



Trentham Community Forum
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Trentham Community Plan 2020-2024

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INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN

The purpose of this Plan is to set out the goals identified by the community in the survey responses and subsequent consultations. It is focused on actions that are achievable within the four years of the plan.

The Vision: Trentham will be an aware, adaptable and active community proud of its past and confident in facing the future.

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN

The first Community Plan for Trentham was written in 2009 by a group of up to 15 Trentham residents after extensive consultation at public meetings, a survey and discussion in the Community Newsletter. It was presented to the Hepburn Shire Council (“Council”) as part of their community consultation process. A review version of the Community Plan was prepared in 2013 listing progress on all actions identified in the original Plan.

At its AGM in September 2018, the Trentham Forum decided to develop a new Community Plan building on the themes outlined in the first Plan. Financial assistance was provided by the Hepburn Shire and the Trentham & Districts Community Bank.

TRENTHAM SNAPSHOT

At a height of 700 meters, Trentham is a small town surrounded by forest, farms and small communities (East Trentham, Fern Hill, Spring Hill, Bullarto, Tylden and Lyonville). It is located in the Coliban Ward of Hepburn Shire and is approximately 85 kilometres from Melbourne, Bendigo & Ballarat, and equidistant from Woodend, Kyneton & Daylesford. The population of Trentham has more than doubled in the last two decades - more details are in Appendix 1.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

A Community Survey based on the topics of concern noted in the 2009 Community Plan, was distributed to all residents of postcode 3458. A description of the survey and community consultation process is set out in Appendix 4 and the survey results are contained in Appendices 5 & 6.

Two community consultation meetings were held in September 2019 to discuss the results of the survey. The suggestions and proposals of those who attended the meetings were taken into account. Community members were also asked to nominate for working groups in their area of interest.

Comments from the survey and community meetings, were collated into a single document (Appendix 7). A draft of the Plan was submitted to Council Officers and distributed to the Community for review and comment in early December. The draft was updated based on the Community comments and Council Officer feedback, to create version 8 in February 2020 and finally to this version in June 2020.

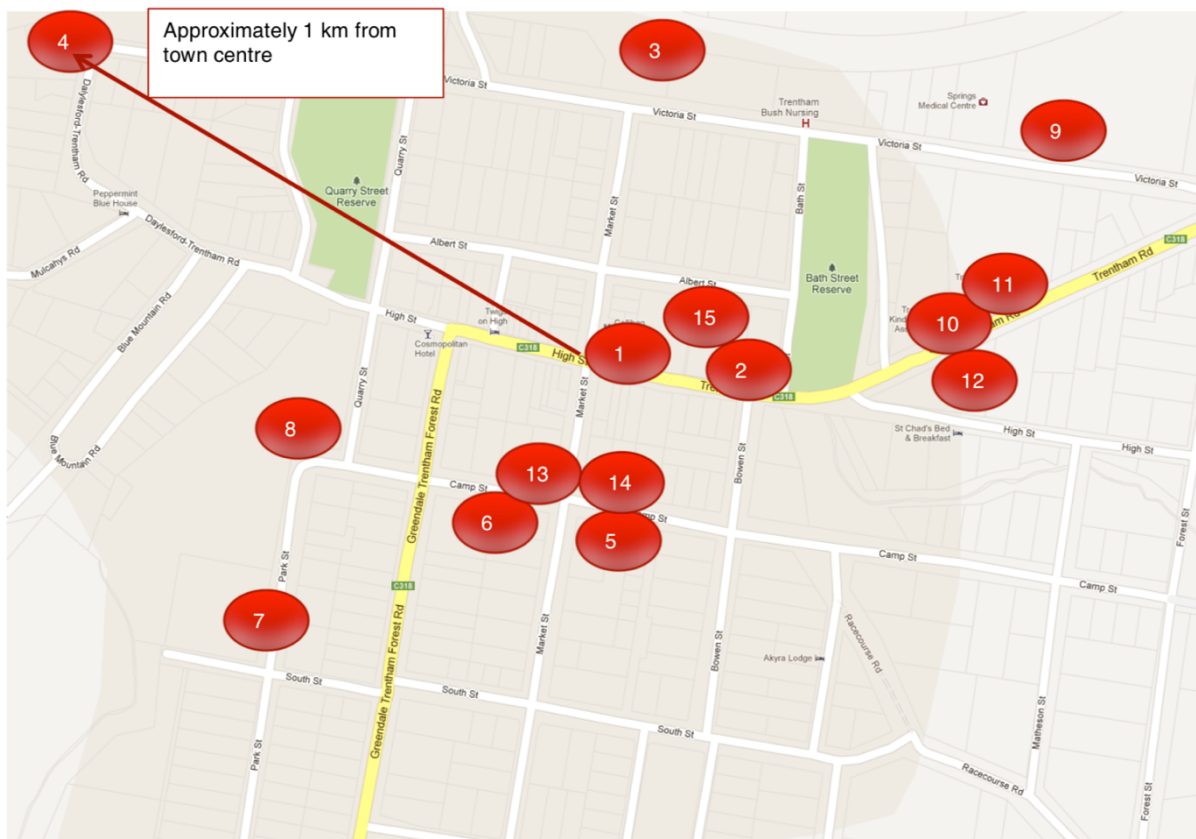
Brief DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN

Brief Overview of Community Facilities and Infrastructure

A full Facilities Review was conducted in 2013 and resulted in a comprehensive report (see Appendix 2). A simple map of facilities in Trentham is on page three of this plan.

