

NEWBRIDGE ARNOLD LLANELLY COMMUNITY PLAN 2020

Our vision:

To continue to develop a safe, supportive, inclusive and welcoming community by improving and developing community amenities and township landscapes, and by encouraging and supporting community groups and businesses.

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Executive summary

This community plan for Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly outlines issues of concern to the communities it represents, and identifies and prioritises actions to address those concerns and make our communities better places in which to live and work and to visit.

We are a group of small declining and ageing rural communities located in Central Victoria in the southern Loddon region. The decline and low socioeconomic status of our communities is a result of limited employment opportunities that are exacerbated by inadequate business and community facilities and infrastructure. In order to reverse this decline, we recognise that we need to take the initiative and drive development projects to maximise the well-being of our communities and the opportunities for future generations.

Covid-19 lockdowns have demonstrated that working from home is viable. There is an opportunity for city-based families and businesses to relocate to the Loddon Shire, but the inadequate and unreliable telecommunications and lack of community infrastructure are significant deterrents.

We propose to revitalise our communities by working to improving infrastructure such as roads, water and sewerage and by improving the appearance and liveability of our communities through the following projects:

- improve the standard of telecommunications to properly support businesses and individuals
- redesign dangerous roads and intersections
- improve disabled access in our towns including footpaths and gutters and development of recreational spaces
- beautify town landscapes including shade trees, weed eradication and removal of litter and hard rubbish.

We also value our unique box iron bark forest landscapes that are suffering as a result of historic and ongoing over extraction of timber and poor management practices. We believe in addressing environmental degradation by purposefully integrating and enhancing our town, agricultural and natural forest landscapes by encouraging and supporting sustainable landscape management.

To enhance community cohesion and well-being, our Community plan is designed to support and encourage community groups including sports clubs, fire and emergency services, service clubs and *ad hoc* social activities.

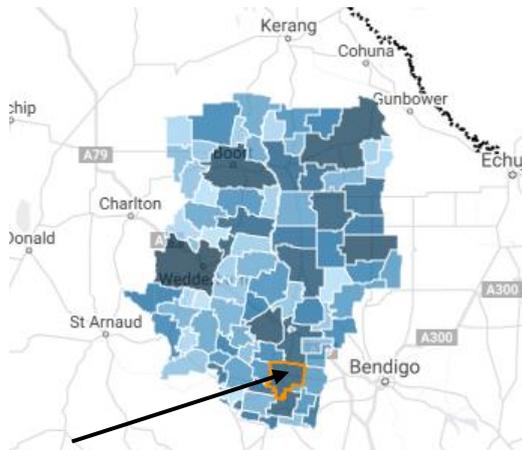
We propose to achieve these goals by actively engaging with our own communities, Local, State and Federal Governments and the business and education communities.

Introduction

This Community Plan has been developed to document the issues and concerns identified by the residents of Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly at public meetings. The purpose of the community plan is to provide a program for, and processes to enact the projects required to revitalise our communities and maximise liveability and employment opportunities for current and future generations.

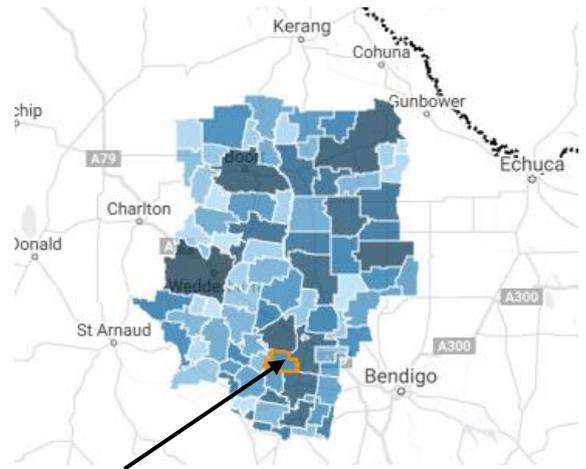
Where is...?

Newbridge



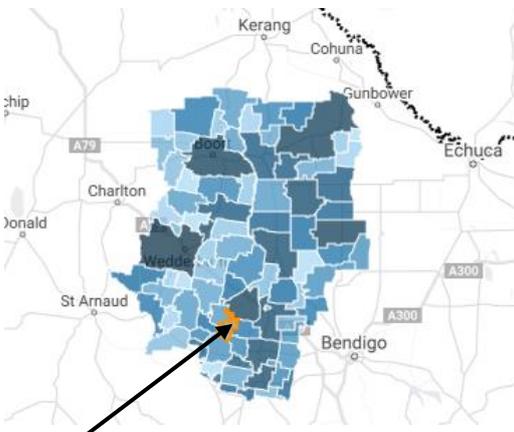
Newbridge is a town in Central Victoria located on the Wimmera Hwy, in the Loddon Shire. Newbridge district is 96.321km² with the Loddon River running through it. It includes mixed farming, agricultural industries and towns folk.

Arnold



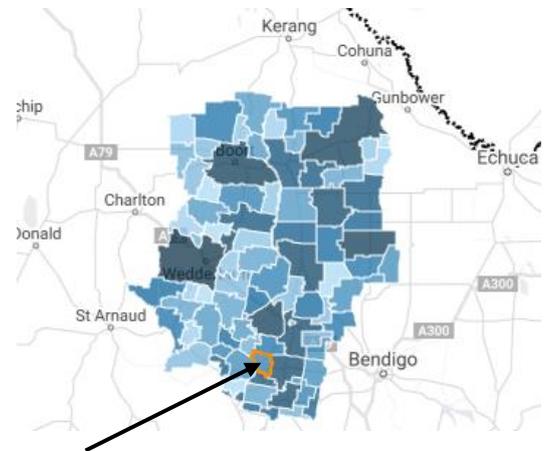
Arnold is a small town in rural Victoria. It is located on Bridgewater - Dunolly Road, in the Loddon Shire. Arnold district is 40.066 km². It is predominately mixed farming with a small settlement and it boasts a great cricket club.

Arnold West



Arnold West is located between Arnold and Rheola in the Loddon Shire. The area of Arnold west is 34.549 km². This is predominately a farming area.

Llanelly



Llanelly is located west of Newbridge. The area of Llanelly is 40.066 km² which comprises forest, farming and a small settlement.

Our demographics

Population demographics	Newbridge	Arnold	Arnold West	Llanelly
Population	195	49	20	39
Male	103	22	13	18
Female	92	27	7	24
Median age	55	56	46	46
Average people per household	2.2	2	1.4	1.6
Number of families	48	18	3	10
Average children per family	0.4	0.4	0	0.4
Average children per family with children	2	1.4	0	2
Number private dwellings	106	27	21	28
Median weekly income	\$814	\$900	\$649	\$1,124
Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$857	\$1,113	\$0	\$585
Median weekly rent	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0
Average number motor vehicles	2.4	2	2.5	2.1

Our past and present

The Dja Dja Wurrung were the custodians of this land for many thousands of years, with the Gold Rush came our towns, and Soldier Settlements and farming.

