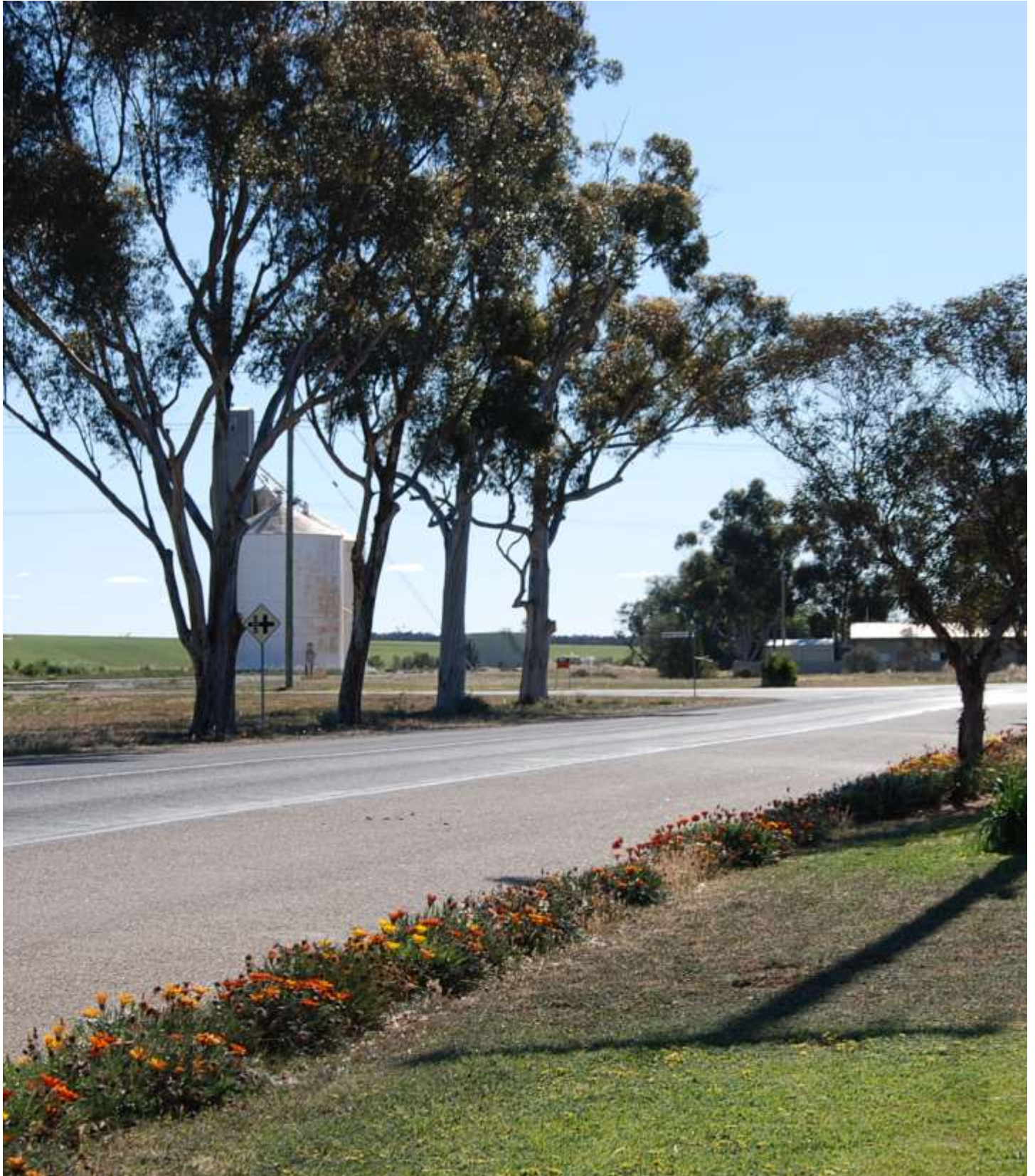


# WOORINEN

COMMUNITY PLAN 2021—2025







## **WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING?**

The Swan Hill Rural City Council supports communities in the Swan Hill Municipality 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 invaluable input into Local, State and Federal Government planning.



## WELCOME TO BOUNTIFUL WOORINEN & DISTRICT

Woorinen South and District is located 10kms to the North West from Swan Hill, with a population of around 600 people (2016 Census). It is a bountiful area surrounded by productive farmland generating a variety of cereal grains, stone fruits, grapes, nuts and vegetables. During the season, freshly picked fruit is available for sale direct to the public.

The community of Woorinen South and District supports a Pre-School with a Maternal Health Centre attached and an active Primary School. Business include the Post Office/General Store and Tavern. There is a privately owned historical museum relating to Woorinen South and District available for viewing by appointment. A Bush Reserve provides a gentle walking track for both two and four legged friends. Adjacent to the bush reserve is a children's playground, skate park and adult gym.

The Woorinen South Community Hall has kitchen and BBQ Facilities and hosts a variety of functions throughout the year. This includes weekly activities such as a walking group, art group and a cuppa and chat group. Larger events such as Australia Day Celebrations, The Mallee Steam & Oil Machinery Club annual rally and an exciting Winter Festival bring the community together to celebrate our identity.

The Fire Brigade are very active in our community and assist with local events they also turn out with Father Christmas to deliver surprises to our local youngsters

on Christmas morning. The community also has very active Football, Netball and Cricket Clubs and members of the Progress Association assist with Gate Duty for the Clubs on their home games.

