

Meeting Notes: Marysville Community Planning Tourism and Business Ideas

Thursday 12th December 2-4pm, MiRa's Green Room

Attendance: approximately 16 community members, in addition to Councillor Sandice McAulay, and Council Officers Matt Thomas, Bob Elkington and Anna Paix (notes)
Four apologies were also received.

Purpose and Process:

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a number of ideas that have been submitted into the community planning process where Murrindindi Shire Council (MSC) is a key stakeholder. With relevant Council Officers present, this was a unique opportunity to talk about possible projects that the community are interested in and to hear the MSC current position in relation to each idea, and together develop next steps for each potential project.

A community prioritisation event is scheduled for Thursday 12th March 2019. All the possible projects for Marysville will be voted on by community members at that event and subsequently decisions will be made about which projects to include in the plan. This meeting aimed to progress thinking about each of the ideas on the agenda, so that the community is more informed at the time of prioritisation. It is also a principle of community planning to help people connect with others in the community: that helping people be connected on projects of interest facilitates progress.

The ideas discussed and next steps agreed are set out below. (It must be noted that approximately half of community members had to leave without participating in the sticker allocation activity.)

Potential Project Idea	Agreed Next Steps to Progress this Idea	Who is Responsible for Next Steps?
1. Walking & Cycling Track to Buxton	Share information that already exists, as well as a summary of the key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rail trail data about usage - Previous feasibility study (Triangle) - Scope that was developed for GVRT trail extension to Eildon - Details of which agencies would need to be involved for coordination - Details of which existing Marysville trails could be linked up as a loop <i>NB. 5 blue stickers "I love this idea"</i>	MSC – Anna to coordinate internally and distribute to group and on the Marysville Community Planning web-page

<p>2. Guided Night Bushwalks</p>	<p>Check with Lake Mountain if they have considered this.</p> <p>Liaise further with OEG on this idea.</p> <p>Seek feedback from Parks Vic on similar activities in Kinglake</p> <p><i>NB. 4 blue stickers "I love this idea"</i></p>	<p>Anna – and feedback to the group</p>
<p>3. RV Friendly Town accreditation</p>	<p>Identifying possible sites for overnight RV camping</p>	<p>Interested community members to explore possible sites and provide to Anna</p>
	<p>Identifying possible sites for parking of long vehicles in the side streets</p>	<p>Interested community members to explore possible sites and provide to Anna</p>
	<p>Researching about current local laws re camping, and whether we can talk to a counterpart council officer where RV Friendly accreditation has been obtained to hear thoughts and reflections on impacts both negative and positive. Note: town should be like-for-like, somehow comparable to Marysville</p>	<p>MSC – Anna to coordinate internally and share with community members</p>
	<p><i>NB. 6 blue stickers "I love this idea"</i></p>	
<p>4. Free WiFi and/or better internet access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A flyer for local businesses encouraging them to consider providing free WiFi and promoting it - Explore seeking support from local member Helen Haines who has previously sought representation on internet issues experienced in the electorate - Setting up a communal work-space (with hot desks) at Narbethong or Buxton where there is NBN. Note: this could be a micro-business 	<p>MTBT</p>

	<i>NB. 4 blue stickers "I love this idea"</i>	
5. Great Forest National Park	<p>** No agreed next steps. Community members felt it was too political for this process. Others may wish to pursue it further.</p> <p><i>NB. 1 blue sticker "I love this idea"</i> <i>4 red stickers "I feel concerned about this idea"</i></p>	
6. Multi-day Walk – Marysville to Melbourne	<p>Share the previously developed Scope document for a similar project.</p> <p>Interested community members were also encouraged to think about how to break down such a large project into more-manageable chunks.</p> <p><i>NB. 7 blue stickers "I love this idea"</i></p>	MSC – Anna to source and share with the group
7. Liaison Group between Shire and businesses, to work together to create the best environment for new business	<p>Boston Consulting Group report from recent consultations is due for release in January. We need to digest what's in it and work out what is doable.</p> <p>Community members to consider other discussions that may be necessary to progress this topic.</p> <p><i>NB. 5 blue stickers "I love this idea"</i></p>	All
8. More arts and festivals	**Time did not permit discussion about this potential project.	