

# EUROA COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

## Action Plan



2013 - 2017



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## **1.0 Introduction**

Euroa and District has long been recognised as a progressive town in north east Victoria with a close association to farming, rural living and the Hume Highway (now Hume Freeway). The development of a district community plan for Euroa allows the community to identify those issues that are going to ensure that Euroa remains an outstanding community and by working together as a community, bring about improvements through an open public process.



The community plan in Euroa encourages participation from all groups and residents and a plan that is developed by the community through its own processes as a basis for what the community believes are important to achieve an improved future.

## **1.1 History of Euroa**

### **Indigenous Population**

In the area around Euroa, there were numerous tribes of indigenous who lived on the banks of the Seven Creeks and other major creek waterways. These various groups existed in the Euroa district well into 1850s roaming freely along the creeks and ranges.

### **Selection**

The first white men in the district were explorers Hume and Hovell in 1824. Overlanders drove their stock through an area to the north of the present town site in 1837 or 1838 while following the track cut by explorer Thomas Mitchell in 1837. Squatters began taking up runs in the district in 1838. One of the first was Seven Creeks, established by John Templeton in 1838.

### **Forlong(e) Family**

John, Eliza and Andrew Forlong – William Forlonge. William was the only one in the family that had an 'e' on the end of his name.

Eliza Forlong chose the fine wool Saxon merinos in Saxony in late 1820s that William brought to Tasmania in 1829. John, Eliza and son Andrew brought another flock over to Tasmania in 1831. Around 1840 the Forlong(e) family moved to the mainland. Andrew going to Werribee and William to Whittlesea area. William took up Seven Creeks Station in 1851. Eliza lived her remaining years here with William and is buried in a lone grave at the foot of the Garden Range.

As a result of scab disease affecting sheep, Euroa became primarily cattle country and undertook dairying and cultivation.

### **Earliest Residents**

Euroa was surveyed in 1849 and planned as a roadside squatting centre in 1850-51 on the road from Melbourne to Wodonga. Drivers camped at the spot due to the presence of a permanent water supply.

By 1852 the town site consisted of Euroa homestead in Kirkland Street and two huts occupied by a boot maker and a married couple who worked on Euroa station. However the town grew more

rapidly than expected due to the road traffic generated by the gold rushes. A store and butchers shop was the first commercial buildings. A hotel opened in 1853 and a post office in 1854. The first school was established in a small bark hut in 1854.

At this time the residences were all of slab or bark construction clotted with clay and roofed with Stringybark.

### **Farming**

In 1856 wheat farming began on small blocks and Euroa became a regular coach stop on the Melbourne to Beechworth run. Timber and honey were exploited commercially in the town's early days. The first substantial church was built in 1867.

In 1861 the passing of a law which unlocked lands and made them more available for settlement marked the beginning and rise of the progress of Euroa.

Horticulture was also well supported in the district with many wineries and orchards in the district.

### **The New Town**

In 1873 the National Bank was established in Euroa in Kirkland Street and it was this time that the first hotel was built in the new town, called the Railway Hotel (it was Charles Lane DeBoos' North Eastern) as a result of the opening of the railway to Euroa in 1872. Previously the town had been located along the Sydney Road. It was during this period that the Kelly Gang held up the bank on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1878, bank then at corner of Binney/Railway Streets.

In succeeding years the town steadily grew with new businesses being established with the key business being the butter factory 1891. However, with increased interest in the export trade in lamb and wool, many local farmers turned to raising sheep resulting in reduced supplies for the butter factory.

In 1870 the biggest flood in history affected the township with Seven Creeks being two miles wide in the town and businesses having almost 2 metres of water in their buildings.

An important development in 1889 was the formation of a Water Trust and a weir with electricity being supplied to the township in 1910.

### **Formation of the Shire**

The Euroa Shire was formed in 1879 and was absorbed into the new Strathbogie Shire in 1994.

### **Industrial**

There were a number of major industrial businesses in the Euroa community with the brickworks, the Aerated Water and Cordial factory, three large sawmills, wattle bark crushing mills, coach building, cabinet making, butter factory, rabbit canning business, Euroa Flour Mills and cattle sales.

