

Nagambie
Action
Group



Nagambie Community Plan 2017 – 2021



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Acknowledgements

Previous Action Plan Authors

The 2014-2017 Action Plan was the result of a large scale community review & survey process. The resultant Action Plan highlighted to the Nagambie community that it was possible for a small number within the community to bring about change. The 2014-2017 Action Plan carried forward a number of important social and economic activities that had been identified in the 2009-2013 Action Plan but due to a number of hurdles had not been completed in that time period.

Special mention should be made of **Kimm Kennedy** (Action Group President 2013-2014) who was instrumental in making a lot of things happen and who was tragically taken from us so early.

Section 86 Action Group

Nagambie Action Group was previously a Section 86 committee that operated under direct authority of Strathbogie Shire. After a review of how Section 86 committees operate was undertaken Nagambie Action Group became an incorporated groups as it was felt that this type of structure would be serve the Nagambie Community. A big thank you to **Clare Albrely & Trevor Forbes** who kept things going until the review was over.

Special mention should also be made to previous Nagambie Action Group members who have contributed to the all projects that were achieved whilst the Action Group was a Section 86 committee, of most notable mention are Ronda Richards & Mozzie Fowler who have been a part of the Action Group since its inception and continue to do.

Moving Forward

As a result of the Section 86 committee review process, the Nagambie community visited the question as to whether there should be an Action Group or leave community projects to other pre-existing organisations on a case by case basis.

A small group of community members discussed in great detail the potential for a coordinated approach to community planning. It also considered that some organisations within the community were not in the position to apply for grants or administered either. One of the other factors discussed was that community planning funding from shire had to be managed by someone in the community and unless there was a Action Group to manage it, the community could either miss out on this funding or have it managed by someone without a vested interest in or with the wider communities' benefit as their primary purpose. Looking at the outstanding projects waiting completion from the old action group made our decision for us – something had to be done and the best fit was to become an incorporated group.

So with some fresh faces around the table, a renewed vitality came upon Nagambie Action Group which became incorporated in late 2017. Being incorporated would allow us to support a range of existing and new projects, and it would also open new doors to other opportunities. It could also allow us to act as facilitator in the development of community enrichment programs, particularly those allowing improved utilisation of existing community assets. It would also create the opportunity to get in on the ground floor with an opportunity to mentor & guide the future community leaders of Nagambie with the newly formed Nagambie Youth (a group of young Nagambie citizens aged between 10 & 25) choosing to come under the Action's Groups umbrella.

Early in 2017, Strathbogie Shire had conducted "Community Conversation Cafes" throughout the shire. These were a consultative process to get ideas from the community for the development of the 2017-2021 Council Plan. With no Action Group active in Nagambie at that time, the council ran this session and having collated all the responses for potential inclusion in their plan, were generous in their sharing of these results to allow the formulation of this plan.

When the first draft of the potential new plan was available, this was put out for community consultation and feedback for a six week period, and we also requested feedback from shire personnel as well, which has then brought about the development of this p[planning document you are reading now.

Introduction

Unlike many of the action plans developed previously, the plan for 2017-2021 was developed in direct consultation with the Strathbogie Shire. Along with the community consultation and feedback process, we also approach a number of community organisations asking for feedback and suggestions for community projects. This plan has been developed as a working document with broad categories of potential projects that link back into the categories used by the shire in their Community Planning Framework in order to facilitate a better working document and basis for opportunities for collaboration with them and other government organisations in the achievement of potential projects. This in turn will allow for more opportunities to link with other Action Groups for mutually beneficial projects and to streamline grant and funding opportunities as the link between our projects and particular funding will be more transparent.

Purpose

The purpose of Nagambie Action Group is to identify, support and undertake activities that benefit the wider Nagambie community, in a benevolent and inclusive manner, and in cooperation with other community groups.

Our Goals

In developing the 2017-2021 Nagambie Community Action Plan, we looked at what method would be best suited to link our plan to plans that would be developed by both the shire and other government organisations. In order to achieve this, we specifically looked at the which categories that Strathbogie Shire had developed for their community planning requirements and discovered that they key five areas fitted in quite well with the projects that our group were looking to participate in and therefore decided to use the same categories. The main reasoning behind this choice is that this new Action Group, by becoming an incorporated organisation was better placed to provide leadership and facilitation assistance in projects that include multiple stakeholders and to provide support to other organisations in their projects or a combination of the two.

