

## Marysville Community Planning meeting notes

Marysville Community Centre  
Thursday 12 March 2020  
6.30pm – 8.45pm

More than 70 community members who live, work and play in Marysville came together on 12 March at the Marysville Community Centre to prioritise projects that will help shape their town's future, as part of a community led Community Planning Project.

Community members found the evening fun and productive, but also challenging. There were 70 community-generated ideas put forward in recent months and they had the hard task of selecting the top 8 ideas to advance for Marysville – as you can imagine this was no mean feat!

The 8 projects prioritised for inclusion in the Marysville Community Plan for 2020 – 2022 are (in no particular order)

- Garden beautification – the addition of flowers and edible plants in public spaces
- Introduction of decorative lighting in Marysville main street – including using a solar solution to place lighting in trees
- Work with the Marysville Youth Group to help progress works on the Marysville Youth Space to bring it to completion
- Improved access to gym facilities for a fitter and healthier Marysville community
- Creating a multi-day walk from Melbourne to Marysville - linking existing trails and paths within the Marysville region and highlighting Taungurung places of significance
- Explore 'RV Friendly' accreditation for Marysville through the Caravan and Motorhome Club of Australia
- Swimming pool development – including heating the pool and upgrading facilities and offering
- Advocating for more cycling trails in the Marysville region

Council's Community Planning Portfolio Councillor Sandice McAulay said everyone at the event was so engaged and eager to be involved.

'The space was alive with conversation when it came time to vote for the projects and lots of volunteers put their names down on action teams formed to advance the priority projects.

'It is obvious to me that we have a lot of passionate people in the Marysville community, all of whom are very excited to drive these projects and bring them to life.

'I urge those of you who want to get involved in an action team, to come forward and express your interest. You can visit our website or give us a call and we can put you in touch with an action team that interests you.

'The action teams were going to meet this week or next, to get cracking on their projects. However, given the rapidly-changing COVID-19 situation, they have decided these meetings will not go ahead. We believe it is the responsible thing to do to support the health and wellbeing of the community. We will be in touch with action team members about other ways we can support them to get started on their projects during this time.

'The next step will be for the Marysville Community Planning Coordination Group to finalise their draft Marysville Community Plan which will reflect the 8 priority projects with a committed action team. The Plan will then go out to the broader community for feedback.

'A big thanks to all community members who have been part of this process so far. It must feel really wonderful to contribute to your community in such a meaningful and impactful way. A huge thanks as well to IAG, and their local brand WGI 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.