We are a group of small but vibrant communities who get things done. Community volunteers vary across our communities. As is often the case in rural communities, the majority of residents are involved in one or more community organisations and many have multiple roles in several community activities.

More information about our past and present is contained in Appendix 1 (page i)

Our vision for the future

To continue to develop a safe, supportive, inclusive and welcoming community by improving and developing community amenities and township landscapes, and by encouraging and supporting community groups and businesses.

Our goals

The Newbridge and surrounding communities believe the following projects will sustain and improve community health and wellbeing:

Safety:

- Redesign Wimmera Highway /Bridgewater-Maldon Road intersection (B240 and C282) to prevent accidents and near misses caused by vehicles travelling south on C282 failing to give way.
- Redesign the intersection of Bridgewater-Maldon Road (C282) and Newbridge Rd. The angle at which the roads meet is such that vehicles converging from either road towards Newbridge cannot see one another.
- Assess and introduce a speed limit on Wimmera Hwy on bend near Llanelly Silos. Death of a local person on November the 9th 2020 could be covered in Black Spot Funding.
- Redesign the Graham's Lane Dunolly- Bridgewater Road intersection. This intersection has 2 exits and needs to be redesigned as a T-intersection.
- Widen the remainder of Laanecoorie Newbridge Road from a single lane serving both directions to two lanes to accommodate trucks and B-doubles. This road is regularly used by agricultural machinery, Hazeldene and ASQ trucks.
- Install flashing lights before the bridge at Newbridge to warn traffic traveling west into Newbridge
- Change speed restriction signs on the Wimmera Highway in Newbridge from 60 km/h to 50 km/h
- Improve pathways for disabled and elderly residents
- Defibrillator for Newbridge Residents to be housed in the Newbridge Hall
- Ensure functional mobile and NBN coverage for all residents in our district.
- Designate Newbridge Recreation Reserve as an extreme weather refuge.

Community amenities and infrastructure

Good quality and well-maintained amenities and infrastructure are integral to social connectivity, business development, recreation, tourism and marketing in rural communities, and support the continued development of a supportive, inclusive and welcoming community:

- Ensure functioning and reliable mobile phone and internet services and public internet access points in Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly
- Continue to support the development of facilities at the Newbridge Recreation Reserve, Newbridge Hall, Progress Park, Arnold Cricket Club and Arnold Hall
- Upgrade the Community Public Notice boards in Newbridge, Llanelly and Arnold
- Provide access and facilities for disabled and frail residents and visitors including pathways, ramps and gutters, particularly in public areas such as Hall toilets, Hotel and General Store
- Provide spaces and opportunities for temporary and permanent exhibits by local artists: Kerry Punton, Mary Ann Scull, Joe Jakich, Jennifer, Terry Kellogg, Julie Scullie and Colleen Young. An eagle and nest sculpture in the dead tree in Progress Park has been mooted for many years – let it happen.
- Install fitness equipment and science/music stations suitable for all ages in Progress Park
- Utilize the Newbridge Recreation Multi-Purpose Facility for visiting Allied Health Professionals
- Connect Newbridge to reticulated water and sewerage to encourage development of vacant blocks.
- Install a BBQ and shelter in Progress Park (Grant approved. waiting for Loddon Shire to enact).
- Create an accessible track along the river and around the township for people of all abilities.
- Designate a multi-use track through Llanelly Forest for walking, cycling and horse riding.
- Install a generator for Newbridge Recreation Reserve to cater for power outages and support the proposed extreme weather refuge.
- Swimming area below Newbridge Hall in the historic swimming hole.

- Improve river access for recreational fishing and water activities, including a fishing platform and swimming pontoon into river near beach on northern side of the highway.
- Install bike racks near the hall/store and bus stop
- Install an Electric Vehicle Charging Station either near Progress Park or adjacent to Newbridge Hall Public Toilets (CP grant application has been submitted and approved)
- Build and install cabinetry for displaying and storing community historic archival material in Newbridge Hall
- Provide maintenance support for Newbridge Community Hall

Township landscapes

Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly are located in Victoria's box-ironbark forests and woodlands which supports a rich and diverse array of wildlife, quite different from the wetter southern communities and drier northern environments. It is important we preserve and enhance what we have by using our unique flora to create a landscape theme through our districts by plantings appropriate locally indigenous species. We plan to:

- Remove roadside litter and weeds and riverside litter and weeds.
- Establish native grass and tree plantings in appropriate recreation areas.
- Celebrate the box ironbark complex by planting suitable street trees in Newbridge such as pink flowering ironbark to create a community theme and give the township definition.
- Provide a hard rubbish and car body/old caravan collection.
- Enter the Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns competition.

Community groups and businesses

While Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly have been working together to develop our communities, it is important that we link with neighbouring communities for the benefit of all by:

- Strengthening our ties and interactions with the Tarnagulla Community
- Developing a Newbridge website linked to Tarnagulla and Surrounds
- Over the years many Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly students have, and continue to attend Tarnagulla P.S. We support Tarnagulla PS student desire to have a Tarnagulla Community Garden and a venue to share produce.

Community plans

Community Plans serve as a framework for community members, Council and other organisations to identify and prioritise projects important to the community. Since their inception in 2004, Newbridge, Llanelly and Arnold (NAL) have used Community Plans (CPs) to liaise with the Loddon Shire to facilitate projects the community believe to be important. For a few years the Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly communities were independent, but have now combined to form a strong and united community voice. The current combined Newbridge, Arnold, Llanelly committee represents local organisations, businesses and residents.

CPs have enabled us to work productively with Loddon Shire personnel to bring about positive changes. We acknowledge that the Loddon Shire is one of the largest shires in the State of Victoria, with one of the lowest populations. Wherever possible, projects within the NAL district have been funded through sources other than Loddon Shire. For this reason, we rely on the Loddon Shire to advocate for us on many projects which are cost prohibitive for council.

NAL CP committee members are also working towards engaging with other communities to develop common interests.

