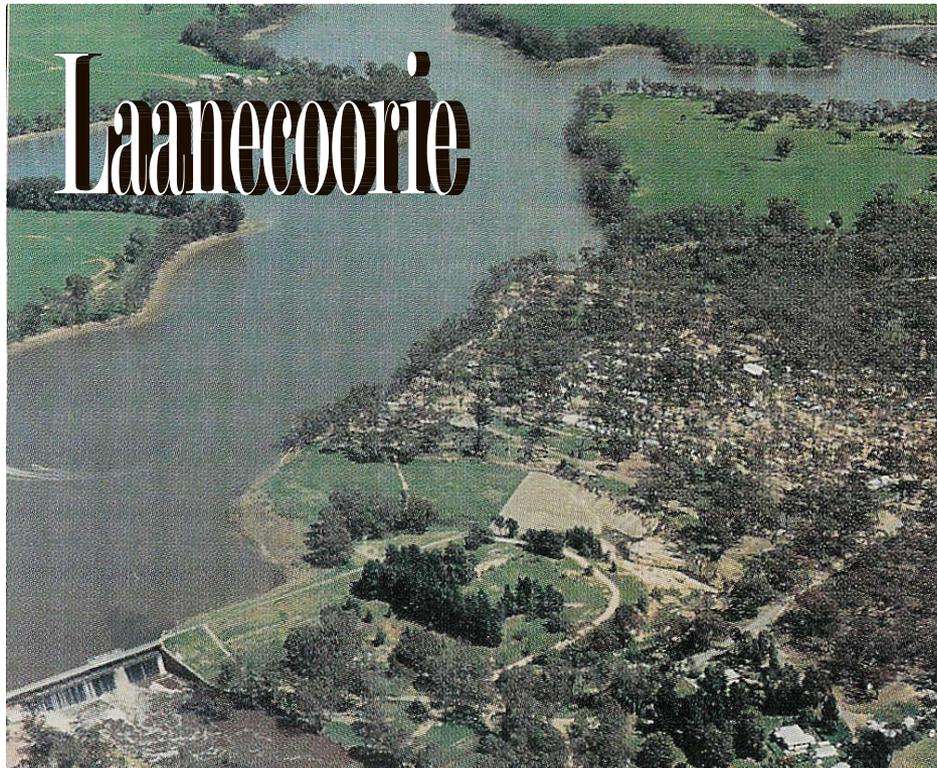


LAANECOORIE COMMUNITY PLAN

(“Long Deep Waterhole”)

1. **History**
2. **Future direction of our town and district**
3. **Town infrastructure**
4. **Area infrastructure**
5. **Tourism**
6. **Community Study**



1. HISTORY

- (i) Laanecoorie was part of the “Simpson Run” and in 1840 “Janevale” home was named after Simpson’s wife.
- (ii) Gold was discovered around Laanecoorie at “Jones Creek” in 1853 and later on at “Poseidon” in 1906.
- (iii) The first farm was selected by Lyon brothers in 1857.
- (iv) The first bridge at Laanecoorie over the Loddon River was built in 1870, but was destroyed in the big flood of 1909. Sir John Monash (famous W.W.1 General) designed and built a new bridge of reinforced concrete beam and slab construction, which still remains today.
- (v) Laanecoorie Weir was constructed in 1891 and was the second irrigation scheme for Victoria.
- (vi) In the 1980’s “rural living” became part of the community because of 1½ hours travelling time to Melbourne and 40 kilometres from Bendigo (the closest major rural city).



2. FUTURE DIRECTION OF TOWN & DISTRICT

(A) RIGHT TO FARM

- Primary production is the main activity of this area.
- Do not want over bearing regulations, but a common sense approach to normal farming activities and new techniques.
- Information and input into planning and zoning, because of the effect on farming activity and valuation of land. (Compensation for loss of earning capacity due to regulations in the form of rate reduction).
- Subdivision of “good farming land” should be stopped or restricted. But for some areas near the town and along the river this would be restrictive to some landowners. (A way around this problem of this restrictive subdivision would be that if land has been used for tax purposes as “primary production” in the last 5 – 10 years it should not be subdivided).
- Future consultation on matters effecting farming –
 - e.g. water- irrigation both river and underground.
 - flood mitigation
 - pests - animals, weeds
 - native vegetation

(B) AGEING POPULATION

- Access to health services –
 - access to “**all health**” services in the regional town of Bendigo.
 - local general practitioner
 - local ancillary service (eg podiatrist)
- Transport to health providers and regular services to regional centre
- Access to local aged accommodation
- Community groups and support (senior citizens)
- Better “physical activities” facilities (e.g. bike track, walking tracks)
- Linkages within Shire
 - home help
 - meals on wheels

(C) RURAL LIVING

- Activity facilities - sports and recreation for younger generation
- Regular maintenance of roads for access to properties
- Availability of essential services, power, water, telephone and sewage for township
- Building permits for smaller blocks within township
- Develop unused road behind fire station
- Nuisance controls on landholders – fire, pests and weeds.

3. TOWN INFRASTRUCTURE

Hall

1. Improved parking on both sides of road and access at rear of hall
2. Asphaltting from road to curb in front of hall
3. Kitchen upgraded

General

1. Main Road - double seal with marked white line for township.
 - Urgent need for proper drainage and access to properties as some houses have been built, this requires to be done before they develop their nature strips.
2. Upgrade street lighting.

