



# **EDDINGTON COMMUNITY PLAN**

## **2023-2033**

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## Dja Dja Wurrung

We acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this Country on which we walk. We value their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay our respects to elders, past, present and emerging.

<https://djadjawurrung.com.au>



### Eddington Community History:

Eddington developed at the natural crossing point on the Loddon River on the road between Dunolly and Maldon. Originally a punt operated the crossing but when a bridge was built c1861 and the township was subdivided in 1863, commercial buildings sprung up along McCoy Street, the road to the original bridge site. Pubs opened on both sides of the river, stores, saleyards, saddlery, bank, stock and station agent, chemist and blacksmith. Business developed along the river to supply the expanding population with the necessities of life – flour, butter, cheese, beer and the bottles to put it in. When gold mining in the vicinity dwindled and the new river crossing at its current location went ahead in 1926, the township was bypassed and the population decline accelerated.

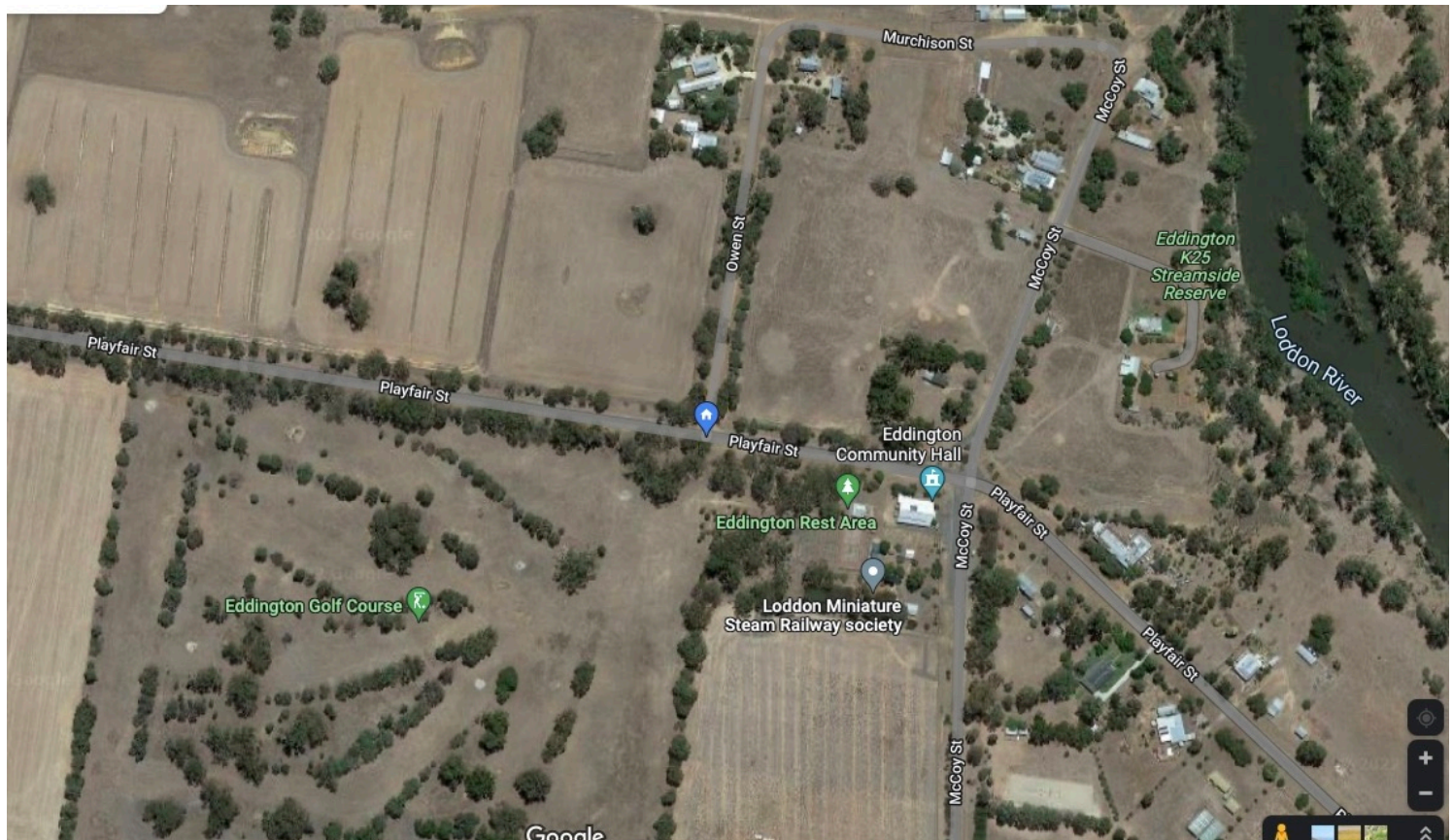
## Businesses:

Today Eddington boasts a flourishing industry employing people from our district as well as farming industries/families surrounding our community. Business include:

- Eddington Engineering
- Eddys Garage Coffee Shop
- Southern Cross Feeds
- Three Bridges Thoroughbreds
- Bruce O'Dell Horse trainer
- Chaperon Wines Grangehill Vineyard
- StoneHouse Thoroughbreds
- Eddington Auto Electrical

## Neereman Parish:

Eddington is where three rivers meet: the Loddon River, Bet Bet Creek and Tullaroop Creek. Neereman Parish, our community groups consist of Eddington Community Centre, Eddington Golf and Tennis Club, Eddington Landcare group, the Loddon Miniature Steam Locomotive, the Eddington Sprints, Eddington CFA, Eddington Cemetery Trust, and the Eddington Community Planning Group.



