

# Katandra West Community Plan 2018



## What is Our Community Plan?

Our community plan is a written document that identifies our vision for the future and the priorities we have identified to achieve this vision. It will guide us in the delivery of the range of projects and facilities over the next decade. Where we may require additional assistance for specific projects, we will use our plan to seek support and funding from a range of relevant organisations including Greater Shepparton City Council.

It must be noted, however, that the issues identified in our plan represent a 'Snapshot in Time'. It is imperative that our plan is reviewed annually so that issues, that are not present at this point in time, can be identified and addressed through the plan. Our plan needs to be a living, flexible document that can adapt to the changing needs of the Community.

Further, achievement of strategies in our plan is dependent upon strong community support; the community being able to sell our ideas effectively to funding bodies; and providing genuine evidence of need.

For the purpose of our community plan, Katandra West refers to the township as well as the district surrounding it, i.e. the area bounded by:

- Katamatite – Shepparton Rd (Western boundary – down to Lemnos North Road)
- Cosgrove Rd/Katandra Rd (Eastern Boundary)
- Tungamah Boundary Rd/Congupna East Rd (southern boundary)
- Murungi Rd (northern boundary)



## Executive Summary

As residents of Katandra West, we are proud of our town and all of its

attributes. We particularly like:

- the strong community spirit and the friendliness of the people;
- It's quiet, safe and great sports convenience for most ages;
- the variety of clubs and organisations available in our town;

- the quiet small town atmosphere and ease of getting around the town;
- the range and quality of sporting opportunities and facilities available in our town;
- the serenity, community spirit and great sporting facilities;
- our proximity to other towns.

Although we have many assets, without doubt, our greatest assets are our people. The Katandra West Community Plan Committee would like to thank the residents of Katandra West who contributed in the review process.



1. Develop new playground at the Recreation Reserve
2. Improve vegetation and beautification of the town ie. Tree planting and town garden
3. Extend walking track around recreation reserve to link the township/look into other walking track loops
4. Advocate to improve mobile reception
5. Continue to improve stormwater drainage
6. Investigate ways to bring more young families to the area
7. Advocate for all weather access between Sidebottoms Road and Marionvale Road
8. Improve conditions of footpaths between Bergman St and Primary School
9. Explore options for the Katandra West Community Hall ( establish Historical Society)
10. Organise more activities for young people
11. Improve street lighting and town signage
12. Support the growth of the Katandra West Mens Shed
13. Establish CERT(Community ResponceTeam)
14. Encourage the establishment of more businesses in town

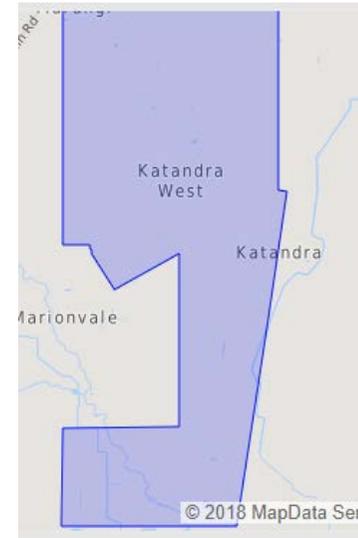
## Updated Demographics

Katandra West is located 26km north east of Shepparton and is surrounded by farmland. Irrigation channels built in the 1920's changed the landscape and the type of farming that was able to be conducted in the region.

**Population** The 2016 Census recorded the population of Katandra West is 476 people. This total is made up of 49.5% Male, 50.5% Female with the median age at 43 years old.

**Families** Data shows 124 families are residing in the area with an average of 1.8 children per family with children.

**All Private Dwellings** Number of private dwellings sits at 205 with the average people per household being 2.4. Average motor vehicles per dwelling are 2.2



Telstra antenna installed in 2018 to help alleviate mobile reception issues.

