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# Landsborough Community Action Plan

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**Landsborough:  
A welcoming community  
you can call home.**

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**Thank you to all residents involved in the development and implementation of the  
Landsborough Community Action Plan 2016-2017**

# 1. Our Community

Landsborough is a vibrant diverse community that is continually developing with many small ongoing community driven projects. Nestled at the foot of the Pyrenees Ranges, Landsborough's population consists of approximately 250 residents in the township and surrounding area. Landsborough features excellent country for horse enthusiasts, lovers of bushwalking, rich history, art and culture, native flora and fauna, if you are looking for a peaceful environment, this community would be suitable for you or your family.

## Qualities of Landsborough valued by residents include:

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|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ✓ Rural landscape            | ✓ Heritage Streetscape | ✓ Friendly people            |
| ✓ Quiet and safe environment | ✓ Community Facilities | ✓ Collaborative people       |
| ✓ Beautiful town             | ✓ Local Businesses     | ✓ Willing to help each other |
| ✓ Location                   | ✓ Good School          | ✓ Community Newspaper        |
| ✓ Surrounding ranges         | ✓ Good Water Supply    | ✓ Strong Volunteer Base      |

## Industries in Landsborough include:

- Farming - Sheep, Wool, Cattle, Cropping, Olives and Lavender
- Rapidly expanding viticulture
- Local arts from 10 artists (Sculpture, Painting, Woodwork, Drawing and Photography)
- Transport

## Our community assets include:

- Events
  - Quarterly Ladies Night Out
  - Christmas School Concert
  - Saturday Morning Smoko's
  - Town Garage Sale
  - Community Christmas Eve
  - Young Explorers Activities
  - Anzac Day Celebrations/Remembrance Day
  - Quarterly Koolie Working Dog Days
  - Sporting Tournaments
  - Annual Pool Party

- Activities & Groups:

- Historical Society
- Cemetery Trust
- Playgroup
- Tennis
- Monthly Community Newspaper
- Progress Group
- Lawn Bowls
- Landcare
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Senior Citizens
- Petanque



- Amenities & Services:

- Primary School
- Post Office
- Community Complex
- Community Noticeboard
- Lawn Bowls
- Tennis, Netball & Basketball Courts
- Mental Health Nurse
- Dietician
- Physiotherapist
- Elmhurst District Nurse
- Fire Brigade
- Public Hall
- Children's Playground
- General Store
- Golf Course
- Pentanque Piste & BBQ
- Maternal Health Nurse
- Podiatrist
- Caravan Park
- Police Station
- Resource Centre
- Swimming Pool (public laundry and showers)
- Local Hotel
- Camping Ground
- Uniting, Anglican & Catholic Churches
- Monthly visits from Health Counsellor
- Diabetic Educator
- Weekly Bus to Ararat & Stawell

This mix of industry and assets adds to the creative and culturally diverse feel of Landsborough.

*Landsborough is a welcoming community you can call home.*

## **2. Reviewing the Plan**

A review of this community plan is essential to determine whether the issues and priorities of the community have been met or have changed since the development of the document.

The annual review of the plan gives the community the opportunity to:

- Update any background information.
- Reflect on the positives of living in Landsborough.
- Acknowledge achievements from the current plan.
- Determine if there are any “new” issues effecting residents and confirm if previous issues identified still exist and are a priority.
- Prioritise issues and identify each project has the most support to ensure they are achievable by residents.
- Identify a local “champion” to coordinate actions for each project to fed back into the overall plan
- Engage new or re-engage residents to help.
- Communicate to Council and other organisations the prioritised needs of the community.
- The Community Action Plan is a reference document that Pyrenees Shire Council view to assist them in forward planning, the plan is owned by the Landsborough Community.

A community workshop was held to determine what residents wanted Landsborough to look like in the future. Residents were encouraged to consider issues that were included in the existing plan and include them for consideration in the new plan. This action plan endeavours to assist the community in achieving their goals by prioritising issues.

### 3. Issues/Ideas in Landsborough

As part of the most recent planning workshop, residents identified issues/ideas that were important to them with consideration given to the Natural, Built, Social and Economic Environment in which they live. Each issue or idea was grouped into similar “projects”. Residents were then given the opportunity to show which projects they felt were the most important at the time of the workshop.

