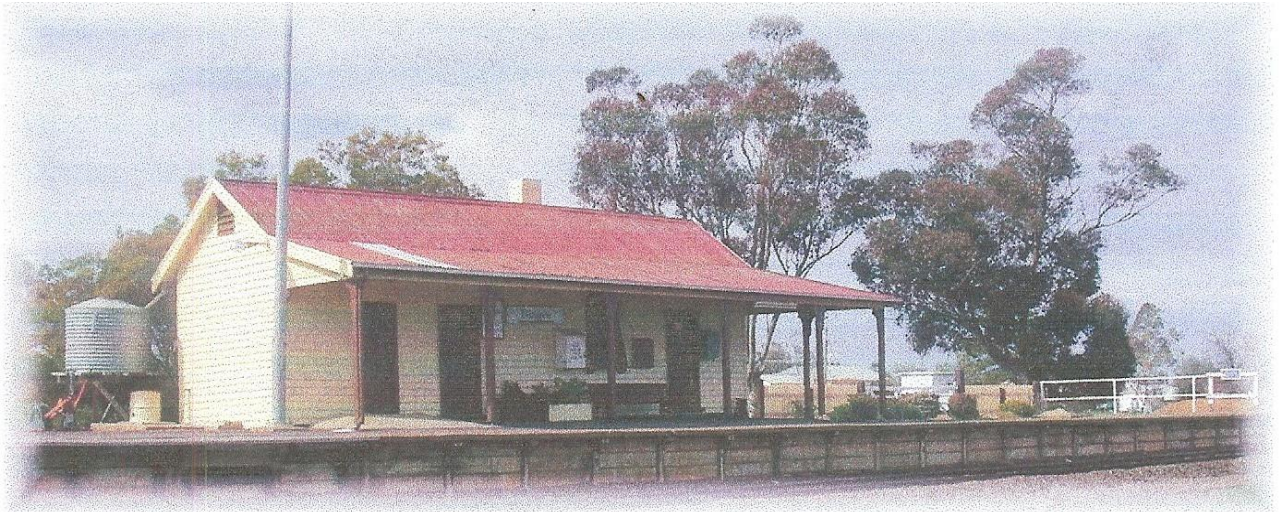




# Dingee Community Plan

**For a Family Friendly Community**



**Revised Edition February 2023**

*DINGEE*  
*COMMUNITY PLAN*

*“ Make Dingee An enviable place to dwell”*

*By*

*Bringing Families Together to Live Work and Play*

*and*

*by Making Dingee a Happy and Healthy Environment.*



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## 1 Welcome to Dingee

Our town was originally settled by the aboriginal people 5km east of the present site on the edge of the Tang Tang waterway, and given the name of DINGEE, which has two aboriginal meanings, "Place of Water" and "Star".

When the rail line came to Dingee in 1883 the town relocated to where it is now, to make using the rail services more accessible.

We are situated 50km north of Bendigo (our main shopping centre) and 200km north of our capital city, Melbourne, on the east boundary of the Loddon Shire, with a population of 206 including townfolk and the closely settled surrounding farming community.

Our railway station still operates as an unmanned station and has been operating longer than any other station north of Bendigo.

A return passenger service from Swan Hill to Melbourne runs twice daily and the goods trains transport locally grown grain from the Mitiamo, Prairie and Tandarra Silos to Geelong and Portland.

The dominant business of the area is dairy farming and to a lesser degree cropping, fat lambs and beef cattle breeding.

A project undertaken by the Dingee Progress Association Inc. has seen a vacant block of land transformed into the Park you now see. This has been achieved by the local people working with our local Shire and for many years was maintained voluntarily by local residents Frank and Mary Winzar. In more recent times the Shire gardeners now maintain our Progress Park.

Our town businesses consist of a General Store/Post Office and our Railway Hotel. The hotel provides a meeting place for the community to come together in a social atmosphere to wine and dine.

The Dingee Bush Nursing Centre and the Senior Citizen Units, are both an asset to our community.

Our Winzar Recreation Reserve Committee oversees the Bowling Club, Tennis Courts, Sports oval and the Walking trail that take care of our recreational activities.

Our recently refurbished Railway building now houses a Library service, open twice a week. The Historical Wall established by the Dingee Progress Association proudly displays plaques in honour of the ancestors that have created the history of Dingee and neighbouring districts.



## 2 Dingee Community Planning

### 2.1 History

In 2002 Loddon Shire Council activated the Community Planning program, this program encouraged communities to develop and submit their own community plans. The program is designed to create a sense of ownership and empower all community members to have input into developing a long term vision and a set of strategic actions that will enable them to achieve that vision. The development of the plans is also intended to be an important tool for Council to use when preparing its own strategic plans.

