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**Introduction**

Hepburn Shire Council undertook to develop a community plan for the township of Daylesford in 2011. The final plan was presented to Council in May 2012.

The Daylesford Community Plan is a list of actions that community members have volunteered to work on and/or oversee.

This document includes the final actions in the plan, and it includes the many views that were promoted passionately at the focus groups, the open day and online. Many of those issues did not end up in the final plan because there was no-one to ‘foster them’, but they are included in the appendices to show the diversity of opinion and the passion, that the people of Daylesford have about their community and for its long-term sustainability.

**You can get involved**

People can still get involved in the plan by volunteering to work on actions or become involved in the Community Planning Group. For more information on this or any other part of the plan contact:

Kathleen Brannigan at Hepburn Shire Council on 5345 9213.

**Next Steps**

The following people have put their names down to work on actions in the plan or to be involved in the Community Planning Group which will oversee the plan, or both.

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| **People working on actions** | **Community Planning Group** |
| Jason Shorter  Fiona Robson  Annshar Wolfs  U3A  Anne E Stewart  Kate Redwood  Lyndall Jenkins  Alan Kaye  Doralinda Giudki  Mark Dickenson  Karen McAloon  Fiona Porter  Catherine Coventry  Transport connections  Pat Baird  Gayle Osborne  Maureen Corbett  David Stephens  Russ Jenkins  Denise Robinson  Su Bennett | Doralinda Giudki  Maureen Corbett  Dora Berenyi  Annshar Wolfs  Fiona Robson  Jason Shorter  Julie Ingleby  Jen Bray |

**The Vision for Daylesford**

The community vision for Daylesford in the next 20 years is a place where:

* Childcare is widely available, there are social places to meet, gardens to visit and grow food in and music that brings cohesion to the community;
* All people can travel on public transport, bike lanes and paths;
* Facilities and information are accessible to all; community services and social housing are available and the community is involved in planning and helping to reduce isolation;
* There is a productive social hub where partnerships between business and community thrive;
* Council actively listens, effectively advocates and works in partnership with the community.

**The people of Daylesford most value:**

* The natural beauty including lakes, gardens and the forest;
* Our fresh produce, markets, mineral water, excellent food and coffee; along with a plethora of events, exhibits and festivals;
* The friendliness and feeling of safety within a widely diverse and passionate community; a supportive community spirit and strong progressive voice;
* Young families and young people, community skills and intellect, volunteers, active community groups, famous and creative people, long-term and new residents;
* Our facilities including the community garden, library, the hospital, health facilities and support services, many sporting opportunities and walking and cycling paths.
* Our proximity to Melbourne while maintaining a rural lifestyle.

**Common Themes in the plan**

* Few opportunities for young people
* Need for a youth space
* Communication from the Shire
* Need for a town square/public meeting space
* Better public seating
* Need for better access to public toilets
* Tension between focus on tourism and commerce and focus on community
* Transport management
* Limited recreational opportunities such as pool or gym
* Availability of public art

**Action Plan**

**Social**

Develop a ‘community think tank’ where community groups can share information and receive administration support, funding and other support, to make positive changes.

***Jason Shorter, Fiona Robson, Annshar Wolfs, U3A, Fiona Robson, Anne E Stewart***

Support redevelopment of outdated and poor facilities at Vic Park. ***Steve Cowan***

Develop a private/community owned gym or health club with extended hours.

***Kate Redwood; Lyndall Jenkins***

Develop a bike track from Daylesford to Glenlyon linking Coomora and Wheatsheaf.

***Alan Kaye***

Find a suitable space in Daylesford for young people to undertake social activities that they are interested in.

***Doralinda Giudki, Mark Dickenson***

Advocate for a system where community services staff and individuals are trained in emergency management for vulnerable community members including an opt-in list. ***Karen McAloon***

Council to ensure their Access and Inclusion plan is implemented and reviewed on a regular basis.

***Fiona Porter***

Gain assistance with funding submissions for programs for children aged 0-6

***Catherine Coventry (Maternal Child Health Service), Fiona Robson***

Advocate VLine for improved timetable and improved bus connections to station(s), Castlemaine, Woodend, Bendigo, Melbourne, Musk, Hepburn, Trentham etc.

***Mark Dickenson***

Work with Transport Connections to facilitate a buddy system to assist with local transport needs such as vet visits and trips to the shops.