#### a) The priority issues for residents for Landsborough include:

- 1) Upgrade Community Hall
- 2) Footpaths and Streetscape
- 3) Community Hub Precinct
- 4) Community Newsletter
- 5) Telecommunications
- 6) Preservation of historical records and memorabilia.^
- 7) Facilitation of local events and projects.^

*\* Denotes ongoing issue from last plan,*

*^ Denotes submitted by local groups as per action plans*

Please note:

- More effective communication from Council was identified as a priority and still remains

**b) Issues raised by residents for consideration in the next plan review:**

➤ Medium Priorities identified:

- More activities and improved amenities for children
- Increased usage of community hub precinct
- Police presence
- Men's Shed
- Support for existing Tuesday bus service
- Slowing traffic in town
- Improving amenity of oval
- Caravan Park
- Council to be proactive with building and planning permit process.
- Encourage family day care
- Opportunities for skill development in new technology
- Small business development
- Encourage local employment
- Attract new events
  
- Lack of youth social and leadership opportunities (community volunteer paired with professional worker/organizer/liaison)
- Newsletter support (volunteer burnout)
- Caravan park (apply for self contained units)
- Town identity (Town signage for the Malakoff area)
- Promoting resources to external groups (hire out facilities)
- Streetscape (replace existing trees with a more appropriate type)
- Need for regular trimming of roadside trees in Coronation Avenue, McKinlay Street, King Street and Wills Street
- Promoting exercise groups (tai chi, carpet bowls, petanque, bowls, golf, tennis - promote via school & newsletter)
- Promote & link artists (Arts register, link to film nights & Pyrenees artists trail)
- Tennis court maintenance.
- Lack of local available transport to enable school students to undertake excursions.
- Golf Club requires fencing and maintenance

## 5. Action Plans for our Priorities

Action plans for each of the identified priorities are detailed on the following pages.

- a) Goal
- b) Steps
- c) Actions
- d) Resources
- e) Timeline
- f) Progress



PROJECT: Telecommunications

GOAL: **Improve the mobile phone and internet service in Landsborough.**

DRIVER/s: Whole of Community

Steps	Actions How it will be done	Resources Who can help	Timeline When by	Progress
Find out the current “state of play”				
	➤ Speak to Council	Pyrenees Shire	Ongoing	
	➤ New Sats meeting? NBN			
What can the community do?	Discuss and join forces with other local communities.		Ongoing	
After collecting information, discuss with action plan committee	Write report, distribute copies.			

PROJECT: Landsborough Community Hub Precinct

GOAL: **To develop, improve and maintain infrastructure and facilities in and around the Community Hub Precinct**

DRIVER/s:

<b>Steps</b>	<b>Actions</b> How it will be done	<b>Resources</b> Who can help	<b>Timeline</b> When by	<b>Progress</b>
To Develop Infrastructure in Caravan Park		Local Council	All Ongoing	
	Build two bedroom cabins.	State and Federal Government		
	Upgrade Amenities Block, tiling etc Build Public, Unisex toilet with disabled access Build Men's Shed	Section 86 Committee		
To Landscape Caravan Park	Put in Kerb and Channelling Develop two extra sites Paying, Re-Site Power Heads Plant Privacy Hedges to screen permanent sites and visitors Shire Fire Hydrant	As Above Plus Community		

<p>To improve and maintain resource centre building and surrounds</p>	<p>Erect a verandah behind the building</p> <p>Restore the old water tank and well</p> <p>Improve the bbq area</p> <p>Maintain the community garden, children's playground and petanque court</p> <p>Improve and maintain the walking track</p>	<p>As Above</p> <p>Local Community</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
<p>Increase Usage of the Community Hub Precinct</p>	<p>Greater promotion through newsletters, pamphlets, publicise the cabins and caravan park.</p> <p>Erect signage on main roads and outside the precinct</p> <p>Use as a venue for local events ie Easter Egg Hunts</p>	<p>Committee</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Local Community</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

<p>Better local printing facilities</p> <p>Establishment of accommodation (tourist cabins) at the Caravan Park to provide quality accommodation for visitors when staying in Landsborough.</p>	<p>Committee of Management to investigate Source funding, continue dialogue with council staff EDU and Tourism.</p> <p>Develop an ongoing management strategy, for bookings, maintenance, promotion all aspects of this accommodation in the precinct.</p>	<p>Liaise with Council</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	
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**PROJECT: Landsborough and District News**

**September 2015 update**



**GOAL: Sustainable community newspaper to connect and give voice to our rural district communities.**

**DRIVER:** Landsborough and District Community Newspaper Inc. Committee of Management.

ABN: 74610809984.