# Active Community Groups and Organisations

Katandra West has a strong community with many clubs and organisations. These include (but are not limited to)

## Community Organisations

- Katandra West Country Fire Authority (CFA)
- Katandra West Community Plan Committee
- Katandra & District Historical Society
- Katandra West Cemetery Trust
- Marungi War Memorial
- Katandra West Landcare Group
- Katandra West Men's Shed

## Sporting Groups

- Katandra Cricket Club
- Katandra Football and Netball Club
- Katandra West Bowls Club
- Katandra West Tennis Club (Social Only)
- Katandra Invergordon Pony Club
- Katandra Rifle Club

## Churches

- Katandra West Catholic Church – St Bernard's
- Katandra West Uniting Church

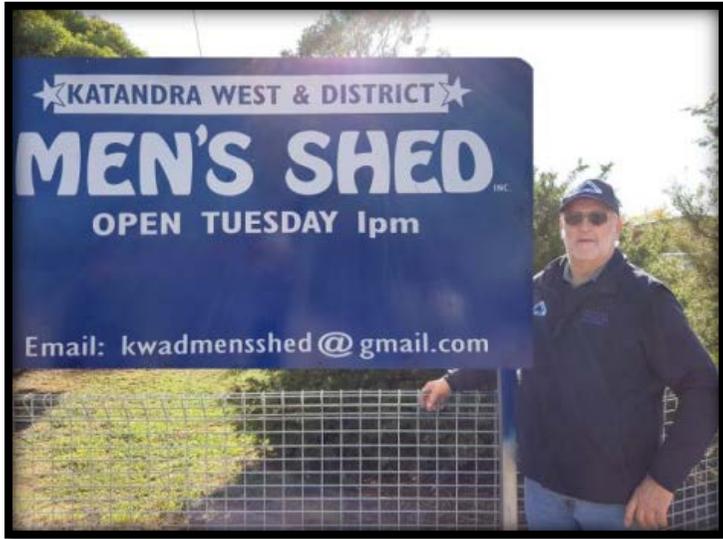
## Children's Education Services

- Katandra West Maternal & Child Health Centre
- Katandra West Occasional Care
- Katandra West Kindergarten
- Katandra West Primary School

## Other Services

- Katandra (Godden's Garage)
- Katandra West Auto Panel
- WB Hunter Rural Supplies
- Katandra West General Store





# Summary of Achievements

Our first Community Plan was developed in 2012. From 2012 to 2017 many residents and local partners worked together to implement the Community Plan. Together we achieved the following:

- New Katandra West Community Centre
- Welcome pack for newcomers to town
- Town Entry Sign
- Light installed in entrance to the reserve
- Line markings and updated school crossing
- Installation of doggie waste bin in the reserve
- Reflective buttons installed on the road into town
- Stage one funding secured for the Katandra West Youth Spot



## Community Feedback 2018

Extensive community consultation was undertaken as part of the update and review of the community plan to ensure all residents had an opportunity to have their say in the future of our town. 50 individuals contributed their ideas and thoughts.

Community surveys were mailed out to each household, surveys were also available from the Katandra West Store and the Community Centre. The Primary School also promoted and sent out surveys to every family in the school community. A Council representative attended the Thursday night meal at the Reserve and handed out surveys to the other reserve stakeholders including the bowls club, netball and cricket clubs.

Members of the Men's Shed and the Community Plan Committee attended an Activities in the Park activity which was held at the Reserve in March to source feedback.

The Katandra West Community Plan review was also promoted on social media platforms, an article ran in the Shepparton News to encourage community members to have their say and online surveys were available on the Council website.

The draft Community Plan 2018 was distributed in May / June for further community feedback and prioritisation of actions.



# Implementation of the Plan

The Community Plan will continue to guide future projects and activities over the next five years with the ongoing support of the Community. Many of the listed projects will require further research and planning. Some goals are long term and it will take considerable perseverance to progress these actions.

The action plan will be reviewed annually to ensure the priorities remain reflective of the current needs of the Community. The Community Plan Committee is open to the formations of separate working groups who are interested in a specific project within the plan. Community members can contact the Committee at any time to discuss the possibility of forming a working group.

