

# Rokewood Corindhap Community Plan 2028

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# Introduction

# About Rokewood Corindhap

Rokewood and Corindhap are small rural towns in Victoria's Western District, often mentioned together due to their proximity. Both are part of the region's fertile farming area surrounded by scenic farmland and biggest windfarm in the Southern Hemisphere. Both towns are increasingly vibrant with young diverse families. range occupations and skills and many sporting activities. Our focus is to be inclusive of all.

## **The Community Vision**

Rokewood and Corindhap Community Coordinators are dedicated to working closely with residents to strengthen local connections and enhance the quality of life in both towns. By participation encouraging people of all ages, we aim to create a supportive environment that benefits everyone. Our initiatives focus on fostering social activities. ensuring that Rokewood Corindhap remain vibrant. welcoming places to live, grow, and thrive for generations to come.



#### **ROKEWOOD CORINDHAP COMMUNITY PLAN**

## How we developed our plan

The development of the plan began in May 2024 with the involvement of four Community Coordinators. Ideas for potential projects were collected through a community survey and a town forum at the Rokewood Golf Club. A follow-up survey was then conducted to refine and finalise the list of projects for the community plan.

Across all three community consultations, 79 people had input into the plan: 26% of the combined Rokewood/Corindhap population.

## Working together

As Community Coordinators, we are dedicated to encouraging all residents to contribute in any way they can to bring these projects to life. We will be engaging with the community to understand the needs and interests of those who wish to get involved. Throughout this process, actively reach out to residents and collaborate with our committed existing group.



## How we consulted with the community

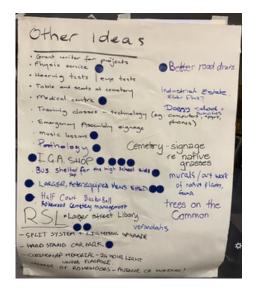
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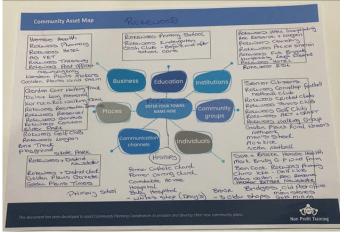
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## ROKEWOOD CORINDHAP COMMUNITY PLANNING

#### THE RESULTS ARE IN!

We have gathered the results of the Community Planning survey and hosted a community forum to gather the best and brightest ideas for our two towns. Now is your chance to say what you think is most important out of all the ideas so we can prioritise them in the plan.

Either scan the QR code below to write in your top ten responses

#### OR

Use this form to show us your priorities and drop it in at the General Store in Rokewood to contribute to the final plan.



The Community Coordinators will be closing off the survey on: Monday 4th November so be sure to have your say!

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Circle or underline the <u>Top 10</u> projects you want to see in the plan
YOU CAN SELECT ALL 10 FROM ONE CATEGORY OR ACROSS THE DIFFERENT
PROJECT CATEGORIES

GENERAL
Farmers market
Rejuvenate church
Make tennis court multipurpi
Shops; supermarket
Art trail and show
Slow traffic on Ferrars Street
Water Fountains
Restoration of buildings
RV friendly
Accommodation
Bus service to Ballarat
24 hour gm

Bus service to Ballarat 24 hour gym Main Street gardens/roses Horse events/facilities Metal garden art

Metal garden art ice-cream van once a week over summer!

Publicise history and stories (walking trail/signage) Museum in older building – collate histor of the area Noticeboard for local activities

ROCKWOOD
Town battery
Entrance signs to town
Publicise natural assets (orchids, grasses
animals)
Clear gorse/weeds

Management (CoM)

CORINDHAP

Tables / Chairs at pagoda

Tiles

RECREATION RESERVE

Basketball ring at tennis courts
Cover over playeround

GOLF CLUB Heating /Air Conditioning Solar Panels Carpark lighting

KINDER solar panels

LAGOON Matting on diving board Upkeep of lagoon & toll Shade Power SCHOOL
Indoor sports centre
Squash Court
Footpaths along both sides of road along Ballarat Ro
near houses

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Pewer points at rotundle
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Signs for recreasion reserve Prioty
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EV charger
Port & Chain fending
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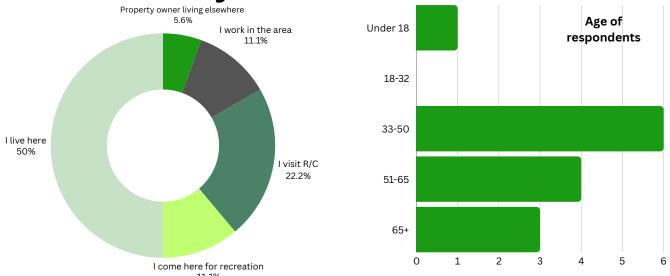
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YOUTH & SENIORS
Youth group (activities/disco)
Barista and food handling courses
Qualified person to help with wills
Responsible service of alcohol (RSA) course
Boats

# The numbers

**Initial survey** 



Is there anything you love and value about Rokewood/Corindhap?



responses received

93
project ideas
Residents



# Our eight priority projects

During the community consultation, 93 project ideas were put forward. The community then prioritised these projects, which the Community Coordinators selected to activate.