<b>Steps</b>	<b>Actions</b> How will it be done	<b>Resources</b> Who can help	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Expand and support volunteer production and admin team.  (Work currently around 80 hours monthly production & admin process (excl. household distribution).	Recruit volunteers for various L&DN production tasks. Cover absences, provide holiday break Create News team succession plan.	Through L&DN, News team, and Committee	Ongoing	Production volunteers increased to 8. Admin tasks now covered by several team members. No cover for editor absence as yet. Succession plan not yet achieved.
	Provide training, mentoring.	News team/ C/tee	Ongoing	Funded computer classes 2014 plus train on job. Training needed for new volunteers.
	Provide OHS compliant equipment –task seating x3, filing cabinet, monitor.	PSC Grants	Ongoing	Large screen monitor provided –FRRR grant. Multiple PSC grants unsuccessful 2012-15 despite fulfilling criteria and prerequisites.
	Reimburse incidental costs.	C/tee	Ongoing	This in place.
Maintain and develop quality of L&DN and volunteer skills.	Fund development of skill sets in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced computer skills</li> <li>Desktop publishing</li> <li>Managing financials</li> <li>Editorial responsibilities</li> <li>Legals.</li> </ul>	C/tee/News team Council Grants  Cwlth Bank manuals CNAV advice	Ongoing	FRRR Grant 2014: Computer training with LPS July 2014 –but need do more classes.  CBA financial manual provided CNAV conferences attended - updates for c/tee. Have legal guidelines for publishing.
	Maintain CNAV membership Attend annual CNAV conference Enter CNAV annual awards	Committee and news team volunteers.	Ongoing Annual	Paid to Aug 2016. Team reps at 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. LDN - 4 awards rec/d over last 4 years
Buy high-tech equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Software e.g. Lightroom 4</li> <li>Adobe Acrobat writer.</li> <li>Accounting package</li> </ul>	Seek grants Specific fund raising Donations and memberships. Surplus funds from operations.	L&DN Committee P S Council Community	Ongoing	FRR Grant 2014/15: laptop, hard drive. Assoc. Memberships increased. Donations from Community groups, individuals. Using MS Excel for accounting records.
Secure funding to cover printing and operating costs for up to 12 months in advance	Seek Govt adverts/notices & support Seek new sponsor advertising. Liaise with existing sponsors	Committee & News team	Ongoing	Some State Govt and PSC adverts. Business sponsor adverts maintained – printing costs covered. C/tee designated sponsor liaison.
	Track income v costs monthly	News team, C/tee	Ongoing	Cost & income forecasts updated for 12 months.

Engage the community	Seek content contributions & feedback. Hold open C/tee meetings Hold annual exhibition News photos. Colour wraps 'special news issues.	News team Committee Community Seek grant PSC	Ongoing	Maintained community contributions. Receive good feedback incl. on-line version. Open C/tee Meetings. Good support for 2 photo exhibitions. Quote requested.
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**PROJECT/GOAL: Footpath – Main Street North Side and Streetscape**

DRIVER/s:

<b>Steps</b>	<b>Actions</b> How it will be done	<b>Resources</b> Who can help	<b>Timeline</b> When by	<b>Progress</b>
Relocation of community noticeboard from hall to general store for higher visibility for residents to utilise		Council	2015-2016	
Develop streetscape master plan for Landsborough Main Street.	1. Consultation undertaken	Council	2016	
Plan is on display	2. Plan developed 3. Plan displayed 4. Community to provide feedback	Council  Residents	2016	

PROJECT/GOAL: <b>Landsborough Hall &amp; Bowling Club Building Maintenance</b>				
DRIVER/s: Bernie O'Callaghan				
<b>Steps</b>	<b>Actions</b> How it will be done	<b>Resources</b> Who can help	<b>Timeline</b> When by	<b>Progress</b>
Refurbish Public Hall Eg. Painting	Funding has been obtained to paint the stage and other rooms in the hall, waiting on tradesperson to complete		2016	
	Bowling Club and Hall received a FRRR grant and purchased a ride on mower	FRRR	2015	
Ongoing Maintenance	Source grants	Pyrenees Shire Other Funding Bodies	2016	
Improve surrounds of Bowling Club- Painting, installation of cupboard	Local input		Ongoing	
	Source grants	Sports Central	Ongoing	



PROJECT/GOAL: Landsborough and District Historical Group Inc. –  
To collect, preserve and make available to the public the historical records and memorabilia of Landsborough and District.

