

LYONVILLE

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2011



2010 Inaugural Lyonville Fireman's Ball:

2010 Hepburn Shire Community Event of the Year

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Lyonville Community Action Plan 2011

This is the Lyonville community's second Community Plan.

The Lyonville community began working to develop a Community Action Plan in July 2009 to connect residents and explore opportunities for action and positive change to enhance the well-being of the community.

The idea for having a Community Action Plan was to create a key document to assist the community to achieve identified goals.

Since the development of the first plan following a community meeting in July 2009 residents embraced the idea and began to work in earnest on a number of priorities agreed on at the meeting.

A Community Planning Group was formed and the group has met regularly every month.

Proudly the group and residents working with the main group achieved some extraordinary results including:

- An 800 plus strong petition for improved telecommunication in Lyonville and across the Shire.
- Formation of an alliance with the Trentham CFA.
- Six Lyonville residents achieved minimal skills training with the CFA.
- A plan for an annex of the Trentham Fire Brigade to be located in Lyonville with enquires being made for a suitable site.
- Holding the inaugural Fireman's Ball at the Hall and raising an extraordinary \$14,000 towards the purchase of an ultra light fire fighting tanker. This award received credence by being awarded the Hepburn Shire Australia Day Community Event of the Year.
- The development of a community newsletter – 'The Source,' and a town website.
- Attracting a grant for upgrades to the hall including heating/cooling and insulation.
- Attracting a grant for a playground to be located at the hall.

In November 2010 the community gathered once again to revise the Community Plan. About 40 people attended the meeting. Names were called for the 2011 Lyonville Planning Group. Members are:

Tony Corneille, Shirley Corneille, Ian Little, Roy Ridge, Kareena Hodgson, Allan Lever, Jules Berzin, Jaquie Airey, Michael Owens, Matthew Doddrell, Tom Hodgson, Sue Moses and Hamish Locke.

New members are welcome to join the group at any time throughout the year and meetings are open to the public. The format of the meetings is specified through a Code of Conduct. The inaugural Community Planning Group's Code of Conduct was:

Purpose of the Lyonville Community Action Plan working group is to:

- *Focus on and work on the projects that were voted on by residents at the July 20, 2009 Community Planning public meeting as being a priority.*
- *Pull focus groups together in a cooperative way.*
- *Provide feedback to the community on the progress.*

Meeting format

The meetings will run to a set agenda with time limitations for each topic with meetings to be a maximum of one hour. A chairperson will be appointed for each meeting.

Members of the community other than working group who wish to attend the meetings will be asked to observe and not interrupt. However, the group may agree to invite people as guests to talk and work on issues that relate to the priorities.

Code of conduct

The spirit of the committee is for a 'we, us and co attitude,' cooperation, participation, respect, goodwill, listening, information sharing, statesmanship (wisdom in the management of public affairs), harmony and punctuality.

Informed robust discussion is welcomed but arguing, factions, underhand tactics, individual dominance, talking over others, lack of respect, inability to compromise, disorderly conduct, egos, personal agendas, negative attitudes, factions and a lack of willingness to contribute will not be tolerated.

The 2011 Community Planning Group is expected to revise the Code of Conduct.

Hepburn Shire Council's involvement

The Hepburn Shire Council supports communities in the Hepburn Shire who wish to develop their own Community Plan. Community planning is a process that is 'owned' by the community with Council available to play a facilitation role. Community priorities identified can be utilised as input into local, State and Federal Government planning.

The Council is working with communities across the Shire to assist with the creation of Community Plans.

The process usually included calling a community meeting. At this meeting residents break into groups to develop a list of priorities for the town and record what is was they like about where they live.

Residents vote on the priorities to decide what they would most like to see implemented, and volunteers are then called for to focus groups for projects they were interested in becoming involved with. 15 residents volunteered for focus groups. The priorities formed the action plan to be implemented by the community and key partners.

13 residents volunteered to form a Community Planning Group to progress the Community Action Plan. Council Officers work with Community Planning Groups to achieve their goals.

FINALISED 12 MONTH ACTION PLAN

- **Civic plan**
 - Lyonville hall renovations including new kitchen
 - Playground
 - Events and activities at Hall
- **Fire plan**
 - CFA Tanker/shed
 - Participation in Lyonville CFA annex, recruitment of volunteers
- **Services plan**
 - Improved roads
 - Town signage - entrances, historical, walking trails etc
 - Street lighting - Corner Daylesford Road and Bremner Avenue: and in front of hall.
 - Rubbish collection
- **Communications plan**
 - Mobile phone and wireless internet coverage/tower
- **Tourism plan**
 - Re-establishment of tourist railway
 - Bike trails/walking trails/paths
 - Farmers market

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Expand woodchop into Fair and upgrade hall including kitchen and toilets: 14 votes.

Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: Kareena Hodgson, Matthew Doddrell, Jackie Airey, Jill Little, Shirley Corneille, Allan Lever.

Control burn-off: 4 votes.

Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: David Feltham.

Council rubbish collection or central point to take rubbish to in Lyonville for collection: 2 votes.

Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: Allan Lever. David Feltham.

Walking/ cycling/trails: Four votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: Tom Hodgson, Shirley Corneille.

More work on Environment Plan (from previous Lyonville Community plan): No votes.

Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: 0

More reliable electricity supply including investigation of infrastructure and rebates for generators: 9 votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: David Feltham and Allan Lever.

Safer roads including safer access on main roads, emergency access on minor roads and removal of fallen trees on roadsides: 7 votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: 0.