# 1

#### **Equipment for Hall Activities**

#### **Activities proposed include:**

Talk to Recreation Reserve Management Committee and purchase equipment to meet the needs of the community.

#### **Benefit to community:**

Three of the top 25 priorities involved exercise and equipment. Providing equipment for hall activities would enhance the community's ability to host a wider range of events and programs, fostering greater social connection and offering more opportunities for residents to engage in local activities. Project Partners:

DEECA, Recreation Reserve Management Committee, Wind Farms Grants Committee, Hesse Health, Senior Citizens, Football Club.

## 2

#### Pontoon at the reservoir

#### **Activities proposed include:**

Understand requirements to build, engage with stakeholders, source funding and contractor.

#### **Benefit to community:**

Upgrading the pontoon at the reservoir would improve access for recreational activities, enhance the area's appeal as a local leisure destination, and provide a safe and enjoyable space for residents and visitors to connect with nature.

#### **Project Partners:**

Council Committee of Management, Victorian Fisheries Authority, Vestas/Wind Farm, Robert Gardner, Young people of Rokewood/Corindhap

## 3

## Town directional signage

#### **Activities proposed include:**

A large sign of town amenities and resources as well as individual signs for amenities and safety signs at the reservoir

#### Benefit to community:

New township directional signage would improve navigation for both locals and visitors, enhance the town's accessibility, and help showcase Rokewood and Corindhap as welcoming, well-organised communities.

#### **Project Partners:**

Wind Farm, Men's Shed, Local Signwritersf body text

## 4

## Advocacy for medical service, doctors and pathology

#### Activities proposed include:

A chemist/pharmacy is proposed and extended health services operating through it

#### **Benefit to community:**

Ongoing advocacy for medical services and doctors would ensure continued access to essential healthcare, support the well-being of residents, and help retain vital medical resources in the community for years to come.

#### **Project Partners:**

Hesse Health, Rural Women's Group, Golden Plains Shire Council, Recreation Reserve Management Committee, Mobile Clinics – Dental & Pharmacy

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## 5

## Upkeep of the lagoon and toilets

#### **Activities proposed include:**

Discuss arrangements for a cleaner

#### Benefit to community:

Better upkeep of the lagoon and toilets would improve the overall cleanliness and functionality of these public spaces, enhancing the comfort and experience for residents and visitors while promoting a positive image of the community.

#### **Project Partners:**

Lagoon Committee



### Rokewood apple tree planning

#### Activities proposed include:

Erect sign saying "Rokewood: Home of the Rokewood Apple". The Wind Farm will plant trees and water them in yards for two years; if they die they will be replaced. Other trees could be planted as well.

#### Benefit to community:

The Rokewood apple tree planting activity would promote environmental sustainability, beautify the area, and create a sense of pride and community involvement as residents work together to cultivate a lasting green space for future generations.

#### **Project Partners:**

Wind Farm Vegetation Program, Rokewood Golf Club, other community organisations

# 7

#### **Farmers market**

#### Activities proposed include:

Determining interest in establishing a farmers market in one or both of the towns; potentially alternating locations. Research how to register with the Vic Farmers Market Association and research interested Golden Plains makers, farmers, growers and locals who would be interested in participating.

#### Benefit to community:

Support local growers and businesses, reduce costs and distance food travels so its fresher, exchange excess produce, centralise the community social activities around market day; keeping our community connected.

#### **Project Partners:**

Local growers and makers, local service and community groups, local organisers

# 8

#### Keep the reservoir stocked with fish

#### **Activities proposed include:**

Work with agencies to ensure fish stocks are maintained. Raising awareness of the fishing opportunities through fishing clubs, fishing education organisations and peak bodies.

#### Benefit to community:

Social opportunities through organising events around fishing. Educate the community and young people on fishing and food security, sourcing local food, tourism; attracting fishers and fishing clubs to the area.

#### **Project Partners:**

VR Fish, VFA, FishCare Victoria, Catchment management authority

There are many other projects that form part of the plan. These are listed on Page 9. If anyone wants to work on any project that has been put forward from the community or any of the above 8 projects, please contact us (see page 11) and we will help get others behind you.