### **Sport**

Games of cricket and football were first played at the Friendly Societies Ground in the 1870s. Euroa has always possessed a racing club and was famous for its athletics meeting where the first prize one year was \$60 pounds. Cycling was also a prominent sport in the Euroa community.

**(Source: Victorian State Library, C.L. DeBoos)**

## **1.2 Past Achievements**

The Euroa and District Community Plan has identified a whole range of issues which are currently being developed and worked on by a range of different groups and agencies within the community. By having the initiatives identified in previous community plans, it has allowed local groups and government agencies to focus on key initiatives and all work together in achieving those aims. These include:

- The development of a master plan for walking, cycling and scooter paths
- Improvements to medical services
- Improving the drought proofing of public sports grounds and open recreation spaces
- Improving and enhancing the entrances to Euroa and at the main street (Binney Street/Clifton Street)
- Master plan created for further improvements to the Euroa Swimming Pool
- Work completed at the former service station sites to allow for redevelopment
- The Euroa Community Information brochure: produced in 2007, 2010 and 2013.
- The railings and footpaths on or near Burton’s Bridge have been improved
- The Community Garden, which commenced operations on the land behind the Euroa Little Theatre site in 2011, is now being managed by Euroa Community Education Centre (ECEC).
- The railway overpass on Anderson Street has been upgraded by Vic Roads, following actions by ECAG
- The establishment of a Euroa website: [www.euroa.org.au](http://www.euroa.org.au) which is now being maintained and managed by BEE (Business Enterprise Euroa)
- Support of a ‘farmer’s market’ – established by Rotary
- Access to tourist information – at ‘The Hub’ - established by the Shire, ECEC and Euroa Health
- Support the ‘Honouring our Heroes’ committee – ‘Avenue of Honour’ the erection of three VC statues
- Fund Christmas decorations (ongoing)
- Development of the tourist/toilet improvements/replacement and improve services to make Euroa a ‘RV Friendly Town’ – a work in progress!
- Signage for the Apex walking track – located at the Seven Creeks Park



## **2.0 Vision**

When asked about the wonderful attributes of Euroa, the community identified a range of different aspects:

- Euroa has a welcoming village atmosphere that provides for travellers
- Home of the Sevens Creeks
- Is a wonderful place to stop, relax and enjoy the beautiful trees, parks and historical sites within the town
- Located at the base of the Strathbogie Ranges
- Environmental and economic sustainability is very important to the local residents to ensure that the town remains a wonderful place to live

The town's attributes include community buildings, facilities and services and will remain accessible to all. Community members are encouraged to participate and shape the future of their town.

Consequently Euroa's vision can easily encompass those aspects by being defined as:

**To promote Euroa as a liveable town that engenders community pride and in the process to encourage population and business growth while maintaining the town's character.**

The goals for the community plan focus around the following key issues:

- a) To provide a healthy community
- b) To engage the community to ensure that future growth and development meets with community expectations
- c) To engage the young people in all aspects of community life
- d) To ensure a vibrant business climate
- e) To build on the natural and manmade attributes of Euroa
- f) To recognise the heritage of the district
- g) To encourage environmentally sustainable practices throughout the community and incorporate them, as far as possible, in all projects

## **3.0 Community Consultation**

Input to this plan was sought from the community in three ways;

### **Community Planning Evening – 24 October 2012**

The action group organised an open community event to gather input from community members. The evening was facilitated by the Strathbogie Shire Council and explored what those present saw as the strengths of the Euroa community, and what kind of projects could be undertaken that would build on these strengths.

The event was promoted by sending invitations to all groups in community, plus articles and advertisements in the local newspaper and posters in the shopping district.

The event was attended by approx. 40 people and the results can be found in Appendix I – Community Strengths and Appendix II – Project Ideas.

