



DEAN, MOLLONGGHIP  
AND NEWLYN  
COMMUNITY PLAN  
2017

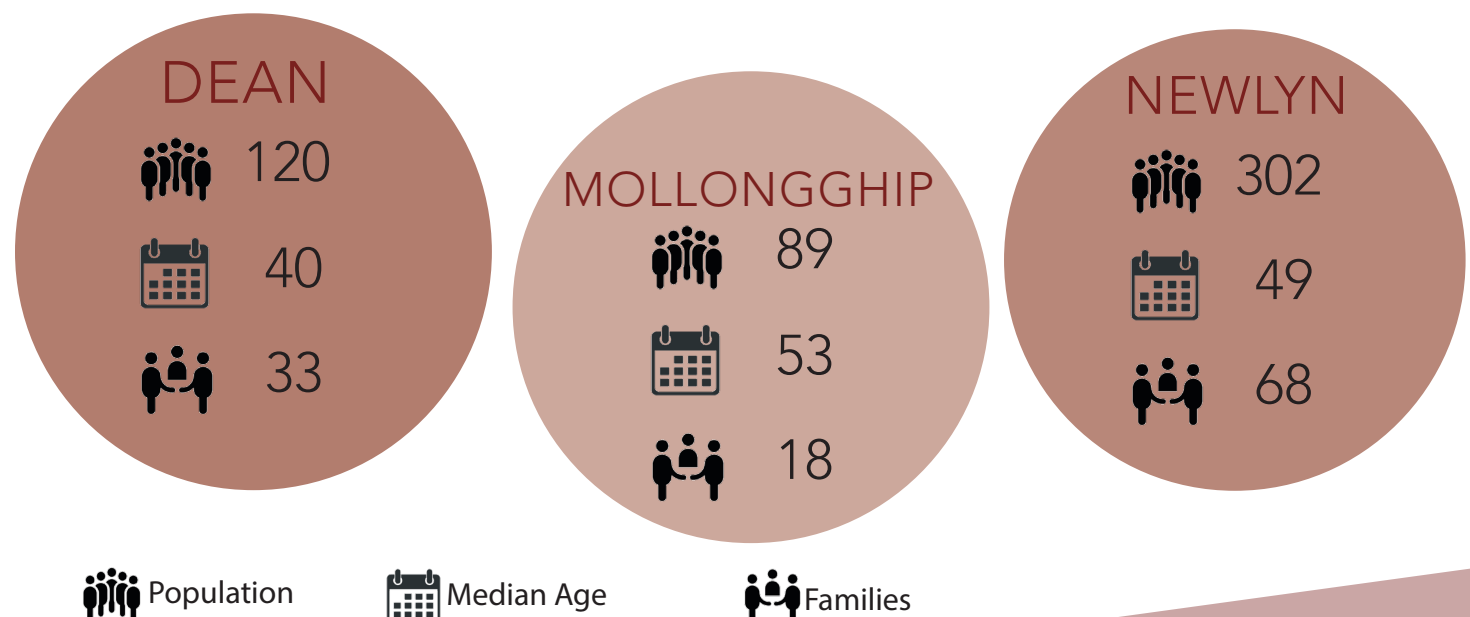
## ▶ ABOUT DEAN, MOLLONGGHIP AND NEWLYN

The communities of Dean, Mollongghip and Newlyn are located within the south west, Creswick Ward of Hepburn Shire. The Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal clans historically occupied these lands before European settlement and the Victorian gold rush. The presence of agriculture in this area of Hepburn Shire is recognised travelling through these communities. Sheep and cattle grazing alongside vegetable growing are spread throughout these townships. Potatoes are a staple crop. These agricultural industries provide the bulk of local employment and economic activity in these communities.



## ▶ QUICK STATISTICS FOR DEAN, MOLLONGGHIP AND NEWLYN

Sourced from 2016 Australian Bureau of Statistics data.





## INTRODUCTION

In 2016, the communities of Dean and Mollongghip were recognised for their desire to develop a community plan. In addition, Newlyn's community plan, due for review, was included in the three fold community plan based on similar concerns and geographic proximity. As a result, this community plan captures the combined, yet distinct, values and prioritised projects of Dean, Mollongghip and Newlyn.

## DEVELOPING THE DEAN, MOLLONGGHIP AND NEWLYN COMMUNITY PLAN

As part of the process to develop a Community Plan for the towns of Dean, Mollongghip and Newlyn in 2016 a community survey was circulated that asked residents what they liked about the area, what they felt it was limited by and how they would like it improve. After compiling these results a community planning meeting was then held at the respective community halls, in late 2016 and 2017. Residents, both permanent and part time, and non-resident ratepayers from Dean, Mollongghip and Newlyn were invited to attend.

## ▶ VALUES THAT ARE APPRECIATED ABOUT THE REGION ARE:

### DEAN

- Maintain the rural atmosphere and feel of the area
- Close knit community
- Community utilised and oriented facilities
- Natural environment and ambience of the area
- Facilities that showcase the beauty of the region can also be utilised by visitors.
- Attracting visitors to discover the town and area.

### MOLLONGGHIP

- Sense of community, great neighbours, mix of people and welcoming social atmosphere
- The beauty of the area - open space, rural outlook, hillside views, bush, tranquillity, history, and "remoteness"
- Location in relation to urban centres
- Seasonality or changes in weather
- Community hall as conduit or hub for values and community
- Mollongghip is unique - a combination of all listed values

### NEWLYN

- Small town feel
- Neat and clean township and community
- Close proximity to Ballarat
- New growth areas to be integrated to township
- Vibrant Recreation Reserve and community hub
- Activities and events held at Recreation Reserve - Football, Netball, Cricket, Function Centre and a range of indoor activities

## ► PRIORITISED PROJECTS – ACTION PLAN

Below is a listing of all the prioritised projects that meeting attendees identified.