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## **Projects by priority**

Rank	Category	Item	Votes
1	Lagoon	Upkeep of lagoon and toilets	19
2	Main Street	Doctor once per week	16
3	Reservoir	Stock with fish	14
4	Other ideas	Medical Centre	13
5-9	General	Farmers Market	11
5-9	School	Indoor Sports Centre	11
5-9	Main Street	Playground / Exercise equipment	11
5-9	Reservoir	Jetty/pontoon	11
5-9	Golf Club	Heating /Air Conditioning	11
10-12	General	Shops, supermarket	10
10-12	General	Restoration of buildings	10
10-12	General	Entrance signs to town	10
	General	Horse events/facilities	9
	Main Street	Op shop (outlet for Men's shed)	9
	General	24 hour gym	9
	Other Ideas	Pathology	8
	Rokewood	Town Battery	8
	Rokewood	Clear gorse / weeds	8
	General	Slow traffic on Ferrars Street	7
	General	RV Friendly	7
	Towns	Publicise history and stories (walking trail/signage)	7
	Lagoon	Matting on diving board	7
	Main Street	Rokewood apple tree planting, more trees!	7
	Main Street	Ambulance station	7
	Hall	Indoor gym	7
	Hall	Equipment for Activity classes	7
	General	Ice cream van once a week over summer!	6
	Towns	Museum in older building – collate history of the area	6
	Rokewood	More cleaning of walking paths	6
	School	Footpaths along both sides along Ballarat Road near houses	6
	Mani Street	EV charger	6
	Other Ideas	Physio service	6
	Other Ideas	Better road drains	6
	Other Ideas	IGA Shop	6
	RSL	Upgrade of Rokewood's Avenue of Honour	6
	General	Bus service to Ballarat	5
	Rec reserve	Basketball ring at tennis courts	5
	Rec reserve	Cover over playground	5
	Lagoon	Shade	5
	Reservoir	Fishing / fishing competition	5
	Other ideas	Emergency Assembly signage	5
	Other ideas	Bus shelter for the High school kids	5

## Other project votes

Rokewood	Rokewood Gardens Committee of Management (CoM)	4
Kinder	Solar panels	4
Lagoon	Extra BBQ	4
School	Speed bumps near the school	4
Reservoir	Table and chairs	4
Other ideas	Grant writer for projects	4
Other ideas	Rokewood cemetery management	4
Other ideas	Half-Court Basketball	4
RSL	Split system and lighting upgrade	4
RSL	Corindhap memorial – 24 hour light under flagpole	4
General	Water fountains	3
Golf Club	Car Park lighting	3
Lagoon	Power	3
School	School crossing	3
Main Street	Signs for recreation reserve /footy	3
Other ideas	Music lessons	3
Other ideas	Larger better equipped Men's Shed	3
Other ideas	Trees on the common	3
RSL	Hard stand carpark	3
Youth & seniors	Youth group (activities/disco)	3
General	Rejuvenate church	2
Towns	Noticeboard for local activities	2
Corindhap	Tables / Chairs at pagoda	2
Corindhap	Improve walking paths	2
		2
Corindhap	More kangaroo signs	
Golf Club	Solar panels	2
Res reserve	Soccer team - Corindhap oval	2
School	Squash Court	2
Main Street	Post & chain fencing	2
Main Street	Large game area, draughts, chess, old school games	2
Main Street	Redevelopment of master plan	2
Hall	Outside circuit	2
Hall	Upgrade bathrooms / toilets	2
Other ideas	Cemetery signage – re native grasses	2
Other ideas	Murals / art works of native plants and fauna	2
Other ideas	Larger street library	2
Youth & seniors	Qualified person to help with wills	2
General	Art trail and show	1
General	Accommodation	1
General	Support all residents not just township businesses	1
Rokewood	Publicise natural assets (orchids, grasses, animals) X (1)	1
Rokewood	Expand township boundary	1
Corindhap	New roof on Hall	1
Rec reserve	Multipurpose areas (soccer, netball)	1
Rec reserve	Landscaping at reserve after new building	1
School	Maintenance for school and kinder	1
Main Street	Power points at Rotunda	1
Reservoir	SET UP RESERVOIR	1
Other ideas	Hearing tests/eye tests	1
Other ideas	Industrial Estate – Elder Park	1
Other ideas	Training classes _ IT, Pets etc	1
Other ideas	Cemetery upgrade	1
 Other ideas	Occasional care for 3 year olds	1
Youth & seniors	Barista and food handling courses	1

## **Rokewood Corindhap demographics**





Occupation, top responses Employed people aged 15 years and over	Corindhap	%	
Technicians and Trades Workers	13	22.8	
Community and Personal Service Workers	10	17.5	
Labourers	9	15.8	
Machinery Operators and Drivers	7	12.3	
Managers	6	10.5	
Clerical and Administrative Workers	4	7.0	
Professionals	3	5.3	







Occupation, top responses  Employed people aged 15 years and over	Rokewood	%
Managers	33	33.3
Labourers	18	18.2
Technicians and Trades Workers	17	17.2
Sales Workers	10	10.1
Professionals	9	9.1
Community and Personal Service Workers	7	7.1
Clerical and Administrative Workers	5	5.1
Machinery Operators and Drivers	4	4.0



We thank our community for the support they have given to the planning and look forward to achieving the goals of this plan together over the next four years

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If you would like to be involved in one of the projects or start any of the projects on the list, please contact the community coordinators above.