***Doralinda Giudki, Transport connections; U3A***

Develop an arts focus within Shire increasing local public art and using and acknowledging local expertise.

***Anne E Stewart***

Work with Council to gain support for Arts Events including Festival links with Ballarat/Castlemaine; spontaneous events and Arts activities that cater to the broader community (families/ young people/ people with a disability and vulnerable community members etc.). Request Council assistance with funding insurance for events. ***Jason Shorter; Jen Bray***

Acknowledge significant architecture in CBD and provide examples of private residences that have been restored.

***Pat Baird; Anne E Stewart***

Work with Council to adopt philosophy and values that acknowledge the importance of community sustainability, values local expertise, supports diversity and is accountable and respectful.

***Anne E Stewart, Jen Bray***

Improve council communications with the community by:

* hosting community groups and a noticeboard on Council website
* liaising with The Advocate to make space for community news.

***Anne E Stewart***

**Environment**

Develop a natural environment/landscape strategy for the Shire

Develop an education program for the value of vegetation

***Gayle Osborne***

Engage with Shire Council, Parks Victoria, DSE, relevant Catchment Management Authorities, and CFA to develop a fire minimisation strategy in the public forest close to residential areas which includes high pruned straight trees and urban deciduous trees in this peri-urban belt.

***Maureen Corbett, David Stephens***

Work with Daylesford Secondary College to assist with Agronomy Course, particularly in regard to carbon farming, eco-regeneration, share farming and localisation.

***David Stephens***

Teach people to recycle, reuse and refuse plastic bags and bottled water and develop more efficient recycle sorting at tip and an e-waste strategy.

***Anne E Stewart***

**Economic**

Create a prospectus and campaign to bring new business to Daylesford.

***Russ Jenkins***

**Built**

Better approach to expansion; better street plantings and maintenance in all streets in shopping/business precincts; Beautify roundabouts and create a town square.

***Denise Robinson; Pat Baird Su Dennett***

**Appendix one**

**Full list of Priority Issues**

The following list of issues is included below because they:

* Were a focus group priority, (FGP)
* One or more people ‘fostered’ the action by putting their name to an action (Name) or
* They received star(s) at one of the two open days. (Star)

Many actions were not included in the Daylesford Community Plan because they did not have someone to foster them in the process.

**Early Years**

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| Need funded early years officer with a budget to provide better outcomes for children; (books, music programs, “best start” style; co-ordinated play groups and special needs | FGP  Names |
| Research other models, (eg Ballarat) to see how to achieve flexible respite care and home help Community example include U3A’s rentagranny | FGP |
| Explore other venues for childcare  upskill and encourage family daycare/school space | FGP |
| Assistance with funding/writing submissions to get funded resources for recreation facilities for children 0-6 | Name |
| Grandparent; child/buddy system similar to Big sister Big Brother model | Name later withdrawn |

**Young People**

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| Without things to do young people get bored and do drugs  Open swimming pool and gym youth friendly leisure centre  Planned morning activities such as gym, photography, jogging  Run activities at the Arc like pool hall and youth activities  ‘The space’ including pool tables, rooms to rent by social support staff  Movies in town  Young people should be able to have fun in their own town and not get told off by businesses (security guards at REX)  Develop community standards between businesses and young people (Daylesford Youth Charter) | 2 stars |
| The Rex not available for young people and businesses don’t last | 1 star |

**Community Space**

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| Need infrastructure such as public toilets for families and events; Create a town square eg Bourke Square; Fountain | FGP  5 stars  Name |
| Fewer cars in Vincent Street, Create Town Square; All ages space; more trees | FGP  3 stars |
| Integration of ages/cultures/abilities in a community space that is accessible, safe and welcoming with toilet, kitchen and breast feeding space eg seniors hall Neighbourhood house; Senior Citizens | FGP  2 stars |
| Youth space (third space – community space) | 6 stars |
| Community hub for groups that is central and accessible for older people | 3 stars |
| No toilet at Skate Park | 2 stars |
| Create community connecting activities and a warm space where young people can go that is safe, free and welcoming of young people and has space for toy library | 2 stars |
| Develop community garden with veg/flowers that is welcoming of children | 1 star |
| A community hub where locals can go so they can avoid the civic centre which is for tourists | 1 star |