Table 1. Achievements and disappointments arising from previous community plans

Location	Project	Leaders	Funding source	Outcomes
2004 – 2010 Arnold	<p>Improvements to Arnold hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace wooden windows with aluminium • Sand and polish hall and stage floors • Install ceiling fans • Rewire switchboard to comply with OH&S • Supply and install outside table and seats • Supply and install new stove • Paint outside of building • Install and erect tourist map • Supply and service council rubbish bin • Supply and install solar sensor light on corner of toilet block. 	Arnold and Llanelly Community Development Committee.	Loddon Shire	Completed
	Supply and install T-intersection warning sign on the Inglewood-Dunolly Road at the junction with C274	Arnold and Llanelly Community Development Committee.	VicRoads	Pending
2004 Newbridge, Major Roads	<p>Redesign dangerous road junctions before fatalities occur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wimmera Highway, Bridgewater-Maldon Road intersection (B240 and C282), the site of many near misses and accidents caused by southbound traffic on C282 failing to acknowledge flashing lights and not giving way to traffic traveling east and west on B240. • Bridgewater-Maldon Road (C282) and Newbridge Road where the angle of convergence is narrow and converging traffic cannot see traffic approaching from the neighbouring road. 	Ray Hartley (Newbridge resident) with unanimous support from the community.	VicRoads	<p>Wimmera Hwy and Bridgewater-Maldon Rd Intersection Completed 2023</p> <p>Bridgewater-Maldon Rd and Newbridge Road Intersection remain outstanding</p>

2005 Newbridge Recreation Reserve (NRR)	New Playground in Riverside Park designated family area.	NRRCoM supported by Loddon Shire	State Government NRRCoM Sporting Clubs	Completed
2006 NRR	Preliminary Design for Newbridge Multi-Function Facility	Hughes Cartwright design	Loddon Shire Strategic Plan fund	Completed
2005 NRR	Fencing barrier between playground and parking area. Picnic tables and chairs between oval and new playground in designated family area.	NRRCoM	Community Grants	Completed 2005
2006	Wimmera Hwy (Lyons Street) Two convex mirrors. One in Burke St and one in Lyons Street opposite Reserve entrance/exit	Vic Roads Wimmera Hwy Loddon Shire advocacy	Loddon Shire CP funding	Completed. Installed by Loddon Shire.
2007 Newbridge	Visit by Telstra representative to consult with residents about mobile reception.	NCP Loddon Shire advocacy	Monday 16 th April 2007 2 to 6pm	NBN is limited in areas around Newbridge. No change. Mobile reception is poor and non-existent for Optus users.
2007 Newbridge	Restriction signs entering Newbridge along Wimmera Hwy need to be relocated to slow vehicles entering Newbridge (see second point under safety, page 7)	Loddon Shire advocacy to Vic Roads Loddon Shire	Vic Roads Loddon Shire	August 2023: VicRoads Application lodged by Daniel McQueen (Asset ManagerLSC) for speed reduction and flashing warning signs
2007 Newbridge	Riverside Hall/ River Side Stop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Toilets • Decking overlooking river • Kitchen upgrade • Heating, air-conditioning • Redevelopment of War Memorial surrounds 	State Government Sport and Recreation Grant Newbridge Hall Committee	Loddon Project managed Shire	Completed

2009 Newbridge	Asphalting Giffard St between Market & Burke St resulted in ineffective road drainage.	NCP	Loddon Shire	Partially rectified
2009 Newbridge	Telecommunication Tower Application submitted to Telstra for a telephone tower situated on the reserve to improve mobile reception in the township	Telstra Dean Gordon NRR - NFNC Peter Lakey NCP		No action to date
2009 Newbridge	Raglan St Drains Poorly designed drains on Raglan St cause flooding in high rainfall events. Deep drains along Raglan Street are difficult for vehicles and foot traffic to negotiate and erode in heavy rain events.	Loddon Shire Catchment Management Authority	Consultation between Loddon Shire and CMA, but has not been resolved.	Erosion near old school site corrected. Drainage along O'Shea property corrected Deep drain not yet satisfactorily reconstructed (responsible authority responsible for this repair unresolved).
2009 Newbridge Signage	Town entrance road signage requested.	NCP	Loddon Shire works Department Loddon Shire advocacy VicRoads	Insufficient verge to allow erection of signs.
	School bus turning signs applied for.		Loddon Shire works Department	Completed
	Extend the 80k speed limit on Newbridge Road to Cemetery Road.		Loddon Shire	Council has not yet responded to our request.
	New Mobile Library sign.		Loddon Shire works Department	Completed
2009 Newbridge	Shade trees along Newbridge hall near Soldier's Memorial	Hedley Price NCP	Loddon Shire works Department	Completed

2009 Newbridge	Walking tracks along river.	Hedley Price	NRRCoM Loddon Shire	A walking track has been combined with the access road to camp sites.
2009 Newbridge	Construction of weir on Loddon River for recreational purposes	Hedley Price	Goulburn Murray Water	No progress
2010 Newbridge	Reticulated Water and Sewerage Newbridge Sewerage Scheme	Loddon Shire Newbridge Community Plan Committee NRRCoM	State Government DELWP Coliban Water Loddon Shire	Initial meeting with Coliban, DELWP, Loddon Shire and Community Planning Committee. A community meeting followed by survey
2011 Newbridge, Arnold, Llanelly Emergency Services Disaster Plan – bushfire, floods, chemical spills	Need for designated Community meeting places in event of a disaster.	Loddon Shire CFA SES		Ongoing.
2012 Newbridge Total Riverside Park rebuild	DELWP funding because we had a building plan. \$100,000 Strategic Plan allocation – Loddon Shire Insurance Community in-kind labour where possible.	Community representatives DELWP reps Loddon Shire reps	DELWP Loddon Shire Project Management NRRCoM	Completed
2013 Newbridge Townscape	A unified Landscape Master Plan including street trees to be planted around Newbridge to soften landscape, provide shade and stop erosion. Plan to be developed by community members for the Loddon Shire reference.	Helen Waite Llanelly Hedley Price Newbridge Tim Jenkyn Loddon	Community Plan Grant Scheme	Ongoing. Some drought tolerant plantings have been established.
2014 Newbridge Walk-way under the bridge	Consultation between Loddon Shire, Vic Roads, Goulburn Murray Water	Works Department to co-ordinate	Loddon Shire	Disallowed on grounds of flood susceptibility
2015 Newbridge BBQs and picnic shelters	BBQs for Progress Park and Riverside Park	Newbridge Social Club and NRRCoM.	Community Grant Scheme	Completed

2015: Newbridge Beautification / Walking Track continuation. Entrance to Riverside Park	Crushed rock and plantings between pathway and road into NRR.	Newbridge Community Plan (2014)	Loddon Shire	Completed
2016 Newbridge	Progress Park fitness, Recreational Equipment and Memorial Rock	Allan Stobaus NCP Tim Jenkyn	Loddon Shire Community Grant	Loddon Shire investigating fitness equipment Memorial Rock installed in Progress Park
2016—18 Newbridge	Newbridge Recreation Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional toilets near netball court. • Construction of a machinery shed • Resurfacing Netball Court • Replacement of security System destroyed by power surge 	NRRCoM	Community Grant Program Insurance Volunteer labour	Completed
2017 Newbridge	Intersection alteration at junction of Wimmera Highway and Laanecoorie Road Soldiers Memorial	Loddon Shire Advocacy	Loddon Shire	Ongoing
2017 Newbridge	Reduce speed limit on Wimmera Highway on approaches to Newbridge and reduce from 60k/h to 50 k/h in the township.	Loddon Shire advocacy VicRoads Loddon Shire Works Department	VicRoads Loddon Shire	August 2023: VicRoads Application lodged by Daniel McQueen (Asset ManagerLSC) for speed reduction and flashing warning signs
2018 Newbridge	Newbridge-Laaneoorie Road upgrade to two lanes to accommodate heavy traffic.	NRRCoM in consultation with ASQ and Hazeldene	Loddon Shire Works Dept State Government	Completed 2021
2018 Newbridge, Arnold, Llanelly	Effective Mobile reception	Loddon Shire advocacy	Telstra	No progress for 14 years
2018 Newbridge, Arnold, Llanelly	Universal NBN coverage available to all residents	Loddon Shire advocacy	NBN	Only parts of Newbridge are serviced by NBN or satellite.