**Youth Survey**

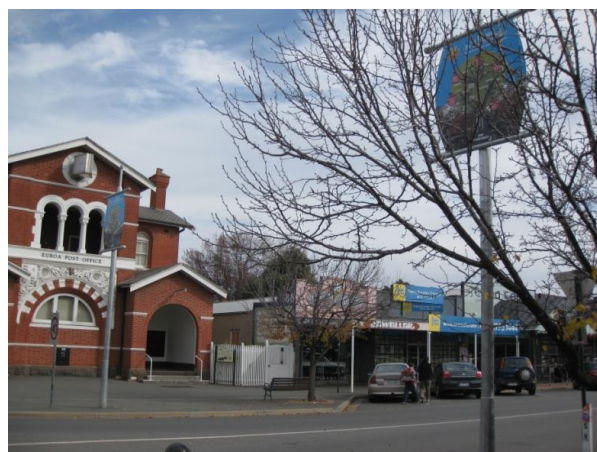
Local schools will be engaged to gather input for the plan from their students. A simple survey will be used that asks two questions; “What are the top three things you love about Euroa”; and, “Your top three ideas to make Euroa better”. It is hoped that quite a number of surveys will be returned. The collated results will then be found as Appendix IV – Youth Survey

**Farmer’s Market Survey**

The same survey as used for the Youth input will be used to survey people at the Euroa Farmer’s Market. In addition to the two questions, the form will also ask people to identify if they are locals or visitors to the area.

Again it is hoped that a number of surveys will be completed and the collated results will then be found in Appendix V – Farmers Market Survey

These community engagement activities will help to identify what is important to the community of Euroa, what the community sees as its strengths, and how people would like to see Euroa improve. The outcomes of all three activities will then shape the next section of the plan (Currently this section only includes the results of the Community Planning Evening and actions held over from the previous action plan).



## 4.0 Priorities for 2013 – 2017 (Key themes and actions)

The themes listed below were used to collate ideas and priority actions for this Community Plan. These themes are based in some cases on the previous action plan, with slight adjustments to ensure that they continue to be current. Information then outlined under each theme includes a vision, the actions and priorities arising from community consultation.

### Euroa Community Plan Themes

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Sport and recreation | 2. Tourism & marketing |
| 3. Infrastructure       | 4. The Arts            |
| 5. Environmental        | 6. Other               |

### **4.1 Key theme: Sport and Recreation**

**Vision:** Recreation, sport and leisure (and healthy living and life styles) are key elements of the Euroa district providing one of the main forms of entertainment for all ages. The support for sporting facilities needs to be continuously recognised as a major community focus.

**Actions:**

- Shared pathways to the Arboretum and extension of existing tracks (including signage and maps)
- Complete walking and cycling paths network
- A heated swimming pool or a small heated pool for use within the community
- Further development of the Euroa Friendlies Reserve
- Seven Creeks Park from the Rockies to the Butter Factory, purely for recreation. Further development and environmental improvements, including the Rockies Bridge development – in keeping with/supporting the ‘Friends of the Sevens’ plan.
- Hockey field – synthetic surface

**From 2011/2012 ECAG Action Plan:**

- Improvements to lighting and safety at the railway pedestrian underpass
- Develop interpretative historic signage along walking paths/tracks
- To implement the master walking path plan for Euroa





## **4.2 Key theme: Tourism & Marketing**

**Vision:** To further enhance community benefits by promoting and developing Euroa as a place to live, a place to establish and grow a business and as a visitor destination.

### **Actions:**

- Focal point to attract tourism buses to feed their customers through Binney Street – parking, reason, attraction, etc
- Accommodation/caravan park/tourist information on line – promotion of local attractions e.g. day trips in the area, etc
- Create an events and activities calendar and co-ordinate the same
- Improvement to local environment – promotion/co-ordination between various interest groups – promotion of projects to wider community and to visitors
- Audiovisual display on USB stick on a TV screen to be placed at McDonald’s and the Shell Service Centre to focus on Euroa’s attractions

### **From 2011/2012 ECAG Action Plan:**

- Euroa to take a proactive role in identifying Euroa as the first two hour stop from Melbourne
- Explore opportunities to connect with local and regional tourism initiatives and promoting opportunities through eco tourism
- Recognise the value to the community of events and attractions e.g. dog events, poultry auction, tennis, golf and bowls tournaments and horse events
- ECAG to continue to support BEE (Business Enterprise Euroa) with local business development – buy locally program, business directory, tools and equipment to assist in maintaining a pleasant and clean environment