In 2002, the Dingee Progress Association Inc. was requested to oversee the implementation of the Community Planning program for Dingee and the surrounding Districts. The DPA currently includes representation from a broad section of the Community. Including;

- Dingee Memorial Hall Com. (DMHC)
- Dingee Winzar Recreation Reserve Com. (DWRR)
- Dingee Tennis Lawn Courts. (DTLC)
- Dingee Cricket Club. (DCC)
- Dingee Bowls Club. (DBC)
- Dingee Progress Association (DPA)
- Dept. of Transport and Planning (VicTrack)
- East Loddon Community Centre (ELCC)
- Dingee Goldfields Library Agency. (DGLA)
- East Loddon Men's Shed. (ELMS)
- Coliban Water (CW)
- Dept. Energy Environment Climate Action (DEECA)
- Dingee Bush Nursing Centre (DBNC)
- Loddon Shire Council (LSC)
- Vic Roads (VR)
- Parks Victoria (PV)
- Country Fire Authority (CFA)

A community plan is a plan prepared by or on behalf of the community, which through community consultation, identifies issues, challenges and opportunities that the community wishes to address over the short and long term period of the plan.

A community plan enables the community and its leaders to identify and deliver the wishes of the community. Dingee has a range of stakeholders including community groups, service providers, businesses and special interest groups. These stakeholders provide important opportunities to the community, the needs and future plans of these stakeholders are often quite different.

The purpose of the Dingee Community Plan is to;

- identify local priority issues of importance.
- develop a whole of community sense of ownership.
- provide the community as a whole with the opportunity to be involved.
- identify emerging strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing Dingee.
- provide a resource that can be used when applying for funding.
- provide council with an advocacy document identifying the community's priorities.
- develop a strong vision for the future and clear action plan to achieve the vision.

The process of developing the first Community Plan for Dingee was coordinated by the DPA with its first plan being completed in 2004.

Since the program commenced a number of significant outcomes have been achieved that have progressed the community towards achieving its vision. Major achievements to date include;

- Township drainage upgrade, east of township.
- Establishment of Historical Wall, History of Dingee
- Refurbishment works to the Dingee Memorial Hall.
- Upgrade of the Winzar Recreation Reserve facilities.
- Installation of the Historical Wall Information Board.
- Community Centre – Electrical Rewiring.
- Bowling Club – Reclad east end of Club room and replace door.
- Bowling Club – Upgrade Alfresco BBQ Area
- Feasibility Study of EPU Land, King Street Dingee
- Hall Committee – Solar Panels installed
- Hall Committee – Seal and paint windows, instal blinds on 9 large windows

The Dingee Community Plan is reviewed by the DPA on a regular basis to ensure relevancy and status of identified actions and priority areas.

## 3 Demographics

### 3.1 Population

In the 2021 Census, there were 195 people in Dingee (State Suburbs), a decrease in population of 11 people on the 2016 Census data figures. Of these 50.3% were male and 49.7% were female, which was comparable with 2016 (Male 50.0%, Female 50.0%). Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people made up 0.0% of the population, identical to 2016 Census data figures.

Population	Female	Male
195	97	98

Source: <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL20757>

### 3.2 Age of population

The average age of people in Dingee in 2021 was 50 years of age, an increase of 5 years on 2016 Census data (45 years of age). The most represented co-hort groups were those aged between 25-29 years (9.6%) and those aged over 75-79 (8.6%). As evidenced below most age groupings have a similar spread of individuals within them, with the 35-39 and 40-44 years of age groupings being the lowest.

Age	Dingee		Victoria		Australia	
All people		%		%		%
Median age	50	N/A	38	N/A	38	N/A
0-4 years	8	4.0	375,900	5.8	1,463,817	5.8
5-9 years	11	5.6	402,168	6.2	1,586,138	6.2
10-14 years	10	5.1	391,388	6.0	1,588,051	6.2
15-19 years	12	6.1	363,201	5.6	1,457,812	5.7
20-24 years	7	3.5	410,337	6.3	1,579,539	6.2
25-29 years	19	9.6	475,532	7.3	1,771,676	7.0
30-34 years	11	5.6	499,959	7.7	1,853,085	7.3
35-39 years	5	2.5	489,927	7.5	1,838,822	7.2
40-44 years	4	2.0	428,808	6.6	1,648,843	6.5
45-49 years	10	5.1	416,524	6.4	1,635,963	6.4
50-54 years	14	7.1	410,360	6.3	1,610,944	6.3
55-59 years	12	6.1	383,916	5.9	1,541,911	6.1
60-64 years	16	8.1	362,634	5.6	1,468,097	5.8
65-69 years	10	5.1	320,562	4.9	1,298,460	5.1
70-74 years	14	7.1	285,000	4.4	1,160,768	4.6
75-79 years	17	8.6	203,205	3.1	821,920	3.2
80-84 years	11	5.6	141,601	2.2	554,598	2.2
85 years and over	7	3.5	142,475	2.2	542,342	2.1