2018 Newbridge	Upgrades to Nelson, Market and Parker St	Ken O'Shea appointed by Newbridge Committee to pursue this with Loddon Shire	Loddon Shire works Department	Completed 2019 Footpath in Market St 2022
2019 Newbridge	Sewerage works at Riverside Stop (aka Newbridge Hall) Not included in Community Plan but organised by the Loddon Shire	Loddon Shire	Works Dept – no official correspondence received.	Completed
2019 Newbridge	Termite infestation in Newbridge Hall and restoration of windows, doors	Hedley Price Loddon Shire	Strategic Plan funding	Completed 2021
2019-2020 Newbridge	Shelter and BBQ for Riverside Park Community grant applications	NRRCoM	Community Grant supported by Loddon Shire (Loddon Prison work detail)	Completed
2020 NRR	Shade Structure build over existing Playground	NRRCoM	DHHS NRRCoM Loddon Shire CP	Completed
2020 NRR	Steps up multi-function facility embankment from camping area to showers and toilets	NRRCoM	DELWP	Completed 2021
2021	EV charging station	Loddon Shire NALCP Central Greenhouse Alliance	Central Greenhouse Alliance	Completed 2021
2021	Solar Lights up steps from camping ground NRR	NRRCoM	Loddon Shire 1:2 Community grant	Completed 2021
2022	Tennis Shelter looking at southern courts	NRRCoM Newbridge Tennis Club	Loddon Shire 1:2 Community Plan	Completed 2022
2022	Footpath – Market St	Loddon Shire Works	Loddon Shire	Completed 2022

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2022	Footpath – Along Wimmera Hwy to Knight St	Loddon Shire Works	NALCP	Completed 2023
2022	Disability Ramp – disability toilet off Laanecoorie Rd at hall	Loddon Shire Works	NALCP	Completed
2023	Wimmera Hwy & Bridgewater-Maldon Intersection redevelopment	Vic Roads	NALCP	Completed 2023

2020 Newbridge, Arnold, Llanelly Community Plan Consultation and planning process

Please refer to Appendix II, page

2020 Newbridge, Arnold, Llanelly Community Plan priorities

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Table 2. Developing a safe and supportive, inclusive and welcoming community through the 2020 Community Plan.

The Newbridge and surrounding communities believe some roads in our district need to be altered for the benefit of all motorists and pedestrians.

Priority	Project	Location	Management	outcomes
Extremely High	Redesign Wimmera /Bridgewater intersection (C282 and B240) to prevent accidents and near misses caused by vehicles travelling south on C282 failing to give way.	C282 and B240 Newbridge 	Vic Roads Advocacy Loddon Shire Consultation Scato Plus, ASQ, Wheelhouse	Completed 2023 



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Extremely High	<p>Intersection of C282 and Newbridge Rd. The angle at which the roads meet is such that vehicles converging from on either road towards Newbridge cannot see one another.</p> 	C282 and Newbridge Rd Newbridge	<p>Vic Roads Loddon Shire Consultation Paul new relocatable near intersection Bruce Gallacher NALCP</p>	
	<p>Graham's Lane Dunolly- Bridgewater Rd. This has 2 exits and needs be redesigned into a T-intersection.</p> 	Dunolly Bridgewater Rd Graham's Land Arnold	<p>Loddon Shire Ian Marshall NALCP Kaye Graham Resident</p>	Completed
Extremely High	<p>Speed reduction: Wimmera Hwy Llanelly at big bend near Silos</p>	Wimmera Hwy Llanelly	<p>Vic Roads Loddon Shire advocacy</p>	<p>Death of local when a B double and car collided on the bend. Black Spot Funding to change the bend or reduce speed limit.</p>
High	<p>Laanecoorie Rd widen from single to double to accommodate trucks and B-doubles. This road is regularly used by agriculture machinery, Hazeldene and ASQ trucks</p>	Laanecoorie Rd Newbridge	Loddon Shire	Completed

Priority	Project	Location	Management	outcomes
Extremely High	Flashing lights before bridge upon entry to Newbridge	Lyons St Newbridge	Vic Roads Advocacy Loddon Shire	August 2023: VicRoads Application lodged by Daniel McQueen (Asset ManagerLSC) for speed reduction and flashing warning signs
Extremely High	Speed limit restriction signs reduced to 50 entering into Newbridge from any direction.	Lyons St Wimmera Hwy Laanecoorie Rd	Vic Roads Loddon Shire	August 2023: VicRoads Application lodged by Daniel McQueen (Asset ManagerLSC) for speed reduction and flashing warning signs
	Twiggs Lane Wimmera Hwy Warning sign to let motorists know there are concealed roads. This intersection is on a bend.	Wimmera Hwy Newbridge	Advocacy Loddon Shire Vic Roads	
				
Extremely High	Disability access – safe pathway and parking for disabled in Newbridge	Disability access from Ryan St to Newbridge Store and Hotel Improved disabled parking, ramps and access to Newbridge Hall and public toilets	Loddon Shire in consultation with disability advocates NALCP Committee members Elaine Marshall Colleen Young	Project Completed 
	 			

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CP Grant Application lodged	Arnold Hall termite damage 	Repairs to the Arnold urgently required because of termite damage.	Ian Marshall (President) \$2916	Completed
Extremely High	Ensure functioning and reliable internet and mobile reception access points	Loddon Southern Newbridge Arnold Llanelly	Loddon Advocacy	No progress
High	Loddon River Clean up to improve swimming and fishing areas 	Loddon River, particularly under bridge and below Newbridge Hall	Loddon Shire to pressure and advocate on our behalf to Catchment Management Authority and Goulburn Murray Water for works to be undertaken on and in the Loddon River at the Newbridge Rec Reserve	Ongoing
High	Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Progress Park 	Progress Park Loddon Shire is involved with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance project which aims to install EV Chargers in regional areas. We hope we can be a location for one of the EV chargers.	Community Plan and Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance funding Loddon Shire \$15000	Completed 2021