DRIVER/s: Diane Western and Historical Group Committee.

<b>Steps</b>	<b>Actions</b> How it will be done	<b>Resources</b> Who can help	<b>Timeline</b> When by	<b>Progress</b>
Historical buildings which are owned by the Historical Group, to be maintained and kept weatherproof and secure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Repairs and painting to the exterior and interior of the buildings to be carried out when necessary.</li> <li>➤ Security measures to be put in place eg alarms.</li> </ul>	Local Gov Grants Grants from other sources. Fund raising by Historical Group. Historical Group and community members to carry out the work.	Exterior of the Barkly Room needs to be painted and security measures installed as soon as possible. On-going.	Small funding obtained from the Pyrenees Shire for painting
Historical records to be suitably stored.	The correct environment and storage containers for old materials to be provided.	As above.	On- going	Records placed on an electronic management system
The town historical walk to be maintained and added to when and where necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Existing historical signage to be repaired and added to.</li> <li>➤ The Town Historical Walk booklet to be updated.</li> </ul>	As above.	On-going	
Public interest in historical exhibitions and events to be fostered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Encourage visits and participation in historical activities by community groups eg. the local school.</li> <li>➤ Publicise exhibitions and events.</li> </ul>	Historical Group members. Community groups. Grants. Newsletters and noticeboards. Pyrenees website.	On-going.	

## 6. Community Action Plan Development

### How was the Community Action Plan reviewed?

Residents were invited to a Planning Workshop (1 November 2012) and participated in activities including:

- Positives about living in Landsborough
- What would we like Landsborough to look like in future – issues/opportunities
- Prioritising of these
- Recruitment of a “driver” to lead each project
- Development of project action plan

The Landsborough Community Action Plan document has now been updated to include current priorities and project action plans. Issues from the previous plan have been included for reference in future planning.

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The original 2010-2011 plan was developed through the following action:

- Community consultation that began 6yrs ago - youth & general community (with Marita Reynolds)
- Information sessions and facilitator training June-Oct '04 (with Linda Beilharz)
- Landsborough Community Action Plan Committee established - incl. 3 young people on this committee
- Community Survey distributed (land owners, community hotspots and personal contacts) in Jan '05
- Data/themes from community survey collated Jan-March '05
- Discussions with community facilitator/Dani (May '04-present)
- Compiling draft Community Action Plan (CAP) Feb - March '05
- Finalising CAP and lodging to council/Community Building project - April '05
- Landsborough Progress Association formed August 06
- The Community Action Plan Committee was disbanded in September 06.?
- Landsborough Progress Association continues to update the Action Plan.

Achievements identified in the plan included:

- Progress Association – achieved August 2006
- Review Board Rep – achieved November 2006
- Public Liability Insurance – resolved 2007
- Youth Space – achieved 2007
- Playground – achieved Dec 2009
- Caravan Park and pool toilets – achieved 2009
- Town Entrance Signage – achieved 2009
- Additional Pool Shade Sail 2015
- Landsborough War Memorial Garden 2015
- Community Garden 2014
- Cemetery Upgrade 2014- 2015
- Transport – achieved March 2009
- Promoting exercise groups – Achieved 2011
- Tennis Court maintenance – resolved 2012
- Bowling Club shade cloth – achieved 2012
- Fire safety area – resolved 2013
- Water supply quality – achieved 2013
- Independent Community Newspaper Established 2013
- Social Support Group Established 2013
- Open Community Morning Smoko Gathering 2012
- Public Hall Grant Obtained 2013-2014
- Landsborough Primary School Community BBQ Grant 2013
- Landsborough Historical Society Building Grants 2012-2014
- Memorial Wall at Public Hall 2012
- Installation of William Landsborough Memorial Statue 2012
- Cemetery Trust Upgrade of facilities 2013-2014
- Pyrenees Presents Establishment 2013
- Emergency Services Upgrade 2014
- Neighbourhood Watch re-established 2013
- Re-establishment of Senior Citizens
- Learning Outcomes at Primary School open to all residents