

Council Plan 2021-2025, Section 3.1.3 Finalise the detailed design for the Greening Euroa project in partnership with Goulburn Valley Water.

Greening Euroa Project



The opportunity:

The Greening Euroa Project is an innovative community driven project taking place in Strathbogie Shire.

It is being driven by a committee of passionate locals who came together to find a way to lessen the impacts of chronic water shortages in a rapidly warming climate.

Adaptation to drought is important to provide a sustainable future for rural townships, communities and facilities.

This plan taps into the available excess water from the Euroa Wastewater Treatment Plant.

More than this, this proposal is the first of its kind in Victoria.



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The benefits:

With the support of our local water authority, Goulburn Murray Water, this wastewater would be safely upgraded from Class C to Class B, before being piped underground to storage tanks throughout the Euroa Township.

Once the pipe is laid, water will be available to irrigate the many public ovals and sports grounds, that pride this community.

More than ever, community health and wellbeing are a priority for our region and by maintaining our green open spaces during prolonged dry periods, members of the public opportunities to get out and participate in community life through exercise and sporting activities.



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This infrastructure will make our Shire a more climate resilient region, attractive to visitors and keep our open spaces green during years of climate variability and increasing water insecurity.

More than this, the purple standpipe and pipeline presents a clever solution to a growing concern for many rural communities about how to sustainably manage outdoor spaces in the scorching summer months.

The Greening Euroa project is climate smart, cost efficient and community inspired. It demonstrates a smart use of a valuable resource while taking pressure off our potable water supply and our waterways heavily relied upon by farm dams and groundwater bores.

Cover image.
Friendlies Oval, Euroa, one of the sites to benefit from this project

1. Euroa Memorial Oval, one of the sites to benefit from this project
2. New trees planted along the Sevens Creek, one of the sites to benefit from this project
3. Euroa Arboretum one of the sites to benefit from this project
4. Purple standpipe connected to water cartage truck with contractors.



The ask:

One.

To secure \$3.8 million from State and or Federal Government grants in water infrastructure and innovation sectors, or the equivalent in a co-contribution agreement.

Two.

To obtain representative support and raise awareness of this leading innovation and stakeholder collaboration.

Three.

To enable the standpipe and pipeline to provide recycled water to service several parks and recreation reserves across the Euroa township.

Profile:

“We know having green spaces in times of drought is increasingly important to our community. It is essential to community health and wellbeing.

The proposal would initially service the schools, their ovals and gardens, sporting fields and other community locations.

It would ensure that during times of drought our prized community spaces stay green, meeting a critical public health need.

The current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has left us in no doubt about the positive benefits of increased physical activity and relaxation for mental and social health.”



“The plan will hugely benefit the use and aesthetics of outdoor facilities at local schools and sports clubs, many of which are still struggling to recover from years of prolonged drought and water restrictions.

This project can change that.”

Shirley Saywell
Greening Euroa Project member





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