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Moderate	Provide opportunity for temporary and permanent exhibits by local artists: Kerry Punton, Mary Ann Scull, Joe Jakich, Terry Kellogg, Julie Scully and Colleen Young e.g. Eagle and nest sculpture in dead tree has been canvased for many years	Progress Park 	NALCPC Loddon Shire Artists Art Grants	Ongoing
Moderate	Fitness equipment and science/music stations for all ages. Improved playgrounds for teenagers Exercise station 4641006 Ski and boat rowing Pic is an example of what is possible.  Music Station examples  	Progress Park Newbridge	NALCP Loddon Shire	CP Grant application submitted \$15,000 granted but need to work with Loddon Shire to suit demographics.
	Winton	example		

Priority	Project	Location	Management	outcomes
ongoing	Newbridge Hall door refurbishment continuation project	Newbridge Hall	Newbridge Hall Committee	Completed
Moderate	Cabinetry for displaying and storing in ANZAC and archival material in Newbridge Hall.	Newbridge Hall	Community Grants RSL Memorial funds Newbridge Hall Committee	Honor Roll installed 2023
High	Facility for Visiting Allied Health Professionals	Utilizing the Newbridge Recreation Multi-Purpose	IDCH	
High	BBQ and shelter on Progress Park– grant approved waiting for Loddon Shire to enact.	Progress Park	Loddon Shire Newbridge Social Club	Completed 2023
Moderate	Generator for Newbridge Recreation Reserve to cater to power outages and support extreme weather refuge.	Newbridge Recreation Reserve Multi-Purpose facility	NRRCoM Community Grant	Awaiting Update
Moderate	Battery Bank for Newbridge Recreation reserve to cater for power outages	Newbridge Recreation Reserve Multi-Purpose facility	NRRCoM Community Grant Solar Grant	Awaiting Update
Moderate	Solar hot water for public toilets and shower facility	Newbridge Multi-Purpose facility	NRRCoM Community grant Solar Grant	Awaiting Update

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High	Bike racks near the hall or bus shelter	Newbridge	NAPCP	No progress
Extremely High	Defibrillator for Newbridge Residents	Newbridge Hall	Newbridge Hall Committee CWA NCP Newbridge Social Club	Completed
Moderate	Establish native grass and tree plantings in appropriate recreation areas Appropriate street trees such as ironbark pink flowering gums to create a community theme throughout the township that celebrates the box ironbark complex.	Progress Park Riverside Hall aka Newbridge Hall NRR Newbridge Township Plantings	Helen Waite NAPCP Loddon Shire Helen Waite NAPCP Loddon Shire	Ongoing
High	Parker St easement box thorn and pepper corn tree weed eradication and walking track clean up.	Newbridge Parker St easement through to Holland Rd	Loddon Shire	No progress
Moderate	Small Post and Rail enclosures for ponies. Water trough for travellers with horses to rest overnight	Newbridge Recreation Reserve	Community Plan Pony Clubs NRRCoM	No progress
High	Walking/mobility scooter/cycle track along the river and around township, horse/push bike tracks through Llanelly Forest	Newbridge Llanelly Forest	Parks Loddon Shire NALCP Helen Waite	No progress

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Moderate	Hard rubbish and car body/old caravan collection for elderly residents	Newbridge Arnold Llanelly	Loddon Shire	No progress
High	Upgrade the Community Public Noticeboards Particularly for Covid 19 updates	Newbridge Arnold Llanelly	Julie Ramsay CWA Ian Marshall Arnold Hall Helen Waite Llanelly	Completed
Moderate	Strengthen our ties and interactions with the Tarnagulla Community Over the years many Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly students attend Tarnagulla P.S.	NALCP TCP Tarnagulla	CP committees Loddon Shire TCP	Ongoing
High	More efficient rubbish disposal Newbridge has 4 dairies and plastic rubbish is detrimental to dairy herds. Plastic is littered throughout Newbridge	Newbridge Tip	Loddon Shire	Addition bins required
Moderate	Boardwalk and Jetty on Loddon River. This would protect the river bank and make available the beach for all campers. NRRCoM Multi-Function Facility has capacity for 200 guests and is an ideal location for a wedding. Jetty and boardwalk would enhance facilities. Pontoon would give swimmers access to swimming.	Newbridge Recreation Reserve	Loddon Shire Murray Goulburn Water NRRCoM DELWP Consultants Don Goldsworthy architect Ron Trimble Bridge Builder	No progress

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Moderate	Arnold Hall Landscaping and Beautification Removal of large, old tree near hall	Arnold Hall	Arnold Hall Committee	Ongoing
High	Playground in Progress Park near BBQ Shelter	Progress Park, Newbridge	Community Plan Committee	Ongoing applications for grants
Extremely High	Pedestrian Crossing on Wimmera Hwy between Newbridge General Store and Newbridge Hotel	Wimmera Hwy, Newbridge	Asset Manager, LSC Kasey Davies Michele Mizzi	August 2023: VicRoads Application lodged by Daniel McQueen (Asset ManagerLSC) for Pedestrian Crossing
High	Reticulated Water and Sewerage for Newbridge	Western side of river, Newbridge	Ken O'Shea Rhett Parry David Stretch	Ongoing
Moderate	Installation of Silo Art	Llanelly Silos	Community Planning Groups	To apply for grant funding as available
High	Removal of weeds in Llanelly	Llanelly	Loddon Shire Council Home owners	Ongoing

Appendix I

Our past and present

The residents of Newbridge, Arnold and Llanelly agree our district is a great place in which to live, work and visit. The NAL district supports primary industries including food processing and extraction industries. Many farms have been in the same family for more than three generations and are often fragmented and spread across neighbouring districts.

Our past

Newbridge

Newbridge has a long history. The Loddon Dja Dja Wurung conducted corroborees under a large tree on the river's west bank, which stood until at least 1922. A few kilometres upstream, Burke and Wills crossed the Loddon on their expedition north in 1860. Cultivation of the area commenced in earnest in 1861 with several vineyards and orchards. The Borough of Tarnagulla and the village of Newbridge were formed in 1864. Over the years, many buildings were erected in the township of Newbridge. These included a police station, hotels, beer shops, a library/hall, churches, breweries, schools, a cheese factory, business houses and a flourmill.

A crossing place on the Loddon River near Newbridge has existed since at least 1852. The original bridge over the river was erected around 1853. In 1894 the bridge was replaced and stood until it was also replaced with a wooden bridge in 1937. The wooden bridge suffered a partial collapse in 1990. Our new bridge opened in 1995.

The Newbridge Races and Sports were held in 1861 on the site of what is now the Newbridge Recreation Reserve and Riverside Park and attracted more than five thousand people. The Newbridge Recreation Reserve was also home to the Newbridge District Agricultural Society and Horticultural Show, first held in 1863. There were also two Gun Clubs at separate times. The first club functioned in the 1930s and 1940s and the second from the mid-1970s until early 1980s. Riverside Park is now home to local Cricket, Football, Netball and Tennis Clubs. The Newbridge Netball Club particularly, has had a measure of success in its long association with the Loddon Valley Netball Association.

