



Batesford Community Plan 2023-2027

About our Town:

Batesford is a small, but growing township around 10km outside of Geelong. Batesford is divided between the local government areas of Golden Plains shire and the City of Greater Geelong and is home to the beautiful Moorabool river Reserve. At the 2021 census Batesford had a total population of 1,141 and 362 dwellings.

Our Community Vision

What is your community vision? What did your community tell you in the consultation and engagement of the future direction of your town?

Our Community Coordinators

Local residents known as Community Coordinators, volunteer their time to coordinators the development and implementation of a community plan. The following are community Coordinators for this Batesford Community plan:

David Farrell- Denise Anderson- John Anderson- David Huybens- Jane Huybens- Peter Cameron- Phillip England – Marita Burger – George Burger

*If you are interested in joining a project please Contact: **Batesford community planning group***

Start Date: 2023

Finish Date: 2027

Achievements From Our Previous Plan:

- *Ecological Survey and a Terra cultural Survey of the Moorabool River area*
- *Heritage lights were upgraded*
- *The Speed limit through Batesford on the Highway has been reduced to 70km and the Dog Rocks has been reduced to 60km.*



What is the process for Community Planning?

Community coordinators / volunteers developed a consultation plan which included conducting surveys, community meetings, a community strategy and direct consultation with Council

Key Projects that are led by a Champion volunteer, were listed for action in the final plan whilst other ideas are noted in the plan awaiting a volunteer to progress them

Working Together

The Community group meets regularly to progress the plan. Meetings are held at the Batesford Hotel from 7pm – 8.30pm Each of the priority projects listed below has a Project Champion. There were several projects identified in the community Survey which have the potential to create benefit for the Batesford community. The Priorities projects are below.



Batesford Community Planning Group Key Priority Projects 2022-2026

<p>Community Information Sessions</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i></p> <p>Holding an information session at the Moorabool Reserve</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i></p> <p>The Moorabool Reserve is key asset for the Batesford Community . The actions identified are listed in the Moorabool Reserve Management Plan and will support the maintenance of the valued community asset.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i></p> <p>Council, Community, Wadawurrung, Landcare.</p> <p><i>SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2000</i></p>	<p>Revegetation Of Moorabool Reserve</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i></p> <p>Establish and maintain an annual program of revegetation of the reserve with local indigenous species to restore habitat and strengthen the habitat corridor.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i> Continued restoration of natural spaces for the local community to</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i></p> <p>Council, Community, Wadawurrung, Landcare.</p> <p><i>SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2000</i></p>	<p>Revegetation of eroded areas</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i></p> <p>Revegetate areas subject to erosion to avoid the need for structural intervention in natural processes</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i></p> <p>To prevent erosion, respect and maintain the natural environment.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i></p> <p>Council, Community, Wadawurrung, Landcare.</p> <p><i>SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2000</i></p>
<p>Road Safety Program</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i></p> <p>Research and Advocacy. Road safety was one of the highest ranking issues in the Community survey with specific focus on children having to cross dangerous roads at peck times without any safety signs.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i></p> <p>Improve safety for our children and raise awareness about the issue.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i></p> <p>Council, VicRoads, Community.</p> <p><i>SEED funding allocated to this project: Advocacy</i></p>	<p>Develop a Signage Plan for the Moorabool Reserve</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i></p> <p>Develop a signage plan for the Reserve in consultation with Council and the Community</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i></p> <p>Raise awareness of the need to manage and use the Reserve sensitively.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i></p> <p>Council, Community, Wadawurrung, Landcare.</p> <p><i>SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2000</i></p>	<p>Clean Up Moorabool Reserve</p> <p><i>Activities proposed include:</i></p> <p>Run a Clean up Australian event in Batesford.</p> <p><i>Benefit to community:</i></p> <p>Raise awareness about the effect of litter on our local environment, clen up specific areas in Batesford and Connect community through a shared project.</p> <p><i>Project Partners:</i> Sally Waldron, Community, Clean Up Australia Day Campaign.</p> <p><i>SEED funding allocated to this project: \$2000</i></p>

We welcome anyone who would like to help to make these projects a success!
Please get in touch with the Batesford community planning group

