



# **Campbell's Forest, Yarraberb & District Community Plan 2018 - 2028**

## **Our Vision**

**The community working together to achieve positive change and to maintain our rural appeal**

## **Objectives**

**Secure Water Supply** – To ensure ability to access sufficient quantities of water to maintain adequate household and agriculture use.

**Safer Roads** – To ensure Roads are upgraded and maintained to provide a safe road network

**Reliable Telecommunications** – To ensure ability to access good quality Mobile and NBN connectability

**Vibrant Community** – To ensure an inclusive, respectful, welcoming community for everyone to live, work and volunteer

**Community Infrastructure** – To ensure the long- term viability of the community Hall and Historical landmarks

## **Our Process**

The initial Campbell's Forest, Yarraberb and District Community Plan was developed following the formation of Campbell's Forest Yarraberb & District Community Action Planning Group Inc. from diverse members of the community in 2008. The Community Plan has been produced from information compiled from wide community consultation by way of surveys, meetings and talking to community members.

Numerous projects from the initial Campbell's Forest, Yarraberb and District Community Plan have been addressed and completed with this assistance of dedicated community members, local government and state government.

## **Location**

Campbell's Forest is located on the Loddon Valley Highway approximately 23 to 26 kilometers North West of Bendigo. Campbell's Forest, Yarraberb and District are situated within 15 kilometers from Marong, Bridgewater and Raywood. The Campbell's Forest, Yarraberb and District use the adjoining towns to access services and sporting facilities. It is important for the Campbell's Forest, Yarraberb and District that these townships are further sustained and continue to develop opportunities to enhance their futures.

## History

Twenty kilometres from the golden city of Bendigo, to the north are Campbell's Forest and Yarraberb on the Loddon Valley Highway.

Three pastoral runs embraced parts of what we know as the Campbell's Forest and Yarraberb district. The northern area was part of the Bullock Creek and Yarraberb runs whilst the southern part of Campbell's Forest in the 1840's would have been divided between Bullock Creek and Weddikar runs.

The squatters, those land barons of yore, were starting to take up lands, on lease, on the plains north of Bendigo by the mid 1840's.

The shearers at Auchmore and Yarraberb often played social cricket matches on Sunday afternoons during the shearing season.

By the first World War Yarraberb had been cut up for settlement and after the Second World War the remaining 16,434 acres were split up for soldier settlement blocks.



25th February 1876 the Campbell's Forest Post Office opened with John Heffernan, publican, appointed as the first Postmaster. A telephone office was opened at the Post Office in December 1923. This was upgraded to an exchange on 26th May 1949. The 1963 Telephone Directory listed 10 subscribers.

The Yarraberb Post Office opened much later than that at Campbell's Forest. It is believed that the opening date was May 1920. In reality it was originally a Receiving Office and had its status raised to that of Post Office by 1927. A telephone office was opened at the Yarraberb Receiving Office on 25th November 1925. Richard Wright was the first Postmaster from c. 1919/1920 to 1st July 1938

There were four schools associated with the Campbell's Forest and Yarraberb districts. They were; Yarraberb North, Yarraberb, Yarraberb Station and Campbell's Forest.

Campbell's Forest and Yarraberb were in the past, and now in the present, mainly primary producing areas. The mainstays were wheat, wool and fat lamb production. Dairying once must have played a larger part of district life. A local creamery, which boasted two cellars was situated in the corner of Shea's property nearer to the Post Office

Chaff cutting and threshing were carried out by teams of men. The traction engines that



powered these operations, and at other times pulled heavy loads, were operated by a number of local families which included; Shea's, Cattnach's, O'Connor's and Eaton's.

In very early days Mr. Godson plied his trade as a wheelwright in Campbell's Forest.

One of the original settlers, Tom Brown, operated a butchery from his property "Fairfield". The butchery was constructed of mud brick and contained a smokeroom used to cure bacon.

In the 1930's Jim Campbell operated a small business manufacturing concrete troughs.

In horse and buggy days hotels were dotted regularly along the roads to provide accommodation and sustenance for travellers as well as the obvious supplying of liquor. In these days gone by Campbell's Forest and Yarraberb boasted 5 hotels one catering for the Cobb and Co. staging post.

Objectives	Strategies
<p><b>Secure Water Supply</b></p>	<p>Advocate to obtain a secure water supply            Continue to work with Water Authorities for the best system option.            Encourage continued community participation in development and implementation.            Advocate with Local, State and Federal Governments to obtain funding for the project            Invite adjoining communities to be included in this project</p>
<p><b>Safer Roads</b></p>	<p>Advocate for safe rural roads            Advocate for the upgrade to a double lane Bridgewater / Sebastian arterial road            Encourage continued community participation in identifying areas of concern            Continue to work with Local Governments and VicRoads to identify road maintenance issues            Advocate communities concerns regarding dangerous intersections</p>
<p><b>Reliable Telecommunications</b></p>	<p>Advocate for the ability to access good quality Mobile services            Advocate for the ability to access good quality NBN connectability            Advocate to the upgrade the out dated telephone exchange</p>
<p><b>Vibrant Community</b></p>	<p>Increase opportunities for local people to be involved and to connect with each other through local activities            Advocate to retain the rural character of Campbell's Forest &amp; Yarraberb            Update the Campbell's Forest &amp; Yarraberb Welcome Booklet and distribute to new residents            Encourage the continued support of the Campbell's Forest Rural Fire Brigade            Continue to produce and increase the awareness of the Campbell's Forest &amp; District Community Newsletter            Advocate to maintain Campbell's Forest &amp; Yarrberb's Agriculture industry and way of live.            Maintain and increase awareness of the Campbell's Forest Community Hub Facebook page.            Encourage continued community participation in volunteering to Campbell's Forest Rural Fire Brigade            Encourage continued community participation in Neighbourhood Watch            Encourage on farm safety programs</p>
<p><b>Community Infrastructure</b></p>	<p>Maintain the Campbell's Forest Hall to provide a comfortable friendly environment            Continue to amend the Campbell's Forest Community Hall &amp; Reserve Plan            Advocate on issues of community interest, including secure water supply, community hall, agriculture and business development            Encourage the use and increase the awareness of the community notice board            Complete and publicise the historical markers            Complete and publicise a map of historical markers throughout Campbell's Forest &amp; Yarraberb            Advocate to ensure the perspective of Campbell's Forest &amp; Yarraberb community is understood and considered in Council planning and decision-making</p>