Source: <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL20757>

### 3.3 Income and work

In 2021 the median household weekly income (people aged 15 years and over) for Dingee was \$1,021, which is lower than the Victorian and Australian medians of \$1,759 and \$1,746 respectively. This was however significantly higher than the 2016 Census data figure of \$769 for household incomes.

Source: <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL20757>

### 3.4 Volunteering

The percentage of the Dingee population that completed voluntary work through an organisation in the last 12 months in 2021 was 26.0%, which was higher than the Victorian and Australian averages of 13.3% and 14.1% respectively.

**Source:** <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL20757>

### 3.5 Employment

There were 89 people employed as of the 2021 Census. Of these 64.0% were employed full time, 23.6% were employed part time and 3.4% were unemployed.

Full time	Part time	Unemployed	Away from work
57	21	3	0
64.0%	23.6%	3.4%	0%

**Source:** <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL20445>

*These figures are calculated on people aged 15 years and over.*

Compared to the 2016 ABS Census data the percentages were very similar in 2021, except for part time employment that had a 5.1% increase.

### 3.6 Employment by industry

Of the people employed in Dingee the major employer was the dairy industry with other significant employer groups being grain growing, poultry, primary education, and hospitals.

Hospitals	Primary Education	Poultry Farming (Eggs)	Grain growing	Dairy Industry
5	6	6	9	31
6.0%	7.1%	7.1%	10.7%	36.9%

**Source:** <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL20445>

### 3.7 Education

In 2021 33.3% of the Dingee population were in primary school, 20.8% in secondary school and 16.7% in a tertiary or technical institution. There were no people attending Preschool.

Pre school	Primary school	Secondary school	Tertiary education
0	16	10	8
0.0%	33.3%	20.8%	16.7%

As compared to the Victorian and Australian medians these figures were lower for Pre-school, higher for Primary School, and lower for Secondary and Tertiary educational institutions.

**Source:** <https://www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL20757>

The East Loddon P-12 College, located in the Dingee community, has approximately 265 primary and secondary school students in attendance in 2022 from the surrounding districts including Bridgewater, Calivil, Dingee, Inglewood, Mitiamo, Raywood, Sebastian, Serpentine, and Yarrowalla communities.

The Dingee Pre-School caters for 21 pre-school students from across the local district as well.



### 3.8 Dingee SEIFA Rating

The Social Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) enables an assessment of the wellbeing of Australia census data to rank areas according to socio economic advantage and disadvantage. The census variables used cover a number of domains that reflect disadvantage, including income, education, A lower score on the index means a higher level of disadvantage. employment, occupation and housing. A lower score on the index means a higher level of disadvantage. A ranking below 1000 indicates disadvantage. Communities with a SEIFA Rating of less than 1000 can be considered as experiencing disadvantage. Dingee has a SEIFA Rating of 1010 in accordance with 2016 ABS Census data which is a higher score then what it had achieved in 2013 when it was categorised as a disadvantaged community.

**Source: Socio-economic Index for Areas (SEIFA) 2011, ABS 2013, ABS 2016**

## 4 Review of Plan

In November 2019 Loddon Shire adopted a new Community Planning Framework. The purpose of the framework was to provide best practice to be used by Community Planning Committees for plan review.

The framework focuses on four main areas, as follows;

- **Governance:** Community Planning Committees must operate using an appropriate governance model i.e. Incorporation with Consumer Affairs Victoria and ensuring that the groups priority purpose of “**Community planning**” is stated in incorporation documents.
- **Format and content:** including recommendations on how documents can be formatted and what information should be included.
- **Consultation and engagement:** Strategies on how to ensure that a pro-active and thorough community engagement process is undertaken that ensures, the community as a whole has had the opportunity to participate in the development of plans.
- **Implementation strategies:** The development of clear priority areas and associated actions required to progress the community towards achieving its vision.

### 4.1 Consultation and engagement

To ensure that reviewed plan was inclusive to all in the community, a thorough community engagement and consultation plan was implemented.

