

Community Action Plan 2005-2006

Brewster Community:

1. Background/Who we are as a community

Brewster was established as a result of Soldier Settlement land grants in 1920. Of the 30 farming families, which make up our community today, over three quarters are direct descendants of these original settlers and are fiercely proud of their heritage. This pride also extends to those families who have moved out of the district, but who still consider themselves "Brewsterites". This is evident in the number of families who request copies of our local newsletter (current mailout is 65 copies and the number is expanding as word gets out). Over 200 people attended the Soldier Settlement commemoration day in 2001 and our "Back to Brewster" events attract similar numbers from all over Victoria.

The focal point of the Brewster Community is our Community Hall. Built by the community in 1937 it has eleven members on the current Hall Committee of Management. The hall is the hub of all social and training events that happen in the district and has been renovated to cater for expanded use by today's community including upgrading of electrical circuitry, heating, re cladding and re roofing. Our next big event is the Hall Re-dedication in April ... post our renovation works!

2. What our issues are

Brewster currently have three main goals:

1. Our number one priority is preservation of our hall for the use of this and future generations of Brewsterites.
 - In continuing the upgrading of the facility, the community will be looking to work with the Pyrenees Shire over the next five years to upgrade the existing toilets.
2. The community will also be looking at landscaping for aesthetic and safety reasons.
 - **Target \$500 of funding towards plants for landscaping.** Lyn Hayward & A Morcombe to co-ordinate.
3. Provision of farm and health related training & numerous social activities at low cost to the Brewster Community in order to:
 - Increase and maintain health and well-being of community members.
 - Foster community spirit.
 - Foster belief of community and rural lifestyle as viable choices for our youth.

Target \$2,500 towards subsidizing training (such as Chem Users Handlers Courses) & provision of social activities etc to enable cost to be kept low.

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3. Where we want to be in a year or longer

- ❖ An integrated and supportive community across all ages and backgrounds.
- ❖ Community Hall to be user friendly and an aesthetically pleasing, safe and comfortable environment to be in.
- ❖ Community Hall to be widely used for all manner of activities both social and training.
- ❖ Events to be run to be at as low a cost as possible to the community.
Some events will be used to generate funds to go towards maintaining Hall.
- ❖ Brewster Buzz Community Newsletter used as main communication method for community.

4. Action lists

*MC = Hall Committee of Management

Issue responded to	Outcome sought	Priority given to issue	List of likely actions	Timeframes relating to actions	Who will lead the action	Who will assist	Resources needed? Cost?	How do we know it's done? How will we celebrate?	How do we inform the community of progress/results? How do we evaluate?
Social Mixing	- Community come together - Fun	High	❖Dances ❖Pet Parade ❖Fam Movie Nights ❖Lunches	Jan 05 March 05 May 05 June 05	L Hayward A Morcombe D Morcombe MC	MC	Nil Nil Movie Equip Nil	Vinyl Revival Best In Show Entertain Night Luncheon event	Newsletter
Professional Development	12 farmers attend	Mod	Chem Users Handlers course	Jun 05	A Morcombe	MC	Ballarat Uni Fees \$108 p/head *Subsidise community	Run course at reduced rate.	Newsletter Word of Mouth Flyers

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Action List Continued: RE Events – Specifics:

- ❖ All events are timetabled by the Brewster Hall Committee of Management. Presently we are operating on a 6 month event calendar.
- ❖ One committee member heads up the event with support from the rest of the committee.
- ❖ Major events (ie Trivia Night, Wine Night and Pet Show) have a Project Digest drawn up to assist running of future events.
- ❖ Other community members with interest or skills are co-opted by the Event coordinator as required.
- ❖ Catering support is provided by the Brewster Social Club.
- ❖ Community is notified of event timetable via *Brewster Buzz Community Newsletter*. Other advertising as decided by Coordinator or committee as appropriate.

- ❖ Aim to provide events at low cost to community. \$2,500 of funding to be used to subsidize these events and achieve this outcome.

