

St George's Road Neighbourhood Action Plan 2016/2017

The actions in the below action plan have been prioritised according to how frequently they were mentioned throughout the community engagement process. We expect that these priorities may change over time and therefore will be reviewed annually.

Social

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status	Strategic Goals (eg. Council pillar)
More local events in the area	-Implement more local events for all ages including: movie nights, flower show, local markets, cultural events, sporting tournaments and live music concerts -Form partnerships with groups hosting activities in Shepparton and promote our neighbourhood as a location	-SGRNPC -Shepparton Show Me -Council -Grant bodies (Council, State, National)	2016/2017 High	-Launch event in Feb 2016	Economic, Social
Celebrate the unique character of our shopping precincts	-Install cultural welcome signage at entrance to shopping precincts/neighbourhood -Create identity as cultural neighbourhood (eg. Dandenong) -Cultural Mooving Art Cow in area -Decorate main streets/precincts as per unique character eg. flags, murals, cultural symbols and signs	-SGRNPC -Council	2016/2017 High	-Ideas included in SGR Precinct streetscape concept design submitted for grant in Aug 2016	Social
More activities for young people are held in the area	-Partner with other organisations to provide activities and events for young people in the area including sport, music, art and cultural activities	-SGRNPC -Word of Mouth -Victoria Police -Local Schools/education facilities	High	-Launch event in Feb 2016. -Identifying other opportunities	Social
More women's exercise or activity opportunities	-Investigate funding and partnership opportunities with other organisations	-SGRNPC -Ethnic Council	Medium	Not completed	Social, Advocacy

	to offer safe and culturally appropriate activities for women to promote health and wellbeing (eg. cooking, language self-defense, swimming, gym, yoga, cricket, soccer)				
Assist multicultural communities to find funding to support sport participation, local and national	-Identify funding opportunities to help community members fundraise to compete -Investigate grant writing training opportunities -Investigate fundraising opportunities for teams to fund competition -Find ways to ensure information regarding opportunities is communicated with communities, eg. noticeboard or social media	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	Not completed	Advocacy
Create local social "hub"	-Identify location or alternate facility to conduct proposed hub programs -Identify community preferences for programs such as Men's Shed, Community Cooking Classes, Soup Kitchen, Single Parenting Group, Coffee Club, First Aid Training,	-Council -SGRNPC	Low	Not completed	Social/Built

Natural

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status	Strategic Goals (eg. Council pillar)
Improve community ability to grow and access fresh local food	-Establish community interest, investigate location, model and funding for Community Garden -Investigate legal requirements for verge gardens and increasing food production in area	-SGRNPC -Council -State level funding bodies	2016/2017 High	-Sub-committee commenced, formalising incorporation agreement with	Natural, Social

	-Investigate options for food swap or local food market			GV Community Gardens	
Improve vegetation in streetscape (including shopping precincts)	-Work with Council to plant more trees in area and improve visual amenity of current trees -Investigate climate appropriate species to beautify roundabout -Plant boxes with food/flowers in shopping precincts and public parks -Identify problem trees covering signs (eg. Shopping plaza across from playground)	-SGRNPC -Council	High	-SGR Precinct included in streetscape concept design submitted for grant funding in Aug 2016	Natural
Improve local underutilised parks to increase public use	-Plant more climate appropriate flower gardens to add visual amenity - Increase number of seats in public areas eg. bus stops, Victory Park, smaller parks -Improve shade options in parks -Install creative play spaces for young people	-SGRNPC -Council	High	Not completed	Natural, Social
Improve Karibok Park for regular community use	-Investigate community preferences for use of open space (including casual sport, gardens, children's play areas etc) -Investigate ways to bring more colour to area eg. murals -Investigate funding options for improvements	-SGRNPC -Council	Medium	Not completed	Natural
Support more local native species in area	-Liaise with Council to plant more native trees in parks and on verges -Identify appropriate locations for bird boxes to support native bird population	-SGRNPC -Council -Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare	Low	Not completed	Natural
Create a green walkway along verge near railway line to link area to lake	-Investigate community aspirations for green walkway from station to lake -Discuss options with Council for developing park/walkway on land	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	Not completed	Natural