- Improve signage within the business precinct
- Fund Christmas decorations
- To review the community brochure in 2015

### **4.3 Key theme: Infrastructure**

**Vision:** to develop infrastructure and local services that improve the amenity, safety and liveability for residents, and which provides capacity to develop existing businesses and attracts new ones

**Actions:**

- Tracks and pathways throughout the town – linking a variety of venues – a major focus on safety
- Paint Burtons Bridge
- Further development of the Binney Street precinct including footpaths, proper nature strips and off street parking [bollards, lighting, signs, seating, etc]
- Better use of signs on Clifton Street to direct visitors into Binney Street
- Appearance of town centre and residential areas. Run a ‘Best Kept Street’ competition. Binney Street to be brightened up – last upgrade was 17 years ago.

**From 2011/2012 ECAG Action Plan:**

- Promote a local shopping culture by supporting a range of activities and developing new methods to continuously improve retail services within the Euroa Community
- Develop methods and ideas that will enable more retail services to be available for longer periods over the weekend and extend shopping hours where possible
- Provide solar lighting of town entry structures
- Rationalise existing signs at town entrances
- Improve streetscapes by increasing tree planting
- Continuously maintain the entrances to the Euroa community on all points
- Continue to improve the entrance and access to the main retail shopping area within Euroa
- Refresh/refurbish all aspects of the main shopping precinct e.g. bollards, lighting, signs, seating, create/add wall murals where suitable, etc.
- To undertake an ‘annual appearance audit’ of Euroa. Where possible assist in maintaining and/or upgrading specific buildings, especially those in the vicinity of the Seven Creeks between the Butter Factory and the Rockies Bridge e.g. Euroa Band Hall (William Pearson Hall) and/or the RSL/Third Age Club. This could also include roadsides, signage, safety railings, bridges and railings, trees, etc.

#### **4.4 Key theme: The Arts**

**Vision:** to further promote the arts in the community – for artists to exhibit, opportunities to participate and to create spaces and areas that are artistically appealing

**Actions:**

- Development of an outdoor stage/performance space at the Rotary Park
- Create an events and activities calendar and to co-ordinate the same
- Develop diversity in the use of the Euroa Little Theatre studio

**From 2011/2012 ECAG Action Plan:**

- Where possible and feasible, include wall murals with themes that are relevant to Euroa and District e.g. Third Age Club/RSL, Burtons (IGA) southern wall, etc.

#### **4.5 Key theme: Environmental**

**Vision:** It is the responsibility of all to protect and manage the environment – the flora, fauna, ecological communities and heritage places i.e. all matters of national environmental significance

**Actions:**

- Seven Creeks park from Rockies Bridge to the Butter Factory Bridge – development and environmental improvements
- Appearance of the town centre and residential area
- Road side trees – their shape – being pruned without consideration for their appearance, impacts on the visual look of the town
- Green waste and hard waste collection

**From 2011/2012 ECAG Action Plan:**

- Support for an appropriate environmental strategy which includes plants, pests, animal control and recycling

#### **4.6 Key theme: Youth, Heritage & Other**

**Actions:**

- Youth – involve the younger people of our town in a range of activities. Help them to develop a pride of where they live
- Tapping into attracting various cultural backgrounds in the town. Population growth. Identify areas where community can support newcomers from various cultural backgrounds
- Newcomers club – weekenders, people moving permanently – tapping into skills

**From 2011/2012 ECAG Action Plan:**

- Youth – plan for facilities, services and activities, address issues identified by young people, encourage all young people to participate in a variety of aspects of the town
- Heritage – support heritage related and historical events

## **Appendix 1 – Community Strengths (or what we love about Euroa!)**

### **Groups**

Third Age Club  
Euroa Citizens Band  
Garden Club  
Men's Shed  
Euroa Little Theatre  
Sporting groups/clubs – diversity  
Large range of groups/activities for all ages  
Service groups – Lions, Rotary, Apex, Probus  
Service groups – CFA, SES  
Auxiliaries & 'Friends of ... groups