The Woorinen & District Progress Association (WDPA) in its various forms has been operating since November 2001. Action and Progress Groups were started by the Swan Hill Council to remain connected to their communities and to help them focus on what the various communities need. Over the years, WDPA has consulted on and helped manage a number of improvements to community infrastructure and facilities. This includes a Skate Park with a mural and an upgraded children's playground, amenities such as a bubble tap, an adult gym and refurbished Public Toilets at the back of the Community Hall. In 2019 solar panels were added to the hall and a \$10,000 grant from FRRR allowed the progress Association to build a Verandah along the length of the hall providing shelter from the hot sun and an extended area for community activities.

Consultation with the community by Swan Hill Rural City Council has resulted in the development of a plan for improvements in infrastructure around the township of Woorinen South and when funding becomes available these additional projects will be realised.



## BOUNTIFUL WOORINEN

There is a town notice board outside the local Post Office and General Store, with a street map of our community and district on the back.

Domestic Waste Water Management for Woorinen South is ongoing and important to our development. Negotiations with SHRCC and Lower Murray Water are ongoing. Improvement work was completed in Monday Street in 2019.

In 2009 SHRCC facilitated meetings in several of our regional townships which resulted in each of us coming up with a plan for improvements around our towns. The plan will assist the community in prioritising projects as funding becomes available.

We have included improvements to footpaths, better connection and beautification between the skate park and playground, improved access and lighting at the hall plus a proposed new park and walking track at the crossroads.

The Progress Association has a Facebook page to keep the community informed and will also distribute a quarterly newsletter via email.

Over the years the community has changed, people have come and gone, businesses have changed, moved on or closed down but this community exists. The residents love living here and are proud of their community.

The children feel safe and are comfortable enough to approach any local for help. They support the efforts of the WDPA and what they have accomplished over time.

Also thanks needs to be given to the Swan Hill Rural City Council, because as we have cared, so too have they responded and now every month we have council cutting the verges and grass into the town entrances along with the lawn around the Community Centre and the Oval. The Councillors or their representatives attend our meetings regularly and always leave our monthly meetings with a list of objectives to action.

Woorinen South & District whilst small is an active community in which residents take pride.

**“We are a  
thriving, growing,  
and proud  
community”**





# WOORINEN & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

## MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN

The Woorinen and District Progress Association Inc. have been elected by the community to manage the plan.

It is the responsibility of the Focus Groups to plan and implement projects as identified by the community.

Community Plan reports and updates on projects are to be presented by Focus Groups at scheduled Woorinen and District Progress meetings

(For further details refer to the Woorinen District Community Plan)

## COMMUNITY PLAN STATEMENT

The WDPA will support and advocate for the continued improvement and growth of the Woorinen district by supporting and working with the Woorinen South Kindergarten, Woorinen District Primary School, Woorinen Football Netball Club, Woorinen South CFA, and the Mallee Steam, Oil & Machinery Club .



**616**

**42**

**MEDIAN AGE**



**PARTICIPATED IN  
VOLUNTARY**

**4%**

**UNEMPLOYED**

# ACTION PLAN

2021—22

## Major Projects

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility /Partners
<b>COMMUNITY HALL PRECINCT MASTERPLAN</b>	This is the hub of Woorinen and plans will include the development of a building maintenance plan and schedule.  Encourage new user groups for the hall.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDPA</li> <li>• SHRCC– Vibrant Villages</li> <li>• Engineering</li> </ul>
<b>WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT</b>	Water levels to be checked by LMW  Continue active lobbying of LMW, State and Federal Government for Sewerage and waster water in Woorinen South.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHRCC</li> <li>• Lower Murray Water</li> </ul>
<b>ROADWORKS</b>	<p><b>WOORINEN-GOSCHEN ROAD</b> Council to look at road from Station Street to Bulga Road</p> <p><b>STATION STREET</b> Council to look at condition of road outside No. 6 Station Street – passing road traffic throwing up stones onto the verge.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHRCC</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• WDPA</li> </ul>
<b>FOOTPATHS</b>	To be looked at once Waste Water Management problem has been resolved.  Align with SHRCC Missing Links Strategy that identifies where footpaths are needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHRCC</li> <li>• WDPA</li> </ul>
<b>HOUSING &amp; LAND DEVELOPMENT</b>	Promote and support the development of affordable residential housing and other opportunities in Woorinen South through the use of vacant blocks and new developments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHRCC</li> </ul>

# ACTION PLAN

2021—22

## Council Support

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility /Partners
<b>SIGNAGE &amp; LIGHTING</b>	New directional signage to the Community Hall. Lighting along footpath and around Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SHRCC– Vibrant Villages</li> </ul>
<b>WALKING TRACK</b>	<p>A fence will need to be constructed running the length of the train track. SHRCC resourcing and issues to maintain the large area to be investigated.</p> <p><b>#On hold until funding can be obtained.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VicTrack</li> <li>• SHRCC</li> <li>• WDPA</li> </ul>
<b>MOBILE INTERNET AND COMMUNICATIONS</b>	Continue to lobby State and Federal politicians for improved telephone and Internet services for the district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDPA</li> <li>• SHRCC</li> </ul>
<b>PUBLIC ART</b>	Community public art projects including public art in prominent locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDPA</li> <li>• SHRCC-creative strategy</li> </ul>
<b>WOORINEN BUSH RESERVE WALKING TRACK</b>	Work with DELWP to clean up the bush reserve, making it a place for locals and visitors to use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DELWP</li> <li>• SHRCC</li> <li>• WDPA</li> </ul>
<b>GYM EQUIPMENT</b>	Advocate for older age appropriate gym equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDPA</li> <li>• SHRCC</li> </ul>

## Events

Project Description	Actions	Responsibility/ Partners
<b>WOORINEN WINTER FESTIVAL</b>	Establish 2022 festival working group. Apply for external funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDPA</li> </ul>
<b>AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST</b>	Coordinate Australia Day breakfast for local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WDPA</li> <li>• SHRCC</li> </ul>



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