**Community Capacity Building**

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| Council to employ Grants Officer to seek grants and provide support for community and arts projects | FGP  5 stars  Names |
| Change the current focus from commerce to community by developing criteria around community | FGP  3 stars  1 name (later withdrawn) |
| Quarterly facilitated meeting with community groups to share information on what everyone does. | FGP  Names |
| Support for community groups and individuals to make positive changes through funding and applying for grants, admin support, community communication. Linking with expertise, resources (eg Community Think Tank) | 1 star  Names |
| Employ better qualified people; Good governance brings corporate sponsorship and investment | 1 star |

**Facilities**

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| Accessible public toilets in the centre of town | FGP  3 stars |

**Heritage**

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| Funding to ensure Founding members of community are honoured through plaques/ recognition of history/Avenue of honour | FGP |
| Acknowledge significant architecture in CBD – examples of private residences that have been restored | Name |

**Older people**

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| Think about needs for aged; availability of seats and toilets, steps that are too high | FGP  1 star |
| Practical help for older people in their homes such as a buddy system | FGP |
| Transport for Dr appt; Vet etc | 1 star  Name |

**Health Services**

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| Reduce poverty through a food bank | 3 star |
| Dentist for Daylesford | 1 star |

**Recreation**

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| --- | --- |
| Need to build on support for families with a family friendly community playground | FGP  3 stars  Name |
| Council co-ordinate sporting club booking system for all community groups | FGP |
| No gym or heated pool and limited community recreation facilities  Develop a private/community owned gym | 7 stars  Names |
| Activities for locals to participate in – eg pool, bowling, theatre. The ARC is too hard to access and not suited to everyone | Pool 2 stars Theatre – 4 stars |
| Support redevelopment of outdated and poor facilities at Vic Park | 9 stars  Name |
| Renovate/rethink/extend bathhouse to include indoor lap pool | 3 stars |
| A bike tack from Daylesford to Glenlyon would also link Coomora and Wheatsheaf using old bridge at Coomora. Route could be via Midland Hwy or Knox Street and back roads to Coomora. It would encourage visitors to cycle to Glenlyon Store and also transport options for residents | 1 star  1 name |

**Arts and Culture**

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| Arts Festival link with Ballarat/Castlemaine  Council support for events; Spontaneous events  Easily accessible insurance for events that Council funds | FGP  5 stars  Names |
| Use more local public art; develop an arts focus; acknowledge local expertise:  Take up offers from local artists  Daylesford philosophy – Lots of experts in town and Council should use them  Employ community expertise & asking people what they want  Big art pieces in main street  More appropriate and creative plantings | FGP  6 stars |

**Communication**

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| Address poor, defensive and offensive communication from Council by adopting of philosophy and values including:  Sustainability  Local  Use of community and local expertise  Support diversity of community – families, older, young, old and new residents  Collective memory and continuity – Councillors and staff  Accountability – hold to account | FGP  6 stars  Name |
| Better communication between council and community improve web; increased respect in dealing with community members | FGP |
| Communication – Advocate; on-line, noticeboards –  Council host community noticeboard on their website | FGP |

**Environment**

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| --- | --- |
| Better fire prevention techniques eg HRN  Maturing vegetation protected  Landscape planning – unique holistic  Community conversations – education, facilitation, advocacy  Ecological thinning trial  Better fire protection techniques  Protect maturing vegetation  Bio- Diversity Officer  public food tree plantings  Respect for basic eco backdrop of indigenous forest | FGP  4 stars  Names |
| Advocate for significant conservation areas  Education program re value of native vegetation  Promote hot spots and support Wildlife Centre more  Need council bio-diversity officer | FGP  Names  FGP  3 stars |
| Education, BBQ, new residents day,  Advocate at Council Waste strategy review  Green organic waste collection – curb pick up; restaurants and businesses  Chemical use – weed control  Promotion of alternative technology | FGP  Name |
| B-double traffic in Central Springs Road  Excess traffic in main street; volume and speed Reduce speed limits  Reduce car use –priority for people walking and cycling  Promote active transport – walking and cycling  Horse and cart rides | FGP  3 stars |
| Mineral springs protection utilisation and maintenance by stopping any further issuing of bores in town area except for fire fighting. Recognise that the mineral springs recharge is threatened | FGP  2 stars |
| Get rid of plastic bags and bottled water | FGP |
| Emergency management for vulnerable community members and communication  A safe place indoors away from radiant heat | 2 star  Name |
| Community encouraged/supported to form 30+ fire guard groups around their very close local area to hold working bees cleaning up their area (and local bush – improving the nutrient level – NOT burning. Assistance to stay and defend  Education for tourists and B&B owners to take responsibility for their B&B’s in fire events  2-5k belt around town – thinned and managed for fire prevention | Name |
| Council advocate for community; negotiate with Central Highlands Water and State Government | 1 star |
| Weed/water management – bringing agencies and community together to get common ground align actions and responsibilities  Bio diversity officer – tap into local expertise/trials eg Ecological thinning trial | 2 stars |
| Eco regeneration homesteads across landscape – continuing to plant/manage indigenous streamside re-vegetation plantations towards old growth  Carbon farming – prime model homestead at High School – Living in a carbon negative way – model of sustainability; producing food for local and neighbouring areas  Ongoing share farming relationships with previous broad-acre farmers – planting and providing on-going labour to a very diverse and perennial based agriculture  Bringing carbon, water, localised food production, young people back to the landscape | 1 name |
| Composting toilets, grey water catching and tanks in public spaces and domestic | 2 stars |
| Tip management sad  Community enterprise opportunities – recycling facilities at recreation/community places  More efficient reuse, recycle sorting at tip  e-waste strategy  Teaching people to recycle – eg young people in funny suits  Community Mulcher available | 1 star |

