

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. Continue to advocate for improved mobile reception
2. Continue to improve stormwater drainage to reduce flood risk
3. Investigate ways to bring more young families to the area
4. Encourage the establishment of more businesses in town
5. Extend walking track around recreation reserve to link the township/look into other walking track loops in and around the town.
6. Develop new playground at the Recreation Reserve
7. Establish home for the historical society
8. Advocate to improve all weather access between Sidebottoms Road and Marionvale Road
9. Establish CERT(Community ResponceTeam)
10. Organise more activities for young people
11. Improve street lighting
12. Improve conditions of footpaths between Bergman St and Primary School
13. Improve vegetaton and beautification of the town ie. Tree planting and town garden

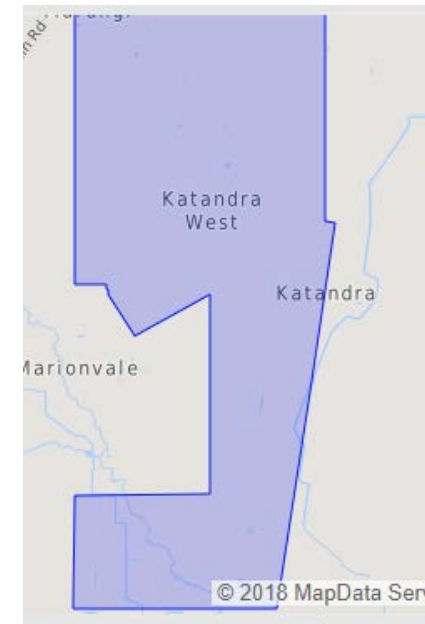
Updated Demographics

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



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 Invergorden 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 is being distributed in May / June for further community feedback.



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 Lisa Kubeil on 5832 9800. The Committee meets bi monthly (once every two months) to discuss progression of projects within the plan.

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Timeframes
Continue to advocate for improved mobile reception in Katandra West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate with council and relevant telecommunications companies for inclusion in Mobile Coverage Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSCC Telecommunications companies Community 	High Ongoing
Continue to improve storm water drainage in Katandra West to reduce potential for flooding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify areas that are flood prone Work with council to explore flooding and drainage issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community GSCC Emergency management organisations 	Medium
Investigate ways to bring more young families to settle in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage more residential development in the area as a satellite town 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community 	
Encourage the establishment of more businesses in town	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a kit to promote the positive aspects of operating a business in Katandra West Identify any potential businesses eg. larger supermarket, community café, hairdresser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Business owners GSCC Funding bodies 	Medium
Extend the walking/cycling track around the recreation reserve to link to the township	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Form subcommittee to explore all aspects of walking / cycling trails Map out possible routes in conjunction with external stakeholders including GSCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Landowners Business owners GSCC Funding bodies 	Medium
Progress development of the playground at the Recreation Reserve to include	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate condition of current playground Determine upgrade or renewal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KWCPC Section 86 	Medium

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modernised equipment			
Explore options for renovations and the use of the Katandra West Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in partnership with Katandra West Historical Group / other community groups / organisations to explore the feasibility of using the hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katandra West Community Plan Committee (KWPC) GSCC - Works Katandra West Historical group Community Recreation Reserve Committee Community organisations 	High
Advocate to improve all weather access between Sidebottoms Road and Marionvale Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invest conditions of current road and what upgrades are needed for bus route 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katandra West PS Council 	High
Establish a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold meeting to determine community interest. Train register of volunteers and acquire required resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KWPC Community Ambulance Victoria 	Low
Organise more activities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate options for activities / events involving young people and the community Investigate funding Partner with other organisations to host events Events around Youth Spot activation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSCC Youth organisations Mobile Blue light discos Community 	Low
Improve street lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop list of street lighting needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community GSCC Powercor 	Low
Install footpath between Bergman St and Primary School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for missing links funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community GSCC 	Medium
Improve vegetation and beatification of the town ie. Tree planting and gardens in the town centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify locations Talk to GSCC Recreation and Parks Team about possible gardens. One tree per child program inclusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katandra West Landcare GSCC 	Medium
Support the future growth of the Katandra West Men's Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help to identify ways to support the sustainability of the Men's Shed through applying for grants, supporting events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KWMS GSCC 	Low