### **Facilities**

Cinema  
Sporting facilities  
Library  
Museum  
Churches  
Schools – 2 primary, 1 secondary  
Kindergarten  
Medical clinic  
Euroa Health/Hospital/Opportunity shop  
Banks  
Variety of shops  
Speciality shops (open at weekends)  
Caravan Park  
Show grounds  
ECEC  
Local newspaper – Euroa Gazette  
Compact shopping centre  
William Pearson Hall

### **Events/Activities**

Euroa Farmer's market  
RSL, Honouring our Heroes, VC recipients  
Show'n'Shine  
Ride the Ranges  
Tournaments – tennis, golf, etc  
Women of Euroa  
Euroa Agricultural Show  
Spring Festival/Wool Week  
Horse Jumping Classic

### **The people**

Friendly, happy, engaging  
Volunteer culture (manpower)  
Attitude i.e. friendliness of the local community  
Diversity  
Strong community spirit  
Age demographic – older people to drive events

### **Environmental**

Sevens Creek Park & BBQ area  
Landscape  
The creek  
Walking tracks – Apex, Balmattum Hill track  
Great location  
Location and access  
North East climate is great  
Natural environment  
Creek environment  
Tree environment  
Town size – rural ambience  
Level topography – encourages walking/riding  
Local and district scenery  
The Arboretum & volunteers  
Environmental concerns  
The Sevens Creeks from the Rockies to the Butter Factory  
Clean town  
Geographic location  
Access to freeway & railway

### **Entertainment/activities**

Cinema  
Euroa Historical Museum  
Historical buildings  
Sevens Creeks  
Parkland  
Walking tracks  
History – Ned Kelly  
Already Read Bookshop  
Access to other areas via the Hume  
Bus & rail access to other events  
Euroa Little Theatre  
History – Euroa Cemetery, old buildings & shops

### **Services**

Police  
Euroa Health  
Shire – Meals on Wheels, Home care, drivers, volunteers, gardening  
Services – CFA, SES

### **Other**

Building blocks available  
Potential employment opportunities  
Affordable housing  
Affordability  
Horse industry – work/area exposure

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| <b>Appendix II – Project Ideas</b> |
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| <b>PROJECT/IDEA</b>  | <b>No. Of Votes</b> | <b>Stakeholders</b>  | <b>Key theme</b>                  |
|--|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Shared pathways to arboretum and extension of existing tracks (including signage and maps)   | 14                  | Shire<br>VicRoads<br>Dept of Youth,<br>Sport &<br>Recreation | Infrastructure<br><br>Sport & Rec |
| Focal point to attract tourism buses to feed their customers through Binney Street – parking spots, reason/attraction, idea – Ned Kelly statue in centre of round-about looking at the bank            | 14                  | Shire<br><br>GV Tourism                                      | Tourism                           |
| A heated swimming pool, OR a small heated pool for use within community. Use solar heating, gas for winter. People from Euroa go to Benalla, Shepp and Seymour. Good for health, benefits for mobility | 13                  | Friends of<br>Euroa Pool                                     | Sport & Rec                       |
| Paint Burtons Bridge   | 10                  | VicRoads   | Infrastructure                    |
| Further development of Binney Street precinct including footpaths, proper nature strips and off street parking.  | 10                  | Shire<br><br>BEE   | Infrastructure                    |
| Development of outdoor stage/ performance space at Rotary Park   | 8                   | Rotary<br><br>Euroa Citizens<br>Band                         | The Arts                          |
| Further development of the Euroa Friendlies Reserve (pavilion extension etc)   | 8                   | Shire  | Sport & Rec                       |
| Accommodation/ caravan park/ tourist info online – promotion of local attractions e.g. day trips in the area (wineries, scenic etc)  | 8                   | GV Tourism   | Tourism                           |
| Seven Creeks Park from Rockies to Butter Factory purely for recreation. Further development (to infrastructure) and environmental improvements. Caravan park - some issues with relocation??           | 8                   | Apex<br><br>Rotary<br><br>Friends of the<br>Sevens           | Sport & Rec<br><br>Environmental  |