**Transport**

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| Reinstate train from Daylesford to Melbourne/More frequent bus connections to train station | 6 stars |
| Train station/better transport to other centres – Castlemaine, Woodend, Bendigo, Melbourne  Transport to TAFE, other educational opportunities – at the moment we fail if we miss the bus  More convenient transport times eg 4,6,8pm  To surrounding towns Hepburn, Musk, Trentham | 4 stars  1 name |
| Limited opportunities for youth Community transport – bring back train to Daylesford – Better advertising of public transport availability  Enhanced training for young people; entertainment for young people | 2 stars |
| Opportunities for youth Community transport – bring back train to Daylesford – Better advertising of public transport availability | 2 stars |

**Economic**

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| --- | --- |
| Tourists not active – utilise natural environment  Smart phone maps, tours, finger signs to spots | FGP  1 star  Names (later withdrawn |
| Investment in shops – create a prospectus similar to in Glenhuntly Road | 6 stars  1 name |
| Lack of parking /traffic management Improved laneway access/signage | 1 star  1 name |
| Wasted money -Utilise local talent and abilities  Respect & value local uniqueness | 3 stars |
| Employ better qualified people; Good governance brings corporate sponsorship and investment | 1 star |

**Streetscapes**

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| Better approach to expansion and better street plantings and maintenance in streets other than Vincent; Beautify roundabouts | 3 stars  Names |
| Revitalise main street which looks tired and abandoned. Seats, trees, art/sculpture | 1 star |
| Allocate short term parking in Vincent Street | 1 star |
| Sheltered seating area | 1 star |

**Employment**

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| Lack of employment opportunities and poor quality of jobs  Develop a small business incubator | 2 stars |
| Employment services eg Tracey come in a bus; no privacy; no community relationships; no community interest Social enterprise – hospitality based employ locals and give back to Daylesford community | 1 star  Name |

**Disability**

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| Review of Council’s access and inclusion plan  Representation will provide group with answers and action to key issues | FGP  1 star |
| Include availability of accessible toilets on Council’s access and inclusion plan | Name |
| Transport within Daylesford  Provide some certainty around accessible buses and stops | FGP  1 star  Names |
| Affordable and supportive housing  Council to promote the availability of hardship payments for rates  Look at Hepburn House for availability of rooms | FGP  2 star |
| Accessible playgrounds/parks Friends of Daylesford Community Park | 1 star  Name |

**Economic/Tourism**

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| Tourism consumption (utility) spa water, fire, heating, electricity  Promote eco-tourism and assist business owners to retrofit, education; get council rebates | FGP |

**Appendix two**

**Developing the Daylesford Community Plan**

**Council's Commitment to Community Plan**

In its 2009 – 2013 Council Plan, Hepburn Shire Council has made a commitment to the development of community plans across the shire. This process allows communities to create plans that establish goals, build community capacity and develop achievable plans that are valued by residents and ratepayers.

Council’s commitment to community plans includes:

* Providing support to all Hepburn communities prepared to undertake a community plan;
* Using Community Plans as the basis for fixing priorities for Council's Capital Works Program and providing a Community Plans Funding Program which will provide communities with assistance to implement their Community Plans.