It must be noted that the actions contained within this plan are a shared responsibility between the community and other key stakeholders such as Greater Shepparton City Council. It is preferable that the Community Plan Committee has broad representation from the township and any community members are welcome to join. If you would like to be part of the Community Plan Committee please contact Council on 5832 9700. The Committee meets regularly to discuss progression of projects within the plan.

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Timeframes
Progress development of the <b>playground</b> at the Recreation Reserve to include modernised equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate condition of current playground</li> <li>Determine upgrade or renewal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katandra West Community Plan Committee (KWPC)</li> <li>Section 86</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
Improve vegetation and beatification of the town ie. Tree planting and gardens in the town centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify locations</li> <li>Talk to GSCC Recreation and Parks Team about possible gardens.</li> <li>One tree per child program inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katandra West Landcare</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>KWPC</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
Extend the <b>walking/cycling track</b> around the recreation reserve to link to the township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form subcommittee to explore all aspects of walking / cycling trails</li> <li>Map out possible routes in conjunction with external stakeholders including GSCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Business owners</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>Funding bodies</li> <li>KWPC</li> </ul>	<b>Medium</b>
Continue to advocate for improved mobile services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor how the recently installed antenna is servicing the town and surrounding area and continue conversations with local and state government for improved mobile services in outskirt areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KWCP</li> <li>State Government</li> <li>Local government</li> </ul>	<b>Medium</b>

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Timeframes
Continue to improve <b>storm water drainage</b> in Katandra West to reduce potential for flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify areas that are flood prone</li> <li>Work with council to explore flooding and drainage issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>Emergency management organisations</li> <li>KWCPC</li> </ul>	<b>Medium</b>
Investigate ways to bring more young families to settle in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage more residential development in the area as a satellite town</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>KWCPC</li> </ul>	
Advocate to improve all weather access between Sidebottoms Road and Marionvale Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest conditions of current road and what upgrades are needed for bus route</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katandra West PS</li> <li>Council</li> <li>KWCPC</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
Install footpath between Burgman St and Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for missing links funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>KWCPC</li> </ul>	<b>Medium</b>
Explore options for renovations and the use of the <b>Katandra West Hall</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work in partnership with Katandra West Historical Group / other community groups / organisations to explore the feasibility of using the hall.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KWCPC</li> <li>GSCC - Works</li> <li>Katandra West Historical group</li> <li>Community</li> <li>Recreation Reserve Committee</li> <li>Community organisations</li> </ul>	<b>High</b>
Organise more activities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate options for activities / events involving young people and the community</li> <li>Investigate funding</li> <li>Partner with other organisations to host events</li> <li>Events around Youth Spot activation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSCC</li> <li>Youth organisations</li> <li>Mobile Blue light discos</li> <li>Community</li> <li>KWCPC</li> </ul>	<b>Low</b>
Improve street lighting and town signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop list of street lighting needs</li> <li>Develop a list of town signage and updates needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>Powercor</li> <li>KWCPC</li> </ul>	<b>Low</b>
Support the future growth of the Katandra West Men's Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Help to identify ways to support the sustainability of the Men's Shed through applying for grants, supporting events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Katandra West Men's Shed</li> <li>GSCC</li> <li>KWCPC</li> </ul>	<b>Low</b>
Establish a <b>CERT</b> (Community Emergency Response Team)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold meeting to determine community interest. Train register of volunteers and acquire required resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KWCPC</li> <li>Community</li> </ul>	<b>Low</b>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KWPCPC</li> <li>• Ambulance Victoria</li> </ul>	
Encourage the establishment of more <b>businesses in town</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a kit to promote the positive aspects of operating a business in Katandra West</li> <li>• Identify any potential businesses eg. larger supermarket, community café, hairdresser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Business owners</li> <li>• GSCC</li> <li>• Funding bodies</li> <li>• KWPCPC</li> </ul>	<b>Medium</b>