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ASSISTANCE ANNOUNCED FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING

At last night's meeting, Council resolved to implement some important changes to assist communities with their community planning process.

These changes include:

- There are 11 Community Planning groups across the Shire. There will be a Charter Group created for each Community Plan and all plans will be reviewed/created on a 4-year cycle. Charter groups will receive assistance via funds of \$2,000 to enable the process.
- The current cumulative \$100,000 will be equally distributed in the community through the implementation fund once Community Planning charter groups have applied for this funding
- All 11 Community Plans will be reviewed/created. 2 existing Community Plans will be reviewed annually and 1 new Community Plan will be developed per year
- The process for the review/creation of plans will commence in January 2020 with Glenlyon & District and Lyonville plans, along with the development of a new plan for the Hepburn/Hepburn Springs communities.

Mayor, Cr Don Henderson, said that community planning is an important process that connects communities, develops resilience and creates connections with Council.

"We are committed to developing a process to deliver a best practice Community Planning Program in our Shire."

"When Council supports a community to develop a Community Plan, we want a broad range of community members to be engaged. These important changes to the process will ensure better participation in the planning, consultation, development and implementation of their community plans," said Cr Don Henderson.

Council's Community Development Officer will be contacting Community Planning groups over the next few months to take them through the process involved with Community Plans and the current community implementation fund.

Any group interested should contact Community Development Officer, Inga Hamilton, on 5321 6124 for further information.