**Council Expectation**

* Council expects that the community will drive the implementation of the community plan, monitor and communicate progress, with the support of Council Officer(s).

**Consultation**

Hepburn Shire Council defined the areas for the Daylesford Community Plan to cover which include Social, Environment, Economic and Built. The geographic area is Daylesford (not Hepburn Springs which will have its own planning process in the future).

During August and September 2011, community groups and individuals were invited to focus groups and to two Open Days at the Daylesford Town Hall to provide input into the plan.

About 1,000 people were involved in the consultation in some way and more than 100 issues and actions were identified. Only those issues that were seen as a priority and/or had the name of a person willing to work on the action made it to the first draft of the plan which was then available online and in paper form for further consultation.

The Daylesford Community Plan consultation coincided with “*Revitalisation of Vincent Street*”, a separate consultation led by Village Well. It was decided not to hold a separate focus group on the built environment as it would overlap with Village Well’s work.

**Community Planning Group**

Actions in the Plan include the name(s) of those who have volunteered to ‘foster’ that action. How each action progresses will depend on those volunteers who will be supported by council officer(s).

In addition, eleven people put their names down to be involved in the Community Planning Group which will oversee the on-going implementation of the plan. Three of those people have since withdrawn due to time pressures. The Community Planning Group itself will work out the best way to implement the plan with the support of Council Officers. They are:

**Discussion on Issues and Actions**

Not surprisingly, given the diversity of Daylesford, a broad range of issues were raised throughout the consultation process. Some issues were raised time and again across all focus groups and were often voted as a priority by the focus group participants. However, only the actions that had names of individuals or groups willing to foster them survived to be included in the final Daylesford Community Plan.

It is important to note that the actions in appendix one were of concern to the community, and many of them were seen as priorities in the various focus groups. The fact that they were not all included in the Plan reflects that there was no-one available to foster them.

**Common themes coming in the focus groups**

There were some themes that were common to each focus group and were further validated at the two open days. These included:

***Lack of opportunities for young people and Need for a youth space***

Participants of all ages felt that there was a scarcity of job opportunities for young people in Daylesford, and that those available were in poorly paid hospitality positions. Young people also said that the limited public transport options meant that travelling to work or to study was also not a viable option.

Another common concern was that there were very few social and recreational opportunities for young people and that there was no young person’s space.

***Poor communication from the Shire***

Most participants indicated that the Shire did not adequately inform residents about opportunities in town or about shire decisions, (both what the decision is and how it was made). There were reports that Council officers did not return calls, the website was hard to navigate, not kept up to date and that the page in the Advocate was not sufficient for keeping the community informed. Across all issues, this one resulted in the most heated discussions.

***Need for a town square or some other form of public meeting space***

***Better public seating***

The call for a town square, (or something similar) to be developed in Daylesford was significant. Suggestions included developing Burke Square or the Fountain area near Raglan Street. Similarly, there was a call for more public seating in the township so that people could sit and chat comfortably. In addition, there was a strong call for more public art to be incorporated into Daylesford and for Daylesford to become known for its art and culture.

***Need for better access to public toilets***

Access to public toilets was a big issue and included physical access for people with a disability, after-hours access and increased number of public toilets. The locking of the toilets behind Coles supermarket was discussed at most of the focus groups with a call for either Council or Coles to address the situation.

***Tension between focus on tourism and commerce and focus on community and local issues***

A perception amongst many that was raised in all focus groups was that the Council’s focus was on tourists and tourism businesses. In some cases this complaint extended to non-resident landowners (that they were more important to the shire and, unlike those people living in the area, more likely to be listened to).

***Transport management***

Issues around transport included numbers of cars in town, availability of parking, (for some too much, for others too little), environmental issues created by transport, big trucks driving through town, (especially up Central Springs Road), community transport including assistance required to travel to a local appointment and the need for better access to surrounding towns and railway stations.

**Themes that were common across most areas included:**

* Lack of a public or private gym or heated pool
* Availability of public art
* High use of consultants, particularly consultants who are not local to the area
* Poor state of Vincent Street

**Focus Groups**

The following are common issues specific to the focus groups in which they were raised.