Improved slashing/maintenance of road reserves: 9 votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: 0.

Improved telecommunications including mobile phones and internet: 12 votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: Allan Lever, Roy Ridge.

Lyonville map showing roads, walking trails, attractions. 8 votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: Shirley Corneille, Jill Little, Ian Little.

Improved signage including signs to town, for playground, historic and notable sites: 3 votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: Matthew Doddrell.

Street lighting for the corner of High and Main Streets: 6 votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: Jill Little, Jeff Moorfoot.

Tourism. Promotion of Lyonville and development of a farmers market. 14 votes. Residents offering to form a focus group for this project: Shirley Corneille, Kareena Hodgson, Tony Corneille.

LIKES

- Quiet
- Bush – natural bush – Wombat State Forest.
- Healthy fresh air.
- Great Friday nights at Pub.
- Good mineral water.
- Wildlife.
- Great walking tracks.
- Annual woodchop.
- Firemans Ball.
- Central location – close to Daylesford, close enough to Melbourne etc.
- Relatively unknown.
- Small place.
- Great Rainfall.
- Great gardens.
- Real estate accessibility.
- Ambience.
- Isolation – lack of development.
- Country hamlet.
- Sense of community
- Weather
- Hall – community facility.
- Pub.
- Very defined seasons including the cold weather.
- Inland river system.
- History.
- Broad connections of people.
- Attractive community.
- Lack of community 'structure' – eg Clunes has 45 committees!
- Balance of built and natural environment.
- Safe.
- Good for children.
- Tourists.
- Peace and quiet.
- Open space.
- Beauty
- Trees and environment.
- Community identity – enhanced.
- Good soil.
- Climate.

VISION

- Preservation of size and character
- General store and post office.
- Public transport – 2 buses a day.
- Community bus or shared transport system.
- Tourism.
- Preserve nature and environment.
- Support local traders
- Improvements to the hall.
- Recycle and rubbish collection.
- Improved telecommunications.
- Develop environment plan.
- Tourism projects including railway, picnic area, walking trail, connect with economic development.
- Reliable power supply – underground power.
- Safer roads including issues with trees and branches and upgrade of roads to allow emergency access.
- Better upkeep of roads.
- Restore trestle bridge on railway.
- Improved slashing of road reserves.
- Street lighting improvements.
- Expanding the woodchop to a fair.
- Enforcement of trail bikes in surrounding bush.
- Natural gas.
- Develop walking trails and paths.
- Controlled burn-offs.
- Australia post box.
- Capture history of Lyonville.
- Interpretive signage including welcome to Lyonville.
- Maintenance of roadside trees including removal of dead limbs and trees.
- Improved power supply.
- Telecommunications improved including landline, mobile, broadband.
- Accurate Lyonville map showing roads, and walking trails.
- Rail Trail, Lyonville, Trentham, Bullarto.
- Looking out for your neighbours including vulnerable people.
- Fire prevention. Promote community fireguard.
- Clean up properties and roadsides of noxious weeds.
- Putting Lyonville on the map with accurate information to CFA.
- Smart roadside planting.
- Signage for playground and for the playground to be located so it is visible from the main road.
- Progression of communication plan from previous Community Plan.
- Lighting at High/Main and the main road.
- Better publicity of Lyonville events in Daylesford, Woodend etc.
- Hall steps.
- Amalgamation of woodchop and farmers market.
- Walking/cycling paths

HISTORY

Lyonville began as a sawmilling town in the early 1860s to supply timber to the Ballarat and Bendigo goldfields. Lyonville thrived and grew to have three hotels, several shops, a public hall, a school, three churches and a railway station.

The area known as Lyonville covers an area of approximately 3332 hectares or around 33 square kilometres (km²) (8233 acres). Altitude/elevation is about 545 m to 845 m above sea level. The postcode for Lyonville is 3461.

Lyonville is situated east of Daylesford on the Trentham road and acquired its name from James Lyon who had arrived in the Glenlyon district in the 1860's.

James Lyon managed a mill for Charles Cowle in 1868. Cowles mill built a tramway, north, into the Wombat forest. In 1877 James Lyon took control of the Mill. After this the small millers village which had grown up around the mill became known as Lyonville.

The Lyonville school was established in 1877 with 60 enrolments. The school closed in 1968. Lyonville Post Office opened on 15 May 1882 and closed in 1993. The Lyonville Railway Station opened 17 March 1880 a stage of the Karlsruhe to Daylesford line until it closed in 1978. The station building and platform remain as a private residence.

Lyonville belongs in the Shire of Hepburn with the Shire's main towns being Clunes, Creswick, Daylesford, Hepburn Springs and Trentham. The Shire covers an area of 1,463 square kilometers and based on 2006 figures has a population of 13,732. It was formed in 1995 from the merger of the Shire of Creswick, Shire of Daylesford and Glenlyon (in which Lyonville was situated prior to the 1996 Council amalgamations) and part of the Shire of Kyneton and Shire of Talbot and Clunes. The Shire of Hepburn takes its name from John Stuart Hepburn who was an early squatter who established the Smeaton Hill Run.

Population (ABS data)

Lyonville has a population of around 156 residents, 55.1 per cent males and 44.9 per cent female. The median age of Lyonville residents is 46 years. The median weekly income of individuals is \$325 compared to the Australian median income of \$446.

Community facilities: Lyonville Hall. The Hall is run by a committee of management.

Annual events and festivals: Lyonville woodchop. Lyonville Fireman's Ball.

Immediate tourist attractions: Lyonville Springs. Domino Trail. Radio Springs Hotel.