Our Goals for the Nagambie Community Action Plan 2017 – 2021 are:

1. To contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Nagambie community
2. To assist in the sustainable management of both our natural and manmade environment
3. To assist in providing or in the ongoing development and maintenance of our town's infrastructure
4. To support and where appropriate undertake initiatives which drive economic development
5. To provide avenues for the community to interact with council to maintain high levels of service

2017 - 2021 Nagambie Community Action Plan

1. Contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Nagambie community

- a) Support existing and potential future healthcare providers to maintain and improve the health care facilities available within the community. In particular, but not limited to: increasing the range of health services available and the introduction of health care related projects for delivery by both local and regional providers.



- b) Support and facilitate the establishment of a youth program supporting both local and visiting young persons. This program to include both activities and services accessible within out local community.

- c) Support and facilitate the implementation of the Redevelopment Plan for the Nagambie Recreational Reserve. In particular the upgrading of existing and the provision of additional facilities which in particular also link back to point a) above. The most significant aspects of this projects we would like to see proceed are:
- the OH&S upgrading of the ablutions, netball court and general ground facilities
 - the development of a second oval and associated additional infrastructure
 - extension of the current building to include indoor sporting facilities such as courts and gym
 - improvements to the pool including the management of the facility at a local level, extended usage season and hours, and use of pool for other activities not specifically sporting related
 - establishment or improvement of youth related activities (besides specifically sporting type activities), including but not limited to the development of a skate park and the upgrading of the existing playground.



- d) Assist in the provision of a community transport facility to both local and regional destinations. In particular an Uber type service and a regular bus service.
- e) Support and facilitate the redevelopment of Nagambie Railway Station including the construction of a permanent building which includes a waiting room, ablutions and a local information board.



- f) Support and facilitate the development of a community radio program, including the eventual establishment of a Nagambie Station

2. To assist in the sustainable management of both our natural and manmade environment

- a) Support and facilitate projects that aim to upgrade and / or maintain both natural and built facilities to provide better usability and visibility. Projects considered under this area would be ones that could not be undertaken by government or private organisations without the assistance of this group.



3. To assist in providing new, or in the development and maintenance of our town's infrastructure

- a) Provide support to and facilitate the development and implementation of the shire side Pools Strategy. In particular, in relation to the Nagambie Pool, supporting the following issues:
- Extension of pool season and usage hours within that season
 - Local management of the facility, including the employment of locals as lifeguards
 - Development of programs which utilise the pool for activities not specifically sporting or leisure related
 - Improvement of the facility to allow it to be utilised for a wider range of clientele such as mobility challenged persons, rehab patients, swim lessons and stroke development activities



- b) Support the extension of the boardwalk to the end of Bryde St in the north and out to the Regatta Centre in the west.



- c) Support the development of infrastructure designed to enhance current tourist facilities which will also provide benefit to residents such as:
- Caravan / SUV dump stations
 - Additional large vehicle parking (i.e. for caravans or cars with trailers)



4. To support and where appropriate undertake initiatives which drive economic development

- a) Support and facilitate projects that identify areas of significance that require further development to enhance current usage which will then drive additional usage through increased visitation. Such areas already identified include:
- Jacobsons Outlook
 - Elloura Beach
 - Nagambie Recreation Reserve
 - Bike friendly parks & tracks
- b) Support and facilitate better promotion of sporting, cultural and tourism events to raise attendance levels without impacting on the enjoyment and usage of existing infrastructure (i.e. reduce or substantially restrict the number of full road closures for major events in the main shopping precinct)
- c) Support and facilitate the coordination of the Nagambie 150th Birthday celebrations. Including but not limited to:
- Providing auspicing facilities to the organising committee
 - Provide grant support
 - Act as coordinator (where required) in the liaison between the organising committee, other community organisations and government authorities



d) Support and facilitate the establishment of a regular Movie House building



e) Support the establishment of new and varied businesses in the Nagambie CBD. In particular identification of potential incentive programs and support measures which would facilitate or encourage the creation of new enterprises, including any opportunities for community enterprises.



f) Support and facilitate projects that would provide general beautification opportunities through the Nagambie district including but not limited to:

- Silo art



- More tourism signage at the town entry points



- More directional signage for points of significance

g) Support existing events and provide avenues to assist in the development of potential future events within the Nagambie district to provide a wider variety of activities for both local and visitors alike and to provide the potential opportunity for educational, cultural and economic betterment of our community. Such events would include but not be limited to:

- Nagambie On Water Festival



- Nagambie Lakes Community Market



- Nagambie New Years Eve Carnival



- New events still to be developed

- h) Support and facilitate the establishment of an ongoing Christmas program to include both Santa Letters program and Nagambie township Christmas decorations display & competition.



5. To provide avenues for the community to interact with council to maintain high levels of service

- a) Identify and facilitate better ways in which volunteers can be supported and recognised for their time, particularly in relation to their contribution to the improvement of our lifestyle. For example, providing ongoing support to Nagambie Australia Day Committee in their organisation and running of this important local annual event.