Much damage was done to the east side of the river in the 1909 flood when the Laanecoorie Weir ruptured. The flood of 2011 at the end of the Millennium Drought was lower than that of 1909, but was more destructive, destroying all facilities at the Newbridge Recreation Reserve including clubrooms and courts.

Arnold

Arnold, originally named Kangderaar became known as Arnold after a toll bridge that crossed the Kangderaar Creek. Most farms in the area have existed for 100 years and are expanding. There is no longer a Post Office or store in the Arnold township.

Llanelly

Llanelly was named by Welsh Miners after alluvial gold was discovered in 1865. At one time Llanelly had a population of 20,000 spread out across the goldfields.

Llanelly Hall, now the property of the Bendigo Historical Motor Cycle Club (BHMCC), was originally a school, initially established in 1865. In March 1963 the school site was turned over to the Llanelly community public purposes and public recreation. It was regularly used for Community functions such as carpet bowls, dances, celebrations and the annual community Christmas celebrations. In 2007 the Bendigo Historic Motor Cycle Club took over management of the hall and have been slowly improving facilities. More information can be found on:

<https://bendigohistoricmotorcycleclub.wordpress.com/history-of-the-hall/>

Our present

Community assets and amenities

Community assets are mainly centred around the natural environment of the Loddon River and include Progress Park, Riverside Stop and swimming hole and the Llanelly Forest.

Loddon River

Our major asset is the Loddon River, which brings many people to Newbridge during the warmer months. Walking tracks below the hall and along the reserve allow visitors to enjoy this wonderful resource. The water quality (turbidly and dissolved salts) and riverbank vegetation has been negatively impacted by over extraction, invasive weed infestations and poor management by multiple authorities over many years.

Newbridge Recreation Reserve (Riverside Park)

The Newbridge Recreation Reserve, first used for cricket and football, is now also home to netball and tennis clubs and is managed by a voluntary committee, The Newbridge Recreation Reserve Committee of management (NRRCoM) on behalf of the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP). Although the catastrophic floods of 2011 destroyed all facilities including clubrooms and courts, the extant Community Plan was already in place, enabling a timely rebuild that was supported by funding from DELWP, a valuable contribution from Loddon Shire, insurance money and many hours of volunteer community labour.

The NRRCoM through Community Grant and Department of Health and Human Services funding have recently erected an all-season shelter over the playground and a BBQ and shelter adjacent to the new Tennis Clubroom. Newbridge Reserve has long been a popular picnic and camping spot and attracts visitors from around Australia throughout the year.

Newbridge River Side Stop (Newbridge Hall)

The public hall was originally Leroux Store and in 1883 became the Mechanics Institute and Public Library. In later years it became the Public Hall.

The drop toilets were replaced in the late 1960s. These were replaced by septic toilets again in 2008-2009. Upgrades to the hall have included a new dance hall built in 1975 and the conversion of the original hall to a supper room. The northern gardens were planted by the Newbridge Progress Committee. Until 2007, funding for the improvements to the Newbridge Hall was based on a 1:1 grant scheme. The Newbridge Hall committee raised money from straw baling and fishing bonanzas that was matched by the shire.

Upgrade to the toilets with funding from the Loddon Shire occurred in 2008-2009. The supper room was also refurbished and decking attached to the river side of the hall. The 2011 major flood buckled the dance floor which was replaced in 2012.

Now often referred to as the Newbridge River Side Stop, the Newbridge Hall has had improved waste water works and landscaping undertaken by the Loddon Shire on the river side of the facility. In 2019 termites were discovered in the door and window frames. Repointing of bricks was done in 2019 with the support of the Loddon Shire Strategic Funds. Historically appropriate doors will also be installed.

The hall is used by numerous organisations and people for many and varied functions including the local Football and Netball Social Club functions, CWA, Red Cross, yoga and tai chi classes, Quilters network, community meetings, engagements parties, weddings and 21st birthday celebrations.

Progress Park

The road side verge on Burke Street was initially cleaned up, a solid fuel BBQ installed and some plantings established by the Newbridge Progress Association in the 1990s. Over the years, through Newbridge Community Planning this reserve has become a welcoming park for community and visitors to Newbridge. In 2018-2019 the Newbridge Social Club successfully sought Community Grant funding to erect a shelter and electric BBQ.

Community organisations

Newbridge Cricket Club

The Cricket Club is an example of a voluntary organisation that underpins a community facility that includes a well-kept playing surface and the necessary equipment to field a cricket team each year. The ground is often selected for finals because it is a well-maintained playing surface. The cricket club facilities are shared with the other sporting clubs who work with the NRRCoM to maintain and improve one of the best Recreation Reserves in the Loddon Shire. Such is the success of this organisation that the Cricket Club fielded both senior and junior teams in the 2019-2020 season.

Newbridge Football Netball Club

Although there were *ad hoc* reports of early football matches played at Newbridge, the Newbridge Football Club was not formed until July 5th 1887. It is now 133 years old and fields three football teams.

From the early beginning of two playing teams, the Newbridge Football and Netball Club now have six competitive teams and non-competitive mini teams which cater for the 7 to 12 age group. The netball courts were replaced in 2010 with the concrete base that withstood the 2011 flood. It was resurfaced in 2019 after minor flood damage. The club membership exceeds 300 people and constitutes General supporters (>300), Senior football players (50), Senior netball players (40), Under 18 football players (22), Junior netball players (U17, U15, U13 [25]), Mini netball players (primary school age girls and boys [10]), Auskick football (boys & girls [10]), Auskick parents (free pass [10]).

Newbridge Tennis Club

The Newbridge Tennis Club has been in existence since the early 1900s. Its current site is where the original club set up but there was a time where it was up the hill not far from Twiggs Lane. In 1968 the lawn courts were put in the current location but were found to be too labour intensive to maintain. The 1988 \$12,600 upgrade of the tennis courts to a concrete surface was a result of fundraising via local straw baling by Reserve Committee members and locals and a \$2000 contribution from the Marong Shire. Further resurfacing in 1992 was self-funded. The 2006 Community Plan concluded that the Tennis courts would require further upgrades which were achieved through local fundraising and Loddon Shire funding. When the tennis courts and clubrooms were destroyed in the 2011 floods, 4 new rebound courts and a new clubroom were built. The clubroom was extended in 2019 to accommodate a double electric BBQ which is available to all the sporting clubs, the community and campers.

The Tennis Club has 24 financial members and 4 social members; six men (3 A grade, 3 B grade), six women (3 A grade, 3 B grade). Players can play in every grade, C grade made up of 4 players but can play 6. Opposition would be similar numbers. There are 4 social players and spectators would be around 15, this number would include opposition.

Newbridge Country Women's Association (CWA)

The Newbridge CWA branch was formed in 1936 and continues to serve the community of Newbridge and surrounding districts. Members are drawn from surrounding districts including Arnold, Llanelly, Lockwood South, Inglewood, Woodstock, Salisbury West and Bendigo and include women from all walks of life.

