



# AXEDALE

COMMUNITY PLAN 2022 - 2025



## INTRODUCTION

Axedale is a growing township with a strong sense of community, enhanced by the natural beauty of the Campaspe River which winds through the heart of the locality. Axedale continues to attract new residents and families who are choosing to live here as they have easy access to Melbourne and to the thriving regional centre of Bendigo as well as the peace of the district.

This is Axedale's fourth community plan. Axedale Our Town - Our Future has led implementation of previous plans and the community has benefitted a great deal from the initiatives that have been undertaken. Once again Axedale Our Town -Our Future has taken the lead in reviewing and renewing the plan, drawing on input and feedback from community members.

The population of the Axedale locality has grown from 571 in 2011 to 984 in 2021 and at we need to develop our community facilities to better meet the needs of our growing community.

This plan has a focus on demonstrating the need and seeking broad support for a community hub in Axedale to enhance sporting facilities for the growing community and to complement existing assets. This will be a major project for Axedale.

We hope the community will be actively involved at each stage of this exciting initiative and other projects.

## ACTION PLAN

Goal/ Priority	Objective	Priority Year
<b>Increase community connections</b>	Host occasional larger community events that attract a wide range of visitors	2022 and ongoing
	Increase involvement of those not currently involved in community activities.	2022 and ongoing
	Increase community awareness of events and activities	2022 and ongoing
	Identify and encourage volunteers and residents to join community groups	2022 and ongoing
	Underpass art project – Collaborate with traditional owners in an arts project that celebrates the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the Axedale area. (Campaspe River is the border between Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung country).	2023
	Publicise and support local businesses where possible	2022 and ongoing
<b>Ensure there is a range of facilities for physical activity and social events</b>	Improve facilities at the golf and tennis clubs	2022 and ongoing
	<p>Explore future options for the land zoned 'recreation reserve' opposite the school (cnr. Raglan St and Axedale Goornong Road)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Identify stakeholders and prospective partners</li> <li>❖ Seek funding for a Scoping and Feasibility Study</li> <li>❖ Proposal for development of CoGB land for Community Hub including multi-purpose sporting fields in collaboration with groups such as the Community Hall Committee.</li> <li>❖ Establish Working Group</li> <li>❖ Work with interested organisations, e.g. La Trobe University</li> </ul>	2022 and ongoing



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Maintain the aspects that people value about Axedale	Maintain the peace and beauty and sense of community that people value.	2022 and ongoing
	Continue to develop and promote the Axedale Community Garden. (auspiced by AOTOF and hosted by the Uniting Church).	2022 and ongoing
	Continue initiatives such as Bookdale (book exchange) at Axedale Community Hall.	2022 and ongoing
Build community resilience	Increase emergency preparedness awareness (fire, flood, heat) in partnership with CFA and other Emergency Services	2022 and ongoing
	Maintain a focus on preparedness for people with complex needs.	2022 and ongoing
	Use a range of collaborative arrangements to increase emergency preparedness and community resilience	2022 and ongoing
	Promote the availability of defibrillator and ensure widespread skills on how to use it	2022 and ongoing







## WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING?

Community planning is a process undertaken by a community where they work together to explore and document what is important to them about their locality and its future. A community plan is a document that sets out these priorities. Periodically a community plan will need revision as community priorities change or when the community decides.

The City of Greater Bendigo supports communities across the municipality who wish to develop and

revise their own community plan. The views and priorities in each plan are those of community members who took part in its development. They do not represent the views of the staff of the City of Greater Bendigo, or its councillors.

Community plans are a valuable source of advice about local priorities used by Local, State and Federal government and other organisations.

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