Economic

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status	Strategic Goals (eg. Council pillar)
Increase customer base in area	-Improve promotion of businesses to broader area -Cross promotion of precincts -Implement multi-language signage to inform all populations of products available -Investigate options to provide free wifi in street	-SGRNPC -Local business owners -Council -Shepparton Show Me	High	Not completed	Economic
Improve business management skills of business owners	-Conduct training and development support for local business owners	-SGRNPC -Council	High	Not completed	Economic
Increase businesses in area	-Identify locations or development for more commercial premises in area -Promote benefits of business in area	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	Not completed	Economic

Built

Goal	Actions	Partnerships	Priority	Status	Strategic Goals (eg. Council pillar)
More public toilets in key public locations	-Install public toilets at Victory Park -Investigate public interest in other locations for public toilets -Advocate for inclusion into Council's Public Toilet Ten Year Plan	-SGRNPC -Council	2016/2017 High	-Petition underway by committee	Built
Improve streetscape in shopping precincts	-Investigate options to improve permanent seating options in shopping precincts -More waste/recycling bins	-SGRNPC -Council -State level funding bodies	2016/2017 High	-Concept design completed and submitted for grant in August 2016.	Built

	-Improve local property maintenance -Better street lighting -More regular street sweeping				
Improve car parking	-Investigate options to improve car parking around St George's Road shopping precinct and Primary School (eg. St Andrew's park converted to car parking or vacant block near Victory Park or at Victory Park, or centre road parking) -Advocate for increased presence of parking inspectors	-SGRNPC -Council	High	-Included as part of streetscape concept plan for funding. Awaiting outcome. -Parking inspectors visit area regularly with current resource constraints	Built, Advocacy
Create more skate and scooter facilities	Investigate options for improved access to skate and scooter features in area	-SGRNPC -Council	Medium	Not completed	Built
Better availability of water in local parks	-Establish the most required areas for drinking fountains -Install drinking fountains in most popularly required public places	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	-Drinking fountain installed in Furphy Park (McIntosh St) -Others to be identified	Built
Upgrade St Andrew's tennis courts	-Identify need for upgrade -Identify funding methods	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	Not completed	Built
Improve traffic and pedestrian safety near St George's Road precinct	-Commence discussion with Council's Traffic Engineer to look at safety options, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing speed limit • improve safety at roundabout • A zebra crossing • Speed bumps or re-alignments 	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	Not completed	Built

Advocacy

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Improve women's access to swimming facilities	-Advocate for women's session at pool -Advocate for future women's only pool	-SGRNPC -Ethnic Council -Council	High	Not completed	Advocacy
Improve safety and visual impact of degraded houses in St George's Road	-Identify relevant properties and report through Council -Advocate for property owner to improve property	-SGRNPC -Council	Medium	Underway -House in shopping precinct has been demolished -Others to be identified	Advocacy
Increase public transport availability	Advocate for with relevant authorities for improved weekend public transport to places of worship and the Kialla bus route, and more trains to Melbourne	-SGRNPC -Council -Public Transport Victoria	Low	Not completed	Advocacy
More university campuses in Shepparton	Advocate for more regional campuses for Universities	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	Not completed	Advocacy
More affordable community bus rental	-Investigate options for funding or partnerships to improve affordability or bus rental for community groups	-SGRNPC	Low	Not completed	Advocacy
Improve job availability for young people	-Advocate for business owners to hire local young people -Advocate for improved job skills training for young people -Advocate for volunteer programs for young people to enhance skills	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	Not completed	Advocacy
Improve roads and footpaths	-Identify areas for improvement of road and footpaths (eg. Wilmot Road) -Advocate to relevant road owner	-SGRNPC -Council -VicRoads	Low	Not completed	Advocacy
Develop a walking bridge over railway line at station	-Identify community aspiration -Advocate for changes through relevant owners/funding bodies	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	Not completed -Some work is underway to develop	Advocacy

	-Work with Council to develop a Masterplan			a Railway Station masterplan. Members of Committee engaged in this process.	
Advocate for local support for cultural multi-sport tournament to be held in Shepparton	-Work with multicultural communities to establish interest -Work with Council to promote benefits of event -Advocate for funding for sporting events -Investigate and build relationships with partner organisations	-SGRNPC -Council -Ethnic Council	Low	Not completed	Advocacy
Address flooding of streets in periods of significant rain	-Identify problem locations -Liaise with relevant Council departments to secure funding	-SGRNPC -Council	Low	-Have had some conversations with Project Department about retardation basin in area and Weddell St upgrade	Advocacy