough.
5. Offer regular health and wellbeing activities at the Wareek and Timor community halls.

“Improve access to health care services.”

OUR ECONOMY

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

INCREASED TOURIST ACTIVITY

1. Promote and protect the heritage and history of Timor and district e.g. Timor Jail, Grand Duke Mine.
2. Promote and increase history/heritage tourism in Timor and district and across the Central Goldfields Shire.

RELIABLE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

1. Improve internet and mobile phone service connectivity in Timor & district.

POPULATION STABILITY/GROWTH

1. Promote the liveability of Timor and district.
2. Work together with Council to lessen red tape e.g. for planning and permit processes.
3. Support the Timor Primary School so that it can continue to have stable enrolments.

VIBRANT ECONOMY

1. Explore new industry opportunities that could offer employment opportunities in and around Central Goldfields Shire.
2. Investigate renewable energy project opportunities for Timor and district.

“Invest in securing job opportunities in our shire or transport so it can attract commuters.”

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(NATURAL & BUILT)

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS AND KEY ACTIONS:

SAFE, ACCESSIBLE AND WELL-MAINTAINED COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Seek funding to update the public toilet facility in Timor.
2. Seek funding to paint the Wareek Community Hall.
3. Seek funding to install air conditioning in the Timor/Bowenvale Hall.
4. Explore opportunities for making the Wareek and Timor/Bowenvale Community Halls more financially sustainable.
5. Maintain and improve community halls; a vital and treasured community asset.
6. Maintain community infrastructure/facilities e.g. tennis courts, playground, toilets.
7. Advocate/seek funding to bitumen priority local roads.
8. Address the dangerous intersection on the Mt Hooghly and Norwood Roads.
9. Improve road access to the Grand Duke Mine, so that visitors can safely access this historically significant site.
10. Seek funding for fencing, shade and equipment improvements to the Timor playground.
11. Plan for cycle friendly roads in Central Goldfields.

ACCESS TO WATER

1. Access water to fill the Timor Reservoir and maintain the catchment.
2. Reinstate the water stand in Timor so community can access water locally.

INCREASED TOWN PRIDE

1. Enforce local laws and explore community solutions to maintain the attractiveness/amenity of Timor and district.

“Bitumen the Bet
Bet Creak Road, it
wreck all our cars.”

OUR LEADERSHIP

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3. Provide equitable resourcing to all communities within the Central Goldfields Shire Council.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

1. Recognise and support volunteers and actively encourage the involvement of new volunteers.
2. Examine and trial ways to increase youth volunteering in the community.

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and more action from
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