To ensure input from the community as a whole the following consultation methods were adopted;

- A survey circulated in the local East Loddon Community news, the East Loddon Community News is distributed to 600 households gratis, giving the whole community the opportunity to submit their thoughts and ideas.
- Requested submissions from businesses, community groups, special co-hort groups and individuals. Submissions were able to be submitted in writing, by personal interviews or by leaving feedback on the DPA face book page.
- General community survey via Survey Monkey.
- Face to Face interviews i.e. Students at East Loddon P12 College, community groups, agencies and individuals.
- Reviewing relevant external strategic documents to identify priority needs specific to Dingee. Annually all relevant parties participate in reviewing the Dingee Community Plan.
- Conducted community planning meeting in October 2022 with representatives from local community groups.

*Please refer to Appendix No.1 for a copy of (i) Community Survey and (ii) Feedback Summary provided through the Community Planning community engagement and consultation process (including public meeting minutes).*

## 5 Community Goals

### **Goal 1: Community facilities:**

It is a community priority that these facilities continue to be well maintained, managed and developed to ensure that critical participation and social connection opportunities continue to be made available to all residents and visitors.

### **Goal 2: Health and Wellbeing:**

To advocate for quality health services to foster community well-being.

### **Goal 3: Public utilities and services (Water, transfer station, etc):**

Water supply, sewerage for town, to enable blocks to be built on without requiring a double block to accommodate septic system regulations, etc.

### **Goal 4: Town & district beautification:**

To encourage community support and advocate for the beautification of our town and district.

### **Goal 5: Historical properties & sites:**

To preserve and promote our historically significant properties and sites.

### **Goal 6: School / Education:**

To advocate for quality education services to foster community well-being.

### **Goal 7: Tourism & overnight accommodation:**

To attract local, national and international tourists with our unique range of natural, cultural, and historical attractions, including the rich history of First Nations people and pioneers.

### **Goal 8: Population growth:**

To increase our population and attract new people by promoting our lifestyle.

### **Goal 9: Rural Fire Brigade:**

To encourage community support for the local Rural Fire Brigade and essential emergency services for the maintenance of community safety.

### **Goal 10: Industry:**

To have a growing and sustainable economy that supports established and new businesses.

The goals listed above, if achieved, will progress us towards successfully achieving our vision.

Our 2023 goals, as listed above, have been identified after reviewing feedback from the community consultation and engagement process. Actions/tasks required to achieve these goals are listed in Section 6 – Priorities and Actions.

## 6 Priorities and actions

To be reviewed and updated annually.

Community Goal	Action area	Task	Current Status/Action	Partners	Priority	Status
<b>1 Community Facilities</b> – it is a community priority that these facilities continue to be well maintained, managed and developed to ensure that critical participation and social connection opportunities continue to be made available to all residents and visitors.	<b>Winzar Recreation Reserve</b>	Winzar Recreation Reserve, landscape unused open channel left side of access to Cricket club house. To tidy and make manageable. (Rec. Reserve)		LSC DEECA PV DWRR DCC	1	Planned
		A Care Taker that could be shared between 1, 2 or more communities to maintain Recreation Reserves, with local contribution to project.		LSC DEECA PV DWRR	1	Planned
		Review and update the Winzar Recreation Reserve Master Plan.	Original master plan was completed in February 2008. The plan is now up for review. A number of significant priorities have been	LSC DEECA PV		

			completed. The COM are keen to progress this, however some external advice and funding is required.	DWRR		
	<b>Progress Park</b>	To Advocate with LSC to ensure Progress Park, Mack Street Dingee, is maintained to an acceptable standard.	Accessibility and functionality needs to be improved to cater for the disabled community and travellers that use the toilets at progress park.	LSC VicTrack DPA		
	<b>Library</b>	Advocate with the Goldfields Library to maintain the Dingee Agency to an appropriate standard	Accessibility to disabled toilets required 24/7 for public use	LSC VicTrack DGLA		
	<b>Town entrances</b>	Advocate to LSC to ensure all four town approaches are maintained in an aesthetically pleasing manner	Surface approaches in good order, town approach signs in desperate need of replacement	LSC VR		
	<b>Bowling Club</b>	Solar Panels, energy saving to cut cost of power bills, Dingee Bowling Club House	.	LSC DEECA DWRR DBC	1	Planned
		Replace shades on north and south ends of rink.	Club has grant pending	LSC DEECA DBC		
		Upgrade kitchen refrigerator	Club has grant pending			
		Replace roof on south side of club room		LSC DEECA DBC		