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| Create an Events and Activities Calendar and to coordinate same  | 7 | The Hub<br>Shire                       | The Arts /Tourism               |
| Hockey field synthetic – we have the synthetic material  | 6 | Euroa Hockey Club                      | Sport & Rec                     |
| Better use of signs on Clifton St to direct people into Binney St  | 6 | Shire                                  | Infrastructure                  |
| Complete walking and cycling paths network   | 5 | Apex<br>Rotary<br>Shire                | Infrastructure                  |
| Appearance of town centre and residential areas. Footpaths & grassy verges are an issue on some streets. Run a ‘Best Kept Street’ competition. Binney St to be brightened up – last upgrade was 17 years ago | 5 | BEE<br>Shire<br>Rotary<br>Lions        | Environmental<br>Infrastructure |
| Road side trees – their shape after being cut back impacts on the visual look of the town  | 5 | Shire                                  | Environmental                   |
| Tapping into attracting various cultural backgrounds to the town. Population growth. Identify areas where community can support newcomers from various cultural backgrounds                                  | 5 | Shire<br>BEE                           | Other                           |
| Memorial Oval football pavilion  | 4 | Euroa Memorial Oval Committee<br>Shire | Sport & Rec                     |
| Improvement to local environment – promotion/ coordination between various interest groups – promotion of projects to wider community and visitors   | 4 | Friends of the Sevens                  | Tourism/<br>marketing           |
| Newcomers club – weekenders, people moving permanently – tapping skills  | 3 | Shire<br>The Hub                       | Other                           |
| Developing diversity with the use of the Euroa Little Theatre ‘Studio’   | 2 | ELT<br>Shire                           | The Arts                        |

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| Green waste and hard waste collection  | 2 | Shire                                   | Environmental     |
| Longer, alternative trading hours of shops   | 2 | BEE                                     | Tourism/marketing |
| Audiovisual display on USB stick on the TV screen to be placed in Macca's and Service Centre to focus on Euroa's attractions | 2 | GV Tourism<br>Shire                     | Tourism           |
| Big cat - panther  | 1 |   | Environmental     |
| To involve the younger people of our town in the wider activities. Pride of where they live                                  | 1 | Dept of Youth,<br>Sport &<br>Recreation | Youth             |

Relevant groups that could be called upon to assist with any of these areas:

### Local:

- Shire of Strathbogie
- Friends of the Sevens
- Euroa Environmental Group
- 'The Hub'
- Business Enterprise Euroa (BEE)
- Rotary + Euroa Farmer's Market
- Apex
- Lions
- ECEC
- Euroa Health
- Local sporting groups
- Schools
- CFA, SES, Red Cross,

### Government:

- DHS – Department of Human Services
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (federal)
- DPCD – Department of Planning & Community Development
- Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure (state)
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- Department of State Development, Business and Innovation
- Department of Environment and Primary Industries
- Goulburn Valley Broken Catchment Management Authority
- Regional Arts Victoria
- RDV – Regional Development Victoria
- VicRoads
- VicTrack (railways)
- Keep Australia Beautiful
- Regional Tourism Groups e.g. Goulburn Valley River Tourism
- National Trust

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| <b>Appendix 111: ABS 2011 &amp; 2006</b> |
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## Euroa Facts – ABS 2011 &amp; 2006

| Population                | 2011  | 2006  |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|
| <b>Total persons</b>      | 3 846 | 3 223 |
| <b>Males</b>              | 1 893 | 1 555 |
| <b>Females</b>            | 1 952 | 1 668 |
| <b>Indigenous persons</b> | 31    | 19    |

| Age  | 2011 | 2006                     |
|--|------|--------------------------|
| <b>0-4 years Babies/pre-schoolers</b>              | 188  | 0-4 years 177            |
| <b>5-11 Primary schoolers</b>                      | 277  | 5-14 years 349           |
| <b>12-17 Secondary schoolers</b>                   | 234  | 15-24 years 311          |
| <b>18-24 Tertiary education &amp; independence</b> | 212  | 25 – 54 years 1 072      |
| <b>25-34 Young workforce</b>                       | 305  | 55-64 years 470          |
| <b>35-49 Parents &amp; home builders</b>           | 638  | 65 years and over 843    |
| <b>50-59 Older workers + pre-retirees</b>          | 613  | Median Age of persons 48 |
| <b>60-69 Empty nesters + retirees</b>              | 626  |                          |
| <b>70-84 Seniors</b>                               | 600  |                          |
| <b>85+ Frail aged</b>                              | 149  |                          |