**Social Focus Groups**

Social focus groups were facilitated under the headings: Health and Wellbeing, Arts and Culture, Young People, and People with a Disability. Common issues in addition to those raised above included:

* The need for support for families and for young children including availability of flexible respite opportunities, increased childcare and increased resources and play areas for young children.
* Community groups called for a place to network, bounce ideas around and gain administration support from council; assistance to identify grant opportunities and to write funding submissions for a variety of issues
* Accessibility in a very hilly town with heritage buildings was identified as an issue for people with a disability, older people and young mums with pushers and small children. It was an issue raised at a number of groups along with accessible toilets in town.
* The lack of progress (including toilets and play ground) at the skate park was raised a number of times. The playground and toilets have now been installed.

**Environment**

In addition to traffic management issues mentioned above, one of the hot issues in the environment focus group and again at the two open days was the call for a bio-diversity officer. Other widely discussed issues were around weed management, streetscape, education of residents about waste and recycling and the impact of tourism on the local environment.

Many of the strategies that came out of this focus group were fostered by two people who have since removed their names; one because she has moved away from the area and the other because she has a new job and is no longer available.

However, since the consultation was completed a bio-diversity officer has been appointed by the Shire.

**Economic**

The Economic Focus Group consultation was shared with the Vincent Street Revitalisation consultation and was attended by a large group of business owners and residents. This diverse group included many common and opposing views. Common themes included:

* Parking issues
* The need for a greater diversity of businesses in town
* Unplanned, inconsistent expansion

**Built**

Because of the Vincent Street Revitalisation and a fear of ‘consultation fatigue’, there was no specific focus group for Built. However, concerns raised during the consultation included:

* Lack of accessible toilets
* Lack of acknowledgement of heritage buildings and homes
* Lack of consistency around signage

**Appendix three**

**Issues identified during the consultation period**

Need for flexible respite care and home help

Need for more childcare

Need for community connecting activities and places where young people can go (esp when cold) that is safe, free and welcomes young people

Location for breastfeeding with cultural change around the issue

Accessible Public toilets

Promotion of recreation facilities for 0-6 FUNDED

Very young children Playground near library

Playgrounds and public gardens need to be audited and maintained for safety

Resources necessary to provide better outcomes for children; (books, music programs, “best start” style; co-ordinated play groups and special needs

Support those who wish to deliver programs/services

Integration of ages/cultures/abilities in accessible safe and welcoming area with toilet, kitchen and breast feeding space eg seniors hall

Social cohesion through existing networks

Community garden with veg/flowers and welcoming of children

Seating in Vincent and Howe Street

Care for aged

Accessiblities within community

Facilities are tourist friendly not age friendly

Toilets near Coles dirty/closed

Litter

Graffiti

Water bubble outside Royal Hotel - slimy

Part of town for locals – eg where you can buy everyday products such as clothing

Somewhere for kids to gather; no toilet at Skate Park

Too busy and difficult for locals to come into the civic centre – it is for tourists

Many groups operating in isolation /not working together

No activity for locals to participate in – eg pool, bowling, theatre. ARC too hard to access and not suited to everyone

Current focus on commerce; not community;

Transport to Dr appt; Vet.

Access to storage for community groups

Poverty within community

Missed opportunities such as indoor heated pool

Festivals – missing and volunteer effort needed to support them

Poor communication – defensive, offensive, dumbing down, disrespectful of residents

Museum – Not a community resource; too old fashioned – needs to be brought into 21C

Daylesford not going forward (main street)

Need actions from consultation

Lack of local public art

Lack of arts focus

Lack of acknowledgment of local expertise

No resources for artists to network

Community philosophy – shift from family tourism to indulgence

Not enough stuff for families – infrastructure, events, public toilets

Need to build on support for families

Commitment to using local talent and paying them

Easy access to grants

Things for young people to do

Businesses employing security guards – alienating young people

Disunity related to diversity

Tribes

Opportunities for youth

Tourism vs locals

Bushfire risk and complacency/apathy

Lack of affordable housing

Signage – not unified and lack directional signage

Hodgepodge of shops – no cohesion

Cohesive agreement

Lack of parking /traffic management

Civil infrastructure – road, gutters

Lack of toilets

Encourage ALL businesses – local, retail trades

Leaf litter

Seating- narrow footpaths

Signage

Allowable opportunities - Vicroads

Timelines of projects

Us and them mentality (old and new residents)

Lack of good governance

Main street looking tired and abandoned

Wasted money

Apathy (council and community)

Little gathering place needed

No direction – better branding and PR required

Catering for all groups – teens, adults, aged

communication – Advocate; on-line, noticeboards

Consistent street furniture

Acknowledgment of Heritage study (too many shelf studies)