Each year the Newbridge CWA organises Australia Day celebrations in conjunction with Loddon Shire and also organises the annual Anzac Day Service. The Newbridge branch holds several social functions each year and funds raised are distributed to community charities including local hospitals and community facilities such as the Newbridge Hall.

The Branch also participates in the wider activities of the Country Women's Association with Group Conferences, (the Central Victoria Group), International Day functions, Craft Exhibitions etc. and State Conferences and State Exhibitions.

The friendship and fellowship offered to members is invaluable, and our band of ladies is always ready to help out with community events. Many lifelong friendships are made among members. New members are welcomed to the Newbridge CWA which meet on the 3rd Tuesday, at the Newbridge Hall.

Newbridge Social Club

The Newbridge Social Club was formed in 2010. Its primary purpose is to bring the community together. The Newbridge Social Club has raised money for the 2 for 1 Community Grant BBQ and Shelter project to be installed in

Progress Park. The Club has raised money to replace chairs in the Newbridge hall, massage chairs for Dunolly Hospital and a water muffle for the CFA and provides the ANZAC wreath each year. Newbridge Social is also willing to contribute to a defibrillator for the hall.

Newbridge Cemetery Trust

The four-hectare Newbridge Cemetery lies three kilometres east of Newbridge and is managed by the 11 member Newbridge Cemetery Trust. The first registered burial at Newbridge Cemetery occurred in 1858.

Trust members and local community members regularly conduct working bees to control weeds, erect fences and beautify the area. Maintenance equipment has been acquired through the Volunteers Small Equipment Grants. Funeral directors consult with trustees about plot allotments and arrange grave diggings. Ashes can now be placed in the niche wall and facilities are available for plaques to be erected in cases where old grave sites are not known.

Newbridge St John's Anglican Church

Originally gazetted as the Newbridge Church of England, the Church was constructed in the late 1850s and dedicated in 1864. The Church held its centenary celebrations in 1964.

Newbridge Anglican Church has been included in 4 different parishes during its history and now belongs to the Inglewood parish. The church provides services for Newbridge residents, some of whom can trace their involvement back 5 generations. Services are conducted on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Care and maintenance of the church and grounds is organised by parishioners.

Newbridge Rural Fire Brigade

The Newbridge and District Bush Fire Brigade was established in 1933. In 1945 the name was changed to the Newbridge and District Rural Fire Brigade. Currently, the Newbridge Rural Fire Brigade has 65 members and 40 trained fire fighters.

The original fire shed was on Burke St behind the Newbridge General Store. In 1968 the current site was purchased and a new shed built in 1970. The current shed was built in 2002 adjacent to the old station. In 1946 Newbridge received its fire truck, replacing the furry horse drawn fire tanks. Since 1946 Newbridge has had 3 fire trucks.

The Fire Reporting System (FRS) was established in 1974 with four volunteer families offering their home phone to coordinate RFB members. The pager system replaced the Fire Reporting System in 2006.

The Newbridge RFB has competed in a number of demonstrations/competitions, travelling within region 19 and 21. For a number of years, the Brigade had the champion rope climbers within the region.

To commemorate the Newbridge Primary School closure in 1991 the school bell was donated to the Newbridge Rural Fire Brigade. The Newbridge Social Club regularly donates to the Newbridge CFA.

Arnold Cricket Club

The new clubhouse was opened in September 11 2001.

Arnold supports 2 cricket teams in the Loddon Valley Cricket Association. The senior team has been established for many years and a junior team was established in 1980s. The support base is approximately 50 people from both within and outside the district.

Arnold Book Club

Arnold Book Club meets on the last Friday of the month in the Arnold Cricket Club facility. This is a social, intellectual and gastronomic gathering for avid book lovers.

Arnold Winter Social Club

The Arnold Winter Social Club meets on the first Friday of the month in the Arnold Cricket Club facility. This is a social gathering to keep residents in touch with one another in a supportive manner.

Local Businesses

ASQ

Allstone Quarries is a locally owned and operated business within the Loddon Shire. Our vertically integrated business model employs over 100 people, the majority from our Newbridge operations and with many residing locally within the Shire.

Our Newbridge quarry was established in 1999 and is a Vic Roads accredited quarry producing a large range of basalt quarry products, including Vic Roads road base, sub base aggregate and beaching products.

This quarry supplies products to state government authorities, local councils, large and small commercial and civil projects, concrete plants as well as local farms and agricultural businesses. Our range of products from Newbridge are also available from our landscape supply yards in Eaglehawk, Castlemaine and Maryborough to both retail and commercial customers.

Our Newbridge quarry is now the most integral part of our business. From its humble beginning back in 1999, with aspirations of an annual production rate of 25,000 tonnes, 4 employees and a mobile crushing plant, that would campaign crushing material on an "as needed basis", to now, in 2020, annual production rates of approximately 500,000 tonnes, 35 full time employees in areas such as management, administration, plant operators, truck drivers, mechanics, boilermakers, and lab technicians, all with a state of the art, 500 tonnes per hour fixed crushing plant. We are very proud of the development of our business and appreciate the continual support of the local and broader community.

BIOGRO bought out Scato Plus

Bio Gro is excited to announce the acquisition of an EPA licensed facility in Newbridge Victoria to support our ongoing growth in the State of Victoria.

The site was formerly the operations of ScatoPlus, a producer of mushroom growing compost and is located within 30 mins of Bendigo. The acquisition incorporates a 400-acre parcel of land along with supporting equipment and infrastructure that will enable us to quickly commence operations.

We're extremely excited by this acquisition and the opportunity for Bio Gro to assist the State of Victoria in meeting their objectives of creating additional organics recovery infrastructure, and equally for Bio Gro creating additional manufacturing capacity to meet our customer demand.

Our range of products are a key component in sustainably improving soil and plant health and we're looking forward to the Newbridge operation being another new chapter in our growth story.

Starting this week, there will be investment in the region in terms of job creation, support services and engagement of local businesses as we continue to develop the site capability.

We are a family-owned business that has been providing quality products from organics for nearly 50 years. The process starts with the recovery of organics from a range of different industries. These products are then refined and supplied to the horticultural, viticultural and agricultural markets in the form of quality growing media, mulches and composts which are then applied to improve plant and soil health, tailored to customer specific requirements. This is our core philosophy.

RECOVER, REFINE, REAPPLY

At our Newbridge site Raygen Australia and ScatoPlus have installed a 750kW solar plant. This project stems from Scato's commitment in 2005 to work towards the goal of becoming the 1st carbon neutral mushroom production facility in the world.



Hazeldene Chicken is a local employer Blurb needs changing as this as been sold also

Mark Heintz hasn't got back to us so we have used Hazeldene's website to solicit information.