		Replace existing Green with Synthetic surface		LSC DEECA DBC		
		Replace rubber buffer edging	Club to acquire costing	LSC DEECA DBC		
	<b>Tennis Club</b>	Update existing external fencing.		LSC DEECA DTLC	1	Planned
		Repair club room ceiling	Urgent, Quote on hand \$3,410	LSC DEECA DTLC		
		Replace roof on shelters		LSC DEECA DTLC		
		Upgrade playground area. Replace shade sail to existing framework, over playground	Urgent presently no shade over play ground	LSC DEECA DTLC		
		Replacement sprinklers (10) for existing watering system	Club to access and acquire a quote	LSC DEECA DTLC		
	<b>Memorial Dingee Hall</b>	Implement the recommendations in the Dingee Town Hall Master Plan: This plan was developed by the DPHCOM with the assistance of LSC Staff. The plan identifies a number of tasks required to maintain the hall to an appropriate standard for community use. The recommendations in the plan focus on accessibility, sustainability, functionality and	The COM has been pro-active in implementing priority works including the installation of improved accessibility infrastructure, installation of solar panels and has undertaken significant planning and fundraising efforts towards the modification of the internal toilets to accommodate disable access and upgrade of the electrical infrastructure.	LSC DEECA DMH	1	WIP

		bringing the facility up to date in terms of compliance.				
		Modify existing toilet site to accommodate disable access	Grant Penno working on a plan. Funds \$20,000 + \$14,000 held over from previous years. COM need to acquire an updated quote.	LSC DEECA DMH	1	WIP
		Upgrade electrical wiring and replace existing fluo's	Quote to hand. Urgent Present wiring creating a fire risk	LSC DEECA DMH	1	WIP
		Replace all external doors with weatherproof option	Committee to acquire quote	LSC DEECA DMH	1	WIP
	<b>Community Centre</b>	Installation of watering system		LSC ELCC	1	WIP
		Removal of asbestos material		LSC ELCC		
		Security doors for front and back doors of the Centre		LSC ELCC		
	<b>Waste and Recycle Facilities</b>	Sewerage for Town, so town blocks can be built on without requiring a double block to accommodate Septic system regulations.		LSC DPA		
<b>2 Health and Well-being – to advocate for quality health services to foster community well-being</b>	<b>Elder Persons Units</b>	Building of Five (5) additional senior units Grevillea Court, King Street DINGEE.  Complete feasibility study in regard to the provision of 5 new EPU Units in Dingee.	Community planning funds allocated in 2018 to undertake study. Current status of the study is that it needs to be started and completed.  Feasibility study completed in 2021	LSC DPA		

	<b>Walking Track</b>	Walking Track regular review to maintain accessibility	Walking track needs upgrading and completion as per original plan	LSC DEECA PV DPA		
	<b>Men's Shed</b>	Establishment of a Men's Shed.	Patrons presently meeting at the East Loddon P12 school, using school equipment	LSC ELMS		
	<b>Footpaths – Walking Tracks &amp; Trails</b>	Walking/Bike Riding trail 5km. east of town to the Tang Tang Wildlife Reserve. Brolga nesting ground. Registered National wet and dry land areas.		LSC DPA		
		Long term to cover all other residential and recreational areas with paved access. Creating a safe pedestrian access within the residential area with appropriate resting areas		LSC DPA		
	<b>Dingee Bush Nursing Centre Inc. Servicing the health and wellbeing needs of the community</b>	Purchase and set up outdoor exercise equipment	Advocate as required/needed by DBNC	DBNC LSC		
<b>3 Public Utilities and Services (Water, transfer station, etc) – water supply,</b>	<b>Water Supply</b>	Advocate to Coliban water to ensure appropriate water quality is achieved for the community.  Current water supply quite unacceptable.	Discussions held with Coliban water reporting in person regularly at DPA bi-monthly meetings	LSC CW DPA		



<p>sewerage for town, to enable town blocks to be built on without requiring a double block to accommodate septic system regulations, etc.</p>		<p>Coliban Water presently trialling at Dingee, a filter system that may be suitable for small rural towns.</p>	<p>Request potable water supply for Dingee Residential Area with adequate pressure, presently below an acceptable level.</p> <p>Suggest start with Automatic back flushing filter at the pump station which would minimise the blocking of filters at each private meter, this would help the pressure problem to some degree.</p>			
	<p><b>Intersections</b></p>	<p>Improve safety of treacherous intersection, Queen Street, Dingee Bendigo/Pyramid and Dingee Rochester Roads junction.</p>	<p>Continuing to liaise with Vic Roads, requesting random inspection, to draw attention to our concerns</p> <p>Add improved signage and road marking to eliminate confusion and indicate correct traffic flow. In order to make the intersection less treacherous. Deputation of dignitaries to inspect the site.</p>	<p>LSC VR DPA</p>		
	<p><b>Sewerage / septic systems</b></p>	<p>Advocate with LSC to improve availability of different options for Sewerage/Septic systems</p>	<p>Still waiting on LCS action</p>	<p>LSC DPA</p>		
	<p><b>Roads</b></p>	<p>Upgrade of roads leading to Dingee and surrounding areas. <b>PRIORITY 1</b> Tandara Serpentine Road West of Tandara crossroad past silos to T-Intersection of Steels road</p>		<p>LSC DPA</p>		