Broaden dispersal of visitors away from Vincent St

Adhoc approach to expansion

Mismatch of signage

Expensive real estate

Need short term parking

High commercial rents – Vincent Street

Lack of choice in shops

Youth space (third space – community space)

Too suburban

No support for youth arts and artists

kerb and channel

No central/public art space

Need better access to public toilets

Lack of employment opportunities and poor quality of jobs

Nothing for young people

Availability of accessible toilets

Review of Council’s access and inclusion plan

Council representation for Hepburn access and inclusion

Accessible parking

Transport within Daylesford

Taxis not taking mobility aids

Public transport – buses not accessible

Employment services eg Tracey come in a bus; no privacy; no community relationships; no community interest

Affordable housing/

Supportive housing

Services Ballarat based – outreach to Daylesford

Emergency support services eg bushfires isolated/vulnerable people

Community needs to be informed of process

Community social space – places to meet and hang out work and learn

Education – need to travel to access

Support person to be available at neighbourhood house

Daylesford Secondary not accessible

Respite services for adults/parents with young children under 6 yrs

Steps to access buildings/shops eg police station

Lack of accessible pool and gym

Lack of marked bike lanes

Scooter and pram access big step ups/vision/access areas via road

Accessible playgrounds/parks

Too many tourists

Not enough car parking

Everything too expensive

The Rex not available for young people and businesses don’t last

No arcade with pool tables, affordable food and dance parties on Friday night

Animals (snakes etc) dangerous

Native trees are a fire hazard if too close to houses

Pot holes in road

Not enough public transport

Without things to do young people get bored and do drugs

Employers sometimes discriminate against youth in jobs and as customers

Not enough diversity – Cafe or Coles we wants some outdoor jobs stone mason childcare

Too many tourists

You get in trouble a lot

Nothing for kids to do

Not enough public transport

Nowhere to hang out

The Rex sucks

Very little low-cost supportive housing for growing ageing population such as a one-bedroom unit with support as necessary.

Many long-term residents visit downtown Daylesford as little as possible because it is perceived to be for tourists and strangers. Need to visit/interview those without internet.

Make more use of the less than successful Rex Theatre Building. Perhaps Council could buy for meeting space for community or put library and gym there

**Appendix 4**

**Daylesford’s history and demographics**

Daylesford is a well known tourist destination named after a village in Gloucestershire, England. It was initially known as Wombat Flat.bounded by the localities of Basalt, Hepburn, Hepburn Springs and Dry Diggings and the Midland Highway in the north, the localities of Porcupine Ridge and Coomoora, Giacommettis Lane, Leitches Creek Road, Ilsley Lane and the locality of Musk in the east, the localities of Musk Vale and Sailors Hill in the south, and the locality of Eganstown and Basalt Road in the west.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Settlement of the area dates from the late 1840s, although population was minimal until the early 1850s when gold was discovered. The township was established in the late 1850s. Growth took place from the 1850s into the 1870s, spurred by gold mining. Although mining waned, the township grew from the 1880s into the 1920s, largely from tourism, and the construction of the railway line. The mineral springs became a major tourist attraction, with the area developing as a spa resort. Timber milling, farming and grazing were also important industries. The population declined during the mid 1900s. The population increased slightly during the 1970s and 1980s, due largely to a resurgence of tourism and people seeking an alternative lifestyle. The population declined slightly from the 1990s, particularly between 2001 and 2006, a result of few new dwellings being added to the area and a decline in the average number of persons living in each dwelling. Rural land is used largely for agriculture, particularly potato growing.

Current demographic snapshot

* The 2006 census shows Daylesford with a population of 2,341 with 59.5% of the population aged between 18 and 54 and 15.2% of the population aged between 5 and 17.
* 66% of residents are purchasing or own their home and 26.5% are renting
* 19.4% of Daylesford residents earn between $250 and $300 a week
* 19.1 reseident are defined as professionals and 16.4 % are managers
* 44.5% are couples without children and compated to 38.5 who are couples with children

This is taken from the Hepburn Shire Webpage where there is much more information available.[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. From Hepburn Shire webpage: <http://profile.id.com.au/Default.aspx?id=385&pg=101&gid=120&type=enum> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. From Hepburn Shire webpage: <http://profile.id.com.au/Default.aspx?id=385&pg=101&gid=120&type=enum> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)