
LONGWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

2026 - 2030

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Longwood Action Group Summary

The Longwood Action Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Longwood Community Centre. All meetings are open to the public and publicly advertised, with the meeting minutes and information about upcoming events and projects sent out to a large mailing list. Activities of the group are conducted in such a transparent way to encourage participation in all areas of operation, and to ensure the work of the Longwood Action Group best reflects a broad cross section of the community.

The Plan

This plan was developed over the 6 months from June to December 2025. Although all general meetings are open to the public, many additional meetings, gatherings and events were held to gather information about the values of the Longwood community and to identify the projects, within the scope of the Longwood Action Group, that are important to the community.

The 2023 - 2032 Longwood Masterplan was referred to in the development of this plan, as it was created with significant feedback from the Longwood community.

This Community Action Plan should be reviewed at least once per year and works to develop the next Community Action Plan should begin in June 2029.

Projects

The projects below are separated into the community values as identified by the community.

Community Connection

Project	Project Outline	Actions	Timeframe	Notes
Community Noticeboard	With the closure of the Post Office, the main noticeboard in town is no longer relevant. Both noticeboards in town are looking old. A new noticeboard is needed. This will double as a community noticeboard and tourist information.	1. Remove noticeboard at front of old post office 2. Remove and replace noticeboard at Pub Paddock	January to June 2026	

Health and Wellbeing

Project	Project Outline	Actions	Timeframe	Notes
Nature Play Space – Stage 2	Stage 1 of the Nature Play Space was completed in April 2025. Stage 2 is expected to be completed by Strathbogie Shire Council in the 26-27 financial year.	Liaise with Strathbogie Shire Council to ensure stage 2 is completed as planned.	2026 - 2027	

BMX Track Renewal	Adjusting the existing BMX track to create a full loop.	Continue to liaise with Strathbogie Shire Council to gain permission to carry out the proposed works and oversee the works, to be undertaken by Wright Out.	Early 2026	
Walking Tracks	As outlined in the 2023 - 2032 Longwood Masterplan, walking tracks to be developed around the township.	Liaise with Strathbogie Shire Council to advocate for the benefits of developing walking tracks around the township.	2028-2030	

Arts and History

Project	Project Outline	Actions	Timeframe	Notes
History Board Project	The development of history boards around the township, to recognise Longwood's history and provide an attraction for tourists	Stage 1 A main board to be installed in the Pub Paddock with a town map, general information and some locations recognised. Also, a board to be installed near the water tower to showcase the town's rail history.	By end of June 2026	

		Stage 2 Longwood Primary School and Hotels signs.	By end of June 2027	Liaise with Longwood Primary School to develop a sign reflecting their history.
		Stage 3 Anglican Church and Catholic Church signs.	By end of June 2028	Liaise with Anglican and Catholic Church congregations to develop and install signs on site at each church.
		Stage 4 CFA history and war history signs.	By end of June 2029	
Time Capsule	The time capsule in the Pub Paddock, installed by the Longwood Progress Society in 2000, is due to be opened on New Year's Eve 2025.	Stage 1 Open the existing time capsule and locate all letter recipients.	By March 2026	
		Stage 2 Prepare a new time capsule, liaising with all locals.	By end of June 2026	
Mural Lighting	Install solar lighting to illuminate the mural on the wall of the old CFA shed.	Acquire and install solar light(s).	By end of June 2026	
War Memorial Lighting	Install solar lights to illuminate the Boer War Memorial at the end of Hurley Street.	Obtain and install solar light(s).	By end of December 2026	

Tourism

Project	Project Outline	Actions	Timeframe	Notes
Light Up Longwood for Grinchmas	Each year, throughout December, Longwood celebrates the festive season with spectacular Christmas light and decoration displays and a search for the Grinch and friends around the township each day.	Continue to improve the town's Christmas light and decoration displays and encourage participation in the Grinch and friends search.	Every year	
Free Camping	Free camping is available at the Longwood Recreation Reserve as a joint project between Longwood Action Group and Longwood Community Centre Committee of Management.	Continue to partner with Longwood Community Centre Committee of Management to improve camping facilities. Potential improvements identified, include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add lights to the inside of the ablution block - Improve existing toilet facilities - Add shower facilities, including hot water - Improve signage to assist users with locating an appropriate camp site - Install a BBQ and/or camp kitchen 	Ongoing	

Community Safety

Project	Project Outline	Actions	Timeframe	Notes
Safe Walking Paths	Improve the safety of pedestrians in the township	Liaise with Strathbogie Shire Council to advocate for safe walking paths around the town, especially for crossing the railway track.	2026 to 2030	

Appendix

Below are projects that have been identified by the Longwood community and suggested to be undertaken by the Longwood Action Group in the future, but may not be able to be completed within the time frame of this plan.

- Botanical Garden
- Art trail
- Art landmark
- Upgrades to Pub Paddock toilets to allow for baby change facilities and to meet DDA requirements.
- Skate park
- Outdoor gym equipment

Liaising with Longwood Cemetery Trust and Longwood East Landcare:

- Toilets at Longwood Cemetery

Liaising with Longwood Community Centre Committee of Management:

- Golf driving range at Longwood Community Centre
- Community Gym at Longwood Community Centre
- Basketball court and multi-use area in 2nd tennis court at Longwood Recreation Reserve
- Upgrade 1st tennis court at Longwood Recreation Reserve