		Gravel Bakers Road thru to Durham Ox road Brigade Fire Map 2(2E-F)		LSC DPA		
		Gravel Steels Road from Waterford Road to Tandarra Serpentine Road Fire Brigade Map 5(5B) Presently the Royal Mail Service cannot use these routes in wet weather to successfully complete their mail deliveries		LSC DPA		
<b>4 Town &amp; District Beautification –</b> to encourage community support and advocate for the beautification of our town and district.	<b>Dingee township parks and reserves</b>	Need for Shade trees within the town area.		LSC DPA		
		Establish water supply to Historical Wall recreational area.		LSC DPA		
		Establish a watering system to water nature strips	Shire Parks & Garden Manager working on a plan, to access water from Goulburn Murray as an Option to Coliban	LSC DPA		
		Repair existing railway gate north of railway station		LSC DPA		

	<b>Town approach signs</b>	Town approach signs need upgrade		LSC DPA		
	<b>Town Drainage</b>	Continue to achieve better drainage system within the town. Upgrade and improve present drainage on West side of town. Water does not drain away; goes stagnant and odoriferous in the centre of our town.		LSC DPA		
<b>5 Historical Properties &amp; Sites</b> – to preserve and promote our historically significant properties and sites.	<b>Ernie Old</b>	Erect a monument in memory of Ernie Old. Work on bike riding feats and as a soldier, his war history.		LSC DPA		
	<b>Information Boards</b>	Establish information boards recording history of local identities and historical events at significant sites within our local area.		LSC DPA		
<b>6 School/ Education</b> – to advocate for quality education services to foster community well-being.						

<p><b>7 Tourism &amp; Overnight Accommodation</b> – to attract local, national and international tourists with our unique range of natural, cultural, and historical attractions, including the rich history of First Nations people and pioneers.</p>	<p><b>Signage</b></p>	<p>Continue with Vic Roads for signage at Eaglehawk.</p>		<p>LSC VR</p>		
		<p>Dingee town signs on all four approaches to town need urgent upgrade, especially after dark</p>		<p>LSC DPA</p>		
	<p><b>Accommodation</b></p>	<p>Need for overnight and short term accommodation facilities. Portable toilet/shower facility</p>		<p>LSC DPA</p>		
	<p><b>RV Dump point</b></p>	<p>Establish R V Area, Dump point.</p>		<p>LSC DPA</p>		
	<p><b>Silo Art</b></p>	<p>Silo Art - Prairie silos</p>		<p>LSC DPA</p>		
		<p>Silo Art – Progress Park Toilet Block, Male and Female figures</p>		<p>LSC DPA</p>		

		Silo Art – East Wall Wheelhouse’s shed		LSC DPA		
	<b>Information Boards</b>	Create information boards at points of interest both in town and surrounding areas		LSC DPA		
<b>8 Population Growth</b> – to increase our population and attract new people by promoting our lifestyle.	<b>Residential building blocks</b>	The lack of available building blocks is inhibiting the town’s growth. Resolve and give the community assistance and a solution to be able to build on vacant blocks within town limits ie. Septic systems or alternatives.		LSC DPA		
		Rezoning of land within the town limits to increase the availability of building blocks. Building blocks within the urban area, if rated rural could be changed to residential to encourage them to be built on.		LSC DPA		
		Develop existing vacant blocks in township and build ‘spec’ homes in conjunction with shire and/or local builder, for on selling to new residents. Selling of properties will be marketed to Bendigonians with the idea of promoting our		LSC DPA		

		proximity to Bendigo, the ability to have a quality lifestyle in a relaxed and family orientated community, with eventual rail travel to/from Bendigo for workers to commute.				
<b>9 Rural Fire Brigade</b> – to encourage community support for the local Rural Fire Brigade and essential emergency services for the maintenance of community safety.	<b>Rural Fire Bridage</b>			CFA		
<b>10 Industry</b> – to have a growing and sustainable economy that supports established and new businesses.		Develop a plan to attract new industry to the area that will complement our existing businesses and industry.	In particular, concentrate on those industries that support rural enterprise. Industry growth would support plans for increasing our population and also provide local people with an alternative source of employment	LSC DPA		

## 7 Dingee Community Plan review

The Dingee Progress Association is committed to undertaking the review to ensure that it's community planning processes are effective and consistent with Loddon Shire Council's Community Planning Framework.