| Country of birth                       | 2011 | 2006 |
|--|------|------|
| <b>Australia</b>                       | 3363 | 3369 |
| <b>English speaking background</b>     | 183  | 156  |
| <b>Non-English speaking background</b> | 102  | 107  |
| <b>Not stated</b>                      | 185  | 220  |

| Labour Force (15 yrs+)           | 2011 | 2006      |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------|
| <b>Total labour Force</b>        | 1632 | 1379/1695 |
| <b>Employed full-time</b>        | 932  | 789/986   |
| <b>Employed part-time</b>        | 661  | 426/604   |
| <b>Employed away from work</b>   |      | 66        |
| <b>Employed hours not stated</b> | 11   | 44        |
| <b>Unemployed</b>                | 26   | 59        |
| <b>Not in labour force</b>       | 1400 | 1324      |



| <b>Ancestry</b>   | <b>2011</b> | <b>2006</b> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>English</b>    | 1695        | 1558        |
| <b>Australian</b> | 1584        | 1861        |
| <b>Irish</b>      | 587         | 471         |
| <b>Scottish</b>   | 473         | 335         |
| <b>German</b>     | 149         | 137         |
| <b>Italian</b>    | 82          | 62          |
| <b>Dutch</b>      | 64          | 54          |
| <b>French</b>     | 22          | 18          |

| <b>Occupation</b>                               | <b>2011</b> | <b>2006</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Managers</b>                                 | 326         | 216/342     |
| <b>Technicians &amp; trade workers</b>          | 220         | 204/232     |
| <b>Labourers</b>                                | 225         | 250/276     |
| <b>Clerical &amp; Administrative workers</b>    | 152         | 135/155     |
| <b>Professionals</b>                            | 246         | 167/228     |
| <b>Sales workers</b>                            | 135         | 108/117     |
| <b>Machinery Operators &amp; Drivers</b>        | 142         | 106/112     |
| <b>Community &amp; Personal Service Workers</b> | 133         | 114/128     |

| <b>Selected Characteristics</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>2006</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Australian citizenship</b>   | 3 561       | 3 011       |
| <b>Persons born overseas</b>    | 286         | 196         |

| <b>Income (\$ weekly) (15yrs+)</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>2006</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Median individual income</b>    | 400-599     | 377         |
| <b>Median household income</b>     | 400-599     | 629         |
| <b>Median family income</b>        |             | 891         |

| Family Characteristics           | 2011 | 2006    |
|----------------------------------|------|---------|
| Total Families                   | 1547 | 879     |
| Couple families with children    | 308  | 294/362 |
| Couple families without children | 549  | 450/562 |
| One parent families              | 160  | 124/126 |
| Other families                   | 17   | 9       |
| Lone person                      | 530  | 514     |
| Group Households                 | 36   | 29      |

**Information from:** <http://profile.id.com.au/strathbogie>

### **Alterations to the Community Action Plan:**

The community plan has been established at a community planning session and consequently this community session must be respected. Any alteration to the community plan requires a public meeting which allows the community to have an opportunity to consider any changes at the time, and authorise any changes to priorities as a result of that community meeting.

It should be remembered that the community plan is a vibrant, flexible and dynamic document. It can change, but change should occur through due process. Otherwise, there is a risk that the community plan may be altered without consideration to any previous public input.

### **Emergency Circumstances:**

It may be necessary from time to time for the community planning group to suspend actions on the community plan because of an emergency that has occurred within the district or region. The emergency must be of a significant community nature that requires broad community action as a priority above all other actions.

The community planning group may be involved in ensuring that there are quick responses to the needs of the emergency in the community which may bring dramatic consequences to the community as a whole. It is therefore necessary to ensure that there is a common sense approach to the occurrence of community planning and this may become an interim or new priority, depending on the circumstances. Consequently the community planning group should make statements as soon as possible to the community, to indicate they are of the opinion that the actions of the community plan should be suspended and that the priority for the time being should be the emergency facing the local community.