

Marysville Community Planning – Notes

Monday July 22 2019

6pm @ MiRa

Attendance and apologies:

There were 11 community members in attendance along with Naomi McNamara and Anna Paix from Murrindindi Shire Council. Four apologies were received.

1. Community Directory –

An early draft of a Community Directory was shared, detailing community groups and events, along with key contacts for those. Copies were passed around for community members to add to. NB. This is a community-owned directory and not Council managed.

Purpose of the Directory is for improved communication and engagement with community planning processes and projects. (A more permanent and self-maintaining directory is available already on the Council website. The possibility of using this directory in the future with all groups responsible for updating was discussed.)

ACTION: community members to gather more names and numbers for the directory and share with Anna at the next meeting, or email through to her prior to the meeting.

2. Project Idea Worksheet template –

A draft of a Project Idea Worksheet was shared. A couple of minor amendments were suggested, but then it was decided that it is ready for use. NB. This worksheet is to assist individuals and groups to think through a project idea that they would like included in the Marysville community plan. It is envisaged that this would be used only when the coordination group is established.

ACTION: Anna to update with amendments and circulate a final copy around the group.

3. Children and youth –

At the last meeting, there was concern that efforts needed to be made to engage children and youth in the community planning process. Anna provided an update on progress on this:

- A couple of parents have arranged a meeting with them, the school principal Leigh Woods, and Anna for Wednesday 24th July.
- Sherrie Ackerman is in discussion with Anna about organising a pizza night for youth to contribute ideas to the planning process. This is likely to occur in mid-late August.

4. Coordination group –

There was good discussion about the concept of a coordination group, starting from the model proposed by John Jessop prior to the meeting. It was agreed that there is a longer-term vision of having an ongoing coordination group to ensure better coordination and communication between groups. There is also a more

immediate need of a coordination group to supervise/manage/lead the development of a community plan.

The group can act as a central point of information and communicate more broadly across the community.

It was decided that at this stage the coordination group should be open to anybody willing to be in it. As things progress (for example, into 2020 and beyond) we can revisit whether having one representative from each established group in town would be important, or an elected membership that is more limited in number.

The importance of having a statement about what Marysville is about, what it wants to be, was discussed. This would be included in the Community Plan document, and might be displayed around the town, as is the case in Mansfield.

ACTION: Anna to consolidate key points from the community planning dinner ‘what I love about Marysville’ activity and bring to next meeting.

It was agreed that in the first instance, the community plan will focus on Marysville specifically. This will ensure the scope is slightly more manageable and contained, but in the future the other communities in the Triangle may be included.

It is essential that the role of the coordination group is clear, and exactly what this includes was discussed in the meeting. A Terms of Reference will need to include time commitment (per week) as well as minimum length of time that you would ideally be involved.

ACTION: Anna to develop draft Terms of Reference based on the discussion and distribute prior to the next meeting.

There was interest in hearing from the wider community about potential projects that are already underway, perhaps that would appreciate support through community planning. It was decided to send out an email about this, and also put an ad in the Triangle News. This could result in a pilot project for the coordination group to support.

ACTION: Anna to work with Ellen and John to develop an email to be sent out, seeking projects.

5. Next steps

Next meeting will focus on finalising the Terms of Reference for the Steering Group and starting to develop an engagement plan for obtaining wider input from the community.

Next community planning meeting – **Wednesday Aug 7th 5.30 – 7pm at MiRa.**