## Demographic Summary:




This data reflects the wider community of Eddington not just the township.

# Eddington

## 2021 Census All persons QuickStats

Geography type [Suburbs and Localities](#)

Area code SAL20842

	<b>People</b>	<b>113</b>
	Male	48.3%
	Female	51.7%
	Median age	42
	<b>Families</b>	<b>28</b>
	Average number of children per family	
	for families with children	1.7
	for all families	0.7
	<b>All private dwellings</b>	<b>45</b>
	Average number of people per household	2.6
	Median weekly household income	\$1,291
	Median monthly mortgage repayments	\$1,142
	Median weekly rent (a)	\$180
	Average number of motor vehicles per dwelling	2.7



An initiative of the Eddington Community Planning group and the Loddon Shire, plaques have been placed on the nature strip of heritage sites.



Eddington Churches  
and  
Primary School  
now privately owned



The Eddington Sprints held on the last Saturday in March; drivers run their cars as fast as they can down 400 metres of closed road individually against the clock.



## Eddington community planning background review from 2006

Eddington produced its Community Plan in 2003 as a result of community workshops and consultation. A draft was circulated, amendments made and the final version approved and submitted to Council. The Eddington Community Centre Committee has reported to the community regularly on progress with planned works and has followed up with the Shire where necessary. A community meeting was held on Wednesday 22 February 2006 to review the Plan.

## This plan allowed our community to achieve the following:

- Fencing of the area from the Loddon Miniature Railway gate to the Hall along McCoy Street, from the rear of the toilets to the gate of the Golf Club along Playfair Street and from the tennis courts to the commencement of the Golf Course, as well as chaining off the BBQ area parkland, was commissioned and completed by the Eddington community by using DSE grant moneys to pay for the work. This has allowed the transformation of the BBQ area into parkland, rather than parking space.
- Completion of landscaping of triangle in centre of the crossroads area and corners of Playfair/McCoy Streets.
- Completion of Town Information Board and erection outside Hall.
- Completion of new signage on Bendigo/Maryborough Road.
- Relocation of the historic backdrop curtain at the Eddington Community Centre from the front to the back of the stage to preserve it and provide a backdrop (it was being damaged by being used as a front of stage curtain)
- Installation of a lighting and sound system at the Eddington Community Centre – we stage community shows which attract large audiences from far and wide.
- Eddington Community Centre  
Solar panels 2020 Shire Community grant and community funds. Dishwasher funding Maldon Community Bendigo Bank, New fridge and freezer grant Maldon Community Bendigo Bank, DEFIB grant Maldon Community Bank. Minor maintenance jobs are carried out by the committee when needed.



The following objectives were not completed or our community decided that it was no longer necessary.

- To create access to the stage at the Eddington Community Centre from the supper room – this will require creating a door and providing a few steps. We use the supper room as a dressing room and this would allow direct access to the stage without having to go through the audience area in the Hall or round the outside in all weathers to the far side of the stage provide wardrobe facilities in the supper room.
- Restoration of the Avenue of Honour – identification of planting and names of Returned Servicemen and new plaques to be put in position.

Every effort has been made to find the plaques etc. with no luck.

So, the community have established an area in the community BBQ area that Honours our servicemen, servicewoman and the light horse (Beersheba) Funding from our community.

## Developing our community plan.

In January 2021 the draft of the current plan was presented to the Eddington Community Centre committee and emailed to the wider community requesting feedback.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 a meeting with Loddon Shire Council representatives Kirsten McKay, Sarah Perry and Cr Linda Jungwirth was conducted including an informal walk and talk regarding the community planning.

As a result of Covid-19 restrictions in 2021 the progression of the community plan was limited however with the relaxation of restrictions on 2022 planning recommenced.

The draft template of the plan was emailed and printed for community feedback on the National Tree Day 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 in Eddington.

Following feedback received this has been added into the draft and re-circulated to the community via email.

Ongoing communication with Loddon Shire Martin Mark Community Development Officer has been valuable.

Community member and resident Joanne Lazzaro proof read the draft in January 2023 and supplied feedback which has been added and emailed to the wider community for open communication.

We are now looking forward to presenting our community plan to the Loddon Shire Council.