A history of the development of the Mechanics Institute Hall/Community Centre is contained in Appendix 3. The only Council-owned land in Trentham is a parcel on Victoria Street, beside the Historic Railway Station.

MAP of FACILITIES in TRENTHAM



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| 1 | Neighbourhood Centre | 8 | BMX/Skate Park |
| 2 | Mechanics Institute Hall | 9 | Medical Centre/Aged Care |
| 3 | Railway Station & Visitor Info Centre | 10 | Kindergarten |
| 4 | Sports Ground | 11 | Primary School |
| 5 | Uniting Church Hall | 12 | St Mary Magdalene Church Hall |
| 6 | Historic Police Precinct | 13 | CFA |
| 7 | Bowls Club | 14 | Swimming Pool & Tennis Courts |
| | | 15 | Library |

NB: The Appendices to this plan are on the Forum Website: <https://www.trenthamforum.com/>

GOALS for TRENTHAM - 2020 to 2024

1. COMMUNITY CENTRE

That Trentham has a Community Centre which is used for community activities, functions and events. It will be a town landmark because it includes the original community hall and is used by the whole community. The Community Centre will provide the services and facilities identified by the community as necessary to meet its needs.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

That Trentham develops into an environmentally sustainable town that is able to meet the needs of its community. Any development will meet sustainable criteria developed by the community including the use of 100% renewable energy by 2029.

3 CHILD CARE

That childcare services in Trentham will meet the needs of the community and will be readily available to all who need these services in Trentham.

4. INFRASTRUCTURE and PLANNING

That Trentham has appropriate infrastructure (including its water supply) for its population and that this infrastructure is maintained and developed as the population changes. That the character of Trentham is officially recorded and any future development accords with the town's character. That Trentham has an approach to land use that takes into account diverse and sometimes competing uses of the land by agriculture, forestry, housing, business & recreation and include biodiversity conservation.

5. FIRE SAFETY

That Trentham residents are well informed and aware of the potential risk of fire and know what actions they need to take in the event of a fire emergency.

6. SPORT & RECREATION

That all residents of Trentham have access to appropriate sports & recreation facilities. Facilities will be upgraded regularly to meet the needs of an increasing and diverse population.

7. COMMUNITY & SUPPORT SERVICES

That Trentham is a community that supports and encourages community engagement. Residents are able to connect to and enjoy a wide range of stimulating activities & services. All residents, including the elderly, are to have access to appropriate health care, including in emergency situations. Appropriate public transport which meets the community's requirements is available.

ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES - 2020 TO 2024

#1: Community Centre:

Advocate for the completion of the Community Centre project within the time frame of this plan, in partnership with the Council and Project Advisory Group. Monitor the progress of the development to ensure that it meets the needs of the community.

#2 Childcare Centre:

On completion of the current Childcare project, monitor usage & community needs and advocate for adequate services.

#3 Infrastructure and Planning (Roads):

Work with Council Officers to identify roads and footpaths that require maintenance &/or upgrades and report particular areas of concern, including developing a program of regular line-markings, particularly in regard to safety in poor weather conditions (fog, rain, etc).

#4 Infrastructure (Water):

Maintain relationship and communication with Coliban Water; Ensure community knows how to report issues to Coliban Water; Advocate, together with Council, for alternative water supplies and collection storage methods.

#5 Infrastructure (Facilities):

Upgrade Community Facilities such as toilets, water bubblers, seating and barbecues to be adequate for the town's needs; Water bubblers to be installed at Town Square, Quarry Park, Memorial Park on Market St; BBQ to be installed in Memorial Park (in partnership with Freemasons); Upgrade toilets at Market St, Railway Station & Quarry Park.

#6 Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change:

Support the Trentham Sustainability Group to work with Z-Net and Council Officers to achieve long term sustainability for Trentham, including exploring alternative power supply options, waste management, food security (including local food production), farming practices and biodiversity.

#7 Sports and Recreation/Tourism:

Monitor the development of the sports complex noting that this complex will need to be expanded and upgraded so that it meets the needs of the community, particularly youth. Establish a walking trail from the town centre to the Falls along the most suitable route and to expand the walking/cycling track along the Rail Trail from Daylesford to Hanging Rock.

#8 Planning:

Ensure that the community is kept informed of changes to the Hepburn Shire Planning Scheme* and that the community has the opportunity to be heard in relation to these changes.

(*as approved pursuant to *The Planning and Environment Act 1987*)