3. River Area

- Walking paths and bike riding track along river to the Weir with BBQ facilities
- consult with Murray Goulburn Water to have walk way across weir re-opened for emergency escape route for caravan park residents in case of fire, including general public access for leisure purposes
- children and leisure facilities
- river erosion and beautification
- maintenance of tennis courts to come under “Reserve Committee”

4. Roads

- heavy truck advisory signs
- bridge load limit signs on Eddington-Newbridge Road
- “cross road” sign on Weir Road and Laanecoorie-Eddington Road
- “no engine brakes” signs near township
- maintain Janevale Bridge to the standard of present load limit

5. Town beautification

- Landscaping of Main Street and approach to “Janevale Bridge”
- Encourage residents to maintain and improve their properties
- Honour Memorial

6. Government Services

- Mobile phone coverage and Internet service
- Sewage service - due to town proximity to Loddon River

7. Future Development

- Investigate with DPI to create a wet land in the area of Lovers Walk

8. Camping Area

- toilet capacity and standards
- speed traps
- limit on camping sites and powered sites
- noise curfew
- maintenance schedule
- security – noting of vehicle registration number

4. AREA INFRASTRUCTURE

- Double seal on Bendigo Road for access to township and to Weir Road
- Improve signage and visibility of corner to “Laanecoorie” off Bendigo Road.
- “Stock Crossing” signs on major roads entering the Shire
- Remove screenings from corner of cross road for visibility purposes at the Bendigo-Maryborough-Maldon-Bridgewater Cross roads.
- Upgrade of Angle Road or Neivands Roads for through traffic from Baringhup to Bendigo and tree clearance for access for B-Double trucks.
- Good roads and regular servicing.
- Present advisory signs of 60KMs on road from Anchors Causeway to Brownbill Reserve should be changed to an 80KM speed limit because of entering traffic from Anchors Causeway, Brownbill Reserve and Laanecoorie Caravan Park.
- Need of cross road signs at Raymon Parade and Waanyarra Road.
- Raise height of Bendigo Road south of the township and improve floodwater movement over this road.
- Maintain good roads and regular servicing

5. TOURISM

Promote

- Laanecoorie Caravan Park
- Aussie Wool Quilts
- Gold detecting and boating in area

Improvements

- Access to Brownbill Reserve off Laanecoorie-Eddington Road
- Anchors Causeway, enforcement of water regulations for speed limits to include “no jetskiers” around swimming area.
- Access to BBQ area at junction of the Loddon River and Bet Bet Creek
- Better use of existing facilities in Brownbill Reserve (eg. automatic watering system)
- Look at services provided by Shire in the way of garbage services and toilet cleaning at these parks.

Develop

- Bike track from Dunolly, Waanyarra, Eddington, Laanecoorie and Tarnagulla to include Box Ironbark forest and River Redgum and the Loddon river and Laanecoorie reservoir.

Signs & explanation of historical sites

- "Cardlins Brothers" flour mill (Shelbourne)
- Earthworks for the Shelbourne Llanelly railway line
- "Janevale home" part of Simpson Run
- "Lock Loddon Hotel"
- Dempsters House
- Ernie Stone farm house "Bonnie Bank"
- Woodstock and Loddon – Hall
- Woodstock and Loddon – School
- Woodstock and Loddon – Butter Factory
- Bible Christian Church
- Woodstock West School
- Methodist Church
- Laanecoorie School
- "Delta" house
- "Grylls" house on weir
- Harry & Bert Lyons house
- Tobacco Sheds
- "Ingleby" mud brick house and grave
- Scholes house
- Poseidon mine in Janevale
- Poseidon school and town site
- Laanecoorie Cemetery
- Shelbourne Silo
- World War 2 POW Italian Prison Camp

6. COMMUNITY STUDY

Employ a person to do a study of the present day residents with the history, origin and occupation together with photographs for future prosperity.



Laanecoorie Community

Survey Results December 2009

Compiled by Mark Hogan
Janevale Laanecoorie

Results of Laanecoorie Plan Survey Dec 2009

Breakdown of comments

The survey aim was to identify and seek advice from residents on Laanecoorie's 'assets'. These comments will be used to update the Community Plan.

Ten surveys were returned and comments have been broken down into various headings as listed below.

1. Recreation/tourism

- Develop Farm tourism for city and overseas visitors
- Create a town map (pamphlet size)
- Develop a history of the town
- Craft store in town hall (perhaps yearly)
- Walking tracks
- Develop Cycling paths
- Car boot sale (yearly)

2. Riverside reserves/activities

- Lighting of the river camping area
- The GM Water Reserve needs a tidy up
- GMW signage (deceptive and destructive to tourism)
- Remove old concrete rubble from old tables and seating that have been dumped there
- Tables and seating by the river
- Better manage current camping area where rules are not enforced
- Protect and enhance river reserve and riparian strip
- Provide areas for locals in the river reserve that is now taken over by tourists
- Promote picnic area around Laanecoorie Reservoir
- Tree planting and beautification of the fence line in the Caravan park and Brownbill reserve
- Regular mowing of the picnic areas below the weir wall

3. Community infrastructure/improvement/involvement

- Improve cricket and football ground so that it is a useable resource (a team volunteer work day)
- Better water supply to the township
- Develop a playground
- Better signage in the town centre

- Improve water quality (to improve the number of people coming to the district and stop losing assets)
- Mail box area needs sprucing up (eg a prominent notice board)
- Paint the front of the old shop
- More informal get togethers
- Community Xmas drinks or early new year
- Publicity communication officer
- Develop a community fire safe plan
- Notice board needs to be revamped and accessible to put notices on.
- How can we encourage those who were present at the community meeting (Community meeting December) to be active participants in community planning meetings. Need to ensure that those present are informed of when meetings are on email is not as good as a flyer as is a flyer in their mailbox.
- People power (what people can contribute in the way of ideas etc)

4. Technology

- Develop a website

5. Other comments

- A meeting with Water Board/council/ rate payers
- Contact Bob Cameron MP (as he is in charge of all DSE assets)

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