

Yea Community Planning meeting notes

Royal Mail Hotel
Wednesday 4 December 2019
5.30 – 7.15pm

1. Community Planning updates:

- a. Collation and early indications for Ideas: Anna has updated the list of ideas and discussed some emerging interests. It was also noted that there are many other project ideas that have a lot of support, and which may benefit from grouping prior to prioritisation.

ACTION: Updated ideas to be sent out with notes from this meeting (email communityplanning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au if you'd like to see a copy of the collated ideas)

ACTION: Steering group to consider ideas that require further explanation for prioritisation event.

- b. Steering group – Brad updated the group about the activities of the Steering group, to plan a prioritisation event and consider gaps
- c. Community Plan outline – Elaine presented a draft Community Plan outline, which she prepared following discussion with the Steering group. Feedback was invited and Elaine clarified that this is only a draft and a starting point for consideration of what the Community Plan might look like. Please email communityplanning@murrindindi.vic.gov.au if you'd like to see a copy of this early draft and provide any feedback.
- d. Taungurung research – a small group has met to discuss Angela's extensive research that she is undertaking and how we could support this project development and connection with the community planning process
- e. Social Enterprise workshop – This workshop demonstrated the opportunities that Social Enterprise can provide for supporting community activities and programs. Julie and Jeff attended to identify any synergies for community planning. Y Water is a great example of a successful social enterprise. The workshop highlighted the important value that business and community connections can have.
- f. Yea Market Saturday 7th Dec – Anna, Julie & Heidi invited others to assist with a stall at the Yea Market, where they were going to spend the day promoting the community planning ideas, the February dinner, and inviting indicative voting from community members (to help identify emerging priorities)
- g. Prioritisation event & dinner – this is scheduled for Monday 10th Feb at the Yea Shire Hall at 6pm. Groups are invited to provide their logo to Julie/Anna if they would like to be recognised as partners in the project. Flyer and other promotions will be developed – please get in touch if you would like to assist with this.

ACTION: Elaine to prepare a list of all community groups in Yea, and invitation from all is welcomed.

2. Roundtable updates were invited from attendees.

Bob noted an example in another town where funding was successfully sought to provide a 3 month shared pop-up arts space in a town shop front. He is exploring this possibility to add value to project ideas for arts development in Yea.

Anna noted a community member has added the additional project idea around exploring the possibility of a volunteer fruit picking project, to avoid waste, reduce isolation and provide free healthy food to families who need it. Others noted this could also connect well with a composting project, and offers other possibilities such as fundraising (at a market stall), and contributing to the community table at the Community House. Please contact Anna/Julie if you'd like to contribute to this idea.

There was also a request for an update about the Yea street-scaping works. This is scheduled to begin in early 2020.

Russell also noted the importance of improved Council communications over activities such as capital works and other programs. This highlighted the need for greater communication within Yea and strong support for an electronic noticeboard, community calendar and other ways to communicate activities to the wider Yea community and to improve collaboration across the community.

ACTION: All to ensure community dinner and draft community plan are promoted via Yea.com, as well as a banner in the main street, and various newspaper articles.

ACTION: All to promote the February dinner to their contacts. For example, each person could identify 10 contacts to invite. Flyer and invitation to be provided to groups, for presentation to their members.

ACTION: Julie/Anna to add/adjust the following in the Yea project ideas: Electronic noticeboard, grouping of wetlands ideas; grouping of sporting ideas; mental health (inclusion and support), Pop-up arts space; a register of accommodation; a register of community groups.

ACTION: Julie & Anna to prepare a Facebook invitation, as well as flyer for people to use to invite their contacts.

ACTION: All to get in touch with Anna/Julie if you'd like to get involved in the prioritisation event

3. Dinner and prioritisation – Monday 10th February, 6pm at Yea Shire Hall

This event will be an opportunity to present information about the project ideas collected and to invite community members to identify their priority projects (Short, Medium and Long term), and to identify which project/s they would be prepared to help make happen. This is a key to identifying priorities for the plan.

A draft plan which contains the identified priorities would be circulated within the community following the event, to invite feedback. The Steering Group will consider the content for the community plan, based on the prioritisation event and feedback received on the draft.

Promotions will include: banner, flyer, Facebook event, word of mouth

ACTION: Anna & Julie to keep community members up to date about the event on email and website: <https://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Projects/Community-Planning>

The Steering group will meet after the prioritisation dinner, with an aim to finalising a plan by May 2020.

Note that Council is holding an information session on its Grants and Contributions program, from 5 - 8pm on 20 January 2020 at the Y Water Discovery Centre, Yea