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## Current and long-term objectives

- Town Sewerage System still a high priority, caring for our environment and the health of our river system and those that live on LODDON RIVER.
- Watering system in the BBQ area as this space is our Dedicated Emergency Site for both flood and fire, we identify this as a high priority.
- Playground equipment and sunshade has been added to this space to attract locals and day-trippers ongoing maintenance needed by council and community, soft fall when needed.
- Native garden between the Playground and Loddon Miniature Steam Locomotive Society.
- Sunshade in the BBQ area.
- Rotunda needs painting, this has been relocated from the Eddington Primary School and has heritage significance to our community.
- Fresh water access for local bike riders, campers, day trippers, community. Maybe a small tank at the BBQ shelter.
- Wicking veggie beds on the third tennis court, fruit trees, sunshade, snakes and ladders game or large chess games.
- Loddon river walking tracks in the township "TISSOT WALK" named after the secretary of the Cheese Factory which closed in 1900.
- Move the Community Sign so we can access the back for WHAT'S ON section.
- Eddington Landcare Red gum forest walking track for day trippers. Access via Hogan's Track, bird watching, nature walks, fungi notification, bird boxes.
- Tennis and Golf social club repainting the surface on the two tennis courts.
- ARTWORK on the shipping container
- Update the chairs inside the hall, veranda over the kitchen area, this would make dropping off food in the wet weather less stressful for our volunteers and shade the kitchen in the summer time.



Loddon Miniature  
Steam Locomotive



## OUR GOALS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Environment	Community	Heritage	Health & Wellbeing	Connectivity
<p>Sewerage System protecting our rivers by working with local governments and stressing the importance on our waterways. Meanwhile to upgrade our septic system at the Community Centre.</p> <p>Enhance our public spaces and protect our natural environment by working with local Landcare groups, Loddon shire and community by attending working bees, incorporating bird boxes, Indigenous plantings.</p> <p>Households are keen to explore more recycling options for soft plastics and cash for cans machines.</p>	<p>Watering system in the BBQ area working with Loddon shire and our committee</p> <p>Shared Veggie gardens - working with our community to maintain our community garden.</p> <p>Book Library - supporting our community to use this with more visual signs</p> <p>Eddington Sprints with the support from the Loddon shire and volunteers to make each year a huge success.</p> <p>Supporting our YOUTH in our community by engaging community - discussing with our young people and when we can financially support project when they are tabled to our committee.</p>	<p>To acknowledge and learn about the history of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.</p> <p>Protect the Canoe Tree that is on site at Eddington from the weather.</p> <p>Aboriginal dugout canoes were a significant advancement in canoe technology. Dugout canoes may have been stronger, faster, and more efficient than previous types of bark canoes. The Australian Aboriginal peoples' use of these canoes brought about many changes to both their hunting practices and society.</p> <p>This log was moved from the Eddington Bridge and located to the Primary School for many years before locals moved it to the golf course.</p> <p>More information: <a href="https://djadjawurrung.com.au">https://djadjawurrung.com.au</a></p> <p>Rotunda when funds are available this will be painted in heritage colour and extend its life.</p> <p>Maintain our webpage <a href="http://www.eddingtonvic.com.au">www.eddingtonvic.com.au</a> that holds historical photos and stories.</p> <p>Maintain and support the Eddington Cemetery as it holds so much of our family history.</p>	<p>Sunshade in our BBQ area when funds become available</p> <p>Walking Tracks in the Red Gum Forest and the golf course.</p> <p>Maintain our town Defibrillator with new pads, batteries and training when needed. This was achieved from community grant Maldon Community Bank.</p> <p>Golf and Tennis Clubs to maintain both sports to promote a healthy community.</p>	<p>Phone and internet coverage to work with local and state government on service for our community.</p>

## Priorities and our actions:

Goal	Action	Task	Partners	Timeframe	Priority	Status
Goal 1: Watering System to BBQ area	Once septic upgrades, grants and fundraising.	Apply for grants	Community and grant partner	ASAP	HIGH	Working towards
Goal 2: Upgrade our septic system at the Community Centre.	Quotes and funding	Apply for grants if available	Working with shire and community to achieve a greater outcome.	ASAP	HIGH	Working towards
Goal 3: Phone and internet coverage to work with local and state government on service for our community	This could allow local business to trade and work in our community	Better mobile phone and internet coverage	Telstra	Medium 1-5 years	MED	Working towards
Goal 4: Sunshade in our BBQ area	With global warming we need shade areas	Apply for grants if available	SunSmart Victoria reduce skin cancer	Medium 1-5 years	MED	Working towards
Goal 5: Rotunda	When funds are available this will be painted in heritage colour and extend its life.	Fundraise	community	Medium 1-2 Years	MED	Working towards
Goal 6: Canoe Tree	Build a shelter over the canoe tree	Fundraise	Community	Medium 1-2 years	MED	Not yet started
Goal 7: Sewerage System	Protecting our rivers and as more residents move in to and on blocks of land, we need to look into the future	stressing the importance on our waterways.	working with local governments	High but will take 10 years+	HIGH	Not yet started



Eddington Cemetery  
Photos by Rod  
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### How we intend to review our plan:

- Annually: Meetings AGM, Community gatherings, update plan to reflect changes in our community
- Mid-term review: Review in 4-5 years, what have we achieved and what is still relevant and new objectives.
- Full term: Consultation with council and working within framework.



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