<https://www.hazeldenes.com.au/homepage/hazeldene-family/>

The Hazeldene story began in 1938 when 10-year-old Dick Hazeldene was tasked with looking after brother Jack's 200 fowl while he went to pilot Wellington Bomber planes in World War II. Jack was sadly killed in the war and over the next 70 years, Dick devoted his life to turning those 200 fowl into a thriving central Victorian poultry business.

Hazeldene's commenced in Kangaroo Flat, Victoria with various types of shedding and machinery being built by hand from the ground up. Dick and Mavis Hazeldene became a formidable partnership and later extended their business out to Lockwood with Free Range chicken coops. Hazeldene's Chicken Farm was incorporated in 1957 and has been growing rapidly ever since. With breeding and rearing farms, a hatchery, growing farms, and a processing facility all now scattered around the central Victorian region. Breeder facilities extend into Newbridge. The heart of the business still lies in the unassuming country area of Lockwood.

Founders Dick and Mavis are now retired, but remain Directors of the business, leaving the operation of the business to their three adult children and grandchildren

Hazeldene is the largest private employer in Bendigo, employing more than 700 locals directly as well as contracting more than 400 experts in specialised roles.

Appendix II

Table 1. 2020 Newbridge, Arnold, Llanelly Community Plan Consultation and planning process

Date	Activity	Outcomes
30/01/2020	Public meeting	Cr Curnow outlined 2019 State Government Community Plan Legislation Identification of community concerns Committee was nominated and formed.
11/02/2020	First committee meeting	A. Stobaus (Loddon Shire) outlined community planning framework and legislative requirements.
18/02/2020	Second committee meeting	Committee roles outlined.
25/02/2020	Third committee meeting	Mission statement and goals developed. Past community plans reviewed Suggestions made at the public meeting on 30/01/2020 were prioritised
04/03/2020	Fourth committee	Incorporation update and nominations for executive taken
31/03/2020	Fifth committee meeting	Meeting postponed (COVID-19), but committee members allocated specific jobs by email.
24/06/2020	Sixth committee meeting	Community Plan Grant application ratified. Draft Community Plan distributed to members
27.7.2020		Revised draft distributed to Kaye Graham, Julie Ramsay and Leigh Mellberg for editing and comment. Amendments made as suggested
26.8.2020		Draft posted on Newbridge Community Noticeboard
29.8.2020		Executive Statement and introduction completed
1.9.2020		Hopefully final draft being sent out for comment and amendments
17.9.2020		Draft copy forwarded to ASQ and Scato Plus for comment.
16.10.2020		Draft PDF copy forwarded to Cr Condliffe and Cr Curnow
11.11.2020		Additional comments added to reflect accident on Wimmera Hwy Llanelly and Vic Road change of speed limit at Bridgewater Rd/Wimmera Hwy.
15.11.2020		Sketch from Don Goldsworthy to support boardwalk and jetty to preserve the banks of the Loddon River near the beach area.
17.11.2020		Community Plan endorsed/

Committee members include:

Ian M

Other community consultations

Tarnagulla P.S. Students

Foundation - Yr 3

Community
lots of people live in an area within communities. We have families, businesses, schools...

What kids want!
• upgrading the school's playground

• Milo cricket
• AUS kick
• a bigger playground near the Community Resource Centre to cater for older children as well as younger children
• a swimming pool in the Bee Reserve near the dam/reservoir
• bike stud park / skate park in Victoria Park
• pipes, earth ramps...

Library 1-2pm Mondays

skate park

- rails - stairs
- skinnies
- earth ramps
- metal ramps
- half pipe
- tunnel to go through

- motor bike area
- Laser tag - water tag
- ball pit
- mini aquarium
- smaller football oval
- animal shelter
- walk ~~through~~ maze

Yr 4-6

Community facilities for young people.

- botanical garden
- Community garden
- fitness park
- trampoline, swings - in Victoria Park near Resource Centre
- water park - concrete/shallow with jets - Summer
- indigenous park - drums

turntable

Interactive music

- pipe xylophone - like a vertical marimba
- wooden/metal marimba

playgrounds

- * hamster wheel for children
- flying fox
- swinging bridges
- challenging climbing equipment to develop balance

Art work

- Kerry Purton } student work
- Joe Jak ... }
- Mary Ann Skellern }
- near the Victoria Hall

Community Vegetable Garden

- land, raised beds, good dirt, water

Conversations with teenagers in Newbridge

Informal email conversations were held with two Newbridge teenagers to elicit suggestions for improving facilities for youth.

Meeting with teenager and brainstorming notes taken.

Teenager

Names blocked out

What are your interests?

horse & bike riding track where - Inanelly Forest

clean up cemetery track Tarnagulla to Old farm & Inanelly to Cemetery track

Signage to designate tracks to farm New plan to stop horses going through Flora Reserve

Bike Park

Bus shelter or hall

Family names blocked out

riders

- * tyre swings on trees
- * Signage badge bike & pedestrian
- * side spot for swimming at the back of the hall gravel base

lots of snags left over from the major floods

Store/hall side of river

Benches & seats along the river edge - metal benches or some things else that can cope with a flood

More rubbish bins below hall

Another playground somewhere else - below hall

If there is a swimming hole then a playground closer to swimming hole so families of non-swimmers

Fitness area somewhere in Newbridge

look around town and

Town of the old school town

Inanelly silo to join the silo trail

Ladder Stone Parks - Fire

MRP - back section closed off

- * water trough for horses
- highlights areas where horses can be up

Ladder Pony Club

Malden " pony club

Banality " adult riders

Over night stables enclosure where horses can people can clean up after their horses

Interchange long distance to Kilduffa (check website)

Saddle Poles

Playa

Fences

area for them to meet

Names blocked out

4 families made with equipment products reserve

High Walkers

box - them

paper

Back of Newbridge

bike riders

clean up

weed

Yellow boxes are extra order

books/burns & cut of

Newbridge Tip needs modernising - plastic litter all over the place

cow / dairy industry

Dog poop bag as netball courts

Hi Sue,

Thanks for dropping of the NAL community plan 2020 well done on the document, I have updated our blurb a bit, I hope I have covered the points you were looking for.

The community plan has raised many issues that affect us, our employees and broader community. The committee have our full support.

As a business our most immediate concerns are;

- **Road Safety**

This is an issue relevant to our employees travelling to and from work and obviously the drivers of our Transport fleet delivering our products.

- Intersections as detailed in the plan
- Lack of sealed shoulders on Vic Roads roads
- Road surface quality

- **Lack of internet and telecommunications**

This makes working in today's environment extremely difficult, as almost everything is digital and relies on a strong and consistent network connection, which we do not have.

- Our copper network does not work
- We have very limited fixed NBN right on the edge
- We have very limited 4G back up right on the edge

As a supplier of product, services and an employer of a skilled workforce, bringing new technology, equipment and skills to the area - we see ourselves as a vital part of the community and contributor of the southern end of the Loddon Shire.

Regards

Tim



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