The community completed a full review of the Dingee Community Plan on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The review process was undertaken as follows;

A gathering of all relevant Community Plan committee members was held resulting in an open informal discussion, rendering a successful review result.

The Dingee Progress Association is incorporated with Consumer Affairs Victoria, with its main purpose being **"The purpose of our organisation is to ensure the growth, development and improvement of our amenities so as to maintain the sustainability of the community."**

As part of the Community planning review process the DPA Inc. wrote to Council to request that it be formally recognised as the group responsible for Community planning in Dingee. A letter confirming such recognition was received on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

## 8 Annual review of plan

The DPA is committed to ensuring that this plan is kept up to date and consistent with the identified community needs.

The priorities in this plan will be reviewed annually to ensure that they are still relevant and consistent with the needs of the community. An assessment of any emerging issues that may arise during the life of this plan will be considered for inclusion in this plan.

This review will also identify priorities that have been completed and a review of actions required.

A more comprehensive 4-year review will be undertaken to further test the relevancy of the plan. This will involve a community consultation process and a review of relevant external documents that may contain strategies relevant to Dingee.

### **Annual review actions**

<b><i>Review status of priorities and actions</i></b>	<b><i>Completed</i></b>	<b><i>Still to be completed</i></b>
<b><i>Do we keep as priority actions</i></b>	<b><i>Yes</i></b>	<b><i>No</i></b>
<b><i>Revise actions required</i></b>	<b><i>Need to revise</i></b>	<b><i>Maintain</i></b>
<b><i>Review any emerging actions</i></b>	<b><i>New actions emerged</i></b> <b><i>YES</i></b>	<b><i>NO</i></b>
<b><i>Update action plan to reflect review</i></b>	<b><i>YES</i></b>	<b><i>NO</i></b>

**Four yearly review actions**


## 9 Acknowledgements

**Appendix list**

Appendix No.1: (i) Community Survey and (ii) Feedback Summary provided through the Community Planning community engagement and consultation process (including public meeting minutes).

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Notes Dingee Development Community Plan Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Held at Bowling Club Rooms

- Present – Council – Cr. Daniel Straub, Kirsten McKay
- Rec Reserve – Adrain Hocking
- Tennis Club - Adrain Hocking
- Hall Committee – Brad Duncan
- Bowls Club – Bruce Lawry
- Progress Association – Wendy McCormick
- Community Centre – Nick Marlow
- Community Plan – Pam Plant

2020 Project E.L Community Centre received \$3605 for upgrade meter board and rewiring of Centre. Job Completed.

Plumbing issue needs attention – under control.

Dan and Pam noted rewiring of Memorial Hall – DELWP has taken responsibility to fund. Missed last round of funding, to be resubmit in next round of funding. Disable toilet project still requiring more funding. 2020 allocation from Comm Plan \$14,000 adds to \$20,000 being held in Comm Plan coffers, target \$60,000. Pam to consult with Sarah and Kirsten to devise plan of attack. Storage shed on hold.

Recreation Reserve – Adrain reported, all good.

Cricket Club – No rep, Kirsten reported, Maybe a chance of a synthetic pitch. Paul Sculley doing a 5 year plan of Council Recreation Reserves.

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## Community Plan Meeting Notes 29/09/2022

Held at Dingee Railway Hotel 7pm

Meeting opened 7.02pm

Present – Paul Condliffe, Pam Plant, Adrian Hocking, Terry Kavanagh, Bruce Lawry, Brad Duncan.

Apologies – Martin Mark, Daniel Straubb, Nick Marlow, Matthew Bowles.

