

THE LISMORE PLAN

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Work on developing the Community Plan for Lismore commenced in June 2011, and proceeded under the auspices of the Lismore Progress Association. The project design was shaped by local advice and the input of many individuals and organisations. Considerable effort was put in by local people to ensure that many voices were included – these included school children, young adults, ‘middle years’ adults and seniors. Some of these efforts were more successful than others, but they led to a highly significant turn out by locals who contributed generously to the process.

A highly successful innovation by the Lismore Progress Association was the conduct of a meeting chaired by Val Lang of local community organisations on 25 November 2011, where 25 representatives of organisations attended. The information exchange achieved through this exercise, where separate organisations become aware of the projects, plans and aspirations of local organisation, turned out to be most enlightening for many. It also served to build community cohesion in that knowledge shared better enables organisations to support the efforts of others. It is planned to make this get-together a regular annual function.



Lake Tooliorook

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A meeting of 8 local business representatives was held on 14 February 2012, which will lead to the establishment of a local Think Tank to explore and develop a range of ideas to create local businesses and employment, including an inventory of assets and advantages to support proactive business attraction measures.

An emphasis was placed on including new residents in the planning process, as a matter of inclusion but also so as to derive benefit from 'outside' perspectives on Lismore and its attributes and (any) perceived shortcomings.

The community planning process included an appreciative enquiry by local residents, who identified 'community' and 'liveability' as the outstanding attributes of Lismore. 'Town Services' including businesses, shops, services, organisations and clubs are also highly valued. While there are many suggestions for improvement, the 'town amenity' of Lismore is much valued and appreciated by local residents.

The following pages list the outcomes of the community planning process to date – 26 priority projects for town development (six of which require further investigation prior to proposing any actions on them). These priorities are based on a community survey which included 96 respondents and voting by 38 people who attended a public meeting held on 21 March 2012. The survey covered a cross section of the community, with responses from 19 school students, 4 young adults, 35 'middle years' adults and 38 seniors. In all a total of 118 people contributed to the community planning process – 41% of Lismore's population of 287 (ABS Census 2006) or 23% of the population of Lismore and District (513).



Key statistics	Lismore 2006		
	number	%	Regional Victoria %
<i>Usual residence data</i>			
Males	153	53.9	49.2
Females	131	46.1	50.8
Total population	284	100.0	100.0
Australian citizens	269	94.7	91.4
Australian citizens aged 18+	228	80.3	68.2
Indigenous population	0	0.0	1.2

Age structure	Lismore 2006		
	number	%	Regional Victoria %
<i>Usual residence data</i>			
Infants 0 to 4 years	3	1.1	6.1
Children 5 to 17 years	33	11.7	18.9
Adults 18 to 64 years	147	51.9	59.1
Mature adults 65 to 84 years	91	32.2	14.0
Senior citizens 85 years and over	9	3.2	1.9
Total persons	283	100.0	100.0

Birthplace	Lismore 2006		
	number	%	Regional Victoria %
<i>Usual residence data</i>			
Australia	237	83.7	84.3
Overseas born	27	9.5	10.0
Mainly English speaking countries	15	5.3	5.0
Non-English speaking backgrounds	12	4.2	5.0
Total persons	283	100.0	100.0

Education	Lismore 2006		
	number	%	Regional Victoria %
<i>Usual residence data</i>			
Attending pre-school or primary school	13	28.3	35.5
Attending secondary school	12	26.1	24.9
Attending a tertiary institution	0	0.0	13.3
Total persons attended an education institute	46	100.0	100.0

Families	Lismore 2006		
	number	%	Regional Victoria %
<i>Usual residence data</i>			
Couple without child (ren)	45	57.0	40.7
Couple with child (ren)	20	25.3	42.7
One parent family	14	17.7	15.4
Total families	79	100.0	100.0

Household income (gross weekly)	Lismore 2006		
	number	%	Regional Victoria %
<i>Enumerated data</i>			
Less than \$350	56	40.3	17.6
\$350 to \$999	51	36.7	33.4
\$1,000 and over	13	9.4	37.9
Total households	139	100.0	100.0

Housing tenure	Lismore 2006		
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Township demographics

Population of 287
at ABS Census 2006

Generally fewer infants
and younger people,
more older people

Generally lower levels of
household income

146 households,
55% owned
23% purchasing
18% renting

79 families,
45% with children

Summary of Lismore Community Plan Priority Projects

Priority projects		S	V	G	B/C	Th	Category (Agency)
1	Develop heated swimming pool, Feasibility study for all-year heated swimming pool, Use bioenergy to heat pool	30	12	1	B	2	2 Community/Council Partnership (Request for Council to lead Feasibility Study as part of exercise for a number of towns)
2	Upgrade the School community bus/ Funding/ or Community fund-raising for our community bus	25	11	3	C	7	4 State/Commonwealth government (Primary School to lead advocacy/ fund-raising)
3	Visiting library to come to school, Establish a Library Use school library for internet access and borrowing books	26	5	2	-	1	4 State/Commonwealth government (School to lead advocacy)
4	Develop a walk/ bike track from Lake Tooliorook to town, Establish bicycling/ walking/ riding track, More walking/ cycling tracks and routes, Walking path along creek	22	8	1	B C	2	2 Community/Council Partnership (Progress Association to establish community project group to work with Council to develop concept design and project specification)
5	Establish a movie theatre, Film festivals, Pictures	21				1	1 BSSC Project (\$500 in 2011/12) (Progress Association to support community groups eg Primary School, Swimming Club to arrange first screenings with Shire assistance)
6	Launch a social tennis initiative on Mondays, Friday night tennis, any day tennis	19	4	1	C	2	1 BSSC Project (\$200 in 2011/12) (Community group to establish arrangements, auspiced by the Health Centre Association)
7	Better lighting at the football ground	19				2	6 Community organisation project (Project proposal to be forwarded to Football/ Netball Club for consideration of need/ action)