- ❖ Some events are run with the intention of generating a small income. Ie the “Vinyl Revival Dance Night” was a zero cost to run event except for electricity usage. Record players and music were community owned. Supper was donated by community members. A minimum entry of \$5 per head or \$10 per family was charged in order to raise a small amount to go into Hall coffers. (\$170 total). These monies go into hall revenue to pay sundry costs such as electricity, advertising for events, catering assistance etc, Brewster Buzz printing assistance etc. The community also runs raffles at various times to raise revenue towards Hall operation and maintenance costs. (ie: Christmas raffle raised \$152. Pet Show raffle \$255).

- ❖ Outcomes are measured by attendance at events, verbal comments re success of the night from participants and by community questionnaire returns as to events they enjoyed and wished run again.

Future events in planning are:

- Tai Chi for Arthritis (May). 10 interested in attending. Currently liaising with Beaufort & Skipton Health re suitable date.
- Chemical User Handler Course (June). Via Ballarat Uni. Currently obtaining numbers. Min 12 needed.
- Computer course (2nd half of year)
- Community Lunch (2nd half of year)
- Cooking Course Asian (winter)
- Craft afternoon 1 x adult and 1 x children (winter)
- Family entertainment event (2nd half of year)
- Xmas celebration event (2nd half of year).

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5. How this Community Action Plan was compiled:

Community Surveys were sent out to the 30 families in Brewster to gauge community reaction and preferred direction. (11 returned). See attach 1.

The Brewster Hall Committee of Management consists of 11 members from across families in the Brewster area. The Committee set the program for the first half of the year following analysis of returned community surveys. This information was then forwarded on to the community via the Brewster Buzz calendar of events page (see attach 2.)

*See also section on Community Action List Continued – specifics re events as to how events are run.

The Committee of Management has allocated areas of responsibility to various members of the committee, which they coordinate in the event of action needing to be taken in their area. (See below).

6. Community Action Plan Facilitators/Committee:

Name	Contact Phone Number
Brewster Hall of Management Committee	Bill Dunn – President 53440507
	Anne Morcombe – Secretary 0413591394
Brewster Hall Roster Co-ordinators:	
Bill Dunn (Shire liaison and Overall maintenance)	These people coordinate rosters of community people
David Morcombe (Electrical)	Who wish to help out but do not want to sit on the
Gary Swan (Grounds Maintenance)	Hall Committee.
Lyn Hayward & Anne Morcombe – (Landscaping)	
Newsletter Delivery (Anne Morcombe)	
Additional committees contributing to event management	Social Club President (Val Morcombe)
	Social Club Secretary (Margaret Dunn)

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

Community Hall Events

What do you think?

Please turn over

Please tick which events you would like to see run at the hall?

- Children's movie afternoon. Ages: _____ Best day: _____
- Family Movie Nights
- Adult Craft Best day: _____
- Games Night
- Book Group
- Casserole Night get together
- BBQ lunch get together
- Farm Safety Course
- Chemical Users Handlers Course Full: Refresher:
- Sheep Nutrition Day
- Pet Parade
- Dance What type/s: _____
- Other: (Please add) _____

If your dream was to learn just one thing—and money & time were no object—what would it be?: (It can be anything ie: painting, woodworking, computers, flying, juggling etc), my dream is to learn to make cheese & work with slumped glass).

What makes Brewster a great place to live?

What could we do to make Brewster an even better community than we already are?

Brewster Buzz

What do you think?

Please comment on the Buzz? Please tick:

Are you happy with the format?

Do you want to see articles on:

Book Reviews

CD Reviews

Kids Corner

At bottom of page specify type of activity, ie: colour comps, book reviews, Age range etc. Do you have a child who would like to write and article or help organise a child event?

Humour

Promotion of events in other districts?