## Review

Community Centre	Electrical Rewiring	\$3,605	Completed
Bowling Club	Upgrade Alfresco BBQ Area		Completed
Dingee Progress	Feasibility – Senior Units	\$12,000	Completed
Dingee Progress	Historical Wall Info Board	\$1,250	Completed
Dingee Hall	Disable Toilet Project	\$20,000+\$14,000	Ongoing
	Being held over from previous years		
Rec Reserve	Nothing to add.		
Bowling Club	Replace East end Door and reclad East end wall of club room		Remove
	Create under cover Alfresco Area for BBQ functions		Remove
	Replace Shades -Club has applied for Grant \$15,000		Add
	Upgrade kitchen Refrigerator Club has applied for Grant		Add
	New roof on South side of club room \$5,000		Add
	Replace existing Green with Synthetic surface		Add
	Replace Rubber buffer edging, Club to get costing		Add
Tennis Club	Repairs to Club room ceiling, urgent Quote on hand \$3,410		Add
	Replace shade sail to existing poles, over playground		Add
	Sprinkler heads x 10 – Club to access and acquire quote		Add
	Check with Shire for Rec. Reserve funds for shade sails		Add
Hall Committee	Seal window vents and paint internal window frames		Remove
	Purchase and instal blinds for all 9 large windows		Remove
	Purchase storage shed to house tables and chairs		Remove
	Installation of Solar panels to cut power costs		Remove
	Upgrade electrical wiring and replace fluo's old wiring creating risk of fire		Add
	Committee to acquire quote for replacement of external doors		
Progress Assoc			
Town Beautification	Upgrade garden areas		Remove
	Upgrade Basketball practice area		Remove
	Historical Wall Information board		Remove
	Silo Art – On Wheelhouse shed east wall		Add

	On Toilet block in the Park, Painted male and female	Add
Health Well Being	Men’s shed- Wicker Garden Beds	Remove
	Community Garden	Remove
	Create Skate Park	Remove
Town Water	Update existing wording	
Fire Brigade	Water Volume / Pressure	Remove
Tourism Accommodation	Accommodation – Portable toilet/shower	Add
	Establish R V Area, Dump point	Add
	Silo Art – East wall Wheelhouses shed	Add
	Silo Art – Park Toilet block, Male and Female	Add
Community Centre	Building Ceiling Repairs	Remove
	Upgrade electrical switch board, wiring and lighting	Remove
	Security doors for front and back doors of Centre	Add

Meeting closed 8.45pm

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## DINGEE COMMUNITY PLAN SURVEY August 2020

# HELP MAKE DINGEE AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE WORK AND VISIT.

The Dingee Community Plan is developed and actioned by community members. The success of the plan relies on community members working together to bring about positive changes to our area. Community Coordinators are volunteers who keep the Community Plan process on track.

If you live, work, or visit Dingee/Neighbouring areas, the Dingee Community Planning Coordinators would love to hear your ideas about what you'd like to see happen to make our community an even better place to live, work and visit, and how you might like to be involved in making ideas happen.

You can provide your ideas by completing a survey online at [Survey Monkey address](#) or completing the survey below and returning it to :-

D.P.A. 4097 Bendigo Pyramid Road, Dingee 3571, before **30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.

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1. **Which of the following categories apply to you?**

I live in (**Dingee Area**)  I study in (East Loddon p-12)  I work in ( )   
I am a visitor to (**Dingee Community**)

2. **What do you think is good about Dingee, What makes Dingee a better place to live, work, study or visit?**

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3. **What do you think could be done to make the Dingee Community a better place to live, work, study or visit?** (We welcome all of your ideas, which could include, but are not limited to ideas around **Dingee Community natural asset maintenance and promotion** (eg: walking and riding tracks, maps and signage, slashing to reduce fire risk), **assets and infrastructure** (eg: outdoor stage for concerts, new footpath, skate park jumps), **business and tourism** (eg: Café as a one stop shop, local produce at local market, update GPS app), **community connectedness, heritage and culture** (eg: Town beautification, Art Gallery, new social and friendship groups) and/or **health, recreation and community safety** (eg: regular visiting Dr./ upgrade tennis nets, light at BBQ area).

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**4. Have you provided ideas for the Dingee Community Plan previously?**

Yes       no

**5. Have you been involved in a community planning project previously?**

yes       no

**6. What is your age?** (Answering this question helps us to ensure that we have collected ideas from a range of age groups within the community).

12-17 years     18-24 years     25-34 years     35-44 years     45-54 years        
55-64 years       65 years +       decline to answer

**7. How would you like to be involved in making community ideas happen?**

provide ideas only     volunteer to help with specific projects     Other

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**8. Would you like to attend the Community Planning Forum.**

Yes       no

**9. Would you be happy for a Community Planning Group representative to contact you to discuss how you would like to be involved?**

Yes       no

**10. What is the best way for a Community Planning Group to contact you?**

Email       phone       SMS       other

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**11. Do you have any other comments you would like to provide to the Community Planning Group?**

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**Contact Details: (Optional)**

Name.....

Phone.....

Email.....

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**THE END**