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Th = 'Theme' under which project has been aggregated (total of 10 themes), '**Category**' = Agency through which this project might best be implemented

Summary of Lismore Community Plan Priority Projects (continued)

Priority projects		S	V	G	B/C	Th	Category (Agency)
8	New/ Ugraded public toilets, Improve cleanliness of current toilet, Construct new (enviro) toilet	9	15	8	B	8	3 Council Works (Technical/ expert advice sought from Council on construction, review of unsewered towns)
9	A place where children can be let loose so parents can rest (people don't know or see playground), Install simple enclosed playground in median strip to attract families to stop in town	1	14	2		4	3 Council Works (Progress Association to establish Action Group to develop concept parameters and work with Council on design and implementation)
10	Develop retirement complex, Establish a nursing home , Elderly care in existing building, provide hostel accommodation at Community Centre for elderly, One-room flats for elderly and seniors, Town based home help	9	15	2		9	5 Private commercial interests (Possibly linking to State government policy) (Progress Association to establish group to seek information and develop options)
11	Tidy up around town, including town entrance approaches	11				8	Discuss with Shire re possible actions
12	Install roof over train to protect it	10				4	Discuss with Shire to assess merits of proposal
13	Create employment for more people, Employment for all ages and skills, More opportunities for long-term employment	4	8	7		1	5 Private commercial interests (Project to be led by local business Think Tank arising from Community Planning process)
14	More community get-togethers, with activities for children, Organisations to arrange community dances, Old-time dances or Ball, Cultural events, Community activities, More group activities,	8	2	1		1	1 BSSC Project (\$1,200 in 2011/12) (Progress Association to support activities proposed by community groups)

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15	Weed control along creek, Remove all desert ash trees and boxthorn and rabbits along creek	2	8			8	4 State/Commonwealth government (Refer project to local Landcare and DSE)
16	More/ better public transport to other towns	7	1			7	4 State/ Commonwealth government (Work with Shire on options/solutions, including advocacy to local member and DOT)
17	More frequent doctor visits, Full time doctor, Improved access to doctors, Improved access to medical appointments	5	6			9	4 State/ Commonwealth government (Also local Health Centre and 'Private Enterprise')
18	Reinstate hospital, maintenance of high class theatre care, Provide Bush Nursing hospital, Better after-hours emergency response services	4	8			9	4 State/ Commonwealth government (No action proposed at this stage)
19	Upgrade caravan park and develop strategic plan for its long term survival, (Tooliorook or Brown's Waterholes?), Improve both caravan parks	1	8		C	5	6 Community organisation project (\$500 in 2011/12) (Lions to commence work on strategic plan as well as minor signage works proposed)
20	Improved street lighting, including along footpaths, More lighting on southern side of highway, Gaslight structures	6	1		B C	8	3 Council Works (Proposal to be developed by group established by Progress Association and referred to Shire)
21	Better express our history for visitors, Support and promote the DLCA History Group, Develop map with historic points of interest marked, Signs on historic buildings,	4	7	2	C	6	1 BSSC Project (\$1,000 in 2011/12) (DLCA to develop brochure on history of Lismore)

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22	Develop some type of youth group, especially for teenagers, Establish an off-street youth centre, Combined youth activities with Derrinallum, Employ part-time Social Worker to work with young kids and develop a youth program of activities, Activities other than just football, cricket, netball	6	2			1	Discuss possibilities with Shire Youth Officer
23	Include ladies in Men's Shed project, A 'UNISEX' Shed	1	5	2	C	1	Refer to Men's Shed for consideration
24	Remove fence around train and build a platform around it to make it safe for children to climb and play on.		5			4	2 Community/Council Partnership (No action proposed to be taken at this time)
25	Provide chemist shop in town	1	5			9	5 Private commercial interests
26	Install noticeboard like Derrinallum advertising next community activity, Install community noticeboard next to coffee shop, with clear Perspex box with pamphlet and map showcasing district and activities available (listed), Erect community sign, Erect an events sign in the main street, Develop tourist walks/ drives, with some interpretation of key assets in the area and places to visit	4	2		C	6	1 BSSC Project (\$3,000 in 2011/12) (Progress Association to establish Action group to develop interpretive trail, interactive installations and two brochures and for distribution to visitors, including through local businesses, organisations and other outlets. Signage to be developed with Lions Club.)

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Broad Themes are: 1 Culture and community activities, 2 Sport and active recreation, 3 Business and economic development, 4 Tourism and/or local community initiatives, 5 Caravan park, 6 Information and signage, 7 Transport and roads, 8 Town amenity/ Liveability, 9 Health and retirement services, and 10 Other