Gardening tips

Serious articles on farming

Historical information on Brewster & It's families

Letters column

Craft ideas

Recipes

Other: (Please add)

Any Other Comments:

Would you like to write an article? _____

Would you like to join the delivery roster? _____

Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 27th February	Brass On The Grass	11.30am	Beaufort
Saturday 5th March	Working Bee	8.00am	Brewster Hall
Saturday 5th March	Brendan Scott Entertainment	7.30pm	Snake Valley Hall
Monday 7th March	Social Club AGM	8.00pm	Brewster Hall
Tuesday 8th March	International Women's Day Supper	7.00pm	Snake Valley Hall
Saturday 19th March	Pet Parade & BBQ	6.00pm	Brewster Hall
Monday 21st March	Brewster Hall Committee Meeting	8.00pm	Brewster Hall
Sunday 17th April	Brewster Hall Rededication	2.00pm	Brewster Hall
Saturday 14th May	Family BBQ & Entertainment Night	7.00pm	Brewster Hall

Brewster Pet Parade & BBQ

Grab your favourite pet & prepare to wow our judges at:

Brewster Hall
Saturday 19th March
6.00pm



Entry fee: \$1.00 per pet.



BBQ to follow.

Please BYO Meat & Drinks and a salad OR sweet to share.

For further details contact Lyn & Rick Hayward
Phone: 5344 0532

x Ps: Brewster residents: Attached to the *Buzz* you will find a block of raffle tickets which we need you to sell and bring the butts (and the money), along to go into the draw at the Pet Comp. All proceeds go to further hall works.

Brewster Hall Renovation Re-dedication

THE BREWSTER HALL COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT WISH TO INVITE THE RESIDENTS & FRIENDS OF BREWSTER TO THE REDEDICATION OF THE BREWSTER HALL FOLLOWED BY AFTER-NOON TEA.

Date:

Sunday 17th April 2005

Time: 2pm

Brewster Hall

Or Kayley's Lane &

RSVP to:

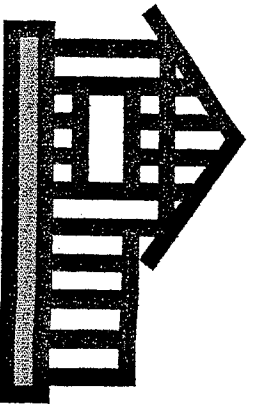
Bill Dunn - Chairperson

53440507

Or

Anne Morcombe-Secretary

0413591394



PLEASE RSVP BY
10TH APRIL
TO ASSIST US WITH
CATERING REQUIREMENTS.

BRASS ON THE GRASS

Food, Wine & Live Big Band

Featuring Melbourne based big band

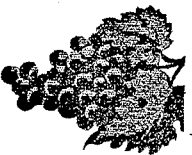


Rhythmic Revival

With the vocals of Conrad Desilva & Rebecca Johnson

Bring along your deck chairs and rug, laze under shady trees and listen to a blend of Jazz, Swing, Rock & Blues

Beaufort Golf & Bowls Club
Sunday 27th February
\$8 per head. Kids free. 11.30 am start



Phone: BH: 5349 2500
FULL CATERING PROVIDED. NO BYO

Brewster BBQ & Family
Entertainment Night



Saturday
May 14th

7.00pm BBQ
8.30 Family Entertainment.

\$5 per head
\$15 per family

BBQ Meat &
entertainment supplied



BYO Drinks and a salad or
sweet to share.



A Night Of Entertainment

With

BRENDAN SCOTT



Singer, Dancer, Instrumentalist

Snake Valley Hall
Saturday 5th March
7.30pm - 11.30pm



BYO Nibbles & Drinks.
Light supper provided

Tickets: \$15
Call Kate on 5344 9327

Individual tickets
or book a table!

Celebrate
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Snake Valley Hall
8th March
7-9pm with light supper

Tickets \$10.00 per head
Book with Bronwyn/Robyn
Phone: 5340 2471



Noni Gabb
Lynette Heenan
Desley Beechey

Find out
what motivates them and what they
have achieved.