*These projects make up the action plan for the Dean, Mollonghip and Newlyn Community Plan.*

Project Description	Next steps	Names	Partners
Dean Community Hall Rejuvenation	Upgrades to the floor, painting the interior, updating the kitchen and the addition of new external doors	Dean Hall and Mechanics Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hepburn Shire Council</li> <li>State Gov.</li> </ul>

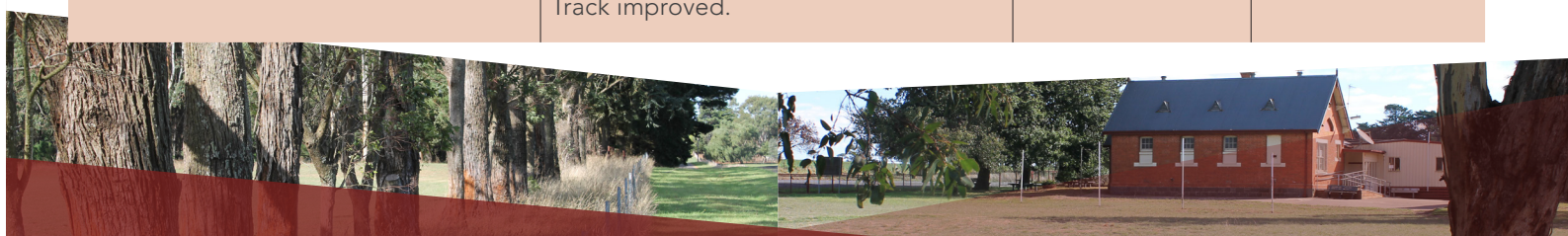
Project Description	Next steps	Names	Partners
Dean Recreation Reserve improvements	Construction of a veranda, upgrade the courts for multi-use (netball, tennis, foursquare etc), upgrade fencing, create formal parking area	Dean Recreation Reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hepburn Shire Council</li> <li>State Gov.</li> </ul>

Project Description	Next steps	Names	Partners
Midland Highway Turning Lanes	Advocacy to VicRoads for turning lanes into Recreation Reserve via McKay Rd.	Newlyn Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hepburn Shire Council</li> <li>VicRoads</li> </ul>

Project Description	Next steps	Names	Partners
Newlyn Footpath and Walking Connections	Connect existing walking tracks from Newlyn Primary School to Antique shop and into new growth areas off Newlyn Res Rd. Create safer Midland Highway crossing near Antique Shop.	Newlyn Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hepburn Shire Council</li> </ul>

Project Description	Next steps	Names	Partners
Mollonghip Community Hall Rejuvenation and Improvement	Upgrade exterior weatherboard, painting, storage shed, repair fence and notice board, install gate and improve parking.	Mollonghip Hall Committee of Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hepburn Shire Council</li> <li>State Gov.</li> </ul>

Project Description	Next steps	Names	Partners
Mollonghip Road Safety Improvements	Speed Limit Restricted between 60-80 through township; Mollonghip Rd, Black Swamp Rd and Mollonghip-Claretown Rd widened and shoulders improved. Gleasons Rd and Wallaby Track improved.	Mollonghip Hall Committee of Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hepburn and Moorabool Shire Councils</li> <li>VicRoads</li> </ul>





## ▶ OTHER PROJECTS / INITIATIVES

Below is a list of other projects and initiatives that were raised throughout the community planning process.

### DEAN

- Upgrade visitor information - historical markers and more signage from North and South of Dean.
- Improved rubbish collection
- Accessible public transport
- Extend township zone
- Underground powerline
- Multiple purpose tennis court
- Open the pub
- Replace trees on south-west of Dean
- Increased trees and flowers on public land
- Increase 80km zone
- Community events board
- Free camping area

### NEWLYN

- Newlyn Reserve upgrades - seating, picnic area(s)
- Community hub with phones, bus and village atmosphere
- Invite and attract businesses to Newlyn
- Develop historical signage to showcase importance of potato farming
- Improve old Hall site adjacent to school into historical/ANZAC memorial
- More rest areas around Newlyn with BBQs, bins, toilets and community meeting place
- Improved road infrastructure, sewerage and water quality
- Expand township zone
- Upgrade netball facility and add another court
- Community bonding events
- Walking paths around the reservoir
- Better Council customer service response
- St. Matthews upgrade for community use
- Clean up Bullarook Creek
- Form committee for markets and street events
- Seal and surface Yelland Rd, Myles Rd and Shea Rd.

### MOLLONGGHIP

- Mollongghip signs at entrances to township
- Statue of O'Rory erected - founder of Mollongghip
- Historical walk established
- CFA support from government(s)
- Fix and upgrade tennis court
- Energy upgrades to hall and township access
- Create a "Mollongghip Experience" - tourist food tour and events
- Coordination also with Moorabool Shire
- Goldfields Trail improvements - water, shelter and accommodation for walkers
- More events held at hall

## ▶ COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Newlyn Community and Sporting Complex	<i>Kevin Clohesy 0455 598 084</i>
Mollongghip Community Hall	<i>President Noel Gregory 03 5334 5544</i>
Dean Recreation Reserve	<i>Brian Maher 0438 304 479</i>



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## ► WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING?

The Hepburn Shire Council supports communities in the Hepburn Shire who wish to develop their own Community Plans. Community Planning is a process that is 'owned' by the community with Council available to play a facilitation role. Community Plans provide valuable input into Local, State and Federal Government planning.

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For more information, contact  
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This community plan was developed by the communities of Dean, Mollonghip and Newlyn in collaboration with:

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