



MAIDEN GULLY

COMMUNITY PLAN 2018-2022

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the updated Maiden Gully Community Plan 2018-2022. Maiden Gully Progress Association led development of the first Maiden Gully community plan in 2012. In 2017 the Maiden Gully Progress Association has again led new community consultation activities, including community meetings and a survey that was completed by more than 230 people representing over 760 residents.

Many priorities in the first plan remain important, especially with regards to implementing the Maiden Gully Structure Plan. Maiden Gully is experiencing significant population growth and therefore community members have also identified a number of new planning priorities, local improvements and social activities in this plan.

Community priorities include the need for additional infrastructure to make life safer and

healthier, such as walking and cycle paths connecting community facilities, safer streets and roads and better lighting and the desire by many residents for additional local economic and social opportunities, including conducting occasional community-wide events and support for new businesses.

The 2016 Australian Census highlighted the recent growth in Maiden Gully population with projections for continued increase in young families in the area. Therefore planning for their future is very important.

Maiden Gully Progress Association values new members and encourages residents of all ages to get involved in achieving the aims set out in this plan.



ACTION PLAN

Theme	Action
1. Promote opportunities to share local information across the community	Use electronic and social media to inform and connect Maiden Gully residents
	Investigate the installation and maintenance of a community noticeboard in a widely accessible part of the commercial area
	Work in partnership with the City of Greater Bendigo and other service agencies and individuals to provide advice and information exchange about local development matters
2. Community events and celebrations	Plan and present one or two larger community events per year in a collaboration between local community groups
	Work in partnership with City of Greater Bendigo to offer local community entertainment events, such as Summer in the Parks
	Support entertainment and learning events that are initiated by other Maiden Gully groups, especially in regards activities for young people and older residents
3. Advocate for improvements to local infrastructure	Advocate for implementation of the Maiden Gully Structure Plan and completion and implementation of the Development Contributions Plan
	Where possible, advocate for and support future developments in the commercial centre
	Continue advocacy for improved community safety through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - better footpaths in central areas - connected cycle paths between schools, recreation facilities and commercial areas - improved traffic flow and safety through the area
	Support upgrades to the Maiden Gully Community Hall
4. Increase community connection	Increase membership in Maiden Gully Progress Association and encourage people to commit for time-limited or specific activities
	Increase local knowledge about groups that are active in Maiden Gully
	Continue advocacy for improved mobile phone coverage for identified areas
	Take an active part in advocacy for improvements to public transport options to Maiden Gully
5. Build community resilience and emergency preparedness	Collaborate with relevant partners to increase emergency awareness and preparedness
	Build community resilience by fostering collective community activities



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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