

## Toolangi-Castella Community Planning meeting notes

CJ Dennis Hall  
Thursday 27 February  
6.00pm – 8.30pm

Community members from Toolangi and Castella had their voices heard on Thursday 27 February when they came together at the CJ Dennis Hall as part of a community led Community Planning Project.

Nearly 60 community members attended the evening and took part in shaping their future direction.

The event was enormously valuable, with 8 projects prioritised for inclusion in the Toolangi-Castella Community Plan for 2020 – 2022. The projects, in no particular order, are

- Improved tennis courts – reinstating and developing tennis courts for community use, including site clean-up and drainage repair
- Development of local mountain biking trails and jumps
- Development of skate parks and other parks for young people
- Supporting activation and community use of the Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre – which includes liaising with the TFDC Committee and exploring all options
- Advocating to improve local phone and internet services
- Advocating for a hard rubbish service – including investigation of alternative and viable options with business or community providers
- Celebrating local history – Create a local Toolangi-Castella history collection and acknowledge and connect with indigenous groups about indigenous cultural heritage, both past and present
- Increase the number of walking and horse-riding trails – including improvements to the Tall Trees Trail and signage for all key sites and tracks

Council's Community Planning Portfolio Councillor Sandice McAulay said it was great to hear that so many locals put their hand up to form action teams, which will help bring the 8 priority projects to life.

'It's not too late to get involved in an action team. If you're keen to get involved, please give Council a call on 5772 0333 and we can put you in touch with the action team that interests you.

'We invite community members to come along to a Community Planning meeting at 6pm on Monday 23 March at the Toolangi Castella District Community House. This will be an opportunity for action teams to start working together and exploring how they can deliver each of the priority projects for their community.

'Next, the Community Planning Group will finalise their draft Toolangi-Castella Community Plan which will reflect those 8 priority projects with a committed action team. The Plan will then go out to the broader community for feedback.

'The Plan will be created, owned and driven by the community, for the community and it will represent the voice of Toolangi-Castella community members.

'We have one more Community Planning event coming up for Marysville on Thursday 12 March at Marysville Community Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend this event and

RSVPs are essential. It's a great night and it's an opportunity to help make a significant contribution to your community.

'The community has reached a huge milestone in their Community Planning journey and it wouldn't be possible without the wonderful people involved. A huge thanks must go out to IAG, and their local brand WFI Insurance, for their generous support of this Community Planning Pilot Program,' Cr McAulay added.

For more information or to get involved in an action team for one or more of the priority projects, see [www.murrindindi.com.au/communityplanning](http://www.murrindindi.com.au/communityplanning) or phone 5772 0333.